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Over \$24 million in disaster aid approved

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — More than \$24.3 million in disaster aid has been approved for storms that hit Kentucky between May 26 and June 18, the Federal Emergency Management Agency said Thursday.

The agency said 7,897 households and businesses have applied for assistance from available state and FEMA programs.

Twelve counties were added to the original 66-county declaration, and their residents are eligible for disaster-related individual assistance programs, FEMA said.

Those who have damages (not covered by insurance) that occurred during the storms between May 26 and June 18 are urged to call FEMA's toll-free number, 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY). Phone lines are open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., until further notice.

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Martin residents brace for change

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — It comes with opposition and favor from both sides, but it is coming. The city of Martin will host a groundbreaking ceremony on Fire Station Hill tomorrow to celebrate the beginning of the

first phase of the city's redevelopment project, a project bristled with both pros and cons, residents say.

The relocation plan, a \$97 million venture between the federal government, state, county and city, aims to raise the town, which has been flooded 36 times since recording began in 1862, approximately

12 to 14 feet above the floodplain. Progress on fire station hill marks the beginning of the project, which is expected to be completed in 10 years. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to utilize the extracted dirt from the hillside to elevate the town and then construct a new city hall building, police station and Martin

Alternative School, marking the end to the first phase of the four-phase project.

With construction looming, residents and business owners in Martin carry mixed feelings about the upcoming redevelopment. Some favor the economic opportu-

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Sister Mary Yunker looks on as her campers study fingerprints for their investigation of a jewel robbery as part of the Eastern Kentucky Science Center's Day Camp program, which mixes science with hands-on activities.

photo by Tom Doty

CSI: Prestonsburg

Campers get taste of police tech

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Television viewers will have to

wait till the fall to sample the latest division of CSI (set in New York) but 20 Kentucky children got to experience Crime Scene Investigations first hand this week as part of the Eastern Kentucky Science Center's Day Camp program.

The week was filled with hands on activities that showcased the various techniques and disciplines used in investigating a crime.

Instructor Sister Judy Yunker ran the program, which included

activities, lectures and guest speakers who gave area children an overview of how to collect evidence and included hands-on activities like collecting and analyzing fingerprints, interviewing techniques, collecting hair samples and using black light to illuminate prints.

There were also several guest speakers, like the Prestonsburg Fire Department, Larry Adams, of

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Jenny Wiley names new park manager

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky Department of Parks announced the hiring yesterday of a new park manager for Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Scott Ringham, 41, of Bowling Green, will step up to replace former manager Julian Slone, who was fired in March after the state investigated his alleged misconduct in the unauthorized remodeling of his office at May Lodge.

Ringham brings with him 27 years of experience, having worked in management positions for Holiday Inn and Best Western hotels, and the Olive Garden restaurant chain. He says his latest position, an administrative career for the Courtyard near Bowling Green's Marriott Hotel, gave him the ability to experience "elite guest service," the type of service he'll pass along to Jenny Wiley.

"First of all, I'm excited," Ringham said. "I went and

looked at the park, looked at Prestonsburg, and I'm extremely happy with what I saw. The facilities, everything, are just awe inspiring. From what I saw — I drove through Prestonsburg, spoke to several people there — it's a quaint town, you know. I'm looking forward to it."

Ringham, who began tossing around the idea of hotel management years ago when he was mowing grass for the Holiday Inn, will start his tenure as the park manager on July 12. He says he loves the industry because "there's something unique and different every single day."

When asked to comment on the recent firing of employees at General Burnside for not obeying the state park dress code, Ringham, who's never worked for the park system, said he wasn't familiar with the situation. He did, however, say that he would "stand behind administrative deci-

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Mayor lawsuit to be tried in 2005

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A trial date of April 2005 has been targeted for the lawsuit that the former director of Mountain Arts Center has filed against Mayor Jerry Fannin.

Fannin's counsel reported this information after attending a pretrial conference on the case. The action began last year after Pat Bradley was

fired as director at the MAC. Both Fannin and Bradley have already given depositions in the case and each has an opposing viewpoint on why Bradley was terminated.

Bradley contends that she was fired for not indulging the mayor's requests for free tickets to concerts.

Fannin contends that he fired Bradley after several

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Long-term flood help focus of new committee

by JOYAL FRAZIER STAFF WRITER

Federal Emergency Management Agency Recovery Centers will be closing next week and questions are still being asked about needs that FEMA has not met.

The most that FEMA is allowed to give victims is about \$25,000 and most received less than that.

Those who lost their houses, cars and all the contents in their homes are going to need a lot more help than what FEMA can provide. There are alternatives to FEMA and the Red Cross, however.

FEMA has helped form a committee to deal with the long-term recovery aspects of flooding. This is a group made up of area organizations. Some are volunteer groups like the Red Cross

and others are faith-based groups. There are approximately 39 members in the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, which work together to help people rebuild their lives after a disaster.

Andrew Dinsmore, Pikeville Chapter of the Red Cross and member of the Long-Term Recovery Committee, said, "We want people to know that we are going to be there long term to

help put their lives back together."

The committee has started a coordinated effort to meet all other needs that FEMA and the Red Cross have not been able to meet.

"The committee meets every week in a different county to give everyone a chance to come out and get information and sign up," Dinsmore said.

The next meeting will be

Tuesday, July 13, at 10 a.m. at the Mayo Memorial United Methodist Church located at 412 Court Street in Paintsville.

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Program will be handling the application process, and they have an office in each county. The goal of the Long-Term Recovery Committee is to work with victims until their

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Odds & Ends

■ **OVERLAND PARK, Kan.** — If people say you've got two left feet, there's a thief somewhere with a deal for you.

Nike salesman Ray Staiger said he left his hotel on Tuesday morning, and found the lock to his pickup truck bed had been broken. Staiger told police someone took 312 shoes he used as sales samples, which he valued at \$10,789.

They were all left shoes. A salesman in Missouri has the right mates.

Staiger had to cancel sales

presentations he had scheduled for Kansas City and Omaha, Neb., and return to Wichita for replacement shoes, paying a \$500 deductible.

■ **PAYSON, Utah** — The idea of giving away a bakery to the best essayist was half-baked.

An essay contest offering the winner a bakery and an adjoining building, has been called off because the owners didn't get enough entries.

Roe's Bake Shoppe owners Paul and Lolly Penrod have now

decided to sell the shop rather than give it away.

"The publicity was out there, but there just wasn't enough interest," Lolly said. "We didn't even have half of what we needed."

The Penrods announced the contest in April, proposing they would give the bakery to the person who paid a \$100 entry fee and wrote the best essay of fewer than 300 words on the theme "Why I want to own Roe's Bake Shoppe."

In June, they decided to throw in \$5,000 cash to get the bakery going, along with ownership of the historic building next door and the bakery's 60-year-old recipes. They also extended the essay entry deadline from July 1 to July 5 after not enough entries were received.

But the added time and money weren't incentive enough. The Penrods said they were hoping for at least 2,000 entries so they could pay off their roughly \$200,000 in loans on the building, but they only received about 300 entries.

"We returned the money to everyone that entered, and we put it up for sale," she said. "The disappointment is definitely there, but you just have to move on."

■ **FORT MYERS, Fla.** — The deputy who reels in the most suspects gets to go fishing.

Capt. Randy Crone of the Lee County Sheriff's Office is offering a free fishing trip to the deputy who makes the most arrests this month.

After winning a \$100 fishing trip in a raffle, Crone sent a memo titled "The Race is on!!" to 55 deputies, offering up the trip and outlining the incentive.

"It's no different than the state of Florida giving an award to an officer who makes more than 100 DUI arrests," he said.

Lee County Sheriff Rod Shoap said the contest does not encourage quotas or "bad

arrests," partly because supervisors must still approve all arrests.

"How many businesses offer their employees bonuses for top performance? You tell me the difference," Shoap said.

The neighboring Collier County Sheriff's Office offers cash bonuses for deputies who serve 25 or more warrants in a year, said spokesman Dennis

Huff. But that program is not a competition between deputies, he said.

"We feel comfortable because a judge has already looked at a warrant and signed off on it," Huff said.

Former Deputy Mike Scott, who is running against Shoap in the Aug. 31 primary, called the fishing-trip incentive a "poor way to motivate your troops,"

saying it could compromise the arrest process.

■ **BOISE, Idaho** — Thomas Gaide thought the caller was barking up the wrong tree. An animal shelter in California couldn't possibly have his dog, Chevy.

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Today in History

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Today is Friday, July 9, the 191st day of 2004. There are 175 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 9, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

On this date:

■ In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his six-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled.

■ In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain.

■ In 1850, the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term.

■ In 1896, William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous "cross of gold" speech at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

■ In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tenn.

■ In 1944, during World War II, American forces secured Saipan as the last Japanese defenses fell.

■ In 1947, the engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth to Lt.

Philip Mountbatten was announced.

■ In 1951, President Truman asked Congress to formally end the state of war between the United States and Germany.

■ In 1974, former U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren died in Washington, D.C.

■ In 1982, a Pan Am Boeing 727 crashed in Kenner, Louisiana, killing all 146 people aboard and eight people on the ground.

Ten years ago:

Planned talks between North Korea and South Korea were put on hold following the death of North Korean dictator Kim Il Sung. Members of the Group of Seven nations concluded their economic summit in Naples, Italy.

Five years ago:

A jury in Los Angeles ordered General Motors Corporation to pay \$4.9 billion to six people severely burned when their Chevrolet Malibu exploded in flames in a rear-end collision. (A judge later reduced the punitive damages to \$1.9 billion, while letting stand \$107 million in compensatory damages; G.M. settled the lawsuit in July 2003 for an undisclosed amount.)

One year ago:

Pleading for patience, President Bush, continuing his Africa tour, said the United States would "have to remain tough" in Iraq despite attacks on U.S. soldiers.

Today's Birthdays:

Former British Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath is 88. Actor-singer Ed Ames is 77. Singer-songwriter Lee Hazelwood is 75. Actor James Hampton is 68. Actor Brian Dennehy is 66. Actor Richard Roundtree is 62. Author Dean Koontz is 59. Football Hall-of-Famer O.J. Simpson is 57. Actor Chris Cooper is 53. T.V. personality John Tesh is 52. Country singer David Ball is 51. Rhythm and blues singer Debbie Sledge (Sister Sledge) is 50. Actor Jimmy Smits is 49. Actress Lisa Banes is 49. Actor Tom Hanks is 48. Singer Marc Almond is 47. Actress Kelly McGillis is 47. Rock singer Jim Kerr (Simple Minds) is 45. Actress-rock singer Courtney Love is 40. Actor David O'Hara is 39. Actor Scott Grimes is 33. Actor Enrique Murciano is 31. Actor Fred Savage is 28. Country musician Pat Allingham is 26. Actress Megan Parlen is 24.

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Martin

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nities the project poses for the "younger generation." Some oppose the development and believe better alternatives should be considered. Others say their opinions no longer matter, as construction will continue with or without their favor.

"How do you leave and stay gone for 10 years and come back?" said Loraine Halbert, 81-year-old widow of Martin High School basketball coach Denzil "Hoss" Halbert. "I don't know what I'm going to do. I won't be here in 10 years. Who knows what will happen in 10 years? I guess that's for the young people to figure out. Everything does change — progress, they call it."

Halbert, a resident of Martin since 1931, lives in a two-story Main Street home built by her parents in the late 1940s. It now stands as one of the 100 structures that will be demolished to pave the way for the new city of Martin.

At 81, Halbert says she doesn't want to move, nor is she sure, yet, of where she will go. The same is true of several other residents who voiced their opinions this week.

Glenna Simpson, who lives

with her husband, Joe, near Mayor Thomasine Robinson on Jenny's Street, also says her family doesn't yet know where they will relocate. Glenna, who's lived in the city for 24 years, says she carries "mixed feelings" about the redevelopment.

"It's going to happen and I guess we all just have to go along with it," she said. "I know it's a good thing, but I just hate to give my home up."

Others involved with the city agree that cheaper alternatives should be considered before the federal government forks over funding necessary for the project.

"That's a pile of money to spend on a town," optometrist Dr. Richard Salisbury said. "Other things could be done. The first thing they ought to do is dredge out the creek from one end to the other, but they say that's not economically feasible to do that ... I have a lot of concerns for people that live upstream. It will very likely put people who live upstream at risk. If you're going to fill in more dirt, despite what the engineers said, it's bound to hold back water."

Salisbury, who runs one of his offices from Martin, said his business will not return to Martin once it is relocated. It's going to be "impossible" to run a business in town during the construction phase, he said.

Another business owner, Pete Grigsby Jr., a Martin native who inherited several of his father's businesses a couple of years ago, also faces the city's redevelopment with apprehension.

"I know a lot about Martin. I was in a lot of the floods as a child and as a teenager," Grigsby said. "I don't mind to tell you I'm not against flood control. We need flood control in Martin, but I think a floodwall would protect more people and protect downtown Martin better."

"I think long term residents don't want to move. At least the ones that have talked to me don't want to move, uproot their homes and lives ... I'm not an expert on these things but I do believe there's an alternative method. Ten years is a long time, and there will be a lot of dirt in the atmosphere. It won't be clean, there'll be a lot of stuff moving around. In my opinion, it's a good place to live and have a business, but I don't think they've considered the residents enough. I think there could be a better solution."

Grigsby's father, who constructed several businesses, two homes, and an apartment complex in Martin, proposed a floodwall for the city when he was mayor, but his plans were foiled without funding to complete the project.

Project Manager John P.

Justice, with the Corps of Engineers, said yesterday that redevelopment is the only viable solution for the city of Martin because there's "no room" to build a floodwall. Other options were also ruled out during the planning process, he said.

Robinson, who is losing both her home and business, Jan's Floral Shop, says she isn't concerned about relocating. It's a sacrifice the city will make to establish better opportunities for future generations, she says.

"In order for this city to grow and to be maintained as a city for the younger generation, we have to do something to protect us from floodwaters. This is the solution," the mayor said. "This will bring new jobs, new businesses into our city. The younger generation will be able to work and live here and not be concerned about flooding."

"It's like this, there's not a great deal of businesses in Martin, the reason being, no one will put new businesses in this city because of floodwaters. It's hard to give up your home, but it is for the future of this city. How many more floodwaters can our homes stand?"

Everett "Pootie" Akers, 60, who owns the Video Magic store in Martin, says he doesn't want to lose his business, but understands how the change could improve lives for future generations.

"It's a good place to grow up, or, it used to be," he said. "I'm a sentimental old feller but when you see it's dead, it's dead. There ain't no use in saving those old buildings. They're not

worth anything."

Other residents contacted by the Times have decided to just go with the flow of redevelopment.

"It doesn't make any difference how I feel about it now," said Eugene Hutchinson, who lives on the lower end of Martin. "There's no reason to oppose it now. It's all said and done, regardless of how I feel. There's nothing I can do about it either way."

Justice said yesterday that those voicing concerns can address them with Corps representatives, who maintain an office from 1 to 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

In addressing concerns from residents about the financial backing available for the project over the next 10 years, Justice said the project is "doable."

"If you don't have the money, you stop," Justice said. "But I can tell you that the Corps of Engineers has a very good track record. I can tell you that there's not been a single project, to my recollection, in the Huntington District, that hasn't been completed. Normally, when we make a commitment to a community and we've signed a commitment to the community, you can take it in good standing that that project will see completion."

The Corps has awarded the contract for the Phase 1 of the project to Bush and Burchett, an Allen firm. Gov. Fletcher, U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, Attorney General, Greg Stumbo, Col.

William Bulen, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and state Rep. Charles Meade will be on hand tomorrow to show their support during the groundbreaking ceremony, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. Parking is available on Main Street and the city parking lot, Robinson said. Vans will transport residents to the groundbreaking site.

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Manager

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trative decisions" enforced by the state because "appearance is 110 percent" of creating a tourist-friendly atmosphere.

Park employees who spoke with The Times yesterday had mixed feelings about Ringham's appointment. Some are relieved, as it's been approximately four months since the park was managed by a permanent administrator. Some are hesitant to work with a manager without state park experience. Others feel Ringham's appointment will be beneficial to the park.

"We suspected they'd pick somebody from the private sector, [Jim] Host's forte is the private sector," one employee said. "It's like they want us to be streamlined to the management of the Holiday Inn or the Marriott. There were 26 people wanting the job, but they didn't want to promote from within ... But it could be a good thing. Maybe private industry ideas, in combination with the our own, will help us."

Several changes have taken place in the state park system over recent months, with the adoption of the employee conduct and personal appearance code, which requires "neatly trimmed" head and facial hair and considers "offensive" visible tattoos and body piercings as violations of state park regulations.

Park employees are no longer welcome to stay at their home parks, a regulation enforced in order to prevent "confusion" among guests, spokesman Jim Carroll said.

Since Slone was dismissed from the job, several state park administrators have periodical-

ly managed the facilities at Jenny Wiley, which was hit hard in recent flooding. Acting manager John Paul refused to comment on Ringham's appointment yesterday.

Attorney Paul Fauri, who is representing Julian Slone in his appeal case, said that Slone is still seeking to get his position back.

"They didn't look for anybody within, did they?" he said. "But, anyway, that's the way it goes sometimes. My client is looking to get his position back. We don't think they had any basis to fire him."

Slone's appeal hearing is scheduled for August 25-27. When questioned, he declined comment on Ringham's appointment, but did express his determination to "clear" his name.

"There's all kinds of good things going on with the parks, isn't there?" he said. "They did me wrong and I'm going to continue to fight to clear my name. The whole situation, the way they went about it, everything, was completely wrong. The action they took was very excessive and I think this [the appeal hearing] will be the first opportunity I have to get it in front of an impartial party."

CSI

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Respond Ambulance, who talked to the campers about conducting an arson investigation, and Detective Sergeant Hall, of the Prestonsburg Police Department, who demonstrated the use of evidence bags and helped in a mock investigation by examining and evaluating evidence collected by the campers.

Regional Science Fair Coordinator Solomon Kilburn called the first week's program a success with full enrollment — 20 children — and parent feedback.

"Parents have commented that their kids want to talk about what they did all night and spring out of bed the next morning to come back," Kilburn said.

The day camping continues for the next three weeks and runs from 8:30 am to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The cost for a week is \$35, or \$25 for center members, and is open to children aged 10-12.

Next week's program, which still has openings, will spotlight Outdoor Exploration. Kathy Neely will run the show and promises, "It'll be fun with the kids taking home something every day. We'll be collecting critters, finding earthworms, doing soil paintings and finding the perfect worm habitat."

This will be followed by a week of exploring Math Power (July 19-22), which will include using a marble launcher and learning how scientists use math. Children will get to use graphing

Help

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needs are met and they have put their lives back together.

The process begins when the applicant fills out an intake form and signs a release of confidentiality. A case manager is assigned and will check with insurance, FEMA and emergency services on assistance the applicant has already received.

The case manager then finds resources that already exist in other programs such as food stamps, Community Action funds, mitigation funds and other identified programs.

The applicant's unmet needs are then presented to the Long-Term Recovery Committee and the case manager will follow up on recovery and report back to the committee on the results.

The Long-Term Recovery Committee also has people trained to aid in filling out Small Business Administration loan forms. It is critical that people return their SBA applications after filling them

out to the best of their ability. Doing so may help people get other cash grants.

"It is perfectly acceptable to return an application with information missing," said Frank Adinolfi, of the SBA. "Just make sure you sign the three forms. Then we can work with you in getting the rest of the information."

The Long-Term Recovery Committee can be contacted at:

■ Floyd County (Community Action): (606) 886-2929.

■ Johnson County (Community Action): (606) 789-6515.

■ Magoffin County (Community Action): (606) 349-2217.

■ Martin County (Community Action): (606) 298-3217.

■ Pike County (Community Action): (606) 432-2775.

■ Central Kentucky (other counties east of Interstate 75) Big Sandy Area Community Action: (606) 789-3641.

■ West Kentucky (all counties west of Interstate 75) Louisville Chapter of the American Red Cross: (502) 561-3642.

"We want flood victims to know that there is a great network of people and groups who want to continue to help them," Dinsmore said. "Many people need to know that their recovery is not limited to the size of the FEMA check they received. There is a great deal more help out there. We are here because we want to help."

calculators and many of the displays at the center to see how math and machines work in concert.

The final week, July 26-29, children will get to do astronomy activities under the tutelage of science center Director Ray Shubinski and Eric Thomas.

To register, call the Center at (606) 889-0303, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Lawsuit

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complaints came to his attention from Bradley's staff. His list of complaints about Bradley included that she was allegedly rude to staff and often denied them benefits, traded MAC seats for use of hotel rooms, bought liquor with city money and had a tryst with an underling at the center.

Bradley fired back that the mayor wanted to give her job to a friend and was not in a position to fire her as her contract stated that she would remain employed at the MAC indefinitely if she worked through a test period of six months, which she did.

Only one complaint about Bradley's work was ever filed by the mayor and that had to do with an incident in which she talked to a disturbed customer rather than call the police.

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him, 650 miles away at his Boise home.

But when the man insisted and mentioned a computer chip in the dog's neck, Gaide realized that after seven years, Chevy's predecessor had finally been found.

The older dog disappeared from Gaide's Hayward, Calif., backyard in 1996. Calls were made to the pound, hours were spent searching the neighborhood and countless flyers were posted to no avail.

It was six years before Gaide could bring himself to buy another black lab, and name it Chevy.

Gaide and the younger dog moved to Boise last year.

The call about the original Chevy came about three weeks ago, Gaide said, after shelter officials tracked him down through his wife, who still lives in California.

Now the older Chevy is living happily with Gaide's other three dogs, including Chevy the younger.

"The first day or two he was like, 'What's up with the new guy?' but now he acts like he remembers me, responds to me and the bond is still there," Gaide said.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"The art of life is to know how to enjoy a little and to endure much."

— William Hazlitt

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The (Baltimore) Sun, on Kerry's selection of Edwards as running mate:

Flirtations with Republican John McCain aside, the selection of North Carolina Sen. John Edwards as John Kerry's running mate seems so natural that one can only wonder why it took months to make the decision. In the Democratic primaries, the 51-year-old Edwards proved a sizzling campaigner. He wasn't a Washington insider, or a multi-star general, or even a candidate who necessarily would broaden the party's base. Yet his "two Americas" message excited hard-core Democrats and working-class voters this spring in a way that Kerry hasn't always been able to match.

Energetic and charismatic, Edwards brings a gift for public speaking and a connection to average Americans that helps balance Kerry's more patrician image. ...

Republicans will no doubt complain that Edwards is just a one-term senator - and has spent a lot of time away from that job while running for president. They will mock his ambition, his good looks, and the fact that he's an attorney. But these criticisms seem minor. Edwards mounted a credible campaign for president. As a candidate for vice president, the fact that he's a product of the private sector can be seen as an asset - another way to balance out the professional politician running at the top of the ticket. ...

The Philadelphia Inquirer, on grand-scale space research:

Don't look now, but 2004 is shaping up as one of the most memorable years ever for space exploration.

In February, we had a veritable convention of probes from the United States, Britain and Europe gathering around Mars. The U.S. rovers Spirit and Opportunity, which have been rumbling around Mars since January, are still sending back info, beyond the predicted length of their missions.

Two weeks ago, we saw those private-enterprise cowboys, Scaled Composites of Mojave, Calif., shoot a dude into the exosphere, a true first in space annals. There's a lot more where that came from.

And on Thursday, the massive Cassini-Huygens space probe eased into an orbit around Saturn.

... If nothing else, this massive project shows us how sheer vision and brainpower can bring us closer to undreamed-of beauty, especially when we sidle up to Saturn, loveliest object in a lovely solar system.



Capitol Ideas

No apparent movement toward budget

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky slipped quietly into a new fiscal year with government being run on a spending plan of the governor's design instead of a budget enacted by the General Assembly.

There was nothing on the surface to indicate that things were different. State and local government offices opened as usual. Paychecks to teachers and other public employees went out June 30 and will be issued again at mid-month.

The most immediate effect figures to

be a delay in construction and renovation projects — maybe hundreds of projects, primarily on university campuses.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher is able to use his spending plan to keep most of the machinery running unless and until a court says otherwise. But he cannot issue bonds, and there is not enough cash to do all the building and renovating and major equipment purchasing that institutions ordinarily would be doing.

That will not be evident to most of the public. It's hard to see something that is not happening.

Something else is not happening, either. The House-Senate impasse that resulted in the General Assembly adjourning in April without passing a budget is not visibly closer to being broken.

Fletcher and his Republican allies in the Senate insist that a budget must be accompanied by sweeping changes in the tax code, especially lower-income

tax rates on businesses and individuals. Democrats who control the House say the administration and the two chambers should first agree on a budget and defer the subject of taxes until the General Assembly meets again in 2005 — a year without elections, incidentally.

A select group of House Democratic leaders made a compromise budget proposal two weeks ago that included some aspects of the tax plan Fletcher and his Republican Senate allies are demanding.

The Democratic plan would repeal the corporation license tax, as Fletcher wanted, and reduce the maximum corporate income tax rate, though not as much as Fletcher wanted.

Fletcher said Friday the Democratic plan was "very sketchy."

"It was more a press release than a budget or a spending plan," he said.

Republicans have portrayed House Speaker Jody Richards as the embodi-

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Letters

Supports Edwards

I am disturbed by continued reports of the weakness of America's military forces. That is why I enthusiastically support John Edwards for vice president. John Edwards believes in a strong military.

As a member of the Senate intelligence Committee and the Committee investigating 9/11, John Edwards is both informed and prepared to make America safer and respected by freedom loving nations everywhere.

Morgan Peterson
Hazard

God and guts

I passed by a church this

weekend and out front there was a message that read, "Christians cannot condone what God condemns." I thought about it and came to the conclusion that while the message is absolutely true, we as Christians do exactly the opposite. I am as guilty as the next guy.

Sure, we are to reach out in a spirit of forgiveness and Christian love, but the Bible also tells us to confront evil. That is where so many of us come up short.

There are a variety of reasons for our failures. The biggest one in my opinion is fear. Sure, we believe and we do know in our hearts and minds what is right, but confronting wrong often takes us out of our comfort zone. Very often, those doing wrong are friends, family members and even folks in your church. It is far easier to expect someone else to do it for us or to just

pray about it and hope it gets the desired result.

Now there is nothing at all wrong with prayer. It's something we should do daily, but Christ calls us to also lead by His example. Following him requires some activity, as He definitely was a man of action!

Other excuses go as follows: "I am not a Bible scholar. I am not qualified to do it." "It's the preacher's job." "I don't want controversy or discord in my life." "I'm too busy."

And the one thing that holds us back the most is we fear the spotlight. We are afraid of what our neighbors, coworkers and the lost will think of us if we do take a stand. We have this great new life in Jesus, yet we want to hide it from others as they might call us a "Jesus freak" or a "religious fanatic."

Some of us who work for governmental agencies, like myself, worry that our jobs

might be affected by our beliefs or actions. This fear and the "let someone else do it" syndrome have allowed small groups of the lost to run roughshod over many of the ethical and moral codes that made this nation great.

Many times in the Bible, the nation of Israel suffered due to its turning away from God. They, like the United States, were rich and powerful and forgot who got them to that point — God! They ignored warnings from God's prophets and in the end were often overrun, enslaved and miserable. A direct parallel can be taken from the Bible and applied to today's United States.

We know that many things going on today are wrong, immoral, unethical and evil. Yet, we let them go on with barely a whimper as it is "too

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At the Movies: Anchorman

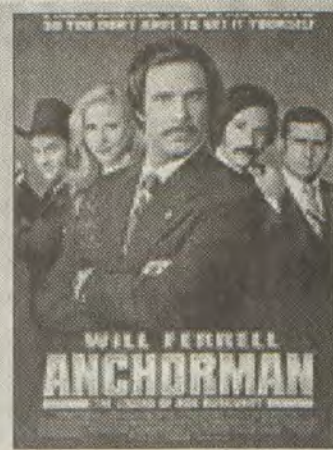
by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

What's in your salad bar could kill you ... but first, this film review.

That's not so far off from the worst television news writing, just like the star of "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" isn't so different from some of the dweebiest, most self-serious guys who come into your living rooms every night at 5, 6 and 11.

Observant comedy with a sharp (yet affectionate) eye for detail is just part of what makes this movie work. The top story is Will Ferrell, flinging his entire body with typical reckless abandon into the role of Ron Burgundy, while at the same time infusing the character with a subtle sense of loneliness.

Yes, this parody of TV news sometimes feels like an extended "Saturday Night Live" skit. Ferrell, an alum of the show, wrote the script with former "SNL" head writer Adam McKay, who also makes his debut directing a feature film. And really, Chevy Chase was Ron Burgundy long before Ron Burgundy was, as the anchor of



"Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy," a DreamWorks Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for sexual humor, language and comic violence. Running time: 91 minutes.

Three stars out of four.

"Weekend Update."

As you'd expect from a movie like this, the jokes can be hit and miss, often stupid, aren't egregious. But there's just a goofy, fearless energy about "Anchorman" that sucks you in and carries you along, similar to Ferrell's last two comedies, "Old School" and "Elf."

The idea of Ron and his all-male news team breaking into a harmonious rendition of "Afternoon Delight" in the middle of a conversation may not sound that funny. The fact that Ferrell and his solid supporting cast just flat-out go for it makes

the moment funny.

Ron, with his poofy hair and poofier mustache and wardrobe that matches his last name, is the main anchor at the top-rated station in San Diego. He thinks he's terribly charismatic — his signature signoff is "Stay classy, San Diego" — and important.

"I'm kind of a big deal," he tells a beautiful blonde at a party, an omnipresent glass of Scotch in hand. "People know me."

After she blows him off, he later finds out that the beautiful blonde is Veronica Corningstone (Christina Applegate), a reporter hired by the news director (Fred

Willard, fabulously clueless as always) in an attempt at diversity.

Since "Anchorman" takes place long before awareness of sexual harassment in the workplace, all the chauvinist pigs hit on Veronica obnoxiously (and their names are almost as wonderfully kitschy as Dirk Diggler and Chest Rockwell from "Boogie Nights"). There's overzealous sports guy Champ Kind (David Koechner), roving reporter Brain Fantana (Paul Rudd) and nerdy weatherman Brick Tamland (Steve Carell, who's already familiar with this sort of material as a correspondent on "The Daily Show").

Veronica brags that she's been chasing big stories and "practicing my non-regional diction" in preparation for her dream gig as a network anchor. Even though she seems determined to assert herself as an equal, she finds that she's falling for Ron. (An animated sequence, in which she and Ron frolic on horseback amid rainbows, is among the sight gags that fall flat and drag on.)

When Ron is late for work because of a hideous confrontation involving his beloved terrier, Baxter, and an angry biker (Jack Black, providing just one of the movie's many hysterical cameos), Veronica anchors the news in his place. Despite her co-workers' infantile attempts at derailing her, she's a huge hit.

From here, things spiral out of control a bit. A rumble between Ron's news team and his competitors from other stations is funny. When Ron is fired and sits around at a dive bar all day, making flatulence noises with his mouth, it's not funny. But more often than not, you'll find yourself giggling, against your better judgment.

Now for our dangerous salad bar story: You could probably poke your eye out with the tongs if you're not careful. Oh, and there might be E. coli in the tuna salad. And now on to sports.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The first full week of July turned out to be a soft one for new rentals but a good time to catch up on several classics that were just released on DVD.

The only new release of note is "The Butterfly Effect." This is an ambitious effort from the writers of "Final Destination 2" and stars Ashton Kutcher ("That 70's Show") as a psychology major who finds out that he can revisit his past at key times and alter events to avoid tragedies that befell his family and friends. Turns out, though, that by changing events he just makes things worse.

There are lots of twists in this one, which gets its title from the notion that a tiny butterfly can beat its wings in one part of the world and this will lead to tornadoes (or any wind event) making trouble for people on the other side of the planet.

Film noir fans will enjoy a DVD collection that rounds up five classics from the genre which was famous for hard-talking tough guys and chain smoking, even tougher femme fatales. This set, called "Shadows, Lies and Private Eyes," features the full spectrum of those classics and includes "The Set Up," which features Robert Ryan as a hard-luck boxer who has to take a dive for some gangsters. This is a tight thriller that is told in real-time. "Gun Crazy" is the story of a young guy who falls under the spell of a trigger happy vixen and details their on-the-road rampage. "The Asphalt Jungle" is a heist thriller from John Huston and stars Sterling Hayden and Marilyn Monroe (screen debut).

A perfectly planned robbery comes apart due to greed and mistrust in the classic that inspired "Reservoir Dogs." "Out of the Past" stars Robert Mitchum and Kirk Douglas and was remade in the 1980s as "Against All Odds." "Murder My Sweet" features Dick Powell as Raymond Chandler's classic sleuth Philip Marlow in a plot that features treacherous females, blackmail and, of course, murder.

One other film noir classic debuted, though it's not part of the set, from veteran director Billy Wilder. "Double Indemnity" is the all-time classic noir of double dealing and murder for money. It also features the classic noir theme of men who are manipulated by women. That theme had a lot to do with a backlash against the women who worked during the World War II era and didn't want to give up their roles when the men returned from war, but that's a whole other story and way too big for this space.

Here, an insurance agent is duped into helping a femme fatale write a big policy on her husband, who they then plot to murder. Besides the great direction and script this also features three standout performances. Fred McMurray throws off his nice guy image here as the cynical, and dumb, insurance man. Barbara Stanwyck ratchets up the sex appeal as the human equivalent of a black widow spider and Edward G. Robinson abandons his gangster ties in his portrayal of a dogged insurance investigator.

Adventurous horror fans might enjoy "Spiral." This will be hard to find at area rental stores but will be offered by Netflix,

which offers DVD rental via the mail. This one is about a small Japanese village that gets haunted by a force that makes them obsess over spiral shapes. It starts out creepy with people becoming obsessed by anything with a coil shape but gets downright terrifying when the feeling turns to fear and sees people attacking each other and engaging in self-mutilation to remove spirals from their body (like the inner ear and small intestines).

Next week looks promising with several special edition discs coming out in time to coincide with theatrical sequels and remakes. Special edition sets include "The Bourne Identity" and "The Manchurian Candidate."



photo by Tom Doty

The Gamers Den opened on West Court Street this week and offers comic books, movies, and video and roleplaying games for sale.

Comics, games store open in Prestonsburg

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County gained a new business this week with the opening of "Gamers Den" at 216 West Court Street in downtown Prestonsburg.

The store will sell comics, video games, PC games and movies. The venture is a first for owner Dustin Justice, 20, of Pikeville.

"I mainly went into business so people wouldn't have to go to Pikeville for their comics," Justice said.

It will also be a venue for trading in your games, movies and comics and will offer used as well as new merchandise. The store is still waiting on a few orders but has a fair amount of product in stock. There are new comics as well as a table of old ones which are going for 99 cents.

The movie selection will grow in time but already features an array of horror and kung-fu flicks which, Justice

says, "are pretty much the type of movies that I plan on selling. I hooked up with a good distributor so the prices will be reasonable too."

The store also plans to open comic folders for customers. This means that any titles you order through the store will go straight into a folder earmarked for the specific customer and never sit on a shelf.

The Den will also be hosting gamers who play games like "Magic" and "Dungeons and Dragons" in a space allotted to gaming toward the back of the store. Justice is hoping to find people to volunteer to run the games as he is currently in charge of managing the store and manning it himself until it takes off.

Come Halloween, Justice plans to offer masks and costumes as well as having some arcade games installed soon.

The store is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays. Fridays and Saturdays will see the store remain open till 8 p.m.

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Board member dances away with more prizes

CINCINNATI — Floyd County attorney and School Board member Mickey McGuire is dancing his way across the country.

He and his dance partner, Brenda Hawkins, a teacher from Nashville, Tenn., competed at the Firecracker Dance Festival in Cincinnati, Ohio, during the July Fourth weekend.

Competing in the weekend's largest division, Classic Silver Three, the couple, awarded First Place Grand Champion of their division, walked away as first-place title holders in four dances — the Waltz, Two-Step, West Coast and Nightclub.

McGuire was most pleased with the couple's score in what he considers the most difficult dance, the Waltz. They received first place from each of the panel judges accounted for scoring.

Holding the First Place Grand Champion honor in such a large division will prepare the couple for their next journey, the Mardi Gras Dance Festival in New Orleans.

McGuire and Hawkins are headed for New Orleans on July 17, the site of one of the largest dance events in the U.S. They will dance alongside enthusiasts from all over the world.

McGuire started dancing several years ago and has competed in more than 20 contests in the last five years.

Hawkins, married to Dr. Roland Hawkins, also competes in Ballroom and received 14 first-place medals at last year's Ohio Star Ball, regarded as the "Crown Jewel" of ballroom competitions.

McGuire is currently serving his first term as District 1 school board member.

For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Nancy F. Mills, 50, of Kermit, W.Va., to Estill Jarvis Jr., 49, of Prestonsburg.

Deonna Faye Keathley, 19, of Prestonsburg, to Lee Edward Kendrick, 32, of Albion, Mich.

Angie Renee Adkins, 24, of Pikeville, to Brian David Gruber, 24, of Girard, Ohio.

Cassandra Gail Light, 17, of Morehead, to Wendell Scott Hiday, 23, of Martin.

Sharon Salisbury, 35, of Pikeville, to Reevis John Hamilton, 30, of Sandusky, Ohio.

Helen Renea Slone, 21, to Danny Ray Akers, 35, both of Floyd County.

Amanda Lynne Boyd, 21, to DeMarcum Lee Henderson, 22, both of Harold.

Dannette Lynn Adkins, 45, of West Hamlin, W.Va., to Loyd L. Bias, 34, of Chicago, Ill.

Kimberly Dale Porter, 18, of Pikeville, to Glenn Dale Rackey Jr., 22, of Martin.

Imogene Wells, 54, of Jackhorn, to John H. Patton, 72, of Garrett.

Civil Suits Filed

James Lafferty vs. Tina Grisco; petition for custody.

Cindy Risner vs. Eric Risner; divorce.

Kelly Webb vs. Norman Webb; divorce.

Sherry Tripp vs. Ricky Tripp; divorce.

U.S. Bank vs. Michele Roth; complaint.

Community Trust Bank vs. Robert A. Damron, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Republic Bank, doing business as Flagship Funding Company, and Floyd County; complaint.

Russel Shelton vs. Belinda Shelton; petition for health care insurance.

Rachael Ellis vs. David Ellis; petition for health care insurance.

Glenda Marshall vs. Greg Marshall; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Julie Scoggins vs. Scottie Williams; custody case transferred from Martin County.

Jo Ann Allen and Tammy Davis vs. Highlands Hospital Corporation.

Charles Goodman vs. Crystal Goodman; divorce.

Frank Newsome vs. Shawn Yates; complaint.

Southeast Rax Development Company and Terrance W. Fitzer; President vs. Lynette Fitzer; complaint.

Genevieve Williams vs. Ricky Brown; complaint.

AGC Enterprises of Henry County Inc. vs. Louis Murphy Jr., Thomas A. Murphy, and Floyd County; complaint.

AGC Enterprises of Henry County Inc. vs. Pike-Floyd Coal Company and Floyd County; complaint.

Small Claims

Filings

Eric C. Conn vs. David Cornett Jr., monetary damages.

Eric C. Conn vs. Randall Goble, monetary damages.

Charges Filed

Christopher D. Castle, 25, Martin; reckless driving, DUI, driving on a DUI-suspended license, no/expired registration receipt, possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belt, driving from side to side of highway.

Meletha Ann Mitchell, no age listed, Prestonsburg; theft.

Teddy B. Tackett, 54, Teaberry; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, alcohol intoxication, terroristic threatening.

Donna Layne Hughes, 42, Lackey; theft.

James Branham Jr., no age listed, Royalton; theft.

Teddy B. Tackett, 54, Teaberry;

disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, alcohol intoxication, terroristic threatening.

Brenda L. Conley, 36, Hueysville; fraudulent use of ID card.

Donna L. Hughes, 43, Lackey; theft.

Willis Eugene Tackett, 23, Hi Hat; DUI, no insurance, three counts of leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, two counts of first-degree assault.

Emmitt E. Clark, 52, Harold; failure to operate boat at idle speed.

Ryan M. Deboard, 21, Delbarton, W.Va.; failure to operate boat at idle speed.

Dewayne Bevins, 37, Banner; motor boats to be registered and numbered.

Estill L. Collett, 38, Garrett; hunt/fish/trap without license/permit/stamp.

Joseph Serrano, 19, Hueysville; hunt/fish/trap without license/permit/stamp.

Ballard R. Stevens, 57, Pikeville; non-approved/insufficient number/no personal float.

Sandra M. Deboard, 30, Columbus, Ohio; failure to operate boat at idle speed.

Billy J. Justice, 59, Prestonsburg; motor boats to be registered and numbered.

Randall West, 32, Pinsfork; motor boat to be registered and numbered.

Grover R. Edmond, 29, Pikeville; motor boat to be registered and numbered.

Matthew L. Howell, 29, Banner; hunt/fish/trap without license/permit/stamp.

Miranda Coleman, no age listed, Pikeville; hunt/fish/trap without license/permit/stamp.

Danny Waddles, 29, Prestonsburg; creel and size limits for fish.

Eric Shepherd, 24, Hueysville; motor boat to be registered and numbered, non approved/insufficient number/no personal float, no approved fire extinguisher, hunt/fish/trap without license/permit/stamp.

Monroe J. Boyd III, 19, Hermitage, Tenn.; criminal littering.

Sonja L. Harvey, 39, Harold; harassing communications.

Brenda G. Hunter, 49, Printer; harassment.

Warren Cole, 40, Melvin; menacing.

Brad Coleman, 18, Melvin; terroristic threatening.

Claude Blevins, 41, McDowell; harassment.

Gary Mitchell, 35, Hi Hat, terroristic threatening.

Mike Wright, 33, Printer; harassment.

John Paul Tackett, 21, Printer; harassing communication.

Jake Lee Poston, 25, Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.

John D. Conley, 50, Garrett; third-degree sexual abuse, terroristic threatening.

Adriann Arington, 19, Prestonsburg; third-degree sexual abuse, terroristic threatening.

Angela Mollett, 23, Harold; fourth-degree assault.

John W. Howes, 40, Salyersville; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, harassment, terroristic threatening.

Dammian L. Stepp, 29, East Point; motor boats to be registered and numbered.

Jake Poston, 25, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, prescription not in original container.

Sharon K. Smith, no age listed, Dwale; neglect action, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, fleeing/evading police, criminal mischief.

Michael Russell Castle, 26, Martin; public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Bruce E. Patton, 24, Stevenson, Wash.; carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

Jeannie L. Sparks, 19, Prestonsburg; possession of marijuana, controlled substance prescription not in original container.

Christy Mays, 29, Hilliard, Ohio; alcohol intoxication.

Joseph R. Caines, 23, Varney; alcohol intoxication.

Geoffrey W. Gibson, 56, Charlotte, N.C.; indecent exposure.

Rodney Brown, 46, Inez; hunt/fish/trap without license/permit/stamp.

Tadge "Harv" Allen, no age

listed, Prestonsburg; theft.

Gary Layne Hale, 23, Martin; menacing.

Merlin O. Conn, 30, Printer; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Gary D. Patton, 20, Hueysville; public intoxication.

Brandon L. Perkins, 18, Salyersville; alcohol intoxication, criminal mischief.

Eugenia L. Crider, 32, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.

Claude E. Bailey, 24, Salyersville; alcohol intoxication.

Terry L. Campbell, 36, Clay City; alcohol intoxication.

Zeola Lee Ann Case, 20, Stanville; alcohol intoxication.

Julia Diane Miller, 39, Pikeville; disorderly conduct.

Isreal L. Cornett, 20, Hueysville; public intoxication.

Ronald G. McNeil, 28, Galveston; menacing.

Inspections

Cardinal Country Store #9, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Improper dispensing of single-service articles, toilet room doors not self-closing or closing tightly, light fixtures not shielded as required, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 95.

Action Express Mart #12, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage, butter used in food prep not covered during storage, lack of effective hair restraints, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, microwave in need of cleaning, floors not constructed properly, carpeted rug used in food preparation. Score: 94.

Pin-Zone Bowling Center, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, nonfood contact surfaces not properly constructed, shelves found with minor damage, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, microwave found in need of cleaning on upper surface, improper storage of single-service articles, floors not in good repair, walls, ceiling attached equipment not in good repair, light fixtures not shielded as required, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 91.

Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage, rolls found not covered while cooling, sanitary towels not provided at hand washing sink, two floors not drained properly. Score: 95.

Subway, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage, freezer units rising above zero for a brief time period, employees eating in undesignated area, floors not drained properly, small pool of water found in service area. Score: 92.

Save-A-Lot, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during service, use of absorbable material under meat product, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, knives found in produce prep, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink, floors in meat room not drained properly, light fixtures not shielded as required, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 89.

McDowell Sop and Shop, Route 122, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided in all refrigeration and freezer units, proper hair restraints not in use, restroom door not self-closing, floor tile in disrepair, lights in food prep section not properly shielded. Score: Food 93, Retail 95.

McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, Route 122, regular inspection. Violations noted: Box of bacon observed stored on floor of walk-in freezer, can opener blade noted to have a buildup of encrusted food material, ceiling light in utility closet in disrepair. Score: 93.

The Market Place Deli, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided for all refrigeration and freezer units, food items

observed stored on the floor, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use unrestricted, floor tile in disrepair, lights in food prep area not properly shielded. Score: Food 91, Retail 95.

S&V Mobile Home Park, Minnie, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not numbered, several lot sizes are not in compliance, lacks adequate individual garbage containers. Score: 94.

Justice Mobile Home Park, Big Branch of Little Mud, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not properly numbered, individual garbage cans not provided, park not adequately lit. Score: 94.

Spears Mobile Home Park, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not numbered, some lot size not in compliance, park not ade-

quately lit, insufficient number of individual garbage containers. Score: 92.

Property Transfers

Karen Sue Meade, William F. Osborne, Helen Osborne, Hans Peot, Kathleen Peot, William Houston and Ruth Houston to David Layne, property location undisclosed.

Hubert Johnson and Eunice Johnson to Marlin Johnson, property located at Left Beaver.

Patricia Banks to Marlin Johnson, property located at Left Beaver.

Jennifer Banks to Marlin Johnson, property located at Left Beaver.

Christy Banks to Marlin

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Obituaries

Billy Lee Parsons

Billy Lee Parsons, age 70, of Wabash, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at the Wabash County Hospital.

Born February 21, 1934, in McDowell, he was the son of the late John William Parsons and Phena Akers Parsons. He was a retired General Motors employee, a U.S. military veteran, a member of the Church of Christ, Chiefland, Florida, a member of the Wabash Eagle Lodge, American Legion Post 15, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 286.

In addition to his wife, Joyce Ann McCoy Parsons, he is survived by three sons, Billy V. Parsons, Paul M. Parsons, and Bryon Keith Parsons, all of Wabash, IN; two daughters, Debbie (Mike) Brooks, of Peru, IN, and Belinda Slone, of Noblesville, IN; one brother, Shannon Parsons, of Colorado; three sisters, Neva (Frank) Churico, of Reading, PA, Violet (Ted) Shannon, of McDowell, and Vera (Ernest) Shelton, of Lagro, IN; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, July 11, at 2:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin.

Burial will follow in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Treva Christine Martin

Treva Christine Martin, age 78, of Prestonsburg, passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at the Cleveland Clinic, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Born March 30, 1926, in Hite, she was the daughter of the late Vernon Ratliff and Sadie Osborne Ratliff. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pleasant Home Regular Baptist Church, of Water Gap.

She is survived by two sons, Michael Martin, of Marysville, PA, and Ken Martin, of Martinsburg, WV; one daughter, Gloria Jean Wiant, of Stephens City, VA; three sisters, Dixie Hyden, of Martin, and Wanda Caudill and Barbara Tackett, both of Allen; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, the late Kermit Martin, she was preceded in death by one sister, Doris Martin.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, July 10, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin. Clergyman Mark Tackett will officiate.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Grace Osborne Mulkey

Grace Osborne Mulkey, age 82, of Ivel, passed away on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born March 8, 1922, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Emery and Susie Gibson Osborne. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by four grandchildren, Charles Lykins, of Winchester, Robin Lykins and John Hershel Mulkey, both of Ezel, and, Jack Shannon Mulkey, of Harold; five great-grandchildren, Shane Kyle Mulkey, Madyson Amira Grace Mulkey, Logan Lykins, Caroline Lykins, and Robert Michael Yocum; a sister-in-law, Sharlene Osborne, of Betsy Layne; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Mulkey; a son, Jackie Mulkey; four brothers, Harold Osborne, Eule Osborne, Bill Osborne, and Emery Osborne; and, a sister, Lula Belle Dale.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 9, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. James Harmon and Chuck Ferguson will officiate.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Arrangements by the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Bobby Curnutte

Bobby Curnutte, age 72, of Auxier, passed away June 28, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

He was the son of the late Ora and Maude Watson Curnutte.

He was a retired coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; a son, Bobby Curnutte Jr., of Morehead, Ky.; two daughters, Amy Odenwala (Walter) of Lexington, Ky., and Cathy Curnutte of Martin, Ky.; one granddaughter, Amelia Odenwala, of Lexington, Ky.; one brother, Jimmy Curnutte (Judy) of Cow Creek, Ky.; two sisters, Bobbie Wells (Doug), and Helen Music (Ronnie), both of Auxier, Ky.; also many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Billy Gene Curnutte and Ora Curnutte Jr.

Funeral was held July 1st, at the Jones and Preston Chapel in Paintsville, Ky. Burial followed at Highlands Memorial Garden, under the direction of Jones and Preston Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Bobby Curnutte would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped to comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, or just spoke comforting words. We would like to send special thanks to Garfield Patton for his comforting words. Also thanks to the singers, and to Jones and Preston for their services.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Venucci, Minister.
 New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
 Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
 Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
 Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
 Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
 Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbot Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
 Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
 Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
 Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
 Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
 Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.;
 Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.
 Endcott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
 Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Egpt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.
 First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
 First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.
 First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.
 Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.
 Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Gresham Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.
 Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barrett, Minister.
 Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.
 Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
 Lancer Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Woshop, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter
 Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
 Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.
 Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.
 Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.
 McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Braeken, Minister.
 Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.
 Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 265-3385
 Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.
 Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.
 Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, President; 874-9468/478-2978.
 Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.
 Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister, Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.
 Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.
 Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.
 Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.
 Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.
 Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.
 United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.
 Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

CATHOLIC
 St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Darron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN
 First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
 Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.
 Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.
 Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
 Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
 Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
 Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonnie Meade, Minister.
 Mare Creek Church of Christ, Starville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.
 Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
 Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
 First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
 Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
 Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
 Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.
 The Church of God of Prophecy, Hi Hat; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Fraley, Jr., Minister.

EPISCOPAL
 St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayses Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (800 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.
 Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
 Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaater, Minister.
 Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neesley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.
 Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.
 Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Jack Howard, Minister.
 First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMY'S Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walt, Pastor.
 Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
 Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
 Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
 Sallsbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.
 Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.
 Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.
 Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.
 Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Louis Sanian, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.
 Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.
 Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister, 297-6262.
 Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN
 Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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Study finds state has millions due it in unpaid debt

by **JOE BIESK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky is losing out on millions of dollars by not collecting unpaid debt, particularly in the state's court system and Medicaid program, according to a legislative report released Thursday.

Collecting 10 percent of the debt owed to the courts alone could bring in more than \$3 million, according to the report.

Currently, the state's court system does not have a tracking system set up to monitor what they are owed, the report found. And there

is little incentive for the Administrative Office of the Courts to pursue collections, it found.

"This raises not only the issue of lost revenue for the commonwealth but also the loss of integrity of the courts when court orders remain unenforced," according to the report.

The study was presented to the Program Review and Investigations Committee, which consists of lawmakers from both the House and Senate.

While the report found the court system lacks a collection system, it also found they may not

have enough resources to collect the debts properly.

Most collection efforts are left up to individual judges who have the power to issue a warrant or a summons in an attempt to collect, the report found. But defendants who aren't arrested again likely leave their debts unpaid.

The courts have stepped up their efforts in recent years to collect at least 30 percent more debts, said Jim Deckard, chief of staff for Kentucky Chief Justice Joseph Lambert.

"We have met our preliminary goals of collecting more money in the last three years, and we look forward to continue to work with

the finance cabinet to meet the goals of collecting the commonwealth's money," Deckard said.

But circuit clerks responsible for collections have little incentive to collect. They only keep 5 percent for their operating budgets and are limited to \$2.5 million per year.

Circuit clerks could also use additional deputies, she said. One estimate showed the state needed about 330 additional deputy clerks to keep up, said Melinda Wheeler, acting AOC director.

According to the report, circuit clerks in Kentucky collected \$37.4 million for the 2002 fiscal year and \$65.2 million in 2003.

However, it was not evident the increase resulted from increased collection efforts, the report found. Some court costs have increased during that time.

People owe various types of fines and fees to the state through the court system.

Among its recommendations, the report found Kentucky courts could collect more money by offering a credit card payment option.

Currently, there is a pilot program in Warren County that allows people to pay with plastic, Wheeler said. However, a drawback is the state cannot pass along the cost of using credit cards to the users, Wheeler said.

Still, the AOC would follow the report's recommendations and work with the state Finance and Administration Cabinet, Wheeler said.

The report also focused on the state's Medicaid system.

Currently, Medicaid is owed about \$95 million that is not expected to be collected soon. Medicaid debt accounted for about 96 percent of the noncurrent debts

owed to the state, the report found.

It also found that about \$75 million of the amount "was likely to be collected," while \$20 million "was probably uncollectable."

The committee was planning to focus on Medicaid debts next month.

Health and Family Services Cabinet spokesman Gil Lawson said agency officials had just received the report and were planning to appear before the committee.

"We're examining this report and plan to respond at the next committee meeting," Lawson said.

History

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Rhythm and blues singer Kiely Williams (31w) is 18.

Thought for Today:

"There are two kinds of people in one's life — people whom one keeps waiting — and the people for whom one waits." — S. N. Behrman, American author and dramatist (1893-1973).

Letters

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much trouble" and "not my job" to oppose them. We know as Christians that abortion, homosexuality, promiscuity, etc. are wrong, yet we have allowed these activities to grow and gain acceptance right in front of us.

Some churches have become cults by condoning these behaviors. No church can call itself a Christian church when it spits in the face of God and defies His laws. Some Presbyterian and Episcopal churches have allowed gay unions in their churches as well as gay officers and ministers, all the while knowing in their hearts that it is wrong.

We have allowed tiny groups of atheists and communists to take prayer out of our schools and before our ballgames. We have allowed America's Taliban, the ACLU, to remove the Ten Commandments from public places when 80-plus percent of the people wanted them to remain.

Our entire system of government and law is Bible-based. That includes the Constitution and Bill of Rights. After all, our nation was founded by Christian men who desired the right to worship in freedom, as they saw fit. That's why the early settlers came here, to Plymouth, Mass., and other places.

We even condone evil in our own churches. How many times have you seen a deacon or some-

one with money or influence run the show and make the rules in a church? I've seen at least three great pastors run off from churches I have attended because someone couldn't control them. It's funny, but I have never seen these folks' names in front of the church. The signs often say, "The Church of Jesus Christ" or "Christian," not the "Church of John Doe." They attack and run off great men of God because they cannot control them. I thought God was the one whose church it was, and we all were to be under His control. Maybe I have it all wrong.

Anyway, some food for thought. This nation will not continue to be blessed unless we return to what made it great — God and guts. We all have to have the guts to follow Him and do what is right, or like Israel did, we will pay a heavy price. May God bless us and inspire us to do what we know is right.

Charles E. Scoville
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ment of the impasse, and Fletcher continued the criticism last week.

The governor accused Richards of negotiating through the newspapers and TV instead of seeking an accommodation with Senate President David Williams and other Republicans.

"It doesn't, to me, indicate a serious effort of trying to reach some sort of compromise," Fletcher said.

Richards said it was "regrettable that Governor Fletcher continues his personal attacks on me."

Richards cited the outline of a budget plan released June 22 and said: "The House has compromised more than halfway."

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Johnson, property located at Left Beaver.

Rachel Banks to Marlin Johnson, property located at Left Beaver.

Kathy Vincent and Daniel Vincent to Marlin Johnson, property located at Left Beaver.

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All-star games take local, national stages

by RICK BENTLEY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

Senior-to-be basketball players from the eastern region of Kentucky will be on display for all to see tomorrow afternoon at the Pikeville College Gym.

The East Kentucky Junior All-Star Game is sponsored by the Kentucky High School Coaches Association, and is holding its third annual event for both boys and girls. The girls play at 4 p.m., while the boys will play at 6.



Rick Bentley

Pikeville's Cindy Halbert and Henry Webb of South Floyd will represent the 15th Region's coaches, and six 15th Region players from each side will play.

Floyd County will be represented well tomorrow night. Becky Thomas of Allen Central and Kim Clark Clark of Betsy Layne will play for the girls, while Webb will be joined by his own Burnett Little on the boys' roster.

The showcase, which pits all-stars

(See BENTLEY, page two)

Harris added to East Kentucky All-Star Game

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Area high school basketball fans wanting to get a glimpse at some of the top seniors-to-be can do so Saturday. The Third Annual Kentucky High School Coaches Association East Kentucky All-Star Game will be held Saturday at the Pikeville College Gym.



Megan Harris

Due to being involved in the Governor's Scholars Program, Prestonsburg senior-to-be Molly Burchett will not participate in the event. Megan Harris, who transferred from Allen Central to Pikeville, has joined the other 15th Region girls.

Pikeville Coach Cindy Halbert will guide the 15th Region girls. Other team members include Taylor Brown, Pike Central; Kim Clark, Betsy Layne; Ashley Hall, Paintsville; Harris, Pikeville; Becky Thomas, Allen Central; and Mishay Weddington, Pike Central.

South Floyd head coach Henry Webb

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Legends shut down Captains

LEXINGTON – Freddy Acevedo had been struggling but not against Lake County. The Lexington Legends right-fielder belted his 3rd home run of the year against the Captains to break up a 2-2 tie Thursday en route to a 7-2 Lexington win. Acevedo was 2-3 with two runs and an RBI. Mitch Talbot was outstanding after a shaky start. Talbot (6-6) worked seven innings, retiring his final 15 batters in route to his sixth win of the year. Jonathan Beltre worked two scoreless innings to close out the game.



Burnett Little

Little brings 'big game' to all-star event

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Underrated. That may be the best word to use to describe South Floyd High School senior-to-be Burnett Little.

After no previous high school varsity basketball playing experience, Little burst onto the scene as a junior during the 2003-04 season and worked his way into the Raider starting lineup. Little, a hardworker on

the inside who ranks as both one of the top rebounders in the 15th Region and one of the top players, led South Floyd in rebounding during the 2003-04 season and many times out led the Raiders in both rebounding

and scoring. "There's no season that he was the most underrated (the 15th) region South Floyd

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HAP SLIPS BY MORGAN COUNTY, 6-5



photo by Steve LeMaster

HAP pitcher Nathan Martin surveyed a Morgan County batter prior to going to the plate.

WIN IMPROVES ALL-STAR RECORD TO 3-0

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – The Harold-Allen-Prater (HAP) 11-year-olds got out to a 3-0 lead and held on in the end Wednesday night in the District Seven Tournament, fighting off a late-rally and beating a very capable Morgan County team 6-5. The win

allowed HAP to improve its all-star record to a still-perfect 3-0.

The loss dropped Morgan County down into the loser's bracket of the tournament.

Kory Jarrell connected on a triple down the leftfield line in the first inning, beginning for HAP what was eventually a very successful start.

Jason Case tagged a single,

allowing Jarrell to score. Case, one of the top 11-year-old sluggers in the tournament, went on to score, himself. HAP starting pitcher Nathan Martin walked and scored.

Casey Adkins had a triple and two RBIs to add to the HAP offensive output.

(See WIN, page two)

photo by Steve LeMaster

A hit ball by a Morgan County player got through an outstretched Kory Jarrell, the HAP second baseman.



photo by Jamie Howell

The Paintsville dugout looked on after a HAP pitch.

Paintsville 9-10s blank HAP

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – After getting back on the winning side of things, the Harold-Allen-Prater 9-10-year-olds faced District Seven All-Star Tournament favorite Paintsville Tuesday night at B.W. McDonald Field and came up short, falling 10-0 in a game ended by the mercy rule.

Timmy Miller took the mound for Paintsville and pitched the first inning before giving way to Tanner Fitch who threw the final three innings of the four-inning contest. Fitch fared well, striking out four batters and allowing just two hits. In his time on the mound, Miller recorded one strikeout and allowed one hit.

The Paintsville defense turned three dou-

ble plays. Paintsville ended the game with the final of the three double plays.

Paintsville plated two runs in the first inning as Aaron Gourdouze walked and scored and Jimmy Preston singled and scored. The Paintsville squad came across with three runs in the second inning as Blevins, Dustin Hayden and Gourdouze all reached base and scored to make it a 5-0 lead. Paintsville scored five runs in the bottom half of the fourth inning to seal a win and end the game.

In Paintsville's half of the fourth inning, Garrett Lemaster walked and scored and Gourdouze reached base on an error and scored. Preston, Chase Blevins and Jordan

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Paintsville past Beaver Creek, 14-0

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – The 11-year-olds (1-1) rebounded from their opening loss to Harold-Allen-Prater by beating Beaver Creek Wednesday, 14-0 in a mercy rule contest.

Paintsville was back on the winning side of things Wednesday night against Magoffin County. Paintsville's top players were unavailable at press time.

Paintsville, with two out of the second inning runs. Tyler Kestner hit a double and scored three of the Paintsville runs.

Paintsville led 11-0 at the end of the third inning, before taking more runs in the fourth inning.

Zach Jackson pitched for Paintsville, claiming the process, allowing only one run on a single by Beaver Creek hit.

Timmy Sublett pitched for Paintsville in the fourth inning, striking out two batters.

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Paintsville 11-12s d Whitesburg

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Breckinridge County's 11-12-year-olds rolled to a 15-0 win over Whitesburg Tuesday night at Paul B. Hall Field.

In a decisive four-inning contest, Paintsville scored 12 unanswered runs.

Cody Parker had a solo home run and scored Paintsville's huge fourth inning run.

Seth Alex Rice was the winning pitcher for Paintsville, striking out four batters.

Josh Green and Jonathan Hall each had two hits apiece for Whitesburg.

Paintsville didn't score until the third inning. The winning team finished the game with a 15-0 lead.

(See DOUGLAS, page two)



Harold-Allen-Prater (HAP) pitcher Kannon Newsome delivered during Tuesday's game against Paintsville.

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with 11 hits. The win allowed the host team to advance to play Belfry in the District Seven Championship, which was to be played last night. Results were unavailable at press time.

Belfry 5, Phelps 1 (4 innings): In a game that was shortened because of inclement weather but declared official, Belfry bounced rival Phelps.

Belfry got out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and made it stick.

For Belfry, Greg Stanley singled and scored and Timmy Lovern was hit by a pitch and scored. Charles Ryan Smith

was also hit by a pitch and scored. Matt Blackburn had an RBI single.

Belfry came across with two runs in the fourth inning. Stanley singled and scored on a Lovern hit.

Lovern finished the contest with two hits. Josh Francis also reached base and scored. Mason Runyon added a hit for Belfry.

Smith pitched four innings for Belfry and struckout six opposing batters in the win.

Phelps pitcher Aaron Salyer had four strikeouts in a losing effort.

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Offensively for HAP, Jarrell was a leader, finishing the contest with two hits.

After walking in the second inning, Dakota Davis scored the first run of the game for Morgan County.

HAP led 5-1 in the third inning after first baseman Dylan Maldonado reached base on an error and scored. Martin walked and scored when Chris Stanley connected on a hit.

Adkins reached on an error and scored for HAP in the top half of the fifth inning, extend-

ing the lead to a 6-2 advantage.

Adam Cooper led the Morgan County rally with a two-run home run, but it wasn't enough.

In Morgan County's final at-bat, Patrick Montgomery singled and headed home to score on a hit by Hunter Fraley. To Morgan County's dismay, Fraley was thrown out at second base as Jarrell applied the tag for the third out.

In a winning pitching performance, Martin struckout 11 batters.

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Henry Webb. "He came in last season and played well."

Little, who, before entering South Floyd High, starred at South Floyd Middle, will show his talents Saturday in the Third Annual East Kentucky All-Star Game. He'll be joined by South Floyd High head coach Henry Webb. Little was the only Floyd County high school boys' basketball player to be invited to participate in the event.

With a long frame, Little often dominates opposing

players inside. Before joining the South Floyd High varsity team in 2003, Little put in two seasons of time in the SFHS junior varsity program.

The South Floyd High senior-to-be is joined by fellow 15th Region hoopsters Seth Kiser (Shelby Valley), Kelsey Friend (Shelby Valley), Aaron Branham (East Ridge), Nick Music (Johnson Central) and Jesse Parrish (Pikeville).

Tip-off for tomorrow night's boys' all-star game is set for 6 p.m.

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Stewart all walked and scored. Back up at bat, Lemaster connected on a single to plate the game-ending run.

HAP wasn't completely short of offense. Kannon Newsome, Bryson Williams and Andrew Roberts all had hits for HAP.

Paintsville added to its offense by pushing three runs across in the second inning. Brooks Pelphrey and Tanner Blevins reached on errors. Gourdouze and Preston singled

in runs. Tanner Blevins, Dustin Hayden and Gourdouze scored to make it 5-0. Five Paintsville runs in the bottom of the fourth ended the game.

Garrett Lemaster walked and scored. Gourdouze reached on an error and scored. Preston, Chase Blevins and Jordan Stewart each walked and scored.

Pelphrey drove in a run and scored. Lemaster tapped a single to score the game-ending run. Newsome took the pitching loss for the Floyd County team.

Paintsville and Belfry met last night in the District Seven title game. Results were unavailable at press time. The winner will advance to the state tournament, to be played in Campbellsville beginning July 17.

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Magoffin County 12, Belfry 10: Magoffin County led 8-0 at the end of three innings and held off a late rally to beat and eliminate Belfry.

Tanner Crace paced Magoffin County with four hits. Crace drove in two runs and scored three times. Carrington Conley had two hits and scored two runs while driving in two runs. Matthew Francis had an RBI double and scored twice.

Conley pitched into the sixth inning for Magoffin County, ending his his pitching performance with five strikeouts.

Belfry scored the majority of its runs in the second half of the game, coming across with five runs in the fourth inning and four more in the sixth inning.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STANDINGS

National League

| East Division | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|-------|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Philadelphia | 44 | 39 | .530 | — |
| New York | 43 | 40 | .518 | 1 |
| Atlanta | 43 | 41 | .512 | 1 1/2 |
| Florida | 43 | 42 | .506 | 2 |
| Montreal | 28 | 55 | .337 | 16 |

| Central Division | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|------|----|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| St. Louis | 52 | 32 | .619 | — |
| Chicago | 46 | 38 | .548 | 6 |
| Milwaukee | 44 | 38 | .537 | 7 |
| Cincinnati | 44 | 40 | .524 | 8 |
| Houston | 43 | 41 | .512 | 9 |
| Pittsburgh | 38 | 44 | .463 | 13 |

| West Division | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|--------|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Los Angeles | 45 | 37 | .549 | — |
| San Diego | 46 | 38 | .548 | — |
| San Francisco | 46 | 39 | .541 | 1/2 |
| Colorado | 33 | 50 | .398 | 12 1/2 |
| Arizona | 30 | 55 | .353 | 16 1/2 |

American League

| East Division | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|-------|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| New York | 51 | 31 | .622 | — |
| Boston | 45 | 37 | .549 | 6 |
| Tampa Bay | 42 | 41 | .506 | 9 1/2 |
| Toronto | 38 | 46 | .452 | 14 |
| Baltimore | 36 | 46 | .439 | 15 |

| Central Division | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Minnesota | 46 | 37 | .554 | — |
| Chicago | 42 | 38 | .525 | 2 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 40 | 43 | .482 | 6 |
| Detroit | 39 | 44 | .470 | 7 |
| Kansas City | 29 | 53 | .354 | 16 1/2 |

| West Division | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|-------|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Texas | 47 | 35 | .573 | — |
| Oakland | 46 | 36 | .561 | 1 |
| Anaheim | 44 | 39 | .530 | 3 1/2 |
| Seattle | 32 | 50 | .390 | 15 |

Note: Thursday's games not included in standings.

Party put on hold as Larkin mulls decision

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Will he or won't he? That is the question Cincinnati Reds fans are asking themselves in a head scratching match in pondering if veteran Reds shortstop Barry Larkin will actually retire at season's end.

Larkin, who indicated the 2004 season would definitely be his last, has told the Reds brass that he has had second thoughts about calling it quits when the season ends. With the Reds fading fast into the National League Central Division sunset (eight games behind front-runner St. Louis) and looking more like pretenders than contender, Larkin could very well be one of the players moved before the July 31 trading deadline.

Larkin has indicated that if the Reds do not climb back into the divisional race, he could possibly be moved to a contending team. The trade could come during the all-star break if the Reds are buried near the

bottom.

Cincinnati is in Milwaukee playing a four-game series with the upsurging Milwaukee Brewers and figures to drop just above the hot Pittsburgh Pirates in fifth place, where they finished last season.

The Reds continue to say that Adam Dunn and Austin Kearns are untouchable but have stopped making mention of first baseman Sean Casey as a possible player to be moved. Casey is coveted by several teams, especially Boston in the American League.

If Ken Griffey, Jr. is still going well and still healthy, look for some contending team to snatch him up, big bucks and all. The Reds would still like to unload the high salaried All-Star, who has not homered since he hit number 500 over two weeks ago.

Dunn, Kearns, Casey and Junior are the only players anyone else would entertain a thought of purchasing. Pitching wise, the Reds may be able to deal Corey Lidle, Danny Graves or Paul Wilson but that

is about it.

Aaron Harang and Jose Acevado have not had the kind of a season to catch the eye of a contending team.

Of late, the starting pitching has not been the big problem for the Reds as much as the demise of the bullpen, once thought of as the best in baseball. The Reds bullpen is any thing but spectacular. Graves has seven blown saves, John Reidling has a time retiring anyone and Todd Jones is only good for an inning or so.

But not only has the bullpen come up short, but the hitting for the Cincinnati Reds is very lacking. Here is a team that does not hit with two out and runner in scoring position. Like other clubs, they do not score runs in bunches.

Finally, the bench staff deserves a lot of credit for the lack of hustle on this team. Dave Miley may be allowed to finish the season but I do not think he will return for the 2005 session.

The Reds players were pressing management to extend Miley's contract when the Reds were going good. Now that the Reds are 6-12 over their last 18 games, the front office may be smarter than Reds fans want to give them credit.

Remember, Dan O'Brien did not want to hire Miley to start with but the higher brass tabbed Miley as their choice and the rest is history. It will be interesting to see if Don Gullett will return as the Reds pitching coach. Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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will coach the 15th Region boys. Team members include Aaron Branham, East Ridge; Kelsey Friend, Shelby Valley; Seth Kiser, Shelby Valley; Burnett Little, South Floyd; Nick Music, Johnson Central; and Jesse Parrish, Pikeville.

East Ridge High boys' basketball coach James Hurley and Pikeville College Sports Information Director and Times Columnist Rick Bentley have both taken big roles in getting together the 2004 East Kentucky All-Star Game.

"We're expecting two very good games," said Hurley. "We'd like to invite everyone out to the Pikeville College gym."

Numerous college coaches are expected to be in attendance Saturday.

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from the 13th and 14th against standouts from regions 15 and 16, is a worthwhile event and comes at a good time for those needing to scratch their hoops itch.

It also provides fans an opportunity to see some of the top players in the mountains as they prepare for their final season of play.

Tuesday night's all-star game could establish a new record for number of eventual Hall of Famers in one event.

The National League's starting outfield has been much-celebrated for having three members of the 500 home run club. Of course, they'll only start that way if Junior Griffey can manage to get through the weekend unscathed.

Perhaps it's my age catching up with me or maybe it's inter-league play, but the all-star game doesn't hold my attention as it once did. Formerly a highly anticipated event, now it only brings a passing interest. And while I likely will watch most if not all of it, I won't be glued to the set as I have been in years past.

The Beast of the NL East seems to be rearing its ugly head. Bobby Cox has seen the Jones Boys wake from their long winter's nap long enough to help Atlanta head into the

final weekend before the all-star break with 10 wins in its last 13 games.

Whether they can keep it going is anybody's guess, but with a slew of teams all bunched together — the top four teams are within two games of each other — a team won't have to stay on fire for every long before they'll run away with it.

I still want to see a little more out of them before I'm sold, but right now they're closing in on a huge run that has lasted 10 percent of the season. That's a significant chunk of the schedule.

Am I the only one absolutely sick of all the goings on with the Los Angeles Lakers?

The Reds picked a good time to revert to being, well, the Reds.

They couldn't do a thing with the Cardinals this week and were 3-7 in their last 10 games heading into the weekend series in Milwaukee. As a result, they entered last night's game eight behind St. Louis and fading fast. They've gone from having the league's best record to ninth in no time at all.

As a result, instead of them looking for an available pitcher, it looks as if they may be scouring the roster for high-priced talent they can unload before the end of the month brings the trading deadline.



photo by Jamie Howell
Paintsville 10-year-old Dustin Hayden stood in against HAP.



photo by Jamie Howell
Kannon Newsome, a hard-throwing right-hander, went to work for HAP in its game against Paintsville.

NOPI/NDRA racers anxious to get back to Thunder Valley

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Last year's inaugural NOPI event at Bristol Dragway left a big impression on the drivers who participated in the racing portion of the event. That's why they're counting down the days until they get another shot at conquering the quarter-mile strip during the NOPI Southeast Nationals, Saturday-Sunday.

"We're coming off a good event at Maryland and when we were there the racers were all excited about getting back to Thunder Valley," said NOPI/NDRA Events Director Bobby Evans. "Without question Bristol is the professional drivers' favorite track nationwide. Six records were broken in Maryland and all of the record-holders say they've saved something for Bristol so there's going to be some great racing."

More than 60 teams are expected to be on hand for the Southeast Nationals, which naturally will feature more than just racing.

"This is the most anticipated event of the season for the professional drivers, the sportsman drivers and the fans alike," Evans said. "There's so much going on at our events, like the car shows, the open session and bracket racing, the sound and neon competitions, the swimsuit competition and a great Saturday night stage show. It all adds up to a fantastic weekend where everyone can participate and have a great time."

Car show classes are

Asian, American, European, Truck and Overall. The winner in each division wins \$600 and the overall winner earns a \$400 NOPI shopping spree. Winners of the Burnout Contests, to be held on both Saturday and Sunday, will win \$250 each day, and the swimsuit competition pays \$700 to the winner, \$200 to the runner-up and \$100 to third place.

Cost to take part in drag racing is \$65 (with one weekend pass) and \$35 for open session entries. Cost of entering the car show/sound competition/burnout contest is \$65 (two weekend passes).

Bracket classes include Bracket 14 (14.99 and faster), Bracket 15 (15.00 and slower) and Motorcycle (9.00 and slower). Heads-up classes are Nopi Chic (all girl), Comp 4, Turbo 4, Comp 6, and Comp 6. Pro Classes include Pro Street Tire, Pro Stock, Pro 4 Cylinder, Pro Outlaw FWD, Pro Outlaw RWD and Pro Import.

Bracket Class winners earn \$400 and runners-up pocket \$100. Heads-up class winners take home \$500 and runners-up get \$100. The Pro Street Tire winner earns \$2,500 while the Pro Stock victor will take home \$3,000. The Pro 4 Cylinder winner earns \$3,500, the Pro Outlaw FWD wins \$4,000, the Pro Outlaw RWD wins \$4,250 and the Pro Import winner pockets \$5,000.

Spectator admission is \$40 for a weekend pass, \$25 for single day, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and free for kids under 6.

Gordon a threat for fifth championship

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — In any other season, Jeff Gordon would be a long shot to win the championship.

But under NASCAR's new points system, Gordon is a legitimate threat. After back-to-back victories the past two weeks, he might even be the top contender.

Coming off dominating wins on two very different racetracks — the windy road course at Sonoma and the superspeedway at Daytona — Gordon headed into Sunday's race in Chicago in third place in the standings, 232 points behind leader Jimmie Johnson.

Making up that kind of ground would have been a struggle under the old points system. But this year, NASCAR will reset the field with ten races to go and all drivers in the top 10 will run for the championship.

"If you're leading, you hate this system. And if you're way back, you love it," Gordon said. "It's going to be extremely interesting as to how it all turns out over the final 10 because at that point, basically everything you did all year long is a wash."

"You'd just better hope that your momentum and the experiences you've had are the payoff and you have that in those last 10."

Johnson, Gordon's teammate at Hendrick Motorsports, has not wavered in his dislike for the new points system.

And why should he? He'll have worked hard for 26 races to put himself in position to win his first NASCAR championship. Then, just when it's within his reach, he'll have Gordon bearing down on him in pursuit of his fifth title.

It could be a strain on the four-year-old relationship that began

when Gordon became Johnson's mentor, friend and co-owner of Johnson's car.

"It will be different for us," Johnson said. "Obviously, we have raced against each other for wins and competed at that level, but a championship will be a whole new thing."

Because the field will be reset, it's possible any of the drivers eligible for the final 10-race shootout could win the title. But garage insiders already have an idea on how it might play out.

"I think the two Hendrick cars have a really good chance of finishing 1-2 in the championship," said car owner Ray Everham, who won three championships as Gordon's crew chief. "Jimmie and Jeff both look like they can make a run at it."

Until recently, Gordon was just trying to keep up with Johnson.

Although he has a series-high four victories and won back-to-back races in April at Talladega and California Speedway, the No. 24 team faltered with horrible runs in Charlotte and Dover.

The Charlotte race was the low point of the season. Gordon started third, but the car was never good and they finished 30th, seven laps down from race-winner Johnson.

"Charlotte lit a fire under us," he said. "We had a miserable day and embarrassed ourselves and Rick Hendrick and our sponsors. We've been on a mission ever since."

The rebound began in mid-June at Michigan, when Gordon won the pole and led 81 of the first 88 laps until his engine blew. Despite his 38th-place finish, Gordon showed he was back.

He's won two races since then, starting from the pole each time for three consecutive front-row spots.

"I tell you what, it makes me feel pretty damn good right now,

that's for sure," Gordon said. "What a way to get momentum — to be strong week-in and week-out, on totally different types of tracks."

Now he heads to Chicago, one of just four tracks on the circuit where Gordon has yet to win. Despite his failure to reach Victory Lane there, Gordon has two top-fives and an average finish of 7.6 in three starts at the 1.5-mile speedway.

Gordon, who needs just one

more win to tie Cale Yarborough for third on Nextel Cup's modern-era list with 69 victories, would love for it to come at Chicago.

"It would be nice to win at a track that we haven't won on yet," he said. "It's a cool statistic, but that's not my goal."

"My goal is to get better everywhere we go, try to win every race and, ultimately, win the championship. Winning at a track we've never won on would be icing on the cake."

Chandler resigns as Compton's crew chief

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOCUST, N.C. — Jeff Chandler resigned Monday as crew chief for NASCAR Busch Series driver Stacy Compton and the Kingsford/Bush's Baked Beans/Bubba Burgers/Winnemago/Duck Head Footwear team, ST Motorsports owner

Tad Geschickter said. Chris Carrier will serve as the interim crew chief at this Saturday's Twister 300 at the Chicagoland Speedway.

"It was a mutual agreement," Geschickter said. "We're becoming a more competitive team. We're driven to win. Jeff brought a lot to this race team and we appreciate everything we accomplished with him."

Chandler echoed Geschickter's sentiments, "I really appreciated the opportuni-

ty to work with Stacy, Tad, and all of the folks at ST Motorsports. I look forward to watching them be successful in the future and I look forward to my next opportunity in NASCAR."

Carrier and Compton have worked together in the past. They competed in a one-race deal with Morgan-McClure Motorsports at the 2003 Pepsi 400 Nextel Cup Series race at the Daytona International Speedway.

"Jeff Chandler took this team to another level," Compton said. "We're eager to find the right person to come in and take us to yet another level. We have great cars, great sponsors, and all the tools necessary to win races and compete for the championship. I'm really looking forward to getting started."

Geschickter said he is compiling a list of candidates to replace Chandler on a full-time basis.

"The most valuable asset a race team has isn't the cars or all the tools," Geschickter said. "It's the people. I'm excited about the direction we're headed. We're going to change the way things are done in the Busch Series."

Compton blew a right-front tire on the 25th lap of last Friday night's Winn Dixie 250 at the Daytona International Speedway. It was the first crash for Compton this year, but the 42nd-place finish dropped him six positions to 18th in the Busch Series standings.

BoB heads to Kentuckiana

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts rolls into the home of the Dirt Track World Championship

Race the Bluegrass Speedway in Bardstown, for the 6th Annual "Kentuckiana Klash" this Saturday night. It will be the 13th points race of the 2004 racing season for the BoB series.

There have been eight different winners in the 12 events

contested so far this season and the appearance at Bardstown on Saturday will mark the ninth ever at the David and Anita Ferrell promoted 1/2 mile facility. There will be a complete show for the O'Reilly NARA

Battle of the Bluegrass Late Models with Racing Optics Time Trials, Crown Spray Power Heat Races, O'Reilly Auto Parts B-Mains and the 30-lap Lucas Oil A-Main Kentuckiana Klash paying \$3,000 to win. Late Model drivers will be using this event as a tuneup for the Aug. 7 \$10,000 to win NARA ESPN2 telecast plus more valuable laps around the high banked track for the annual running of the Dirt Track World Championship to be held again at Bardstown in October.

Heading into Bardstown there is a change at the top of the points with Aaron Hatton of Mt. Sterling, the new series points leader after finishing second at 201 Speedway on July 3 after starting 18th. Tyrel Todd of Eubank, is second in points followed by Johnny Wheeler of Campbellsville, Greg Johnson of Burgin, and Brad Neat of Dunnville.

Pit gates will open this Saturday at Bluegrass Speedway at 4 p.m. (EDT), the main grandstand gates opening at 5 p.m. There will be a mandatory drivers meeting at 6 p.m. with hot laps at 6:30 p.m., followed by time trials at 7 p.m.. The track phone number on race day is 502/349-1241 and for directions, log on to Bluegrass Speedway's website address at www.bluegrass-speedway.com

■ Sept. 4 — Run for the Daisy's Mule Race. Plus Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders, Super Street Four-Cylinders.

■ Sept. 11 — Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders, Super Street Four-Cylinders.

■ Sept. 18 — Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders, Super Street Four-Cylinders.

■ Sept. 25 — Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders, Super Street Four-Cylinders.

■ Oct. 2 — Demolition Derby, \$500 to win, Four-Wheeler Jamboree.

All shows subject to change.

201 SPEEDWAY REMAINING SCHEDULE

■ July 10 — Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders, Super Street Four-Cylinders.


■ July 17 — Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders, Super Street Four-Cylinders.

■ July 24 — Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders, Super Street Four-Cylinders.

■ Aug. 7 — Fan Appreciation Night; Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders, Super Street Four-Cylinders.

■ Aug. 14 — Double Purse for Bombers, Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders, Super Street Four-Cylinders.

■ Aug. 21 — Regular Show. Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders, Super Street Four-Cylinders.



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NASCAR Top 10: Chicago

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The following is a glance at the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Top 10 in the championship entering Sunday's Tropicana 400 at Chicagoland Speedway (3:30 p.m. ET, NBC). Race 18 of 36 on the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series schedule. The first 26 races of the season will determine which drivers will be part of the "Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup" in the final 10 races. The drivers who are in the NASCAR Top 10 or within 400 points of the leader after those 26 races will vie for the series title in the "Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup."

No. 1 - Jimmie Johnson (No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet). Team: Hendrick Motorsports. Points: 2545. Previous ranking: 1. Johnson continued his streak of top-five finishes and maintained his status as the hottest driver in the series with a second-place finish in Saturday's Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway. The performance was his fourth top-five effort in a row and ninth in his last 10 races. Overall, he has 12 top-five finishes on the season, which leads the series. Sunday's result allows him to maintain a 27-point advantage over No. 2 Dale Earnhardt Jr. to 27, and hold the No. 1 ranking for the third consecutive week. Johnson has posted two top-five finishes in two career starts at Chicagoland Speedway. He finished third there in 2003, and fourth as a rookie in 2002. He also led both races.

No. 2 - Dale Earnhardt Jr. (No. 8 Budweiser Chevrolet). Team: Dale Earnhardt, Inc. Points: 2518 (-27). Previous ranking: 2. Earnhardt Jr. finished third at Daytona, keeping pace with the streaking Jimmie

Johnson. Earnhardt Jr. entered Daytona trailing Johnson by 27 points and maintains that deficit for a second consecutive week. This marks Earnhardt Jr.'s third consecutive week at No. 2 following seven straight weeks at No. 1 before Johnson unseated him following Michigan. Overall, he has held the No. 1 ranking for a series-high nine weeks and has been ranked among the top three for all but one week this season. This is also his 50th consecutive race week in the Top 10 dating to last season, an active streak that ranks second only to No. 5 Matt Kenseth's 52 in a row. Earnhardt Jr. has competed in all three previous Chicago events, but his lone Top-10 finish came in 2002. He finished 38th in 2003, posting his only DNF at this track.

No. 3 - Jeff Gordon (No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet). Team: Hendrick Motorsports. Points: 2313 (-232). Previous ranking: 4. Gordon claimed both the pole and the victory for Saturday's Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway. The win was his fourth of the season and his second straight following last week's victory at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma. The four wins also is a series high. Gordon had been tied him with No. 1 Jimmie Johnson and No. 2 Dale Earnhardt Jr. for the series lead with three wins. Gordon improved one position to No. 3 - he's gained three spots in the past two weeks - and closed to 205 points of No. 2 Dale Earnhardt Jr. He has been ranked among the Top 10 for 15 race weeks, including the last 11 in a row. Gordon has two top-five finishes at Chicagoland Speedway. He finished fourth in 2003 and second in 2002. His average finishing position of

7.66 is second only to Kevin Harvick (6.33).

No. 4 - Tony Stewart (No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet). Team: Joe Gibbs Racing. Points: 2203 (-342). Previous ranking: 5. Stewart, who finished outside the top 10 in his last three starts, finished fifth at Daytona to protect his No. 5 ranking for the fourth race week in a row. He has not been ranked outside of the top five for the last seven race weeks. He trails No. 3 Jeff Gordon by 110 points heading into Chicago, but leads No. 5 Matt Kenseth by only 14 points. Stewart appears to like Chicagoland Speedway. He has two top-five finishes in the three previous races at the track, including last season's second-place finish. Stewart finished third in 2002. He finished 33rd in 2001, posting his only DNF at Chicago.

No. 5 - Matt Kenseth (No. 17 DEWALT Power Tools Ford). Team: Roush Racing. Points: 2189 (-356). Previous ranking: 3. Kenseth finished 39th at Daytona - his fourth finish of 20th or worse in the last five races for the ultra-consistent 2003 series champion. The result, a byproduct of being collected in an early accident, dropped him two spots in the NASCAR Top 10. Kenseth now trails No. 4 Tony Stewart by only 14 points, but only 25 points separates him from No. 6 Bobby Labonte. Kenseth remains one of four drivers to be ranked all season long and has been ranked among the Top 10 for 52 consecutive race weeks, dating to last season. That streak is the longest active one in the series. Kenseth has one top-10 finish in three races at Chicagoland Speedway, a seventh-place finish in 2001. He finished 12th in 2003 and 14th in 2002.

No. 6 - Bobby Labonte (No. 18 Interstate Batteries Chevrolet). Team: Joe Gibbs Racing. Points: 2164 (-381). Previous ranking: 7. Labonte finished a solid seventh place at Daytona and now has an average finish of 7.6 in his last three races at Daytona compared to an average finish of 35.6 in his previous three starts. Labonte's ninth top-10 finish of the season helped him rebound from a 33rd-place finish at Sonoma and improve one spot in the Top 10 to No. 6. Labonte makes his ninth consecutive appearance in the Top 10 as the series heads to Chicago, a place that has caused problems for the No. 18 team. In three starts, his best finish is 18th, sandwiched by a 39th and a 36th-place finish last year. Labonte's best start at Chicago is 12th.

No. 7 - Kurt Busch (No. 97 IRWIN Ford). Team: Roush Racing. Points: 2153 (-392). Previous ranking: 8. Busch improved one spot in the Top 10 to No. 7 following an outstanding performance at Daytona where he finished fourth. Busch's previous best finish in three starts in the Pepsi 400 was 30th in 2001. This is Busch's

16th consecutive week in the Top 10 and he sits just 11 points away from Labonte and 36 points away from cracking the top five. Busch had been putting an impressive record together at Chicago before last season, when he finished 39th due to an engine failure midway through the race. Busch started on the outside pole in 2002 before finishing sixth and posted an eighth-place finish in his career-first start at Chicago in 2001.

No. 8 - Elliott Sadler (No. 38 M&M's Ford). Team: Robert Yates Racing. Points: 2152 (-393). Previous ranking: 5. Sadler broke a streak of six top-20 finishes, including three top 10s, with a 26th-place finish at Daytona. It was Sadler's worst finish since Talladega (28th), another restrictor-plate track, and his worst finish at Daytona since February of 2000 (38th). Sadler suffered the biggest slide of any driver in the top 40 dropping three spots to No. 8. However, Sadler is just one point away from No. 7 Kurt Busch and 12 away from No. 6 Bobby Labonte. He remains one of four drivers to be ranked among the Top 10 all season. Sadler's spirits should be raised heading to Chicago where the Virginia native's outlook is positive. Sadler holds an average finish of 15th in three starts and has led laps in his first two starts at Chicago. He posted his career-best finish of ninth last season after starting eighth.

No. 9 - Ryan Newman (No. 12 ALLTEL Dodge). Team: Penske Racing South. Points: 2112 (-433). Previous ranking: 9. Newman remains ninth in the Top 10 for the third consecutive week following a 12th-place finish at Daytona. It was Newman's first top-20 finish at Daytona in five starts. Newman extends his stay in the Top 10 to nine consecutive weeks. At this point last season, Newman was 17th in the point standings. Newman returns to Chicago as the defending champion of the Tropicana 400. Newman led 67 laps last year after starting 14th. In his only other start at Chicago in 2002, Newman was equally impressive after starting on the pole, leading a race high 87 laps and finishing fifth.

No. 10 - Kevin Harvick (No. 29 GM Goodwrench Chevrolet). Team: Richard Childress Racing. Points: 2095 (-450). Previous ranking: 10. Harvick's 14th-place finish at Daytona gave him some breathing room to hold his No. 10 spot in the

(See NASCAR, page six)

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup schedule and standings

- Feb. 15 - Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
- Feb. 22 - Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)
- March 7 - UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas (Matt Kenseth)
- March 14 - Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
- March 21 - Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Jimmie Johnson)
- March 28 - Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)
- April 4 - Samsung/RadiusShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Elliott Sadler)
- April 18 - Advance Auto Parts 500, Martinsville, Va. (Rusty Wallace)
- April 25 - Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jeff Gordon)
- May 2 - Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Jeff Gordon)
- May 15 - Chevy American Revolution 400, Richmond, Va. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
- May 30 - Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Jimmie Johnson)
- June 6 - MBNA America 400, Dover, Del. (Mark Martin)
- June 13 - Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Jimmie Johnson)
- June 20 - DHL 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Ryan Newman)
- June 27 - Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Jeff Gordon)
- July 3 - Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jeff Gordon)
- July 11 - Tropicana 400, Joliet, Ill.
- July 25 - New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
- Aug. 1 - Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond
- Aug. 8 - Brickyard 400, Indianapolis
- Aug. 15 - Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
- Aug. 22 - Michigan 400, Brooklyn
- Aug. 28 - Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- Sept. 5 - Pop Secret 500, Fontana, Calif.
- Sept. 11 - Chevrolet Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va.
- Sept. 19 - Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
- Sept. 26 - MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
- Oct. 3 - EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.
- Oct. 10 - Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
- Oct. 16 - UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
- Oct. 24 - Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
- Oct. 31 - Bass Pro Shops MBNA 400, Hampton, Ga.
- Nov. 7 - Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
- Nov. 14 - Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
- Nov. 21 - Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

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| 1. Jimmie Johnson, 2,545 | 11. Kasey Kahne, 1,984 |
| 2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,518 | 12. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,948 |
| 3. Jeff Gordon, 2,313 | 13. Jamie McMurray, 1,944 |
| 4. Tony Stewart, 2,203 | 14. Mark Martin, 1,939 |
| 5. Matt Kenseth, 2,189 | 15. Dale Jarrett, 1,918 |
| 6. Bobby Labonte, 2,164 | 16. Casey Mears, 1,880 |
| 7. Kurt Busch, 2,153 | 17. Rusty Wallace, 1,835 |
| 8. Elliott Sadler, 2,152 | 18. Michael Waltrip, 1,822 |
| 9. Ryan Newman, 2,112 | 19. Brian Vickers, 1,792 |
| 10. Kevin Harvick, 2,095 | 20. Sterling Marlin, 1,790 |

UPDATE: Brandon Kinzer Motorsports down south

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team is down south and will compete in two feature races in three days. In the first of two features races, the No. 18 Dodge was to take to the Cherokee Super Speedway track in Gaffney, S.C. on last night in the 3rd Annual Independence Shootout as part of the Dixie Super Series. The top Super Late Model prize up for grabs is \$5,000. The feature race pays \$400 to start.

Results from last night's race were unavailable at press time.

Taking little time to catch their breath, members of the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports raceteam will venture to Tennessee and Volunteer Speedway Friday for qualifying in preparation for a \$10,000-to-win feature race scheduled for Saturday. The event, the

O'Reilly Southern All Star Fairway Ford 100, scheduled for July 9-10, figures to feature some of the South's top Super Late Model drivers.

A 24-car starting field will be put into place for the Fairway Ford 100. Brandon Kinzer is hoping to work his way into the starting field behind the wheel of the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports, Barry Wright Racecars, Kinzer Drilling, Ranger Contracting, Eastco Supply, Gaerte Dodge.

For sponsors, fans and others wishing to make the trip south to support Brandon Kinzer Motorsports, Volunteer Speedway is located on Andrew Johnson Highway in Bulls Gap, Tenn.

For the latest information on Brandon Kinzer Motorsports, go online and visit www.brandonkinzer.com - the official Brandon Kinzer Motorsports website.

Speedway Children's Charities Golf Tournament to kick off Bristol's August Race Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. - The Sixth Annual Speedway Children's Charities Golf Tournament presented by Rentenbach will kick off Bristol Motor Speedway's action-packed 2004 August race week. Slated for Monday, Aug. 23, the tournament will take place at nearby Tri-Cities Golf Club in Blountville.

Proceeds from the tourney benefit the Bristol Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities, a non-profit foundation dedicated to distributing funds to qualified children's charitable organizations throughout the Tri-Cities region. To date, the Bristol Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities has raised more than \$1.5 million for area agencies.

"One of our favorite yearly events marks the beginning of the week leading up to

NASCAR's most popular race. More importantly, this golf tournament raises funds that support a wide variety of children's agencies throughout the region," said Claudia Byrd, chairperson of the charity's Bristol Chapter. "A day of fun that supports a worthy cause truly defines a 'win-win' situation."

Tournament registration begins at 10 a.m., followed by a "chip-off" at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 11 a.m. and a noon shotgun start. A dinner, complete with awards presentation and door prizes, follows the tournament's completion.

WJHL Newschannel 11 and the Bristol Herald-Courier will serve as media sponsors for the event.

A variety of tourney sponsorships and playing spots remain available. For more information, contact Jay McCabe at 423/989-6997 or by email at jay@bristolmotorspeedway.com.

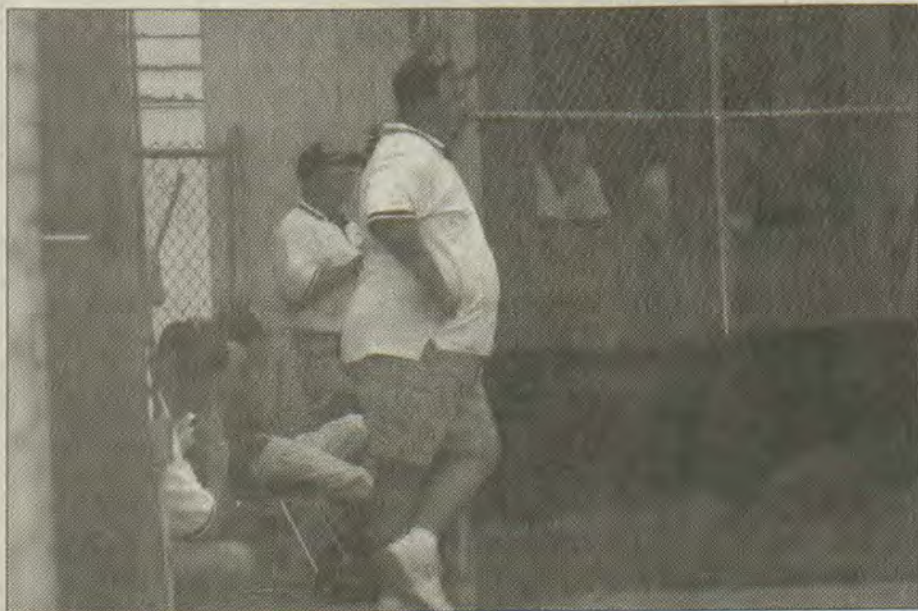
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Paintsville shortstop Jimmy Preston stood at third base during his team's game versus HAP, a contest that ended in an eventual fifth straight Paintsville win.



photo by Jamie Howell

Harold-Allen-Prater manager Chris Newsome eyed the action.



PitCommand available on Nextel phones

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Nextel Communications Inc. (NASDAQ: NXTL) announced today the newest NASCAR.COM content offering, PitCommand, a wireless Java® application that delivers real-time race data in an exciting, full-color, visual display. PitCommand is available as part of "NASCAR.COM To Go," which packages NASCAR.COM's exclusive content in an easy-to-use service available on Nextel phones. PitCommand creates a single view of all the critical race elements - including speed, RPM, throttle/brake indicators, lap counts and more - the same live information that drivers have on their dashboard as they round the track and that crew chiefs receive at their command stations, or "war wagons," in the pits. Images of PitCommand are available at www.nascar.com/mobile.

Nextel has partnered with NASCAR.COM, the official site of NASCAR, Digital Orchid Inc., an innovator in the development, management and distribution of branded wireless applications, and Sportvision, a market leader in sports-media technology, to provide this suite of real-time wireless content, applications and services available to consumers on mobile devices offered on the Nextel all digital network.

PitCommand, available first from Nextel, uses in-car telemetry provided via Sportvision's sophisticated Global Positioning System (GPS) technology to track the position of the entire field of NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series drivers in real-time as they compete during a race. Fans get a firsthand look at their favorite drivers' position on the track, lap count and time behind the leader.

"PitCommand enhances the fan experience wherever they happen to be on race day - at the track, at home or on the go - from the convenience of their Nextel phone," said Mark Schweitzer, senior vice president of marketing for Nextel. "Since before the season started, Nextel has been dedicated to delivering greater excitement and enjoyment to NASCAR fans by leveraging our wireless technology expertise to make fans part of the action."

A graphic version of the track where the race is run appears on the screen of the Nextel phone, with icons representing each car moving around the track fully synchronized with their relative speed and position as in real-life. Fans can customize their experience by selecting a virtual speedometer, odometer, gas and brake pedals for any car they choose, plus driver profiles and current standings. This weekend's Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway will be the first race

where NASCAR.COM's PitCommand mobile application is fully available commercially.

"Once again, Nextel is putting fans first by giving them access to NASCAR.COM wherever they go," said Drew Reifenger, executive vice president of Turner Sports Program Planning, Acquisitions and Interactive. "Their desire to help raise the bar for live racing coverage is a great fit for the immersive experience of our PitCommand product."

In addition to PitCommand, NASCAR.COM To Go provides access to NASCAR news, schedules, standings, live leader boards and more as part of the service. Other services available to Nextel subscribers include NASCAR.COM Mobile, a wireless website with NASCAR news and NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series content, and NASCAR.COM Alerts, a wireless messaging alert service that provides subscribers breaking news and event results.

NASCAR.COM To Go with PitCommand can be previewed and purchased at www.nextel.com. It costs \$9.99 a month*. At no additional charge, current subscribers of NASCAR.COM To Go can upgrade to the new version which includes PitCommand. Subscription service to Nextel Online Racing Connection data plan or any Nextel Online and Total Connect plan is required.

Former Kentucky player Beal returns to coaching

by VICTORIA SUN
THE KENTUCKY POST

GOSHEN — Dicky Beal lets out an incredulous laugh when he talks about the amount of money basketball coaches get paid these days.

After he finished playing at Kentucky, the former point guard said he had opportunities

to coach under Cincinnati's Bob Huggins and several other offers, but decided to pursue a more stable career in sales.

But had Beal known how lucrative the coaching business would become, he concedes he probably would have stuck with it.

"If hindsight was 20/20, I should have stayed in coach-

ing," Beal said. "I just wanted to get myself in a career going in the right direction. I just didn't think at that time basketball was going to give me back what I needed to survive financially."

An unexpected opportunity is now giving Beal a chance to dabble in coaching while still being able to pay the bills.

Beal was recently hired as North Oldham High School boys' basketball coach, a position that will allow him to keep his full-time job.

For the past nine years, Beal

has been a pharmaceutical sales representative for Merck and Co. Inc.

In the early 1990s, he returned to his alma mater, Holmes High School in Covington, to be an assistant coach for several seasons.

He thought that would be the end of his coaching career until his good friend, North Oldham High School principal Terry Brooks, came calling.

Brooks was looking for a new boys' basketball head coach and asked Beal if he would

interview for the job.

"I wasn't going to take the position because I had no interest in coaching," Beal said.

The former point guard was concerned that coaching might interfere with his evening sales appointments and worried how the kids would respond to a coach who wasn't on campus as a full-time teacher.

To solve the scheduling conflict, Beal cleared it with his company and told school administrators he could only hold practice from 6 to 8 p.m. They agreed on the terms and Beal said his company was very supportive of his moonlighting.

He felt better about not being around the players during the day after he learned that associate head coach Derrick Walcott would be on campus full time.

"I knew how important that was to me when I was growing up to have a type of father figure for personal stuff or anything that goes on at school," Beal said. "This situation is unique because Derrick Walcott, who is close to the kids, he's on cam-

pus. He's able to talk to them all the time and able to spend time with them."

Beal's apprehension was further allayed after seeing how involved his player's parents were.

Since taking over last month, he was overwhelmed by the number of parents who showed up for an informal meeting.

"There were probably 22 to 23 sets of parents, and to me that's pretty amazing for an 8 p.m. on Tuesday night," Beal said. "Every game we've played so far we've had by far the most fans of any summer team."

"These kids have pretty good parental guidance so it's not the same as maybe being at other schools where you don't have enough parental involvement."

So far, Beal has given the community a reason to stand behind him.

Two weeks ago, Beal guided the summer team to a first-place finish at the Jeffersontown High

(See RETURNS, page six)

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE 2004 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Aug. 28 | at Asbury |
| Aug. 21 | at UVA-Wise |
| Sept. 4 | Aalderson-Broadbuss Mountain State (Both matches at Beckley, W.Va.) |
| Sept. 6 | at Georgetown |
| Sept. 7 | Asbury |
| Sept. 10-11 | at Asbury College Tournament |
| Sept. 14 | Cumberland College |
| Sept. 18 | at Virginia Intermont |
| Sept. 20 | Johnson Bible College |
| Sept. 25 | at Berea |
| Sept. 28 | at Campbellsville University |
| Oct. 4 | Lindsey Wilson |
| Oct. 5 | at Johnson Bible |
| Oct. 11 | Kentucky Christian |
| Oct. 12 | Georgetown |
| Oct. 13 | Virginia Intermont |
| Oct. 19 | at Cumberland |
| Oct. 23 | Berea |
| Oct. 25 | Kentucky Christian |
| Oct. 27 | at Lincoln Memorial |
| Oct. 28 | Mountain State |
| Oct. 30 | Lambuth (2) |
| Nov. 2 | Campbellsville |
| Nov. 5-6 | at Campbellsville Tournament |
| Nov. 9 | at Lindsey Wilson |



BUSH HOG PURCHASED FOR WMA

The Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has purchased an eight-foot bush hog for use in habitat enhancement on Dewey Lake WMA and Paintsville Lake WMA. The group was able to purchase this equipment thanks to the contributions of two local conservation organizations, the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club and the Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Rusty Hamilton, with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, is shown receiving a \$500 check from Gerald Jones, who is with the Dewey Lake fish and Game Club, and a \$1500 Kentucky NWTFF Super Fund check from Paul Robinson, who is with the Floyd County Chapter of the NWTFF. The Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club has won several conservation awards for the habitat enhancement projects on the Dewey Lake Wild Life Management Area. The National Wild Turkey Federation is a national, nonprofit, educational conservation organization comprised of state and local affiliates working for the restoration and wise management of the American Wild Turkey and other valuable natural resources. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private, and corporate lands. It supports every citizen's right to enjoy clean air and water and an esthetically pleasing outdoor envi-

Former Transy coach Lane named to Kentucky Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Former Transylvania University men's basketball coach Don Lane is among nine inductees in the 2004 class of the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame.

The nine will be officially welcomed into the Hall during ceremonies at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville on Sept. 9. The honorees were selected by a 12-person committee that included sportswriters, sportscasters, and officers of the Hall of Fame.

Lane retired from his coaching position at Transy in 2001 with a 509-241 record in 26 seasons at the Pioneers' helm and he has amassed more wins than any coach in school history. His career collegiate record of 524-254 earned him a spot in the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1997.

He is also a member of the Pioneer Hall of Fame at Transy and the Union College Hall of Fame.

"This is a tremendous honor," said Lane, who remains on the Transylvania physical education faculty. "When you look at all the people who have been selected to the Kentucky

Hall of Fame, particularly those who are going in this year, it's just a humbling experience."

Lane capped his Transy career on a high note, posting a 27-2 record in his final season and making the school's sixth trip to the NAIA national tournament. The Pioneers were ranked No. 1 in the country for the first time that season and entered the tourney as the top seeds. Lane was named national Coach of the Year for the second time in 2001 and Pioneer Collier Mills was chosen Player of the Year.

Other 2004 Hall of Fame inductees include women's basketball player Ukari Figs Moore; former University of Louisville and NFL football star Doug Buffone; Howie Crittenden, who starred for Cuba's 1952 state high school basketball champions; former Western Kentucky football coach and athletics director Jimmy Feix; Olympic swimmer Tamara McKinney; Churchill Downs president Tom Meeker; and Bill Spivey, a former Kentucky basketball player who was named Player of the Year while leading the Wildcats to a national championship in 1951.

BRIEFS: Matta accepts OSU job

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Thad Matta accepted an offer to become Ohio State's next basketball coach.

Ohio State sports information director Steve Snapp said the school would hold a news conference Friday to formally introduce Matta.

Matta took Xavier to the NCAA tournament's regional finals in March. He had a 78-23 record in three years with the Musketeers. He was 24-8 in his only season as head coach at his alma mater, Butler.

PRO BASKETBALL

Dwight Howard, the overall No. 1 selection by the Orlando Magic, and future teammate Jameer Nelson were among five draft picks who signed with their NBA teams.

The rookie scale under the NBA's collective bargaining agreement calls for the No. 1 overall pick to earn a little more than \$11.2 million over the life of the contract, and almost \$3.5 million this season.

The 6-foot-11 Howard won the 2004 Naismith Award, given to the nation's top high school player.

Nelson was the consensus national college player of the year last season for Saint Joseph's. He was drafted 20th overall by Denver, which shipped his rights to Orlando for a future first-round pick.

Andris Biedrins, the 11th pick in the first round, signed with Golden State, Kevin Martin, the 26th pick, signed with Sacramento, and David Harrison, the 29th and last pick of the first round, signed with Indiana.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK — Yankees outfielder Hideki Matsui and Philadelphia's Bobby Abreu earned the final spots on the All-Star teams in Internet fan voting.

Matsui became the seventh member of the Yankees to make the 32-man AL squad. He has been an All-Star in both of his seasons since leaving Japan.

Abreu made the All-Star team for the first time. The right fielder is batting .297 with 17 homers and 57 RBIs.

Matsui beat out Minnesota's Lew Ford, Cleveland's Travis Hafner, and Frank Thomas and Paul Konerko of the Chicago White Sox for the last AL spot.

Abreu topped Arizona's Steve Finley, Pittsburgh's Jason Kendall, Florida's Juan Pierre and the Cubs' Aramis Ramirez for the final NL slot. — The Associated Press

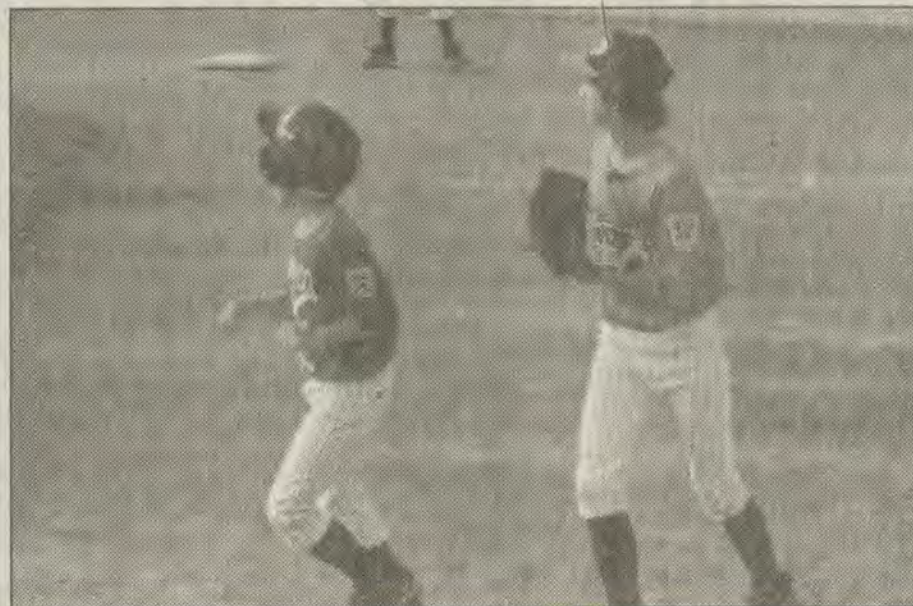


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HAP first baseman Dylan Maldonado worked to get in behind a Morgan County baserunner.



photo by Steve LeMaster

HAP pitcher Nathan Martin survived some trouble and held on to beat Morgan County.



Five Floyd County U12 soccer teams competed in the got milk? tournament in Lexington the weekend of June 27. Katy Petry, Bradley Stanley, Keaton Studebaker, Caleb Petry and Kathleen Smith competed as the Lightning and made up the only co-ed team in the entire tournament, playing in the boys' division. The team played four 24-minute games in a seven-hour period, losing a lead to drop the first game, winning the second game by a substantial margin, and losing the final two games (one against a team which had already won the tournament in Tennessee). Keaton Studebaker of the Lightning watched for a pass from a teammate, as the Tennessee Elite (pictured in yellow) defended.

Bradley Stanley, Kathleen Smith and Caleb Petry lined up to defend a corner kick in the Lightning's loss to the Tennessee Elite squad.



Lightning Captain Katy Petry made the call for the Lightning at the opening coin toss in the game against the Fire.



Dear Coach K: Krzyzewski touched by student's e-mail

by AARON BEARD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DURHAM, N.C. — Andrew Humphries was distraught when he heard Mike Krzyzewski might leave Duke to coach the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Duke student, a Blue Devils fan since he was a kid, felt helpless. But he knew he had to try something to help persuade the Hall of Fame coach to stay.

So he did what any die-hard basketball fan with a connection to the Internet would do — he sent Krzyzewski an e-mail, asking him, "Please still be my coach."

It was impressive enough that Krzyzewski singled out Humphries when the coach held a news conference Monday to announce he was staying with the Blue Devils.

For Humphries, 19, an act of desperation turned into the thrill of his life.

"In the tiniest way, I was able to become a part of that history and lore that is Duke basketball," Humphries said Tuesday. "I'm not going into the record books or anything, but somewhere in there, my name is in the mix of things that happened in Duke basketball. So it's really special in that way."

"It's as good as it's ever gotten, outside of Duke winning national championships."

In the e-mail sent last Thursday night, Humphries, a junior biology major who grew up in Waynesboro, Va., recounted playing basketball in his driveway as a kid, pretending he

was hitting shots to win the national championship for Krzyzewski and the Blue Devils.

Eventually, he realized that he would not play for the Blue Devils. But once he came to Duke, Humphries began camping out at "Krzyzewskiville" to attend games at Cameron Indoor Stadium as one of the "Cameron Crazy's."

Even though he doesn't score points or grab rebounds, Humphries wrote, he feels he is part of the Blue Devils basketball family.

"I got to Duke. And discovered that, yes, I am going to play for Coach K," Humphries wrote. "I am going to be his sixth man."

"We get to Duke and we realize you are our coach. Not just the coach of our team, but you are also our coach, because you believe that we give you something no one else can and we know that you give us something that no one ever could."

Humphries closed the e-mail with his plea, "Please still be my coach."

Krzyzewski said the e-mail — one of many he received while considering the Lakers' offer — brought him to tears and reinforced the bond he feels with the school he had led to three national championships in his 24-year tenure.

"That's the type of relationship that has made this place just different, where it's not just been our team. It's been OUR team, with everybody

involved," he said Monday. "And hopefully we can keep that going."

"If Andrew's listening, thanks a lot. You never know what's read."

Krzyzewski was reportedly offered a five-year deal worth \$40 million by the Lakers to become their coach. He declined after spending the weekend thinking it over.

Humphries said Krzyzewski's wife, Mickie, left a message on his cell phone thanking him for the e-mail Monday morning. She invited him to the news conference, but he was unable to attend; he was taking summer classes at the university's marine laboratory in coastal Beaufort.

"She said the e-mail really meant a lot to her and her husband," Humphries said. "When Mrs. Krzyzewski called, I got goose bumps. I was tearing up a bit. It was unbelievable. When I heard I was mentioned at the press conference, it was the same thing."

The comment made Humphries an instant local celebrity. He drove back to Durham late Monday for an interview with ESPN's "SportsCenter" at Cameron. He also was mentioned in local newspapers and TV reports.

"When someone's afraid, they do something to make themselves feel a little empowered," Humphries said. "And it ended up being so much more than that."

Lakers expected to hire Rudy Tomjanovich

by JOHN NADEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The Los Angeles Lakers remained without a coach late Wednesday, but the hiring of Rudy Tomjanovich appeared imminent.

Tomjanovich would succeed Phil Jackson, who coached the Lakers to three NBA championships in five years. The team announced June 18, three days after losing to the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals, that Jackson wouldn't return next season.

"We feel we've identified the guy that we want to hire," Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said Tuesday, adding he hoped to have a coach in place by the end of the week.

Kupchak didn't identify Tomjanovich, but all indications are he's the only viable candidate remaining after Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, North Carolina coach Roy Williams and Miami Heat president Pat Riley decided to remain in their current positions.

Kupchak did say Tomjanovich "would be a wonderful selection" if he gets the job.

Tomjanovich would be the fourth coach in NBA history to coach one team to multiple championships before being hired by another, joining Bill Russell, Riley and Jackson.

The 55-year-old Tomjanovich guided Houston to titles in 1994 and 1995. He coached the Rockets for 12 years before stepping down in May 2003 — two months after being diagnosed with bladder cancer.

He negotiated a settlement of the remaining two years and \$12 million on his coaching contract with the Rockets.

Reportedly in good health now, Tomjanovich worked as a scout with the Rockets last season — his 34th year with the organization he joined in 1970 as the second overall selection in the NBA draft.

Tomjanovich was the winningest coach in Rockets history with a 503-397 record, but they failed to make the playoffs in his last four years there.

He would join an unsettled Lakers team — Kobe Bryant is an unrestricted free agent who reportedly favored the hiring of Krzyzewski, and Shaquille O'Neal has demanded a trade.

Derek Fisher and Karl Malone are also unrestricted free agents.

Tomjanovich, one of the first

candidates interviewed and considered a top candidate from the beginning, had to wait as the Lakers discussed the job with Riley, Krzyzewski and Williams.

Riley, a winner of 1,110 games in 21 seasons — the first nine with the Lakers — said he spoke with Lakers officials but wasn't offered the position.

An offer was reportedly made last week to Krzyzewski, who announced Monday he was staying at Duke. Williams told the Lakers last month he wasn't interested in the job.

Jackson completed a five-year, \$30 million contract June 30. According to several published reports, Tomjanovich is expected to agree to a similar deal.

Tomjanovich survived one of the scariest moments in NBA history on Dec. 9, 1977, at The Forum in nearby Inglewood when Lakers forward Kermit Washington blindsided him with a devastating punch that sent him crashing to the floor with several shattered facial bones.

Doctors later said the injuries were life-threatening, but Tomjanovich returned the following season wearing a protective mask and made one of his five appearances in the NBA All-Star game.

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School tournament.

Beal will hold more practices in a few weeks, focusing on fundamentals. His goal is to help the players make it to the state tournament next year.

"What makes us excited is the kids want to learn and they're picking up stuff really fast," Beal said.

Since accepting the role, he has sought the advice of several friends, including state champion Warren Central coach Tim Rally.

At Kentucky, Beal played under Joe B. Hall and was a member of the Wildcats' 1983-84 Final Four squad. From 1980-84, Beal averaged 4.1 points and 2.7 assists per game.

From Hall, Beal said, he learned discipline and defense.

"I'm taking just a little bit from everybody and I'm going to incorporate some of my own thoughts and we'll see if it works," he said.

Information from: The Cincinnati Post, <http://www.cincy-post.com>

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER SCHEDULES

PIKEVILLE BOYS
Aug. 28 Greenup County
Aug. 30 Shelby Valley
Sept. 4 at Menifee County
Sept. 6 Perry County Central
Sept. 11 Bath County
Sept. 18 at East Carter
Sept. 20 at Mountain Mission, Va.
Sept. 25 at Perry County Central
Sept. 28 at Shelby Valley
Oct. 4 Mountain Mission, Va.
Oct. 9 East Carter
Oct. 12 Jackson City

PIKEVILLE GIRLS
Aug. 28 Greenup County
Aug. 30 Shelby Valley
Sept. 4 at Menifee County
Sept. 6 Perry County Central
Sept. 11 Bath County
Sept. 18 at East Carter
Sept. 20 Mountain Mission, Va.
Sept. 25 at Perry County Central
Sept. 28 at Shelby Valley
Oct. 4 Mountain Mission, Va.
Oct. 9 East Carter
Oct. 12 West Carter

NASCAR

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Top 10, a position he has held for three consecutive weeks. Despite ending a streak of three top-10 finishes, Harvick is now 111 points over No. 11 Kasey Kahne. Despite improving one spot in the point standings, Kahne lost ground on his efforts for an automatic berth in the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup moving from 83 to 161 points back from the 400-point cut off. Like Newman, Harvick will be one of the favorites heading to Chicago this week. Harvick won the first two NASCAR Nextel Cup events at Chicagoland Speedway in 2001 and 2002. During his 2001 win, Harvick started sixth and led 113 laps. Despite starting deep in the field in 32nd in 2002, Harvick responded leading 29 laps and scoring his second win at the 1.5-mile track. Last year, he led three times for 46 laps, but was denied a "three-peat" and finished 17th.

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THROUGH MY EYES

So, I'm no psychologist, but I know how I feel

Been dealing with all the myriad emotions of coping with loss this week. No, no one in my family has passed on, nothing quite that bad. But I have lost something that has recently played a very important role in my life.



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

Through the past couple of days, I've struggled with all the feelings that come and go when you're trying to reach that point of acceptance that allows you to go on. First, you disbelieve; next, you're sad; then, maybe you experience a little confusion as you try to sort out just what wrong and where and, most importantly, why. Afterwards, if you're like me, you find yourself getting really angry - at another person, yourself, or merely, the "forces that

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POSTSCRIPT

Looking north

Last week we took a side rail through Floyd County, stopping at just a few, among hundreds, of communities, most of them long gone.

Being a native of Johnson County with ties up and down the Big Sandy, I couldn't help but check out my home county's



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 contributing writer

entries in Robert Rennick's fascinating book, *The Post Offices of Kentucky's Big Sandy Valley*. Johnson County is full of colorfully-named places.

Unfortunately, for many of them, even arch sleuth Rennick could not divine the source of the names. But that makes the journey all the more intriguing.

For instance, there's Nippa - or, as we say, Nippie. Was that someone's name? Was it a mountain corruption of a name?

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photo by Kathy J. Prater
 We didn't see any "rocket" ashtrays, as Dr. Puffer writes of, but there's a wide assortment of military souvenirs on display each summer at Sam Blakenship's Edward Jones Investments office, located on West Court Street, in downtown Prestonsburg. Contact the office today, at 889-9004, if you would like to display your own family souvenirs this summer.

THE SOUVENIR

A MILITARY SOUVENIR GIFT EMPTIES A RESIDENTIAL HOTEL IN SAIGON.

By Dr. Phyllis Puffer,
 PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, BIG SANDY
 COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE,
 PRESTONSBURG CAMPUS

"I think I'll go up and get my rocket."

My roommate and I were at home in the evening in our one room plus bath in the Hotel McArthur, built and run by the US government for its personnel in Saigon.

I was referring to a souvenir a friend had brought me from the country.

One of my friends who had the good fortune, in my envious opinion, to be stationed in the country instead of being stuck in the city had brought me a popular souvenir of the day. It was a spent rocket. Live rockets were serious

and neither you nor anything you valued, most particularly the building you were in, should get in the way of one. They are instruments of war and the Viet Cong and the US forces shot them at each other whenever they could. Rockets are of different sizes but in general they are long, metal tubes of various lengths, but always rather large. This one was possibly a foot or so long. They are pointed or bullet shaped on one end and flat on the other end. They were readily available where there was combat, which was the country not the city, and the flat ends made good ashtrays when properly cut off. This was in a time when smoking was popular, and even celebrated, as an activity indicating maturity and glamour. Though neither my friend nor I smoked, the rocket was a

valued gift.

My friend had met me at my room just as I was dashing off to a party in another room. We didn't take time to take the rocket out of the large, cloth sack it was in and admire it. We just took it with us, planning to exclaim over it at leisure when we got to the party. It happened that both of us forgot about it entirely in the fun and it was inadvertently left behind when we left some hours later. The rocket finally came to mind a couple of days later and I decided to go get it.

My roommate stared at me and gasped. "So that was YOUR rocket!"

The tone of her voice and the astonished look on her face stopped me on my way toward the door. When she could speak, she told me what had happened in our hotel a couple of days

ago. It seems that I had missed a lot of excitement over that piece of metal. My hours were long and I hadn't been there.

She told me that as she was returning from a pleasant evening in the city, she could see a crowd in the street as she approached our hotel. As she got closer, she could see that the crowd was in front of our hotel, and then she recognized some of the people in the crowd as fellow residents. She arrived on the spot just as a bomb squad was emerging from the hotel. The leader of the crew announced authoritatively and reassuringly to the crowd, "It's safe to go back in."

It seems that the roommate of the

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PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH

Things to ponder: Sassing

When you hear a child sassing or talking back to a parent or another adult, do you feel badly for the child, the adult, or both of them? Parents, have you ever stopped, looked, and listened to the activities and interactions that go on in your home, as if you were a stranger? Is there chronic arguing among all of the ages? Is everyone being respectful to each other? Would you be proud for the local TV station to do a reality program on your home

life that focused show respect to family members?

Although some folks would say that they "never heard of a kid who didn't talk back," an opinion is that there are parent-child relationships where the child does not do so. Anyway, I don't recall my thinking of the possibility while in my parents' home. Then again, I'm a lot older than many people and things do change. Some writers say that, while

sassing might have happened in the "good old days," there are a few differences between then and now, such as years ago the children were punished for sassing and today most parents ignore words that were not allowed back then. The same writers think that many modern parents feel that their kids have the right to think for themselves and express their thoughts versus the kids need to be trained, sit still, and speak when spoken to. There certain-

ly were times, when my son John was growing up, that my mother thought I was too lenient during my discussions with John. I recall telling her and him that he had a right to an opinion, stated in an appropriate way, but the decision would still not be his to make. Of course, this procedure did not always fit his fancy.

No parent wants to be sassed, most of

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Mable Rowe Lineberger,
 Ph.D.

School Happenings

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

■ July 28 - "Back to School Health Fair," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Allen Central High School. Services will include free physicals, hearing screenings, child identification, school supplies, and drawings for free haircuts. Event is FREE to all Floyd County students.*

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ July 14 - FREE sports physicals for PHS and it's feeder schools will be provided by Our Lady of the Way Hospital, at the Seton Complex, in Martin, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parent/guardians need to accompany students.

■ August 5 - New student/parent orientation for AMS students, 6 p.m., at the school. Information about school programs and policies will be provided. Students and parents may meet staff, tour building, and get answers to any questions they may have.

■ Health records for students may be dropped off to the Youth Services Center throughout the summer months.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by

appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

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

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kinder-

garten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ July 9 - Athletic physicals for McDowell, South Floyd Middle and South Floyd High, will be conducted by Our Lady of the Way Hospital's Wheelwright Clinic, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please stop by FRC to pick up physical form.

■ Upcoming Summer Activities hosted by McDowell Family Resource Center:

■ 4-H Camp - July 12 & 13. Held by Chuck Stamper, UK Extension Office. Fun activities.

■ Nutrition Camp - July 19-23. Kids learn how to eat healthy, become more active. Nutritious snacks prepared each day. Students will also learn how to make healthy versions of favorite snacks and be taught about the basic food groups. Offered in collaboration with Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

■ Physical & Health Activities Camp - July 26-30. Children will participate in physical and health education programs. Offered in collaboration with McDowell ARH.

■ All Camp Week activities are FREE for those students enrolled at McDowell Elem. Parents/guardians must provide transportation. Activities held from 9-11 a.m. To register your child, call 377-2678.

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

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public.

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

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

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

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

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents

and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristian Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ Currently accepting enrollment for 2004/2005 Kindergarten, and grades 4-8 (some classes already filled).

■ Wesley Christian Daycare now accepting infants and toddlers up to 4 years old. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

■ Also, still have a few openings in Summer Daycare - up to 12 years old.

■ Orientation for new school year will be held August 1.

■ First day of school - August 9.

■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

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

Postscript

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Was it a place far away, a place perhaps that a settler came from?

Mr. Rennick doesn't know, but he does know that the post office was established about a century ago by William Meadors.

Then there's Odds, on Daniels Creek. Woodson Joseph apparently wanted to name the post office Oak, but that was already taken in Bell County. No one knows why Joseph then chose Odds. Maybe it was because he figured no one else would ask the feds for that name.

Up the road a bit was Flambeau. Postmaster Lola Music wanted to name the post office after the little mining town of Lesley, but the name was already in use elsewhere. Again, no record remains of why she chose Flambeau, which is French for torch. And, anyway, it didn't last very long.

The same is true of Nero, near the mouth of Johns Creek. (As a sidebar, at least one of my cousins was born there.) Was Nelson Webb, the first postmaster, a scholar of Roman history?

According to Rennick's book, other communities whose name histories are long

lost include Kerz, Winifred, Gertie, Gustave, Berg and Pongette.

Some communities adopted names "from off."

The Manilla post office, for example, was named for the Spanish-American War battle and proved more memorial than the battle, lasting from 1898 to 1991. Denver quite likely was named by James Neibert who had lived in the Colorado city. Sitka - Sitkie, we say - shares its name with the Russian capital of Alaska.

Van Lear took its name from Van Lear Black, a member of the board of Consolidated Coal Co., which built the town.

Many other post office names intrigue. What was it like, for instance, growing up in Sip, Kentucky? The community on Hoods Creek in northern Johnson County was likely the namesake of a local woman, either Sip Rule Bayes or Sip Howes. Sip is short for Sipporah, or Zipporah, the wife of Moses in the Bible.

OK, OK, perhaps this is enough. But if these kinds of distractions are to your liking, look for some of Robert Rennick's books at local bookstores.

Old Fort Harrod's 'bang-up' gun collection is a 'Best Kept Secret'

FRANKFORT - In the elegant Greek Revival mansion that houses the museum of Old Fort Harrod State Park is a room that tells the history of the settlement of Kentucky through rifles, handguns, and swords.

Enclosed in glass cases are nearly 50 rifles dating from pioneer days to the late 18th century. One flintlock long rifle is believed to date from the time that Kentucky's first settlement was built here in 1774. Other long rifles are nearly as rare, dating from perhaps a few years later.

Along another wall is a collection of carbines that illustrate how rifles evolved to compact, repeating-fire weapons by the last quarter of the 1800s.

Visitors to the Weapons Room also find the collection of nearly 100 handguns to be fascinating, says Park Manager Joan Huffman. They range from a huge blunderbuss from the late 1700s to a tiny pistol disguised as a writing pen, dating from the early 1900s. Also on display are more than a dozen swords. On another wall are displayed bullet molds and power hobs.

Other exhibits in the museum illustrate the domestic side of pioneer life, displaying a variety of implements and tools used to prepare food and weave fabrics. Another room is devoted to

Kentucky's most famous son, Abraham Lincoln. It includes a live-sized portrait of Lincoln. A few steps away is a brick building that houses the cabin in which Lincoln's parents were married in 1806.

A huge stone monument nearby pays tribute to George Rogers Clark, the intrepid explorer who opened up the old Northwest Territory to settlement. Clark is depicted in the center of a tableaux of five pioneer figures.

The monument was dedicated in November 1934 by no less a personage than President Franklin Roosevelt. The president was accompanied by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Governor Ruby Laffoon, and Senator Alben Barkley.

A stone marker shows where Roosevelt spoke before a crowd estimated at 75,000 people.

Old Fort Harrod is among the oldest state parks, having been established in 1927 as Pioneer Memorial Park.

Another interesting feature of the park is the huge Osage Orange tree whose twisted trunk and lower limbs sprawl out along the grass. The tree was once the world's largest of that species, until its trunk split in two. Kids love climbing all over the massive tree as they picnic under its canopy of leaves.

But the highlight for a child's visit to Old Fort Harrod is the fort itself. It is a painstaking re-creation of the first settlement in Kentucky. Here, in 1774, James Harrod and a group of frontiersmen started the first permanent white settlement west of the Allegheny Mountains.

The fort is composed of blockhouses that form the four corners of the complex, and six cabins that illustrate various aspects of community life.

Park visitors watch as costumed interpreters demonstrate pioneer skills, from weaving to making dolls to carving wooden tools. Exhibits in each of the blockhouses and cabins provide details of pioneer life.

"The kids love it," says Park Manager Huffman. "To them, it's

a cool place to come to."

In addition to watching the pioneer activities, the children enjoy the antics of the goats in the fort's corral. The park even has a resident cat, Snowball.

A trip to the fully equipped gift shop is another highlight for children, who often visit as part of school groups.

The park also embraces one of the oldest cemeteries west of the Allegheny Mountains, containing the graves of 500 pioneers.

Old Fort Harrod State Park is located in Harrodsburg, about 30 miles southwest of Lexington on US 68. The park is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from mid-March through October. Admission is \$4.50 for an adult, \$2.50 for a child. For more information, call (859) 734-3314.

Souvenir

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party giver had not been at our party. He had been out having a good time in the various bars in the city. He had had an excellent evening and was pretty much out of focus when he stumbled through the door of his "home away from home." His wavering eye caught the glint of metal

protruding slightly from a cloth sack just under the edge of one of the beds.

Let me explain at this point that daily Saigon life in the summer of 1966 showed about as much evidence of war as the university town of Ann Arbor, Michigan, which I had recently left. Nonetheless, before leaving the US to go to Saigon, all military personnel had received warnings to be alert, especially for planted explosives, which were called by the French word, "plastique." In the year I was there, I only heard of one incident of someone finding "plastique," and that was in my own office building in the center of the city. It was found before it went off and was good only for about 10 minutes of conversation on only one day. In addition to having been cautioned about explosives in buildings, we had been warned about booby trapped vehicles. I never heard about explosives really being planted in vehicles, but I knew that people sometimes worried about it. One day one of the men had turned on the ignition of a jeep and it did not start. In a speed-of-light second, all the occupants of the vehicle had jumped out and run for cover. It should be added that the jeep did not then blow up. It just needed maintenance.

Don't forget, when you say "no," mean it, go by your guidelines, and don't argue further. The child has a choice to make and with your help, he can learn to make better decisions. Again, you can teach your child to express his viewpoint with respect, but the process takes work and determination on the part of all adults that interact with him. Try hard and good luck! All of you can do it and it is your family that will benefit the most!

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Ponder

all in front of others. Several weeks ago, while visiting in an out-of-town church, I overheard a 12 year old daughter respond to her mother, in a very ugly tone of voice, from the pew behind me. Although the words might have been OK in a different tone, my reaction was that the girl had been extremely disrespectful to her mother, whether or not her mother thought so. Quick questions came to my mind. "If the young girl erupts that way in public, what might be going on at home? Why does the mother accept that behavior?" It is not unusual for parents to teach their children to be respectful to other adults, such as teachers, but for some reason, these same parents are willing to accept "a lot of lip" at home. Habits do follow us wherever we go.

After sassing has started, what is there to do about it? Needless to say, it requires work and time to raise a child that is respectful, something that most parents want and deserve and are entitled to. However, there are parents that might not really perceive how much work and time it involves raising a

respectful child. As discussed in the past regarding behavior modification, parents frequently react and respond to back talk with what is called intermittent reinforcement. This is when the parent will give in at times to a child's disrespectful comments and demands and will not give in at other times. Parents not being the same every time, only increases the likelihood that rude statements will continue. One writer's opinion was that parents have a difficult time stopping their child from making disrespectful comments because: (1) parents today are too busy. It's easier to just find a way to immediately satisfy the child; and (2) many parents today will do almost anything to keep their children from experiencing discomfort. After choosing not to frustrate the child, by expecting him to express his needs in a respectful manner, parents frequently give in to avoid uproar. Typically, the parents end up feeling bullied and powerless by their child's remarks. At this point, a great disservice is done to the child, in that the child learns impolite speech patterns that are hard to

change, when he is allowed to speak uncontrollably. By parents not taking the opportunity to teach the child the need to honor and respect them, they have done an even greater disservice to both the child and their relationship.

Back talking or sassing is only as frustrating as you allow it to be. Whether he realizes it or not, a child's purpose of back talking is to get a rise out of grownups. If you choose to react with screaming and arguing, as the child does, then everyone loses. All of you can be winners when parents learn effective ways to respond calmly. Believe it or not, but the manner in which you deal effectively with back talk is the same across all ages, 5, 10, or 15 years olds.

A basic issue, as stated many times before, is for parents/adults to be constantly aware of how they need to set firm limits and serve as a good role model for their youngsters. The following are some general pointers to help you stay on the straight and narrow, when you have those difficult times communicating with your child.

Make it known which topics are open for negotiation and which are not. Even after you hear what your child has to say, have the confidence to say "no." By all means keep your position, especially if your child's temper is set aflame by your "no." Remember, there is no reason to try to convince your child that your point of view is the correct one and that he is to accept it, no matter what. You do not need to give repeated explanations, since you are the boss and not your child. Explain your reasons once, but do not go on and on and on, thinking your child will eventually agree with you and be happy. Speak to your child as you expect him to speak to you. By all means, watch your body language and tone of voice too.

Here are the A, B, C, and D's of limiting sassing, while increasing good communication between you and your child. Acknowledge your child's feelings, such as "You must be really angry. Let's talk about it when you are calmed down." Be responsive, not reactive, because the greater the reaction, the greater the appeal. Control



Family Medicine

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



Q Our town recently opened a skate-board park for the kids. My 12-year-old son, however, will not wear a helmet as none are required at the skate park. Could you give me some information on helmet use and skateboarding? If the information comes from someone besides a parent, maybe he will understand how important helmets are.

A Sports-related accidents lead to over 750,000 injuries annually. Of these, almost 400,000 necessitate a visit to a hospital emergency department, and more than 300,000 result in concussions, which are the most common kind of sports injury. In the year 2000, over 50,000 children,

ages 5 to 14 were treated in emergency departments for skateboarding injuries. The vast majority of these were boys.

While skateboarding, inline skating, bicycling, and other such activities can cause a multitude of injuries and even death, most children — and unfortunately, many of their parents — are still not convinced that protective equipment is necessary.

The most crucial piece of protective gear, as you correctly infer, is the helmet. This is because the most frequent and serious non-fatal sports accidents involve a condition called traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Traumatic brain injury occurs anytime there is a blow to the head. Most commonly this involves what doctors

Community state parks should require use of helmets

call a "closed head injury," meaning that there is no open wound, only direct trauma to the head. You may know this as a concussion.

The closed head type of TBI is graded as to severity — mild, moderate or severe. Motor vehicle accidents are the most common cause of TBI. Symptoms can include headache, dizziness, nausea and lack of coordination. There can also be disorientation, amnesia and confusion. Once a person has had a concussion, they are at increased risk for a second. There is increasing evidence that repeated mild injuries over time can cause permanent neurological damage. In fact, repeated mild head injuries over a short period of time can even result in death. This is called Second Impact Syndrome. It occurs when there has been inadequate time for healing of the first concussion.

Children who receive a head injury can have permanent deficits in memory, learning, and physical abilities.

Sometimes there can be personality changes as well as other behavioral changes. Even a mild TBI can cause lasting impairment.

We want our kids to be physically active and not become couch potatoes, but we must be sure that we provide as safe an environment as possible in which they can be active. The most important thing you can do to insure safety of your son at the skateboard park is to make sure he wears

a helmet. Wearing the helmet properly is a must as well. Wrist, elbow and knee pads can also help prevent injuries. If every parent insisted on the use of these types of safety equipment, it would dramatically decrease the number of severe head injuries. It's also important that children — and adults — wear helmets when they engage in other activities like bike riding and inline skating.

A strong partnership between the parents and community leaders is vital

to insure the safety of your children. You might want ask members of your city council to pass an ordinance requiring helmets and ticketing kids who are not wearing a proper helmet. Other communities have done this successfully.

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MAC NEWS

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Presented by Food City, Pepsi, Kentucky Tourism & The Mountain Arts Center

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FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 9, AT 8 PM!

OPENING THE SHOW: KENTUCKY OPRY

Evans has proven to be a force to reckon with in just a few years on the music scene. Her current album is "Restless," the highly anticipated follow-up to her double-platinum "Born To Fly." It arrived in stores August 19, 2003 and debuted at #3 on the Billboard Country Album

Chart and is her highest career debut. When she released "Three Chords and the Truth" as her debut CD in 1997, it wound up on many critics' "best of" lists for the year. Her back-to-basics country sound was even more popular with 1998's Gold-selling "No Place That Far." Its title tune became her first No. 1 record. Then came "Born to Fly" and the hits just keep coming.

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New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

June 19, 2004

A son, Jacob Michael Bentley, to Kristie Dawn Fitzpatrick

June 20, 2004

A son, Nicholas Neal Yoder, to Twila & Dale Yoder

June 21, 2004

A son, Jeremy Alexander Moore, to Lillie Michelle Robinson

June 21, 2004

A daughter, Kaytlyn AnnMarie Patrick, to Amanda & Joey Patrick

June 23, 2004

A son, Conner Joseph Fugate, to Tonia & Jackie Fugate

June 23, 2004

A daughter, MacKenzie Grace Slone, to Michalla & James Slone

June 24, 2004

A daughter, Madelyn Rose Bailey, to Betty Jean Kidd

June 24, 2004

A daughter, Keiona Belle Moore, to Stacy Lynn Hall

June 25, 2004

A daughter, Kaylyn Mary Nicole Watts, to Johnni N. Watts

June 25, 2004

A son, Cody Lee O'Brian, to Crystal & Richie O'Brian

June 25, 2004

A son, Isaiah Michael Moore, to Shena & Matthew Moore

June 26, 2004

A daughter, Destiny Rae Owens, to Loretta & Donnie Owens

June 26, 2004

A daughter, Emily Jordan LeShea Howard, to Angela Bolling

June 28, 2004

A daughter, Joely Dawn Blevins, to Kimberlie & Joseph Blevins

June 28, 2004

A son, Chase Matthew Fraley, to Amanda & Stephen Fraley

June 28, 2004

A daughter, Zoe Alyssia Hayton, to Bridgette Lynn Mullins

June 29, 2004

A son, Gage Ashton

Newman, to Stacy Salisbury

June 29, 2004

A daughter, Hailey Grace Music, to April D. Akers

June 29, 2004

A daughter, Breanna Bessie Marie Burke, to Sarah & Kerry Burke Jr.

June 30, 2004

A daughter, Hailey Shianne Evans, to Amanda Kay Evans

June 30, 2004

A son, Joey Wade May, to Crystal Ann Burkhalter

June 30, 2004

A son, Ethan Brian Combs, to Dalenda Dawn & Donnie Brian Combs

June 30, 2004

A son, Grant Layne Singleton, to Crystal Lynn Johnson

June 30, 2004

A son, Garrett Cole Singleton, to Crystal Lynn Johnson

July 1, 2004

A son, Justin Ryan Allen, to Brandy Jae Salyer

July 1, 2004

A daughter, Tamra Melodi Slone, to Angela Lucas

July 1, 2004

A son, Evan Blake Smithers, to Kristina Lynn & Richie Dean Smithers

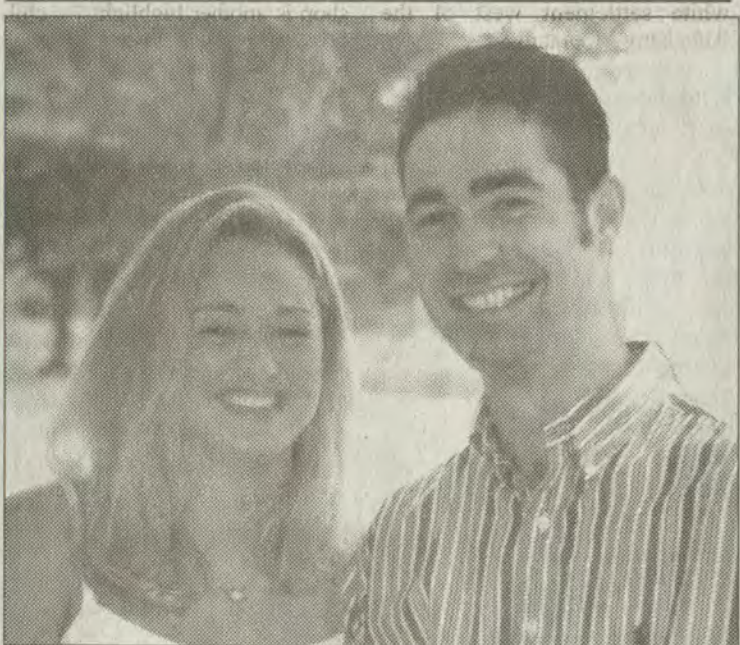
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A daughter, Addison MaKayla Akers, to Heather & Adam Akers

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A daughter, Annette Rae McBeth, to Gale & Nathan McBeth

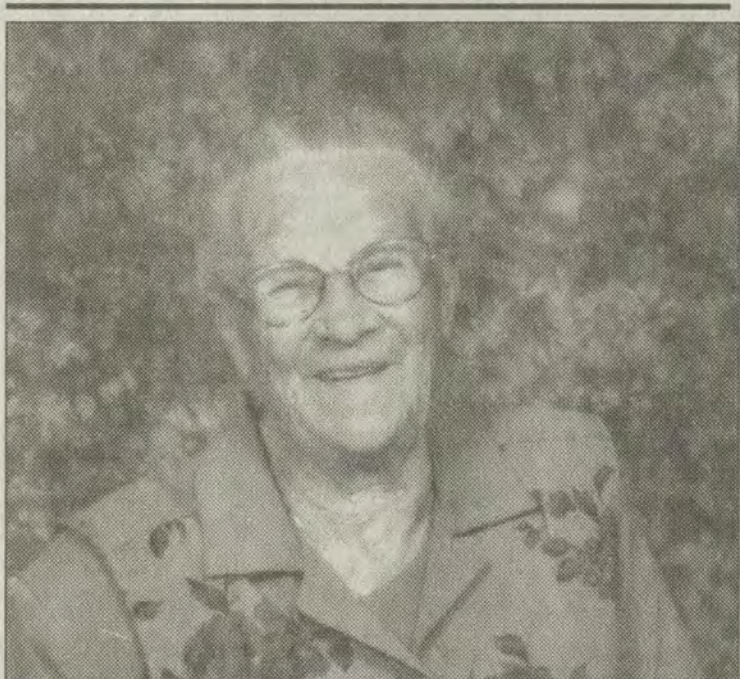
Weddings



Kidd-Branstetter

Earl and Sandra Kidd, of Edmonton, Ky., formerly of Betsy Layne, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Felisha Lora-Dona Kidd, to Michael Kenneth Branstetter II, the son of Michael and Betty Branstetter, of Edmonton. Felisha is the granddaughter of Julia Boyd Lawson, of Edmonton, and the late Eugene Lawson, and Minta Kidd, of Honaker, and the late Bill Kidd. Kenneth is the grandson of Mickie Minor, of Chicken-Bristle, and the late Charles Minor, and Kenneth and Barbara Branstetter, of Edmonton. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, September 18, 2004, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, at Pedigo Park, in Edmonton. All family and friends are cordially invited.

Birthdays



Happy Birthday, Hattie Mosley! 90 years young!

Hattie Mosley celebrated her 90th birthday on July 7, 2004. Mrs. Mosley has five children, 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great grandchildren, and seven great-great-great grandchildren! She has shown undying love and devotion to each and every one of her loved ones. Her family wishes her a most joyous and wonderful year - and many more!



Hall-Wallen

Kelly Lynn Hall and Brian Delmer Wallen were reunited in marriage on Thursday, June 10, 2004, at the Mountain Shadows Resort, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Kelly is the daughter of Raymond and Margie Hall, of McDowell. She is employed by McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Brian is the son of Mary Joan Wallen, of Langley, and the late Arnold Wallen. He is employed by Consol of Kentucky. The couple, along with their daughters, Stephanie and Stacy, reside in their home at McDowell.



Alyssa turns 3!

Alyssa Hedrick celebrated her third birthday on May 10, 2004. Alyssa is the daughter of Billy and Tracey Hedrick, of Auxier. She is the granddaughter of Bunnie Caudill, of Auxier, and the late James "Dee" Caudill, and Bill and Debbie Hedrick, of Prestonsburg. She is the great-granddaughter of Lucille Ginther, of Flat Gap, and Mary Hedrick, of Prestonsburg. Alyssa celebrated her special day at home with family and friends and a "Sponge Bob" theme party. Alyssa, along with all the children who attended her party, enjoyed playing on a giant waterslide and taking pony rides. Alyssa has one older brother, Will.

Eyes

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be" that allowed it all to come and go into your life. Finally, you reach that state of acceptance where you realize that, come what may, you can go on. I'm not quite there at this writing, but I figure I'll make it.

Even if I don't, I suppose the same bright sun will still rise tomorrow. My task, and yours too, if you happen to be going through something similar, is to look up. Simply, stop, take a breather, and look up. (And, if it's raining tomorrow, let's just remember that little Gene Kelly song and dance routine and get on with it!)

Since we seem to be on the topic of mental health, so to speak, I couldn't help but take particular note of Dr. Mable's column for this week - "Sassing."

Dr. Mable shares that when she was growing up, sassing, or "talking back" was something that she, and most kids of her generation, didn't get away with. Neither did I. Sassing was one thing my mother did not, under any circumstances, put up

with. I have to admit, I've pretty much followed suit in my own parenting style. Talking back equates nothing more than disrespect and one thing I have never allowed in my household is disrespect. I, like most parents, work too hard and too long, at home and away, to allow myself to be disrespected by my very own children.

I think way too many parents today allow their children to speak to them in a manner that is, to me, simply unacceptable. My kids are allowed their opinions, and boy, do they ever voice them - loud and clear! But once I sense the "wrong" tone, or a "bad" choice of words, the two (or three) sided discussion is over and I'm the mamma-jamma in charge!

R-E-S-P-E-C-T — Aretha sings about it and most folks widely deserve it. Don't let your children, or grandchildren, strip you of it. Because, you know, if you do, you'll only be stripping them of theirs.

See ya next week!

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PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING CHANGE REQUEST

The owner(s) of the following property:
 TRACT 1
 A certain tract(s) or parcel(s) of property lying on the Spradlin Branch of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
 Beginning at an Iron Pin Set W/Cap LS #2878, and being a portion of a tract deeded to the City of Prestonsburg, Ky. (Deed Book 429, Pg. 19), and being a common corner with Tract 2, thence with the line of Tract 2, N 00°02'07" E, 122.12' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin being a common corner with Tract 2 and being a point on the City of Prestonsburg's 15' easement (Deed Book 423, Page 296) thence leaving Tract 2 and with the line of the 15' easement, S 63°22'26" E, 7.50' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, thence continuing with the line of the said 15' easement N 26°37'34" E, 153.37' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin being a corner to the 15' easement, thence leaving the 15' easement, N 89°44'47" E, 67.56' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, thence S 79°37'09" W, 148.28' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin being set on the left edge of a 9' wide gravel road, thence crossing the gravel road and an 8' wide dirt road, S14°55'45" E, 111.76' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, thence S 12°06'17" W, 174.68' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin lying within the City of Prestonsburg tract (Deed Book 429, Pg. 19) thence S 07°02'32" W, 30.00' to and Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, thence N 83°30'30" W 124.37', thence N 06°29'30" E, 30.00', thence N 77°21'44"

W, 161.13' to the point of beginning, containing 1.88 acres, more or less.
 TRACT 2
 Beginning at an Iron Pin Set W/Cap PLS #2878, and being a portion of a tract deeded to the City of Prestonsburg, Ky. (Deed Book 429, Pg. 19), and with said iron pin being a common corner with Tract 1, thence leaving Tract 1, N 74°30'37" W, 279.55' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin being in the left edge of an 8' dirt road, thence leaving the dirt road, S 09°26'44" W, 105.68', to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap PLS #2878, thence S 70°02'30" W, 115.78' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, thence N 49°36'42" W, 176.74' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin being in the 50' right of way of the Kentucky Power Company, (Deed Book 402, Pg. 088), thence leaving the Kentucky Power Company right of way, N 07°30'44" W, 141.14' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin being a point on the Stacey Suzanne Calhoun property (Deed Book 416, Page 192), thence leaving Stacey Suzanne Calhoun's property, N 58°46'50" E, 164.44' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin being in the left edge of a 9' wide gravel road, thence, with the gravel road, N 61°11'16" E, 157.14' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap PLS #2878, said iron pin being in the right edge of the 9' wide gravel road and being a portion of the tract deeded to the City of Prestonsburg, Ky. (Deed Book 423, Pg. 296), thence S 62°57'31" E, 46.21' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap PLS#2878, with said iron pin being a corner to the United States Cellular Wireless Communications Excursion line (Deed Book 412, Pg. 13), thence staying with

the United States Cellular Wireless Communications line, S 62°57'31" E, 149.98' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin being a corner to the United States Cellular Wireless Communications line, thence leaving the United States Cellular Wireless Communications line, S 88°29'54" E, 63.86' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin being in the left edge of the 9' wide gravel road, thence 89°44'47" E, 90.14' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin being a corner to the City of Prestonsburg's 15' easement, thence with the line of the 15' easement, S 26°37'34" W, 145.76', to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin being a corner to the 15' easement, thence continuing with the line of the 15' easement, S 63°22'26" E, 7.50' to an Iron Pin Set W/Cap, PLS #2878, said iron pin being at the center of the 15' easement and being a common corner with Tract 1, thence leaving the 15' easement and the line of Tract 1, S 00°02'07" W, 122.12' to the point of beginning, containing 3.43 acres, more or less.
 Has (have) requested a zoning change from P-1 (parks with no Facilities) zone to a SPA zone. The proposed change would result in zoning of the property as a Special Purpose Agriculture Classification. The purpose of this change is to allow the owner(s) to develop a primary Agriculture area with secondary housing lot(s).
 A hearing has been scheduled for July 23, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at city hall, 200 North Lake Drive. The Public is invited to attend and comment upon the proposed zoning change if they so desire.
 Bobby Carpenter
 Z o n i n g Enforcement Officer
 City of Prestonsburg

Branch. The latitude is 37°29'33" and the longitude is 82°42'21".
 The proposed major revision is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by this major revision is owned by Stella M. Hamilton. The major revision will underlie land owned by Stella M. Hamilton.
 The major revision proposes to add a portal area in Simpson Branch.
 The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
 Pursuant to Application No. 860-0349, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070 notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky, 41839-0130, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 0.25 mile east of Betty, and situated in both Knott and Floyd counties. The amendment will add approximately 1.12 acre of surface disturbance, making a total area of 761.61 acres within the amended permit boundary.
 The proposed amendment area is located in Floyd County, approximately 1.17 mile south/southwest of Wayland, Kentucky, approximately 1.07 mile south/southwest from Mill Creek Road's junction with Clear Water Road, and located approximately 1.05 mile due west of Mill Creek's confluence with Beaver Creek.
 The proposed amendment area is located on the FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.70 mile northwest of Grethel, in Floyd County. The major revision will add 2.09 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 0.70 acre making a total area of 1174.26 acres within the revised permit boundary.
 The proposed major revision area is approximately 1.31 mile east of Drift, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The operation is approximately 1.80 mile east of KY's 122 junction with the Simpson Branch County Road, and located 0.10 mile southeast of Simpson

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5427, Major Revision No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that the FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.70 mile northwest of Grethel, in Floyd County. The major revision will add 2.09 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 0.70 acre making a total area of 1174.26 acres within the revised permit boundary.
 The proposed major revision area is approximately 1.31 mile east of Drift, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The operation is approximately 1.80 mile east of KY's 122 junction with the Simpson Branch County Road, and located 0.10 mile southeast of Simpson

The proposed amendment area is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Ray Lute, et al. The operation will use the mountaintop removal method of surface mining.
 The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. Route 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-4321.


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