

Odds & Ends

■ DURANGO, Colo. — Two National Guard soldiers, one in Iraq and the other in Colorado, have married in what is being billed as the first videoconference marriage of soldiers.

Staff Sgt. Shadow Evans, 30, said "I Do," from her post in Iraq to Sgt. Rick Everton, 29, at a motel in Durango.

La Plata County Judge Martha Minot officiated at the Friday night event. The couple had planned to marry in August but Everton was told he would be soon assigned to Iraq. The couple decided they should get married quickly so they could be together if either is wounded.

Now they will both be in Iraq. "Selfishly, I want to be with her but I don't want her to have to stay there any longer than she has to," said Everton.

Before the videoconference, they hadn't seen each other for seven months.

The couple selected Durango for the wedding because Colorado is one of three states that permits weddings with one person standing in for one party to the marriage with a power of attorney. The other two states, Texas and

Montana, are farther from the Los Angeles home of Evans' parents.

Fellow troops found Evans a white blouse and bouquet. Rings will be exchanged in person later.

■ FITZGERALD, Ga. — Leaders of this south Georgia town are in the midst of a simmering debate as divisive as any in the town's history — wild chickens.

The birds are believed to have descended from red junglefowl that were brought from Southeastern Asia in the 1960s in a failed attempt to provide a pheasant-like game bird for the South. Over the past six years, the population has exploded — well into the hundreds.

Anti-birders want elected leaders to do something about it. Fans of the fowl say the town shouldn't trap chickens but embrace them, maybe even passing an ordinance protecting them.

Both sides presented petitions to the town council Monday night. Cam Jordan, the community development director, said there were 517 signatures on the anti-chicken petition and 1,025 on the pro side.

City manager Henry Tyson said council members would study the matter.

"The mayor gave both sides of the issue an equal opportunity to speak to the issue and assured them that in time, when all parties have met and consulted and had dialogue, they would look at recommendations," Tyson said.

■ SALT LAKE CITY — Being able to apologize is a virtue. But for one alleged thief, it became the quickest way to jail.

Police say Peter Shelley, 24, punched a convenience store clerk and stole a pack of cigarettes on June 6 after he refused to show the clerk his identification.

But last Saturday, police say Shelley returned to the gas station and apologized to the clerk — twice.

The clerk called police, who caught Shelley in his car near the gas station and arrested him.

Shelley was arrested and faces felony strong-armed robbery charges.

■ OSHKOSH, Wis. — A foul robber has made off with a

fowl haul.

Nine birds — including a screech owl that is blind in one eye, three ring-necked pheasants and five quail — were snatched by someone who broke into a local zoo's Wisconsin Native Bird Aviary.

Terry Steele, enrichment coordinator with the Oshkosh Zoological Society, said children he was teaching in a class noticed a hole cut in the wire

screening at the aviary Monday morning.

"It's sad that anyone would do such a thing. It just seems malicious to me," Steele said.

Two vultures in the aviary were not taken.

It should cost less than \$200 to make repairs and replace the birds, except for the screech owl, said Carrie Hill, a zoo specialist. "It may be awhile before we get another screech owl. We

just don't get them from the wild."

Oshkosh resident Charles Schmidt, who was at the zoo with his two children, was dismayed someone would take the birds.

"It's terrible," Schmidt said. "You bring the kids to see wildlife they normally wouldn't see and it was gone today."

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Today in History

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Today is Wednesday, June 16, the 168th day of 2004. There are 198 days left in the year

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 16, 1858, in a speech in Springfield, Ill., Senate candidate Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

On this date:

■ In 1897, the government signed a treaty of annexation with Hawaii.

■ In 1903, Ford Motor Company was incorporated.

■ In 1932, President Hoover and Vice President Charles Curtis were renominated at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

■ In 1933, the National Industrial Recovery Act became law. (It was later struck down by the Supreme Court.)

■ In 1943, comedian Charles Chaplin married his fourth wife, 18-year-old Oona O'Neill, daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill, in Carpentaria, Calif.

■ In 1955, Pope Pius XII excommunicated Argentine President Juan Domingo Peron — a ban that was lifted eight years later.

■ In 1961, Soviet ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev defected to the West while his troupe was in Paris.

■ In 1963, the world's first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok Six.

■ In 1977, Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev was named president, becoming the first person to hold both posts simultaneously.

■ In 1978, President Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos exchanged the instruments of ratification for the Panama Canal treaties.

Ten years ago:

Former President Jimmy Carter, on a private visit to North Korea, reported the Communist nation's leaders were eager to resume talks with the United States on resolving disputes about Pyongyang's nuclear program and improving relations.

Five years ago:

Vice President Al Gore announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. Kathleen Ann Soliah, a fugitive member of the Symbionese Liberation Army, was captured in St. Paul, Minn., where she had made a new life under the name Sara Jane Olson. Thabo Mbeki took the oath as president of South Africa, succeeding Nelson Mandela.

One year ago:

Twelve people sent to prison as the result of a Tulsa, Texas,

drug bust were released on bail by a judge who said they'd been railroaded by an undercover agent. (A total of 35 people were later pardoned by Texas Governor Rick Perry.) A divided Supreme Court said the government can force medication on mentally ill criminal defendants only in the rarest of circumstances.

Today's Birthdays:

Author Erich Segal is 67. Author Joyce Carol Oates is 66. Country singer Billy "Crash" Craddock is 65. Songwriter Lamont Dozier is 63. Rhythm and blues singer Eddie Levert is 62. Actress Joan Van Ark is 61. Rhythm and blues singer James Smith (The Stylistics) is 54. Boxer Roberto Duran is 53. Pop singer Gino Vannelli is 52. Actress Laurie Metcalf is 49. Model-actress Jenny Shimizu is 37. Actor Eddie Cibrian is 31. Actress China Shavers is 27. Actress Olivia Hack is 21.

Thought for Today:

"We fear something before we hate it. A child who fears noises becomes a man who hates noise."
— Cyril Connolly, British critic (1903-1974).

Fletcher says he'd consider special session after start of next fiscal year

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — If lawmakers would agree to it, a special session could be called even after the start of the new fiscal year, Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Monday.

"I'm not going to put a drop-dead date on that," Fletcher told reporters at the Capitol Monday. "I would think it would be preferable to get it done before the end of the fiscal year. But even after the fiscal year, if there's an agreement reached, I would go ahead and call a special session."

The current state budget expires at the end of the month, and the new fiscal year begins July 1. State spending beyond that is uncertain because the 2004 General Assembly failed to pass a budget before adjourning in April.

Fletcher, a Republican, has said he'll maintain state government on an executive spending plan that he expects to outline later this month.

Most lawmakers have been split along partisan lines over Fletcher's proposal to overhaul the state's tax code as part of budget negotiations.

House Democrats have opposed the idea. However, Fletcher maintains he would call lawmakers back to Frankfort if there is an agreement between the House and Senate leadership.

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Woman seeking people for agoraphobia support group

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Agoraphobia is a common, though often misunderstood, anxiety disorder.

Its name comes from a Greek term that implies a fear of the marketplace. People often confuse it with a fear of open spaces but there are many levels to the disorder. The disorder is characterized by panic attacks.

Linda, a Floyd County woman who has been diagnosed with the disorder, characterizes them as, "Extremely draining. First your heart races, you get lightheaded and you get a heavy feeling in your chest like you can't get any air." She points out that the feeling is misleading because, "You are actually get-

ting too much air and hyperventilating."

Linda had her first panic attack in 1983 and was almost killed when it came over her while driving. She lost most of her vision during the attack and slowed to a stop on a major highway. Luckily, for her, a fireman noticed her erratic driving and came to her aid. This is not an uncommon occurrence. Most mental health professionals note that patients present with panic attacks before the onset of agoraphobia.

There are currently more than 80,000 diagnosed agoraphobics in the United States but the disorder is probably more prevalent because many people don't seek psychological treatment due to many factors, not the least of

which is fear of the stigma of being treated by a mental health professional.

Linda has recently suffered a relapse and hasn't been out of her house for several months. She recognizes that her condition requires several forms of treatment — a combination of drugs, therapy and support. To that end she is currently seeking others who suffer from agoraphobia and wants to begin a support group. The guidance of a professional counselor is vital to the endeavor.

Anyone interested in joining such a group or offering professional guidance can reach her at 889-9092. She has an e-mail account as well and can be written to at sweetnature_47@hotmail.com.

Park

usually start arriving at the park around 8 a.m. and we were all concerned about that."

It was reported that the park director was not present while the act was going on and did not arrive until some time later. He allegedly asked the workers if they knew who it was and they all said that they did not recognize the couple.

One of the park patrons left to call the Sheriff's Department and while she was gone one of the public service workers

warned the two that the police were on the way. The girl reportedly then ran off toward a nearby trailer court, while the young man took off in a vehicle.

The sheriff's department was given the license plate number of the automobile that the man left in. The sheriff's deputy did not arrive at the scene in time to catch the culprits, and by the time they got there, everyone who was involved had already left.

The Sheriff's Department is

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investigating the report. Sheriff Blackburn stated, "Drive-bys are done in that area when the deputies do not have other calls and are not busy."

One prisoner from the Floyd County Detention Center was in the park doing some weeding around the ballfield but saw nothing unusual.

The citizens in the area said that they would like to see more of a police presence around the park to keep similar occurrences from happening again.

Man accused of giving drugs to 15-year-old

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — A Wayland man was arrested this week charged with unlawful transaction with a minor.

Cameron R. Rowe, 18, had a criminal complaint filed against him in Floyd County this week alleging he gave a 15-year-old girl Xanax tablets and marijuana. The child's mother filed the complaint, which is a first-degree felony charge.

The complaint alleges that Rowe unlawfully and knowingly induced, assisted or caused a minor to engage in illegal controlled substance activities caus-

ing an unlawful transaction with a minor in the first degree.

The child's mother could not be reached for comment. However, Rowe's mother did say this, "He (Cameron) will not discuss this case until it has been resolved." She continued to say that he had retained the services of an attorney and was not allowed to talk about anything. Rowe has no prior arrests for drug use or possession.

Rowe was arraigned Monday and a preliminary hearing has been set for June 28 by Judge Eric Hall. He has been released on a \$8,000 partially-secured bond.

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Industry

"I appreciate the cash flow problems, but this is a bad precedent," Patton said. "The object here is to attract activities that are new to the area. We have pipe companies. This isn't new, it's competition."

The reason for awarding the lot appears to be to generate more operating capital for the project. The lot has 10 acres, with half being undesirable. The

pipe company would pay \$20,000 per acre for the desirable land and \$1,000 per acre for the undesirable portion. This would raise roughly \$105,000 that would help cover ongoing development costs.

Another concern was that the pipe company would only bring in 10 jobs to the area while the industrial park is meant to bring in businesses that will hopefully

offer 100 jobs per parcel.

In other business it was discovered via research by the board, that the Cingular company, which wants to lease space for a signal tower, has a past history of not sharing tower space, though their representative at last month's meeting claimed they wouldn't have a problem sharing a tower with Appalachian Wireless.

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Eva Whitaker, front, and daughter Cynthia Akers, both of Floyd County, graduated jointly from MSU last month. Each used the work-study program at the Prestonsburg campus to get their degrees. Cynthia graduated with a degree in social work while Eva completed a degree in university studies.

Delay

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The indictment alleges that Hall tortured his son by using a horse whip to strike the child on the legs, calf, back, stomach, hip and both arms, for causing trauma to the child's chest with a cattle prod, and for striking the boy's legs and hip with a wooden paddle.

The trial is reset from the June 16 docket because a lead officer in the case is currently undergoing knee surgery, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office said yesterday.

Martin

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Martin Alternative School on the fire station hill site, marking the end to the first phase of the four-phase project, which is expected to be completed in 10 years.

Mayor Thomasine Robinson has invited the public to attend the groundbreaking ceremony, scheduled for 2 p.m. on July 10. The city has invited several noted public officials, such as Gov. Ernie Fletcher and Congressman Hal Rogers, who accepted the invitation.

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ed to participate and need only complete a waiver and pay a \$20 entry fee to join in the run.

The ride will begin at 10 a.m. that Sunday and include a luncheon at the main campus before riders make the return trip to Prestonsburg.

For more information, call Dawonna Prater (Prestonsburg) at (800) 648-5372 or Tina Stafford (Morehead) at (800) 585-6781.

Guilty

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cash bond that was posted in July 2003.

Details regarding the nature of the charges against Venotzy are sealed to the public. Information regarding the proposed plea agreement recommended by the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office is also sealed.

Pafunda could not be reached for comment.

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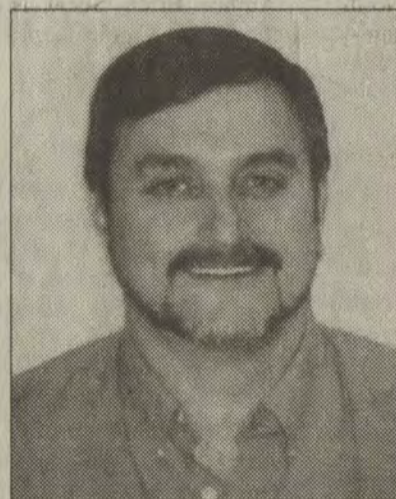
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MAGISTRATE—Dist. 2

FLOOD WORK BEING DONE

The Memorial Day flood came *early* in the morning and many *people were caught by surprise*. The Middle Creek and the Mountain Parkway areas were hit the hardest of all in District 2. We had damages in other parts of District 2, also. County crews were called out from their Memorial Day Holiday and started to work. **Five major bridges** were washed out—not counting **several culverts** that were washed out and the roads that were totally cut in two. **Five inches of rain** with the ground soaked **has destroyed** the Middle Creek and Mountain Parkway roads and bridges.

We started to work on the people who were stranded, and had no way out. I know everybody has got a bad road and culverts stopped up, and breaks halfway of the road. These people who have no bridges—we are building **bypass roads** into them where we can, or **temporary walk bridges** so people can get in and out. It's going to take months to rebuild these bridges. The flood that came **last June**, in Middle Creek, has taken us nearly **11 months** to get everything repaired and **here we go again—JUST A LITTLE WORSE**.

We will get the roads fixed, and we will get the bridges fixed, but **it will take time**. We are starting to pick up the flood debris where people got flooded, so we can get it out of there before the **rats** and **diseases** take over. Then we will be back on our road work **FULL TIME**.

We had an **emergency** Fiscal Court meeting on Memorial Day, Monday evening, in the **"WAR ROOM"** to plan the Judge's and Fiscal Court's strategy for this disaster. We also had another Fiscal Court meeting on Thursday, June 3rd, with people from the **Salvation Army, Red Cross, Carl D. Perkins Job Corp, Church leaders, representatives from the Southern Baptist, representatives from Congressman Hal Roger's office, representatives from the school board, and representatives from FEMA**, so we could coordinate our relief efforts. The Fiscal Court asked Tonya Conn from Congressman Hal Roger's office to see if Congressman Rogers **could help push for payment** for the money owed from the Federal and State from past floods where work had been completed, but we had never been paid, totaling **over \$600,000**. She assured me that he would.

We had another special Fiscal Court meeting on Tuesday, June 8, in order to accept **\$270,000** from the Federal and State for payments owed Floyd County for past work done on past floods, and we hired 12 temporary workers to help.

P.S.—**Thanks** to Board Member Mickey McGuire and the Floyd County Board for making the **Clark School and Resource Center building** available for our **relief headquarters** in the Middle Creek area. You can get **hot meals, food, water, clothing, cleaning supplies, mattresses, tetanus shots, and help in cleaning out your flooded houses** at the Clark School and Resource Center. **JUST STOP IN—IT'S ALL FREE.**

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The proposed operation begins at the intersection of KY Route 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road and is located within Mitchell Branch of Mud Creek and also lies along Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Vickie Lynn Bryant, Bernardo Maldonado, Leonard Skeans, Jr., Walker Hall, Carl Mitchell, Carl Mitchell et al., Interstate Gas, Christopher Mitchell, and Kenis and Ruby Hamilton. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Vickie Lynn Bryant, Bernardo Maldonado, Leonard Skeans, Jr., Walker Hall, Carl Mitchell, Carl Mitchell et al., Interstate Gas, Christopher Mitchell, and Kenis and Ruby Hamilton.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

Viewpoint

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"Opinion is ultimately determined by the feelings, and not by the intellect."

—Herbert Spencer

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Guest View

Separation of church, state protects both

Some 44 years later, and you could say the halo is on the other head now. Indeed, if Democratic presidential nominee John F. Kennedy was considered too Catholic by some back in 1960, presumptive Democratic nominee John Kerry isn't considered Catholic enough in some quarters in 2004.

Go figure.

Kerry is just the third Catholic in the nation's history to win his party's nomination for president. He has been in the news with several church leaders taking issue with his public positions, particularly on abortion. The candidate supports abortion rights.

Archbishop Raymond Burke of St. Louis said Kerry is not welcome to receive the sacrament of communion while campaigning in Missouri. Bishop Michael J. Sheridan of Colorado Springs sent a letter to parishioners telling them that those who vote for candidates who aren't in lockstep with Catholic teachings must confess that "sin" before receiving communion. In New Jersey, former Peoria Bishop John J. Myers advised pro-choice Catholic officeholders to rethink seeking communion there. Closer to home, a Springfield monsignor said he would not want to give Sen. Dick Durbin communion because of his pro-choice stance.

It's a fascinating issue. On the one hand, Catholic Church leaders have as much right as any other institution in America to espouse their views. When the Rev. Jesse Jackson gets up in the pulpit and urges those in the pews to vote for Democrats, few suggest he has no right to do so. Other denominations weigh in on political issues, though none is quite the behemoth the 65-million-strong Catholic Church in America is.

On the other hand, some have challenged the wisdom of turning the altar into a place of confrontation. Others have called the church's consistency into question, as it clearly places a higher priority on the issue of abortion than it does on other life-and-death issues, namely war and capital punishment. No doubt many local Catholics were none too happy in 1960 when the late Bruce Dunn, then pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, went on national TV and indicated that JFK's Catholicism should keep him out of the Oval Office. Some have said the church has crossed the line into becoming a political organization, thereby threatening its tax-exempt status.

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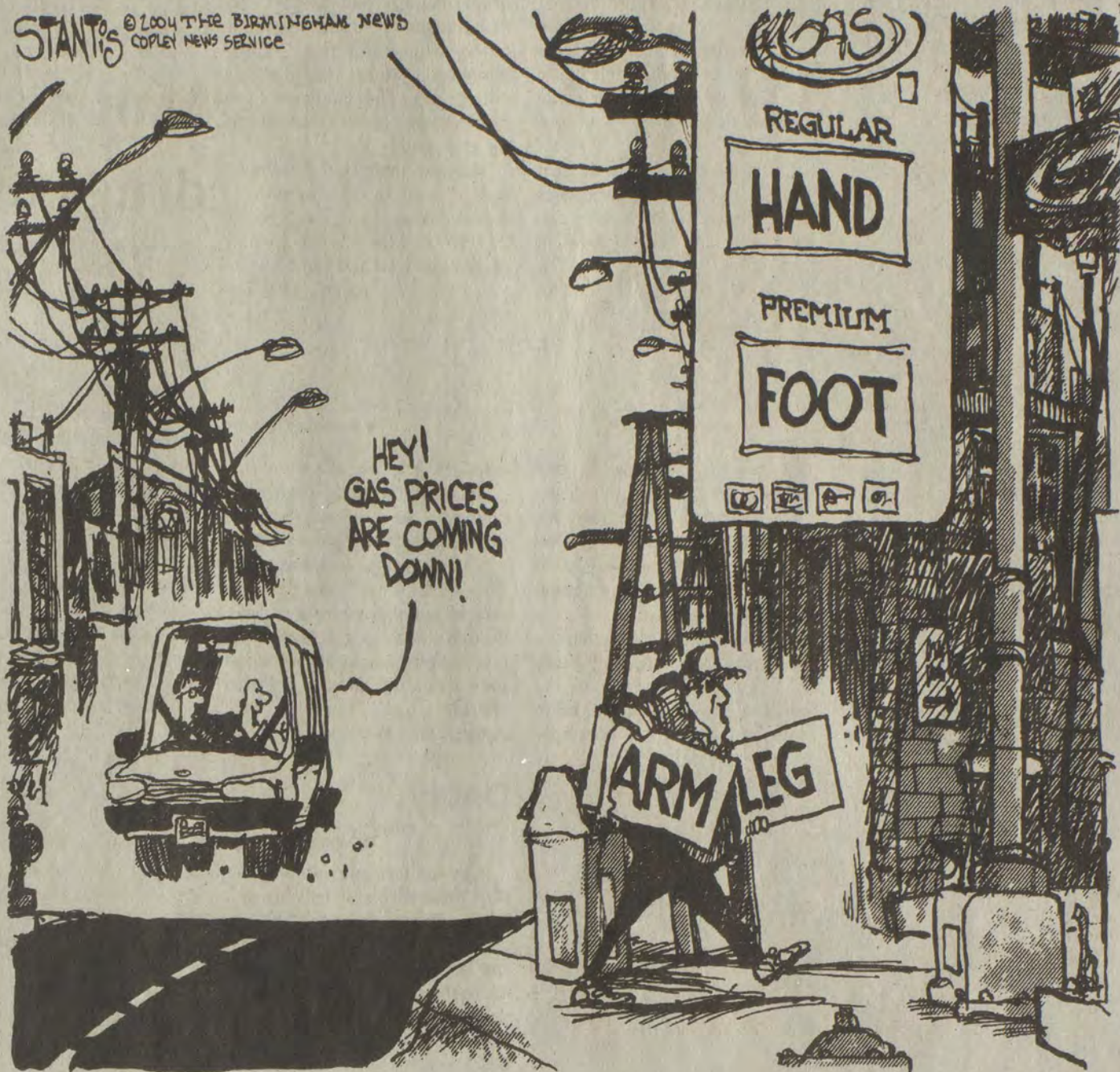
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Letters

Freedom is up to you

Some 11 million Americans wrote letters, marched in the streets and made their voices heard to members of Congress that this country was being led into war based on propaganda and manufactured and contrived evidence. The only coverage of these protests by the corporate media was to comment on how well the police were controlling the marchers.

Today the propaganda is that the militant opposition to our occupation is by foreign insurgents, members of Al Qaeda and those within the country that still support Saddam.

This administration has set

up a governing council made up of CIA operatives like Chalabi, the present prime minister and president. They are sending John Negroponte to head the American embassy in Iraq.

Here's the truth. The opposition in Iraq is widespread. It is not made up of insurgents or Saddam supporters. It is Iraqis who know the U.S. is trying to set up another puppet government as they have done all over the world in hundreds of other places.

John Negroponte was the former ambassador to the Guatemalan embassy during the Regan years. Some 180,000 Guatemalans, Salvadorians and Nicaraguans were murdered by death squads trained by the U.S. military and CIA. The operations were headquartered in the American

embassy in Guatemala under Negroponte. Just some recent history to know so you can figure out what is to come in Iraq.

These death squads would cover their faces to hide their identities and go in and kill whole villages at a time, men, women and children. While Congress refused to support the forces fighting in Nicaragua, they did support the operations in Guatemala and El Salvador. The Contras were supported by illegal arms sales to Iran and cocaine trafficking into our inner cities. Ronald Regan referred to these terrorists as freedom fighters and the country bought it.

Nicaragua took the U.S. to the World Court for war crimes and won. The U.S. was ordered to pay reparations to Nicaragua but Regan refused to meet to discuss it

further.

If John Kerry is elected, we may get a kinder, gentler government, but he will support the efforts to control Iraq. It is a lie that we are there trying to give them democracy. We do not have democracy here in the U.S.

In a democracy the citizens are aware of what their government is doing and hold it accountable. That doesn't exist when you have a citizenry fed propaganda on a daily basis. In a democracy there is a checks and balances system. Just recently, John Ashcroft appeared before a Senate committee to inquire about the authorization for torture of prisoners. While Mr. Ashcroft was demanded to answer questions and turn over documents, he refused. He was warned by the Democrats he

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Guest Column

Rural Development helping Kentuckians become homeowners

by **KENNETH SLONE**
STATE DIRECTOR, KENTUCKY
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Owning a home continues to be the oldest and best form of building equity in America and serves as the bedrock of the Bush Administration's commitment to rural America. Homeownership builds economic strength in families, economic stability for communities and is an appreciable form of equity building. To highlight the critical importance of homeownership and its benefits to family values and economic strength, President Bush has declared June National Homeownership Month.

While America has reached an all-

time high homeownership rate of 68.6 percent (70.8 in Kentucky), more can be done to help other families realize the dream of homeownership and bring strength to our rural communities. To reach more Americans, President Bush has set a national goal of increasing minority homeownership by 5.5 million by the year 2010. In support of this goal, USDA Rural Development is aggressively implementing a Five Star commitment to expand minority homeownership including lower fees to reduce barriers to minority homeownership; double the number of self-help participants by 2010; increase participation by minority lenders, promote credit counseling and homeownership education; and monitor lending activities to ensure a 10 percent increase in minority homeownership.

President Bush issued America's Homeownership Challenge to the real estate and mortgage finance industries to encourage them to join the effort to close the gap that exists between the homeownership rates of minorities and

non-minorities by dismantling barriers to homeownership. Nationwide USDA Rural Development is helping the minority population at a rate of 1.4 times the population. Kentucky is helping the minority population at a rate that is 18 percent higher than the national average.

Since October 1, 2003, USDA Rural Development in Kentucky has assisted 1722 families with \$120,206,855 for their homeownership needs. Kentucky's housing portfolio is over \$1.53 billion for 38,000 families.

USDA's Rural Development programs have an excellent track record of building opportunities for homeownership and building stronger communities. By investing in homeownership, families can build wealth and open new opportunities that will spur a generation of new economic activity in rural communities. USDA Rural Development joins President Bush in reaching new heights in homeownership in rural America.

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Health Extra

USDA Rural Development helps Big Sandy Health Care provide affordable health care

Big Sandy Health Care Inc. is a non-profit corporation that was organized to provide affordable health care primarily to low-income families in Eastern Kentucky. In 1974 they opened the Magoffin County Clinic in Salyersville and the Mud Creek Clinic in Grethel and began providing a comprehensive array of quality health services.

The Magoffin County Clinic became the Hope Family Medical Center when the current facility was completed in 1993. The Mud Creek Clinic was housed in a trailer that was destroyed by fire in 1982. At that time, its founder, the untiring Eula Hall, led fund-raising efforts to build a new facility. This new facility is the present Mud Creek Clinic which opened its doors in 1984.

In 1993, a group of Pike County residents formed a non-profit organization called the Cumberland Valley Medical Clinic and secured a lease on property owned by the Pike County Fiscal Court at Shelby Valley. They later changed their name to Shelby Valley Medical Clinic and opened their doors in 1994, operating out of a doublewide trailer. Later that same year, the Shelby Valley Medical Clinic entered into an operational agreement with Big Sandy Health Care to assume operational responsibility of the clinic.

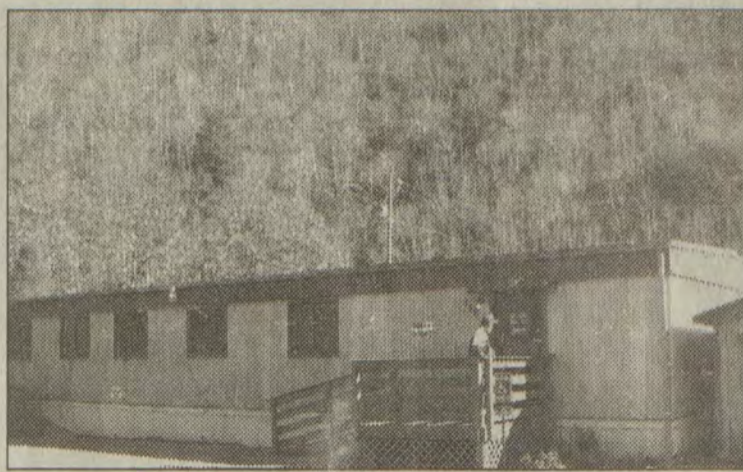
The clinic is situated within

easy walking distance of three public housing projects, one of which is an elderly complex and the other two provide low-income housing. They are also in close proximity to Shelby Valley High School and can provide emergency services for the school if needed.

The clinic presently has two full-time internists that see approximately 2,000 patients annually, amounting to about 8,000 patient visits. Additionally, the clinic houses a small laboratory and support staff.

For more than a decade, Big Sandy Health Care dreamed of being able to replace the "dilapidated" doublewide trailer with a modern facility that would enable them to expand the services they could offer as well as increase the number of patients they could see. In 2000, Magistrate Vernon "Chick" Johnson persuaded the Pike County Fiscal Court to give Big Sandy Health Care a long-term lease on the property for \$1 a year. This enabled them to begin actively pursuing financing to build the new facility they had been dreaming of.

Big Sandy Health Care Chief Executive Officer Ancil Lewis contacted the Morehead Area Office of USDA Rural Development about possible financing for the project. USDA Rural Development told Lewis that the project was a perfect candidate for the agency's assis-



Big Sandy Health Care's Shelby Valley Clinic as it looks today.

tance.

Rural Development subsequently met with Lewis and his board of directors and started the application process. A \$975,000 Community Facility Loan was approved for Big Sandy Health Care on April 10, 2003. These funds, along with the applicant's contribution of \$18,464, will construct their new dream facility.

An official groundbreaking ceremony and a "symbolic" check presentation by Kenneth Stone, state director of USDA Rural Development, took place on Dec. 18, 2003.

"This is a very proud moment for Big Sandy Health Care and the Shelby Valley Clinic," Lewis said at the groundbreaking ceremony.

The new facility is now under construction and is expected to be complete during this summer.

The new 6,120 square foot building will allow the clinic to add an additional physician to its staff, have a much larger laboratory as well as x-ray and pharmacy facilities. They will also have fewer space constraints, which clinic operators say will allow them to see twice as many patients.

"We anticipate serving many more people in this area," said Lewis.

Many of those who come to the clinic are elderly or low-income patients. Even though the clinic accepts insurance, it has a "self-pay program" where patient bills are based on their income.

"We see a lot of low-income families," Lewis said. The Pike County economy will also see improvement with the completion of this project as the full-time equivalent employ-

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U.S. candy makers slim down their treats

by DAVE CARPENTER
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHICAGO — Call it Candy Lite.

Long viewed as a slightly naughty self-indulgence, candy is getting a makeover as companies try to concoct sweets that are a little healthier.

From low-carb to low-cal to sugar-free to "guilt-free," many of the estimated 1,400 new products on the market this year come with a health pitch of some kind. And the array of soon-to-be-released offerings on display at this week's All Candy Expo, North America's largest candy trade show, shows the pro-health movement is just getting rolling.

Tinkering with treats is part of the low-carb boom being served up by the U.S. food industry in response to the growing popularity of the Atkins and South Beach diets. Candy makers also are anxious to avoid any repercussions from rising obesity among chil-

dren, although the National Confectioners Association trade group contends kids' candy consumption hasn't increased.

So far the strategy appears to be working. Sales of "diet candy," the industry's feel-good term for sugar-free and reduced-carb sweets, soared 90 percent to more than \$273 million last year as overweight Americans fretted more about nutrition and health. And supermarket shelves are being stocked regularly with new low-carb goodies, likely ensuring the fad won't fade any time soon.

"There's no doubt that the buzz in the industry right now is really health-conscious candy," said Barry Sokol of Sorbee International, a Philadelphia-based company that touted its new sugar-free products at the All Candy Expo. "This low-carb craze is beyond going through the roof."

Sugar-lovers, relax — it's not all about health. Low-carb or sugar-free items still comprise just a fraction of the \$24 billion-a-year confectionery industry. And gobs of teeth-tingling sugar candies still commanded attention at the three-

day trade show, which ended Thursday.

Debut items included jumbo-sized Smarties, one-pound chocolate wreaths and chili-pepper flavored candy called Diablo Ignited Sours. In the ever-popular gross-out category, there were Mean Green Blow Pops that turn your tongue green and Brain Drain Liquid Candy, which maker Kandy Kastle promotes as feeling like "brains rolling around in your mouth."

But the focus on sour and "extreme" tastes that influenced new products a year or two ago has shifted to a more healthful approach featuring low-carb fudge and licorice, sugar-free jellybeans, calcium-fortified wafers and a whey protein diet bar.

Hershey Foods is sinking a bigger investment into the new trend with the introduction of 1 Gram Sugar Carb Bars after recording first-year sales of \$12 million for its line of sugar-free Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and Hershey's chocolate bars.

Smaller companies are following suit.

Albanese Confectionery Group is repackaging its World Best Gummi Bears as World's Best Zeros, with a label boasting "0 Fat - 0 Sugar - 0 Net Carbs." "We were making sugar-free products for years (for diabetics), but never thought of the idea of marketing them as low-carb," said Scott Albanese, owner of the Merrillville, Ind., company.

Innovative Candy Concepts of Atlanta launched a line of bite-sized candies last year called Sinfully Delicious, advertising them as no-guilt candy because they are sugar-free, fat-free and contain just two calories. This year it has reformulated its popular Too Tarts kids' candy to eliminate refined sugar and add fruit juice concentrate, with 50 percent to 60 percent fewer calories.

The Atlanta company says orders of Too Tarts have tripled since it announced the product

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Obituaries

Harold Vernon "Bo" Cooley

Harold Vernon "Bo" Cooley, age 58, of Hueysville, passed away on Saturday, June 12, 2004, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born on March 10, 1946, at Hueysville, the son of the late Gorman and Edna Prater Cooley. "Bo" was raised by his uncle, Dorlen and Aunt Velva Cooley.

Survivors include Dorlen and Velva Cooley of Hueysville; two brothers: Donald (Laura) Cooley of Oxford, Ohio, and Carl (Ginger) Cooley of Hueysville; six sisters: Clettis (Eugene) Howard of Hueysville, Agnes (Clarence) Woods and Lou (Art) Campbell, both of Hippo, Janet (Claude) Webb of Langley, Glema (Keith) Hicks of David, and Hattie (Jackie) Owens of Hueysville.

Funeral services for Harold V. "Bo" Cooley were conducted at 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 15, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Sterlin Bolen and others, officiating.

Burial was in the John Wess Prater Cemetery, at Prater Fork, Hueysville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Claude Webb, Gary Webb, George Isaac, Steve Woods, Keith Little, John Howard, Dalton Howard, Chris Owens, Kenny Scarberry, Randy McCarty, Jason Isaac and Wesley Howard.

Honorary: Zachery May, Austin Woods, Joe Adkins, Justin Adkins, Josh Adkins and Kain Scarberry. (Paid obituary)

Douglas G. Goble Sr.

Douglas G. Goble Sr., 59, of 812 Milton St., Findlay, Ohio, died at 11 p.m., Saturday, June 12, 2004, at his residence.

He was born April 26, 1945, in Bypro, the son of Loie and Mary (Wilson) Goble. He was formerly employed with Centrex Corporation, Cooper Tire and Rubber Co., and he retired from Whirlpool Corporation in 2000, as an assembler. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans #43, and a former member of Veterans of Foreign Wars #3003.

Survivors include one son, Douglas G. Goble II, of Findlay, Ohio; three sisters: Pauline (Henry) Sizemore of Findlay, Ohio, Loretta (Raymond) Helton of Sahuarita, Arizona, and Geneva (Leeran) Vincent of New Castle, Indiana; and one brother, Loie Goble Jr., of Findlay.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: George W. Goble and Jerry D. Goble.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, June 17, at Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, Findlay, Ohio, with Pastor Juan Salines officiating.

Burial will be in Knollcrest Gardens, near Arcadia.

He will be receiving full military graveside rites, conducted by the Hancock County Veterans Memorial Squad.

Visitation will be held from 3-5 p.m., and 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, and from 1-2 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made in his memory to Feed The Children, P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-0036, or D.A.V. #43, 210 E. Front St., Findlay, Ohio 45840.

Online condolences can be made at coldrencrates.com. (Paid obituary)

Curtis Lee Jarrell

On Tuesday, May 11, 2004, Curtis Lee Jarrell, 65, of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, passed away.

He was the birth son of Loretta Branham of Martin, and Curtis Jarrell of Bull Creek, on August 21, 1938. He was raised by Parker and Rebecca (Jarrell) Brown. Maternal grandparents are Sam and Myrtie Branham of Martin, and Leonard and LouNettie (DeRossett) Jarrell of Bull Creek. Paternal grandparents are Leonard and LouNettie Jarrell of Bull Creek and William and Lulu (Porter) Brown of Allen.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Beatrice Mae Alder Jarrell; three sons: Alvin Curtis Jarrell of Ulysses, William Leonard Jarrell of Prestonsburg, and Gordon Ray Jarrell of Lexington; three daughters: Patricia Lynn of Bull Creek, Savanna Marie Jarrell (at home), and Rebecca Francis; the mother who raised him, Rebecca Brown of Gallipolis, Ohio; his step-mother, Helen Jarrell of Prestonsburg; two brothers: Danny Brown of Rio Grande, Ohio, and Ralph Brown of Crown City, Ohio; a half-sister, Jane West of Gregory, Michigan; two grandsons, two granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

Curtis was a carpenter, and loved to build. He enjoyed working with wood or metal, and made many useful things for members of his family and friends. He also used his snow-blade to remove snow for many family members, neighbors, and community and public places. He enjoyed doing both of these things for people, and took great pride in doing each well.

After a private cremation, the family held a memorial service in conjunction with the Mountain Christian Academy School, Martin, Kentucky, on Sunday, May 30, at the school's gymnasium. Curtis' portrait will be placed on the Mountain Christian Academy School's Wall of Fame in recognition and tribute to honor his service and dedication to the Mountain Christian Academy School. A memorial donation has been set up in his memory at the school, and anyone who wishes to donate to this worthy cause in his name, may contact the Mountain Christian Academy School at Martin, Kentucky.

People present at the memorial include: Danny and Renda Brown (daughter Brandi) of Rio

Grande, Ohio; Ralph and Barbara Brown of Crown City, Ohio; Bill Peters of Munith, Michigan; Ronald and Dee Branham of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Darrell Gene and Ann Hurd of Oak Hill, Ohio; Helen Jarrell of Prestonsburg; David and Fran Hurd of Gahanna, Ohio; Joe Wheeler Jarrell of Louisa; Andrew Freese of Louisa; Penny Marcum (nurse) of Prestonsburg; Chris Waugh (County Court Clerk) of Prestonsburg; Willis Hall and Felix Compton of Munith, Michigan; Ray and Imogene Branham, Curtis Branham and Roy Branham, all of Bull Creek; Fred and Brenda Shelton of Martin; Betty Lou Branham of Dwale; Henrietta Reffitt of Maytown; George Gray of Maytown; Verdine Jones of Martin; "Ranger Rick" (WMDJ radio station) of Martin; Danny and Sue Blair of Prestonsburg; Ivan and Sherla Wireman of Gunlock; Blaine DePoy, (Mert's Guns) of Allen; Taylor and Linda Briggs of Bull Creek; Evelyn (Peters) Barum of Lake Odessa, Michigan; Lorraine Peters of Lake Odessa Michigan; Delores Drew (DeRossett); Donald Compton of Spurlock; Billie Compton; Magistrate Gerald DeRossett of Prestonsburg; and Debbie (Whitt) Bailey of Prestonsburg.

Persons unable to attend the memorial service (due to previous plans due to the holiday weekend) include: Judge John David Caudill of Prestonsburg; Judge Executive Paul Hunt Thompson of Prestonsburg; Attorney John Earl Hunt of Ivel; Attorney Gerald DeRossett of Prestonsburg; Ida Wireman of Gunlock, Jim Hammond; Dr. Parker Tiller (Mountain Christian Academy School) Martin; Sheriff John K. Blackburn of Prestonsburg; Tim Blackburn (Tee Engineering) of Ivel; Blackburn of Blackburn's Lawn and Equipment of Ivel; and Jerry, Willard and Terry Kinzer of Kinzer Drilling Co., of Bull Creek.

Curtis was preceded in death by his natural mother, Loretta Branham; his natural father, Curtis Jarrell; his "father" Parker Brown; his grandparents, Leonard and LouNettie Jarrell, Sam and Myrtie Branham, and "William and Lulu Brown."

Curtis' ashes will be placed in the Jarrell Family Cemetery at Bull Creek. (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; one brother, Troy King of Prestonsburg; 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 were conducted at 11 a.m., Friday, June 11, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Ira Hunter, Bob Hunter, Roger Hunter, Paul Bores, Tony Johnson and Micheal Hunter. (Paid obituary)

James P. Allen

James P. Allen, age 77, of Prestonsburg, husband of Joyce Short Allen, passed away, on Sunday, June 13, 2004, in the Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born on October 20, 1926, at Harold, the son of the late James A. and Lillie Sturgill Allen. He was an Army veteran of WWII, a Kentucky Colonel, and a retired maintenance supervisor for ARH.

In addition to his wife, Joyce, he is survived by one son, James Kenneth (Marsha) Allen of Prestonsburg; two brothers: Bert Allen of Betsy Layne, and Curtis Allen of Meta; three sisters: Naomi Mullins of Sumpter, South Carolina, Mary Lou Gilmore of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and Eda B. Marshall of Beaufort, South Carolina; and two grandchildren: Alyssa Nicole Allen and James Tanner Allen.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: L.J., Dewey, and Larry Allen.

Funeral services for James P. Allen will be conducted on Wednesday, June 16, at 11 a.m., in the E. All Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Dr. Floyd Price officiating.

Burial will follow in the Osborne Cemetery at Eastern, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Card of Thanks

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank each of you who helped us in any way during one of the most difficult times of our lives. Whether it was a card, a call, a visit, food, flowers, a donation in his memory, or just a kind word, each gesture of kindness provided more comfort than you will ever know.

To Jim Carter and the staff of Carter Funeral Home, thank you for your patience and kindness as you attended to our needs. Your attention to every detail provided the dignity that we feel he deserved.

Thank-you to all of the singers for the beautiful music that you provided in the Singing Service. The songs ministered to our hearts in a way that lifted our spirits.

To Brother Don Lee, the ministers, singers and congregation of the Pikeville Free Will Baptist Church, thank you for all of the love and support. Your words of comfort, ministry in song and prayer, the flowers and the food, helped make it easier to deal with our loss. We will always be grateful to you.

To both the active and honorary pallbearers, thank you for each act of kindness you provided.

Thank-you to the Prestonsburg Fire Department and the Floyd County Coroner's Office for the professionalism that was used to handle our needs. Also, thank-you to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for your services.

There is an empty space in our hearts and lives that will never be filled again. There are still so many unanswered questions, but we realize God's plan is perfect and we are holding to His hand. Please keep us in your prayers. We will always remember.

May God bless you all.

The Family of Billy J. "Corky" Dalton

Candy

a month ago.

"When we first started making kids' candy about seven years ago, we thought 'Isn't it nice to do something that's fun?'" said CEO Armand Hammer, no relation to the late famous industrialist. "But when I saw my grandkids eating it, I thought there must be something better I can give them than pure high-fructose corn syrup."

Improved technology has made it easier for companies to replace sugar than was the case with fat during the low-fat craze of the 1990s.

Do the new candy products taste as good? It depends who you talk to.

A few random samplings found such items as sugar-free Reese's Pieces and low-carb

Gummi Bears tasted pretty much the same as the regular recipe, but some others failed to delight.

"It's easier to do low-carb and taste good than it is to do low-fat and taste good," explained analyst Mark Hugh Sam, who follows food companies for Chicago-based Morningstar Inc.

Joe Dutra, whose Kimmie Candy Co. makes chocolate-covered sunflower seeds, contends most low-carb candies still don't taste good. He calls the low-carb boom a marketing ploy for candies that are "low-carb but high-calorie."

"It's like sex — you really want to enjoy it when you have it," he said. "You don't want to eat candy and have it taste like cardboard."

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Nonetheless, he admitted somewhat sheepishly, his small, Sacramento, Calif.-based company will probably follow the herd next year with a low-carb version of its ChocoRocks chocolate candies. "You have to go with the trend. And new products are always interesting for consumers."

While chocolate sales have remained stable in the face of all the health concerns, according to analyst Sam, sugar-based candies have "gone down quite a bit" recently.

Candy makers, however, remain confident the long-term prospects are bright.

Diet or no diet, said Albanese: "People will always indulge themselves with some kind of a treat, with something sweet to eat."

Card of Thanks

The family of Elva Wnek would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, prayers, and all the kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergymen Bobby Isaac and Roy Harlow for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF ELVA WNEK

Card of Thanks

The family of Jay Lee Hamilton Jr., would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, or just spoke kind words. We would like to send a special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, Samaria Regular Baptist Church for all the kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their efficient service.

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We love you and miss you very much.

Mom, Anita, Randal, Brandon, Ashley, Gomer, Tina, Derek, Scott, Kim, and Zach

Week of June 14 is Men's Health Week

FRANKFORT — The week of June 14 has been proclaimed as 2004 National Men's Health Week. It ends on Father's Day, June 20. The Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) wants to take this opportunity to draw attention to the health needs of the state's male population.

"Health care is not generally a priority for many men. They go about their lives paying little attention to what could be the early warning signs for a serious illness," according to Dr. Rice Leach, commissioner of public health. Statistics indicate that men tend to visit the doctor half as often as women. On average, men die six years younger than females.

A routine physical examination is an ideal opportunity to ask questions about health concerns and receive the necessary screenings to detect disease at an early stage.

The best chances of avoiding diseases are prevention, self-examination, and regular physician visits. Regular screening can catch many diseases at an early stage, when treatment is most likely to be successful.

Men have higher death rates than women for each of the 15 leading causes of death except Alzheimer's disease. According to the Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics, the three leading causes of death among Kentucky's male population are:

- Diseases of the heart
- Cancer
- Unintentional injury

KDPH recommends that men meet with their physician at least once a year, especially those over 50. If they don't have a physician, contact the local

health departments to determine which screenings are offered there.

Here are a few areas men should consider when reviewing their health:

■ **Routine physical exams.** A routine physical is an ideal opportunity to ask questions about health concerns and receive the latest information to remain healthy. Routine visits become more important and should occur more frequently after age 50 when the rates of heart disease and cancer increase for most men.

■ **Blood Pressure.** High blood pressure increases the risk of heart disease and stroke. Reading higher than 140/90 milligrams of mercury may require some lifestyle changes or medication to bring the blood pressure under control.

■ **Cholesterol.** High cholesterol also increases the risk of heart disease and stroke. If your doctor plans to check your cholesterol, ask if you need to fast (not eat food for six to eight hours before your blood is drawn).

■ **Diabetes.** Diabetes is a common condition that greatly increases the risk of other medical problems including heart disease, kidney failure, blindness, and circulatory problems. Screening is the best way to detect diabetes because adults develop diabetes will have few, if any, symptoms.

■ **Prostate Cancer screening.** Prostate cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in men. Screening for early stages of prostate cancer remain controversial. Men who are older than 50 and younger men with a family history of prostate cancer

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■ **Colon Cancer Screening.** Colon cancer is the third leading cause of cancer deaths in men.

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Cause of eastern Kentucky road's deterioration debated

The Associated Press

LOVELY — Martin County residents are looking for someone to blame for the deterioration of a homemade road built nearly 40 years ago.

Some say coal trucks have caused the damage to the section of Kentucky 292 known as the

Huntley-Brinkley Road. Others blame heavy rains and mudslides.

State highway spokeswoman Sara George declined to speculate.

"It'd take a lot of analysis and an engineer to determine that," she said.

Whatever the cause, large

sections of the road have slid into the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River.

Last week, highway officials were having little luck trying to limit traffic along the remaining one-lane sections.

"We don't have any enforcement ability," said George, who referred questions to the state Department of Vehicle Enforcement, which has 15 officers stationed in Pikeville.

Lt. Martin Slone at Pikeville said he sent an officer to the scene last week.

"That's the first DOT I've seen up here in 12 years," said Judy Maynard, 46, of Huntleyville.

A Martin County deputy sheriff, Dwayne Crum, said highway officials planned to place concrete barriers that could not be removed.

Overweight trucks have been a sore spot for Huntleyville residents since they opened the road 38 years ago.

In 1978, residents placed a chain and fence across the road to bar trucks, claiming it was private property.

Now, Martin "Joe" Stepp, 68, of Lovely, whose family helped build the road with funds donated by TV viewers after a 1966 NBC News report, said there are large slides on hillsides above each section of the road where half the pavement has vanished

into the river.

"What broke that off was a lot of water coming off that hill," Stepp said. "We didn't have the money, or the bulldozers, to cut that road far enough back into the hillside to put it on solid rock. We must have done a pretty good job, though, because the state's made us use it the last 35 or 40 years."

Stepp's late father, Archie Stepp, was a county magistrate in the early 1960s when the state started building Kentucky 292.

The winding two-lane road headed south along the Tug for nine miles to Mount Sterling Branch, where — for reasons now lost — it stopped against the side of a hill, still almost four miles short of Big Creek on the Pike County line where it would have joined Kentucky 468.

To reach Pike County or Williamson, W.Va., from the end of Kentucky 292, travelers were forced to get out of their cars, cross the Tug Fork in a rowboat, walk two miles upstream and return to Kentucky across a low-water bridge.

The rowboats made an impression on Americans watching the Chet Huntley and David Brinkley report on their black-and-white TV screens.

Money began arriving in the mail from across the country.

The Lovely Development Organization was formed and the late Rufus Reed, a local poet, naturalist and surveyor, was given custody of the purse strings.

Local residents bought a small bulldozer, drill hammer, explosives and other equipment and worked two summers to build their own road across private property to Pike County, Stepp said.

"We just kept hammering away and hammering away," Stepp said. "We worked our families off on that. Dad always kept a shovel, mattock and a sledgehammer to do road repairs."

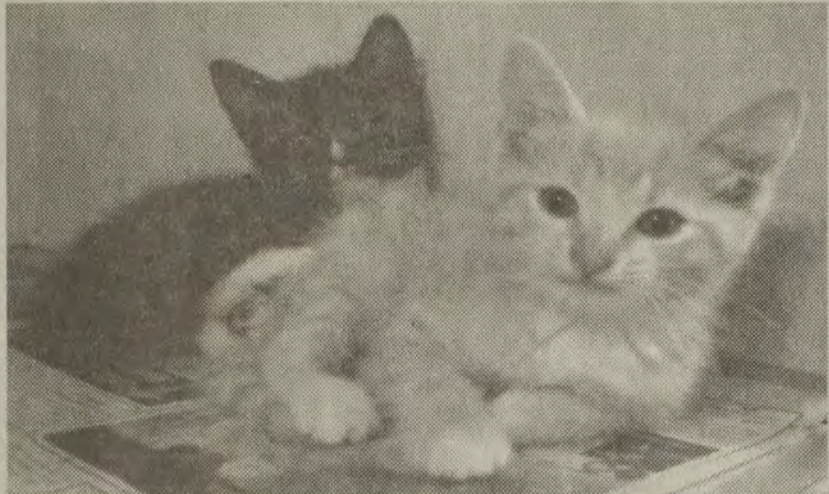
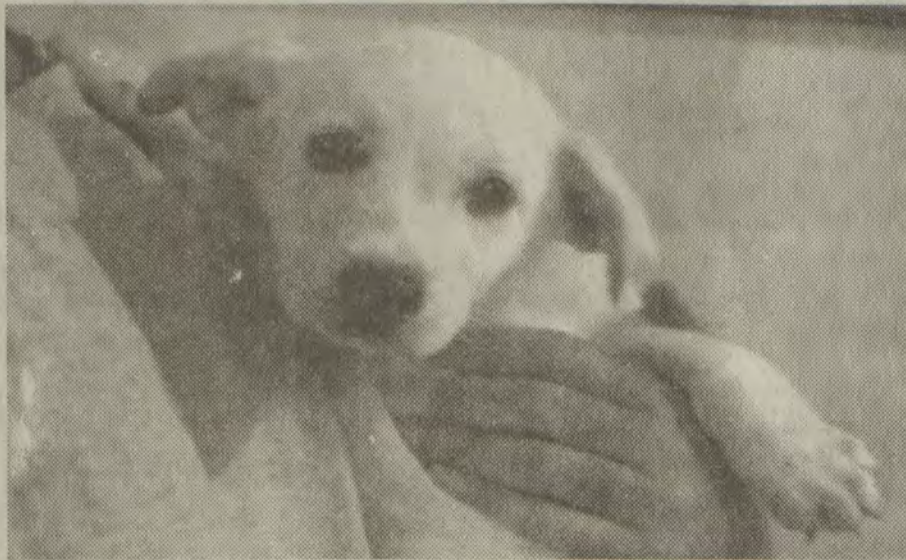
Local residents said last week that the state Transportation Cabinet never got around to buying the road's right-of-way — they did not seem certain who owns it now — but last week's broken blacktop exposed a state interest in the project: at least a foot of asphalt and new guardrails, the supports for which were left dangling like icicles above the river.

Stepp said he hopes that, when the road is repaired this time, the state will spend enough money to make it safe.

"The coal operators have made millions of dollars off that road," he said. "They could build it themselves."

Pet Adoption Corner

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Lyndsay Madden, left, and Marie Hargis extract DNA using new lab equipment they received as part of an award for independent research projects. The two Pikeville College students were awarded Lee B. Ledford Scholarships from the Appalachian College Association. Madden, a biology and psychology major from Hazard, studied small mammal populations in Eastern Kentucky. Hargis, a biology major from Danville, studied the use of cellulose acetate electrophoresis to differentiate between white-footed mice (*peromyscus leucopus*) and deer mice (*peromyscus maniculatus*) in Eastern Kentucky. Many other students will benefit from the lab equipment which will be used for classroom instruction and for future independent research projects.



The Big Sandy Ombudsman Program recently held its annual Volunteer Training and Appreciation. This year's event was held in conjunction with the Ombudsman Programs from Buffalo Trace, FIVCO, and Gateway areas. The District Ombudsmen and volunteers met on Monday, June 7 at Natural Bridge State Park. Tamar Greenly, from the Office of the Inspector General, was the guest speaker. Those attending from Big Sandy, pictured from left to right, were district ombudsman Steve Jones, Donna Frazier, Bertha Daniels, Norma Boyd, Cindy Mullins and Thelma Push. If you would like more information on becoming a volunteer with the Ombudsman Program, please call Steve Jones, District Ombudsman, at (800) 737-2723.

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And as we've indicated, none of this is new. It was such a big deal on Sept. 12, 1960, that Kennedy felt compelled to clarify matters in a memorable speech before the Greater Houston Ministerial Association. His comments are just as compelling today: "I believe in an America where the separation of church

and state is absolute, where no Catholic prelate would tell the president (should he be Catholic) how to act, and no Protestant minister would tell his parishioners for whom to vote

"I believe in an America that is officially neither Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish, where no public official either requests or

accepts instructions on public policy from the pope, the National Council of Churches or any other ecclesiastical source, where no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly upon the general populace or the public acts of its officials, and where religious liberty is so indivisible that an act against one church is treated as an act against all

"Finally, I believe in an America where religious intolerance will someday end ... where every man has the same right to attend or not attend the church of his choice, where there is no Catholic vote, no anti-Catholic vote, no bloc voting of any kind, and where Catholics, Protestants and Jews, at both the lay and pastoral level, will refrain from those attitudes of disdain and division which have so often marred their works in the past, and promote instead the American ideal of brotherhood

"I believe in a president whose religious views are his own private affair, neither imposed by him upon the nation

or imposed by the nation upon him as a condition to holding that office

"I would not look with favor upon a president working to subvert the First Amendment's guarantees of religious liberty And neither do I look with favor upon those who would work to subvert Article Six of the Constitution by requiring a religious test ... for it.

"Let me stress again ... I am not the Catholic candidate for president. I am the Democratic Party's candidate for president who happens also to be Catholic. I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me."

Ultimately, there should be no religious litmus test for public office in America. Rather than diminishing the free exercise of religious belief, separation of church and state in this nation serves to protect it, for all. That Kennedy fellow may have had his faults, but he was right on this score.

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The 2003 Kentucky General Assembly passed House Bill 115, enacting new licensure requirements for electricians, electrical contractors and master electricians that becomes law in mid-July 2004. Companies planning to expand new lines, equipment, circuits or other workspace requiring electrical work will require the supervision of a licensed electrician,

according to Frank Dempsey, general counsel for the Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction.

State Senator Gary Tapp, of

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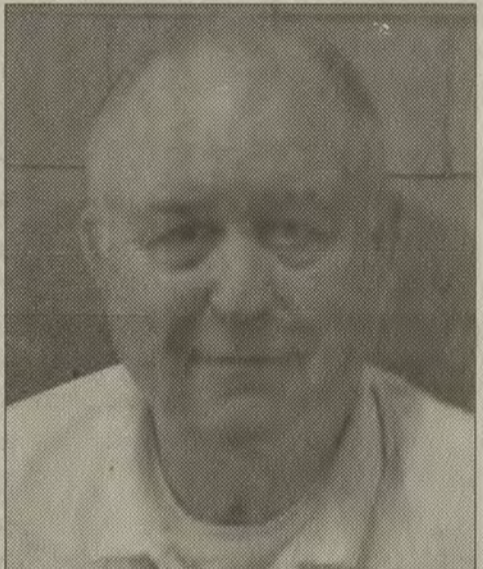
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briefs

MSU plans Poker Run

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Morehead State University at Prestonsburg conducted a meeting yesterday to plan its second annual "Poker Run" event in honor of the late Dr. Margaret Lewis.

Dr. Lewis ran the Prestonsburg campus for 10 years and was a strong advocate for area students. In that spirit, the event raises funds that will help defray costs for students at the Prestonsburg campus. The program, scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 1, will involve a motorcycle run from the Prestonsburg site to Morehead.

This year plans are underway to carry the event on a local cable channel which will also allow for a look at the new campus building and give viewers a peek at what studies are offered as well as a look at Dr. Lewis through remembrances by teachers and students.

There are several ways in which people can participate. Sponsors will get their names into public announcements. Items are needed for prizes, and volunteers will be needed to assist in the day's events. Of course, cyclists are invited.

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Vernotzy enters guilty plea

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man facing four counts of first-degree sexual abuse is scheduled to be sentenced in August, following an order filed in circuit court Monday.

Dale Vernotzy, 49, of Prestonsburg pleaded guilty to the charges on June 3, following his acceptance of an offer from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

He was arrested by officer George Tussey on May 6, 2003, for the alleged sexual abuse of a 9-year-old child. Two months later, he was indicted on three additional first-degree sexual abuse charges.

In March, Vernotzy, represented by Pikeville attorney Bernard Pafunda, was found competent to stand trial by Circuit Judge John David Caudill. Forensic psychiatrist Dr. Robert P. Grainger and psychologist Dr. David Bliss both testified at that hearing that Vernotzy suffers from schizophrenia and a "degree of retardation."

Judge Caudill originally scheduled his sentencing for August 13, but the hearing has since been rescheduled for August 27, according to court documents.

He is currently free on a \$20,000

(See GUILTY, page three)

Abuse trial postponed

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The trial scheduled to begin today for a man who allegedly abused his adopted son has been continued until December, according to documents filed in circuit court.

Ansel Hall, 30, of Galveston, charged with 13 counts of criminal abuse and one count of wanton endangerment, will face a jury on Dec. 6, court documents say.

He was arrested by KSP Trooper Joey King on Feb. 1, 2002, at his home in Galveston, a few hours before the arrest of his wife, Georgia Hall, at McDowell ARH hospital.

Hall was indicted in December 2002 for allegedly assaulting his 12-year-old adopted son during a six-month period between July 2001 and January 2002. His wife currently faces 16 counts of first-degree criminal abuse.

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photo by Mary Music

The demolition of Martin's fire station yesterday marks the beginning of a citywide relocation project. The city hall, police station and the Martin Alternative School will be constructed on this site.

Martin flood project begins at fire station

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — The city of Martin is a step closer to relocation, following the demolition of the fire station yesterday afternoon.

The demolition was completed around 2:30 p.m., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative Jo Huff reported. Huff said workers will continue with

the clearing process for approximately 2 to 3 weeks.

The clearing process is expected to be completed before a groundbreaking ceremony takes place next month.

The city's relocation plan, a \$95 million venture between the federal government, the state, county and city, aims to raise the town, which has been

flooded 36 times since recording began in 1862, above the floodplain.

Progress on fire station hill marks the beginning of the project. The Corps plans to utilize the extracted dirt from the hillside to elevate the town. The Corps will then construct a new city hall building, police station and the

(See MARTIN, page three)

Morning crowd finds hanky-panky in the park

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

MINNIE — Two unidentified individuals were caught with their pants down, literally, Tuesday morning at Minnie Park.

Several people that arrived at the park early to walk and exercise encountered something they had never seen before while

exercising at the site. A young couple was on a picnic table under the shelter having sex in plain view of everyone at the park.

According to one concerned citizen who reported the incident, the couple was there from approximately 7 a.m. to about 8 a.m. There were several public service workers at the park, as well as seven eyewitnesses from the Minnie area who can attest to what

occurred.

The public service workers were allegedly making illicit comments toward the couple and did not try to stop them even when they were asked to do so by the other people that were in the park.

One concerned citizen said, "Children

(See PARK, page three)

Patton questions park tenant

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The monthly meeting of Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority was mostly a routine affair of approving expenditures and discussing bids for building projects but did see some

drama when former Gov. Paul Patton raised some objections to upcoming projects.

A discussion of selling a lot at Honey Branch to a pipe company instigated Patton's objections.

"I am concerned about this use of the property," Patton said. "I think the idea is to

bring in new money. This is retake."

Patton was understanding of the need to sell the lot, which does not have much useable acreage, but objected because the industrial park is meant to bring in jobs and new businesses.

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photo by Tom Doty

A 1988 Oldsmobile Royale rear ended a black Trailblazer at the intersection of Routes 114 and 321 yesterday. The driver of the Royale, Roberta Hodgkinson, was treated for minor injuries and released from Highlands Regional Medical Center.

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would be in contempt of Congress and he still refused. He stated during wartime the executive branch did not have to answer to Congress. He walked out of that hearing with no charges of contempt, hence no checks and balances, no accountability to the elected representatives of the people and hence democracy is dead. Only

in a dictatorship does the executive do what it pleases without any restraint. So you say we can vote him out. We will have elections? The corporate media manipulated the primaries with the nomination of the least abject able candidate to them.

John Kerry is a free trader. He will continue the U.S. plan to control Iraq and he will not offer any real reform in health care. He will help us by voicing support for energy independence and making Social Security solvent again and strengthening Medicare. He will make a better president than the one we got

now by only pursuing world domination with our allies, thus saving us a lot of tax dollars. He will make the country safer from nuclear terrorism by buying up and securing loose nuclear material. So with his election the people will be better off, but will we be free?

It's up to you if you want freedom. First, you must seek independent news sources that are publicly supported and stop your reliance on the corporate news media that feeds you info they want you to believe.

Second, you have to start being critical of the government and how it operates without your consent. The CIA conducts secret operations around the world without the people's knowledge or consent. For instance, while the politicians say we have finally learned our lessons about supporting dictators, we still do. In Kyrgystan, we support a Ba'athist dictator who boils his political opponents in oil. Nothing has changed in our foreign policy. Truman thought the CIA should be dissolved and Kennedy had made the decision to disband it and he was killed. In a democracy, all activities of government are accountable to the citizenry. That is not the case in the U.S.

Your tax dollars go to protect the king of Jordan. Your tax dollars go to regimes around the world to support despots that cooperate with corporations goals. Both political parties have become servants to the internationalist elite.

One thing we could demand that would take a big step to achieving the goal of a democracy here in the U.S. is instant runoff elections. We allow open debates between the can-

didates of all parties. When you go to vote, you choose your first choice and then you mark down your second choice. If no candidate succeeds in getting a majority of the votes, then they count over taking your next choice. This system of voting would end the emotional blackmail of, if you vote for your real choice, the worst of the two evils might win. Instead of voting in fear, you could vote for say a Ralph Nader or a Pat Buchanan or whoever your favorite choice is and then put down a second choice a Bush or Kerry. In a democracy, all candidates running for a public office can participate fully in the elections instead of what we have today in America — a lockout of all other parties and candidates.

If you want to know more about the real state of democracy in America, tune into Democracy Now, which is aired now on over 140 radio stations across America and is now on PBS and National Public Radio. This news program is expanding by some two or three new stations a week. The public is thirsty for news 100 percent publicly supported. If you can't find it on the radio in your area go to www.democracynow.org and get the details on how to request your local TV and radio stations to get it free.

Call up your cable provider and satellite company and request Free Speech TV. To learn more about Free Speech TV, go to www.freespeechtv.org. It is also 100 percent publicly supported and receives no funds from the cable or satellite provider and is free to them to broadcast, so no excuses if

they refuse to add it to their programming. If you're thinking about getting a satellite system, think about Dish Network, which already broadcasts Free Speech TV.
John Burgess
Louisa

God protected Floyd County

Some were sleeping peacefully, some were up and worried about the possibility of tornadoes, but none were prepared for what happened. Just a few days ago parts of Floyd County received within hours a record amount of rain. In less time than ever recorded six inches of rain reportedly fell on parts of Floyd County, specifically in Prestonsburg, Abbott Creek, Little Paint Creek and along Middle Creek on the Mountain Parkway. Isn't God an awesome God?

To see this in focus and to appreciate it more fully all one had to do was to take a drive up Little Paint Creek loop back and drive down Abbott Creek. It appears in many places that Abbott Creek, a stream of only a few inches deep and a few feet wide normally, rose to a height of possibly 10 feet and spanned in places at near or over 100 feet wide. That is truly scary, phenomenal and yet awesome. Looking back at this storm of May 30, 2004, you can't help but see the hand of God. The question is, were you looking and are you looking now?

In the deluge and wall of

water that followed God must have placed His holy angels up in front of the waves and as these angels "surfed" the walls of water that pummeled homes and properties across the area not one, not even one single life was lost. You may ask "where was God" on that evening when you were washed out of your home; "where was God" as your home was all but destroyed; "where was God" when your precious possessions washed away to places that may yet still be unknown? He was there protecting your life. Jesus not only allowed the historical storm that scoured the small creeks and streams of Floyd County and devastated home after home but He was there in the front of the waves of water to wake you from your sleep, to save you from death in the destruction, and to give you another chance to reach out and to take his hand.

Some officials have said that should the same amount of rain fall over a 24-hour period we would have had the equivalent of a 500-year flood. Simply put Floyd County not only received one of its biggest scares on that Sunday night but it also received its biggest and most magnificent miracle. Don't waste this chance. We may not be blessed like this again. God may not be merciful the next time. As was seen on the evening of May 30, 2004, we do not know when the Grim Reaper will appear at our doors to escort us to that final appointment. God has truly blessed us once again.

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Often well-traveled patrons see our show and remark that something is unique about the Kentucky Opry, as compared to all the other shows they have attended. Those of us who have been privileged to be a part of this organization know all-too-well to what those patrons are referring. As we take the stage, we are not merely singers and musicians doing yet another show, but rather, we are friends, who continue to be united by the passion for music that first brought us together years ago.

However, now, we share more than a passion for music. At this point, we have stood by one another through some of the happiest and saddest points of our lives. We have attended each other's weddings, comforted one another's broken hearts, celebrated the birth of our children and most recently, consoled the loss of a home due to flooding. We have graduated from school, changed jobs, moved away, and then come back home again. Simply put, we are family.

And as we celebrate our 14th year, we thank all of you who have supported us for so long. For those of you who return to see our show year after year, we thank you. For those of you who fanned yourselves in stuffy gymnasiums to watch us perform, we thank you. For those of you who stayed out late to watch a Monday night performance at Jenny Wiley Theatre knowing you had to get up early for work the next day, we thank you. For those of you who contributed five dollars or five hundred dollars to see the Mountain Arts Center built and who stood in line to buy the first ticket when the doors opened, we are truly indebted.

This year, as we take the stage, we sing "Here We Are/ Once Again/ Stronger Now Than We Have Ever Been". We sing these lyrics thinking not only of those of us on this stage, but also thinking of those of you who have shared this amazing journey with us. You have been a part of our Kentucky Opry family, and we have loved every minute of it.

Kentucky Opry

Salvation Army aims to provide help over long haul

INEZ — The media teams, the insurance teams, and even the emergency personnel called recent flash floods in Eastern Kentucky an "act of God." But for the numerous Salvation Army officers, staff and volunteers serving in the flood ravaged counties, the hope that is being provided is the true act of God.

Incident Commander for The Salvation Army Disaster Response, Major Dewey Alderson highlighted that, "We are trying to help flood victims see light in this time of darkness. So many of these people have been severely traumatized. It was only last week when families were covering in their attics to avoid the fast-rising floodwaters. Some husbands relayed to me how they had to break through their roofs just to be able to get their families to higher ground. Many people thought that they were going to die. We cannot imagine the trauma caused by this experience. But being able to provide immediate care in the form of hot meals, clean-up kits, snacks and beverages is a privilege for us."

For over 100 years, The Salvation Army has responded to natural and man-made disasters of varying magnitude. The goal is to meet human need during times of personal devastation, loss and sorrow. When the floods hit Eastern Kentucky last week, The Salvation Army assembled Disaster Emergency Response Teams which consists of highly trained personnel to help with counseling needs, social services needs and spiritual needs.

Currently, The Salvation Army is focusing on providing immediate relief. This involves moving very quickly to get equipment, facilities and experienced personnel in place. During this phase of the disaster response, The Salvation Army concentrates on providing food and crisis and grief counseling.

Today, for example, there are mobile canteens serving flood victims in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties. One day last week, The Salvation Army served a total of 1,500 hot meals throughout the five-county county region.

In addition to providing food

for physical nourishment, Salvation Army officers are proving chaplaincy services to all victims.

"One family had rocks the size of Mini Cooper vehicles roll down the mountain and through their home," said Harold Cook of the Southern Baptist Disaster Response Team. "The building contractor estimated that it would cost \$20,000 alone to remove the rocks. The tears of fear and frustration were truly palpable as this story was relayed to me."

Another practical way in which The Salvation Army is serving the flood victims is via the provision of monetary vouchers that can be used at Wal-Mart to purchase food, clothing and cleaning supplies.

If you enter Clark Elementary School in Prestonsburg, you will see an example of two volunteer organizations working in true spiritual harmony. A few years back The Salvation Army and the Southern Baptists joined forces to see how they could gain greater synergy in their disaster relief efforts. The partnership at

Clark Elementary School is evidence of that partnership and close collaboration. With The Salvation Army purchasing all the food, and the Southern Baptist volunteers diligently cooking all the hot meals, and Salvation Army personnel collecting the meals in their canteens and driving them to flooded areas, the two churches are reaching thousands of people each day.

Many of the volunteers and staff from the two respective organizations served together in New York City after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Today, however, they find themselves helping their own neighbors in a very different kind of disaster.

"One thing about disasters, be it New York City or Eastern Kentucky — the feeling of hopelessness is the same," said Captain Rolando Casado. "Today as I served meals to flood victims in Martin County, I listened to how one lady's trailer was literally lifted up 16 feet onto the side of a hill. Another lady had just invested \$4,000 in her trailer, and now it was completely destroyed."

Before the flashfloods of last week, unemployment in Magoffin County was around 17 percent. Illiteracy is extremely high. Many do not have transport to travel to nearby cities like Inez or Paintsville. So with high unemployment, staggering illiteracy, and very limited ability to travel, many disaster relief agencies are facing a new dilemma — how do you get help to the people that need it?

"We have a presence in this community day-in and day-out," said Major Dewey Alderson. "We have local volunteers who provide social service assistance via our Service Units, so we have a good understanding of how to reach those most in need. But the challenge is going to be the long-term recovery effort."

"Many of these victims do not only need food and clothing, they need new homes. The temporary homes that will be provided by FEMA will only be a temporary fix. Although there might be emergency grants made available by FEMA, they will not be in large amounts. And the low-interest loans offered by FEMA will still cause

additional debt burden on a community that is already overburdened."

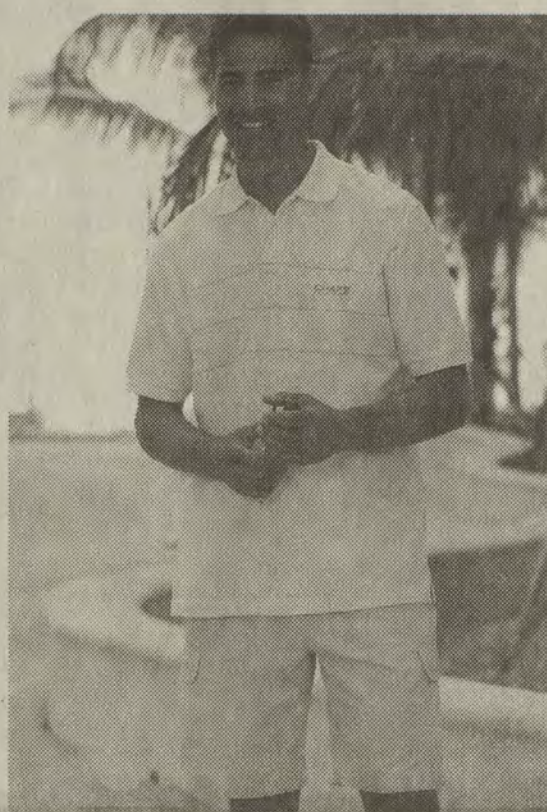
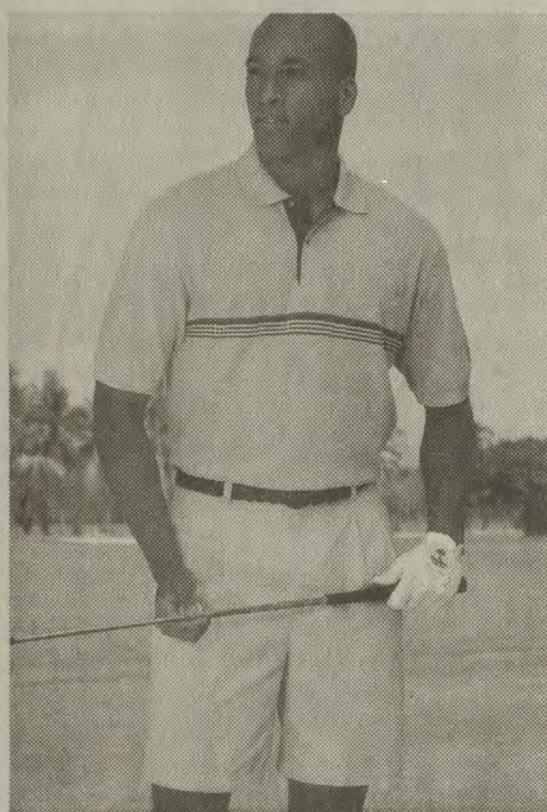
So what is the solution? It has to be a long-term, community-based recovery effort. As The Salvation Army moves through the relief and recovery phases of its disaster services, it will transition into the third and final "rebuilding phase" — seeing it through. This involves rolling up sleeves and helping people rebuild their lives and spirits with personalized services, and emotional and spiritual support.

Together with the Kentucky VOAD, which helps coordinate the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters, The Salvation Army will remain in these communities helping provide hope in a practical way.

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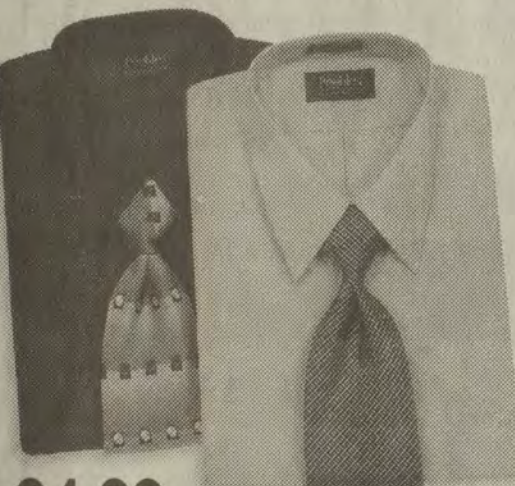
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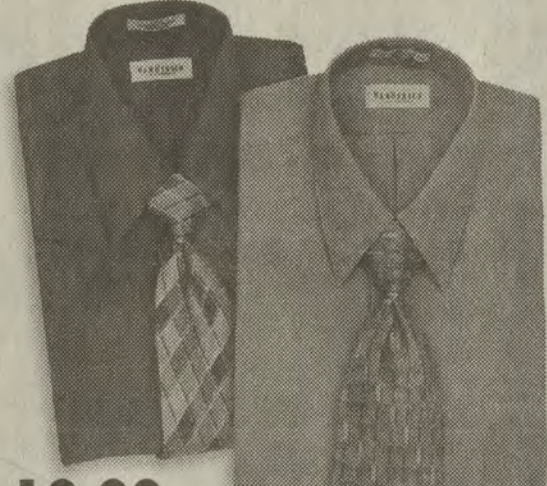


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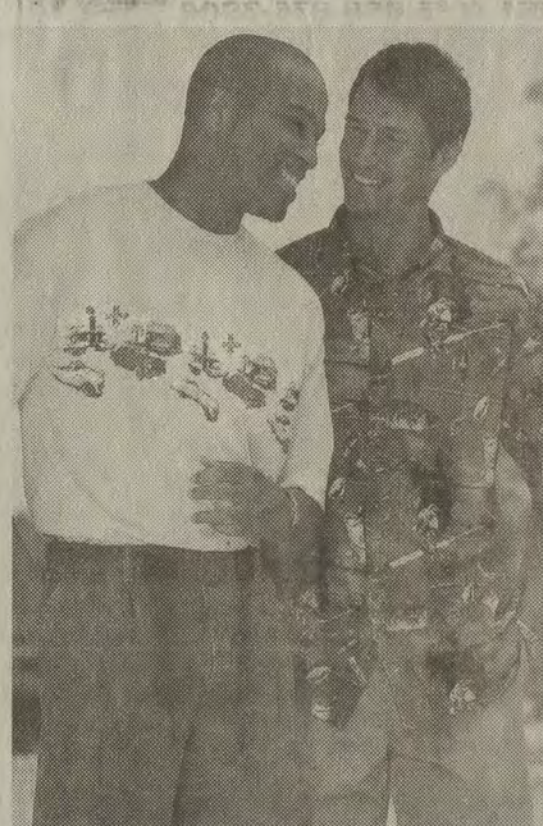


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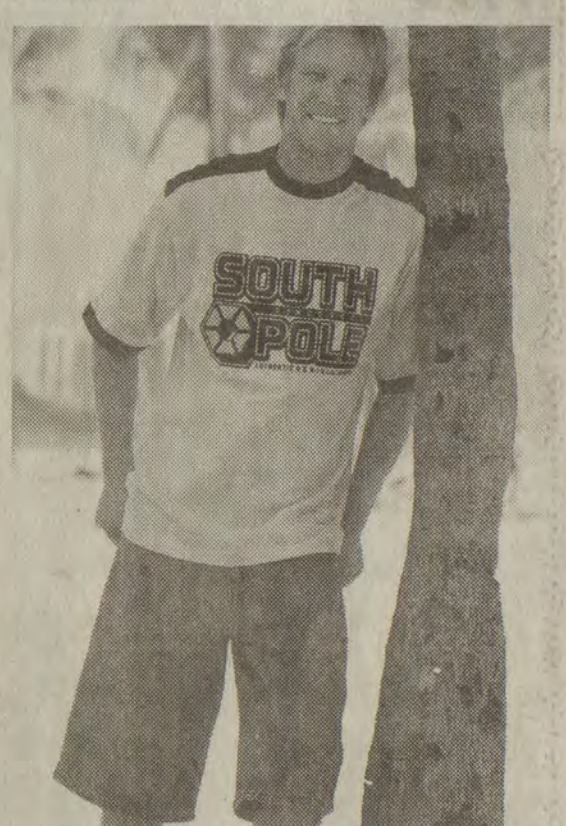


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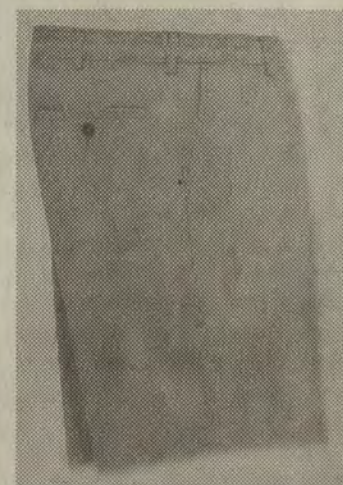
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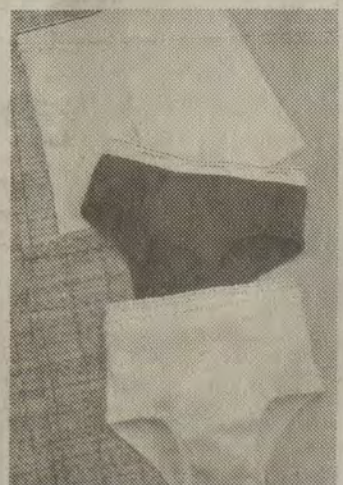
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ZEBULON MASONIC LODGE 273 SCHEDULES ANNUAL PICNIC

Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, will hold its annual picnic on Sunday, June 20, at 1 p.m., at Shelter No. 2, in the area below Dewey Dam. All members and families are urged to attend, and are requested to bring food to share.

JENNY WILEY AARP WILL MEET FRIDAY AT NEW LOCATION

The first meeting at a new location, will be held on Friday, June 18, as Jenny Wiley Chapter

3528 AARP, is moving to the First Presbyterian Church, for its monthly meetings.

The Rev. George C. Love, pastor of the church, will be the guest of the chapter, and will present the program at the meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m. All members and friends of the chapter are encouraged to attend.

1973 AND 1974 ACHS CLASS REUNION

The 1973 and 1974 graduating classes of Allen Central High School will hold a class reunion on Saturday, September 18, at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn. Social Hour: 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Dance—8 p.m. until midnight. For more information, please contact Beth Conn Mullins at 606-285-0074 or Rita Duff Osborne at 606-358-9874.

J.M. CONLEY FAMILY REUNION

The J.M. Conley family reunion will be held on July 4th, at the home of Bessie Conley, J.M. Conley homeplace. There will be a potluck dinner at 12 p.m. For additional information, you may call Dexter Conley, at (606) 358-9444 or Bessie Conley, at (606) 358-9608.

OPEN HOUSE

LINKS (Low Income Housing Coalition of East KY, Inc.) and the Floyd Fiscal Court invite everyone to come June 17, 11 a.m. Food and drinks provided. Miss Jessica Newsome, 250 Hall's Branch, Grethel, Ky. 41631. This home was built by LINKS, Floyd Fiscal Court and volunteer labor. The home was funded by KHC HOME funds, NHP, AHTF, United Way, and Private Donations from local citizens. Directions: Take South 23. Turn right at light at Harold onto 979. Go 6.5 miles. Turn left at mouth of Branham's Creek onto Route 3379. Go 5.3 miles. Turn left at the white brick house (chain link fence). Turn right on dirt road and go up hill.

HOME OWNERSHIP MONTH

In celebration of National Homeowner-ship Month, the Prestonsburg USDA Rural Development office will be holding an open house on June 17, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. The office is located at 214 South Central Avenue, Ste 101, Prestonsburg.

WE'RE MOVING!!

Beginning with the meeting to be held on Friday, June 18. Jenny Wiley Chapter 3528, AARP, will be holding its meetings at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg, at 6 p.m., on the third Friday of each month. All members and friends are encouraged to attend these meetings.

FREEDOM BIBLE CHURCH

June 20 - Special Sunday morning services. Frankie Bryant will bring message.
June 23-26 - Vacation Bible School, 7-8:30 p.m., nightly.
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DOWNTOWN VETERAN SHOWCASE

The 5th annual Veteran Showcase window display will be held June 21-August 1, at the office of Edward Jones Investments/Sam Blakenship, located in downtown Prestonsburg, 255 W. Court St. Please bring your family photos, medals, uniforms, or any other memorabilia from Civil War to present time. Mr. Blakenship's office will proudly display, and protect, your cherished valuables. Call 889-9004 during business hours, or after hours call 886-3023, or 886-2654 for more information.

TEEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A teenage Christian study group meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Burton Pentecostal Church, in Upper Burton, near Wheelwright. All interested teens cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

STEPHENS-SLONE REUNION

Relatives of the late Samuel and Rebecca (Castle) Stephens, Samuel and Mary (Sammons)

Stephens, and Carew and Callie (Brown) Slone will host a reunion that will be held at the Morsches Park Pavilion in Columbia City, Indiana, on Saturday, July 10, at 12 p.m. Register by July 3 by calling (260) 839-4206 or (260) 691-2830, after 4 p.m.

BLHS CLASS OF '94

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1994 will hold their 10-year class reunion on July 24, 2004. Call 478-3253 or 587-1028 for more information.

PHS CLASS OF '69

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1969 will hold a reunion on Saturday, September 4, 2004 (Labor Day weekend), at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. Pre-dinner meeting will be held from 5-6 p.m.; Dinner will be at 6 p.m., in Lodge dining room; Reunion meeting following dinner, from 8 p.m. until midnight in Lodge conference rooms. For more info., contact Ken & Jan at 886-8328, or Mike at 886-0252.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

'LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?'

Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

Alzheimer's Association, East-em KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike-Floyd Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

Community Weight Loss Support Group - To meet Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center, beginning Feb. 5. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m.,

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State urges caution as West Nile season arrives

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's first bird with West Nile Virus in 2004 was reported May 17, which indicates that West Nile virus is circulating in the state and Kentuckians should take precautions to prevent mosquito bites and reduce standing water.

A mourning dove found dead in Ohio County on May 7 was tested and found to have the virus. No human or equine cases have been reported yet in Kentucky, and no additional positive birds have been reported. The first positive bird in Kentucky in 2003 was collected on June 30.

The Department for Public Health advises that the risk of people and/or animals contracting West Nile is very small and offers the following facts about and tips for reducing the risk of contact with the virus.

■ Stay indoors at dawn, dusk and in the early evening when mosquitoes are most active.

■ Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you are outdoors.

■ Spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing.

■ Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. An effective repellent will contain 30 percent DEET for adults and 10 percent DEET for children.

■ Whenever you use an insecticide or insect repellent, be sure to read and follow the manufacturer's Directions for Use printed on the product. NOTE: Vitamin B and "ultrasonic" devices are NOT effective in preventing mosquito bites.

Additionally, people can take the following steps to reduce mosquitoes around their home and neighborhoods by reducing the amount of standing water avail-

able for mosquito breeding:

■ Remove all discarded tires on your property. Used tires are one of the primary breeding areas for mosquitoes.

■ Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or similar water-holding containers.

■ Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors.

■ Make sure roof gutters drain properly, and clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall. Roof gutters can produce millions of mosquitoes each season.

■ Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.

■ Change water in birdbaths.

■ Clean vegetation and debris from edges of ponds.

■ Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. Aerate or add fish to ornamental ponds. Remember to drain water from pool covers and tarps.

■ Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property.

■ Mosquitoes may breed in any puddle that lasts for more than four days.

Most people who are exposed to the virus will not show symptoms. Even people living in at-risk areas are unlikely to get sick from exposure to the virus. However, mild symptoms may include slight

fever and/or headache, possibly with skin rash and swollen lymph glands. A rapid onset of high fever with head and body aches, neck stiffness, disorientation, stupor and muscle weakness marks more severe infections of encephalitis. Older people may be at greater risk of serious illness if infected.

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in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

Army

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public to continue to pray for the residents and relief workers in Eastern Kentucky. The largest immediate need is monetary donations. Donations can be mailed to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 2229, Louisville, KY 40201-2229. Secure online donations can be made at www.salvationarmyusa.org. Credit card donations can also be made by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY.

Licenses

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Waddy, who helped shape the bill in the Kentucky Senate to ensure it met business needs, said the legislation exempts routine maintenance on electrical lines and equipment, including inspections, parts replacement and adjustments.

Sen. Tapp strongly recommended that companies take advantage of a licensing opportunity, ending July 15, that permits the grandfathering in of individuals currently engaged in the work of an electrician, electrical contractor or master electrician who can verify appropriate years of experience in their respective areas. Applications are available online at <http://hbc.ppr.ky.gov>, and state legislators would be happy to assist with the process, if needed, he stressed.

Dempsey noted that companies should plan appropriately for any expansion work. Under House Bill 115, manufacturers planning such work after July 15 should be licensed as an electrical contractor, should have at least one licensed master electrician on staff to oversee all electrical expansion work, and should have at least one licensed electrician supervising each on-going job.

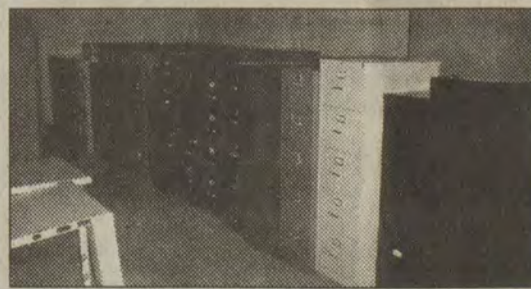
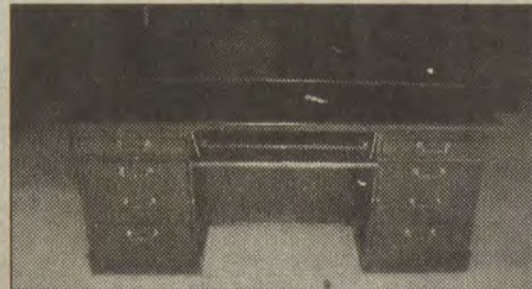
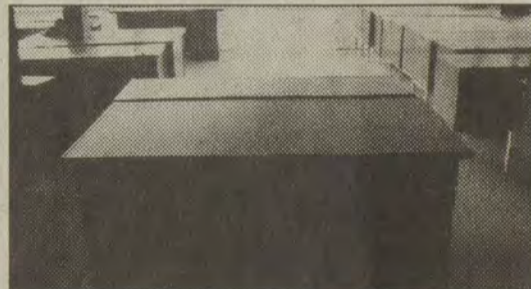
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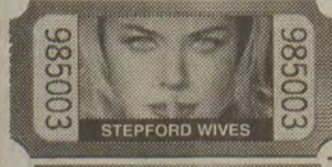
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Half Mountain Speedway set to continue racing Season

by JAMES TRIMBLE
 HALF MOUNTAIN SPEEDWAY
 TRACK WRITER

ROYALTON - After taking a couple weeks off - one weather related due to flooding and one planned to promote at a big race in Ohio - Half Mountain Speedway will roar back to life this Saturday with some of the best talent in dirt racing making the trip to Magoffin County to compete for the largest regular show payout in Eastern Kentucky with over \$13,000 on the line and valuable season long points for the drivers that are competing for the chance to be crowned the first points champion.

On May 29, the last race held at Half Mountain Speedway played host to 74 of the best dirt race car drivers in the region including 12 Super Late Models, 20 Limited Late Model, a total of 32 Late Model style cars, 14 Modified, 13 Bombers, and 15 Four-Cylinder drivers.

Big Jim Branham also announced during the May 29 event a purse increase for the Super Late Models to \$1,500 to win and \$100 to start with a total purse for the Super Late Models of \$5,775 that will run the rest of the season. This announcement was met with applause from the drivers and race fans that attended the drivers meeting.

On May 19, 12 Super Late Model Drivers from 3 states came to com-

(See RACING, page two)

Fans can vote for second quarter Driver of Year

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SARASOTA, Fla. - As the points races for the major forms of auto racing start to shape up race fans have the opportunity to cast their votes, for the second quarter 2004, for the SPEED Channel Driver of the Year.

It's the second time this year that fans will get to participate via an online ballot of the year which is part of the process to recognize the best driver in this young season.

While most of this quarter's eight nominees are already favorites a couple of new drivers have burst upon the scene.

The drivers include Greg Anderson (NHRA), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (NASCAR), John Force (NHRA), Jeff Gordon (NASCAR), Jimmie Johnson (NASCAR) Steve Kinser (World of Outlaws), Buddy Rice Jr. (Indy Racing League) and Martin Truex Jr. (NASCAR).

(See FANS, page two)

MU football recognized by the American Football Coaches Association for graduation rates

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WACO, Texas - Marshall University was one of 31 schools honored by The American Football Coaches Association for graduating

70% or more of its players that entered as freshman in the academic year of 1998-99. The Herd's graduation rate was 83%, or 19 out of 24 players.

Ninety-four (94) NCAA Division I-A members responded to the AFCA

2004 graduation rate survey, which is designed to measure an entering freshman class that received athletically related financial aid from the institution of initial attendance and analyze academic progress over a period of five

plus years. This study involves the freshman class from the academic year of 1998-99, including those who entered at that time but who did not

(See RATES, page two)



Applebee's Park, home of the Lexington Legends minor league baseball team, will host the state high school tournament. Johnson Central, the champion out of the 15th Region, will take on 16th Region champ Ashland tonight in the second game of the opening round.

JOHNSON CENTRAL WINS WAY TO APPLEBEE'S PARK

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - In his first season at the top of the Johnson Central High School baseball program, head coach Shawn Hall has his team in the State Tournament. Johnson Central, after taking two games from 14th Region champ Hazard in Semi-State play last week, finds itself as

one of eight remaining teams left vying for a state title.

The Golden Eagles are led by the strong pitching of juniors Adam Blanton and Cory Conley.

This is Johnson Central's first trip to the State Tournament. As a player, Hall, pitching, helped the Golden Eagles to a pair of regional championships. The next opponent for

Johnson Central is 16th Region champ Ashland Blazer. Ashland advanced on to Applebee's Park and the state tournament after defeating Rockcastle County.

Johnson Central began its post-season journey by blanking Magoffin County 10-0 in the open-

(See WINS, page four)

Get your ticket and your seat

State baseball ticket/parking information

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - All tickets will be sold through the Lexington Legends Box Office. Normal ticket hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (ET),

Monday through Friday. In addition, the box office will be open beginning at noon on Championship Saturday. Tickets will be priced at \$7 and \$10 per ticket including the Super Club, Club & Field Box (RED & BLUE) seating areas, with children 2 and under admitted free.

All seats sold for the tournament will be reserved seats and each team is designated to selected ticket sec-

tions for each game. In addition, there will be discounted tickets available through advance sales in accordance with the following schedule. Advance tickets are available by calling the box office at Applebees Park, 859/422-7867 prior to the close of business (4 p.m. ET) on Tuesday for each team's first

(See TICKET, page two)

Paintsville Pro Am postponed

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - Good news and bad news came last week for area golfers interested in competing in the annual Paintsville Pro Am Invitational Tournament. The bad news is the fact that the tournament was postponed. The good news is that the tournament will be held, just later than previously scheduled.

Paintsville Country Club pro Larry G. Ward postponed the annual tournament because of the threat of more inclement weather. The tournament has been rescheduled for July 30-Aug. 1.

The Paintsville gold course recently held its K-Day scramble. University of Kentucky head football coach Rich Brooks was present and over 130 people participated in the K-Day event.

JCHS girls hosting team camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - The Johnson Central High School girls' basketball team is hosting a 10-team camp. The camp got underway on Monday and runs through Friday.

Games are being played each morning at 10 a.m. with the last game of the day ending around 10 p.m.

Gyms at Johnson Central High School, Johnson County Middle School and Highland Elementary are hosting games. Junior varsity games are being played at Highland Elementary.

Teams in the camp include Johnson Central, Paintsville, Belfry, Magoffin County, Sheldon Clark, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Lawrence County, Betsy

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Couch agrees to one-year deal with Packers

by TOM WITHERS
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tim Couch took a huge pay cut to get a fresh start with the Green Bay Packers and serve as the back-up quarterback to one of his idols.

Couch, released last week after five stormy seasons with the Cleveland Browns, agreed to terms Monday on a one-year contract to play behind Brett Favre.

"I'm excited," Couch said Monday night from his offseason home in Florida. "This is a great opportunity for me to start a new

chapter in my career. And, I'm going to a team that has a real chance to win the Super Bowl."

Couch said his contract with Green Bay was for just the 2004 season, but that the Packers have already talked to him about the possibility of extending it. He'll officially sign on Tuesday.

The deal is worth a reported \$1.25 million - a steep drop in salary for Couch, who would have made \$7.6 million this season and \$8 million in 2005 if he stayed with

(See COUCH, page two)



The 2004 Minor League Reds completed their season with a 12-0 record. The team first won the pre-season tournament then went on to go undefeated throughout the regular season. The winning Reds team consists of (back row) assistant coaches Tony Stumbo and Mike Goble, head coach Bobby Jo Spencer and assistant coach Barry Rice. Second row: Ike Hawkins, Jordan Slone, Lindsey Wallen, Tyler Harmon, Tate Goble, Jordan Bishop and Tyler Stumbo. Third row: Jordan Ray, Andrew Rice and Dylan Blair. Front row: Katie Goble and Haley Wallen, siblings and members of the Reds T-ball team. Not pictured is Cassidy Frasure. The team is sponsored by Doctors Furcolow and Stumbo. The Reds are set to being play in a post-season tournament.

Changed burden of proof in athletes' drug cases leads to concerns

by ROB GLOSTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The switch to a lower burden of proof in doping cases has raised concerns among some lawyers representing athletes under scrutiny for possible drug violations.

But the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which plans to apply the less-stringent standard in those cases, said Monday it simply is conforming to long-held international standards.

Edward Williams, a lawyer who has represented athletes involved in doping cases, said it would be "shocking" for the USADA to change the burden of proof in ongoing cases.

"You can't change the rules in midstream. You can't change the burden of proof," Williams said. "If it is true, it is yet another example of USADA trying to ensure the outcome of its cases."

The move, revealed in USADA memos obtained Sunday by The Associated Press, could make it easier for the agency to bring cases against Olympic champion Marion Jones and other athletes. Jones is under investigation by the USADA, while four other U.S. athletes have been formally notified that the USADA is pursuing possible doping cases against them.

Since none of the athletes in those cases failed a drug test, the USADA is building cases based on documents and other circumstantial evidence deriving from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative case. Documents from the grand jury investigation of BALCO were subpoenaed by a Senate committee and then turned over to the USADA.

Until recently, the International Association of Athletics Federations had used

"beyond a reasonable doubt" as the burden of proof in doping cases worldwide — the same standard used in U.S. criminal courts.

The IAAF on March 1 conformed to World Anti-Doping Code language saying drug cases must be proven "to the comfortable satisfaction" of the panel hearing the case.

It's a standard used regularly in professional misconduct cases, such as those involving doctors and lawyers. And it has been used by the Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sport in dozens of doping cases as far back as the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Article 3.1 of the World Anti-Doping Code, which was adopted a year ago, states that such a standard "is greater than a mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt."

Howard Jacobs, an attorney representing 100-meter world record holder Tim Montgomery — one of the four athletes told by the USADA that they are targets of possible doping cases — said the doping offenses were alleged to have occurred before March 1, and therefore the old "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard must be applied.

"The standard is the one that was applicable at the time the doping offense allegedly

occurred," Jacobs said. "You can't apply a new rule like that retroactively."

But one of the USADA memos says that since such cases were initiated by the anti-doping agency after March 1, the less-stringent burden of proof now in effect should be applied.

Travis Tygart, the USADA's legal affairs director, said his

agency simply is applying standards set out in a worldwide code and adopted by the IAAF.

"We don't mandate the rules, we enforce the rules," he said Monday. "The world has set comfortable satisfaction as its standard since it most appropriately balances the right of clean athletes and fair sport against the interests of the accused."

The attorney for Kelli White,

who admitted doping violations and accepted a two-year ban, said the new burden of proof is vague — and its application could hurt accused athletes.

"What the heck does (comfortable satisfaction) mean? I think we'd need to define that," Jerrold Colton said. "It conjures up a rather lesser standard,

(See **CONCERNS**, page three)

Anti-doping agency changes burden of proof in athletes' cases

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a shift that could significantly hurt Olympic champion Marion Jones and other athletes under investigation for possible drug violations, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency plans to start using a less-stringent burden of proof in doping cases.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of a USADA memorandum calling for such a change, which was dated June 1 and written by USADA Director of Legal Affairs Travis Tygart. The existence of the memo was first reported Sunday by The Washington Post.

USADA spokesman Rich Wanninger said Sunday he could not comment.

The memo says the standard burden of proof used in U.S. criminal courts — "beyond a reasonable doubt" — has been replaced with the requirement that USADA prove doping "to the comfortable satisfaction" of the panel hearing the case.

Tygart's memo said the change reflects world anti-doping rules that took effect March 1.

Such a change could make it much easier for the USADA to conclude there were doping violations that could lead to bans from this summer's Athens Olympics.

Jones won an unprecedented five track medals at the 2000

Sydney Olympics and has hinted she might try to match that mark at the Athens Games. She repeatedly has denied using performance-enhancing drugs and has vowed to fight any USADA charges.

Jones met with USADA officials last month to discuss possible drug evidence against her, and received a letter from the agency this week asking follow-up questions. On Friday, she asked that her grand jury testimony in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution case be released to her so she could pass it on to the USADA.

She was one of several dozen athletes who testified last fall before a grand jury that ultimately indicted four men on charges of distributing steroids to top athletes.

Four prospective Olympic medalists — including Jones' boyfriend, 100-meter world record holder Tim Montgomery — received letters last week informing them the USADA is pursuing possible doping cases against them that could result in bans from the Athens Games.

The USADA probe of Jones and other athletes is based on documents from the grand jury investigation of BALCO that were subpoenaed by a Senate committee and then turned over to the USADA. None of the athletes has failed a drug test.

Couch

the Browns.

In Green Bay, Couch will back up Favre, the three-time NFL MVP whom he has admired from afar.

"Just getting a chance to be around Brett will be awesome," Couch said. "He's someone I can definitely learn a lot from him, and I'm looking forward to being on a team with him."

Couch was finally let go last Friday by the Browns, who left him dangling for months. The team tried to work out a trade with Green Bay, but didn't think it could get equal value in return.

Couch's fate was sealed when Cleveland signed Jeff Garcia in March.

The former No. 1 overall draft pick said he didn't appreciate the way he was treated by the Browns the past few months.

"I didn't agree with the way they handled it," he said. "I expected to be released when they signed Garcia, but that's not what happened. It was tough being in limbo for so long. I'm just glad it's over."

Couch said several other teams were interested in signing him, but that Green Bay was the

Smarty Jones' owners map colt's future

by CHRIS DUNCAN
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LOUISVILLE — Smarty Jones may still be racing next year, but the colt's owners already are planning his retirement.

Pat and Roy Chapman spent most of last week touring breeding farms in Kentucky, looking for a place for the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner to embark on his career as a stallion. They will choose as early as this week from nine finalists.

"I wish we could say it was easy to rule anybody out," Pat Chapman said during a visit to Churchill Downs on Saturday. "It is not an easy job. We are enamored with every one, for one reason or another."

The Chapmans would not specify which farms they visited, nor how much they are asking for Smarty Jones' breeding rights. They promised, though, the colt will not leave the country.

"I keep reading in the newspapers that he's America's horse and we want to make sure he stays America's horse," Pat Chapman said. "America's horse stays in America."

Another certainty: Smarty

Jones will not end up breeding alongside his sire, Elusive Quality, at Gainsborough Farm in Versailles. David Williamson, the farm's bloodstock and pedigree adviser, said the Chapmans didn't stop there last week.

Williamson is curious to learn the stud fee Smarty Jones will command.

"Everybody is in a guessing

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Rates

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receive financial aid until after their initial year or who transferred from another institution and subsequently received a grant-in aid.

Prestonsburg High alum Nathan Leslie, who currently plays in the National Indoor Football League, is set to graduate from Marshall University.

This year's overall graduation rate for all 94 schools reporting was 59%. Forty-nine of the members responding were above the average and 45 were below the average. The median graduation rate was 60%, compared to 59% last year and 61% two years ago.

Marshall has made the AFCA's honorable mention list, which honors schools with a 70% graduation rate or higher, six out of the last seven years.

Two schools, Boston College and Northwestern, achieved a 100% graduation rate. Other schools joining Marshall on the honorable mention include Ball

State, Bowling Green, Duke, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kansas State, Maryland, Memphis, Miami-Florida, Miami-Ohio, Nebraska, Notre Dame, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma State, Rice, Southern Mississippi, Syracuse, Texas Tech, Toledo, Vanderbilt, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, West Virginia, and Western Michigan.

Thundering Herd Graduation Rates Over the Last Seven Years (Year class entered school):

1998-99:	83%
1997-98:	79%
1996-97:	62%
1995-96:	90%
1994-95:	92%
1993-94:	89%
1992-93:	84%

Ticket

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round game. If purchased in advance according to the deadlines and in the team sections, fans may purchase the tickets for \$6 per seat (\$1 off normal price). In addition, following each game, the box office will remain open one-half hour after the games are complete to sell advance tickets for the team's next round game at \$6.00 per ticket.

For all walk-up and game day ticket sales, the tickets will be full price based on the section. Admission gates will open one hour before the start of the first game each day. Please advise your fans that the gates will not open until this time. In addition, please remind your fans that with reserved seating, they need to make plans to be at the park as early as possible to avoid long lines at the box offices.

Parking in the main general lot next to Applebee's Park will be \$3 per car. VIP Parking will be \$5.

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Layne and defending 15th Region champ Pike County Central.

Pikeville College will host a team camp later in the summer.

Lady Eagles Camp

Coach Phillip Wireman and the Johnson Central High girls' basketball program will host the annual Lady Eagles Camp June 21-24. The camp is for players ages 8-17. The cost is \$60. For more information, call 789-2500.

Fans

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In its 38th year, the Driver of the Year's award for this quarter will be determined by an independent vote of the 18-member panel of blue ribbon auto racing journalists and broadcasters and one vote based on the cumulative tally of fans' voting at www.speedtv.com.

"While it's always an honor and a pleasure to see former Drivers of the Year perform in championship form, I'm glad to see new talent making their mark on racing community,"

said Driver of the Year president, Barry Schmoeyer, adding "the new faces make it more of a challenge when considering the balloting."

At the end of the year a special and separate vote will be held for the 2004 Driver of the Year.

Although some drivers have a devoted following Rice and Truex certainly spiced up the second quarter. All voters will have to take a little extra time before making their decisions.

CHIROPRACTIC GETS HIGH RATING

Because of the growing use of complementary and alternative health therapies, a study in the journal *Spine* assessed the prevalence of use for different forms of care for back and neck pain. A national telephone survey of over 2,000 Americans asked a series of questions on whether or not each respondent suffered from any forms of back or neck pain the previous year, and if so, the type of treatment sought.

Chiropractic was the most-used complementary therapy, with 20 percent of back or neck pain sufferers seeking this form of treatment. Overall, complementary medicine was used far more than conventional medicine, or 54 percent versus 37 percent. More significantly, chiropractic was considered more helpful than conventional medicine. Over 60 percent of sufferers considered chiropractic "very helpful" for treating back and neck pain, compared to 27 percent for conventional providers.

The study's researchers estimated that about 630 million annual visits are made to complementary therapy providers, a number that increases every year, and that a third of these visits are specifically for back or neck pain. If you are having back or neck problems, you should call your Doctor of Chiropractic for an appointment and join these satisfied patients.

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Johnson overcomes NASCAR mistake to win Pocono 500

by DAN GELSTON
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LONG POND, Pa. — It was the race that almost got away from Jimmie Johnson.

But in a year in which Johnson has been perhaps the most dominant driver on the Nextel Cup circuit, everything fell into place at the right time. Johnson used a near-flawless

performance to overcome a NASCAR mistake to win another caution-filled race Sunday at Pocono Raceway.

"I think it makes our race team look stronger," Johnson

said of NASCAR's pit-stop mis- cue. "We were able to overcome something that was thrown at us. I think that's what our team is capable of doing every week."

They might need to at the rate NASCAR changes its rules.

Johnson was leading when the pit road official opened the service lane one lap early during a late caution period. Johnson was unable to pit while most of the cars behind him did. He had to pit later and it cost him the front spot on the restart.

Instead of penalizing the violators, NASCAR let the field stand. Johnson and crew chief Chad Knaus said they never received an explanation from NASCAR.

NASCAR president Mike

Helton apologized for the error after the race.

Johnson went from first to 23rd after the mix-up but raced his way back to the front. He then built on his lead on several late restarts on the 2 1/2-mile triangular track and led 126 of the 200 laps.

Johnson took the lead for good on lap 174 and took the high road after the race. He was glad the mistake didn't cost him.

"I'd be furious, absolutely furious," he said.

Instead, he had plenty to celebrate as he swigged some victory champagne. He won for the second time in three weeks, the third time this year and the ninth time in his career.

He's led 820 miles in the last

three races, has two more seconds in his last five starts and cut Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s points lead to 58. The hunt for his first championship is heating up.

"It's hard to get too confident," Johnson said. "We should be one of the teams that could be competing for the championship. It's something we really want to do. We've had two great seasons and were building for a championship year."

Jeremy Mayfield, who has two of his three career victories at Pocono, finished second. He pushed Johnson hard inside and was about a car-length behind when another yellow flag came

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Colonial Colony pulls upset in Stephen Foster

by CHRIS DUNCAN
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LOUISVILLE — Colonial Colony, a 63-1 long shot, edged 3-2 favorite Southern Image by a nose at the wire to win Saturday's \$750,000 Grade 1 Stephen Foster Handicap for 3-year-olds and up at Churchill Downs.

Ridden by Rafael Bejarano, the 6-year-old son of Pleasant Colony took advantage of a sloppy track to win for the first time since Feb. 1, 2003. Colonial Colony paid \$127.20, \$22 and \$5.40, covering the 1 1-

8 miles in 1:50.4.

Colonial Colony won for only the fourth time in 29 starts and for the first time in 11 starts at Churchill Downs. The gelding earned \$502,665 for owners Lakeside Farms.

"He was going so fast around such good horses that it stunned me," said Walter Bindner, the horses's Churchill Downs-based trainer.

Southern Image, a 4-year-old son of Halo's Image, was unbeaten in his last five starts, three of them Grade 1 stakes.

Stewards needed only a brief look at the photo finish to

declare Colonial Colony the winner.

"I was never confident at all until the photo came in," said Bindner, who won a graded stakes for only the fourth time in his 30-year career.

The strong six-horse field also included multiple graded stakes winners Peace Rules, Perfect Drift and Midway Road and outsider Best Minister.

"Some of the best horses in America," Bindner said.

Southern Image paid \$3.40 and \$2.60. Perfect Drift, who won the Stephen Foster last year as a 4-year-old, was five lengths back in third and paid \$3.40.

Southern Image and Colonial Colony splashed out of the pack in the stretch and Southern Image took a slim lead under Victor Espinoza's hard left-handed whip. Colonial Colony, only hand-urged by Bejarano, made his winning surge in the final strides.

"When I looked to move him, I had a lot of horse," Bejarano said.

The Stephen Foster was the featured race on a full card of graded stakes at Churchill Downs.

It was the second graded win of the day for Bejarano, who also guided Suave to a three-length win over J. Town in the \$232,400 Grade 3 Northern Dancer for 3-year-olds.

Espinoza also won a graded stakes earlier in the day, riding Adoration to a 1 1/4-length win over Bare Necessities in the \$439,200 Grade 2 Fleur de Lis for fillies and mares, 3 years old and up.

Jockey Brice Blanc and trainer Kenny McPeck teamed for two graded stakes wins, both on the turf — Sister Star in the \$221,800 Grade 2 Regret for older fillies and mares and Prince Arch in the \$226,200 Grade 3 Jefferson Cup for 3-year-olds.

Florida race fan wins 2004 Daytona 500 pace car

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Debra McCann got a phone call from Daytona International Speedway President Robin Braig on Friday morning that every race fan dreams about.

Braig informed McCann, who resides in nearby Wilbur By The Sea, Fla., that she was randomly selected as the winner of the 2004 Daytona 500 Pace Car — a Chevrolet Corvette.

In a visit to www.daytonainternational Speedway.com McCann, a 45-year-old retail manager and Daytona 500 attendee since 2000, chose the online option to renew her Speedweeks tickets for 2005, which entered her in the "Win a Daytona 500 Pace Car Contest."

"I remember the contest but I

couldn't remember what the prize was," an excited McCann said. "I think it's incredible. I've never won a thing — ever."

On Monday afternoon, Braig presented McCann with the 2004 Daytona 500 pace car in Gatorade Victory Lane.

"We're glad to offer the convenience of purchasing and renewing tickets online to our thousands of race fans," Braig said. "We look forward to similar promotions in the future."

When asked about her plans for the one-of-a-kind racing memorabilia, McCann said she will drive the Corvette from time to time in the neighborhood.

"I'll definitely drive it," McCann said. "I've got a normal vehicle I drive. I'll probably use (the pace car) on special occasions."

Smarty

game," he said.

Smarty Jones was the sixth horse in eight years to win the first two legs of the Triple Crown only to fall short in the 1 1/2-mile Belmont Stakes.

Two other horses who lost their Triple Crown bids in the Belmont — Silver Charm and Real Quiet — stand at stud in Kentucky.

Silver Charm, now 10, is at Three Chimneys in Midway and commands a fee of \$25,000 per live foal. Real Quiet, a year younger, stands at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville and has a \$10,000 stud fee.

Storm Cat is the highest priced stallion in North America, commanding a \$500,000 stud fee at Overbrook Farm in Lexington.

The Chapmans are shopping Smarty because insurance premiums have skyrocketed as the

colt's value has increased.

"I don't want to get into prices, but it's just an astronomical figure," Pat Chapman said.

The Chapmans will not only set the price for Smarty, but also several conditions, including the right to run the chestnut colt as a 4-year-old.

"If we want to race him, we'll race him," Roy Chapman said. "If we want to race him in his fourth year, we may do that. No firm decision has been made."

The Chapmans also want John Servis to remain Smarty's trainer. Servis will reserve the right to decide when and how often the colt races until retirement.

"He'll tell us how far we want to go," Roy Chapman said.

Another stipulation, set by Pat Chapman: The chosen farm

will make the colt easily accessible to the public. Since Smarty won the Derby on May 1, Pat Chapman said she has spent most nights writing responses to bundles of letters from well-wishers.

"If he continues to be as popular a horse as he has been, it's important that people will continue to be able to visit him," she said. "Everybody we've talked to said they will be able to restructure their visitation rights."

George Isaacs, the general manager of Bridlewood Farm near Ocala, Fla., accompanied the Chapmans on their tours. Smarty Jones was broken as a yearling at Isaacs' farm and the Chapmans turned to him for counsel after the Preakness.

Isaacs said the Chapmans are also seeking a farm that won't overbreed the colt.

"We would want a farm that will find the right number of mares that will maximize his potential and control supply and demand," Isaacs said.

The Chapmans said they will sit down with Isaacs and Servis and a financial adviser before making their choice. Isaacs said he will offer recommendations, but hopes the final decision will be the Chapmans' alone.

"They need to let their hearts guide them," said Isaacs, a Kentucky native. "They need to go with whomever they feel the most comfortable with for a long-term relationship. They're good people and what's important is that this great story has a happy ending."

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Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne head coach
Cassandra Akers looks on as her team takes on Magoffin Co. in the Johnson Central Lady Eagles basketball camp



photo by
Jamie Howell

Kim Clark is one of the top returning players in Eastern Kentucky this upcoming season



Smarty Jones' connections receive Derby trophy

by CHRIS DUNCAN
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LOUISVILLE — Smarty Jones' owner Roy Chapman brushed away tears at Churchill Downs as a bugler played "My Old Kentucky Home," the traditional song played before the Kentucky Derby.

Chapman, his wife, Pat, and trainer John Servis returned Saturday to where their colt's emotional, but unsuccessful, Triple Crown quest began with his Derby victory on May 1.

The group spent 90 minutes signing autographs for hundreds of fans before receiving their engraved Derby trophies on a drizzily, overcast afternoon reminiscent of Derby Day.

"For me, it's extra special because when we won the Derby, I didn't get to enjoy very much of it because you're jumping right into the Preakness," Servis said. "This is the day I get to enjoy it all and I'm loving every minute of it."

Fans from as far away as Arkansas and New York lined up to meet the colt's connections. Servis said the colt's one-length loss to Birdstone in last Saturday's Belmont hasn't dimmed his popularity.

"A couple of people from New York told me I had to bring the horse back to redeem ourselves," Servis said. "It's great, because that tells you how excited everybody still is about the horse."

Pat Chapman said the flow of letters and e-mails hasn't slowed despite Smarty's failure to become the first Triple Crown winner since 1978.

"That's one of the tremendous things, that the fans have not changed their minds," she said. "That's what I was so worried about. Both of us said we don't care so much about winning the race for us, but winning the race for all the fans. Our worst fears have not been realized."

Pat Chapman said a couple from Alaska introduced themselves while the Chapmans were having dinner at a Louisville hotel on Friday night.

"They had never followed horse racing before, but they had fallen in love with Smarty Jones," Chapman said.

The Chapmans said Smarty will race again this year, but Servis will decide where and when. Servis said the colt will rest for three more weeks before he trains again.

"Then I'll sit down with Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, show them a couple of game plans I have mapped out and we'll figure out which one's the best to get him to the Breeders' Cup at the right time," Servis said.

The Chapmans have been in Kentucky since Tuesday, scouting out horse farms for Smarty Jones' planned stud career. They had narrowed their list to nine and expected to make a decision within two weeks.

Servis, meanwhile, is looking forward to some time off after a whirlwind six weeks.

"This week will be the week I really get to reminisce and soak it all up," Servis said. "Now that it's over, looking back on it, it seems like it flew by. It's kind of hard to explain. It's been like a dream come true."

Concerns

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which could be detrimental to the athlete."

Jones met with USADA officials last month to discuss possible drug evidence against her, and received a letter from the agency last week asking follow-up questions. On Friday, she asked that her grand jury testimony in the BALCO case be released to her so she could pass it on to the USADA.

She was one of several dozen athletes who gave secret testimony last fall before the grand jury that ultimately

indicted four men for distributing steroids to top athletes.

Jones won an unprecedented five track medals at the 2000 Sydney Olympics and has hinted she might try to match that mark at the Athens Games. She repeatedly has denied using performance-enhancing drugs and has vowed to fight any USADA charges.

AP National Writer Ben Walker in New York contributed to this report.

Indy Groove wins Churchill feature

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Indy Groove, with Mark Guidry aboard, held off two challengers in the stretch for a 2 1/4-length win over Family Business in Sunday's featured \$52,900 allowance for fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up at Churchill Downs.

The 4-year-old daughter of A.P. Indy won for the second time in three starts this year, covering the 1 1/16 miles on a

fast track in 1:45.12. She paid \$3.40, \$2.20 and \$2.10.

Family Business, ridden by Pat Day, paid \$2.40 and \$2.10. Red Cell, with John McKee in the saddle, finished 3 1/2 lengths back in third and paid \$2.10.

Owned by the Glen Hill Farm of Leonard Lavin and trained by Tom Proctor, Indy Groove earned \$33,125 to increase her lifetime earnings to \$148,710. The win was her third in eight starts.

Thome waits out a rain delay to celebrate his 400th career home run

by DAN GELSTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Jim Thome's shot sailed high over the left-center field wall, sending the crowd into a frenzy as he pumped his fist to celebrate his apparent 400th career home run. It was the most memorable moment in the brief history of Philadelphia's new ballpark — and there was a chance it wouldn't count. Rain nearly wiped out Thome's first-inning homer. A rain delay in the third inning left the lefty slugger staring at the Doppler radar inside the clubhouse wondering if the rain would pass and the homer would stand. "In my mind, I was trying to think positive that the rain was going to get out of there," he

said. Well, the rain never really did go away. The game was stopped three times, with delays totaling 3 hours, 54 minutes, and ended at 2:06 on Tuesday morning. Still, the Phillies won 10-7 in eight innings and Thome officially became the 37th player to hit 400 homers. He dreaded having to possibly replicate the moment. "You don't ever imagine ever doing anything like this," he said. "It's special." Ryan Madson (4-1) earned the win and John Riedling (4-1) lost — both in relief. The Phillies used seven pitchers, the Reds six. There were 13 hits by each team, and Sean Casey and Jason LaRue each hit two homers for the Reds. The Reds gave Ken Griffey Jr. the game off. They decided to

wait at least another day to try for his 500th homer. The sellout crowd of 44,710, the largest ever at Philadelphia's new ballpark, erupted when Thome homered. There couldn't have been any other reaction by the fans who have embraced Thome like few others. "I think it was great how the fans have treated me here," Thome said. "To give that back to them is a special, special thing for sure." Then one fan gave back to Thome. Todd Stark of Glenmont, N.Y. ended up with Thome's homer. The two met after the game and Stark received an autographed hat, bat and jersey from Thome. "It's Christmas," Thome said, laughing. Stark thanked Thome and posed for a picture with a wide smile.

Thome has made a knack for hitting dramatic homers since he signed with the Phillies as a free agent in 2002 after 12 years in Cleveland. He became an instant fan favorite with his down-home charm and mammoth homers, making the biggest impact on the notoriously prickly fans since Philadelphia signed Pete Rose. The night started with plenty of buzz over the chance for Thome and Griffey to both hit milestone homers. Griffey, however, was out of the lineup, giving him a better chance to hit his 500th home run at home in Cincinnati. The crowd booed when they heard Ryan Freel introduced as Cincinnati's starting center fielder. Their disappointment didn't last long. Flashbulbs popped all over the park on every pitch as Thome dug in against starter Jose Acevedo. Fans gasped on several foul balls, thinking each swing would be the one.

Thome battled back from an 0-2 count to get it to 3-2, then send the ball over the fence. "He does rise to the occasion, doesn't he?" manager Larry Bowa said. Thome pumped his right fist as he rounded first base and pointed to the crowd. He was mobbed by teammates when he reached home plate on the two-

run shot. The fans gave Thome a standing ovation and he emerged from the dugout for a curtain call shortly before Pat Burrell followed with a solo homer. Thome's wife, Andrea, jumped up and down in a luxury box while holding daughter Lila Grace. He said he barely noticed the

flashes or the noise as he circled the bases. Later in the game, when Reds left fielder Adam Dunn reached first, he told Thome the ovation was the loudest he ever heard in a stadium. "I thought to myself I didn't

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Griffey out of starting lineup with 499 homers

by DAN GELSTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Ken Griffey Jr. was out of the starting lineup Monday night in Philadelphia, giving him a better chance to hit his 500th home run at home in Cincinnati. Griffey hit No. 499 on Sunday. The decision to give him a day off for rest was a mutual one with manager Dave Miley, and Griffey was available to pinch-hit.

The game against the Phillies was a makeup from a rainout April 14. Cincinnati starts a three-game series back home at Great American Ball Park against Texas on Tuesday night. "For me, it's just trying to get it over with and we can move on," Griffey said before the Reds played the Phillies. "The team is more important than milestones. I want a championship ring and that's what I play for. Individual accomplishments will come." After missing most of the last three seasons with various injuries, Griffey has finally stayed healthy. He had played in 36 games in a row going into Monday night. Griffey, who homered Sunday at Cleveland, is hitting .258 with 18 home runs and 49 RBIs. "He's a little worn out," Miley said. "We were hoping to get him a couple of days off here and there. It just hasn't worked out. Today's the day." Ryan Freel started in center field in place of Griffey. Griffey sat in the middle of the clubhouse, smiling as he played cards with a few team-

mates. The rest delayed a possible milestone homer showdown between Griffey and Phillies first baseman Jim Thome, who has 399 career homers. Thome was in the lineup. "There go your headlines," joked Reds reliever Todd Jones after the lineup card was posted. Griffey's family still followed him to Philadelphia. He had approximately two dozen

relatives with him in Oakland. They accompanied him for the intrastate series against Cleveland. Griffey said he left about 22 tickets in Philadelphia. Ken Griffey Sr. was in the clubhouse joking with former Cy Young winner Frank Viola. Griffey Sr. declined interviews, though. "I'm here as a dad," he said.

Wins

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ing round of the 57th District Tournament. The Golden Eagles beat rival Paintsville in the championship game of the district tournament. In the 15th Tournament, Johnson Central rolled over defending region champ Allen Central in the first round, upended 15th Region favorite and tournament host Pikeville in the second round, and beat rival Paintsville, again, 4-1, in the championship game. Before the post-season, Johnson Central had dropped two regular-season games to the rival Tigers. State tournament play begins today. Johnson Central and Ashland will square off in the first round of the state tourney tonight in the second game at 8:30. Christian County and North Hardin will play in the first game. First pitch for the first game is set for 6. Heath, Lafayette, Trinity and Beechwood are the other teams playing for a state title.

One of the state's top all-around athletes has decided to stay with his team and play in the state baseball tournament. By playing in the state baseball tournament, Trinity senior Brian Brohm will not be playing in the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star Football Game. **State baseball field** (All games at Applebee's Park in Lexington) **Wednesday, June 16** Christian County vs. North Hardin, 6 p.m. Ashland Blazer vs. Johnson Central, 8:30 p.m. Thursday Heath vs. Lafayette, 6 p.m. Trinity vs. Beechwood, 8:30 p.m. **Friday** Semifinal No. 1, 6 p.m. Semifinal No. 2, 8:30 p.m. **Saturday** Championship game, 7 p.m.

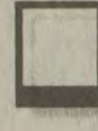
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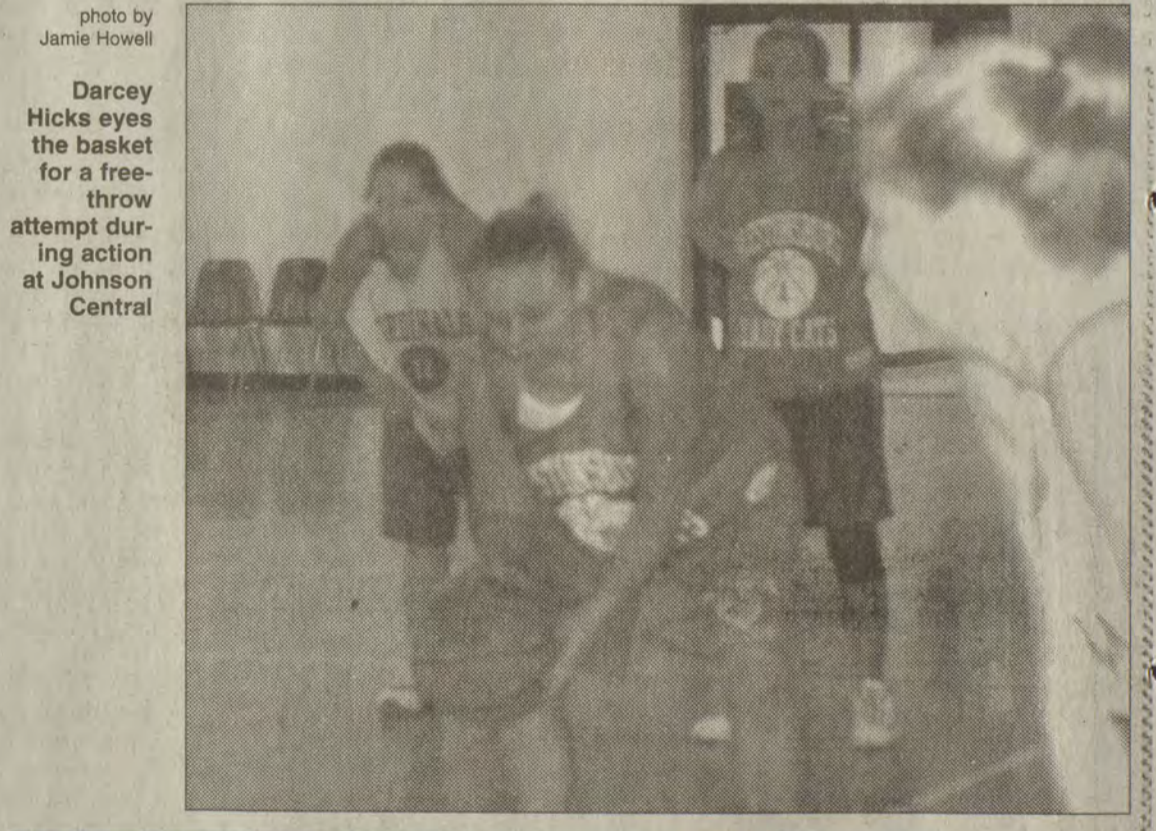


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Darcey Hicks eyes the basket for a free-throw attempt during action at Johnson Central

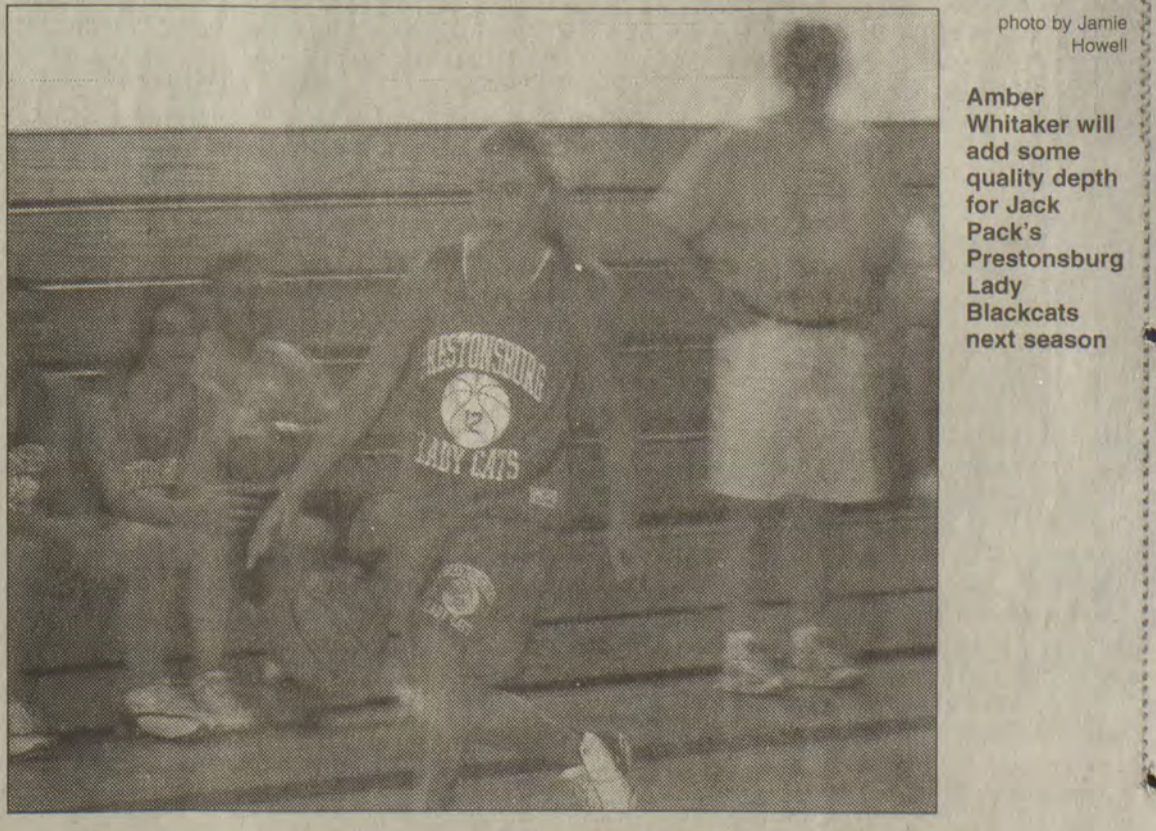


photo by Jamie Howell
Amber Whitaker will add some quality depth for Jack Pack's Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats next season

NASCAR

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out with three laps left. Mayfield said the cautions had little effect on the finish. "The best car won the race," he said. "It would be different if somebody who hadn't been running up front all day won." Bobby Labonte, who won the 1999 Pocono 500 and the 1999 and 2001 Pennsylvania 500, was third. The race ended under caution because Dale Jarrett and Jeff Burton blew engines. After only three cautions in the first 100 laps, there were eight in the last

100. The 11 cautions equaled last week's fiasco at Dover which forced NASCAR to change several caution rules. Helton apologized to the drivers in the prerace meeting, then was back explaining his side again to reporters after the race. Or trying to, at least. "I can't explain why days like today happen," said Helton, who added the rules would be re-examined this week.

It doesn't seem like anything will slow down Johnson, who's suddenly looking like the old Jeff Gordon, his mentor and the co-owner of his car. After two straight back-of-the-field finishes, Gordon finished fourth. Johnson and Gordon propelled Hendrick Motorsports to one of its strongest performances of the year. Terry Labonte finished seventh and Brian Vickers led rookies with a 13th-place finish. Gordon congratulated

Johnson, then ripped NASCAR for another week of caution and confusion. "I want to apologize to the fans," Gordon said. "That was absolutely uncalled for today to run that many laps under caution and all the disputes on pit road. I'm embarrassed." There was also tension off the track. Rusty Wallace knocked out Michael Waltrip; Robby Gordon took out Tony Stewart and Ryan Newman; and Kevin Harvick and Matt Kenseth both spun each other out. "I don't know why he decided to try and wreck me," Harvick said of Kenseth. "He needs to check his ego because it's getting to big." Said Newman: "I guess Robby Gordon just ran out of talent."

Thome

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even hear anything," Thome said. Thome expects Griffey to get a similar reaction when he returns to Cincinnati. The Reds start a three-game series at Great American Ball Park against Texas on Tuesday night. "I'm sure that's kind of the plan why he didn't play," Thome said. Thome is signed to a six-year contract, so Bowa expects to see more momentous homers. "Hopefully you'll see the 500th and 600th in a Phillies uniform," Bowa said.

NOTE

Times Sports Editor Steve LeMaster is on vacation. He will be back in the office on Monday, June 21.

Rescheduled Hilltopper Baseball Little League Camp set to start June 21

BOWLING GREEN — With Western Kentucky University's participation in the 2004 NCAA Baseball Regional, head coach Joel Murrie was forced to postpone his annual Little League Day Camp. That camp has now been rescheduled for June 21-24.

The purpose of the Hilltopper Baseball Camp is to provide basic fundamental instruction for each player who attends. Individual instruction will be given to each player in specific areas such as hitting, pitching, fielding and base running. Specialized drills will be implemented to develop performance and games will be played to enhance the team concept and the instincts needed to be a successful player. Those interested in the league and needing more information should contact Western baseball coach Joel Murrie in the WKU

Daniels to transfer to NAIA school

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville guard Nate Daniels is transferring to NAIA power Mountain State after playing only one season with the Cardinals. The 6-foot-7 Daniels

appeared all 30 games last season, averaging 5.6 points and 1.6 rebounds. He went 40 of 97 from 3-point range (41 percent) in 2003-04, the highest percentage among Cardinals who started at least one game. Daniels transferred to Louisville in 2003 from Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He will have one season of eligibility remaining. "He wants a much bigger role in his basketball life," said Louisville coach Rick Pitino. "We agree that it's in his best interest to transfer to an NAIA school. He's a terrific young man and we wish him nothing but the best." Mountain State went 37-1 last season, winning the NAIA championship.

Reds promote outfielder Clark, demote pitcher Valentine

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds purchased the contract of infielder-outfielder Jermaine Clark from Triple-A Louisville on Monday and optioned pitcher Joe Valentine to Louisville.

Clark hit .272 in 59 games with Louisville with 10 doubles, two triples, eight home runs, 32 RBIs and 13 stolen bases. Valentine, a right-hander, went 0-1 with a 14.54 ERA in one start and one relief appearance for Cincinnati.

Supreme Court to look at retaliation for complaints about unequal treatment for women

by ANNE GEARAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to hear a case that could expand the protection offered by Title IX, the federal law known best for promoting women's athletics.

The 1972 law bars sex discrimination in schools and education generally. It already is settled that students or others who think they were short-changed can even the playing field in court. Sometime next fall, the court will look at whether the law also protects people who are not themselves the victim of discrimination but who suffer consequences because they have complained about it.

At the urging of the Bush administration and others, the court said it will hear an appeal from a former girls' basketball coach who claims he was fired when he complained that his players got second-class facilities and less money than the boys.

Title IX bars sex discrimination in "any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." It is not explicit about protection for whistle-blowers.

Roderick Jackson had been a public school gym teacher and girls' basketball coach in Birmingham, Ala., for several years before the school system transferred him to Ensley High School.

Jackson said he quickly discovered that Ensley denied his team equal financing, equipment or facilities, and he protested to his supervisors.

Jackson claims he received poor performance reviews after he complained, and in May 2001 he was fired as coach. He remained on the school's payroll as a teacher.

When Jackson sued, a federal judge threw out the case on grounds that Title IX includes no specific right to go to court over alleged retaliation. The

Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the same way last year, noting the law "makes no mention of retaliation at all."

Jackson's lawyers said that view undermines the purpose of Title IX and is at odds with other federal courts.

"If schools and other defendants could freely retaliate against those who protest discriminatory treatment, they would effectively be engaging in the discrimination prohibited by" the law, lawyers from the National Women's Law Center wrote.

Lawyers for the Birmingham school board argued the high court should not get involved. In passing Title IX, Congress did not intend to give individuals this kind of power to sue, the school system argued.

Also, the lawyers argued, allowing such a retaliation suit could open the door for other litigation claiming schools had spent money unfairly.

"Bringing disputes about allocation of facilities and equipment into federal court under an anti-retaliation rubric would serve only to divert scarce resources away from the educational mission," the lawyers wrote.

The case gives the court its first opportunity to consider the scope of Title IX since the Bush administration reviewed whether the law was being implemented fairly. Critics such as the College Sports Council, an organization of coaches and athletic groups, say that Title IX can lead to schools cutting sports programs for men to create a better balance in male-female athletics.

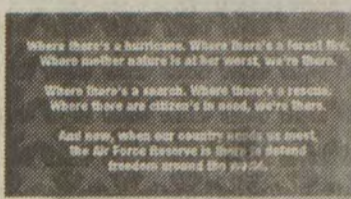
Women's sports and legal groups said they feared the administration would undermine the law and set back advancements in women's athletics, and a commission studying Title IX bogged down in disagreement. Ultimately, education officials said last year they would reaffirm and better explain their policies.

"Congress would have understood that, by prohibiting sex discrimination in federally funded educational programs, it was simultaneously forbidding recipients from retaliating against persons who complain about that form of discrimination," Solicitor General Theodore Olson wrote.

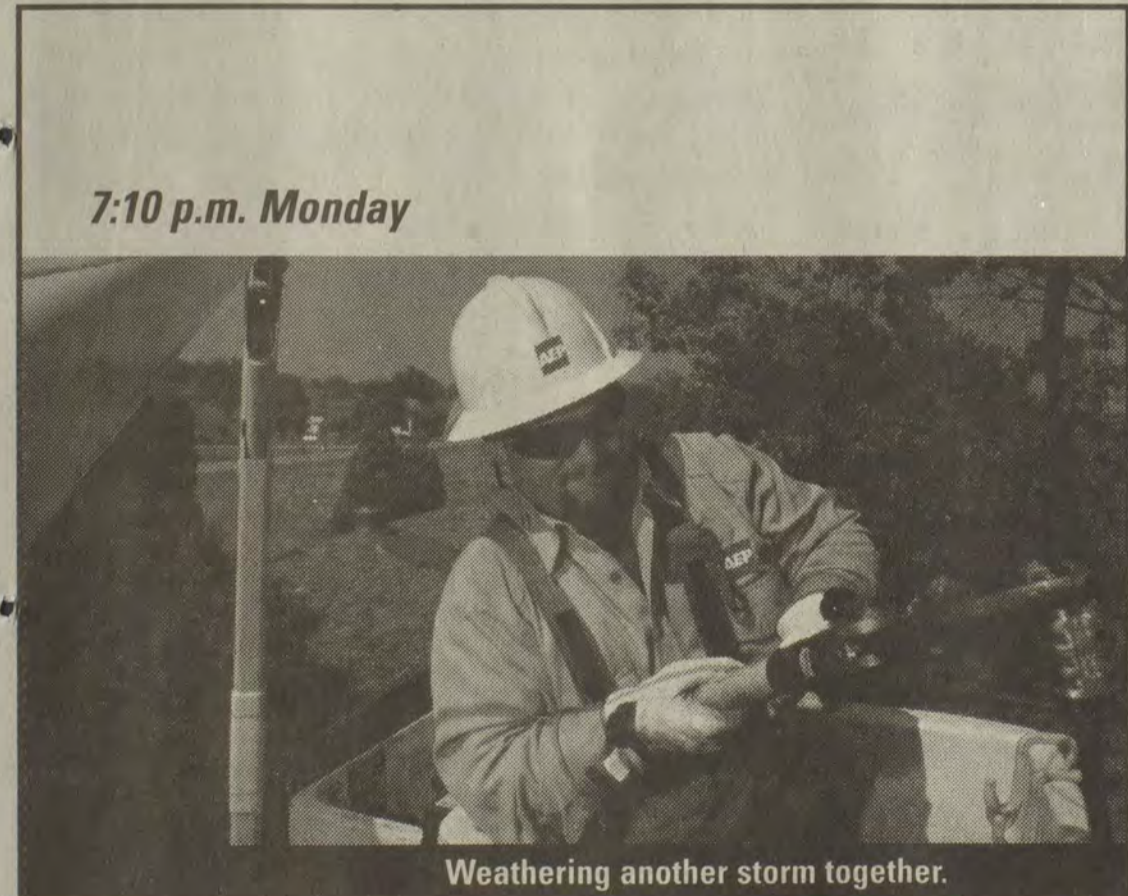
"Congress would have seen no need to enact a prohibition that specifically referred to retaliation," he said.

The administration also argued it makes no sense to limit protection under Title IX to students or others directly affected by alleged sex discrimination.

"Teachers and coaches, are often in a much better position to identify sex discrimination and express opposition to it than are the students who are denied equal educational opportunities," Olson wrote.



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POISON OAK

Life without Tubby, Fat-So and Pudge

After reading Sunday's paper, I spent a few minutes trying to remember them. Back in the 1940s, we would have no doubt called them Tubby or Fat-So or Pudge. But try as I might, and I'm reputed to have a pretty good memory about such things, I couldn't think of a single kid in our neighborhood who was obese. (Of course, if there had been, we wouldn't have called them "obese." They'd simply have been "fat kids.")

Unfortunately, I can't say that about those same individuals some 50 years later, because a dozen or so of us are currently carrying an extra good-sized person around with us. But when we were kids? No way!

Anyway, the newspaper article said that today, Kentuckians rank fourth in the number of fat people. Furthermore, the story stated that about 25 percent of our pre-schoolers, and about half of our sixth graders, were either overweight or on the verge of becoming so.

I guess it's pretty easy to figure out why we had no obesity among our young people, if you compare the way we coal-camp kids lived then, with the way folks live now.

I mean, take sports, for example. When we played baseball, we really did play baseball. Like, we really did swing a bat, we'd really throw a ball (often



Clyde Pack

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KIM'S KORNER

Home, sweet, home

Taking people, places and things for granted in our lives is something we all can be guilty of every now and then. If you happened to see the special on Floyd County this past Saturday night on WYMT, and reside in this very county, you got a really good glimpse of some pretty special places, activities, etc. that good ol' Floyd County has to offer.



Kim Frasure

Spouse and I took advantage of the opportunity to visit one of our newest additions in this county over the weekend. The East Kentucky Science Center, where we took part in one awesome laser show in the center's Planetarium.

Q-95, along with East KY Science Center, hosted the show, "Dark Side of the Moon."

Oh yes, Pink Floyd lives on! Spouse, more so than I, is and always has been more of the Pink Floyd fan. I never really got into that clock chiming, synthesizer type music very much, but I can tell you one thing, it was absolutely perfect for this particular occasion.

This was our first visit to the planetarium and, enjoyable it was! The centerpiece of the isky theater is the GOTO Chronos Star Projector, and this is one bad boy, I am here to tell you. Sort of reminded me of R2D2, only stationary!

Anyway, this projector can transform (See KORNER, page three)

AARP

Cathy A. Murphy addresses Jenny Wiley Chapter AARP

Cathy Allgood Murphy, Legislative Advocate with the Kentucky AARP state office in Louisville, was the guest of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528 AARP, at the meeting held Friday, May 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. The meeting was called to order

by the president, James E. Goble, who read an inspirational poem, "The Arrow and the Song." Marie Goble, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, and Garnett Fairchild, treasurer, presented the financial report. Both of these reports were approved.

Following discussion, the chapter members present voted to hold future meetings, of the chapter, beginning with the meeting on June 18, at the First Presbyterian Church. Our speaker, Cathy Allgood Murphy addressed the chapter and reported that she was working with

state legislators to gain approval of legislation which would be favorable to senior citizens, and that she was getting good support from members of AARP, but that to get the job done, (See AARP, page three)



We, perhaps, don't have any German castles in Eastern Kentucky, but we do have Jenny Wiley Theatre, which brings to us each year, summers filled with adventure and productions that delight our imaginations. Here, Jenny Wiley Theatre's Master Electrician, Scott Glascock, tries out the flying effects for one of this season's headliners, Peter Pan. Peter Pan will open this coming Friday, June 18, and everyone is cordially invited to attend the pre-show Peter Pan Festival event which will begin at 6 PM. The Peter Pan Festival will feature face painting, games, prizes, photos with the characters, a silent auction, and lots of great food. Kids that come dressed in Peter Pan themed costumes will receive one free game ticket and will be called up on stage for a group photo before the show begins. For ticket information, call 1-877-CALL-JWT.

CASTLE ADVENTURE

Summary: A US tourist goes on a feast trip to a German castle and becomes a momentary star.

By Dr. Phyllis Puffer, ASSOC. PROFESSOR, BSCTS

One of the things we do not have in the US is castles. Some things have to be seen to be understood, and for me this has been castles. When I found myself in Germany, the first tour of a castle which came

my way saw me on it. It wasn't just a tour of the castle alone, it included a medieval dinner.

First everybody got on a bus and drove about two hours to Cochem Castle, which is beside the Mosel River near the town of Cochem. Then we walked up a long hill for about thirty minutes and were taken

on a tour of the part of the castle that has been restored and is safe to walk around in. Then everybody had dinner together. The keeper of the castle chose someone to be the owner of the castle and his wife and someone to be a visiting noble and his wife. They all sat at the head table with the master of ceremonies

who was the cause of it all. About one hundred people, all tourists, sat at long tables perpendicular to the head table. Castle servants (probably students on summer jobs all dressed up) brought

(See CASTLE, page four)

CRITTER CORNER

Wound care

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

I love it when readers write or e-mail with questions or suggestions for columns! It makes it so much easier for me to come up with a topic and I know that at least one person is interested in the subject. My e-mail address is carolbcac@tusa.net, and snail mail is 1768 KY Rt 7 Estill, KY 41666.

Here's a question I received last week from Marion in

Lowmansville: "Two weeks ago my dog was in what looked like a dog fight. She was with my husband outside and she took off up into the woods. When she came back, I found she had been bitten around the top of her back near her tail. I cut the hair away and found several puncture wounds, which I treated with peroxide and antibiotic cream. Despite my ministrations, the area abscessed anyway and our vet had to drain it and give her

antibiotics. What should I have done right after I saw the tooth punctures on her skin?" I don't think that Marion's problem was with the way she treated the wound; rather it was the type of wound that caused the difficulties. We classify wounds in broad categories of clean, contaminated, and infected. Clean wounds are created with very sharp objects that don't leave a lot of



This is "Hound Dog," a 2-year-old foxhound owned by 3-year-old River Stephen Ray Koger. River received Hound Dog as a gift from his Uncle Randy. River and Hound Dog live at Blaine.

(See CRITTER, page three)

School Calendar

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 stu-

dents. 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 post-partum

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

MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

■ 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

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YESTERDAYS

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Ten Years Ago

(June 15, and June 17, 1994)

Construction of a sewage treatment plant in Dwale, and a rash of dog poisonings, set the stage, Monday night, for heated and emotional discussions at the Allen City Commission meeting...A Pike County teen-ager died, Friday afternoon, in a one-vehicle accident in Floyd County. Christopher R. Fields, 16, of Pikeville, was traveling east on Mare Creek Road at Stanville, at a high rate of speed, when he apparently lost control of his vehicle in a curve and ran off the roadway, according to Kentucky State Police...Getting more for its money was what the Prestonsburg City Council had in mind when it drew up the budget for 1994-95, and made a few personnel changes. The council decided to consolidate the position of superintendent of public works, city manager, and mayor, as Mayor Jerry Fannin will be doing all three jobs for one salary...Floyd County's solid waste board is expected to recommend to the fiscal court today, (Friday), approval of a contract with Rumpke of Kentucky for garbage services...It took just over 11 hours of deliberations, Wednesday, before a jury returned a verdict of second degree manslaughter against a Floyd County man charged in last year's shooting death of an Auxier teen. Jurors recommended a 10-year prison sentence for Jerry Michael Martin, who shot and killed Shawn Patrick Prater, 19, last summer during a high-speed car chase at Betsy Layne...Martin Engineering was the apparent low bidder on a hoisting contract for the Betsy Layne Elementary addition project. Warco Land Improvement Company also submitted a bid...The Floyd County Grand Jury will meet on June 20 and 21, in a session limited to police agencies. Commonwealth Attorney John Earl Hunt said, Wednesday, that grand jurors will hear cases from persons "who have conducted investigations" into allegations of criminal activity...Five Floyd County students from two area high schools have been selected as Governor's Scholars, and will join several hundred students from across the state to participate in a six-week summer enrichment program. They are Jeremy N. Elliott and Joshua S. Flanery from Allen Central High School; and Aaron D. Bond, Kathryn R. Mullins, and Stewart E. Robertson from Prestonsburg High School...Jeffrey Ayers, 44, of Paintsville, was sentenced to 179 days in the Floyd County jail for a contempt of court conviction handed down by Floyd District Judge Danny P. Caudill. The sentence will be appealed, it was said...The state's Legislative Research Commission (LRC)

has published a citizen's handbook outlining Kentucky's new law concerning health care reform, and the booklets are available to the public...There died: Harold E. Conn, 87, of Frankfort, formerly of Floyd County, Wednesday, June 8, at the Bluegrass Regional Medical Center, Frankfort; Marie Hall Johnson, 59, of Hi Hat, Monday, June 13, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Bertha Marie Case Kidd, 60, of Honaker, Thursday, June 9, at her residence; Jackie Phillip Patton, 59, of Hueysville, Tuesday, June 14, at the home of his brother at Hueysville; Jay Johnson, 53, of Melvin, Saturday, June 11, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; May Allen Turner, 90, of Hueysville, Saturday, June 11, in St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Ogil "Buddy" Prater, 64, of Waterloo, Indiana, formerly of Hueysville, Thursday, June 9, at his residence; Edna Burke Saunders, 84, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, June 12, at her residence; Mary Calhoun, 90, of Hindman, Thursday, June 9, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Opal M. Hayes, 76, of Hi Hat, Sunday, June 12, at her residence; Dorothy Mae Barnett, 46, of Detroit, Michigan, formerly of Martin, Thursday, June 9, in St. John's Hospital, Detroit; Verlie Salisbury Spurlock, 82, of Dana, Monday, June 13, at her residence; Michael Newsome, 37, of Melvin, Thursday, June 9, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lucy Tackett Collins, 99, of Melvin, Tuesday, June 14, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ray Ward, 70, of McDowell, Wednesday, June 15, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

(June 20, 1984)

Phillip Haywood, Prestonsburg High School's most successful football coach, resigned to become grid coach at Belfry High School in Pike County...Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre made final preparation for the opening of its 20th season...The Floyd County Fiscal Court members spurn pay raise and magistrates say their job is not part-time...On a recommendation from County Attorney Arnold Turner Jr., the fiscal court voted to regulate cable television firms operating in Floyd County...Rick Sorrells, 24, of Floyd County, was returned from a Joliet, Illinois jail and arraigned in Floyd Circuit Court for setting fire to the home of Z.C. Dings, and a motorcycle belonging to Robbie Keathley in Martin...There died: Julie Workman, 64, of Allen, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Hattie Bradley, 82, of Wayland, June 12, at the home of her daughter at Wayland;

James W. Laferty Jr., 43, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Joe Beverley Vance, 68, of Martin, Thursday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville; Maxie June Mullins, 78, of Hi Hat, June 13, at her home; Cletis Hall, 72, of Wayland, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ida Gladys Hall, 77, of Teaberry, Sunday, at the home of Mary Blankenship.

Thirty Years Ago

(June 19, 1974)

Bond of \$25,000 each was set, Monday morning, for the release from jail, here, of James and Amos Gibson, brothers, who are held in the shotgun slaying, early, last Wednesday night, on Salt Lick Creek, near Hueysville, of Ollie James Conley, 61, Knott County teacher and uncle of Circuit Judge Hollie Conley...The Floyd Fiscal Court is pondering the possibility of a major recreation center in the vicinity of Allen, after hearing from the Floyd County Recreation Board, a recommendation that such a center to serve all the county be established...There's about \$5.5 million available for the state's 43 coal producing counties, and Floyd County may get as much as \$200,000 of it, State Rep. W. J. Reynolds estimates...Representing Floyd County in the Miss Kentucky Pageant in Louisville, next week, will be Miss Sharon O'Quinn, 19-year-old daughter of Mrs. Margaret O'Quinn, of Garrett...There died: Millard Filmore Thomas, 66, of Allen, Tuesday, at Pikeville; Meredith Clay Murrill, formerly of Prestonsburg, June 12, in California; Elvis Gayheart, 15, formerly of Orkney, last Friday, in an auto accident at Warsaw, Indiana...Clay Edward Honaker, of Tram, Friday, at Pikeville; Elizabeth Little, 63, of Melvin, Thursday, at Pikeville; Bob Hall, 44, co-owner and manager of Hall Block Co., at Allen, Sunday, at his home at Banner; James Polk (Jim) Hill II, of Abbott Creek, Saturday night, at Lexington; Annie Jones, 61, June 6, at her home at Garrett; Charles Reynolds, 82, formerly of Floyd County, last Wednesday, at Columbus, O.; John B. Collins, 76, of Robinson Creek, native of Floyd County, June 5, at Pikeville.

Forty Years Ago

(June 25, 1964)

Lives of three Floyd Countians, a 16-year-old girl and two men, were claimed as the result of a head-on collision of two automobiles, near Hunter, Saturday. The dead: Elizabeth Ann Butler, Larry Faulkner, 23, of Drift, and Wilburn Lee

Tackett, 73, of East McDowell...A trio of agents seized a still, destroyed seven barrels of mash and arrested two men, Friday, in Magoffin County. The still had a capacity of approximately 500 gallons, and agents said the worm, one and a quarter inches in diameter, was the largest ever used to their knowledge in the manufacture of illicit whiskey...With the arrival here, this week, of Dr. Henry Campbell, to assume directorship of the new Prestonsburg Community College, it was announced that applications filed by prospective students for the opening term already number 210...Dedication of the Jenny Wiley State Park Amphitheater on July 11, will feature Ex-Governor Bert T. Combs as principal speaker...Construction of Prestonsburg's sewer system is getting the finishing touches, now, and a new undetaking, scheduled to begin next Monday morning, is the surfacing of all Prestonsburg streets, and the construction of sidewalks and drainage facilities, where needed...Fathers of dependent children are doing, for a dollar an hour, outstanding work in a number of Floyd communities, county and city officials have pointed out recently...There died: William Thornsby, 61, Saturday, at his home at Lackey; Mrs. Yvonne Schuster, 29, formerly of Dema, Sunday, at St. Mary's Hospital, Tucson, Arizona; Rev. Ira Fields, 70, of Allen, last Tuesday, at Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Dolly T. Gibson, 92, Sunday, at her home at Minnie.

Fifty Years Ago

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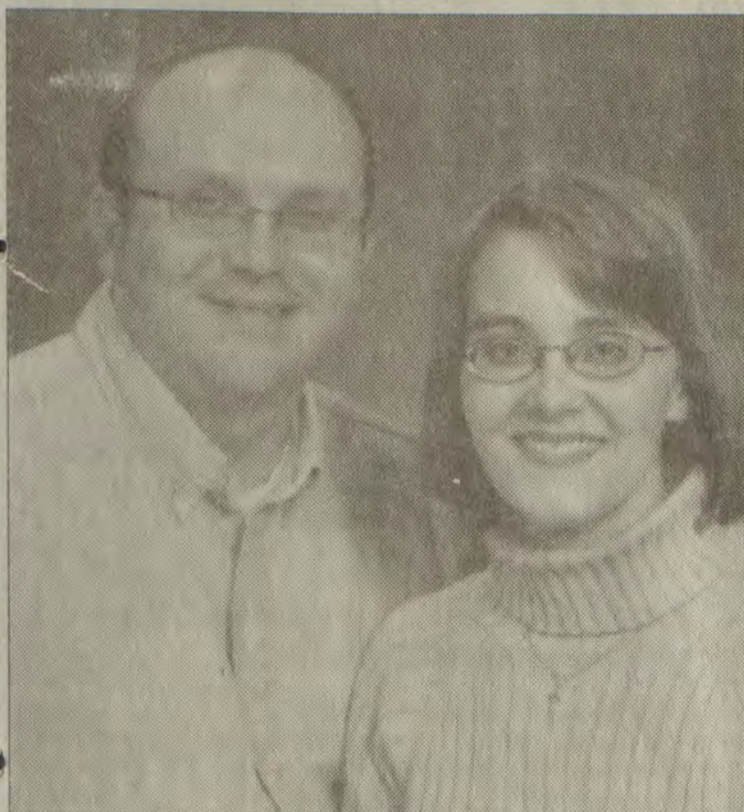
Sixty Years Ago

(June 22, 1944)

The casualty report received from the War Department includes one killed, one missing, and two wounded; T-Sgt. Chester A. Allen, 26, of Hueysville, missing in Italy (he later was reported killed in action); Amos Robinson, of McDowell, killed in the fighting for Italy; Hager Frazier, of West Prestonsburg, and Lee Brown, of McDowell, wounded in the same theatre of war...Kentucky's first woman Marine, Sgt. Cassie Patrick, of West Prestonsburg, is pictured with band leader Gary Crosby in the current number of MOVIE LIFE magazine, publicizing the uniforms worn by women in the service...The Navy Department has reported the U.S. submarine Grayback long overdue and presumed to be lost, Lt. Carthel

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Weddings



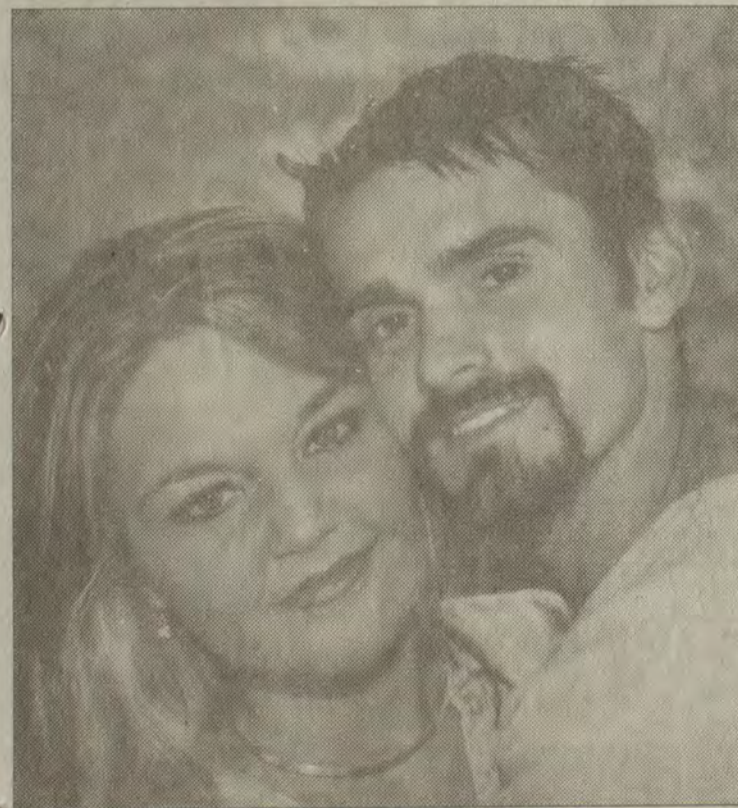
Mullins-Crum

Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Mullins, of Raccoon, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Cathy, to Calvin Crum, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earvin Crum, of Martin. The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Johns Creek High School, a 1998 graduate of Morehead State University, from which she holds a bachelor of arts degree in music, and a 2004 graduate of the University of Kentucky, from which she holds a master's degree in library science. She is currently employed at the Lucille C. Little Fine Arts Library at the University of Kentucky. She is the granddaughter of the late Clyde and Davie Mullins, of Pikeville, and the late Calvin and Viola Birchfield, of Johns Creek. The groom is a 1991 graduate of Allen Central High School, a 1996 graduate of Morehead State University, from which he holds a bachelor of arts in health education, and a 2003 graduate of Madisonville Technical College, from which he holds an associate's degree in biomedical equipment technology. He is employed at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center. He is the grandson of the late Merlin and Elizabeth Crum, of Martin, and the late Cas and Verlie Spurlock, of Dana. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, July 17, 2004, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Pikeville First Baptist Church. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. Following the wedding ceremony, the couple will reside in Versailles.



Hamilton-Baldrige

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hamilton, of Hi Hat, and Harold and Teresa Baldrige, of Garrett, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Krista Ann Hamilton and James Gregory Michael Baldrige. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, June 26, 2004, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Garrett First Baptist Church. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



Bragg-Mullins

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bragg, of Eastern, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, LaDonna Kaye, to Larry Gene Mullins Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mullins, of Martin. Miss Bragg is the paternal granddaughter of Raymond and Florene Bragg, of Eastern. Her maternal grandparents are Charles and Peggy Johnson, also of Eastern. Mr. Mullins is the paternal grandson of Lillie and the late Delbert Mullins. His maternal grandparents are Eunice and the late Green Samons. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, June 26, 2004, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Hueysville Church of Christ. A reception will follow, at 6 p.m., at the Wayland Convention Center. After returning from a honeymoon vacation, the couple will reside in Eastern. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

Maytown Center News

The Maytown Center will host the "Maytown Ultimate Team Challenge" on July 3, 2004. Teams of 4-5 will compete "Olympic-style" in various events. Some possible events

may be: 3-point shoot out; horse shoe pit; tire toss; tug-of-war; arm wrestling; Michelin Man duel; human truck pull; and, 1/4 mile races. This will be a co-ed all-day event for teens

thru adult. There will be a registration fee for each team. Competitors will be treated to free food. Team prizes will be awarded and will consist of cash awards, free Progressive Fitness memberships, and gym time. All participants must register by June 30. Questions may be referred to the following number: 285-0539.

a.m. to 12 p.m. Free borrowing of books, tapes, CDs, videos. (Volunteers needed in order to extend library hours!); Basketball, 7-9 p.m. All ages. \$1.

Thursdays: Ultimate Frisbee, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Meet behind gym. 6th grade to adult.

Sundays: Community Faith, 7:30-8:15 p.m. All ages. Free. Time to sing, share thoughts. Meet in Beth and Dan's house.

Korner

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the dome with 8,500 optically projected stars representing the night sky as seen from anywhere right here on planet earth.

It was a really nice way to spend a Saturday night. And so close to home, too.

Glancing over the planetarium, I couldn't help but notice the generations of ages sitting, taking part and even mouthing the words to Pink Floyd's 1972 release.

Yep, it was easy to see the music had struck deep chords, succeeding in generations beyond imaginations.

Just last year, Rolling Stone Magazine's editor chose Dark Side of the Moon as the 43rd greatest album of all time. Now I can understand why. Thirty two years later and

whether you're 16 or 40-something, you know Pink Floyd!

It's easy to take our very own area attractions for granted, but when we do, we're the ones missing out!

Visit the East Kentucky Science Center, you won't regret it. And if you happen to like Pink Floyd you can catch Dark Side of the Moon this weekend either at 7:30 or 9:00 PM shows. Tickets go fast, so call soon. (606)889-0303

Also, this coming Saturday at 7PM at the Landmark Christian Church on Watergap Rd. will be a Gospel Sing sure to bless your socks off!

As Dorothy would say, "There really is no place like home!"

Til Next Week
God Bless.

Maytown Center 2004 Summer Schedule

Mondays: Mountain Bike Rides, 4-5 p.m. (bikes available for use), free; Kid's Club, 1-3 p.m. Grade 3 and under. Crafts, story time, fun. Free. Meet at picnic shelter.

Tuesdays: Adventure Club, hiking, disc golf, canoeing, swimming. Middle school and up. \$5.

Wednesdays: Library, 10

Upcoming BIG

summer events:

June 25: BBQ dinner, Friday Night Live, square dance, 6 p.m. Outside event. All FREE, thanks to Project Hope!

July 1: Tubing trip to the

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Birthdays



New Arrival

Kevin and Leslie Robinson are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kendal Patrick Robinson, born May 7, 2004. Born at 7:51 a.m., he weighed 9 lbs., 8 oz., and was 21 inches long. He is the grandson of Dicky and Frances Johnson and Lonnie and Karen Robinson, all of Martin. He is the great-grandson of Acie Gene and Patricia Shepherd, of Martin, and Bee Johnson, also of Martin, and the late Eunice Johnson, and Ramey and Bessie Wireman, of Magoffin County, and the late Ollie and Molly Robinson.

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

May 31, 2004

A son, Timothy Criag Hamilton, to Kristy and Wood Hamilton

June 1, 2004

A daughter, Jasmine Nicole Edwards, to Juelinia and Christopher Edwards

June 2, 2004

A daughter, Hailey Madison Fields, to Jamie Ann Smith

June 2, 2004

A son, Kaden Wayne Back, to Myra and Jason Back

June 6, 2004

A daughter, Ashley Hope Witten, to Sherry and William Witten

June 3, 2004

A son, Joshua Adam Chase Johnson, to Gina and Ronnie Johnson

June 3, 2004

A son, Dehaun Carl Gonzales, to Jennifer Juanita Gonzales

Critter

debris behind. A surgical incision creates a clean (and at least in theory, sterile) wound. So would a clean piece of glass that just caused an open cut and did not shatter or embed itself in the tissue.

Contaminated wounds contain foreign bodies. Things that might contaminate a wound include gravel, dirt, hair, splinters, bullet fragments, etc. Before the wound itself can be treated, all the visible, or gross contaminants must be removed, and the wound washed, or lavaged, thoroughly to remove as much of the remaining microscopic contaminants as possible

Both clean and contaminated wounds have the potential to become infected, which means that bacteria have set up house-keeping in the area. Contaminated wounds are obviously much more likely to become infected.

Back to Marion's dog. Puncture wounds are one of the worst types to deal with for several reasons. For one thing, they are often much worse than they look on the surface. Whatever punctures the skin carries with it all sorts of bad stuff from the surface and deposits it deep in the tissues. To make matters worse, only a small hole is present on top. This heals up quickly, trapping all the debris and bacteria inside, and a little cauldron of bacteria starts boiling-the beginnings of an abscess.

With so much bacteria present in the mouth, bite wounds make for particularly nasty punctures. Cats are notorious for developing abscesses following fights, and if you look at their teeth you can understand why. They act just like little hypodermic needles full of bacteria. Dog's teeth are larger, and tend to tear flesh in addition to puncturing it. Dog bites frequently look much worse, but are, in general, less likely to abscess.

I am a little off the subject here, but this lack of damage is one of the things that makes me wonder if this was a dog-bite case. Another is the location of the bite, which doesn't jive with normal canine aggressive

behavior. When I e-mailed Marion later to discuss the incident further she mentioned that she and her husband had also started to doubt that another dog was involved, but they don't have a clue what it could have been. (Keep those Rabies vaccinations current!)

Anyhow, it sounds like the first aid treatment of these wounds was entirely appropriate; the peroxide and ointment just couldn't penetrate deep enough to wash out the trapped debris or kill the bacteria. What the vet did later was to open the abscess and let the infection escape. He probably also flushed out the wounds to get rid of any hair, dirt, or other foreign bodies that might still be present. Antibiotics were used to mop up the leftover infection. Drainage and the ability for Oxygen to get into the depths of the wound are key to treating an abscess.

It's probably best, this time

AARP

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she needed the support of all AARP members.

Although some progress has been made, she expressed disappointment in some action taken by legislators. She put forth the slogan, "Put People First."

Burieta Gearheart, Jenny Wiley's coordinator for Tax Aide, presented her report regarding the tax year just ended. She reported that three volunteer tax workers worked a total of 245 volunteer hours, and assisted 194 low income and elderly taxpayers with tax forms.

Present for the meeting were Royce and Nola Mayo, Lou and Connelly McCray, Cathy Allgood Murphy, Garnett Fairchild, Burieta Gearheart, James E. and Marie Goble, LeAnn Mullins, Bonnie Craft, Opal Anderson, Linda Sturgill, Creda J. Isaacs, Jean Cook, and Mary Gilliam.

of year especially, to let your vet have a look at anything more than just a superficial wound. Even with early medical treatment, wounds may need more work later on-sometimes it's impossible to judge how much damage has been done at the outset.

Marion says the dog is doing just fine now, and her wounds are healing. Thanks again for an interesting case to discuss-I just hope whatever critter was responsible for this attack has moved on!

Yesterdays

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H. Smith Jr., of Prestonsburg, was a member of the crew...S-Sgt. Joe Hobbs, of Wayland, has been awarded the Air Medal, and the Distinguished Flying Cross, for service in the India-China-Burma theatre of war...Mrs. Dorothy Turner Martin, of Drift, received her M.A. from the University of Kentucky, June 2. She has been attending U.K. the last two years, while her husband, Lt. William Martin, has been with the armed forces in England...There died: Jones Crisp, 79, Wednesday, near Hueysville; John N. Beattie, 63, Monday, at Weeksbury; Mrs. Virgie Weddington Stephens, 39, of Banner, Tuesday, at a Martin hospital; Mrs. John Flanery, 39, Tuesday, at Martin; Edna M. Hall, 16, Saturday, at Bevinsville; Mrs. Vina Prater Miller, 46, Tuesday, at Brainard.

Seventy Years Ago

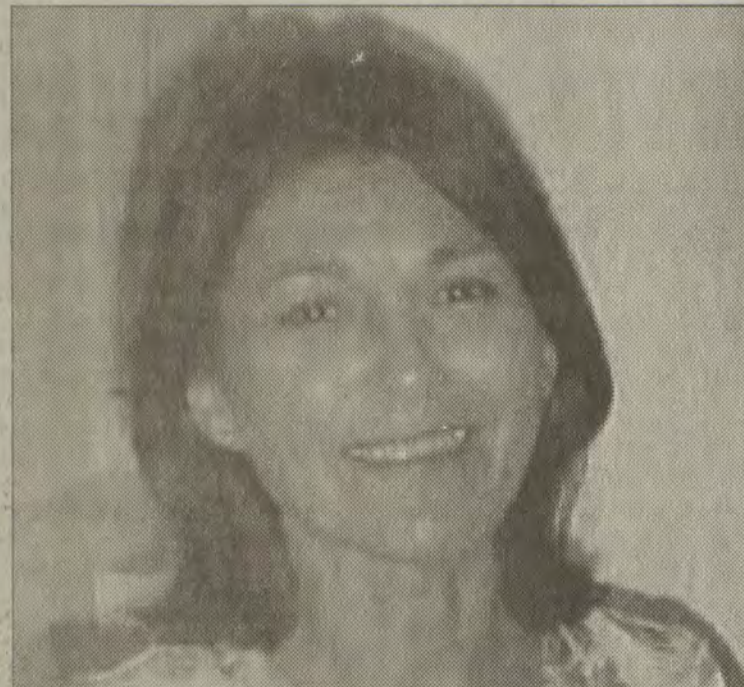
(June 22, 1934)

Miss Bessie Halbert, of Martin, with a general average of 82.25 percent, was No. 1 among the 23 who made passing grades in the May teachers' examination held here. Exactly half of those who entered the exam, failed...The Prestonsburg Ministerial Association this week, protested the showing at the Unique Theatre, here, of "Elysia," a film depicting life in a nudist colony...Luther McIntosh is reported to have drilled in a 2,800,000 cubic-foot gas well, last week, on the Layne heirs lease at Betsy Layne...The lamprey eel has been found attached to fish in Floyd County streams, M. J. Meador, game warden, reports...Miss Lorraine Crisp, 16, of Martin, died Sunday, of a bullet wound...Miss Christine Bowling, 22, was shot and seriously wounded, Friday, at Garrett...Married: Miss Irene Patton and Mr. Claybourne Stephens, both of Prestonsburg, here, June 9...Born: to County Agent and Mrs. S. I. Isbell, on June 14, a son—Samuel Morris.



Graduates UK College of Pharmacy

Lowell Dwayne Shepherd, of Hueysville, graduated, with honors, from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, on May 7, 2004. He is the son of Lowell D. and Melvia D. Shepherd.



MSU student to study this summer in Spain

Mrs. Gloria "Gina" Newsome, a senior at Morehead State University, will be traveling to Spain with the Kentucky Institute for International Studies, KIIS Summer II Program on July 1, 2004. She will study abroad for five weeks in Madrid and Segovia. Gloria is currently on educational leave from W. D. Osborne Elementary School, where she was employed as Secretary / ISA for 11 years. While on leave, she is pursuing her teaching certification in Spanish Education. She resides in Weeksburg, with her husband, Wayne, and has two sons, Billy Wayne and Brian, who live in Richmond.

Castle

food around from time to time and in between there was entertainment. The food was put on flat, round, wooden "plates" and everyone ate with their fingers. No problem. Modern Americans are good at hand eating: McDonald's, Hardee's, Taco Bell, Kentucky Colonel. I really liked the medieval bread. They had a couple of kinds. One kind was the shape and size of a very thick pancake. What you put on it is a different story. It was lard with flour in it (talk about artery blocker). It was served in a huge wooden dish with a stick from a bush in the middle of it to spread with. The main dish was a turkey drumstick for each person. Wine to drink. In one way, the medieval period was an advance over modern finger eating. At intervals a man came by with two wooden pails of water suspended from a yoke on his shoulders. Two towels hung over the yoke. The towels were less helpful than the water after about the tenth pair of hands.

Now, for the entertainment. The master of ceremonies was tall and imposing and spoke excellent English. He gave a welcoming speech and told something about medieval feasts. Then he sat down and everyone ate a little. Then he stood up to introduce the entertainers and then he sat down. It went like that. One entertainment was a member of the audience picked at random who was accused of some infraction of the rules and was put in the stocks. Another one was a drinking contest among three men in the audience. They told us afterwards it was colored water. Then there was the snuff. The servants brought around snuff and the master of ceremonies explained how to put it on the back of your hand and sniff the powder up your nose. I wasn't into that, but I got to thinking about the dates involved. Snuff is a form of tobacco. Tobacco, I was sure, had been imported from the American colonies. The earliest American explorations were in the 1500's. The Middle Ages ended at the latest in the 1400's. At least that's what I thought. I was sitting in the front seat about fifteen feet

from the master of ceremonies so I decided to get up and ask him. "Are you sure snuff is medieval? It came from the American colonies." The master of ceremonies looked quite surprised, "But it comes from Bavaria!" It was hard for me to see how tobacco could grow in land that was eighty degrees up and down and in a climate of eighty percent rain and fog even though that was beside the point of the dates. But I decided to forget it and went back to my seat.

Then I got to thinking about the costumes the head table people were wearing. I am a serious student of historical costumes. I decided to ask the master of ceremonies another question. "What about your costume? The hat is definitely Renaissance." The master of ceremonies looked into space, "I wear what they give me." So I went back to my seat again but was beginning to question the high reputation of German historical scholarship.

Eating and merriment continued. Suddenly the master of ceremonies seemed to have an idea. He stood up authoritatively. He pointed straight at me, "That woman has been aggressive and disruptive all evening! Put her in the iron mask!"

Two servants immediately appeared and escorted me to the front of the hall. They put the iron mask over my head. It didn't fit. It was too big and I couldn't see out the eye slits. The master of ceremonies knew that and he guided me in front of the audience. He whispered instructions to me, "Turn in this direction for photographs." "Turn in this direction for photographs." Judging from the flash bulbs, I was a big hit.

I decided not to ask the master of ceremonies about the exact dates of the iron mask. I didn't think that was medieval either. I could see how it might have evolved from a helmet of medieval knightly armor but the earliest I knew of this form of punishment was a story set in the 1700's.

That's how I got to be part of the entertainment at a castle tour. Maybe a dozen or so Americans have my photograph.

FOOTNOTES

1) The World Book Encyclopedia states that Columbus brought tobacco seeds back to Europe on his trip in 1492.

2) The World Book entry on the Medieval period says that the beginning and ending dates are not precise but their author has chosen the 400s to 1500. The following period was the Renaissance. That entry says that the Renaissance spread north and west from Italy in the late 1400s and ended about 1600. Clearly the periods are overlapping and

there is room for different interpretations. Furthermore, the Medieval period would have ended at different times in different places.

3) The World Book gives the main crops of Bavaria as barley, hay, hops, oats, potatoes, rye, wheat. No mention is made of tobacco one way or the other, but these are clearly the crops of cold, wet, northern climates, not those of the US tobacco growing regions.

4) The Man in the Iron Mask, a movie. I could not find it in The World Book.

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Jonathan C. Ramey named USAA award winner

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) has named Jonathan Claude Ramey, a student from Allen Central High School, as an honor roll national award winner. This award is a prestigious honor that is presented to fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. Jonathan was nominated for this award by his teacher, Laura Kidd. Jonathan will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's official yearbook, a national publication. The USAA selects winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy. These selection standards include academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director. Jonathan is the son of Carol Ramey, of Martin, and Claude Ramey, of Hueysville. Jonathan resides in Martin.

Oak

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water soaked and covered with black miner's tape), and we'd really run. Today, kids play sports with their thumbs, as they sit in front of a TV screen with controls of some expensive video game.

If we wanted to go to the show on Saturday morning—only a couple of miles as the crow flies, but on those hot, muggy mornings seeming like twice that far—we walked. When nothing exciting was happening in the neighborhood, those of who had one, would ride our bicycles for hours, with no particular place to go. At other times, we'd spend entire afternoons swimming in the Number One Pond in the head of Pond Hollow, or we'd sometimes hit the hills, fighting the briars and brambles, often ending up on the highest knob

overlooking the camp.

In short, we got plenty of exercise. Add to the fact that after school was out for the summer, when we'd get up in the mornings, our mom's would shoo us out the front door, and even though she'd never say it, didn't particularly want to see us again until we came home about noon for a baloney sandwich and a big glass of Kool-Aid. Then, off we'd go again until suppertime. After supper, out we'd go again until darkness drove us indoors. Sometimes, even after it got dark, we'd play a rousing game of kick-the-can or fox and hound.

Of course, none of us—old or young—would want to swap today for yesterday. But the pure fact is, our crop of overweight kids is just another little price tag that's been stuck on what we're paying for progress.

Please, keep 'em coming!

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

Maytown

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Breaks (for those who help with the OH group).

July 3: Ultimate Olympic Team Challenge Event, 10 a.m. Spectators welcome!

July 20: BBQ and Wiffle Ball with KY group.

July 21: School Supply Swap (swap supplies for one bag of trash!). 2 p.m.

July 30: Friday Night Live (variety show), 7 p.m., \$3. (Under 13, must be accompanied by adult.)

August 27: Friday Night Live (variety show), 7 p.m., \$3. (Under 13, must be accompanied by adult.)

Also, other day trips and events will be scheduled for all ages throughout the summer. Call for information.

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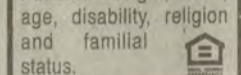
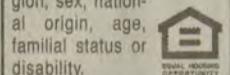
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475-Household

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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 606-478-5403

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NOTICES

805-Announcements

Allen Christ United Methodist Vaction Bible School June 21-25 from 6pm to 8:15pm. Where children and youth meet biblical heroes of faith, learn the power of faith experience... come join the fun and learn about God and the bible. You be a hero and volunteer to help us. Providing food, crafts or materials, teaching, teacher's helpers, ect. ect.

This is for the man driving the SUV. who hit my White Camry at the Ivel B.P. **The store has you on Video**, Please call 606-886-9862 before the police get involved

812-Free

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900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-8041, Renewal

In accordance with 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for a Renewal to a permit for a coal processing facility and refuse disposal operation, located 1.9 mile southeast of Printer, in Floyd County.

The facility is approximately 1.4 mile southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030, and located 0.004 mile northeast of Spurlock Creek. The latitude is 37°31'25". The longitude is 82°43'30".

The facility is on the Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation and the Keathley heirs.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5194, 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 2.0 miles southeast of Martin, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 5.18 surface acres, and will underlie 268.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 273.18 acres.

2. The proposed operation is approximately 2.0 miles southeast from Old Highway 80's junction with Arkansas Creek Rd., and located 1.0 mile southeast of Cane Fork of Arkansas Creek. The latitude is 37°33'30". The longitude is 82°43'00".

3. The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Charles Lafferty.

The operation will underlie land owned by Charles Lafferty, Curtis R. Layne, Sophie & Flongo Martin, Gardner Adkins, Donald P. & George Ann Adkins, James Newsome, Josephine Hall, T.B. Akers Estate, David R. Akers, Herbert & Lettie Mae Cordial, Allan Conn, Brice Conn Estate, Emmin & Cynthia J. Akers, John D. & Emodel A. Boyd, James & Bertha

Williams, Kenneth Spears, Norman & Mae Martin, Herman Conn, Bailey Crum, Mexico & Lizzie Spears, Alma Land Company.

4. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 99-CI-359 FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY PLAINTIFF VS. EDWARD M. KUSS REBECCA S. KUSS NORWEST BANK MINNESOTA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ASSIGNEE OF OCEANMARK FINANCIAL CORP., WICKES LUMBER COMPANY, CITY OF PRESTONSBURG DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 12th day of April, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$332,730.54, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 17th day of June, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 526 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No. 1 A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on South Lake Drive, described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the right of way of U.S. Highway No. 23 at the cross fence above what is known as the Seibert Place, corner of line of Reba H. Mayo, et al; thence up said highway with line of said state highway a southerly direction to a stake 552 feet from the beginning corner and opposite the present lower cross fence of Anna B. Allen; thence a straight line up the hill parallel with line of said Reba H. Mayo, et al., to center of ridge between Mayo Branch and Big Sandy River to a stake 613 feet from corner of Reba H. Mayo, et al., and J.D. Mayo; thence up the ridge with center of same 613 feet to said corner of Reba H. Mayo, et al., and J.D. Mayo; thence down the hill with said line of Reba H. Mayo, et al., to the beginning.

Parcel No. 2 Situated on the waters of the Big Sandy River in the City of Prestonsburg,

Kentucky. Being Lots Nos. 1, 2, and 3 shown upon that certain plat dated July 17, 1953, and prepared by H. Salisbury, Engineer, and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Floyd Circuit Court. These lots are adjacent to and adjoin the property now owned by Duran Moore, in South Prestonsburg, Kentucky, on U.S. Highway #23.

Being the same property conveyed to Edward M. Kuss and Rebecca S. Kuss from Mason Moore, et al by deed dated February 17, 1988, of record in Deed Book 318, Page 617, in the office of the Court Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

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

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

(d) In the event the Defendant/Cross-Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Defendant/Cross-Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the M a s t e r Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-00435 CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK PLAINTIFF VS. PAMELA J. DYE SEXTON, ET AL

DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 20th day of April, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$38,016.44, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 17th day of June, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to the Mortgagor, F. Brennan Dye and Patricia Dye, from United Federal Savings and Loan Association, by deed dated February 25, 1988, of record in Deed Book 317, page 138, and being the same property conveyed to the Mortgagor, F. Brennan Dye from Patricia Dye, by Quitclaim Deed dated April 21, 1989, of record in Deed Book 236, page 708, both in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, in the City of Prestonsburg, which is more particularly described as follows:

Being Lot No. 198, 199 and 12 1/2 feet of Lot 200, adjoining Lot No. 199 in the Mayo Subdivision to the City of Prestonsburg, as shown on map of said subdivision filed in the Floyd County Clerk's office to which reference is made for a more particular description.

The current bond in effect for the increments requested for release are as follows: 1-\$34,300; 2-\$5,600; 3-\$8,800; 4-\$8,000; 5-\$28,600, of which 100% of the remaining amounts are included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading, revegetation of all disturbed areas, stabilization of all diversion ditches and backfill areas, removal of all temporary sediment structures, and establishment of the permanent post-mining landuses. Written comments, objections or requests for a conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Ky. 40601, by July 16, 2004.

A public hearing concerning the application has been scheduled for July 19, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 S. Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or conference is received by July 16, 2004.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by July 16, 2004.

and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the M a s t e r Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: Hon. P. Franklin Heaberlin 119 East Court Street Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 606/886-1615

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Pursuant to Permit No. 836-0270 Increment No's. 1,2,3,4, & 5

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350, notice is hereby given that DFM, INC., P.O. Box 367, Allen, Ky. 41601, has applied for bond release on Permit No. 836-0270, which was last issued on May 13, 1998. The application covers an area of approximately 246.50 surface acres, and is located 0.5 mile west/southwest of Wonder, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.50 mile northwest of the junction of Ivy Creek Road and U.S. 23, and is located 0.75 mile southeast of Ivy Creek. The latitude is 37°37'12" north. The longitude is 82°37'30" west.

The current bond in effect for the increments requested for release are as follows: 1-\$34,300; 2-\$5,600; 3-\$8,800; 4-\$8,000; 5-\$28,600, of which 100% of the remaining amounts are included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading, revegetation of all disturbed areas, stabilization of all diversion ditches and backfill areas, removal of all temporary sediment structures, and establishment of the permanent post-mining landuses.

Written comments, objections or requests for a conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Ky. 40601, by July 16, 2004.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Maple Ridge Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 219, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has applied for Phase II/III bond release on Permit Number 836-0290, which was last issued on July 9, 2002. The application covers an area of approximately 5.47 acres, located 1.20 mile southwest of Amba, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.50 mile south from Frog Branch Road's junction with KY 2030, and located 0.45 mile east of Old Spruce Pine School. The latitude is 37°31'13". The longitude is 82°39'46".

The bonds now in effect for this permit are a letter of credit and the Kentucky Bond Pool in the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00). One hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of \$10,000 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling and grading, seeding, mulching, and trees planted in April 2002. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by July 16, 2004.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Monday, July 19, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by July 16, 2004.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by July 16, 2004.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Maple Ridge Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 219, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has applied for Phase II/III bond release on Permit Number 836-5312, which was last issued on February 4, 2002. The application covers an area of approximately 5.99 acres, located 2.66 miles northwest of Grethel, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.3 mile south from Morgan Fork Road's junction with Little Mud Creek Road, and located on Chazander Branch of Little Mud Creek. The latitude is 37°29'15". The longitude is 82°41'00". The bond now in

effect for this permit is the Kentucky Bond Pool in the amount of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00). One hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of \$15,100 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling and grading, seeding, mulching, and trees planted in April 2002. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by July 16, 2004.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Monday, July 19, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by July 16, 2004.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by July 16, 2004.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Koch Victory, a Division of the C. Reiss Coal Company, 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Suite 130, Lexington, KY 40504, has applied for a Phase II and Phase III bond release on permit number 836-5289, which was last issued on 6/16/93. The application covers an area of approximately 42.12 acres, located 0.45 mile southwest of Dema, in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 0.20 mile south from KY 7's junction with Bradley Branch Road, and located on Bradley Branch of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 24 minutes, 57 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 48 minutes, 40 seconds.

(3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety in the amount of \$20,100.00. Approximately 77 percent of the original bond amount of \$26,000.00, is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: final grading and revegetation, which was completed on 11/25/97.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601-4321, by 7/23/04.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 7/26/04, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department for

Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled in no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 7/23/04.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Koch Victory, a Division of the C. Reiss Coal Company, 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Suite 130, Lexington, KY 40504, has applied for a Phase II and Phase III bond release on permit number 836-9014, which was last issued on 12/11/95. The application covers an area of approximately 25.00 acres, located at Hite, in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 0.67 mile southeast from KY 122's junction with KY 80, and located on the Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 33 minutes, 32 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 44 minutes, 55 seconds.

(3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety in the amount of \$29,800.00. Approximately 42 percent of the original bond amount of \$71,300.00, is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: final grading and revegetation, which was completed during May 1991.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601-4321, by 7/23/04.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 7/26/04, at 11:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 7/23/04.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Koch Victory, a Division of the C. Reiss Coal Company, 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Suite 130, Lexington, KY 40504, has applied for a Phase II and Phase III bond release on permit number 836-5283, which was last issued on 1/14/02. The application covers an area of approximately 563.53 acres, located 0.5 mile south of Alphoretta, in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 0.6 miles east from KY 80's junction with KY 3188, and located immediately east of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 33 minutes, 02 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 45 minutes, 46 sec-

onds. (3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety in the amount of \$14,300.00. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$23,700.00, is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: final grading and revegetation, which was completed on 9/12/94.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601-4321, by 7/23/04.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 7/26/04, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled in no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 7/23/04.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 00-CI-00394 FIRSTAR BANK, NA (FKA STAR BANK, NA), SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TRANS FINANCIAL BANK, NA) PLAINTIFF VS. BENNIE RAY MOORE, AS EXECUTOR FOR THE ESTATE OF RAY MOORE, DECEASED, DEBRA BRIGMON AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 17th day of June, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$13,757.67, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 24th day of June, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 373 Middle Branch, McDowell, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying on Frasure Creek, in Floyd County, Kentucky. TRACT NO. 1: Beginning at Sie Hall's line; thence South 150 ft. around the hill to Junior Newsome's line; thence North about 150 ft. running with Junior Newsome line to Kindie Vanderpool's line; thence running with said Vanderpool's line to the center of a drain; thence down

the drain with the Sie Hall line to the beginning.

TRACT NO. 2: Beginning at fence on highway at corner of Sie Hall's line; thence across the bottom with said Sie Hall line to a stake; thence down the branch 150 ft. to a stake; thence back across bottom to fence at the highway; thence up the road as fence to the beginning. Containing 1/4 acre more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Ray Moore, widower, by deed dated June 25, 1998, and recorded in Deed Book 421, at Page 206, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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Owensboro, Kentucky 42301
270/684-1606

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-678 CHARTER ONE MORTGAGE CORP. S/B/M TO CHARTER ONE CREDIT CORP. PLAINTIFF VS. RICKY BAYS DEBBIE BAYS KEY FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HOUSEHOLD FINANCE

CORPORATION DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF In Rem Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 5th day of May, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$63,858.97, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 24th day of June, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located 3424 Left Fork of Abbott Road, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a persimmon tree beside the road and running 110 feet with the road to a steel post; thence across the lot 150 feet to the creek; thence with the creek to the point of beginning which is the persimmon tree.

Being the same property conveyed from John B. and Fredia Calton by deed dated October 21, 1996, to Ricky Bays and Debbie Bays, recorded in Deed Book 399, Page 366, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

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

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

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ments made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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513/723-2200

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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/CIO 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

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REQUEST FOR BIDS FROM CERTIFIED INSTALLERS FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLATIONS

The Big Sandy Area Development District in conjunction with PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment) is soliciting bids from installers desiring to install septic systems for southern and eastern Kentucky. The successful bidder will be required to complete installation of the systems within sixty (60) days of the date of the award.

The Scope of Work, Request for Bid, and General Conditions is available upon request. Individual bids will be accepted and contracts awarded for projects in Floyd, Johnson and Magoffin Counties.

#12-1058 Floyd County
#12-1059 Johnson County
#12-1060 Magoffin County

Interested installers should send statements and proposals to Big Sandy Area Development District until June 30, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. Faxed or email proposals will not be accepted. Liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000, and proof of worker's compensation insurance or a worker's compensation exemption form required with each bid.

A selection committee will review, evaluate, and rate each bid based on their submitted Bid. The Big Sandy Area Development District will contact the installer with the winning bid and enter into negotiations. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked installer will be contracted. Once an installer has been selected, all unsuccessful installers will be promptly notified. The Selection Committee will adhere to the provision of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 3. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex. Females and minorities are encouraged to apply.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides funding for this project. The formal solicitation of seeking qualified installers is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of the funding agency.

For Bid Packets or bid information, contact:
MaShawna Jacobs
Big Sandy Area Development District
100 Resource Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
(606) 886-2374

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/finance/bidnotice.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.



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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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Derick Hoover of Eastern, Ky. has filed on application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to set a trailer on Jackie Hoovers property. This property is located at Eastern, Ky. near Highway 80 and Beaver Creek

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Frankfort Offices
Park,
Frankfort Kentucky
40601
phone 502-564-3410

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-584 MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., D/B/A AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER AND COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., D/B/A AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER PLAINTIFFS VS. CARL JOHNSON VERDA JOHNSON COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 13th day of August, 2003 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$27,742.32, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 24th day of June, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 47 Birch Street, Garrett, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lots 153, 154 and 155 of the West Garrett Addition, Kentucky, a map of which is filed in the county court clerk's office, Floyd County, Kentucky, and to which map reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said properties.

Source of Title: Deed of Conveyance from Mountain Housing and Community Action Corporation to Carl Johnson and Verde Johnson, his wife, dated July 15, 1984, of record in Deed Book 285, Page 277, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

A certain tract or parcel of land in West Garrett, as addition to Garrett, Kentucky, and designated upon the property map or plat, which is recorded in the county clerk's office being a part of Lots 156 and 157 and described more fully:

Beginning on the corner of Well Petry's Lots on Front Street and running north with said street 76 feet to a stake; thence across the lots a western direction to the line of Cliff Dyer; thence a southern direction 17 feet to Well Petry's line thence with Well Petry's line to the beginning.

Source of Title: Deed of Conveyance from Gary Deam Chaffion's to Verde Johnson dated October 14, 1978, of record in Deed Book 235, Page 419 Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:

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chase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ASSISTS SUBSCRIBERS WITH TELEPHONE BILL PAYMENTS

Assistance is available through Coalfields Telephone Company for qualifying low-income telephone subscribers who need help paying their telephone bills. As part of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the federal government and the state Public

Service Commission to ensure that everyone can receive telephone service, regardless of income, have established a Universal Service Fund.

Coalfields' Lifeline Assistance Program provides availability of telecommunications services to qualifying low-income subscribers by providing a credit to the local service charge on their monthly telephone bill. The credit in the amount of \$13.50 each month and toll blocking will be provided to the Lifeline customer upon request at no charge. One credit is available to the primary residential connection in the qualifying household.

To be eligible for a Lifeline credit, a customer must be a cur-

rent recipient of any one of the following low-income assistance programs:

- 1) Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- 2) Food Stamps;
- 3) Medicaid;
- 4) Federal Public Housing/Section 8; or
- 5) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP.)

Customers eligible under the Lifeline Program are also eligible for connection assistance under the already established Linkup Program, which pays half of the installation charge for new service. All applications for Lifeline and Linkup service are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program. Proof of eligibility must be provided to Coalfields

Telephone at the time of application for new service. Lifeline credit will be established when proof of eligibility has been received and verified by Coalfields Telephone Company.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5435, Amendment No. 3

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.6

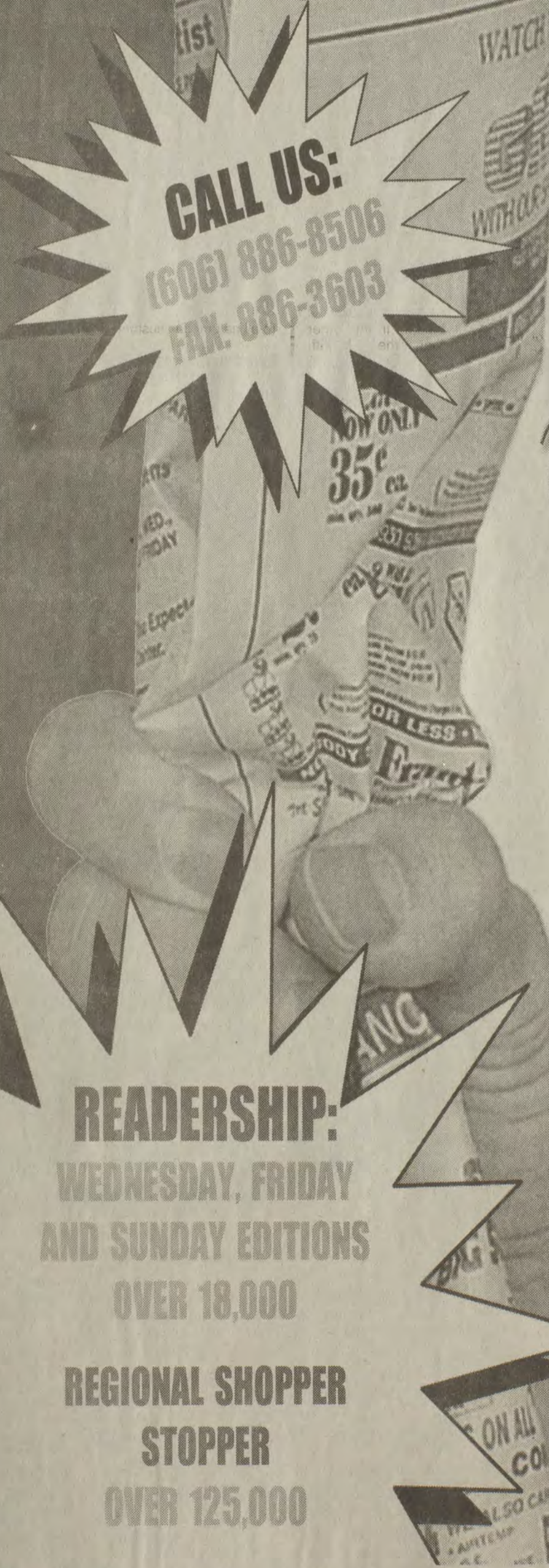
miles southeast of McDowell, in Floyd County. This amendment will add 0.00 acres of surface disturbance, and underlie an additional 295.51 acres, making a total area of 1146.00 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.5 mile southeast from KY 680's junction with KY 1929, and located 0.11 mile south of Hall Fork. The latitude is 37° 26' 58". The longitude is 82° 42' 00".

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will underlie land owned by David Akers, Mary Howell, Anna Newsome,

Cecil Hamilton, Dula Compton, Earl Evans, Zelli Stone and Joseph Mining Co. The operation will use the room and pillar method of underground mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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More than half of nonretired Americans have saved less than \$10,000 for retirement

Thrivent Financial study finds retirement funding a 'guessing game'

MINNEAPOLIS - More than half of nonretired adult Americans have either not begun saving or report having saved less than \$10,000 for retirement, according to a nationwide Thrivent Financial survey. Thirty-six percent have not yet begun to save for retirement and another 16 percent have saved less than \$10,000. In addition, the survey also found that 62 percent of Americans have never estimated how much money they will need for retirement.

Seventeen percent of nonretired Americans have saved \$10,000 to \$49,999, 9 percent have saved \$50,000 to \$99,999, and 6 percent have saved \$100,000 to \$249,999, 2 percent have saved \$250,000 to \$499,999, 1 percent have saved \$500,000 to \$999,999, and 1 percent saved \$1 million or more. Twelve percent of respondents are not sure or declined to answer.

"With seven of 10 either not saving or saving less than \$50,000, Americans are simply not accumulating sufficient assets to adequately meet long-term retirement needs," stated Pam Moret, executive vice president for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. "Clearly, too many Americans are operating in the dark when it comes to meeting their future retirement needs. This survey is one more wake-up call to all Americans to get serious about planning for their futures."

Income plays a major role in Americans' retirement savings participation. Just 26 percent of people with incomes of less than \$20,000 say they have started saving for retirement. This compares with 48 percent of those with incomes of \$20,000 to \$34,999, 69 percent of those with incomes of \$35,000 to \$49,999, 87 percent of those with incomes of \$50,000 to \$74,999, and 84 percent of those with incomes of \$75,000 or more.

Similarly, where a person lives affects their likelihood of saving for retirement. While 68 percent of suburban residents have started saving for retirement, 62 percent of urban residents and 51 percent of rural residents have done so.

"Retirement planning is not the exclusive territory of the well-to-do," said Moret. "On the contrary, retirement planning is a greater need among Americans with more modest incomes. Savers who steadily and methodically set aside even modest dollars for retirement

will be winners in their golden years."

Americans are likely to begin saving for retirement as young adults. Twenty-four percent of nonretired Americans said they first began saving for retirement at ages 18-25, 16 percent at ages 26-30, 9 percent at ages 31-35, 6 percent at ages 36-40, and 7 percent at ages 41 or older.

Those who have not begun saving for retirement cite a variety of reasons. Fifty-four percent of non-savers say they do not have enough money to start saving while 21 percent say it is simply too early to start. Seventeen percent say they have not gotten around to it yet, while 3 percent did not think they needed to save for retirement.

Six percent of those who have not started saving for retirement listed other reasons.

"While families and individuals have many reasons to delay their retirement funding plans, procrastination isn't one of them," said Moret. "Time works to the advantage of those who can set aside dollars for retirement, even if that funding is modest. Dollars set aside for the longest period of time can have the greatest impact on one's future well-being."

An easy-to-use calculator for

estimating retirement needs is available online at

<http://partners.financenter.com/tfb/calculate/us-eng/retire02a.fc>.

Telephone interviews were conducted for Thrivent Financial by Harris Interactive between Nov. 20 and Dec. 4, 2003 among a nationwide sample of 1,000 U.S. adults aged 18 and older. Figures for age and education were weighted where necessary to align them with their actual proportions in the population.

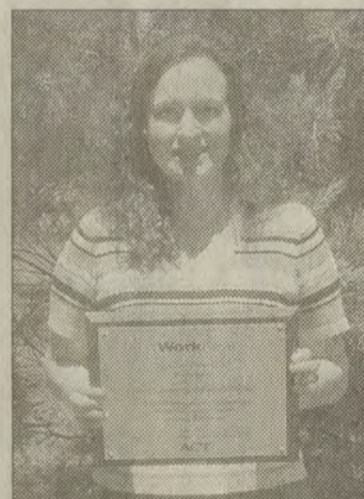
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Learning Spanish

The Leslie County Center of Hazard Community and Technical College now offers Spanish classes. Shown above, is student Teresa Watts, and instructor Sarah Craft, during the "Spanish to Go" class held at the Leslie County Center on Monday, June 7. This was a crash course in Spanish designed for students to quickly familiarize themselves with Spanish phrases and words, for upcoming vacations.

Hazard Community and Technical College named nationwide top scoring center



Jennifer Chester

Hazard Community and Technical College has been named one of the top ten WorkKeys scoring centers in the nation because of high performance during 2003-04.

Jennifer Chester, business liaison and assistant professor at HCTC, is the administrator for the scoring center and is a certified WorkKeys Job Profiler. She has coordinated testing and scoring of students throughout the state for high schools, community and technical colleges, and locally employees at Trus Joist. She has also profiled jobs at Trus Joist, ARH, UK, Medical Center, Ball Homes, Mitsubishi in Maysville and several others. The testing includes work place essential skills, varying from areas of applied math to teamwork, noted Mrs. Chester.

Julia B. Mitchell, vice president for Community and Resource Development, noted "This started as an initiative with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) to provide information to employers about prospective employees' skill levels. We started in fall 2000 and are the only such scoring center in this area. The only other scoring centers in the state are at Western Kentucky Tech and Owenboro Community College. WorkKeys profiling and testing are being done in all of our technical programs throughout the state."

Mrs. Chester credited Myla Barrett of the Community and Resource Development staff for her work with the projects along with student worker Jeremy Arnold.

"ACT values the efforts of Hazard Community and Technical College to support workforce development in the Hazard area," noted Dr. Thomas H. Saterfiel, senior vice president of Corporate Development for the Workforce Development Division of ACT in Iowa City, Iowa. "The nationwide economic slowdown is having a significant impact on employers, educators, and policy makers. Now more than ever, the importance of having a skilled workforce is evident," Saterfiel said.

Dr. Jay K. Box, president of HCTC, praised the work of Mrs. Chester and Mrs. Mitchell. "We received this award last year and it comes as no surprise to me that we have been honored again. I appreciate the work of both Jennifer and Judy."

Unemployment rates down in 97 counties from April 2003 to April 2004

FRANKFORT - Unemployment rates fell in 97 Kentucky counties between April 2003 and April 2004, rose in 20 and remained the same in Ballard, Boone and Lawrence counties, according to the Kentucky Department for Employment Services in the Education Cabinet.

In April 2004, six counties had jobless rates at or above 10 percent, and 17 counties recorded double-digit rates in April 2003.

Metcalfe County's 2.3 percent jobless rate was the lowest in the commonwealth. Other low rates were recorded in Oldham County, 2.6 percent; Franklin County, 2.8 percent; Jessamine County, 2.9 percent; Fayette County, 3.1 percent; Barren, Shelby and Marion counties, 3.2 percent each; and Hart and Woodford counties, 3.3 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 15.1 percent. It was followed by Elliott County, 13

percent; Carter County, 12.3 percent; Lewis County, 11.9 percent; Perry County, 10.8 percent; Fulton County, 10.7 percent; Morgan County, 9.2 percent; Ballard and Breathitt counties, 9 percent each; and Estill and Hickman counties, 8.5 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and counties figures.

Learn more about the Department for Employment Services at www.workforce.ky.gov.

KCTCS president elected chair-elect of AACC board

LEXINGTON - Michael B. McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), is chair-elect of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Board of Directors.

The election was held during the April board meeting held in conjunction with the 84th annual AACC convention in Minneapolis, Minn.

McCall is the first system-level president to be elected as chair of the AACC board. He will serve as chair-elect through June 30, 2005, and then will become chair in 2005-2006.

Over the last four decades, AACC has become the leading proponent and the national "voice for community colleges."

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In addition to his role as president, McCall serves on a number of national and state boards and commissions, including serving as chair-elect of the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges (NCSDDCC).

McCall will assume the duties of chair of NCSDDCC in August 2004. Affiliated with the American Association of Community Colleges, NCSDDCC is the only council that represents the collective interest of state agencies and state boards of community colleges.

In addition, McCall serves on the following boards and commissions:

- Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher's Blue Ribbon

Commission.

- The editorial board of the Community College Journal of Research and Practice.

- The advisory board of the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning, National.

- Chair of the State Directors Commission and co-chair of the Futures Commission White Paper for the 2004 Community College Futures Assembly.

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AMAZING ANIMAL ATHLETES



Who would win the medals if Mother Nature held Olympic Games for the other animals on this planet?

Speed and Endurance

The gold medal for long-distance running would have to go to the pronghorn antelope. It can maintain a steady speed of 35 mph (56 km/hr) for a distance of 3 miles (5 Km). No other animal can run so far so fast.

Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Identify similarities and differences in common objects.



Find the two identical pronghorn antelope.

Complete the maze to find out which animal wins each competition!

The fastest animal can reach 200+ miles per hour in a dive to catch its prey.

Fastest insect zooms in at 36 mph!

Fastest land animal racing in at 70 mph!

Fastest marine mammal swimming in at more than 35 miles per hour!

Fastest fish reaches 68 mph!

Dragonfly

Ladybug

Peregrine Falcon

Dall's Porpoise

Shark

Sailfish

Cheetah

High Jump

The puma, a member of the cat family, holds the record for the highest-jumping mammal. It can leap up to 18 feet (6 meters) in the air from a standing start.



Strongest Animal

The strongest animal, relative to body size, is the Rhinoceros Beetle. It can support 850 times its own body weight on its back.

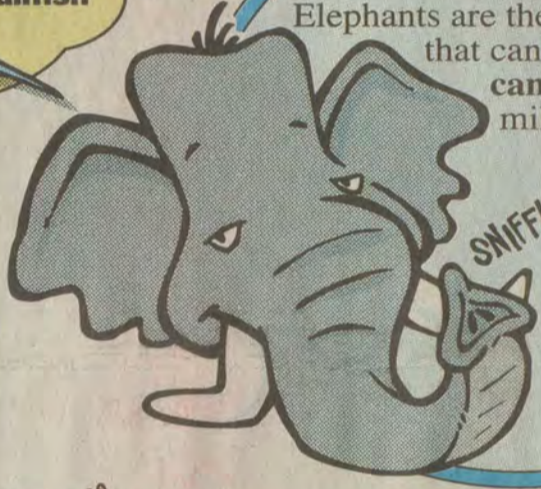
Long Jump

The common flea can cover 220 times the length of its body in one leap! If humans could do that, we would be able to complete the 800 Meter Race in just 2 leaps!



Winner by a Nose

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump. They can smell water three miles away, though!



Spelling Hurdles

Race through the newspaper and find and cut out letters that spell the names of each of the following Olympic events:

- Equestrian
- Javelin
- Steeplechase
- Swim

Standards Link: Language Arts: Spelling: Spell a variety of grade level words correctly.

Crack the Code

What is the Olympic motto? Use the code to find out!

□	●	+	↘	▲	☾	
☾	▼	◀	☾	▲	☾	
+	↘	☾	★	◀	▲	☾

A = ● G = ◀ N = ■ S = +
E = ▲ H = ☾ O = ★ T = ↘
F = □ I = ▼ R = ☾ U = ▶

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- WINNER
FLEA
RACE
SPEED
MAMMAL
FISH
ANIMAL
METER
LEAP
JUMP
GOLD
DISTANCE
NATURE
BODY
CAT
FALCON

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

K R R E N N I W E V
I E A R G O L D C E
F A L C O N A M N R
J W U A E J M A A U
H S I F M U I M T T
C G P Y N M N M S A
A T A E B P A A I N
T R E T E M S M D Z
A E L F D D B O D Y

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Long Distance Read-a-thon

Read parts of today's newspaper. Measure the length of each column you read. Add up all of the inches (or centimeters). Give yourself a reward if your read more than 100 inches or 254 cm!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students read from a variety of texts including newspapers; Math: Measurement.

What happened to the cheetah who took a bath three times a day?

ANSWER: After a week, he was spotted!

Weekly Writing Corner

Fast Animal Report

My favorite fast animal is a swordfish because it is large and powerful and some can weigh more than 1000 pounds. Its sharp sword can make a hole in the bottom of a ship.

Chris,
5th Grade

Leopards are my favorite animals. Here are a few fast facts! They love trees. They are also like panthers, one of the most skillful hunters. They weigh from 80 to 150 pounds.

Mercedes,
5th Grade

My favorite fast animal is a roadrunner. I like them because they are different. Roadrunners live in brushy desert. Plus they can fly. Most roadrunners live in southwestern America or in Mexico. They can run 15 miles per hour. Roadrunners are nearly 2 feet in length.

Monica,
5th Grade

My favorite fast animal is a Tasmanian devil. They're fierce animals of the Australian island of Tasmania. They often feed on the remains of a dead animal.

Tree,
5th Grade

My favorite fast animal is the California condor. It has a wingspan of about 9 feet and weighs about 23.5 pounds. It can also eat rotting meat without getting sick.

Briana,
6th Grade

My favorite animal that's fast is a guinea pig. They are really fuzzy. They have super tiny feet. They also have squinty faces.

Nayib,
6th Grade

As the sun falls the nighthawk flies up from its daytime resting place. The nighthawk zigzags through the air, seeking insects that still linger around. Nighthawks eat flies with their open mouths. They scoop up the insects.

Cody,
3rd Grade

My fast animal is a tiger. Tigers are very fast. They like to run really fast and pounce right on their prey. Tigers don't eat their prey in one sitting. Tigers hide their prey by covering it with leaves and grass.

Mikaelyn,
3rd Grade

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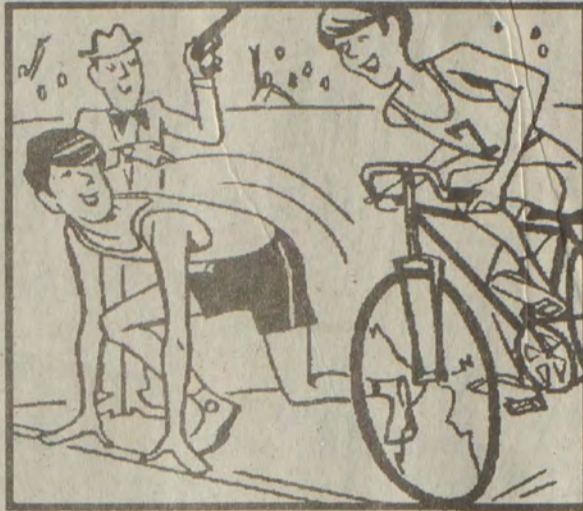
COLORING PAGE



WHAT'S UP! Strictly speaking, a catch is not always a catch on a fishing trip. Draw missing lines dot to dot.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



STAY THE COURSE START-UP TIME

WHILE Jones prefers to get his exercise riding a bicycle, his friend Smith likes to run. When Jones bikes, he averages 10 miles per hour, which is three times Smith's average speed on foot.

Last week, both Jones and Smith left at the same time from the same place in Longville, agreeing to meet each other in Shortville, before returning home.

Jones's trip on a winding road totaled 10 miles, and Smith's trip via a cross-country shortcut totaled three and one-third miles. Both reached the same spot in Shortville at exactly 12 o'clock noon.

Question: At what time did they depart together from Longville? Answer in 30 seconds.

There's no catch: They departed at 11 o'clock.

HALF RIGHT! Old joke: Teacher: "Class, what's half of eight?" Student: "Which half?" Teacher: "What's the difference?" Student: "Top half is zero, side half is three."

PLAY BALL! There are at least 21 baseball terms to spell out in the letter maze at right. Start at any letter, move to an adjacent letter across, up, down or diagonally. Individual letters may be used in more than one word, but not repeated in the same word. Words to find:

- Bat
- Ball
- Fan
- Force
- Cushion
- Sack
- Strike
- Out
- Error
- Hit
- Steal
- Battery
- Run
- Curve
- Trade
- Balk
- Bunt
- Slab
- Starter
- Foul
- Hero

See how quickly you can find them.

H	L	N	F	A	E	M
I	C	U	O	N	T	N
T	S	R	I	U	G	U
R	V	H	C	S	S	B
I	S	E	A	T	A	L
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Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

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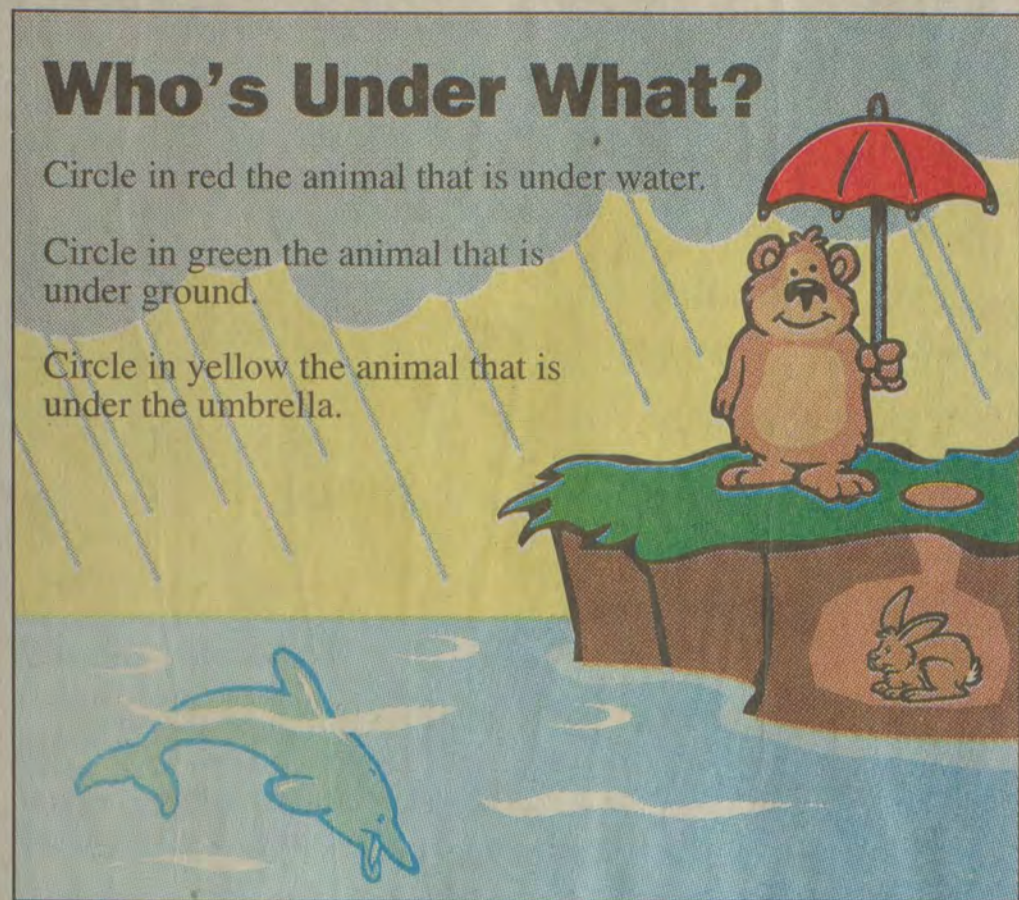
Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Who's Under What?

Circle in red the animal that is under water.

Circle in green the animal that is under ground.

Circle in yellow the animal that is under the umbrella.



My Letters

U is for Umbrella
u is for umbrella

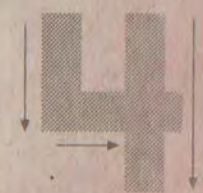


Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter U. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound that the letter U makes in the word umbrella?

My Numbers

How many ?
How many ?
How many ?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Rhyme Time

There was an old woman
Lived under a hill,
And if she's not gone
She lives there still.

My Sentence

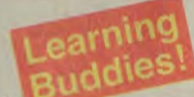
Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



Uncle Jud sat under



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that have the same sound as the letter U in the word umbrella. (Examples: tummy, sun, run, fun, etc.)	Math Play Point to the number 4 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Under and Over Play this game with your child to reinforce the concepts of over and under. Draw a line across the middle of a picture in the newspaper. Ask your child which things are under the line and which things are over the line.	Four Corners Look through the newspaper with your child to find shapes that have four corners. Point out which shapes are squares and which are rectangles.	Umbrella News Draw the outline of a large umbrella on one sheet of newspaper. Cut out the umbrella shape. Decorate it by drawing a colored dot on every letter U inside the umbrella outline.	Simon Says Give your child a folded newspaper and play Simon Says. Say things like, "Simon Says put the newspaper under your arm," and "Put the newspaper up in the air." Tell your child to only follow directions that start with Simon Says.	Unusual Friends Cut out different heads, legs, arms and torsos from pictures in the newspaper. Let your child rearrange the picture parts to make new people/creatures. Pretend these are new and unusual friends. Give them names and make up stories about them.



My Kid Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill. Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

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8	5	6	5	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	6	6
S	I	A	D	N	T	D	I	E	O	D	N	S

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

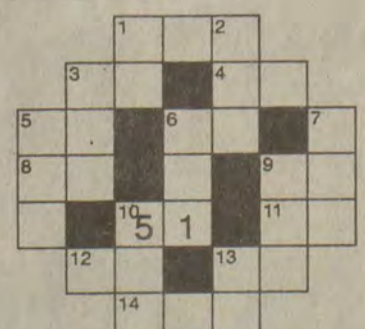
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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Rational Numbers answers

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



- ACROSS**
- Three times 4-Across
 - Two times 6-Across
 - 5-Across plus 1-Down
 - 12-Across minus 10-Across
 - Seven less than 5-Across
 - One more than 9-Across
 - 13-Across plus 1-Down
 - One less than 3-Across
 - 5-Across plus 8-Across
 - Twenty more than 11-Across
 - Two more than 13-Down
 - Four hundred more than 5-Down

- DOWN**
- One-seventh of 12-Across
 - One less than 10-Down
 - Digits of 1-Across reversed
 - Four times 12-Across
 - Seven more than 7-Down
 - Four times 10-Across
 - One-half of 14-Across
 - 5-Down plus 6-Down
 - One-fourth of 11-Across



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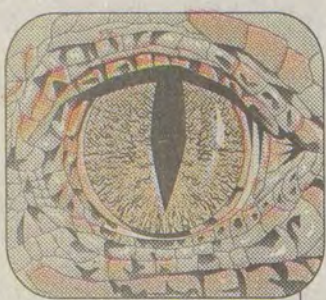
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CROCODILES

Crocodiles are a member of the **reptile** order *Crocodylia*, which also includes alligators, gharials and caimans. Crocodilians are close relatives of ancient **dinosaurs**. Years of being hunted by man brought many of these creatures to the brink of extinction. Due to conservation efforts some species have recovered, but others remain seriously endangered. About 20 species of crocodilians exist today.

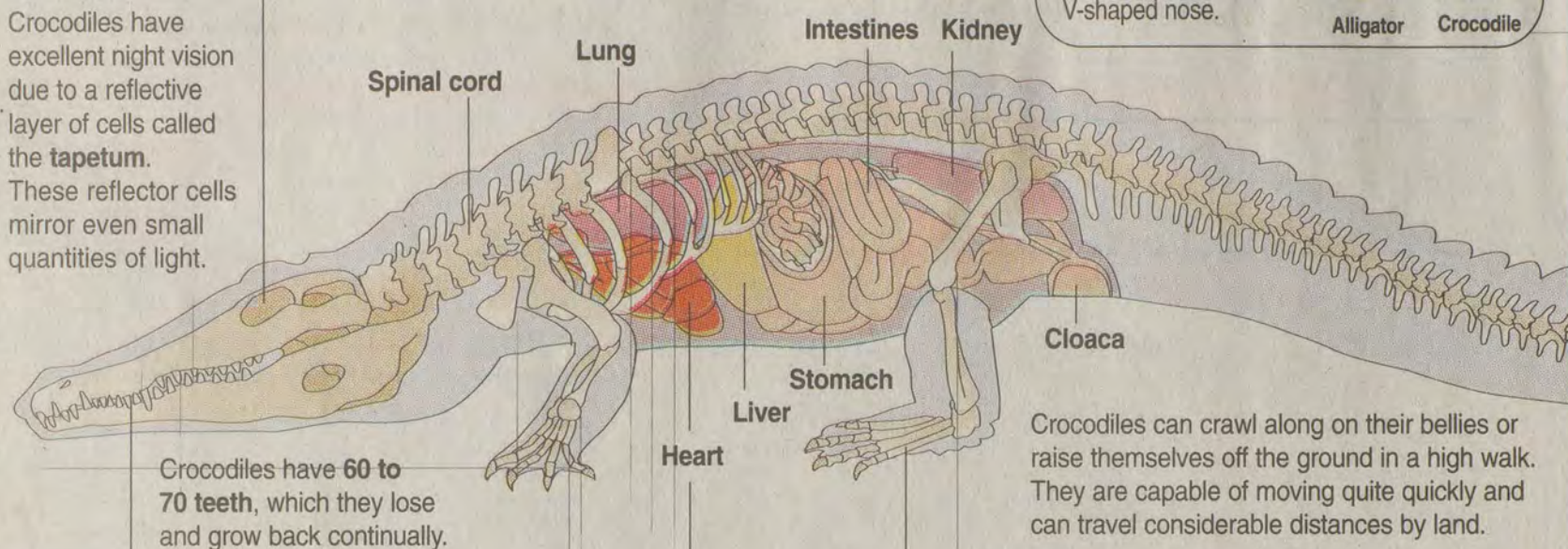


Crocodiles have excellent night vision due to a reflective layer of cells called the **tapetum**. These reflector cells mirror even small quantities of light.

The phrase "crocodile tears" is used to describe someone who is faking sadness or remorse. A crocodile does not weep over the victim it just ate, but crocodiles do produce tears to help lubricate and clean their eyes. Tears are especially apparent when a crocodile has been out of the water for a while and the eyes start to dry out. While underwater, a protective membrane serves as an extra eyelid. The membrane can interfere with a crocodile's focus, so they rely heavily on hearing underwater.

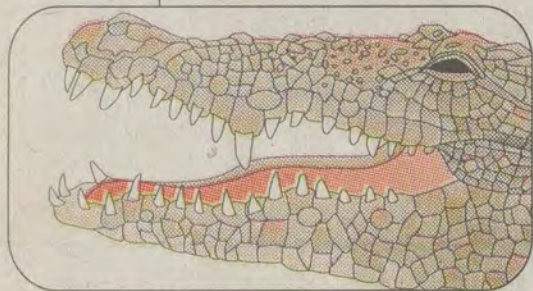
Which is which?

The easiest way to tell an alligator from a crocodile is to look at their **noses**. Alligators have a wide, U-shaped snout. Crocodiles have a longer, pointed V-shaped nose.



Crocodiles have **60 to 70 teeth**, which they lose and grow back continually.

Crocodiles can crawl along on their bellies or raise themselves off the ground in a high walk. They are capable of moving quite quickly and can travel considerable distances by land.



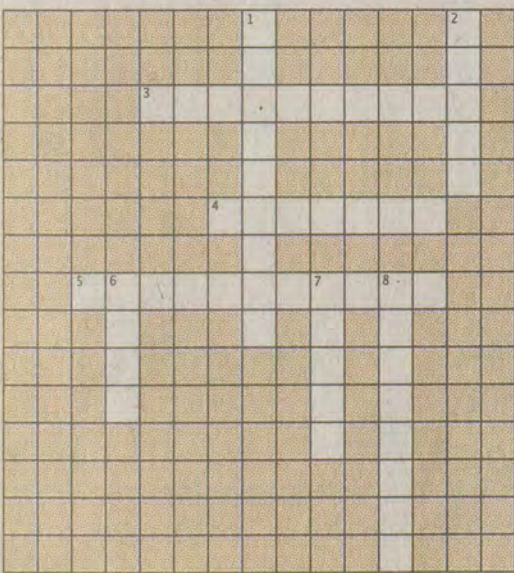
Most reptiles (lizards, snakes and turtles) have three-chambered hearts, but crocodiles have a four-chambered heart (like birds and mammals).



Crocodiles have five toes on their front feet, but only four toes on their back feet. Webbing on the feet between their toes helps crocodiles move quickly through water and walk more easily in mud.

What do you know?

- ACROSS**
- Meat eaters
 - Reflective layer of cells that gives crocodiles good night vision.
 - The sex of a crocodilian is determined by this.
- DOWN**
- A crocodilian's ancient relatives
 - Compare these if you want to know the difference between an alligator and a crocodile.
 - Crocodilians lay these.
 - Crocodiles have 60 to 70 of these.
 - Crocodilians belong to this class of animals.



- ANSWERS**
- ACROSS**
- CARNIVORES
 - TAPETUM
 - TEMPERATURE
- DOWN**
- DINOSAURS
 - NOSES
 - EGGS
 - TEETH
 - REPTILES

Interesting facts

Crocodilians share many characteristics and lifestyles. Social animals, they live in warm (tropical) climates in freshwater marshes, rivers, lakes and swamps (only the saltwater crocodile lives in salt water). Strong swimmers, these **carnivores** (meat eaters) spend much of their time in water, but they are born on land and have lungs, not gills. Some crocodilians can stay underwater for up to 30 minutes if they have to, but a typical dive is about 15 minutes. Crocodilians are vertebrates (animals with backbones). Because they are reptiles, they are cold-blooded; their body temperature changes with that of their environment.

Dinner time

Crocodilians are designed to be superior hunters, and many will eat just about anything they can catch, including people. Their teeth are ideal for grabbing and crushing prey, but not for chewing. Instead of chewing, crocodilians rip their food apart or swallow it whole. Crocodilians have very high levels of acid in their stomach to help them digest every part of an animal — even the bones. And they store more than half of the energy supplied by a meal as fat in their tails, backs and abdomens. Because they can store so much energy, it is possible for a large crocodilian to go up to two years without a meal.

Excellent parents

Like most reptiles, crocodilians lay **eggs**. Crocodilian mothers build nests and lay one clutch of eggs a year. A clutch may consist of 15 to 80 eggs (depending on the species). The mother fiercely guards her nest, while the male stays nearby to assist her, but he will not get too close to the nest for fear of being attacked himself. (Some species dig holes in the ground, others combine mud, leaves and branches and build above ground.) The sex of the babies is determined by the **temperature** of the eggs during the first few weeks. If the nest is below 86 F (30 C), all are female; above 93 F (34 C), all are male. Temperatures in between will produce both sexes. Some mothers will help break the eggs by gently chewing on them. Some crocodilian parents will protect their young until they are old enough to look after themselves (about 3 months), while other crocodilian parents provide no further care for their offspring once the young hatch.

Alligator eggs and incubation



An alligator may lay 50 to 60 eggs in a nest as large as 10 feet wide and 3 to 6 feet deep.

The eggs are incubated by the heat of the sun and decaying plant matter. The sex of the babies is determined by the temperature of the eggs during the first few weeks.

Baby alligators use a special egg tooth to break out of their shells.

All in the family

The word "reptile" is from the Latin *reperere*, which means "to crawl."

Reptiles are divided into four groups; one of these is the crocodilians. Scientists have divided the crocodilian family into three subgroups: crocodiles; alligators and caimans; and gharials.

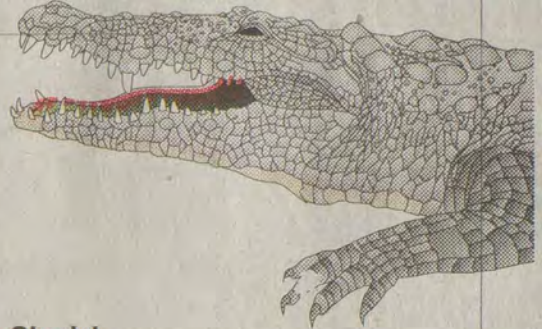
American alligator

Alligator mississippiensis
Range: Southeastern United States
Size: Up to 18 feet (5.5 m)



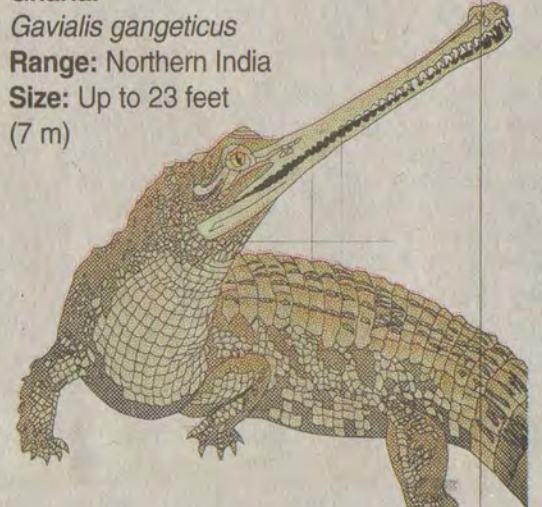
American crocodile

Crocodylus acutus
Range: Southeastern United States, Southern Mexico, Central America and northern South America
Size: Averages 12 feet (3.5 m)



Gharial

Gavialis gangeticus
Range: Northern India
Size: Up to 23 feet (7 m)



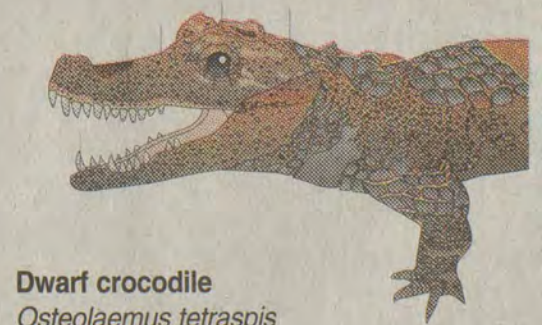
Nile crocodile

Crocodylus niloticus
Range: Africa
Size: up to 16.5 feet (5 m)



Spectacled Caiman

Caiman crocodilus
Range: Venezuela to South Amazon basin
Size: 5 to 6.5 feet (1.5 to 2 m)



Dwarf crocodile

Osteolaemus tetraspis
Range: West Africa, south of the Sahara
Size: Up to 5 feet (1.5 m)

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