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briefs

Brown gets one year for drugs

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Kenny Brown, 26, of Langley appeared in front of Judge Danny P. Caudill Friday for sentencing on one count of second-degree drug trafficking.

During the pretrial conference, the prosecution, in exchange for a guilty plea, offered Brown a sentence of two years, one served in a state penitentiary and the remainder of the sentence probated. Brown did not accept the plea agreement and the case was put on the court's motion docket to schedule a trial. It was later set for April 28.

Since Brown rejected the plea deal, it was withdrawn by the commonwealth and was no longer available as an option for him. But after visiting the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and listening to an audiotape of a drug transaction between Brown and a confidential informant on high-tech audio equipment, Brown and his attorney decided to enter an open plea.

Brown could have received a maximum of up to five years in prison for the drug trafficking charge.

Brown requested that his plea be entered after

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Sunny
High: 80 • Low: 58

Tomorrow
Isolated storms
High: 86 • Low: 64

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Trial date set after Yates rejects deal

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Tracy Dean Yates, the man indicted for the death of 2-year-old Stacia Collins following a hit and run accident along Mud Creek in 2002, was back in court Friday for a pretrial conference.

Yates allegedly fled the scene of the accident after crashing his wife's car into a vehicle in which Collins was a passenger. Collins was killed

when police say Yates slammed into a vehicle driven by her father, Stacy Collins, of Harold, while the family was traveling along Route 2030 at Honaker.

Stacy Collins, his wife, Denise, and Stacia Collins' older brother were injured in the accident.

Investigators combed the Honaker area and questioned residents for nearly a week to track down the 1989 Buick Park Avenue the Collinses said had struck them and then sped away

before tracing it back to Bronis Yates, Tracey Yates' wife.

Yates declined the commonwealth's offer of 10 years in prison. On Friday, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said that his office was prepared to negotiate that offer, but Yates' attorney said he was not interested in any offer from the commonwealth.

Yates will remain in custody until his trial date which has been set for Dec. 6.



Tracy Yates appeared in front of Judge Danny P. Caudill Friday to have a trial date set after he turned down an offer made by the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Yates is charged with second-degree manslaughter.

photo by Joyal Frazier



Dr. Virginia Fox, state education secretary, praised students graduating from the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, during her keynote speech, while the center's sign language interpreter translated.

photo by Tom Doty

111 graduate from rehabilitation center

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

THELMA — The Carl D. Perkins Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center held its graduation ceremony Friday at the center's Thelma location.

The center is a unique institution in Eastern Kentucky. Its goal is to help people reenter the workforce and overcome obstacles in that regard. Because it is the only center of its kind in Kentucky it attracts students from throughout

the state and plays host to a wide variety of ethnic, cultural and social status groups.

The students all share two things in common: They are over 18 years old and want to return to work. All manner of mental and physical challenges are dealt with there by a staff that includes teachers, social workers, doctors, nurses and therapists.

This year's graduates brought out a lot of supporters who filled the center's gymnasium and necessitated opening another

room where people could watch the ceremony via a video link.

The festivities were hosted by the center's director, Barry Newill. The keynote speaker was state Education Secretary Dr. Virginia Fox.

Fox congratulated the staff and students and highlighted several of this year's achievements by students, noting that the student government has improved the facility twofold by setting up a

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City discusses flood damage with FEMA

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg City Council met in a Friday to discuss flood damage and gather more information from the Federal Emergency Management

Agency. Bobby Carpenter, Prestonsburg fire marshal, explained that FEMA would cover 75 percent of most expenses due to damage by the flood. He stated that assessments are still being made to flood damaged culverts that had washed out and filled with debris. It was reported that two homes within the city limits were totally destroyed, and the rest was infrastructure damage to businesses and homes.

Lon May stated that the city has had little to no contact with

FEMA during the disaster, but in the past that had not been a problem.

Damage assessment teams from Washington are in the area to assess the damage and report back to the president.

The areas discussed most were Trimble Branch and Mays Branch and what could be done to keep flooding from happening in the future. One of the issues that was brought up was the fact that the city or FEMA would have to go on people's private property to fix the creek and drains in those areas.

Colett Blum, with FEMA, was at the meeting and she explained that there are some organizations that help with this type of disaster relief. Organizations that can help repair the damage include

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Former MAC director responds to allegations

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Pat Bradley's lawsuit against Mayor Jerry Fannin is getting a bit steamy, with the inclusion of testimony regarding an alleged sexual relationship between Bradley and one of her employ-

ees.

In a recent deposition, Fannin said he fired Bradley because she was "unable to manage people," was involved in an alleged sexual relationship with an employee, traded MAC tickets for motel rooms,

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Governor visits storm victims

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INEZ — Michael Sartin feels fortunate that he and his family escaped with their lives when a flash flood slammed into his home at Pigeon Roost, shattering it like a dropped doll house.

"The water picked it up, slammed it into trees, and busted it into a million pieces," Sartin said Friday while waiting his turn to talk with representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency at a newly opened disas-

ter recovery center in Inez.

Sartin is one of thousands of people in Kentucky who are seeking federal assistance to repair or replace homes hit by severe storms that spawned tornadoes and triggered flash floods in late May and early June.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who was making an economic development visit to Japan when the storms hit, toured the hardest hit areas on Friday, visiting with victims at newly opened disaster recovery centers in Henry, Martin and Magoffin counties.

"I've run into a lot of families who have basically lost everything," Fletcher said during a stop in Inez. "I'm not sure words will be able to ease the pain. I wanted to be here just to reassure people."

Fletcher said his goal is to get every family back into permanent living quarters. Many are staying with relatives, friends and in hotels until they can rebuild or repair their homes.

James Dye, a resident of Wolfe

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Kasey Tackett, 9 year old daughter of Allyson and James Conley of Salt Lick, won Wal-mart's Double Bubble Blowing Contest. Her bubble, a whopping 12 inches, puts her in the running for a \$10,000 national prize.

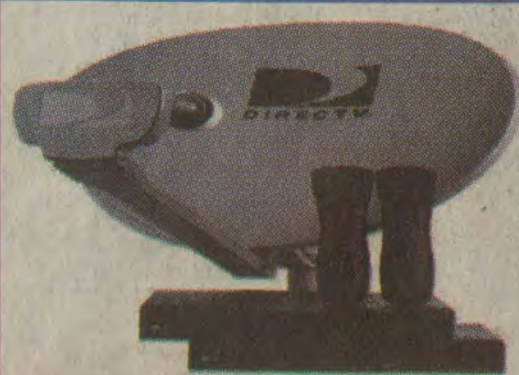
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Odds and Ends

The Associated Press

■ **TRENTON, N.J.** — It's unanimous: Women deserve a cheap drink, at least in New Jersey bars and restaurants.

Despite an administrative ruling that says the ladies' night at a Cherry Hill bar and restaurant violated state civil rights rules, Assembly members Thursday said there ought to be a law protecting the practice.

The Assembly voted 78-0 to approve a bill making it legal for bar owners and others to offer special promotions such as charging women different prices for drinks. The measure was designed to specifically overturn that June 1 ruling.

"It defies common sense to view Ladies Night as anything other than a way for a bar or restaurant owner to stay competitive and successful," said the measure's sponsor, Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, a Democrat.

Earlier this month, the director of the state Division on Civil Rights ruled in favor of a man who said it wasn't fair for women

to get into the Coastline bar and restaurant in Cherry Hill for free and enjoy discounted drinks while men paid \$5 and full price for beverages.

Gov. James E. McGreevey led the charge in denouncing the decision, calling it "bureaucratic nonsense."

The bill now heads to the Senate.

■ **MANASSAS, Va.** — Lisa Bailey embezzled more than \$109,000 from the Prince William County Soil and Water District, and now she's paying her way out of a prison sentence.

But Bailey's bailout is no bribe; the judge is making her pay instead of putting her behind bars.

On Thursday, Judge LeRoy F. Millette sentenced Bailey to two months in jail, which she has already served, and said the district badly needs her \$800 in monthly restitution to meet its payroll.

"I think you're getting off way too easily and if you violate any of the terms of this restitution I'm going to put you back in prison,"

Millette said.

He ordered Bailey to pay the \$800 a month for nearly 10 years and placed her on probation for 10 years. She could have been sentenced to more than 19 years in prison.

Bailey admitted to forging checks and using district credit cards for personal items while working there in 2003. She pleaded guilty to the charges April 22.

■ **OREM, Utah** — Talk about a frosty reception.

Andrea Wilcox was trying to lure customers to a suburban Salt Lake City Dairy Queen restaurant last weekend by wearing an inflatable "Curly Top" suit when she was suddenly tackled for no apparent reason.

"I heard a truck drive up behind me, so I turned around and was waving at them when a kid jumped out and ran toward me," said Wilcox, who didn't get a good view of the person. "I thought, 'What is he doing?' and he just tackled me like a football player."

Manager Sophie Thomas

devised a new policy when it comes to wearing Curly Top.

"I will now only let them out there if there are two of them," she said.

The incident did not frighten Wilcox too much. About 15 minutes after the attack, she was back out waving to passers-by.

■ **BESSEMER, Ala.** — Matilda really is a magic chicken.

Long a prop in a magician's show, the hen from Bessemer has been certified by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living chicken.

Matilda, who works with Keith Barton in his "Mort the Mystifying" act, is 14 years old. The little gray bird is believed to be an Old English Red Pyle hen.

"She used to have an under-study, but she outlived it," said Barton's wife, Donna, who also is in the act as the magician's assistant.

Matilda's role is to appear in a pan that moments earlier seemed to contain only a fresh egg yolk and a few drops of hot sauce.

Getting Matilda on stage was a lot simpler than getting her listed with Guinness. The process took

nearly three years, even though the Bartons had veterinary records dating to 1990.

Guinness confirmed Matilda's longevity in an April 27 Web page posting, followed by a letter to the Bartons, which was accompanied by a certificate proclaiming the distinction. The Birmingham News reported on Matilda's new-found fame Thursday.

One of Matilda's doctors, Randy Britt of Britt Animal Hospital, said the hen has practically doubled the 7- or 8-year normal lifespan for a chicken.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 18, the 170th day of 2004. There are 196 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 18th, 1983, astronaut Sally K. Ride became America's first woman in space as she and four colleagues blasted off aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

On this date:

■ In 1778, American forces entered Philadelphia as the British withdrew during the Revolutionary War.

■ In 1812, the United States declared war against Britain.

■ In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met his Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium.

■ In 1928, aviator Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as she completed a flight from Newfoundland to Wales in about 21 hours.

■ In 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill urged his countrymen to conduct themselves in a manner that would prompt future generations to say, "This was their finest hour."

■ In 1945, William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was charged in London with high treason for his English-language wartime broadcasts on German radio. (He was hanged the following January.)

■ In 1948, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights adopted its International Declaration of Human Rights.

■ In 1948, Columbia Records publicly unveiled its new long-playing phonograph record in New York.

■ In 1979, President Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT Two strategic arms limitation treaty in Vienna.

■ In 1984, Alan Berg, a Denver radio talk show host, was shot to death outside his home. (Two white supremacists were later convicted of civil rights violations in the slaying.)

Ten years ago:

The presidents of North

Korea and South Korea agreed to hold a historic summit (however, plans for the summit were disrupted by the death of North Korean leader Kim Il Sung on July 8).

Five years ago:

The House rejected gun control legislation, 280-147, with many Democrats rebelling against National Rifle Association-backed provisions in the bill. The Group of Seven nations opened a three-day summit in Cologne, Germany. Arsonists struck three synagogues in the Sacramento, Calif., area. (Two white supremacist brothers were later convicted of federal charges and received sentences of 21 to 30 years in prison.)

One year ago:

Convicted rapist Andrew Luster, heir to the Max Factor fortune, was arrested in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, after five months on the run. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Larry Doby, who broke the American League's color barrier in 1947, died in Montclair, N.J.; he was believed to be 79.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Ian Carmichael is 84. Columnist Tom Wicker is 78. Rock singer-composer-musician Sir Paul McCartney is 62. Movie critic Roger Ebert is 62. Actress Constance McCashin is 57. Actress Linda Thorson is 57. Actress Isabella Rossellini is 52. Actress Carol Kane is 52. Singer Tom Bailey (The Thompson Twins) is 47. Rock singer Alison Moyet is 43. Country singer-musician Tim Hunt is 37. Rock singer-musician Sice (The Boo Radleys) is 35. Rhythm and blues singer Nathan Morris (Boyz II Men) is 33. Actress Mara Hobel is 33. Country singer Blake Shelton is 28. Actress Renee Olstead ("Still Standing") is 15.

Thought for Today:

"Neither beg of him who has been a beggar, nor serve him who has been a servant." — Anonymous

July 17 deadline for severe weather-related unemployment insurance

FRANKFORT — Kentuckians in 66 counties who have lost work or whose businesses were damaged due to severe weather that has occurred since May 26, 2004, may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

Farmers and self-employed people, who are normally not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, may also qualify for disaster unemployment assistance, according to the Department for Employment Services, an agency of the Education Cabinet.

July 17 is the deadline for applying for benefits. All regular unemployment insurance

benefits must be exhausted prior to receiving any disaster benefits. Applications can be filed at local Department for Employment Services offices.

When filing a claim, self-employed people should bring a copy of their 2003 income tax return. Other applicants need only a photo-identification card and their Social Security number.

The following counties have been designated for unemployment insurance assistance: Bell, Bourbon, Boyle, Breathitt, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Butler, Caldwell, Carroll, Casey, Christian, Clark, Clay, Crittenden, Edmonson, Elliott,

Estill, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Garrard, Grayson, Hardin, Harlan, Hart, Henderson, Henry, Hopkins, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, McLean, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Oldham, Owen, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, Union, Webster, Whitley, Wolfe, and Woodford.

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2001 Ford Explorer Sport 4x4, 2 dr., Silver V6, Auto, PS, PB, A/C, Power windows, P-locks, P-mirrors, P-seat, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM, CD. Low miles. Was \$17,995 NOW \$14,995 St. # OHP 419

2001 Ford Escape 4x4, Green, 4 dr., V6, Auto, A/C, PS, PB, Power windows, P-locks, P-mirrors, P-seat, AM/FM, CD, Tilt, Cruise. Low miles. Was \$19,995, NOW \$16,995 St. # NCP317

2001 Mercury Sable LS, 4dr., White V6, Auto, A/C, PS, PB, Power windows, P-locks, P-mirrors, P-seat, AM/FM, CD, Tilt, Cruise. Low miles. Was \$13,995 NOW \$10,995 St. # DP342

2001 Ford F-150, Super Cab Pick-Up, Blue V6, Auto, A/C, PS, PB, Power windows, P-locks, P-mirrors, AM/FM, CD, Tilt, Cruise. Low miles. Was \$18,995 NOW \$15,995 St. # OHP416

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FEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Small Business Administration. Blum explained that the SBA first asks flood victims to apply for a loan and go through that process before they become eligible for any grants that are available. If a victim does not qualify for a grant, he or she can always turn down the loan that they offer but everyone in need should apply. She stressed that those applying for the loan make sure to list every bill they have not just the large ones because grants are given on the ability you have to pay back the loans. The loans have nothing to do with income, but with the ability to pay it back.

Blum stressed that it would not up to the inspectors to tell people whether or not they would be eligible for assistance, because they are contractors hired by FEMA and are not actual FEMA employees and do not make decisions about who receives help. She suggested for the victims of the flood to get disposable cameras and take pictures of the damage before cleanup begins and to document everything so that they will have records to show FEMA and the SBA. Blum also said that if there are elderly or disabled people that are not able to clean up their homes or land, FEMA wants to know about them because they do sometimes

help people in those situations. "There is also an appeals process for people who have been turned down initially," Blum said. FEMA will have a mobile unit in Floyd County for at least five days to answer questions, but citizens need to call FEMA to be put on a list for people that have damage due to the flood. FEMA has opened a disaster recovery center in Salyersville that will be open seven days a week until it is no longer needed and it is available for everyone in the area that was hit by the flood. In the absence of Mayor Jerry Fannin, Hansel Cooley served as mayor for the meeting.



photo by Tom Doty

Kelly Hall, of Harold, graduated Friday from the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center and received the William B. Duke Citizenship Award. It was presented by Dean of Students David Beach.

Hall receives citizenship award at graduation

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

THELMA — Kelly Hall graduated from the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center in Thelma on Friday but already had what the center prepared her to find — a job. She applied at The Floyd County Times two weeks ago and gave such an impressive interview that she was hired on the spot. This was due in no small part to the training she got at the center as well as a positive outlook that saw her net special recognition at the ceremony as well as an award for good citizenship. David Beach, the dean of students at the center, gave Hall the award and remarked, "We will miss you." Hall was also chosen to speak at the festivities because of her deep commitment to the program, as well as for her being very helpful to other students and staff. While at the center she served on several committees and was active in student government. Hall also found time to attend all of her classes and graduated

from the "Offset Printing Technology" program which prepared her for work in a press room. Hall speaks highly of the center and its classes. "The program was really helpful and went at a good pace," Hall said. "I started by being evaluated so they could see where my strengths lie. Then there were a lot of tests like math and other subjects. Then there was a work adjustment program which was followed by training, which was print technology for me." The program wrapped up with a course called "Preparing Adults For Competitive Employment," or PACE. There, Hall learned the final skills necessary to dazzle potential employers in job interview settings. It all worked out well for the Harold native who found gainful employment within weeks of officially graduating. Still, Hall will miss her school even though its pushed her on to the next level. "The people there were so supportive and kind," Hall said. "I am going to miss them."



Dewey Conn, of Martin, at the national World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Conn attended the dedication of the monument May 29.

Conn attends tribute to 'greatest generation'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Although almost 60 years have passed since the end of World War II, to some it seems like only yesterday. The efforts of some 16 million men and women who served in the American armed forces during the war were recognized recently the nation's greatest monuments. On May 29, the World War II Memorial was formally dedicated. Among those attending was Dewey Conn, of Martin. Conn served as staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

A flight engineer and waist gunner on a B-24 bomber, Conn was shot down over German in June 1944 and subsequently became a prisoner-of-war. After enduring 11 months of captivity, including the 87-day "Black Death March," he and thousands of others were liberated in May 1945. Conn and the millions of others who sacrificed during the war were recognized during the emotional ceremony in speeches by Tom Hanks, Tom Brokaw, former Sen. Bob Dole, President George W. Bush and former President George Bush.

Response

and used city money to purchase alcohol. In the continuation of Bradley's deposition, taken after Fannin's testimony prompted an order that she answer specific questions relating to the alleged affair, Bradley contradicted the mayor's allegations. Fannin alluded that Bradley's involvement with the employee interfered with her job as his supervisor. Bradley initially testified that she did not have a sexual relationship with the man "on or off" the premises, but as the examination continued, she admitted to a possible encounter. "He never touched me in any improper way, buttocks, breasts or otherwise, while at the Mountain Arts Center premises, no sir," Bradley said, when questioned by attorney Michael Schmitt. "Off the premises, possibly." They "kissed" off the premises, she said.

Bradley testified that she wasn't "aware" that employers generally considered sexual relationships intolerable. She says she had seen the city's sexual harassment policy, which specifies that any employees engaged in a sexual relationship will be terminated from their position. She couldn't recall, however, if she signed the document. As testimony continued, she admitted that she stayed at the Microtel and Comfort Suites without charge and that she gave complimentary MAC tickets to hotel managers. She also said she used gift certificates to obtain a room for the employee, who came to her room "one time after the show for a drink." The employee, interviewed by Bradley and initially hired as a part-time tech worker on an annual salary of \$20,000, was promoted to property manager last March.

Bradley testified that she was in charge of his time sheets, but that she didn't analyze them closely because of his fixed salary rate. Bradley's attorney, J. Dale Golden, of Lexington, objected to questioning about possible emotional medical treatment she may have had prior to 1975, an objection, Schmitt said, that would be addressed by the court at a later date. Golden also objected to a question of whether or not Bradley authorized for that employee, a 3 percent pay raise that he "was not entitled to get" and to questioning about a May 27, 2003, incident where Bradley allegedly paid him nearly \$665 before "striking the entry" from the register. Fannin testified during his deposition, filed last month, that he had a sexual relationship with a member of the city council when he served as a council member.

Drugs

he finished his finals at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, to which prosecutors and Caudill agreed. Before being sentenced, Brown's attorney, Leta Beharrestan, told the court, "My client is trying to make a better life for himself. He is successfully attending classes and working part-time at the school with the disabled." But Caudill said that he felt Brown was in need of correctional treatment and sentenced him to four years in a prison, which is to be probated after one-and-a-half years. He was also ordered to be evaluated for substance abuse and treatment if needed. Judge Caudill ended the hearing by saying to Brown, "I have given you one-and-a-half years and I hope not to see you back in here. I hope you take this opportunity."

Four sentenced on drug charges

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Judge Danny P. Caudill had a busy day in court Friday, sentencing several people on drug charges. Earl Patton pleaded guilty to two counts of falsely obtaining prescriptions. Patton was sentenced to two years on each count to run concurrent with each other, but he will spend no time behind bars. The sentence was probated for two years under the condition that Patton fulfill the requirements of his probation, which include testifying for the commonwealth if needed. Caudill also ruled that Patton be evaluated for substance abuse and treatment if needed, and that he attend weekly addiction support group meetings. Bob McCoy was found guilty of first-degree cocaine trafficking, which is a Class D felony. Caudill

said that he felt McCoy was in need of correctional rehabilitation and sentenced him to five years in prison, which will be probated after two years. Judge Caudill also ordered that McCoy pay \$145 in court costs. "Drug abuse is a serious, serious problem, and you are going to have at least a couple of years to fix it," Judge Caudill said as McCoy was leaving the courtroom. "I hope not to see you back here again." David Webb arrived in front of Caudill in a wheelchair for his sentencing for second-degree trafficking. "This is a bit of an unusual case because of his medical condition," Judge Caudill said, "so I will let your attorney explain what is going on with you." Webb's attorney explained to the court that his client had a terminal kidney disease and that he

had to go for dialysis three times a week. He also said that Webb suffered from spina bifida and did not have the use of his legs. Judge Caudill asked a probation officer if they had been able to locate a facility for Webb that could treat his medical condition if incarcerated. The officer stated that they had not yet found one, but were still looking. The commonwealth had suggested Webb serve one year, but stated they were leaving sentencing up to the judge because of Webb's medical condition. After hearing all the information, Caudill ruled that Webb was guilty and sentenced him to one year in a rehabilitation center which was to be probated for two years. "Normally, someone with that offense would be jailed," Caudill told Webb. The judge ordered Webb not to be outside his home except for medical treatment, court or probation appointments, or for religious services.

Graduation

gift shop and using the money raised from sales to make capital improvements for the center's dormitories. "You are the leaders of tomorrow," Fox closed. "Choose wisely and live your passions." The program also honored students who have made remarkable achievements. Keesha Newsome, of Prestonsburg, spoke as the first deaf student to graduate from the External Diploma Program, which awards a high school equivalency degree based on work and life experience. Kelly Hall, of Harold, was also recognized with the William B. Duke Jr. Award for Citizenship, which rewarded her for her efforts to give back to the community. The center graduated 111 students Friday and each overcame hardships with help from the center's staff. They are now poised to reenter the workforce throughout the state. "These ceremonies are very special experiences," Newill said. "It is the culmination of all of our work. Seeing what our students can accomplish humbles you. It reminds you that, in the grand scheme of things, we are all considerably lucky and there is really very little that can't be accomplished."

Governor

Creek outside Inez, moved his wife and daughter into a borrowed camper after the flood left a slimy coating of mud on everything in his mobile home. Pat Shepherd of Inez moved her daughter and grandchildren in with her sister until her mobile home can be cleaned and repaired. Stacy Floden, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, said more than 4,000 people have applied for federal assistance in the week since President George W. Bush issued an emergency declaration, making residents of 66 counties in Kentucky eligible for help. Floden said \$3.7 million has already been approved for housing and other needs for people whose homes were damaged or destroyed by floods, tornados or mudslides. "It's different types of damage that you're seeing in different parts of the state," she said. "It's a unique situation." Cindy Wade, a single mother of three in Eminence, said two trees landed on her home during a storm on May 27, knocking holes in the roof and shearing off the back of the restored 19th century farmhouse.

"We were down in a cellar, no windows, and all you can hear is the wind whirling," she said. "We felt the house shake when it took that hit." Wade said she is staying with friends until her home is repaired. In Martin County, Sartin and his family moved into an apartment, courtesy of the Red Cross. He said he lost everything. "The water came up so fast we didn't have time to get anything out," he said. "We just waded out with what we had on. Just minutes later, we saw the house destroyed."

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Guest View

Keep emphasis on writing

Writing really is nothing more than choosing words and putting them in a particular order.

But if you've ever delivered a call to action before your city council, written a love letter to that girl with the red hair or crafted an appeal of a denied claim to an insurance company, you know the difference between the right and wrong words, and how you string them together, can be great indeed.

And if you've lived any length of time, you know that you don't have to be a novel writer or newspaper reporter to need to know how to write.

That's why we urge Kentucky education officials to proceed cautiously in studying whether to eliminate student-writing portfolios from the state's system of testing school accountability.

We believe the ability to write clearly and with conviction is the most important and useful skill for teachers to impart. The portfolios are at the same time a measure of a student's progress and a way to institutionalize that priority so that it is not pushed aside by some teachers and schools.

The portfolios were put in place in 1992 as a way to carry out the Kentucky Education Reform Act's emphasis on writing. They were controversial when they were implemented and remain such today.

Essentially students are required to write throughout their school years and across the curriculum. The writing is graded in grades four, seven and 12, with scores accounting for 11.4 percent of a schools' overall test score.

Despite evidence that student writing has improved, critics say the portfolios haven't done enough. And both those who like and hate them acknowledge there are problems: Teachers tend to inflate scores, over-emphasize rewriting and put too much time into the process, taking away from other subjects.

Those concerns are so great that a state Board of Education advisory group consisting of parents, teachers and educators has recommended abolishing the portfolios as a part of the testing system. The state education department has decided to form a task force to examine the issue and issue recommendations this fall.

Education Secretary Virginia Fox, the governor's liaison to the education department, predicted a return "to the drawing board" when it comes to the portfolios. Even so, she said, the state will never abandon the emphasis on writing.

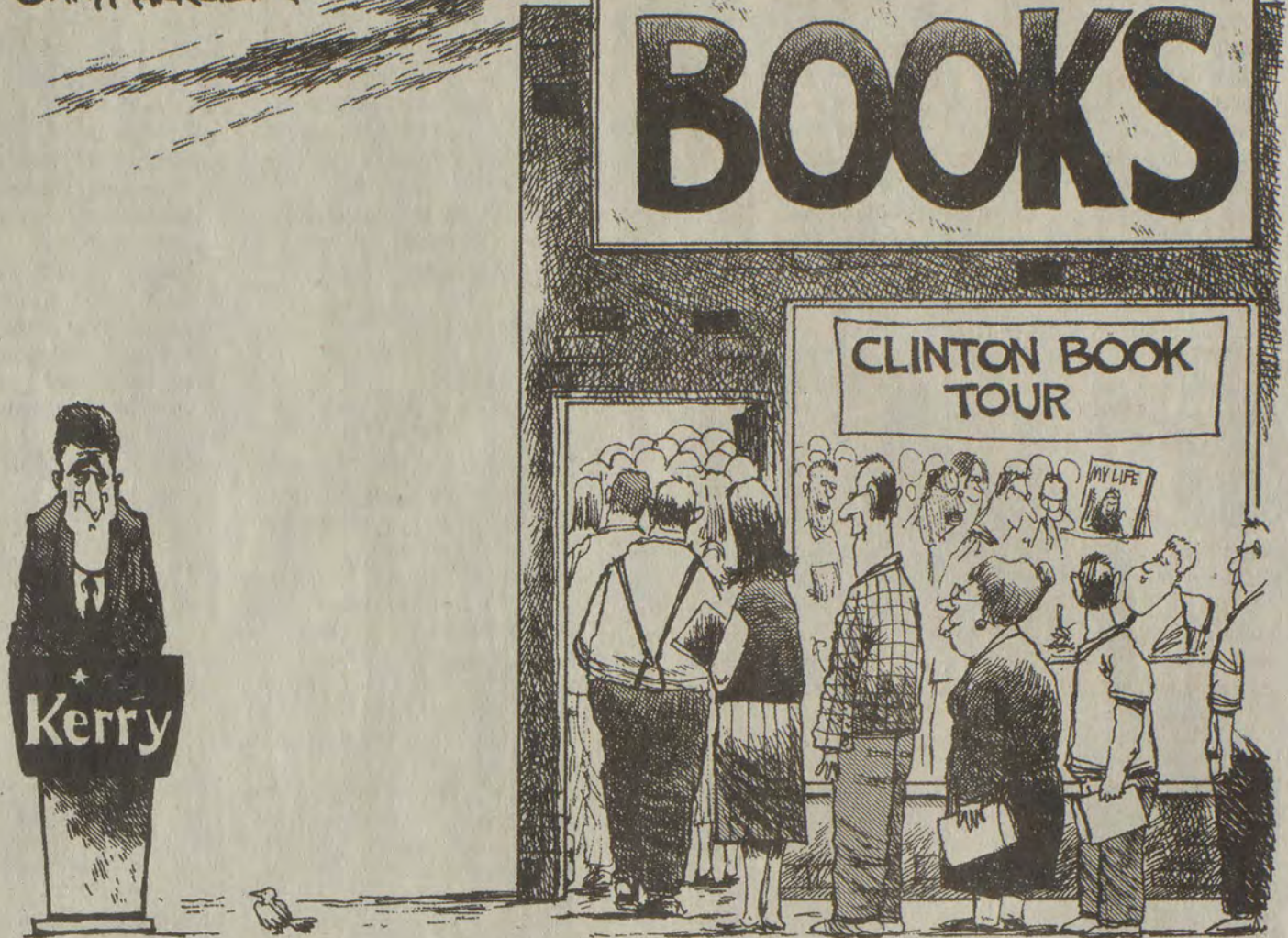
We hope not.

KERA was meant to be an evolving process, not a final document, and so we think evaluation is good. But the emphasis on writing, and an institutionalized requirement of such, is mandatory.

Anything else would rob students of an essential skill.

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— Jim Davidson

A father's 'influence'

With all the real problems in the world today this seems so minor, but the past few weeks have been very sad days here at our home. Our good neighbors, Ron and Sylvia Burton, sold all of their laying hens and we don't get fresh eggs any more. We just have to go to the store and buy factory eggs like everybody else.

As it relates to laying hens and eggs, I have a very interesting but true story to share with you that I would like to use to illustrate a point. First, this question. Have you ever been in a position where you could watch a baby chick as it hatches? There is a process it goes through that in most cases will determine whether or not it will live.

As a baby chick matures and gets ready to come out of the shell, it puts pressure on the shell until it cracks just a little bit. Then over the next several hours, little by little it begins to come out of the shell. But it has to work to do it, which produces the strength it needs to survive the first few days of life. If you broke the shell for this chick, in

most cases it would die.

The same principle is true for our own children. As they begin to mature, we should teach them skills, values and character traits to become self-reliant and independent, so they will be able to survive and thrive later in life.

Now, keeping this thought or principle in mind, I want to tell you about a lady whose late father gave her something that is producing fruit till this very day. It's called influence. He influenced her to have compassion and love for others and this quality brings joy and happiness that many people in our country never experience.

Several months ago I wrote a column about a special little restaurant in Russellville, Ark., by the name of Feltner's. Several weeks later I learned the column had gotten great response and many people had called or stopped by as a result of what I shared. You know, you can't beat good food, good people and reasonable prices. Feltner's has all of this and more.

Several weeks after the column ran I got to know Mr. Feltner's daughter, Missy Ellis, and we have emailed each other back and forth several times. Just

before Christmas last year she sent me email and told me about helping a needy family there in her community and it was all because of her father's influence. He has now been gone for over six years. With her permission I want to share this with you because it will touch your heart and may even cause many people to be inspired to do something special for others.

She begins, "I was really thinking about my dad this Christmas. He really loved being with his family and helping out people in need. One of the reasons I was thinking about him so much was a call I received the evening of the 23rd. A family was in need of help. The family consisted of a single mom and 3-year-old triplet boys.

"I could hear my dad urging me to get busy, so I did. I stopped my cooking at 1 a.m. on the 24th and headed to Wal-Mart. I knew he would buy everything they needed for Christmas, so I was off to the clothes department. First, I picked out the jogging suits, underwear, socks and pull-ups. Next, was the toy department. Three riding vehicles were a must and I found them with sounds and hats to match. I knew dad would want them to have a book apiece, so I got them inter-

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— beyond the beltway

Ronald Reagan under the looking glass

by DONALD KAUL

It's probably too early to bring a touch of reality into the assessment of Ronald Reagan, but I'm going to give it a try anyway. (It's a dirty job, but ...)

Despite what you might have read or heard in the past week or so, Ronald Reagan was not one of our five greatest presidents and his head does not belong on Mt. Rushmore. As a matter of fact, he wasn't one of the five best presidents of the 20th century.

He was better, perhaps, than many of us gave him credit for at the time, but great? I don't think so.

He did confront the "Evil Empire" resolutely, I'll give him that; but by the time he took office, Soviet Communism was a crumbling institution on the verge of collapse. He simply took credit for its fall shortly after he left office.

And while he did talk about shrinking government, he never actually did it. What he did was slash tax rates, spend extravagantly on defense and triple the national debt. (He also raised corporate taxes dramatically, later in his tenure,

but conservatives never talk about that.)

He entered office asking, "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" and left eight years later with the country on the brink of bankruptcy.

It was left to his successor, George Bush the Elder, to clean up the mess with a tax hike that cost him the presidency.

His fiscal policies gave us an unprecedented peacetime deficit, his anti-regulatory policies gave us the savings-and-loan debacle, and his foreign policy the Iran-Contra scandal. And still he remained popular. (I said he wasn't great, I didn't say he wasn't amazing.)

Iran was a shadowy presence throughout his presidency. His predecessor, Jimmy Carter, lost in great measure because he looked so impotent in dealing with the Iran hostage crisis. A CIA rescue mission that failed had the smell of sabotage about it. Then, at the very moment Mr. Reagan was being sworn into office, Iran released the hostages and they were shown getting on a plane in split-screen with Reagan taking the oath of office, his smiling adviser (and old CIA hand) William Casey nearby. Could that have been a coincidence? Who knows?

President Reagan's chief asset was an indomitable optimism that seemed to resonate with the national self-image. The mood in the country in the late

1970s was sour and he convinced us that it was "morning in America." That was his trick, to make you think the sun was shining even when it was raining.

It would be difficult to overstate his ignorance. He relied on his wife's astrologer to arrange his schedule, voiced doubts about evolution and once suggested that the United States and the Soviets would unite if we came under attack from Martians. He got his economics philosophy — "supply-side economics" — from a drawing on a cocktail napkin and his missile defense policy — "Star Wars" — from a cartoon depicting an umbrella with missiles bouncing off of it.

His lasting achievement was the creation of a parallel universe in which the Republican Party lives to this day. It is an upside-down universe where deficits do not matter, military spending is good, social spending is bad, where "trade-union" is a dirty word, and greedy is what you want your kids to be when they grow up. It is a universe in which we are good, our enemies evil, and to think otherwise is to be branded a "blame-America-first-liberal," unworthy of citizenship.

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Faith Extra

Southern Baptists quit worldwide Baptist group, cheer Bush on amendment to ban gay marriage

by RICHARD N. OSTLING
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INDIANAPOLIS — The Southern Baptist Convention quit a global federation of Baptist denominations Tuesday as SBC leaders denounced the Baptist World Alliance and other groups for accepting liberal theology.

At a meeting that has affirmed the SBC's conservative values 25 years after its rightward shift began, more than 8,000 Southern Baptists also cheered as President Bush — speaking through a live video link — stressed his support for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Outgoing SBC President Jack Graham called Bush "a man of personal faith whose leadership is great for America" as he introduced him.

The SBC is the world's largest Baptist denomination and America's largest Protestant body, with 16.3 million members. It helped launch the alliance 99 years ago and was a strong supporter before its move toward strict conservatism with the election of a right-leaning president a quarter-century ago.

On Tuesday, it took just a show of hands vote to approve the withdrawal from the alliance after a brief debate.

The alliance, based in Falls Church, Va., is a federation of 46 million Baptists in 211 denominations.

The SBC's pullout means it will lose \$300,000 next year — the alliance's current budget is \$1.7 million — but "our concern is not financial," said the Rev. Denton Lotz, general secretary of the alliance. "Our concern is schism and division. Christians need to be a united voice."

The Rev. Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, told the meeting the problem was a liberal drift within the alliance.

Patterson said some in the

group question the inerrancy of the Bible and that one U.S. member denomination, American Baptist Churches, includes a group of "gay-friendly congregations."

Graham's address as outgoing president said the 2004 "election matters because there are two different viewpoints on where this culture needs to be on the moral issues of our time."

He urged Southern Baptists to lobby Congress in favor of an anti-gay marriage amendment.

Bush, who has spoken to the annual Baptist meeting three years running, delivered what sounded much like a campaign stump speech. He was greeted

warmly, with a minute-long ovation, and got the biggest applause when he said that "I support a constitutional amendment to protect marriage as the union of a man and a woman."

A Tuesday night presentation urged congregations to join the SBC's new voter registration campaign organized by Richard Land, president of the denomination's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission.

"It is a disgrace that 30 percent of the members of the average Southern Baptist church are not even registered to vote," Land said. "We believe it is every Christian's responsibility

At a news conference, Welch said would use his term to promote evangelism because "we are declining" as a denomination, judging from a recent drop in baptisms of new members.

Welch, 61, will mark 30 years as senior pastor of the First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach this summer. He has traveled the country promoting his congregation's method of evangelism — which is coordinated with Sunday schools — and giving speeches at "God and Country" meetings.

As president, Welch plans to meet SBC officials and members in all 50 states, traveling the country by bus later this year. He also hopes to visit American troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Welch, a native of Fort Payne, Ala., nearly died of a wound he sustained while serving as an Army Green Beret platoon leader in Vietnam. He felt the call to the ministry while recuperating.

Opponents of gay marriage look for support in the pews

by SARAH LINN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEAVERTON, Ore. — Ken Keeley spends his Sunday mornings at church — not just to worship, but to collect signatures for a ballot measure that would amend Oregon's constitution to ban gay marriage.

Keeley, one of roughly 2,000 members at the evangelical Beaverton Christian Church, describes himself as "not that political."

But he says the issue of same-sex marriage — and what it means to much of Oregon's religious community — drove him to join the petition drive.

"When everything's OK, you don't have a tendency to act," Keeley said. "But it gets to the point where you get concerned, and you have to act."

Organizers in Oregon and four other states — Arkansas, Michigan, Montana and Ohio — are turning to churches for support of their efforts to legally define marriage as between a man and a woman, a move that political analysts call savvy.

But some churches that support gay rights are worried the strategy will send the wrong message, while others have questioned the ethics and legality of bringing politics to the pulpit.

In Oregon, the Defense of Marriage Coalition has just two weeks left to collect the 100,840 valid signatures needed to place an amendment banning gay marriage on the November ballot. They're counting on 1,500 Oregon churches for help.

Organizers won't say how many they've collected so far, because the signature-validation process makes it difficult to get an accurate count.

"We're optimistic and we're hopeful," said Tim Nashif, the group's political director.

Chris Stewart, whose group, the Arkansas Marriage Amendment Committee, is leading efforts to ban gay marriage there, describes the petition drive as a "pre-emptive strike."

"We have seen what has begun in our culture across the nation," Stewart said. "And we realize it is coming to a town near you."

Volunteers based in Little Rock, Ark., have already collected 109,000 signatures — 28,250 more than is needed by the July 2 deadline for a ballot measure there. Two church-based groups have yet to turn in about 25,000 more signatures, Stewart said.

In Michigan, volunteers with the Lansing-based group Citizens for the Protection of Marriage had signed up 130,000 people by the end of May. They

need 317,000 valid signatures.

And the Montana Family Foundation in Laurel, Mont., has collected more than half of the 41,029 signatures needed to get its constitutional amendment on the November ballot.

Recent polls in Michigan, Montana, and Ohio show voters support a constitutional amendment legally defining marriage as between a man and a woman. There has been no such poll in Arkansas, but Stewart says the Bible Belt state doesn't need one.

Political analysts say visiting churches gives signature collectors access to a friendly, receptive audience.

"It's a very, very politically astute move," said Laura Olson, a political science professor at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. She edited a 2001 book on the role of the clergy in U.S. politics. "You know you're going to have a particular set of people who are going to be 95 percent in favor on this issue," she said.

The gay marriage debate has forged connections among congregations as disparate as Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics, evangelical Protestants and members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"Marriage is at the very core of who we are as people of

faith," said Phil Burress, whose Cincinnati-based group, Citizens for Community Values, is leading the petition drive in Ohio. Volunteers there have to turn in nearly 323,000 signatures by Aug. 4.

But Rev. Tara Wilkins, an independent Portland pastor, says the churches' stance against gay marriage mistakenly gives the impression that no Christian congregations welcome gays.

"It sends the message that there is no room in organized religion for people who are gay, lesbian or transgendered. That's the wrong message," said Wilkins, director of the Community of Welcoming Congregations, who attends a local United Church of Christ. Her organization represents 44 congregations in the Portland metropolitan area, ranging from mainline Protestant churches to Jewish synagogues.

Wilkins and her partner, Carol Issacs, were among more than 3,000 same-sex couples who tied the knot in Portland in March and April, after Multnomah County commissioners decided to begin issuing marriage licenses to gays and lesbians.

Roey Thorpe, executive director of Basic Rights Oregon, a Portland-based gay rights group, said the church-based effort "raises questions for me about how appropriate it is for people to use the ballot measure process to advance their religious views."

But Keeley, the volunteer at Beaverton Christian Church in Oregon, says he has no doubt that the gay marriage ban will reach the ballot.

"People are sincere about their beliefs," he said. "They want to make a change."

Lawmakers learn ups, downs of state's unemployment fund

FRANKFORT — Unemployment claims that grew quickly during the recession are on a decline, but contributions to the state's unemployment insurance fund remain high, state lawmakers learned Thursday.

The state's Division of Unemployment Insurance Director Janet Givens told members of the Interim Joint Committee on Labor and Industry that thousands more claims were filed with the state in the first quarter of 2003 than in the first quarter of 2004.

Employer contribution rates increased this year, however, because the state unemployment fund has fallen below \$350 million, triggering higher rates by law. A higher rate schedule went into effect on January 1 of this year which produced an average increase of 8.4 percent.

Employers have paid out \$18 million more in contributions in the first quarter of this year compared to the same period in 2003, said Givens. The current fund balance is \$347.9 million, and maximum unemployment benefits for Fiscal Year 2005 are frozen at \$365 weekly.

Recent trends are showing positive change, however, she said.

"The good news is that the key variables are trending downward," said Givens. Those include a decline in initial claims and the fact that both the number of people who have exhausted their benefits and the average period of a claim's duration peaked and are now decreasing, she said.

Ann Rose, deputy director of the Department for Workplace Investment, told the committee that national trends indicate a

nationwide decline in claims filed since 2003.

"We have somewhat experienced an upswing in the economy in the state of Kentucky," she said, although she added that it is still too soon to say that our economy has recovered.

Committee Co-Chair Sen. Katie Stine, R-Fort Thomas, clarified that as the state's economy grows, employers could see some relief from their commitment to the fund.

"Potentially, with more employers and employees, we can work toward a lower tax rate," she said.

After welcoming the state's new Department of Labor commissioner, Phillip Anderson, lawmakers heard from Anderson about the department's efforts to improve services to migrant workers and non-English speaking workers. Committee Co-Chair J.R. Gray, D-Benton, also commended the state on its apprenticeship programs, which he said prepares many young people to enter the workforce.

"We need these strong apprenticeship programs to do that for us," Gray said.

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James P. Allen, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, June 13, in the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Short Allen. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Harold Vernon "Bo" Cooley, 58, of Hueysville, died Saturday, June 12, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Fayetta M. Ditto, 55, of Monticello, formerly of Melvin, died Monday, June 14, at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She is survived by her husband, Garnis Ditto. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Douglas G. Goble Sr., 59, of Findlay, Ohio, died Saturday, June 12, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 17, under the

direction of Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, Findlay, Ohio.

Geneva Mullins Hicks, 61, of Pyramid, died Friday, June 11, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Aster O. Hicks. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Curtis Lee Jarrell, 65, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, May 11. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Mae Alder Jarrell. A memorial service was held on Sunday, May 30, at the Mountain Christian Academy gymnasium.

Osa Martin, 97, of Paintsville, a Floyd County native, died Thursday, June 17, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, June 26, 2 p.m., under direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Hager Hill.

Mollie Marie Patton Rice, 94, of Garrett, died Friday, June 11, at her home. Funeral ser-

VICES were conducted Sunday, June 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Delores Castle Rudy, 63, of Mays Lick, formerly of Eastern, died Tuesday, June 15, at Meadow View Regional Hospital, Maysville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Ottie F. Blevins, 71, of Wittensville, died Sunday, June 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Rosa May Blevins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 17, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Gertrude Elkins, 103, died Friday, June 11, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 13, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Darrell Thomas Kestner, 37, of Thealka, died Sunday, June

13, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 17, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Earl Douglas Ramey, 67, of Paintsville, died Sunday, June 6, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Nannie Faye Childers Rowland, 74, of Thelma, died at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 15, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ellis Russell Salyer, 60, of Wittensville, died Wednesday, June 9, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Alka E. May Salyer. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Martin County

Imogene Flannery Smith, 76, of Inez, died Sunday, June 6, at Salyersville Health Care

Facility in Salyersville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 9, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Willie Jack Muncy, 71, of Lovely, died Monday, June 7, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Swisher Muncy. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 9, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Nola Mae Stepp, 86, of Inez, died Friday, June 11, at Mt. Carmel East, in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 14, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Robert E. Price, 68, of Lowmansville, died Monday, June 7, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 10, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Jeanette Smith Sparks, 58, of Louisa, died Tuesday, June 8, at

Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Bill J. Sparks. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 11, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Knott County

Irene Cox, 75, of Mousie, died Monday, June 7, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Vondon Hayes, 66, of Garner, died Tuesday, June 8, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Ozma Hayes. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 11, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Pike County

Roger Donald Donley, 65, a Pike County native, died Thursday, June 10, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 13, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

EKU honors Interstate Natural Gas with 2004 Excellence in Entrepreneurship award

RICHMOND — The idea was hatched in 1989 when Jerome Kanney and Dennis Rohrer were traveling together to a natural gas seminar in Chicago.

Kanney was a CPA providing accounting and tax services to the oil and gas industry. Rohrer had worked in and around the

oil and gas industry of Eastern Kentucky for the preceding decade.

It was a match made in corporate heaven.

Since its establishment that year, Interstate Natural Gas Company of Pikeville has grown steadily to encompass 60 full-time employees and con-

tract workers, and sales have grown by nearly 200 percent in the past six years alone.

Because of its tremendous achievements and impressive commitment to community service, Interstate Natural Gas Company recently received the 2004 Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award from

Eastern Kentucky University's College of Business & Technology.

Nominees of the award must reside or have businesses located in a 47-county region of eastern and southeastern Kentucky. Award recipients are determined by the economic success of the enterprise, contributions to the community and operational achievement as measured by innovative employee training programs, superior use of technology and safety achievement, and sustainability.

"Jerry Kanney and Denny Rohrer are excellent entrepreneurs who have coupled their vision with hard work," said Dr. Robert Rogow, dean of EKU's College of Business & Technology. "Their company continues to grow and significantly contribute to the economic and community development of Eastern Kentucky."

Since its establishment,

Interstate has drilled more than 130 producing wells, purchased over 130 wells in eastern Kentucky and three wells in West Virginia, obtained gas and oil leases, and raised capital. It produces oil and gas in Pike, Floyd, Knott, Letcher, Martin, Lawrence, Johnson and Perry counties in Kentucky and Mingo and Wayne counties in West Virginia.

"We anticipate drilling at least 50 gas wells each year, purchasing gas wells that are in need of rehabilitation, developing more properties in eastern Kentucky for residential and commercial purposes, and giving more of our resources and our time to civic and charitable organizations," Kanney said.

Rohrer said he believes Interstate has "helped our community, region, state and even our country meet some of its energy needs, providing employment and extensive

involvement with civic and charitable organizations to make our area a better place to live."

Both Kanney and Rohrer serve in a leadership capacity with the Pikeville Area Family YMCA, with Kanney serving as chairman of the Board of Directors. Kanney also is president-elect of the Pikeville Rotary Club, which named him Rotarian of the Year for 2002-

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Obituary

Donald (D.J.) Johnson

Donald (D.J.) Johnson, 62, of Weeksbury, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

Born May 11, 1942, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Hatler and Edna Stanley Johnson. He was a retired coal miner; a member of U.M.W.A. Local Union No. 5899; and a member of the Dorton General Baptist Church, at Dorton.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Mullins Johnson.

Other survivors include two sons: Jamie Johnson (wife, Leslie) and Brian Johnson, both of Weeksbury; a daughter, Stacey Johnson of Wheelwright; four brothers: Johnny Johnson of Michigan, Conley Johnson of Weeksbury, Ronnie Johnson of Prestonsburg, and Lonnie Johnson of Wheelwright; four sisters: Sadie (T.R.) Hamilton and Arlene Howell, both of Melvin, Molly Bryant and Phyllis Newsome, both of Weeksbury, and two grandchildren: Taylor Marie Johnson and Candace Brooke Little.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four sisters: Ethel Johnson, Reba Johnson, Myrtle (Bert) Tackett and Florence Henderson.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, June 21, at noon, at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, at Bypro, with Louis Ferrari and David Tackett officiating.

Burial will be in the Lint Tackett Cemetery, at Weeksbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Beltway

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I always took him to be a likeable con-man, cast in the mold of Professor Harold Hill, the "Music Man," the charlatan who could not only convince you that you needed 76 trombones, he could convince himself too.

We have given him a grand sendoff, the best a Republican president has received, in fact, since Warren Harding in 1923. Harding, you'll recall, died while on a trip to Alaska and hundreds of thousands of grieving Americans lined the tracks

as his funeral train made its way back to Washington. He died a hero and later became a joke.

History has a way of sorting things out.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. E m a i l donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

Davidson

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active books.

"On I went to the next stop, which were the stocking stuffers. I knew what he would have gotten them, so I got candy canes, chocolates, small trucks and cars. I couldn't forget mom, so I thought she needed a warm sweatshirt and a jewelry set. My shopping ended at 3 a.m.

"I called the person that contacted me about this family and told them that Santa had arrived. It gave me great peace to do this for this family and all the time I was shopping, I could feel my dad there with me. The gifts were picked up the afternoon of the 24th and delivered to mom to put out for Christmas Eve night for Santa.

"I've never gotten to meet this family, but they don't realize how much this also did for me. I received a wonderful sense

of peace. I knew that even though my dad wasn't here in person, he was watching over me.

"He taught me so many valuable lessons in life. He was always telling me, 'I would give away my last penny to someone who needed it more than me.' I watched him doing this all my life, helping so many people that were hungry, needed clothes, money and a friend.

"Jim, I hope you and your family have a blessed holiday season."

Thank you, Missy. Your father did well. There is really nothing else I can add.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

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Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcounty-times.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits

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.

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. Cookout - Saturday at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome!

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.

4-H CAMP

To be held July 19-23, at the JM Feltner 4-H Camp, in London. Applications are now being accepted. Fee: \$95; scholarships may be available. Contact Chuck Stamper at the Floyd County Extension Office at 886-2668 or by email at:

estamper@uky.edu. Camp theme for 2004: "4-H Goes to Hollywood!"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christ United Methodist Church, Allen, June 21-25, 6 to 8:15 p.m. "Hero Quest," where children and youth meet biblical heroes of faith.

UK DENTAL VAN AT FCHD

The UK Dental van is now at the Floyd County Health Dept. Services available until July 22 for children ages 4-12. FREE services include cleanings, fillings, sealants, and extractions. Call 886-2788 for an appointment. Parents/guardians may also schedule child's school

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WINNING FOR A DAY



Danny Roy Smith

Hi my name is Samuel Crisp, and my dad is Danny Roy Smith. Actually, he is my step-dad. When my mom met Danny over a year ago, I didn't really know how I was going to feel about him. But, as time passed and Danny introduced me to what I now know as my sisters, (Tammy, Missy, and Boo Boo) it made a huge difference in my life. I have been an only child, and never knew what it was like to have brothers or sisters until now.

Before Danny came into my life, I was extremely over-weight. I weighed 242 pounds and was 12 years

old. Danny, sat me down, put me on a diet and exercise program and helped me to lose weight and I now weigh 120 poudds.

Danny hugs me when I need a hug, jokes with me, wrestles with me, and that's something I had never experienced in my life until he came into it. He talks to me when I'm sad, or depressed. He goes to all my ballgames, and special events at school.

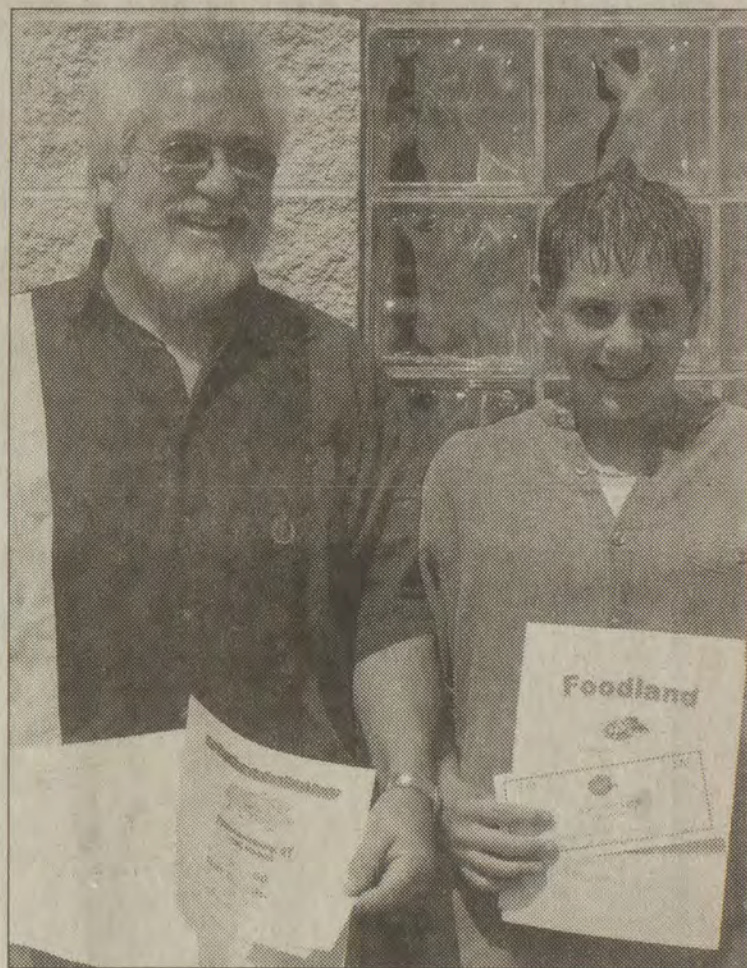
Just before Christmas one year, I told Danny I would like to see the ocean one day. Danny took us from December 21st through Dec. 25th and I had a blast! Daytona Beach was AWE-

SOME! And he even said we would go again.

When my mom married Danny, it was easy to see she was a lot happier, just as I am. Things are alot better in my life, and Danny is such a big part of that.

I've never told Danny that I love him as my Dad, in fear that I would hurt my real dad like I guess, he's hurt me. But in spite of that I wanted to take Father's Day to say, "I love You Danny, Happy Father's Day!"

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PRATER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

July 12-16 - Vacation Bible School, 6-8 p.m., classes for pre-school to high school. Call 874-3222 for transportation.

July 17 - Cookout & Concert! Community-wide event with fun and games and food for everyone, 4 p.m. Concert will follow at 6 p.m. "Alive" contemporary Christian band will perform.

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-ern 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.

Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't

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Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

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., 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.

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PART OF THE BELLSOUTH FAMILY

Sen. Turner hosts charity golf tournament Monday

PRESTONSBURG — State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, and his daughters, Melissa and Margalee, are preparing for tomorrow's second annual "Fore" Multiple Sclerosis Golf Tournament at StoneCrest Golf Course in Prestonsburg.

"Last year's tournament was a great success," Turner said. "It was such a neat experience to spend time with my friends and family while raising money for MS research. Hopefully, with continued contributions and progressive research, there will soon be a cure for this devastating disease."

Melissa and Margalee, who organize the tournament, are

hoping to raise even more money this year.

"We raised over \$10,000 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society last year, and this year we're hoping to raise \$4,000 more," Melissa said.

Registration for the June 21 golf tournament begins at 8 a.m. with a 9 a.m. tee time. The top two teams will receive brand-new golf bags.

For additional information please contact Melissa Turner at mrdturner76@yahoo.com or by phone at 606-377-6962. The family organized the tournament after Senator Turner's wife, Linda, was diagnosed with MS.

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03. He also is a member of the Board of Directors for the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center and the Pike County Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he serves as vice chairman of the KCTCS Foundation for Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College.

Rohrer was selected by the local Kiwanis Club as its Citizen of the Year for 2000 and by the Chamber of Commerce as its 2001 Volunteer of the Year. He is a past president of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

The company also regularly encourages its employees to volunteer at civic and charitable activities.

"We feel the good Lord has blessed us," Rohrer said, "and we believe in giving back to our community that has been so good to us. We believe that employees who get involved in community service develop

leadership skills and personal relationship skills."

Interstate also makes a concerted effort to buy many products and services from local or Kentucky-based firms.

"We realize that the money we spend in Kentucky will be re-circulated in Kentucky," Kanney said, "thus creating an economic impact several times greater than the initial outlay."

Rohrer was one of the very first individuals to utilize the nitrogen frac in eastern Kentucky, a method now standard in the industry. He also researched and initiated the foamed acid treatment that has been very successful in eastern Kentucky.

EKU presented the award to Kanney and Rohrer at the Richmond Chamber of Commerce's annual Small Business Awards Luncheon Friday, June 18.

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UC president gives more details of coach's suspension

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CINCINNATI — Cincinnati basketball coach Bob Huggins will not be allowed to use his university-supplied car or expense account during his indefinite suspension for drunken driving. University President Nancy Zimpher

announced more details of the suspension in a statement Wednesday. The university had already said that Huggins cannot go to his campus office or talk with athletic recruits during his suspension.

Zimpher said Wednesday that Huggins is prohibited from participat-

ing in any activities that involve university reimbursement and will receive only his base salary and benefits.

Huggins also will have no contact with the athletics department staff during his suspension.

Huggins' lawyer, Richard Katz, declined comment on Zimpher's state-

ment. Athletics director Bob Goin won't say when Huggins might be back on the job, or disclose what conditions he must meet in order to return.

Huggins was ordered Tuesday to

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Bob Huggins

EKU Colonel Club Golf Tournament set for July 8

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The 2004 Eastern Kentucky University Colonel Club Golf Classic is set for Thursday, July 8, at Arlington Golf Course.

The Colonel Club Classic, presented by Fifth Third Bank, has served as one of the largest fundraisers for ECU Athletics. A pre-tournament lunch will be provided by ECU Dining Services, while a post-tournament dinner will be catered by Outback Steakhouse. Both will be held on the practice green near the clubhouse.

"The Colonel Club Golf Classic is a major fundraiser in our efforts to support ECU student-athletes and teams," said assistant athletics director Dwight Merilatt. "This is a great chance for our supporters, coaches and staff to participate in a great day of golf and join us in raising funds essential to continuing the success of ECU athletics."

Individual golfers are invited to play the 18-hole tournament for a fee of \$125 by contacting the Colonel Club office at (859) 622-2046. Entries received after June 25 will be accepted for \$150 each. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, pre-tournament food and beverages, post-tournament dinner, a special golf classic gift and prizes.

The deadline for entry is July 2.

Delk, former gov highlight Kenny and Kenny show

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Dallas Mavericks guard and former University of Kentucky All American Tony Delk this week talks with Kenny Rice and Kenny Walker about his

career. Former Kentucky governor Brereton Jones also visits the Kenny and Kenny Sports Show Plus to discuss

a new program he heads for the state's horse industry.

In addition, former UK quarterback and current Lexington Horsemen Dusty Bonner chats about life in indoor football.

The show airs today from 7-8 p.m. on WQHY-FM 95.5.

LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR PLAY



file photos

The start of the Little League All-Star post-season is now less than one week away. District Little League tournament play is scheduled to get underway Saturday in Paintsville. An expanded district tournament will include teams from several area counties, including Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Martin and Magoffin.



UK golfer wins Kentucky state amateur title by 12 shots

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HEBRON — John Holmes, a University of Kentucky golfer, won the BellSouth Men's State Amateur Championship on Thursday at Traditions Golf Club.

Holmes, a junior at UK, shot a 4-under-par 68 in the final round and finished 12 shots ahead of three

players who tied for second: Dave Macke, Lance Lucas and David Pohlman. Holmes began the round with a four-shot lead over Pohlman, who shot a 76 on Thursday.

Holmes, who is from Campbellsville, finished tied for sixth earlier this month in the NCAA tournament at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va., and

received All-America honors. He led Kentucky to an eighth-place finish in that event, the best in school history. He also qualified to play in last year's U.S. Open.

In the state amateur, Holmes shot an 8-under-par 64 in the first round Tuesday and a 2-under-par 70 on Wednesday. For the tournament, he finished at 14-under-par.

Blue Ribbon Magazine tabs Cardinals No. 23

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook has tabbed the University of Louisville football team No. 23 in its preseason poll.

The Cardinals, who are coming off a 9-4 season and an appearance in the 2003 GMAC Bowl, return 16 starters, including nine on an offense, which was ranked in the top 10 in the nation last season.

"We're honored to be considered in the top 25," said head coach Bobby Petrino. "However, we know we have a lot of work to do to get ready for the season. Preseason rankings are good publicity for the program, but we know we need to get better as a football team."

The publication also tabs the Cardinals as the preseason favorite to win the Conference USA title, in their final season in the league before joining the BIG EAST Conference in 2005.

Senior quarterback Stefan LeFors was selected as the preseason

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University of Louisville's Taquan Dean has hernia surgery

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville junior guard Taquan Dean had surgery Wednesday to repair a hernia, the university said in a written statement.

The surgery was performed at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia by Dr. William Meyers, the university said. It repaired two partial tears in Dean's abdominal wall.

Dean's recovery is expected to take about 12 weeks, just in time to begin individual workouts in the fall semester, the university said.

Dean averaged 10.8 points per game last year for the Cardinals, who went 20-10 during the season. He also led the team with 71 three-point field goals for the season.

Duke Children's Hospital to sponsor Burton

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CONCORD, N.C. — Roush Racing announced Tuesday that Jeff Burton's No. 99 Roush Racing Ford will sport the Duke Children's Hospital paint scheme, originally set to run in Talladega, this week at Pocono.

Duke Children's Hospital and Health Center will be carried on the car at the 500-mile race Sunday, June 13. Burton is excited about the renewed opportunity to run this special paint scheme.

"I'm both proud and excited to have a special Duke Children's Hospital and Health Center paint scheme at Pocono,"

said Burton. "The Roundup sponsorship happened really fast back in April and Roush Racing was kind enough to allow us the opportunity to run the Duke Children's Hospital paint scheme at a later date which turned out to be Pocono."

In April, Burton commented on the importance of being a small part of something really big.

"It's about being a small part of something that's the right thing to do." Burton continued, "Just making people aware that the hospital is there and that they will treat

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Tony Stewart

Stewart: Be patient with NASCAR

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Tony Stewart, of all people, called for patience in the wake of chaotic races at Dover and Pocono.

Most of the problems grew out of the changing rules governing freezing the field when the caution flag flies and when the pit lane will be open to the competitors.

"In NASCAR's defense, the first time we were told as drivers

about freezing the field, they said it would be a work in progress," said Stewart, perhaps NASCAR's most impatient driver.

"As frustrating as it's been for everybody, I think we have to be realistic about making rule changes.

"This wasn't just whacking a quarter-inch off a spoiler or changing the size of a restrictor plate. It was a pretty drastic change. And any time you change

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Omaha is where college baseball players want to be

by ERIC OLSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. — Indianapolis has the 500. Pasadena has the Rose Bowl. And Louisville has the Kentucky Derby. But Omaha has the College World Series.

Every summer for the past 54 years, college baseball's championship tournament has been played there. And though it lacks the glamour of some sports events, it has an ardent following, and the crowds are bigger than ever, thanks in large part to ESPN's live coverage since the

1980s.

LSU athletic director Skip Bertman, who won five national titles as the Tigers' coach, said players don't talk about going to the College World Series. They talk about "going to Omaha."

Exactly how Omaha came to be chosen for the College World Series seems to have been forgotten. But for at least 10 days each summer, this city of 400,000 is in the spotlight, with hundreds of thousands of fans making the trek from all over the country to watch the eight-team tournament.

The strong local support has kept the NCAA from seriously

considering moving the event.

"It would be the biggest mistake the NCAA ever made," said Wayne "Chief" Hall, who comes from Tempe, Ariz., to watch the series. "If you took it to Yankee Stadium, it would just get lost in a big town like that. It would be just another event. In Omaha, it's something."

The event, which this year runs from Friday through June 27 or 28, has grown since its humble beginnings, when crowds averaged less than 1,800 a game. Last year's total attendance was a record 260,091.

A study by Creighton profes-

sor Ernie Goss found that 48.5 percent of the fans are from out of state, and the economic impact on the Omaha area is \$33.8 million.

Back in the 1970s, when the College World Series was trying to fill a mostly empty stadium, its advertising slogan was "See the stars of tomorrow today." In that regard, the series has never disappointed. Ninety-five participants were in the major leagues at the start of this season.

Some stars who have played in the series include Dave Winfield (Minnesota, 1973); Roger Clemens (Texas, 1982, '83); Barry Bonds (Arizona State, 1983, '84); Will Clark and Rafael Palmeiro (Mississippi State, 1985) and Nomar Garciaparra (Georgia Tech, 1994).

"To me, it was just a great atmosphere the whole time we were there," said Palmeiro, who plays first base for the Baltimore Orioles. "They treated us very well. We were there with seven other great teams and a lot of players that I've played against in the big leagues."

The series came to Omaha in 1950 after it didn't do too well in Kalamazoo, Mich., the site of the first College World Series in 1947, or Wichita, Kan. It didn't do too well in Omaha at first, either.

But Omaha business leaders supported the event, and the city

— about 170 miles from the nearest major league team, the Kansas City Royals — stuck with it.

Each college team that competes in Omaha is sponsored by a civic organization, and players and coaches are given celebrity treatment that includes cookouts, golf outings and tours of Omaha attractions.

"In addition to all of the events, where no stone is left unturned, they make it so special

for every single person and player that you always look forward to coming back," said Texas pitcher Huston Street, who is making his third straight College World Series appearance.

The series' epicenter is Rosenblatt Stadium, tucked in a blue-collar neighborhood about three miles from downtown. The ballpark, which seats 26,327, was built in 1948 and has undergone

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Duke

any child with any illness is a big score. Any money that is generated to help the hospital is a bonus. It's important to get the word out to people and having this special paint scheme provides an avenue for that."

Burton's association with the hospital began years ago after an associate sponsor invited him to visit kids admitted to the hospital. Since that time, Burton has continued his support through fundraising events, appearances, monetary donations, time and of course most importantly, visits to the hospital with his wife Kim who has sat on the hospital board for the last four years. Through their efforts the Burtons have raised nearly \$900,000 for the hospital to date.

In earlier comments, Ken Baroff, executive director of planning and development, Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center expressed the hospital's gratitude to the Burtons for all their hard work and effort. "The fact that the No. 99 team has committed their entire car as a 190-mile-per-hour public service announcement for Duke Children's is tremendous. We are thrilled to have the opportunity for this national exposure during a NEXTEL Cup race. Jeff and Kim Burton are an enormous asset to the Duke Children's family and we are grateful for their continued commitment to children's health care."

Today the investment Burton has made impacts the lives of thousands of children. Each year 170,000 patients visit Duke Children's for outpatient care. Because of committed supporters like the Burtons, families are greeted with a colorful display of child-like

motifs including the "Jeff Burton Racing Zone" created in 2000 as part of the McGovern-Davison Children's Health Center, a state-of-the-art outpatient facility designed exclusively for children.

Duke Children's provides \$48 million in un-reimbursed charity care each year. Funds also support cutting-edge research, world-class advocacy and support programs for families and their sick children, top-notch clinical care and medical education to ensure future generations receive the most advanced medical care available.

Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center, located in Durham, N.C., is a 148 bed hospital located on the fifth floor of Duke Hospital and includes an intensive care nursery, a transitional care nursery, a pediatric intensive care unit and a newborn nursery. The McGovern-Davison Children's Health Center adds 66,000 square feet of space dedicated to outpatient care. The Children's Health Center combines all pediatric medical and surgical specialty services in one convenient family-friendly location. Each year, 170,000 children are treated at Duke.

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MSU names Paula Jackson Assistant Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University Director of Athletics Chip Smith announced that Paula Jackson has been hired as an Assistant Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator and will also serve as the athletic department's compliance officer. Jackson replaces former Compliance and Educational Services Director and long-time athletic department employee Jim Wells, who retired at the end of May, and former SWA Leslie Faber, who resigned in January.

Jackson comes to MSU after serving in several capacities in Atlanta, Ga., including the Marketing and Promotions Director and Owner of Sports Enfocus, the Director of Development and Event Management of the Clark

Atlanta University Athletic Booster Association, Inc., and as a member of the Atlanta Falcons Professional Football Team's Game Day Operations Staff.

At CAU, she held many roles. She was the Assistant Director of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrator from June 2001 to May 2003, where she coordinated all travel arrangements, game-day operations, the CHAMPS/Life Skills program, football season ticket sales and student-athlete eligibility. In addition, she also assisted with marketing, academic advising, budget reports and sports information duties, and served as the committee chair for the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Senior Woman Administrators.

"Paula will take over the area of NCAA compliance from Jim Wells, who provided outstand-

ing service for many years," said Smith. "In her role as Senior Woman Administrator, she will work closely with women's sports on a variety of issues. These are two very important areas of supervision in intercollegiate athletics and we are pleased she is joining our staff."

Jackson has a varied and extensive background working in athletics, as well as marketing and public relations. In addition to her other experiences, she has served as an Account Manager for Paladin, a Marketing and Sales Manager for MTV Networks Affiliate Sales and Marketing, a Deputy Campaign Manager for Southwest Operations for the Committee to Re-Elect Bill Campbell for Mayor of Atlanta, the Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Burks Bailey Mann, the Assistant Director of Marketing and Promotions for Today's Athletes For Tomorrow International, a Market Research Consultant for the Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority and a freelance Marketing and Public Relations Consultant for several Atlanta-based organizations.

Her responsibilities at Morehead State will include all areas of compliance, certifying that the athletics program adheres to all NCAA regulations, which includes eligibility, recruitment, the NCAA Clearinghouse, playing and practice seasons, reporting potential NCAA violations and financial aid.

In addition as the SWA, she will act as the liaison for all women's teams to the Director of Athletics; represent the University on all relevant committees; coordinate the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; assist the sport administrator for women's basketball, men's and women's tennis and rifle; serve as the event manager for baseball and softball; and oversee all department-sponsored sports camps and clinics.

"I am extremely excited about my new position as Assistant Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator at Morehead State University," Jackson said. "It is a wonderful opportunity for me to continue to utilize my skills to assist student athletes in achieving their goals. As an avid sports fan and a strong proponent of collegiate athletics, I am embarking on the new challenges of my position with great anticipation. I have a very diverse background and a lot of experiences which I believe I can utilize in this position to benefit the University's athletics department."

A native of Baton Rouge, La., Jackson received her bachelor's degree from Southern (La.)

University in broadcast and print journalism with a minor in public relations in 1986. While there, she was a member of the cheerleading squad. She earned her Master of Business Administration from Clark Atlanta in 1991.

She belongs to many organizations, including the Georgia Women's Intersport Network, Women in Sports and Events, Black Women's Sports Foundation, the Women's Sport Foundation, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Sports Divas. Jackson resides in Morehead, with her eight-year-old son Blake.

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a rule like that you're going to run into a situation that somebody didn't think of, because there's only so many different scenarios you can think of."

Former series champion Rusty Wallace said he hopes racing Sunday at Michigan International Speedway will have a calming effect on the situation.

"I really think things will calm down a whole lot this week at Michigan and I'll be totally shocked if they don't," said Wallace, the leader among active drivers with five wins and 15 top-five finishes at MIS. "The last two weeks have produced enough weirdness, controversy and torn-up race cars for a quarter of a season, let alone just the two races."

"I'll tell you, it must be a situation where the moon is aligned with some of the evil stars or something weird like that. Man; with all the crashes, controversial calls and unusual stuff going on, you just wonder what could happen next."

Wallace himself had some misadventures over the past two weeks.

At Dover, he was able to avoid serious damage in the crashes but a stop-and-go penalty late in the race relegated Wallace to 13th when he appeared headed for a top five finish.

Then, at Pocono, he had a brake failure and crashed hard into Michael Waltrip, finishing 32nd.

"I can't believe that happened and I hate it for him and us," Wallace said. "We've had some brake problems in the past at places like Watkins Glen and at Martinsville, but never at Pocono. It just shows you how weird things have gotten."

Wallace figures, though, that Michigan's wide, high-banked track should be the cure for what has been ailing the Nextel Cup series.

Saturday, Nov. 13. One lucky winner will drive away with a brand new red Corvette or take home \$30,000 cash.

Tickets are \$10 each, and can be purchased on-line at www.wkusports.com or by contacting the HAF at (270) 745-5321. Tickets are also available at area sponsors, including all Bowling Green BB&T locations, Bank One, Best Value Inn, Campbell Chevrolet, the General Motors Corvette Plant, Gerald Printing, Holland Inc., Tender Touch Auto Wash, Lube Express, the National Corvette Museum, Party 1 Superstore, Southern Foods, Star 100.7, the State Farm offices of Ginger Cleary, D.C. Clement, & Patti Dillard, Bowling Green U.S. Bank locations, Vette City Liquors on Russellville Road, WAKY Sign Company, Woosley Brothers Painting, the offices of Hewitt, Davis, Fee & Lyons, Becky Loyall State Farm in Hodgenville, and Mansfield Chevrolet/Pontiac/Buick in Russellville.

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attend a three-day alcohol education course after pleading no contest to the drunken driving charge.

Huggins, 50, has taken the Cincinnati Bearcats to 13 consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament. He has been the school's head basketball coach since 1989. Huggins' top assistant, Dan Peters, was appointed Monday as interim head coach.

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Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year and was a first team preseason All-League selection. Wide receiver J.R. Russell, offensive tackle Travis Leffew and offensive guard Jason Spitz were preseason selections on offense, while defensive end Marcus Jones was the lone nominee on defense.

The Cardinals open the season on Sunday, September 5 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium against Kentucky.

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Marion Jones to USADA: Put up or shut up

by STEVE WILSTEIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marion Jones seemed so poised, so direct, so determined. How could she not be telling the truth?

There she was, all business in a white blouse and long, dark gray skirt, speaking from the heart without once turning for help from her three lawyers 15 feet away.

"I wanted the world to have an opportunity to hear from me," she said. "Not from my lawyers, not from unnamed sources, and not from unsubstantiated leads. But from me."

She had the same intense look in her eyes she always had when she approached the starting line. Instead of taking on runners who were no match for her, here she was calling out the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, saying, in effect: Put up or shut up.

The winner of five medals in Sydney, Jones is trying to make the U.S. Olympic team again after taking time off to have a baby. She can't afford more distractions, she said. She wants a public hearing to clear her name immediately.

"I have been patient," she said Wednesday. "I have been cooperative. And I have done all I can do to provide USADA with information that I have knowledge of because I believe in a drug-free sport and having a drug-free Olympic team."

Now, if you've been following her for the last four years, you begin to have doubts. Sure, she's said that before. But if she believes so much in drug-free sport, why is she always so intimately linked with people involved with steroids?

—Ex-husband and coach C.J. Hunter, the former world champion shot putter banned in 2000 for an excess of nandrolone he got from BALCO boss Victor Conte. They claimed with straight faces that it came from a contaminated iron supplement.

—Former coach Charlie Francis, who had the brainstorm to advise Ben Johnson to take steroids to win the 100 meters in the 1988 Seoul Olympics. That was only the biggest doping scandal in Olympic history.

—Sprint champion Tim Montgomery — her boyfriend

and the father of her baby — who is one of at least four prospective Olympic medalists notified by letters last week that they're under investigation by the USADA.

Maybe it's all coincidence and circumstantial evidence — along with Jones getting mineral supplements from BALCO, which also allegedly distributed the stealth steroid THG to athletes.

"I have never, ever failed a drug test," Jones insisted. "I have taken over 160 drug tests. I have taken tests before, during and after the 2000 Olympics and have never failed a test."

True, true. Lots of athletes have never failed drug tests. They could be clean or clever, finding ways to mask steroids or flush them out of their systems before the tests. No one in sports doubts that many cheats have been escaping detection — just like those who used the previously undetectable THG before it was revealed last summer.

Jones also took a lie detector test Wednesday that her lawyer says vindicated her. Results of that test, administered by a certified polygraph examiner, were sent Thursday by her lawyer to the USADA.

"Let me be clear," Jones said. "I am more than happy to answer every question, but I am not going to engage in USADA's secret kangaroo court."

"I want to compete. I will compete. But more importantly I want to retain my most treasured attribute — my reputation."

The sincerity oozed from her lips.

You want to believe her, just as you wanted to believe her that day four years ago in Sydney when she stood by her man, the teary, 330-pound Hunter.

She had faith, she said then, "that the legal system will do what it needs to do to clear his name."

Well, that didn't happen. If Jones is not guilty of doping, then she is at least guilty of incredible naiveté, arrogance or stupidity in associating herself so often with people linked to steroids.

Of all coaches, why did she and Montgomery choose to work with Francis last year and envelop their training in secrecy until pressure from the international ruling body of track persuaded them to break the ties?

She claimed it was all very innocent.

"Many nights I've lain in bed and thought that I believe drugs should not be in the sport, but I'm always being dragged through the mud," she said at the time of the breakup with Francis in February 2003. "I've never tested positive and I never will, but everybody is putting guilt by association into

this, which is so ridiculous." Maybe it is ridiculous. Or maybe she doth protest too much.

She was the darling of the track world going into Sydney — a strikingly beautiful athlete who spoke well, ran fast and smiled for all the cameras. Corporate sponsors couldn't get enough of her.

Now they can't get far enough away.

Listening to Jones, seeing her apparent sincerity, you want to believe her, but you have to wonder.

You want the bullies at the USADA to get off her case if they don't have compelling evidence.

You want proof beyond a reasonable doubt, not the vague new standard of guilt the agency came up with last week: the "comfortable satisfaction" of its review panel.

The USADA is new and flexing its power for the first time. Its credibility is as much on the line as Marion Jones' reputation.

At the moment, neither one inspires a lot of confidence.

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Tee Ball on the South Lawn game ends in fun for all

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WASHINGTON, D.C.— A Bolling Air Force Base Little League Tee Ball team from Washington, D.C., squared off against a team from Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, N.C., in the first Air Force vs. Marines "Tee Ball on the South Lawn" game today as President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush looked on.

With a command of "Play ball!" from the Commander in Chief himself, the two teams played a one-inning contest that had no losers.

The Bolling Air Force Base Little League Cardinals and the Cherry Point Devil Dogs from Havelock Little League batted around in their half-inning on offense. Every player on both teams played on defense as well, and the game was followed by a picnic on the South Lawn for players and families. A baseball autographed by President George W. Bush also was presented — by President Bush — to each player, manager, and coach.

The game was the 10th on the South Lawn of the White House since May 6, 2001, when President Bush began the initiative as a way to boost interest in baseball among children and parents. President Bush, the first former Little Leaguer to be elected to the nation's highest office, played Little League Baseball at Central Little League in Midland, Texas, in the mid-1950s.

One of the special guests at the game was Gen. Peter Pace, who is Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the highest ranking U.S. Marine in history. Gen. Pace played Little League as a boy in Teaneck, N.J., and was enshrined last year in the Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum Hall of Excellence. President Bush was

enshrined in 2001.

The public address announcer for the game was Joe Buck of FOX Sports, the son of longtime St. Louis Cardinals broadcaster Jack Buck.

Said President Bush during his introduction of Mr. Buck, "He followed in his dad's footsteps — nothing wrong with that!" The President then led the teams and fans in reciting the Little League Pledge.

Also at the game was National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum pitcher Robin Roberts. The base coaches were commanding officers from the two military installations: Marine Col. John Gumbel and Air Force Col. Duane Jones. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Matthew Irish sang the National Anthem, and Girl Scout Troop 504 from Andrews Air Force Base presented the Colors.

It was the first game of 2004, and the second to feature teams composed largely of dependents

of military personnel. On June 22, 2003, teams from Fort Belvoir (Va.) Little League and Naval Station Norfolk (Va.) played in the first Army-Navy Tee Ball on the South Lawn game.

At least one more game is scheduled for this summer, but the date has not been set, and the teams have not been chosen. More information on how to apply to be considered to send a team to the White House for Tee Ball on the South Lawn can be found here: <http://www.littleleague.org/media/teeballselection.asp>

Little League Baseball and Softball is the world's largest youth sports organization, with more than 2.7 million children participating in every U.S. state and dozens of other countries on six continents. Little League is the only youth sports organization to be chartered by the U.S. Congress.

Legends Car Series to make Bristol debut July 11

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — For the first time in history, the RACEceiver Legends Car Series is set to race at Bristol Motor Speedway July 11 during the Inaugural Bristol Legends Thunder. The event will feature all three RACEceiver Legends Car Series divisions competing at the legendary venue with the asphalt apron and both pit roads making up the actual racing surface.

"The chance to give our racers the honor of racing at the historic Bristol Motor Speedway is exactly why we're doing this," said Darrel Krentz, executive director of INEX, the official sanctioning body of 600 Racing, Inc.'s Legends, Bandolero and Thunder Roadsters. "Very few tracks in the country hold the prestige and historical significance that Bristol does."

Officials expect as many as 100 Legends Cars for the Sunday show including Keven Wood of Stuart, Va., son of Len Wood of the legendary Wood Brothers racing fame. Keven Wood was the 2003 Legends Semi-Pro national champion last season, capturing an impressive 29 victories.

Last year, the 600 Racing Thunder Roadsters made their debut at the track, utilizing the high banks. It was a highlight of the King of the Oval Thunder Roadster Series, and the series will return to the track Sept. 25.

It was the success of the Thunder Roadster program which led to bringing the Legends Cars to Thunder Valley. Krentz said expectations for the

event are high, and if this event is successful, it may lead to more 600 Racing events at the famed half-mile.

For More Information please contact Darrel Krentz or Haven Schreiber at 704/455-3896

600 Racing, Inc., the exclusive producer of the Legends Cars, Bandolero and Thunder Roadsters, is a subsidiary of Speedway Motorsports, Inc. (NYSE:TRK), a leading marketer and promoter of motor-sports entertainment in the United States. In 2004, INEX will sanction nearly 2,000 races at more than 200 tracks worldwide.

Koons signs free agent deal with Buffalo

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — Former University of Louisville football players Dan Koons and Rod Day are looking to continue their professional careers in the NFL, while another former Cardinal hopes to stick around with professional another squad.

Koons, a three-year starter at center for the Cardinals, signed a free agent deal with the Buffalo Bills, while Day

received a try out on June with the Falcons to play outside linebacker. Koons signed a two-year deal with the Bills on Friday and will begin practice next week.

Former tight end Richard Owens is currently in developmental camp with the Minnesota Vikings. He's working as one of the back up tight ends and is also being used as an H-back in various formations.

"I have a great opportunity up here with the Vikings," said Owens. "I've really enjoyed getting the opportunity to prove myself and showing people what I can do."

Koons ended his career with 33 straight starts at center and was the anchor of the offensive line, while Day was third on the team with 94 tackles.

"I'm looking forward to getting going," said Koons. "It's been a long road, but I'm glad to be in a camp. I'm just going to give it a good shot and see what happens."

Said Day, "I'm real excited about it. The want me to come down and get some times for me. I also have a couple offers with Calagary and Montreal in the Canadian Football League. But its always been a dream to play in the NFL, and now I have that opportunity."

LOUISVILLE FOOTBALL: Miami (Fla.), USF times announced

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — The 2004 University of Louisville football schedule is gradually nearing completion. ESPN announced on Tuesday two more game times for next season.

The Miami (Fla.) contest on Thursday, October 14, will air on ESPN at 7:30 p.m. from the the Orange Bowl in Miami, Fla.,

while the Cardinals' Conference USA game on Friday, October 22 will be shown live on ESPN at 8:00 p.m. at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

The final dates and times are expected to be known within the next couple weeks. Please contact the U of L sports information office at 502-852-6581 or check out www.UofLsports.com for further details.

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SPECIAL COLUMN

This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

UGLY AS HOMEMADE SIN

Having nothing worthwhile, serious or not serious, to say, I am, without his permission, letting Allan Trout do this column for me this week. Trout wrote this in his "Greetings" column of The Courier-Journal in reply to the query from a reader, "What is homemade sin, and how ugly is it?"

Homemade sin is the limp hand-shake of private conduct. It is ugly because it keeps a lot of so-called good people out of heaven.

Homemade sin is the mean little stuff we do when nobody is looking. Being smaller than a misdemeanor, it is a sorry conglomerate of rancid peanuts and festering pin pricks.

Homemade sin is putting a slug in the parking meter. It is the subtle letdown of a friend when his going gets rough. It is a curse muttered under the breath against another driver on the road. It is saying, "Help yourself," without meaning it.

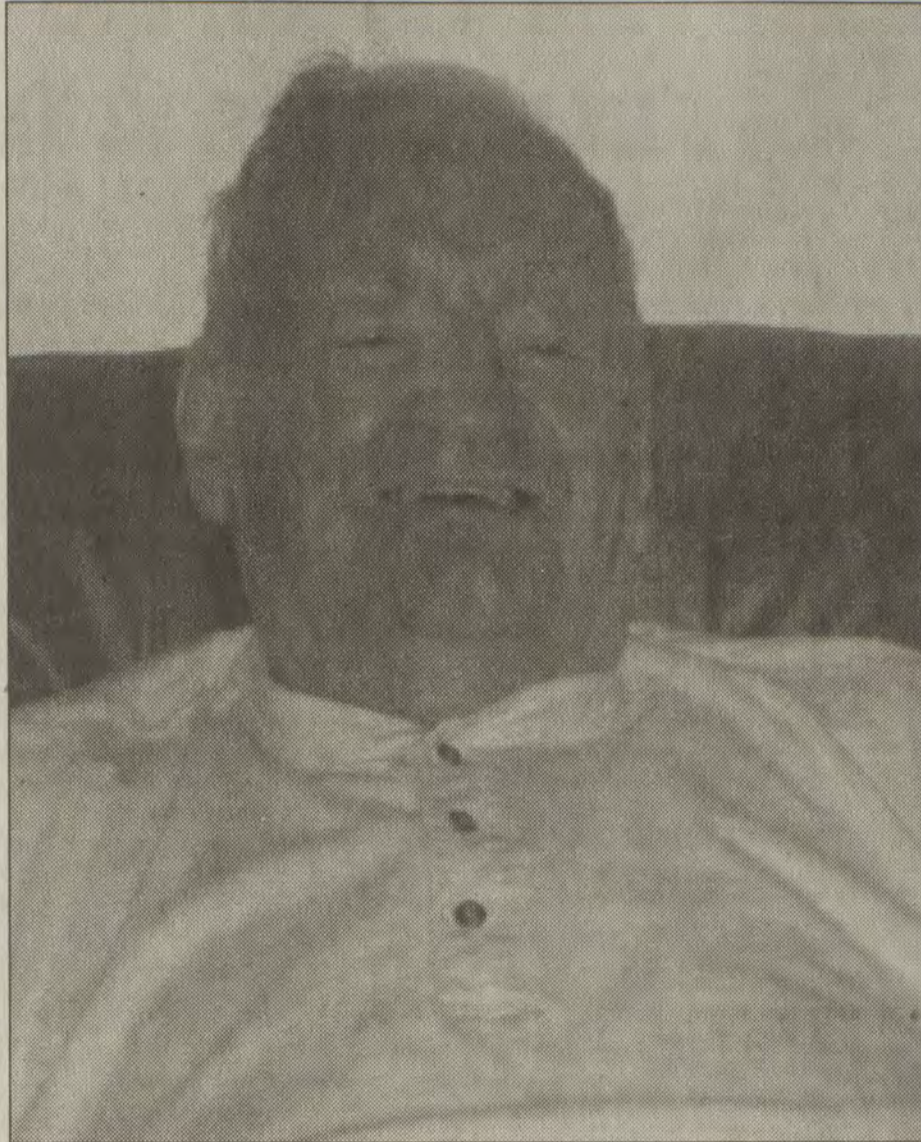
Homemade sin is giving a dime, when a dollar is needed, and can be afforded. It is lifting a finger instead of putting a shoulder to the wheel. It is a smirk instead of a smile, a stab in the back instead of a pat on it. It is a lit-

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Please, keep 'em coming!

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

MEET APPALACHIA



Ed Caudill

photo by Mary Music

Ed Caudill, #35769421

Age: 80
Education: General Education, Diploma, Army
Occupation: Deacon, Left Beaver Regular Baptist Church
Life quote: "Love is the greatest word. When there's 2 dogs going at it and fighting, you pick up a hose and spray them so that they go down the road licking one another".

About 'Meet Appalachia'

The people portrayed in this section are people I've met as I walk along the road of my life. They were on a street, in a store or restaurant. They were recommended by a friend, or the friend of a friend, as the old trend goes. All of them see life as they see it. I am only here to tell their stories as I see them. These are their hopes and challenges. These are their dreams and accomplishments. These are what they allow them to be.

— MARY MUSIC

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

ESCAPE 2000, 1981, Rated R

Here's one that got a brief video release in the 80's and promptly disappeared. It has been resurrected by the good folks at Anchor Bay Entertainment. The good news is that this Australian flick manages to mix together elements of two or three genres. Its a prison picture but then turns into one of those hunting humans movies which also manages to include lots of action, gore and even a mutant on a leash.

In the future no one is allowed to talk about politics and though this may improve television it turns out to be a bad thing for anyone who



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

breaks the rules. That is definitely the case for Paul Anders who is arrested for running a pirate radio station called "Radio Freedom." Paul is snatched up and sent to "Blood Camp Thatcher" where the guards beat on you like you

burned their breakfast. The new additions are treated, upon arrival, to a typical punishment which is sorta like dodge ball only here the ball is filled with gasoline and punctured with tiny holes. The game has no rules and the guards hurl insults at the prisoner before the inevitable matches. Since this display doesn't break Anders he is picked for a "Turkey Shoot" (the film's original title). Now the movie really gets interesting.

A bunch of rich government snobs show up and get to pick a prisoner to hunt. The rules are flimsy. The prisoners get a head start but no weapons. Freedom is promised to whoever can last 24 hours. The hunters are a putrid lot and include a portly (and rather femme) Government official, a weasly guy who brings along a trained mutant (that looks like a cross between a gorilla and a cocktail waiter), and a sadistic princess who dresses like it's a fox hunt and packs a deadly cross-bow. Now its up to the prisoners to turn the tables and things pick up. It all leads to a big shoot out at the prison, amidst a jailbreak, while Government ordered jets make a mishmash of any character still standing.

This could have been a standard actionfest but gets turned up a notch by the Australian film crew who throw in some zany ideas and intense gore effects. The mutant guy alone is worth the price of admission. He makes a weird impression early when he releases a prisoner after making a snack of his small toe. The rest of the cast handle themselves pretty well except for lone American Steve Railsback (who

(See **LAGOON**, page five)

Ed Caudill, Robin Hood

Author's note: I was introduced to Mr. Caudill by our Advertising Manager, Kim Frasure, who regards him as her "second daddy." Before I left the office, she told me that he and his wife, Betty, would invite me to spend the night at their home—and, of course, that's just what they did. Ed Caudill is, by far, one of the most hilarious individuals I've met in my life. I could barely keep track of the interview because I was laughing so hard at his candid remarks about Floyd County, people in general, and life as he sees it.

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

The man is wearing a white shirt, house slippers, and a pair of comfortable pants. He wanted to wear his "jammers," he says, but his wife made him change this morning.

"Here, here, let me show you something," he exclaims, bending roundabout in his leather chair to reach the drawer on the side table.

He picks up a bundle of cards and letters, neatly wrapped with a rubber band, says Thursday was his 80th birthday, and he smiles as he holds out a drawing, a gift from his grand-

child.

Digging deeper into the pile, his hefty voice shakes when he pulls out a card written by his son, John.

"Look at this," he says, eyes watering. "It hit me right up and down the side of my head. I've never been happier or prouder than I am today. I'm the luckiest son of a gun that ever lived."

Meet Edward Caudill, high kicking Deacon of the Left Beaver Regular Baptist Church and former Magistrate of Floyd County.

After spending his early years in Pennsylvania, Ed moved to Price

with his family, and eventually settled down with his wife, Betty, the woman he's loved now for 58 years.

"I fell in love with her, I sure did, and I'd do it again if I could. I love her better today than I did when we were first married. That's the very reason I ain't gonna die. I tell people I'll die when she gets ugly," he said, laughing.

The couple met in 1945, when Ed, an army man, was on leave from a stint in Germany, where he served during W.W.II. When he returned to

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: The gift of music



I had been inside the prison called Gander Hill several times already by the time I met Ray in the spring of 1993. My father worked there with a group teaching inmates to improve their communication and speaking skills. I was a senior in college, majoring in speech communications, and eventually I started my own volunteer student group at Gander Hill.

Teaching communication means getting people to tell their stories, but Ray could tell you how much he missed playing his guitar without speaking. Sometimes he moved his

hands across the air as if he were playing his favorite blues scale. He always gave me a slight nod when he saw me come into the chapel for the meeting. He loved sharing his guitar stories. Although he had been an inmate at Gander Hill for more than a decade, he always had a song in his head -- in particular, one that he said he had been writing in his mind since his arrival. He looked forward to playing again the way a child counts the days until summer vacation.

When my group formally established itself at Gander Hill, the men

were allowed a night of celebration to which they could invite one or two family members. The night of the celebration was just like Christmas for them. They huddled with their loved ones, whom they had not seen or touched in several months or longer. Since his family lived in Texas, no one came to the celebration as Ray's guest, but he waited patiently for me to arrive. As he rehearsed his song in his head, I walked into the prison with a guitar.

Ray tuned that guitar as if he were putting his life back into harmony. I have never heard a guitar

tuned like that before or since. He looked at me over his shoulder and nodded a thank-you before bringing his song to life on the guitar. I watched Ray's fingers dance across the strings as if they were himself, running free. And for those few moments, he was.

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World

the tube in a big box, a deep promise cankered by shallow performance. It is seventh-day morality diluted with six days of cutting capers and corners. It is defamation and innuendo.

Homemade sin is the cutting remark. Gossip is homemade sin compounded from the nits of pestilence and the gnats of putrefaction. Back-biting and undercutting are homemade sins compounded from the stultifying vapors of hell. Homemade sin is a tight fist instead of an open hand.

Western man has organized his society, religion and public codes of behavior to cope with big sin. Big sin is what we do when people are looking, so to speak. The facts of big sin can be ferreted out by witnesses and investigation. At the worst, it can be pieced together from circumstances to the reasonable satisfaction of 12 open-minded men.

So a man commits the big sin of murder, assault, or theft. Our system of society is organized to put him in prison, thus permitting him to square his account with society. Our system of religion is organized to permit his contrite conscience, if he so desires, to make peace with the God his heart is beholden to.

But when it comes to homemade sin, a man is on his own. Society does not turn a spotlight on the sneaky little cells of his brain where homemade sin is conceived, nor on the slimy back alleys of life where it is committed. To refrain from homemade sin is the golden chance society grants to men as individuals to prove they are creatures of conscience and dignity, a stripe above the unthinking beasts of creation.

Announcements

Graduates E.K.U.

Seidina Adams Brown graduated May 12, 2004, from Eastern Kentucky University, with a B.A. from the Interpreter Training Program. Among her accomplishments while at E.K.U., Seidina earned the Dean's Award for Excellence and repeatedly made the Dean's List. She was a member of Gamma Beta Phi, Mortar Board, and the Kappa Delta Phi National Honor Society. She graduated with a 3.35 grade point average. Seidina, a 1998 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, is the daughter of Janice Adams, of Tutor Key, and Dorbin Adams, of Frankfort.



Caudill

Germany that year, they kept in touch, and fell in love, by writing letters to one another.

"His identification number was 35769421," Betty said. "I wrote it so much it was pounded into my brain."

At 18, Ed says his mother didn't want him to join the army. He, of course, was itching to go. When he signed up, he was based permanently in New Orleans as an M.P., but, "ashamed" of that position, he "slipped by them" with a bad back and joined the infantry "like a dummy." (Fellow soldiers, he said, would pass by and shout, "That's okay, we'll win the war for you.")

In Germany, Ed was a member of the second squad of the 387th infantry, 97th division, Company C, a group of young men stationed in a rural farming "pocket" of Czechoslovakia.

"We'd shoot a chicken in the head if we got hungry," he said. His squad advanced into towns that had already been seized, where they commandeered residential homes and checked for spies and radios.

"It was fun watching the boys dressing up in women's clothes," he said.

It was common practice for the soldiers, Ed said, to steal from the residential homes, but that was something he says he could never do. He recalled saving 3 day's worth of chocolate bars for a Jewish member of his company, sent off on a prisoner transport mission.

"Boy, I was in then," Ed said. "They couldn't understand why anybody, living off of field rations, would do that."

Ed didn't take kindly to combat, either, nor does he want to talk about it. He avoided killing people whenever possible "because they had families too." He spoke of two separate occasions where he specifically aimed to miss the enemy.

He is a Combat Infantry Badge recipient and a current owner of a Bronze Star, an honor he received for saving the lives of 25 to 30 men during his stay in Germany. He walked out the war with a shrapnel injury to his knee and a newfound taste of maturity.

"I'm glad I went because I got educated," he said. "Previously, we went to parties and such, but when I came home, I thought those parties was silly."

Upon his return to the states, Ed says his company regrouped at Ft. Bragg in North Carolina. The U.S. was preparing to invade Japan.

Other than Betty, of course, the three most beautiful things he's ever seen were sights he encountered on his return trip from Japan: a Pacific Ocean sunset—he sat back on the deck of his ship and watched it until it faded out of sight) rainbows glimmering against

the ice in the Rocky Mountains, and a magnificent sunrise in the Atlantic.

"I thought the artists were exaggerating," Ed said, "but they weren't. They didn't even come close to it when you look at the real thing."

He was 22 years old. It was 1946, the same year he and Betty vowed their life-long commitment to each other.

The Hi-Hat couple have raised their 3 children with high moral standards, Ed said. Honesty, love, and respect are traits he believes the children hold to this today.

In tune with his moral obligations, Ed, surprisingly, says that his biggest weakness is his willingness to give. As a matter of fact, that characteristic landed him a bit of trouble during his lifetime.

His giving nature continues today as a "genetic" trait passed by his parents, one that's also prominent in his children's daily routines.

"We love to give, love to help other people," Ed said. "I don't know why, we just do. It runs in our family to give and help people."

Ed began working as a coal miner at Inland Steel in Wheelwright after he returned home from the army, during the days when "brothers killed brothers" in Union confrontations. He says he routinely signed over portions of his "payday" to needy families in the community. (Back then, he said, the company passed out lists of needs—families suffering with sickness or whose homes burnt down.)

He describes himself as a "work-aholic" who turned down a foreman position just so he could continue out working the young men that he trained. (He could load 10 to 12 cars more than them during one shift.)

Ed served as District #3 Magistrate for 27 years. Sworn in by Gov. Bert Combs in 1961, he held the position through 7 different Kentucky Governors and loads of local elected folk. Back then, Magistrates were in charge of everything relating to their district, he said, including serving warrants and working on roads.

Ed says he was in it for the "little person" and believes his tenure in the position gave him the uncanny ability to detect liars, a gift that helped him out a few times.

"I knowed who made the best cornbread, who had the best onions, and who everybody's daddy was," he said. "They've grown up on me though, since I left office."

During his stint as Magistrate, Ed continued working in the mines. His days were often 12 to 14 hours long. He was a miner by night and Magistrate by day, occupations which left little time for the man to rest or spend time with his family.

Tip of the week: (www.diabetics.org)

It's important to treat hyperglycemia as soon as you detect it. If you fail to treat hyperglycemia, a condition called ketoacidosis (diabetic coma) could occur. Ketoacidosis develops when your body doesn't have enough insulin. Without insulin, your body can't use glucose for fuel. So, your body breaks down fats to use for energy.

Recipe of the week: (www.equal.com)

Cinnamon-Apple Biscuits-8 Servings

Ingredients:

5 jumbo refrigerated biscuits, cut into quarters
1/4 cup stick butter or margarine, melted
1-1/4 cups Equal® Spoonful*
2-1/2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
2 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, sliced into

Lagoon

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played Charles Manson in HELTER SKELTER). Railsback displays all of the emotional range of a Ham Sandwich as Anders. The Australian actors have a field day though and more than make up for the lackluster performance by Railsback. The DVD also includes interviews with the cast who all thought that the movie was beneath them but had bills to pay. Best Line: "I'll stay with my original choice. The small slimy one should squirm nicely."

thin circles, cut in half
3 tablespoons apple juice concentrate, thawed

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Preparation:
Roll biscuit quarters in melted butter. Coat biscuit pieces with combined Equal® and cinnamon.

Arrange biscuits in 8-inch round cake pan.

Stand 8 apple halves around the edge. Fill in remaining apple pieces between the biscuit quarters.

Sprinkle any remaining butter and Equal®/cinnamon mixture over the top.

Drizzle thawed apple juice over the top. Bake in preheated 375° F oven 20 to 25 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Let cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Serve warm.

Calories: 235
Protein: 3g
Carbohydrate: 28g
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Cholesterol: 16mg
Sodium: 425mg
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My Neice Hannah
A special memory

By Anna Hall,

4TH GRADE, PRESTONSBURG
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A moment I will never forget is when I seen my neice Hannah when she came to my house she had short blond-brown hair. I will miss her so much.

Dad's Old Coat

By Frances A. Cantrell

I hope you like this old coat of mine,
Mom bought it for Dad in '69.

Although it's faded and 28 years old,
it keeps me warm when it's the bitterest cold.

You might say I was special to my dad,
I was the only son he ever had.

You see, my dad has been gone for a while,
but in the back of my mind, I still picture his smile.

After Dad passed away, I tried on some of his things,
And I kept this old coat and his gold wedding ring.

Mom gave me his guns and his fishing gear, too,
She said, "Son, you're a man, these things belong to you."

I loved my dad and it's important, you see,
to take care of these things, till they're passed down from me.

Someday, I hope to have a son of my own,
and he will inherit these things after I'm gone.

Quite some time before Dad passed away,
He said, "Son, you just lis-

ten, I have something to say."

"Don't ever make a bad debt or tell a lie,
Keep these things in your heart, till the day you die.

Then God will reward you more than you ever thought,
and you'll have peace of mind that could never be bought."

So, I wear this old coat and I'm proud as can be,
'Cause Dad's somehow watching - and he's proud of me.

My Dad

By Kennedy Stumbo,
9 years old, of Martin

(Editor's Note: This arrived in the office too late for the contest, but we think it's far too good to not share. Happy Father's Day, Jeff! Sounds like you're doing a great job!)

My dad is Jeff Scarberry. I think my dad should be "King for a Day" because he gives a lot of hugs and kisses. He also says good-night to me at night. He always helps me get up if I fall and hurt myself. He's the greatest dad in the world. So pick him, he deserves it and he works hard to give me what I need. I love him very much and he loves me very much too.

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stole a truck filled with about \$1,200 worth of bootlegged beer. He brought the truck home (because, he says, the ABC officer was also in on the conspiracy) and deputies from the Floyd County Sheriff's office came to his home and stole the truck back. When he got a warrant against those men, they brought the truck back, as requested, to the Caudill home.

Ed and Betty say they gave the beer away to people in their neighborhood.

Ed resigned from his position as Magistrate after accusations began flying again in 1988. The county, he said, was involved in some financial problems that became his own problems. He got approval he said, to purchase a park maintenance trailer at Minnie Park for the county for \$2,000. The fiscal court agreed to write him a check to cover the cost (which included monthly payments for the furniture in the trailer) but he never got the money. Instead, he became the focus of a lengthy police investigation.

"What it boils down to, with my years, I had too much power. When I got out of being Magistrate, it was the best thing that ever happened to us," he said. "Sometimes you run and lose and sometimes you lose and win. We lost and won."

Betty took over his position when he resigned. She served for 5 years.

Ed's advice to politicians and officials: "Don't do or accept anything that would obligate you to another person."

His advice to families: "If you get married, have your grand kids first so you'll have time to fool with them."

Ed emphasizes love in his life, telling everyone he comes in contact with "I don't like anybody, but I love everybody."

People should return adversity with love and understanding, he said.

"I can mix with anybody. Why should I bitch if somebody does something to me. They killed Jesus Christ, what in the world can they do to hurt me?" he said.

He says his favorite "folk" are "old people and babies" —he believes the government should take better care of them.

Ed suffers with Black Lung, but still gets around well enough to walk to visit various neighbors every day.

"I've got a pacifier that's half full of gas," he said about his pace-maker.

He was baptized in 2000 and says he is now "running for a higher office."

"There's only one man in this world I'd bow to, and if you're in my way, you better get out," he said.



photo by Mary Music

Ed and his wife, Betty have been married for 58 years.

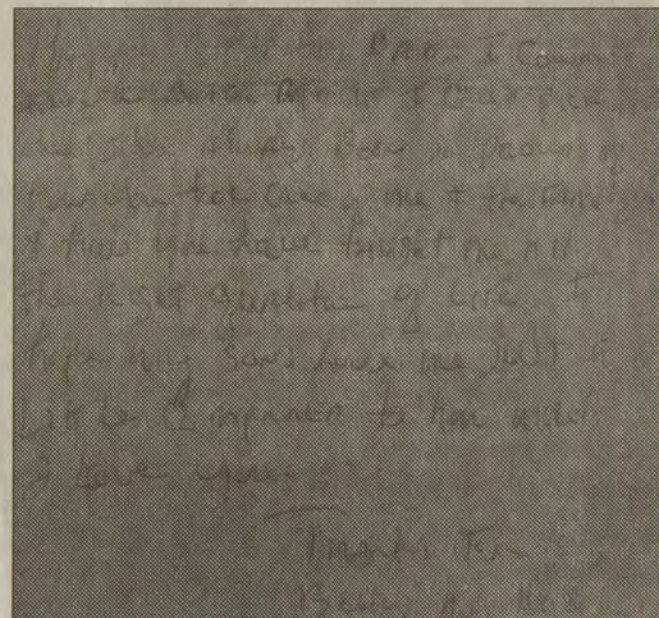


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This birthday card has made Ed "the luckiest son of a gun that ever lived."



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Ed, the army man.

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812-Free

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