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Police get money from feds

Times Staff Report

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers has secured \$142 million for law enforcement and economic development.

"This funding will help make our communities better, safer places to live," Rogers said in a statement released by his office.

Law Enforcement will benefit in several venues. \$10 million will go toward a prescription drug monitoring program. The program aims to help stop prescription drug abuse and will be funded for the next three years.

Funding for UNITE will be guaranteed for the next two years as well and will aid law enforcement in tracking down and prosecuting area drug traffickers. Meanwhile, \$3 million will go towards the Law Enforcement and Training Center in Hazard. That facility provides support and training for rural police operations.

\$116 million will go to the three federal prisons in southern and Eastern Kentucky, with \$42 million going towards the U.S. Penitentiary Big Sandy, in Martin County.

Economic programs will also benefit from the funding. \$1.4 million will go to the Small Business Administration's Loan Center in Hazard, which helps secure loans for small businesses in the region.

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Cop wrecks responding to chase

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

DAVID — A police chase that started on North Lake Drive in downtown Prestonsburg ended at David, with one police officer injured and another stuck in a ditch.

According to Police Chief Mike Omerod, the chase started early Friday morning in town and contin-

ued to Route 114 and then on to Route 404. Two police units were in pursuit of a suspect on a motorcycle who was allegedly traveling through town at a high rate of speed.

Sgt. Mike Conn was going to check on the two units in pursuit of the motorcycle, which was allegedly being ridden by Jason B. Roberts. But while Conn was driving along Route 404, he lost control of his vehicle and

went off the left side of the road on an embankment and sideswiped a tree.

Conn was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center and treated for upper torso and neck injuries and was released Friday morning.

Following the wreck, one of the police officers involved in the chase was trying to turn around to get back to Sgt. Conn when they slid into a

ditch and got stuck.

After all the commotion with the Prestonsburg Police Department, officers were still able to apprehend Roberts at 7:45 a.m. Friday morning.

Roberts is charged with speeding, reckless driving, no insurance, failure to change registration and evading police. Omerod said that Roberts could also be charged with wanton endangerment.



Jason Roberts



photo by Joyal Frazier

Terry Jarrell will be sentenced in August for the cultivation of marijuana on County Attorney Keith Bartley's property. Jarrell and another man, Steven Hunter, pleaded guilty Friday. Prosecutors have recommended that each man spend six months in jail.

Pair pleads to planting pot on prosecutor's property

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Steven Hunter and Terry Jarrell, who were caught on tape by the Kentucky State Police planting marijuana on County Attorney Keith Bartley's property, were in court Friday to plead guilty to charges against them.

As a result of Friday's hearing, both men are expected to spend six months behind bars.

The prosecution recommended

that Hunter receive four years for one count of marijuana cultivation and four years for receiving stolen property, with both sentences to run concurrent with each other and to be probated after six months.

Jarrell's recommendation was four years for one count of marijuana cultivation, probated after six months.

Judge John David Caudill ordered a pre-sentencing investigative report be compiled on both men and formal sentencing be August 27.

Judge Caudill asked both men if they wanted to wait until formal sentencing to be taken into custody and begin serving their sentence. Hunter choose to go ahead and start his sentence, saying, "I want to go ahead and get it over with, your honor."

Jarrell choose to wait until formal sentencing to go in.

"I am trying to get a trailer set up from the flood for my family and it would be better if I could wait,"

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Probation violators sent to jail

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two area men learned the hard way about the consequences of violating the terms of their probation in circuit court Friday.

First up was Steven Ousley, who was originally convicted for three counts of forgery and three counts of theft. Ousley had been using checks that had belonged to a deceased woman. In three days he had cashed checks totaling over \$5,000.



photo by Tom Doty

Steve Ousley morosely observes Judge John Caudill as his sentence of 10 years is reinstated for violating the terms of his probation.

More recently, Ousley was picked up for alcohol intoxication, violating the terms of his probation. Public advocate Mike Studebaker tried to mitigate the circumstances of Ousley by claiming, "He would appear to have a substance abuse problem."

When asked by Judge John Caudill what the sentence had been originally, Studebaker replied, "That would be testifying against my client."

Judge Caudill pointed out that Studebaker's argument was a folly but looked up the sentence himself and imposed it on an unhappy Ousley, who will now have to serve out the 10 years he was awarded before his sentence was suspended and probated.

A somewhat smaller sentence was returned for convicted thief Jimmy Branham, but he was served with an extra helping of vigor when Judge Caudill called him out for not learning anything from the two probations he has received.

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Judge grants defendant's request to be sent to rehab

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Gary Combs was back in court Friday for flagrant nonsupport and two counts of probation violations.

Combs was taken into custody in January and his proba-

tion was revoked for several violations. He had stopped reporting to the parole office, had moved to Georgia with another convicted felon, was found with several weapons and tested positive for cocaine.

Combs asked the court in January that he receive help for

substance abuse. The Department of Probation and Parole could not find a bed for Combs in a rehabilitation center until October, and Judge John David Caudill had called for a status hearing to see if Combs

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Gary Combs has been in custody since January waiting for a bed to open in a substance abuse rehabilitation center before being sentenced for flagrant nonsupport and two counts of probation violations.

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Odds and Ends

■ **ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** — Stranger than a fish out of water: a kitten in the bay.

When Maggie Rogers spotted something bobbing in the water three miles into the Gulf of Mexico while on a scalloping trip with friends, she assumed it was a turtle, or a piece of sea kelp.

But as the boat got closer and slowed down, she discovered it was a tiny, apricot-colored kitten. Nine inches long and screeching, the cat was paddling furiously.

"We scooped him up and he sat on the boat with me for eight hours," said Rogers, who is the finance director at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. "He was exhausted and stressed," Rogers said. "His heart rate was high."

The boaters on the 17-foot Scout Current Drift did not know how the kitten arrived in the Homosassa Bay. There were at least 40 boats in the crowded area where he was

found, they said.

On Tuesday, three days after he was found, a veterinarian said the 10-week-old, 1-pound kitten had worms, but was otherwise healthy.

He was adopted by Rogers' sister-in-law — and named Nemo.

■ **ROSENBERG, Texas** — Mary Dybala is showing off her diamond wedding ring set.

She's not a newlywed. She's been married for 50 years, but spent the last 30 without her rings.

Dybala, who celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary this year with her husband, Ben, lost the rings some 30 years ago. She doesn't know how.

She got them back Wednesday, eight months after they were found in the yard at Holy Rosary Catholic School.

Bernard Cunda was volunteering at the church last Oct. 11, helping prepare a dirt surface for resodding grass. He

discovered what he thought was an old pop-top from a soft drink can, but it turned out to be a set of diamond rings.

Notices about the found jewelry were included in the church bulletin, but no one described the find correctly.

Dybala didn't think they could be hers because it had been so long since she lost them.

Then, on Wednesday, she decided to look at the rings, taking along the original box as

well as a warranty with drawings of the rings.

■ **KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Barbara Sparkman's attempt to duck jury duty nearly landed her in jail.

Sparkman, 54, was serving as an alternate juror in a murder trial when she left a message Thursday morning with court officials, saying she was too stressed to continue.

Circuit Judge Thomas Clark wasn't pleased and ordered

deputies to find Sparkman and bring her to court to explain herself.

Sparkman told Clark and her co-jurors that she didn't want to view crime scene and autopsy photos, that she had an asthma attack Wednesday night and that she was worried about her mother in a nursing home.

Clark then told the jury to pick Sparkman's fate: one day in jail, a return trip to the jury pool next week or a sentence of sitting somewhere in the court-

house for the rest of the trial.

Jurors decided against jail, but chose the other two penalties.

Clark then sentenced Sparkman to sit in the jury pool gathering room throughout the rest of the trial, which is expected to end next week. He has yet to decide if she will have to serve on another case.

Late Thursday, Sparkman sat in the jury pool room alone, saying she was afraid to go home without permission.

"I just felt like I couldn't deal with it today," she said. "I don't think this is fair."

State law makes it a crime for jurors to not appear for trial, punishable with fines and jail time.

■ **PORTLAND, Ore.** — Your kids want soda pop, but you want them to have fruit.

Some Oregon State University researchers are working on a compromise that will keep everyone happy: fizzy fruit.

The researchers are working on carbonated apples, pears and other juicy treats.

Texas neurobiologist Galen Kaufman discovered fizzy fruit by accident. He was on a sail-

Judge: Corps' program violates Clean Water Act

by JOHN RABY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A federal judge's ruling that revoked nearly a dozen mining permits issued by the U.S. Army of Corps Engineers means the agency "can no longer use its rubber stamp" to approve applications for valley fills, a lawyer said.

"That's important because the Army Corps and the Bush administration generally have been using these permits that have been destroying southern West Virginia with absolutely no scrutiny," said Joe Lovett, an attorney for the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition.

U.S. District Judge Joseph R. Goodwin on Thursday ruled the corps failed to comply with the federal Clean Water Act when it used a nationwide permitting process to approve applications for valley fills in southern West Virginia's mountainous coal-fields.

In issuing his ruling, Goodwin ordered the corps to revoke 11 valley fill and surface impoundment permits where mining had not yet started. The ruling only affects southern West Virginia.

Spokespersons for the U.S. Department of Justice and the corps' Huntington District office said Friday they were still reviewing the ruling and had no comment on it.

The ruling, sought by the coalition, is the latest in a series

of battles environmentalists have waged against the corps and the coal industry involving the federal act and how it has been used to permit the construction of valley fills at mountaintop removal mines.

Valley fills are created when excess rock and dirt from the mining operation is pushed over the mountainside, often burying stream beds below.

OVEC sued the corps, argu-

ing that valley fill applications should undergo individual scrutiny because of the potential of significant environmental impacts and that the corps was illegally issuing permits under the nationwide system known as Nationwide Permit 21.

The group argued that Congress gave the corps only two options for handling permits

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 11, the 193rd day of 2004. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Two hundred years ago, on July 11, 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a pistol duel in Weehawken, N.J. (Hamilton died the next day; although Burr was charged with murder, the charge was later dropped.)

On this date:

■ In 1533, Pope Clement VII excommunicated England's King Henry VIII.

■ In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

■ In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

■ In 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington, D.C., turning back the next day.

■ In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal.

■ In 1952, the Republican national convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Richard M. Nixon for vice president.

■ In 1955, the U.S. Air Force Academy was dedicated at Lowry Air Base in Colorado.

■ In 1977, the Medal of Freedom was awarded posthumously to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

■ In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

■ In 1989, actor Laurence Olivier died at age 82.

Ten years ago:

Haiti's army-backed regime ordered the expulsion of international human rights observers. President Clinton, on his first official visit to Germany, urged his hosts to take on a stronger leadership role in global affairs. Shawn Eckardt was sentenced in Portland, Ore., to one and a-half years in prison for his role in the attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan.

Five years ago:

A U.S. Air Force cargo jet, braving Antarctic winter, swept down over the Amundsen-Scott

South Pole Research Center to drop off emergency medical supplies for Dr. Jerri Nielsen, a physician at the center who had discovered a lump in her breast.

One year ago:

President Bush put responsibility squarely on the CIA for his disputed claim that Iraq had tried to acquire nuclear material from Africa, prompting Director George Tenet to publicly accept full blame for the miscue. The World Trade Organization ruled that heavy duties on steel imports imposed by the United States violated global trade rules. Thousands marked the anniversary of the 1995 massacre at Srebrenica in Bosnia, burying 282 newly identified victims.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Tab Hunter is 73. Singer Jeff Hanna (Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 57. Actor Bruce McGill is 54. Singer Bonnie Pointer is 54. Actor Stephen Lang is 52. Actress Mindy Sterling is 51. Actress Sela Ward is 48. Reggae singer Michael Rose (Black Uhuru) is 47. Singer Peter Murphy is 47. Actor Mark Lester is 46. Jazz musician Kirk Whalum is 46. Singer Suzanne Vega is 45. Rock guitarist Richie Sambora (Bon Jovi) is 45. Rock musician Scott Shriner (Weezer) is 39. Actress Debbie Dunning is 38. Actor Michael Rosenbaum is 32. Rapper Lil' Kim is 29. Rapper Lil' Zane is 22. Pop-jazz singer-musician Peter Cincotti is 21.

Thought for Today:

"False democracy shouts Every man down to the level of the average. True democracy cries All men up to the height of their fullest capacity for service and achievement." — Nicholas Murray Butler, American educator (1862-1947).

Volunteers Needed

The Victim Services Program's Volunteer Coordinator is looking for individuals to become Volunteer Medical Advocates. These advocates will be prepared, through an extensive 40-hour training program, to respond to requests from any of the six Big Sandy area hospital emergency rooms for an advocate to assist victims of sexual assault or domestic violence.

The training will begin September 11, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and continue for the next four Saturdays, thereafter. An application packet can be mailed to you at your request. If you are interested in this training, or would like to have more information about this training, call the Volunteer Coordinator at 886-4323. The training is free to those who want to become Volunteer Medical Advocates.

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Mongiardo offers plan to help small businesses insure workers

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — U.S. Senate candidate Daniel Mongiardo on Thursday proposed tax credits as a financial cushion to help small businesses provide health insurance to their employees.

Mongiardo also said he wanted to give small business owners access to the same health plan available to members of Congress. Mongiardo, a Democrat who is also a physician, unveiled his plan outside a business that is struggling to afford health coverage.

"Sadly, it's becoming harder and harder for these businesses to provide health insurance for their employees," Mongiardo said.

Young also noted that Bunning has been endorsed by the Kentucky Medical Association. Mongiardo has been aggressively promoting his ideas on a range of issues in recent weeks in hopes of boosting his name recognition against the better known and better financed Bunning.

Nearly 60 percent of Kentuckians rely on small employers for health insurance, Mongiardo said. He said double-digit increases in health insurance costs have forced some businesses to drop coverage.

Nationally, Mongiardo estimated his plan would cost \$6 billion to \$7 billion. He proposed paying for it by "redirecting" tax breaks given to the nation's top 1 percent of wage earners.

His plan drew an appreciative response from the owner of the business where he made the announcement.

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Clooney is running against Republican Geoff Davis in the district covering most of northern Kentucky. The incumbent, Democrat Ken Lucas, is retiring.

Congress should reward tax incentives to companies that expand their U.S. work forces, Clooney said in a teleconference with reporters.

Those changes, plus strict enforcement of trade laws, would begin "stopping the bleeding of outsourcing," in which jobs are moved overseas, said Clooney, a Democrat running in the 4th District.

As the world's most lucrative trading partner, the United States can wield "a big hammer, and we're not using it," he said.

"Nobody wants to build a trade wall of the 1930s variety around this country," Clooney said. "That was a disastrous policy. We want informed trade policy and we want fair trade policy."

Davis spokesman Justin Brasell said Davis supports free trade, but expects countries to live up to their agreements in trade deals.

Davis also supports a tax system that encourages U.S. productivity, Brasell said. "Anything we can do through the tax code to encourage companies to keep jobs here, we should do that," he said.

Clooney, a former Cincinnati television anchor, is the father of actor George Clooney. Davis is a manufacturing consultant and a former Army helicopter pilot.

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was still interested in rehab.

Mike Stuebaker, Combs' attorney, asked the court again that he be placed in a substance rehabilitation center before being sentenced.

"He acknowledges the fact that he has a problem," Stuebaker said.

Combs could receive up to five years on each felony count. Caudill ordered Combs into a rehabilitation center as soon as a

bed was open for him.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said, "He was given every chance in the world because he had been paying on the child support. It was sporadic, but he was paying."

Combs is being held on a \$10,000 cash bond and is now waiting for a bed to open in a rehabilitation facility approved by Probation and Parole.

College bookstore now operated by Barnes and Noble

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — There's a new vendor in town. Campus bookstores in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System across the state accepted a bid earlier this month from Barnes and Noble.

Effective July 1, Barnes and Noble, the nation's largest bookseller, began managing bookstores in the KCTCS system, including the bookstore at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

"With this, we expect to have a more efficient and proficient bookstore," said John Herald, vice president of business affairs at the Prestonsburg Campus. "Barnes and Noble is a first-class, highly efficient operation. We expect this improvement will be an enhancement to the students

and the college."

The Prestonsburg campus has maintained a self-operated bookstore since its inception. They began researching the benefits of outsourcing the bookstore three years ago Herald said, as a means to find a more efficient and profitable way of doing business.

Of several companies that placed bids to become part of the KCTCS system, Barnes and Noble, operating in 45 states and in more than 400 college bookstores across the U.S., was reeled in by the KCTCS system.

Herald says the move will provide a larger selection of used books for students, which means cheaper prices.

Employees who currently work at the Prestonsburg Campus bookstore, Herald said, have the option to stay or with Barnes and Noble or "go with the college."

"Their interest is one of our top priorities," he said.

PMC forms stroke support group

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Medical Center will host a stroke support group for stroke patients and their families starting in later this month. The meetings will provide an opportunity to share thoughts and feelings, as well as exchange information and ideas in a supportive environment.

The stroke support group will be coordinated by members of the Rehabilitation Hospital and led by Dena Sparkman, program director. Others involved will be Sabrina Martin, physical therapist, along with the leadership of Scott Akers, M.D., physiatrist (physical medicine) and Naveed Ahmed, M.D., neurologist.

The group will meet at 7 p.m.

on Thursday, July 15, in the dining room of the Rehabilitation Hospital, located on PMC's tenth floor of the May Tower.

Stroke is the nation's third leading cause of death and the leading cause of serious long-term disability. The Rehabilitation Hospital at Pikeville Medical Center is a 23,000 square foot facility with 40-beds dedicated exclusively to providing physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy along with patient and family education.

For more information about the stroke support group or any of the services provided by the Rehabilitation Hospital, please call (606) 218-1040.

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Violations

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Branham violated the terms of his probation twice by taking drugs like Xanax, in April, and Lorcet, in May. Mike Stuebaker, who defended Branham as well, said that a valid prescription was used for the drugs, but Judge Caudill sharply replied, "I would question how valid it was, but we're not here today to go after a doctor, though they should be side by side."

Though he will serve only two years for two charges of

theft by unlawful taking, he received a strong admonishment from the court.

"It's not the first time you've been up here for a parole violation," Caudill said. "You're not taking this seriously. I want you to know right up front that when you're back in here, there will be an additional charge of persistent felony offender and that will double any sentence that is imposed."

Branham seemed to shrink as the judge went on to make a prediction about his future.

"If I were a betting man I'd say you'll be back here 90 days after you get out," Caudill said. "You don't take any of this seriously. You don't want the help."

Branham offered no response, though he was free to do so in this procedure, which asks for input from the accused as well as attorneys for both sides.

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Jarrell said.

One of the standard questions that is always asked when a defendant pleads guilty is if the defendant is in his or her right state of mind to enter a guilty plea. When Jarrell was asked this question, he laughed and said that he didn't really know.

Judge Caudill came back with, "I don't know if you are in your right mind or not, growing marijuana on the county attorney's property."

Both men were scheduled to be sentenced the week after the Memorial Day flood, in which both men and their families lost nearly everything they had. In light of this, the court and Commonwealth's Attorney's Office agreed to postpone the sentencing, and both men thanked Judge Caudill and the commonwealth for their understanding.

First crop of homegrown doctors completes residency requirements

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Painfully aware that recruitment programs alone weren't enough to fill the need for physicians, people in central Appalachian pulled off a radical plan.

They created their own medical school and began training their own doctors.

The first group of 40 homegrown physicians from the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine finished their residency programs earlier this month and have begun opening offices in communities throughout the mountain region. Hundreds more are now in the pipeline.

"It's been a long road," said Dr. Thad Manning, who will begin his practice next month at Regina, a tiny coalfield community about 10 miles south of Pikeville. "You're talking quite a long period that you put your life on hold, without work, without income, but there's just such a need for medical care in this area."

When Paintsville attorney Chad Perry first proposed a medical school in eastern Kentucky a decade ago, he said people scoffed. When he put up the first \$1 million to help fund such a school, even the naysayers stopped and took notice.

Now, the 75-year-old Perry has a Pikeville graduate as one of his personal physicians.

"When I recommended we start a medical school in Eastern Kentucky, a few people said that Perry fellow must have something wrong with him; that can't be done," Perry said. "It's a blessing that's been a long time in coming."

For decades, the central Appalachian region has worked hard to improve doctor-to-patient ratios, primarily by recruiting physicians from other states and countries. Even so, the region has only about one primary care physician for every 1,200 people, said John Strosnider, dean of the Pikeville medical school. The ratio is even lower in the region's most economically distressed counties.

For example, Owsley County, with 4,800 residents, has only two doctors. Strosnider said that falls far short of the standard in urban areas of one primary-care physician for every 900 people.

"I could go to a larger city, to Lexington, to Louisville but what you do there really doesn't make the difference like it does here," Manning said.

The Pikeville medical school, established in 1996 with \$10 million from private corporate and government donors, now has 270 students, with 180 more now going through three-year residency programs.

Osteopaths undergo similar training to medical doctors, and like MDs can prescribe drugs and perform surgeries. Osteopathic medicine places a special emphasis on the interrelationship of organs and body systems.

Graduates are not only encouraged to work in communities with few doctors; they're expected to.

Manning said starting a medical school in the region was a great idea.

"Actually being trained here, I think, prepares us better to practice here," he said. "Out of the doctors coming out of the Pikeville residency program, we're all staying somewhere out here in Appalachia."

Strosnider said the medical school would not be fulfilling its directive if most didn't open offices in the mountains.

"Our mission was to try to get physicians who would be willing to practice in rural Appalachia," Strosnider said. "That's what they're doing. Most of them were picked from this area, trained in this area, and did residencies in this area. They speak the language. They know the needs. That's the ideal family practice physician."

Strosnider said this year's crop of homegrown physicians won't be nearly enough to eliminate the deficit.

"We're not going to be flooding the market," he said. "There's a big gap here. We hope over the years to fill that gap."

Disaster aid application deadline approaching

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's disaster victims have 28 more days to register for a broad range of state and federal assistance programs.

July 9 marked the halfway point in the 60-day registration period. Registrations cannot be accepted after the August 9 deadline, but the Federal Emergency Management Agency will continue to process all applications received before the deadline.


"Any resident of a declared county who suffered losses should register for possible assistance even if they have insurance," said Pat Seaman, FEMA's deputy federal coordinating officer. "Don't disqualify yourself by not registering. We can't help you if we don't hear from you."

The registration period and


the deadline apply to the Kentucky disaster declaration signed by President Bush, June 10, and includes the 78 counties eligible for state/FEMA individual assistance programs. The disaster declaration covers uninsured losses caused by a series of severe storms that occurred between May 26 and June 18.

It takes only a few minutes to register by calling (800) 621-FEMA (3362). The number for those with speech or hearing impairment is (TTY) (800) 462-7585. Phone lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

Registration does not require anyone to accept any form of assistance, Seaman emphasized, and receiving assistance has no effect on homeowners insurance because assistance covers only uninsured losses.



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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Questions need to be answered

The lawsuit pending before a Franklin County Circuit Court could be important in clarifying the governor's constitutional authority when operating without a state budget.

The lawsuit, originally filed by Attorney General Greg Stumbo, has been joined by three lawmakers and the watchdog group Common Cause for Kentucky. It challenges the limits of authority of Gov. Ernie Fletcher to run the state without a budget.

The Kentucky Association of State Employees, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers and the AFL-CIO, has also asked to intervene in the lawsuit because they claim that under state law Fletcher must give state workers 5 percent pay raises. In 1984, the General Assembly mandated the 5 percent increase for state employees on their employment anniversary date each year. In his spending plan, Fletcher has proposed giving state employees a 2 percent pay raise this year.

Last week, Judge Roger Crittenden ruled that Fletcher can run the state under an emergency budget but can't spend money on new programs and projects that were not in the previous fiscal year's budget.

This is the second time in four years that the legislature has failed to pass a budget.

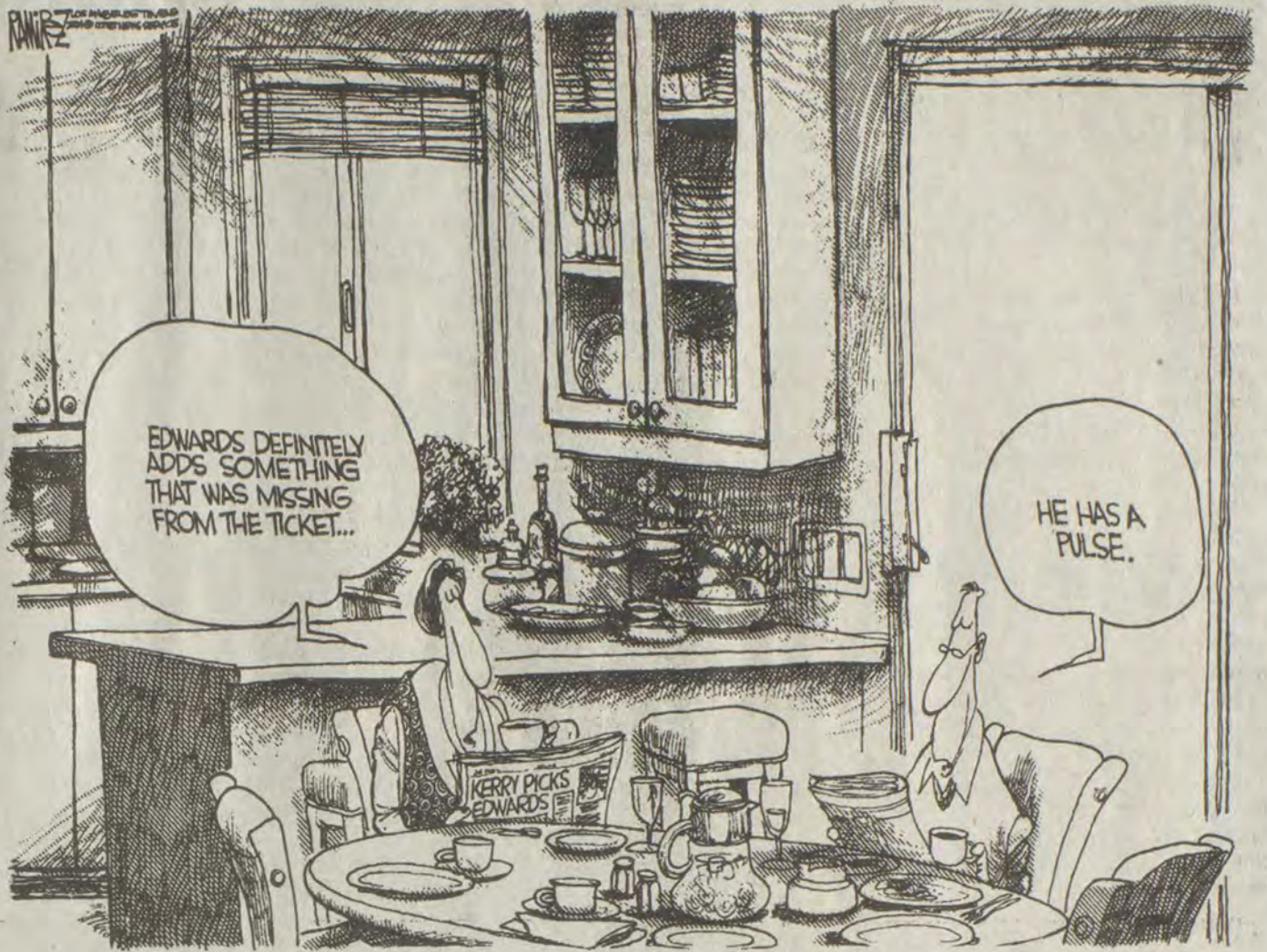
It is unfortunate the General Assembly failed in its constitutional responsibility to do this and that Fletcher and the citizens of Kentucky have been put in this position.

A lawsuit was filed when former Gov. Paul Patton operated the government without a budget, but it was still pending when a budget was later adopted. This left important constitutional questions unresolved.

Hopefully, when all the litigation is behind us, we will know what the governor's powers are and also have answers regarding state employee raises.

We hope that the answer comes sooner rather than later since the absence of a state budget seems to be becoming more common.

— Daily News, Bowling Green



— Jim Davidson

A 'report card' on communist goals

Almost every day I am reminded in some way that we live in a fast, ever-changing world. The things we see about us today are not the same as they were a month ago, a year ago or even a week ago.

This is true in every facet of our individual lives and it is also true in the life of our nation. A good example is what happened to our nation back on Sept. 11, 2001. Ever since that tragic day we have had a sense of urgency to do something about the threat of terrorism that is real, and if not defeated, will continue to gnaw at us like a dog gnawing a bone until it's all gone.

As an American, I commend the actions taken by our leaders, but we must remain vigilant to deal with this threat in the present, and also in the near and distant future. However, because of this new threat, in many ways we have forgotten the real threat that we have dealt with over the past several decades: the threat of Communism.

Because of the fall and breakup of the Soviet Union, I believe many Americans think this threat no longer exists. It would be pointless to name the Communist countries that still exist in the world today, because Communism is

more than just a country; it is a philosophy that seeks to dominate and rule the people who live under its leaders.

To validate what I am saying, if you will go to "The Congressional Record" to the date of Jan. 10, 1963, you will find a list of "Current Communist Goals." These goals were taken from the book, "The Naked Communist" by Cleon Skousen. This information was based on his experience with the FBI for 16 years. If you want or need to be brought back to reality, as I share six of these Communist goals, just ask yourself how many of them have come true and have been fulfilled during the last 40 years.

- Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them censorship and a violation of free speech and free press.

- Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and television.

- Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as normal, natural and healthy.

- Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with social religion.

Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity, which does not need a religious crutch.

- Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of separation of church and state.

- Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.

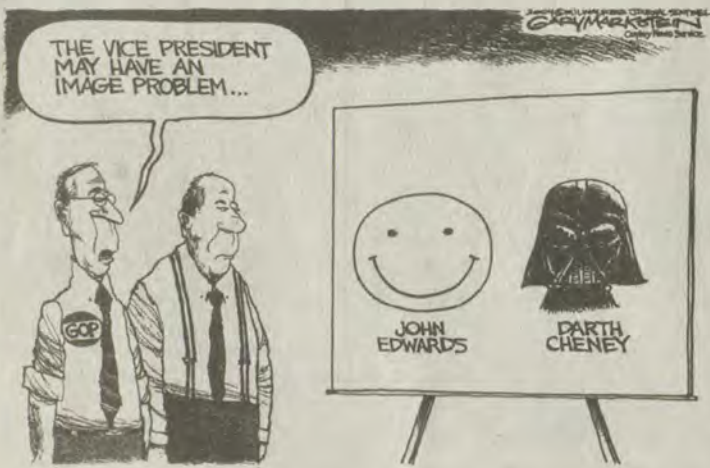
These goals printed in the Congressional Record have been in existence for more than 40 years and they are available for all to see.

At this point, allow me to pose a very somber question. How are the communists, and the ungodly which would do their bidding, doing in our nation? Let's say for a moment that you are a teacher and this is part of the test that you had

to employ to grade your students. What kind of grade would you give them? Would it be high or low marks? Along these same lines, is this something that every American should be concerned about or something we should just ignore and say that it is no big deal and does not matter?

With regards to the future of our nation, in your heart, only you can answer that question. Even at the risk of being ridiculed by some people, I want

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— beyond the beltway

Pro-Moore, anti-Cheney

by DONALD KAUL

I fought my way through the lines to see "Fahrenheit 9/11" the other day. In case you've been living in a cave recently, Fahrenheit is the Michael ("Bowling for Columbine") Moore film that explores the life and times of George W. Bush, who some say is the president of the United States. It also happens to be the biggest box-office smash of the moment.

As an objective, dispassionate, non-partisan observer I found it to be an honest, thorough and, on the whole, balanced picture of our chief executive at work. (More honest, thorough and balanced than an Ann Coulter book anyway.)

Actually, I'm kidding (except for the part about Ann Coulter). The film is a slashing polemic attacking Mr. Bush, his whole crew, and the horses that bring 'em. It uses fair means and foul and is by turns funny, moving, silly and horrifying.

It presents the president as a shifty dunce who owes his career to family connections and powerful corporate interests, which he now primarily

serves. His adventures in the Middle East are viewed in that context.

You got a problem with that, Mister?

More than a few commentators do. Even mild-mannered conservative David Brooks (William Safire's exercise pony at the New York Times) had his hair on fire about the film the other day and Richard Cohen, the Washington Post's New Deal liberal, has castigated it.

The film is unfair, they say.

You have to wonder where they've been. The right wing, for the past 10 years or more has been waging unconditional warfare on liberals and liberals, for the most part, have answered with fairness. And what has it gotten them? A right-wing president, a right-wing-dominated Congress and an increasingly right-wing judicial system.

This administration has taken us into war on a lie, has used its own security blunders to justify a police state and is selling off the country by the board-foot. And you're complaining about Michael Moore being unfair? How can you be unfair to people like that?

I recommend "Fahrenheit 9/11" without reservation. I feel about it as evangelicals felt about Mel Gibson's Christian snuff film: It is your duty to go see it.

Meanwhile, back in the real world, the nation's Chief Operating Officer shocked the nation's capital recently.

Vice President Dick (Mr. Charm School) Cheney cursed at a United States senator on the Senate floor.

I won't mince words. What he said to Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont was: "Go bleep yourself." (Well, maybe I minced them a little.)

The undeleted expletive would be surprising in any context but to do it on the Senate floor is really an outrageous breach of decorum. Sworn political enemies in the Senate habitually address each other as "the right honorable senator" or "my distinguished colleague." It's that kind of place.

And Cheney is the president of the Senate! What's he going to do at the next joint-session of Congress, moon the Democratic side?

He was, of course, unapologetic. (Being a conservative means never having to say you're sorry.) He said of the incident: "I ... felt better after I had done it."

Well, why not? If it feels good, do it. That's what Richard Nixon always said. Also Charles Manson.

The remark had been precipitated by Leahy's suggestion that the no-bid (and some say war-profiteering) contracts

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Faith Extra

Players get to 'smite' enemies in small but growing Christian video game industry

by SARAH LINN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. — In the world of Christian video games, players sport the armor of God, the best weapon is a ball of holy energy known as a "smite," and demon-possessed Roman soldiers drop to their knees in prayer when they're hit.

Right now, the religious-themed games represent just the tiniest fraction of an \$11-billion industry, but developers expect the market to grow with the popularity of faith-based movies and books such as Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" and the "Left Behind" series of novels.

Just how to make the jump to the mainstream, finding producers for Christian games and getting them on store shelves, will be the focus of a small conference this month in Portland that about 100 people are expected to attend.

Event organizer Tim Emmerich said Christian game developers — mostly evangelical Protestants — want to provide a clean, safe alternative to shoot-'em-up games like "Grand Theft Auto," spreading the gospel without boring or alienating players.

The target audience ranges from Christian gamers eager for new thrills to teenagers and 20-somethings who have never picked up a Bible, said Emmerich, a software engineer who attends Circle Church of Christ in Corvallis.

To Canadian developer Mackenzie Ponech, the idea is creating a fun, entertaining game that doesn't condescend to its non-Christian players.

"It's not about taking a Bible, rolling it up and shoving it down the person's throat who's playing the game," said Ponech, who co-founded Two Guys Software in Edmonton, Alberta.

In the company's most popular game, "Eternal War: Shadows of Light," players assume the role of Mike, an angel charged with saving a suicidal teen. They battle demons — and the teen's own doubts — with spiritual weapons that include "soul disks," "Trinity blasts," and the "smite," a ball of liquid holy energy that vaporizes bad guys.

"Eternal War" also references the "armor of God" mentioned in St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. "It's almost like your meat-and-potatoes for a Christian game," Ponech said.

Unlike some of their secular counterparts, Christian video games avoid "all that blood and guts and gore," said Ralph Bagley, CEO of N'Lightning Games in Medford.

Enemies vanish, vaporize, or, in the case of the Roman soldiers in N'Lightning's "Catechumen," start praying as Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" rings out. Most games incorporate Bible verses, and story lines often focus on spiritual struggles.

Religion expert Larry Eskridge says the emerging Christian video game industry marks the latest effort by religious believers to put their own imprint on popular culture.

Evangelical Protestants have led the charge since World War II, seeking sanctified versions of everything from board games and television to rock 'n' roll,

said Eskridge, associate director of the Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill.

But some in the industry question whether consumers will be as eager to embrace Christian games as they are to play secular versions.

Most retailers are reluctant to pick up Christian video games because the products don't have a proven track record, said Dave Tanner, senior buyer for Christian Supply Centers. The retail chain has 16 stores in Oregon, Washington state and Idaho.

"As a buyer, I want to see past sales. I want to see a forecast," Tanner said. That's difficult with the relatively new Christian video games, which make up such a small portion of the market that CBA International, formerly the Christian Booksellers Association, doesn't track sales.

Companies also struggle to find investors for game development, said Bagley, the N'Lightning CEO. His game "Catechumen" took 15 months and \$830,000 to create — often demanding 16-hour days from his 11-person team.

To boost interest, the industry is pinning its hopes on video game versions of established properties such as "Left Behind" and "Veggie Tales" — based on the children's video series in which singing, talking vegetables act out stories with wholesome or biblical themes.

"There's a huge void and a tremendous opportunity for growth," said Troy Lyndon, who helped found the Murietta, Calif.-based Left Behind

Games Inc. last October.

Left Behind Games' first effort, "Eternal Mission," will follow the plot of the apocalyptic thriller series and is to be released in late 2005.

Lyndon hopes that "Eternal Mission" and its successors can avoid one criticism of the industry — that Christian video

games lag behind secular games in terms of visual quality and fast-paced action.

Arron Daniels, a 29-year-old gamer and former youth minister, thinks the potential for growth is there, provided that Christian developers continue to improve graphics and gameplay. He sees a parallel with

Christian music.

"When Christian music started 20 years ago, all you had were different versions of 'Amazing Grace,'" said Daniels, who works at the Christian radio station KBNJ in Corpus Christi, Texas. "Today we can compete with the big boys."

Cabinet denying jobs to retired state workers

FRANKFORT — The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet has started denying jobs to candidates who retired from the state payroll.

The new policy is aimed at stopping a practice known as "double dipping," in which retired state employees return to collect a salary in a new job, or even back to their old one, while drawing state pensions.

For now, Lt. Gov. Steve Pence, who serves as Justice Cabinet secretary, has banned hiring retirees unless it's for a skilled position not easily filled, said Joe Whittle, the cabinet's director of legal services.

As a result of the cabinet's policy, two women were fired abruptly after only days on the job. One retiree said she had been asked by the cabinet to apply and had quit another job to return.

So far, Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration hasn't adopted a blanket policy, leaving such rehiring decisions up to individual cabinet secretaries. As a result, former state employees might be turned away by one cabinet but welcomed back by another.

"We're trying to move cautiously on this," said Daniel Groves, Fletcher's chief of staff. "The secretaries need to be able to determine what their needs are."

Other cabinets said they don't have a hard and fast policy. Some, such as officials in the Transportation Cabinet, said the issue hasn't come up yet.

"If they've got the right skills for what we want, I don't see a problem," said Robbie Rudolph, Finance and Administration Cabinet secretary. He added that re-employing retirees might even save money, because they already receive state-paid health benefits. For a new employee, that would be an added cost.

Some employment attorneys say state government is like any private employer — it has the right not to hire someone for any reason that doesn't violate anti-discrimination laws that cover characteristics such as age, race, gender or disability.

"The marketplace provides for you to be as unfair as you want to be — even if it means firing someone for the color of his socks," said Lexington attorney David Rollins Marshall.

Not everyone in the Justice Cabinet knew about Pence's policy.

Instead of telling retirees they need not apply, Kentucky State Police recently talked Sharon Robinson, a 48-year-old single mother of three, into interviewing for the job from which she had retired last summer after 28 years.

Robinson said former super-

visors at the state police driver test station in Lexington asked her in May whether she'd be interested in returning as a secretary.

She applied; scored high on a test, according to personnel records; and was rehired May 25.

Robinson said she then resigned from the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government health department, where she had been since January, and reported for work at the state police office June 1.

"It was like going home again," she said.

Her stay lasted less than a week.

On June 4, a supervisor told Robinson that she was no longer needed. She said no one gave a reason.

Another retiree, Pam Burris, 51, of Lawrenceburg started as a driver test administrator, on the same day as Robinson. Burris had worked for the state division of waste management and the state police between 1988 and 2001.

The state fired Burris on the same day as Robinson. Burris did not return several phone calls.

The state police said in a statement that during the hiring process, officials failed to send paperwork on Robinson and Burris to the Justice Cabinet secretary's office, as required by a long-standing state personnel rule.

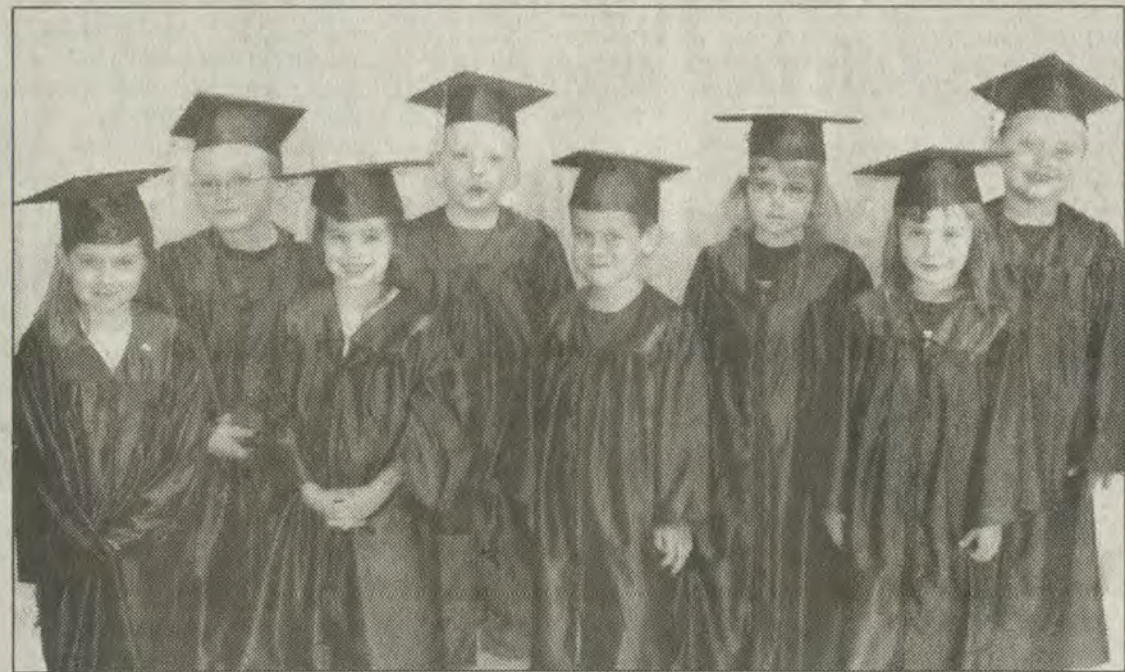
Because of the cabinet's "general policy ... not to rehire retired employees back into similar positions," Robinson and Burris would not have been

approved by Pence, the statement said.

Robinson, who returned to the Lexington health department this week, said she does not agree with that philosophy.

"I worked for my retirement. And if the opening came up and I qualified for it, why not hire me?" she said.

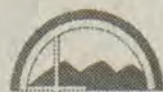
Robinson also said she returned for the job's starting salary of \$21,840 a year — not the \$36,000 she was paid before she retired in July 2003.



The class of 2004 includes, from left to right, Dara Ward, daughter of Darryl and Carolyn Ward; Kendrick Cook, son of Jeremy Cook and Kristie McCoy; Katelyn Fields, daughter of Danny and Diana Fields; Corey Hanson, son of Andrew and Marcie Hanson; Brent Burke, son of Chris Burke and Marinda Kirk; Emily Callahan, daughter of John Callahan and Kim Callahan; Morgan Dingess, daughter of Michael and Terina Dingess and Zack Mollett, son of Greg and Lisa Mollett.

CAP's Martin County CDC graduates first class

INEZ — The Martin County Child and Family Development Center will graduate its first class on Friday, July 16, at the Martin County Child and Family Development Center facility located in the rear of the building at the Roy F. Collier Community Center in Inez.



CAP Corner

This is the first class that has graduated from the facility since it opened last October. Since then, the center has settled into what has become a structured yet homey, kid-friendly child and family development center.

Sometimes, parents may have questions as to what the Martin County Child and Family Development Center has to offer children. MCCFDC provides a service to children

aged 1 to 5 years. It operates from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at a cost of \$10 a day.

During the day, each child will be cared for in a structured and loving environment, with plenty of educational activities to stimulate and challenge the young mind. The center has several "sta-

tions" that represent different aspects of human development, from language development to pre-math to the development of social skills.

In the toddler department, teacher-student ratio is 1-to-5; in the preschool department the teacher-student ratio is 1-to-11. Staff members are trained and certified to care for and provide a safe and nurturing environment for each child.

In addition, the center also offers what is known as a "parent night" one evening each month. Parent nights are designed to give children and parents a chance to interact at the center. We offer crafts, classes and possibly a local speaker or two to liven up the evening.

For information on enrollment or other questions call Program Manager Brenda Wireman at (606) 298-2651.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Barbara Ann Greene Bell, age 37, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Monday, July 5, at Parkview Hospital, in Fort Wayne. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Beatrice Newman Bryant, age 85, died Sunday, July 4. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Odds

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ing trip and bit into a pear that had been chilled with dry ice. The fruit had absorbed the CO2 and had a fizz like soda pop.

Now Kaufman is working with OSU professor John Henry Wells. They hope to find a way to carbonate fruit on a commercial scale. The researchers say fizzy fruit should be a big hit with kids and their parents.

Beltway

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that Halliburton has been awarded in Iraq were a function of Mr. Cheney's having been its chief executive. (Though why anyone would think that is beyond me, unless of course he had a sixth-grade education or better.)

Republicans were quick to jump to the vice president's defense. "He's a tremendous asset to the Republican party," said the chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Of course he is. He is, in fact, the quintessential right-wing hero — a coarse, mean-spirited

Davidson

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to tell you how I feel about what is going to happen down the road.

As I have studied the Bible over the years, there is story in the Old Testament that directly relates to what is happening to our nation today. This story is recorded in the book of Genesis and is about Abraham, who is known as the "Father of the Hebrew people."

When God commanded Abram (whose name was later changed to Abraham) to leave the Ur of the Chaldeans and go to the land of Canaan, he took his nephew Lot with him. In time, they both became so prosperous they had to separate and Abraham settled in the land of Canaan while Lot, given the choice, settled in the fertile valley of the Jordan River and moved his tents as far as Sodom.

The men of Sodom, and its neighbor Gomorrah, were very sinful and wicked and because of this God decided to destroy

Violate

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for valley fills and coal waste impoundments.

Under the nationwide permit option, the corps set conditions and thresholds guaranteeing automatic approval for a permit application that meets the criteria. Under the individual permit option, the proposed mining operation has to go through a detailed environmental analysis.

Goodwin ruled that the corps' decision to use the streamlined Nationwide 21 process instead of the more detailed process violated congressional intent when lawmakers passed the federal act.

"The 'category' of activities authorized by NWP 21 ... is nothing more than the collection of activities that the corps determines, during reviews that take place long after the issuance of NWP 21, will have minimal effects," Goodwin wrote. "The plain language of the Clean Water Act prohibits this procedure."

Goodwin's ruling would require closer review of valley fill applications.

"The judge's ruling forces

Bobby Curnutte, age 72, of Auxier, died Monday, June 28, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 1, under the direction of Jones & Preston Funeral Home.

Virgil Goble, age 82, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, July 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 5, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Irene Hall, age 50, of Teaberry, died Friday, July 2, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sally Prater Humble, age 75, of Hunter, died Wednesday, June 30, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dorothy Turner Martin, age 87, of Martin, died Sunday, June 27. Funeral services were con-

thug without wit, manners or that indefinable thing that for want of a better name we call class.

No wonder the Republican Right loves him — and they are welcome to him.

Donald Kaul, recently retired as Washington columnist for the Des Moines Register. He has covered the foolishness in our Nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email him at donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

them. When he learned of God's decision, Abraham pleaded with God and said, "Would you also sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the 50 righteous who are in it?" The final outcome was, finding not even 10 who were righteous; God destroyed these wicked cities by sending fire and brimstone.

I believe with all my heart that God has withheld judgment from America because we still have millions of godly, righteous people here. My question to you is this, "If we continue down the same path with regards to our nation's moral decay as in the past 40 years, will God continue to spare us?" This is far more serious than most of us realize.

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them to comply with the law, which is something the Bush administration has refused to do. Secondly, it forces them to confront the science ... that shows the impact of this devastating mining on southern West Virginia," Lovett said.

Mine operators contend that valley fills are an essential part of surface mine operations, which must contend with large quantities of waste.

Corps lawyers say mitigation plans, like diverting streams or rebuilding them in man-made drainage ditches, make up for any damage and lower the impact to the minimal level.

But in the nationwide permit program, "the methods that project proponents can propose to 'mitigate' the effects of their discharge are seemingly infinite," Goodwin wrote.

Previous lawsuits have targeted different aspects of mountaintop removal, which environmentalists say has resulted in the destruction of more than 1,000 miles of stream beds in West Virginia alone.

ducted Saturday, July 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Minnie Music James, age 82, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, July 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 7, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Darlean Akers Jones, age 59, of Cartersville, Georgia, formerly of Toler Creek, Harold, died Monday, July 5, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Treva Christine Martin, age 78, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, July 6, at the Cleveland Clinic, in Cleveland, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Grace Osborne Mulkey, age 82, of Ivel, died Tuesday, July 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Billy Lee Parsons, age 70, of Wabash, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, July 6, at the Wabash County Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Nina Lou Phillips, age 64, of Emma, died at Pikeville Medical Center, in Pikeville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Otis "Bum" Sparkman, age 66, of Hueysville, died Friday, July 2, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John Michael Tackett, age 34, of Melvin, died Saturday, July 3, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Ryan Thomas Fairchild, age 23, of Paintsville, died Monday, July 5, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday,

Lawmakers ask judge to order Fletcher to call special session

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Three state lawmakers want a judge to force Gov. Ernie Fletcher to call a special session of the General Assembly to pass a state budget.

In a motion filed Thursday, Reps. Steve Nunn of Glasgow, Charles Geveden of Wickliffe and Jim Wayne of Louisville asked Franklin County Circuit Judge Roger Crittenden to order Fletcher to call the special session. Geveden and Wayne are Democrats; Nunn is a Republican.

"Like most members of the General Assembly, they are anxious to get to work to develop a budget, and their hands are tied right now," said Phillip Shepherd, a lawyer for the three.

Fletcher's general counsel, John Roach, dismissed the request, saying the state Constitution gives the governor sole authority to call a special session.

"They do not cite one case or one legal authority that stands for the proposition that the governor can be ordered to call a special session by the court," Roach said.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, agreed that the courts can't compel a

July 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lorraine VanHoose Mason, age 79, of Huntington, W.Va, formerly of Johnson County, died Monday, July 5, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 8, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ruby Jewell Meadows, age 76, of Wintonsville, died Saturday, July 3, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Archie D. Adkins, age 66, of Palatine, Illinois, died Wednesday, July 7, at Northwest Community Healthcare, in Arlington Heights. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 11, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Phillip L. Elliott, age 66, of Regina, died Tuesday, July 6, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 8, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Chad Edward Holbrook, age 31, of Jonancy, died Monday, July 5, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 10, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Emma Lee Kiser Collier Holbrook, age 74, of Jonancy, died Monday, July 5, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 10, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

MSU one of four nationwide to offer space science degree

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University has joined the ranks of Embry-Riddle, Florida Institute of Technology and City University of New York as the only universities in the United States to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in space science.

The new program was approved by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education earlier this year.

Alfred Smith Leslie, age 76, of Shreve, Ohio, formerly of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 6, at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Hospital, in Cleveland. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 8, under the direction of McIntire, Davis & Greene Funeral Home, of Wooster, and Thacker Funeral Home.

Sidney Lucas, age 76, of Jenkins, formerly of Shelby Gap, died Thursday, July 8, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 11, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

David Gene Mullins, age 43, of Meta, died Wednesday, July 7, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 10, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Peggy Mullins, age 48, of Virgie, died Wednesday, July 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 10, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Ballie Wayne Sanders, age 42, of East Shalbiana, died Wednesday, July 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 13, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Herman Yates, age 64, of Greasy Creek, died Sunday, July 4, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Georgina Richardson Yates. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 7, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

"Without a doubt, the Space Science Center will be the most exciting and influential program in East Kentucky," said MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin. "Space is the future and being able to prepare students for work in this field will be a challenging, but the accomplishment will make others become aware of this campus and its educators."

The curriculum will make a positive impact on the state's economy by preparing Kentuckians for careers in physics, astrophysics, satellite telecommunications, electrical engineering, mathematics, computer science and wireless technology.

Morehead's Space Science Center was established in January 2001 after a Space Act Agreement was signed with NASA. The Space Science Center will operate a 21 Meter Space Tracking Antenna for research and student training that is expected to come online in December.

MSU's Space Science Center will provide a research and educational facility with state-of-the-art laboratories for undergraduate students in space science. Space science is an extremely interdisciplinary and technology-intensive discipline that encompasses physics, astrophysics, satellite telecommunications, electrical engineering, mathematics and computer sciences.

New degree programs to be offered will include: B.S. in Space Science, and B.S. in Physics with an Area of Concentration in Astrophysics and a Minor in Astronomy. Morehead State University has received significant funding from NASA, the Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation, National Science Foundation and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Dr. Benjamin K. Malphrus, director of the Space Science Center, at (606) 783-2212.

MARTIN COUNTY

Easter Meek, age 67, of Tomahawk, died Tuesday, July 6, at King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 10, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

William Ricky Mills, age 39, of Inez, died Tuesday, July 6, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, W. Va. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 9, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Oscar Barnett, age 71, of Louisa, died Sunday, July 4, at his residence. Memorial services were conducted Saturday, July 10, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

George Lawrence Childers, age 95, of Louisville, formerly of Lawrence County, died Sunday, July 4. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 8, under the direction of Embry-Bosse Funeral Home, of Louisville, and Young Funeral Home, of Louisa.

KNOTT COUNTY

Denzil Haynes, age 47, of Beattyville, formerly of Knott County, died Thursday, June 24, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lawrence Holland, age 53, of Hindman, died Sunday, July 4, at U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bernice Mullins, age 75, of Amburgey, died on Saturday, July 3, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 5, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Verlin Thornsberry, age 82, of Kite, died Thursday, July 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Ernest Dale Chaffins

Ernest Dale Chaffins, age 52, of Inez, passed away on Thursday, July 8, 2004, at his residence.

Born December 13, 1951, in Floyd County, he was the son of Erma Oney Chaffins, of Inez, and the late Cecil Chaffins. He was a disabled mechanic.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by one son, Danny Chaffins, of Dayton, Ohio; a daughter, Karla Sensabaugh, of Dayton, Ohio; seven brothers, Richard Chaffins, of Louisville, Jay B. Chaffins and Charles Chaffins, both of Dayton, Ohio, Albert Chaffins, Steve Chaffins, and Dee Chaffins, all of Prestonsburg, and Wally Chaffins, of Richmond; four sisters, Barbara Hurd, of Prestonsburg, Serena DeRossett, of Versailles, Hazel (Girlye) Martin, of Mansfield, Ohio, and Charlotte Kidwell, of Nicholasville; two grandchildren, Brooke and Trevor Sensabaugh; a loving companion, Loretta Osborne; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one brother, Buster Chaffins.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, July 11, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Tom Martin will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Martin-Smith Cemetery, at Wayland.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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Garner named assistant football coach at Morehead State

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Chris Garner has been named an assistant football coach at Morehead State University. Garner, a former assistant coach at Cumberland College and at the University of Findlay, will coach the Eagle defensive line.

"Chris is a bright young coach with championship experience who can take our young men to another level," said Eagle Head Coach Matt Ballard. "He will be a great addition to our staff."

Garner played high school football at Aiken High School in Cincinnati. He was a four-year letterwinner and an all-conference defensive tackle at Findlay.

He holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Findlay.

The MSU Football Eagles, two-time defending Pioneer Football League South Division Champions, finished 8-3 in 2003. Morehead State will open the 2004 season at home on Sept. 4 against Coastal Carolina.

Date being finalized for P'burg youth camp

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — With the month of July close to two weeks old, Prestonsburg High School head coach John DeRossett and his staff are busy preparing for the start of practice. In addition to preparing for the upcoming 2004 high school football season, DeRossett and staff are also getting ready to settle on a date for the annual fundamental football camp. In the past, the Blackcat fundamental football camp has drawn several participants from Floyd and surrounding counties. The camp is a way for DeRossett, his assistant coaches, and players to interact with some of the area's younger up-and-coming football players.

"Our fundamental youth football camp is something we as a football team always enjoy," said DeRossett. "We enjoy having the younger kids come in and experience Blackcat Football."

Many Prestonsburg High coaches, players and volunteers come together to work the camp.

The Prestonsburg High football team finished the 2003 season with a 7-5 record, including a post-season win over defending state champion Breathitt County.

DeRossett mentioned Saturday, July 31 as a possible date for the camp, but said the date hasn't yet been finalized. A finalized date is expected to be announced later this month.

Start of Bluegrass State Games just around the corner

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — For many area residents, the month of July means participation in the Bluegrass State Games.

Amateur athletes from across the state are invited to take part in any of 28 different sports in this year's Games, which will be held in Lexington and surrounding Central Kentucky communities during the month of July.

Individual events include 5K Road

Race, Cycling, Swimming, Horseshoes, Archery, Disc Golf, Martial Arts, Table Tennis, Basketball, Diving, Racquetball, Tee-Ball, Bowling, Equestrian, Sailing, Tennis, Canoeing, Fencing, Shooting, Track and Field, Chess, Golf, Volleyball, Soccer, Croquet, Gymnastics, Softball, and Wrestling.

Youth soccer will take place the weekend of July 17-18 and adult and high school soccer will take place the following weekend, July 24-25.

Applebee's Park, home of the

Lexington Legends professional baseball team, will again be the site of the opening ceremonies, which will be held on Friday, July 16, from 4 to 9 p.m.

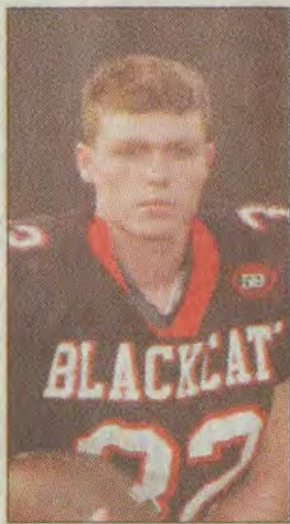
"In spite of tight budget concerns, our staff and volunteers are committed to making sure that participants and observers have a great time during their visit to Lexington and the surrounding area," said George Milligan, Executive Director, Bluegrass State Games. "The Bluegrass State Games brings out the

best in our athletes and we look forward to another year of top flight competition in every event."

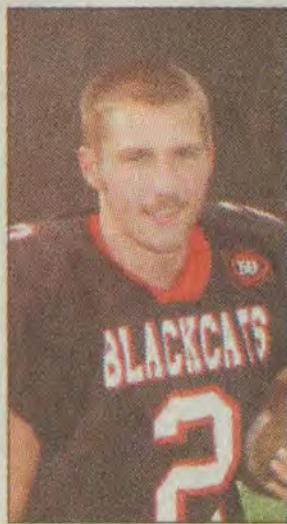
It's easy to participate in the Bluegrass State Games. Just pick up an entry booklet at one of the convenient locations and fill out the form or go to the Bluegrass State website at www.bsgs.org and download a copy. Or you can obtain a copy by calling the Bluegrass State Games office at 1-800-722-2474.

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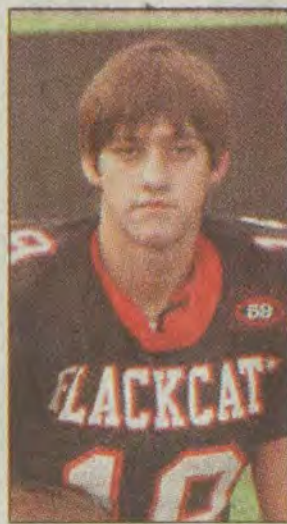
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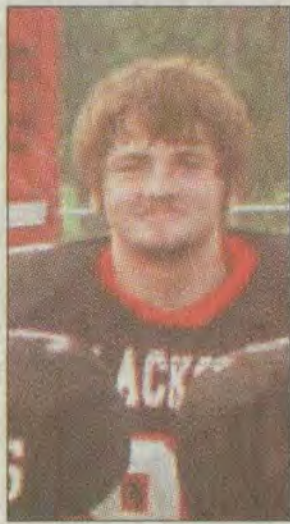
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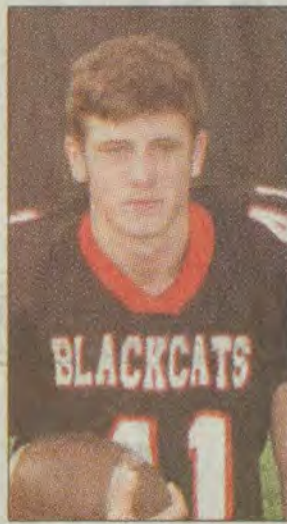
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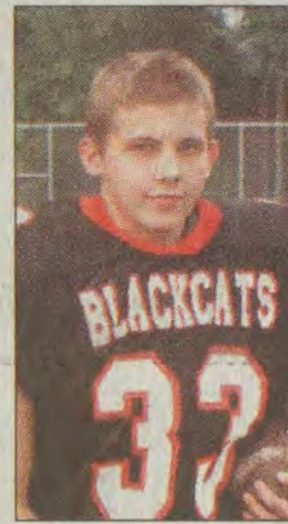
John Mark Stephens



Billy Hicks



David Shaffer



Lincoln Stone

BLACKCATS SET TO BEGIN PRACTICE WITH SEVERAL OFFENSIVE THREATS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The end of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's mandatory dead period brings the beginning of football practice for teams throughout the state, including here in Eastern Kentucky. The Prestonsburg High grid program made its first trip to the Class 2A State Finals in 1992. Prestonsburg returned to the state title game in 2000. Every year brings much optimism and excitement to Prestonsburg, home to one of the state's hardest working and most successful high school football programs.

Playing in Class 2A, Region 4, District 8, Prestonsburg has the

state's top team, defending state champ Belfry, right in front of it.

Members of the Blackcat football team are scheduled to get physicals this evening.

"The start of a new season is always an exciting time," said Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett. "Our kids have worked hard throughout the off-season."

Prestonsburg has pre-season scrimmages scheduled against border rival Paintsville and northern Kentucky foe Boone County. Prestonsburg will open the 2004 season on the road Saturday, Aug. 21 in the Pike County Bowl against host Pikeville.

In recent seasons, Prestonsburg has shown signs of a more balanced run-pass offense. Several players

return from a 2003 Prestonsburg offensive unit that scored 394 points in 12 games.

Here's a closer look at some of the top Prestonsburg offensive returnees:

■ **TREVOR COMPTON, SENIOR** — Returning for a second season under center as the starting Blackcat quarterback, Compton is a double-threat who can both air it out and tuck it in and run. Compton, who started in the Prestonsburg defensive secondary as a sophomore, also stars on defense.

■ **JOE BLACKBURN, SENIOR** — The leading rusher for the Blackcats last season has great

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Second annual home run derby set for today

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — The second annual home run derby, held in conjunction with the Paintsville Little League, will be held today at the Paul B. Hall Little League Field. The public is invited to attend the free event, which begins at 12:30 p.m. Little League program members between the ages of nine and 14 can compete in their age division and battle it out for the home run title and other prizes.

"We are proud to sponsor the second annual Junior Home Run Derby, and give the children and their families a fun day of baseball at the Little League park," said Jim Gambill of Century 21, the event's sponsor. "With the success our winners had last year in the state contest, we wanted to continue this tradition." Winners will be chosen in three divi-

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Cameron Mills Camp coming to Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville Area Family YMCA will host a basketball camp in late-July.

Former University of Kentucky Wildcat Cameron Mills will visit Pike County for the Pikeville Area Day Camp, July 26-29. The camp, for boys and girls ages 6-13, will be conducted in half-day morning sessions.

Mills is no stranger to the state of Kentucky. He is not only known for his instrumental play on the 1998 University of Kentucky National Championship team, but also for his religious faith. Mills also conducts annual FCA (Future Christian Athletes) Camps.

The Pikeville camp will include the following:

- Positive instruction in the fundamentals of basketball.
- Emphasis on shooting and ball handling.
- Demonstrations and lectures from Cameron Mills and others.
- Professional staffing of high school coaches and college players.
- Grouping according to age and size.
- Camp T-shirt and ball.

Still fishing a sit-back, propped-up pursuit

by STEVE VANTREESE
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — To some Kentucky anglers, real fishing starts with a forked stick or two jammed into the bank.

Call it still fishing or bottom fishing, there are some to whom the pursuit is about tossing out a bait, propping up a rod and waiting for results. Whether by pure choice or for lack of a boat, some anglers go about their fishing from shore,

plopped down on the ground or in a lawn chair as they study their rod tips for signs of "bites."

Still fishermen put their faith in single locations and the patience to allow fish to find them. They target some of the larger bottom-feeding species, especially catfish, by putting natural and prepared baits on the bottom to wait for scent and taste appeal to attract fish.

Because they present baits and

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KDFWR, Horizon temporarily close Starfire WMA to public access

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — The Starfire Wildlife Management Area (WMA) located in Perry, Knott and Breathitt counties has been temporarily closed to public access, according to officials with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) and Starfire Mining. Officials site security concerns as the reason for

the closure.

Except for sensitive research activities currently underway on the Starfire WMA by KDFWR, University of Kentucky, Starfire, and associated mining personnel, no public use or visitation to the WMA will be permitted until further notice. Fishing, wildlife viewing and other similar activities are not allowed until the WMA reopens.

The Starfire WMA, formerly known as Addington WMA, includes about 16,000 acres. The land is owned by Starfire and leased and regulated by the KDFWR.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) manages, regulates, enforces and promotes responsible use of all fish and

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Fish

wait, still fishermen make use of the stereotypical forked stick to prop up the rod or rods. Commercial rod holders also are available.

The rod holder or y-shaped stick allows the rod to be braced at an upward angle with the line held at some tension so nibbles on the bait can be seen through twitches of the rod tip. They also allow a better "quick draw" for setting the hook on a fish that has taken the bait.

Rigging terminal tackle is a matter of tying on a weight heavy enough to hold the bait stationary and a hook independent enough that a fish taking the bait won't easily sense the unnatural weight of the sinker.

Bottom-fishing anglers often rely on a three-way swivel with a trio of eyes. One is tied to the main line. The other two eyes

are connected to short leaders, one tipped with the hook, the other linked to the sinker. With the hook and sinker on separate leaders, a fish can mouth the bait without detecting the weight.

The choice of bait may vary with the species sought, but many anglers opt for standards that appeal to many varieties of fish. Nightcrawlers or pieces of them and backyard-variety garden worms are universal because they will catch most any fish that swims.

Anglers targeting catfish might try a variety of other natural and prepared baits. Minnows, chicken livers, cut bait from shad or skipjack herring, or "stink" baits made by strong-stomached innovators or bought ready-made from bait and tackle stores all may produce good results.

Location is vital because the fisherman waits for the fish to come to him. It might be at a pond, lake, stream or river, but it helps to have casting access to reach a deep hole, a steep ledge, a point, a flat near a channel bend or some other feature that naturally draws fish.

In a tailwater area below a dam or along any stream with significant current, a prime location is an eddy where fish might find respite from steady current.

Tips for better still fishing:

—Use only as much weight as necessary to hold the bait rig in place. Excess weight is more easily detected by fish. For shallow, still water, a couple of split-shot is adequate, while fishing in the strong flow of a river might require a sinker of a few ounces.

—Keep hooks small unless big fish dictate greater size. Baitholder hooks in No. 2 or 4 sizes will catch both small and large fish, but much larger hooks will tend to discourage some of the smaller fish.

—Gear up in accord with the size of the waters and the fish most likely to be encountered. Medium action casting, spinning or spincast gear and 10- or 12-pound line handles bullheads and routine channel catfish. In big rivers or lakes where jumbo catfish, striped bass, fresh water drum, carp or buffalo are likely, heavy bass-weight to saltwater-strength gear and 20- to 30-pound line might be preferable.

—For fishing bigger waters, consider lengthy rods, spinning or casting sticks of 7 to 10 feet, for longer casting reach.

—Consider night fishing for best results. Species like catfish tend to move shallower to feed under cover of darkness. Add a gas lantern and flashlight to your gear and fish the productive late shift.

Set

speed and often gets stronger as the game goes longer. Blackburn has earned carries out of the Blackcat backfield each of the last three seasons.

■ **JEREMY CARR, SENIOR** — Known probably more for his defensive play, Carr was inserted into the Blackcat backfield last season at fullback and quickly answered the call. A tenacious defensive player, Carr gives Prestonsburg both another strong runner out of the backfield and a feared, capable

blocker.

■ **JOHN MARK STEPHENS, SENIOR** — A big target with soft hands, Stephens has visited the University of Nebraska twice over the past four months and enters his senior season looking to again be a pass-catching threat on offense and a stopper on defense.

Stephens was a starter on the Prestonsburg defense as a sophomore and also has many varsity plays under his belt.

■ **JESSE CHAFFIN, SENIOR** — Quite possibly the most underrated player in Class 2A, Region 4, Chaffin has an ideal pass-catching frame. A basketball player who can sky for a rebound, Chaffin, like many other Blackcats, plays on both offense and defense. He, too, began becoming involved in the Prestonsburg offense as early as his sophomore season.

■ **BILLY HICKS, SENIOR**

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wildlife species, their habitats, public wildlife areas and waterways for the benefit of those resources and for public enjoyment. KDFWR, an agency of the Commerce Cabinet, has an economic impact to the state of \$4.8 billion annually. For more information on KDFWR, go online to www.fw.ky.gov.

Elliott to drive Elvis-themed Dodge at Memphis

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — On the front steps of Sun Studio, and in harmony with Tuesday's worldwide celebration of "50 Years of Rock 'n' Roll," officials from Memphis Motorsports Park, along with Elvis Presley Enterprises, the Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau and Action Performance Companies, announced that former NASCAR Cup champion Bill Elliott will compete in the Sam's Town 'He Dared To Rock' 250 on Oct. 23 in a specially-designed Dodge sponsored by Lucas Oil and Boyd Gaming Corporation's Sam's Town Tunica Hotel & Gambling Hall.

Elliott and officials from the track unveiled the No. 09 Elvis Presley 'He Dared To Rock' Dodge at the legendary Sun Studio Tuesday, fifty years to the

day that a young Presley stepped inside the studio to record the revolutionary "That's All Right." Also on hand at this once-in-a-lifetime celebration of Memphis music were "50 Years of Rock 'n' Roll Ambassadors" Justin Timberlake, Isaac Hayes, Scotty Moore and "Sam the Sham" Samudio.

"Just to be a part of an event like this is an honor," Elliott said. "What a neat deal it's going to be, running with Elvis in his hometown. We've got a good-looking paint scheme that sure would look good in Victory Lane, too."

Adorned with a logo of Elvis on the hood, the car will carry "Awesome Bill" Elliott in his first race in Memphis and his first NASCAR Busch Series race since the 1994 season opening Goody's 300 at Daytona International Speedway.

"We have long enjoyed our

relationship with racing and NASCAR. As we celebrate this very special 50th anniversary year, we just know how proud Elvis would be to know that his image and Legacy are being honored in this exciting sport and, even better, in his own home town," said Jack Soden, CEO of Elvis Presley Enterprises.

"Two legends. One car. One big race. It's almost too good to be true," said Jason Rittenberry, Memphis Motorsports Park vice president and general manager. "But thanks to Elvis Presley Enterprises, Lucas Oil, Sam's Town and the Memphis CVB, our fans are in for what could be the most anticipated NASCAR race in Memphis' history."

Elliott, a two-time Daytona 500 champion with 44 career wins and a member of the Coca-Cola Racing Family, is running a limited NASCAR Nextel Cup campaign this year. Voted the Most Popular Driver a record 16 times by the fans, Elliott was also the 1988 Cup champion.

Also expected to be in the field for the fall race at Memphis is Elliott's protégé rookie phenom Kasey Kahne, who is running a full points schedule on both the Nextel Cup and Busch Series.

Action Performance Companies, the leader in licensed motorsports collectibles and memorabilia, designed Elliott's "He Dared To Rock" paint scheme, which adds to the company's repertoire of Elvis Presley-inspired racecars. Action also will produce die-cast replicas of the No. 09 Elvis Presley 'He Dared to Rock' Dodge in a variety of collector edition scales.

Edwards not penalized for failing inspection

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

NASCAR decided Thursday not to penalize Carl Edwards after his Ford failed post-race inspection last Saturday at Kansas Speedway.

"After reviewing and evaluating the parts that NASCAR officials secured from the No. 99 truck of Carl Edwards, NASCAR has reached the conclusion that the first-lap accident in which he was involved was the direct cause for the truck

failing the minimum height requirement during post-race inspection," said Craftsman Truck Series director Wayne Auton.

"As a result of those findings, there will be no penalties assessed."

The truck was damaged during the race's opening lap when points leader Dennis Setzer drifted wide and put Edwards into the wall. Setzer finished 25th, but has a 34-point lead on Edwards in the series standings.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

JOLIET, Ill. — Jeff Gordon enters this Sunday's Tropicana 400 at the 1.5-mile Chicagoland Speedway with momentum on his side, and redemption in his mind.

In the past three races, Gordon has chalked up two wins and three poles while leading nearly 50 percent of the laps. It all started at the two-mile Michigan International Speedway when Gordon won the pole and led 81 of the first 88 laps before the engine blew in his No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet.

On the twisting road course at Infineon, Gordon dominated the event, winning the race from the pole while leading 92 of 110 laps, a track record. Last Saturday night at Daytona, Gordon led 61 of 160 laps en route to winning the restrictor-plate race from the pole.

But the last time Gordon visited a 1.5-mile track, the result was less than impressive. At Charlotte in May, Gordon finished a disappointing 30th, seven laps down to winner Jimmie Johnson.

"We had a miserable race at Charlotte, and I think it lit a fire underneath us," Gordon said. "This team has been on a mission since then."

"We're heading into this weekend with a lot of confidence. This DuPont team is on a roll right now. We've been strong week in and week out on different types of racetracks."

Gordon, who won his 68th race and 50th pole last weekend at Daytona, has visited Victory Lane at a record 19 of the 23 tracks currently on the NASCAR

Nextel Cup Series schedule. The only tracks that he has yet to win in NASCAR's premier division: Chicagoland Speedway, Texas Motor Speedway, Phoenix International Raceway and Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Although he has never won at Chicago, Gordon is the only driver to complete every lap run at the 1.5-mile speedway. In three starts, he has two top-fives and an average finish of 7.6.

"I hope we can carry the

momentum we have into this weekend and it translates into another strong performance," Gordon said. "It would be nice to win at a track that we haven't won on, yet. 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."

NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts Junior Drag Racing League Eastern Conference Finals to bring 600 Racers To Thunder Valley

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Some of the country's finest, and youngest, drag racers will descend upon Bristol Dragway July 15-17 for the NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts Junior Drag Racing League Eastern Conference Finals.

More than 600 young drivers from 63 tracks in 20 states and Canada will be vying for a total purse of \$98,000. This is the first time Bristol Dragway has hosted the event, something that dragway vice-president Fred King says, is quite an honor.

"This has grown into a tremendous event," he said. "Over the last 10 years interest in youth drag racing has really

taken off and that's obvious by the number of kids we'll have here for this event. We're thrilled to be hosting the Eastern Conference Finals and hope the kids have lots of fun and some great runs while they're here."

During the event, drivers compete for team and individual honors and a share of the \$98,000 purse. Each NHRA member track that runs junior dragsters may put together up to three teams of 10 drivers. Members of those teams earn points for their tracks, and the top scoring team wins the conference final. Prizes also go to the winning driver in each age category. A total of \$11,500 in U.S. Savings Bonds is paid to each of the eight age categories (8-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16-17).

NHRA's O'Reilly Auto Parts Jr. Drag Racing League allows kids to experience the thrill of motorsports in a controlled environment. All junior dragsters must meet stringent NHRA technical and safety standards and drivers must wear a helmet, neck collar, safety jacket and safety gloves, as well as long pants, shoes and socks.

A Test & Tune will take place at Bristol Dragway on Tuesday, July 13 and a Fun Race and Welcome Party will be held on Wednesday, July 14. Racing begins on Thursday, July 15 and continues through Sunday, July 17.

Family section seats to be sold in advance

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Tickets for Martinsville Speedway's popular Family Section will be sold in advance for the running of the SUBWAY 500, scheduled for Oct. 24.

For many years, Martinsville Speedway has reserved a section of reduced-price seats in the third-turn area for families, but tickets went on sale the morning of the event. And adults purchasing tickets had to have their children present at the time of purchase.

"Last spring was the first time we sold the Family Section in advance and it was a big hit," said Martinsville Speedway president Clay Campbell.

"It's much more convenient for fans to make these purchases over the phone. All the old rules still exist for that section. The only change is fans can now buy in advance."

Tickets for the Family Section are \$40 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The tickets went on sale back in May.

There will be a maximum of two adults with each child's ticket, but there is no limit to the number of children an adult can bring.

On race morning, adults cannot enter the gates to the Family Section without a child accompanying them. Everyone sitting in the Family Section must enter through Gate 5.

When the Family Section tickets go on sale on May 17, they may be purchased by phone (877-RACE-TIX) or by visiting Martinsville Speedway's ticket office.

The next action at Martinsville Speedway will be the SUBWAY 500 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series weekend. MW Windows Pole Day is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 22, with the Kroger 250 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race scheduled for Saturday, October 24. The SUBWAY 500 will be run on Sunday, Oct. 24.

Crate engines won't be allowed for Bailey's 300

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Martinsville Speedway officials announced today that crate engines will not be allowed for the Bailey's 300 Late Model Stock Car race at Martinsville Speedway. The race is scheduled for Oct. 10.

"As all competitors know by now, this event has always and will continue to be governed strictly by the NASCAR rule book," said Martinsville Speedway president Clay Campbell. "That being said, there is no mention of crate engines in the 2004 rule book."

"Tracks have the authority to make their own track rule, however, with us only running the Late Model Stocks once a year, we have not, nor do we want to start making our own rules."

"The success of the Bailey's 300 depends heavily on the superb team of inspectors that NASCAR assembles," said Campbell. "We are not involved in the competition side of this

event." Simply put, crate engines are economical engines bought from a major manufacturer. The engine is sealed at the factory and cannot be altered in any way by the teams to enhance performance.

Some Dodge Weekly Racing Series tracks allow crate engines; others do not.

"We are in full support of trying to cut costs to the competitors and the crate engine may be one way to accomplish that, but until they are recognized in the NASCAR rule book, we will continue our rules and eligibility requirements as we always have," said Campbell.

The Bailey's 300 at Martinsville Speedway is the country's richest Late Model Stock race, with the winner taking home at least \$25,000 out of a purse of over \$100,000.

The Bailey's 300 is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 10 at 12:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by calling 877-RACE-TIX.

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BRIEFS: Okafor selected for U.S. Olympic team

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Emeka Okafor was selected for the U.S. Olympic basketball team, filling the final spot on the squad headed to the Athens Games.

Okafor, the second overall pick in the NBA draft by the expansion Carolina Bobcats, was officially added to the team along with Carmelo Anthony, Carlos Boozer, Lamar Odom and Dwyane Wade.

The rest of the U.S. team

going to the Aug. 13-29 games is: Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson, LeBron James, Richard Jefferson, Stephon Marbury, Shawn Marion and Amare Stoudemire.

USA Basketball also confirmed that five players previously named to the team — Mike Bibby, Jason Kidd, Karl Malone, Tracy McGrady and Jermaine O'Neal — have withdrawn because of injuries or personal reasons.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A federal judge dismissed Nolan Richardson's \$8 million race discrimination lawsuit against the University of Arkansas.

U.S. District Judge William R. Wilson ruled that Richardson was fired because of comments he made after a February 2002 loss at Kentucky that the university could buy out his contract, not because of his race or comments the ex-coach made about race.

Richardson was fired March 1, 2002, after he said he would leave the university if it would buy out the remainder of his seven-year, \$7.21 million contract. Arkansas administrators say the remark indicated Richardson had lost faith in his program.

He filed suit claiming he was fired because he is black and that his free-speech rights were violated. The university contended it fired Richardson because his public comments damaged the basketball program.

Richardson, whose Razorbacks won the 1994 NCAA championship and were runners-up the next year, said the decision to fire him after 17 years at Arkansas came later, after he made racially charged comments.

CINCINNATI — Sean

Miller was promoted to head coach at Xavier, replacing Thad Matta.

Miller, Matta's top assistant at Xavier since 2001, has been an assistant coach for 12 years at five schools. The 35-year-old Miller replaces Matta, who left Wednesday to coach Ohio State.

BASEBALL
NEW YORK — New York Yankees pitcher Javier Vazquez and Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Paul Lo Duca were added to the All-Star teams as replacements for injured players.

Vazquez takes the spot of

(See BRIEFS page four)

Browning fired as Freedom manager, replaced by Rose Jr.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLORENCE — Tom Browning was far from perfect as manager of the Florence Freedom.

Browning, the only Cincinnati Reds pitcher to throw a perfect game, was fired Wednesday by the Frontier League team after one-plus season in charge.

The minor-league team replaced him with another former Reds player — Pete Rose Jr. — in what is being called a "guest interim" basis.

"This is not like a permanent thing," Rose said. "It's a one- or

two-day thing. I've worked with a lot of these guys, so I wanted to help out. I'm still a player. I'm not a manager."

Rose, 34, recently returned from playing in the Mexican League. He'd like to finish the summer playing in the independent Northern League in hopes of making a major league spring training next year.

The son of baseball's career hits leader, Rose is a career minor leaguer who has played only 11 games in the majors — all with the Reds in 1997. He had two hits in 14 at-bats.

(See FIRED page four)

WKU lineman Ashley earns first-team accolades

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BOWLING GREEN — Western Kentucky University football player Buster Ashley was named preseason first-team All-America by The Sports Network Wednesday, and he was joined by honorable mention selection Charles

Thompson.

It's the third honor for Ashley, who was also chosen preseason first-team All-America by Athlon Sports and was a second-team selection by Lindy's. And, TSN named Ashley the top returning tackle in NCAA Division I-AA football earlier this summer.

A 6-foot-4, 300-pound senior from Owensboro, Ashley was the fourth consecutive Hilltopper to earn consensus All-America honors last fall after he was recognized by seven different organizations. He graded out at 95 percent overall and led the squad with 168 pancake blocks in 13 contests while surrendering just one sack on the year. Ashley's efforts helped Western average 32.8 points and 394.5 total yards per contest — the Toppers ended the year ranked in the top five in the school record books in both categories.

Ashley also earned second-team All-America accolades as a sophomore, and was a member of the Gateway Football Conference's All-Newcomer Team in 2001. He has been

named first-team all-league each of the last two seasons.

Thompson was voted second-team all-conference last season when he recorded 110 total tackles despite missing three games with injury. The 6-foot-1, 240-pound senior from Louisville, had eight stops behind the line of scrimmage — which included three sacks — a fumble recovery and a pass broken up while helping the Toppers rank in the top 20 nationally in four of five statistical categories.

He enters his final season with 312 career stops, including 31 for loss with 10 sacks.

TSN ranked Thompson 10th among the top 20 returning linebackers in its preseason position analysis.

Western is coming off a 9-4 campaign in which David Elson led the Hilltoppers to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs in his first year as head coach.

Breathitt County High School product Justin Haddix is set to return for a sophomore season under center for the Hilltoppers.

First HealthyHuntington.Org Marathon set

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The First HealthyHuntington.Org Marathon has been scheduled for Nov. 14.

HealthyHuntington.Org is a subsidiary of the Huntington YMCA dedicated to upholding the ideals of the HealthierUS Initiative from the White House. There are four primary goals of this: exercise daily, eat nutritiously, make healthy choices and get preventive screenings. Huntington, West Virginia is ready to tackle these goals and this race is just part of that.

The course will be USATF

certified for the race and will make an excellent Boston qualifier because it is flat and fast. Since this is the inaugural race it will take a little time to have the course certified, but it will be done.

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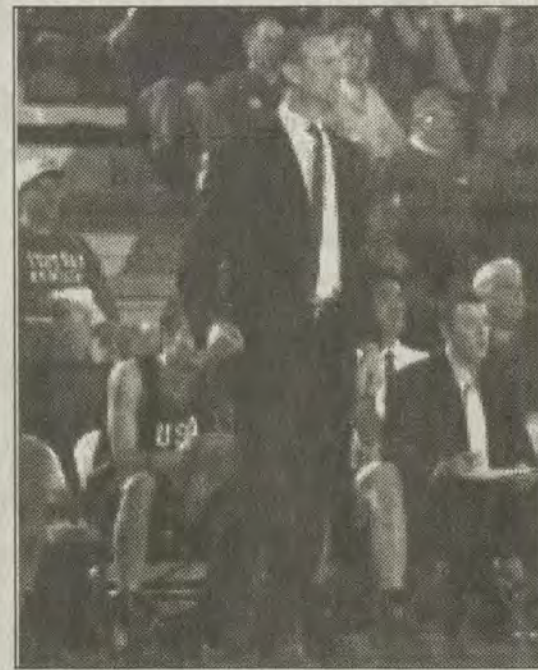


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Paintsville native John Pelphrey has added an assistant coach to his current staff.

Pelphrey adds assistant coach to staff

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOBILE, Ala. — University of South Alabama men's basketball head coach and Paintsville native John Pelphrey has announced the hiring of Tom Ostrom as assistant coach.

Ostrom joins the Jaguar program following seven seasons of working with coach Billy

Donovan at the University of Florida. Ostrom, a Minnesota native, was elevated to assistant coach for the Gators in Spring 2002 after serving five seasons as an administrative assistant/video coordinator. He played an integral role during Florida's 2000 run to the NCAA Tournament championship game.

"I'm really excited to have the opportunity to work with a wonderful person and an outstanding coach in John Pelphrey at a program that is on the rise in the Sun Belt Conference," Ostrom said. "Pelphrey has played a big part in my growth and development as a coach and as a person."

A 1997 University of Minnesota graduate, Ostrom served as a student manager for the Golden Gophers men's basketball team from 1989-93 following a four-year high school playing career at Bethlehem Academy in Faribault, Minn.

Ostrom takes over for Jorge Fernandez who accepted an assistant coaching position at the University of Miami.

"I'm very excited to have Tom Ostrom join our staff," Pelphrey said. "He brings a wealth of recruiting knowledge and contacts as well as a good understanding of our system because of our previous history together."

Jenkins native Matt Figger remains an assistant coach with South Alabama men's basketball staff.

NCAA selects sites for men's and women's tournaments

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA on Thursday announced sites for the 2007 and 2008 men's basketball tournaments and the 2005 and 2006 women's tournaments.

The Division I Men's Basketball Committee revealed where the opening round, first and second rounds and regionals will be for the 2007 and 2008 championships.

The play-in game both years will be held in Dayton, Ohio.

In 2007, the opening two rounds will be played at Buffalo, N.Y., Sacramento, Calif., Spokane, Wash., Winston-Salem, N.C., Chicago, Lexington, Columbus, Ohio, and New Orleans.

The regionals that year will be played in East Rutherford, N.J., St. Louis, San Antonio and San Jose, Calif.

In 2008, the first two rounds will be held at Anaheim, Calif., Denver, Omaha, Neb., Washington D.C., Birmingham, Ala., Little Rock, Ark., Raleigh, N.C., and Tampa, Fla.

The 2008 regionals will be hosted by Charlotte, N.C., Phoenix, Detroit and Houston.

In addition to announcing early sites for 2005 and 2006,

the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee announced a format change that will have the first two rounds held at eight predetermined sites rather than 16.

The first two rounds in 2005 will be played in Dallas, Minneapolis, Seattle, Fresno, Calif., Chapel Hill, N.C., College Park, Md., Knoxville, Tenn., and Storrs, Conn.

For 2006, Chicago, Denver, Nashville, Tenn., Norfolk, Va., Trenton, N.J., Tucson, Ariz., University Park, Pa., and West Lafayette, Ind., will host the first and second rounds.

CENTRE COLLEGE 2004 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Bluffton
Sept. 11	Kenyon
Sept. 18	Rhodes
Sept. 25	Washington & Lee
Oct. 2	Sewanee*
Oct. 9	Millsaps
Oct. 16	Maryville
Oct. 23	Trinity**
Oct. 30	DePauw
Nov. 6	Open
Nov. 13	Rose-Hulman
* Family Weekend	
** Homecoming	

Governor's Cup Classic returns one of the state's most unique golf

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — A one-of-a-kind golf opportunity returns to its original home this August when the Third Annual Governor's Cup Classic tees it up on Thursday, Aug. 5 at the University Club of Kentucky in Lexington.

The day is dedicated both to the kickoff of the 2004 college football season for the state's two Division I-A universities and to the support of two of the state's most recognizable charities — Special Olympics

Kentucky and the County Clerks Trust for Life organ donation awareness program.

The afternoon gets underway with the annual press luncheon presented by Pepsi at 11:45 a.m. in the University Club clubhouse. The luncheon is followed by the annual Kroger Governor's Cup Press Conference with University of Kentucky head football coach Rich Brooks and University of Louisville head football coach

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Kentucky lands 37 on SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A total of 427 freshmen student-athletes were named to the 2004 SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll, Thursday by SEC Commissioner Mike Slive. Kentucky landed 37 athletes on the list.

The University of South Carolina topped the list with 56 freshmen student-athletes on the academic roster. The University of Florida was

close behind with 47 honorees. The University of Tennessee was next with 42 freshmen student-athletes honored.

The 2004 SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll is based on grades from the 2003-04 academic calendar.

The complete 2004 SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll can be found at secsports.com. Kentucky's list follows.

NAME	SPORT	MAJOR
Matthew Allinder	M. Tennis	Undeclared
John Barr	M. Golf	Undeclared
Alejandro Bravo	M. Swimming	Chemical Engineering
Jo Ellen Brown	W. Swimming	Pre-Physical therapy
Thomas Byers	M. Track	Pre-Pharmacy
Nikia Deveaux	W. Swimming	Undeclared
Bradley Doster	M. Golf	Finance
Mark Erlewine	W. Soccer	Integrate Strategic Communications
Sheena Ferguson	Softball	Pre-Nursing
Ashley Fertic	Softball	Undeclared
Gina Florence	W. Tennis	Psychology
Sarah Foste	M. Track	Pre-Physical Therapy
Joshua Fryman	Volleyball	Elementary Education
Julie Gagnon	W. Track	Communications
Jacqueline Gordon	Football	Secondary Education
Dallas Greer	W. Soccer	Undeclared
Sarah Jervis	W. Soccer	Undeclared
Elisabeth Jones	Softball	Journalism
Caroline Kovacs	M. Soccer	Kinesiology
Nathan Li	Softball	Psychology
Emily Marks	Softball	Undeclared
Kimberly Marnitz	W. Tennis	Kinesiology
Lara Maurer	W. Golf	Journalism
Marissa Muir	Basketball	Biology
Robert Perry	Volleyball	Biology
Melissa Popp	M. Track	Marketing
Nicholas Reeves	W. Swimming	Pre-Nursing
Kari Retrum	M. Track	Pre-Pharmacy
John Richardson	W. Tennis	Undeclared
Joelle Schwenk	Softball	Journalism
Jennifer Sibert	W. Tennis	Undeclared
Christine Simpson	M. Golf	Economics
Andrew Stephens	Football	Integrate Strategic Communications
Jacob Tamme	M. Track	Biology
Jonathan Thomas	M. Basketball	Management
Sheray Thomas	W. Tennis	Undeclared
Caroline Winebrenner		

2004 Century 21 Home Run Derby participants announced

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The four active players with 500 or more career home runs — Barry Bonds (681), Sammy Sosa (553), Rafael Palmeiro (540) and Ken Griffey, Jr. (500) — and current Major League home run leader Jim Thome headline the scheduled participants for the CENTURY 21 Home Run Derby, which will take place at 8 p.m. (ET) on

Monday, as part of Gatorade All-Star Workout Day at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

Through games of July 7, Thome leads all Major League hitters with 27 home runs. Other sluggers scheduled to participate include David Ortiz of the Boston Red Sox (22), Hank Blalock of the Texas Rangers (22) and Jason Giambi of the New York Yankees (11). Bonds currently has 23 homers, while

Griffey has 19, Sosa has 14 and Palmeiro has 12.

Griffey, the only three-time winner in CENTURY 21 Home Run Derby in history (1994, 98, 99), will be making his ninth career appearance in the competition (1990, 92-94, 97-2000). Bonds, the 1996 winner, and Sosa, the 2000 champion, will each be making their sixth appearance (Bonds - 1992-93, 96, 2001-02; Sosa - 1995, 99, 2000-02).

Giambi, the 2002 CENTURY 21 Home Run Derby winner, will be making his fourth consecutive appearance (2001-03), while Thome has appeared in two previous contests (1997, 98) and Palmeiro has appeared once (1998). Ortiz and Blalock will be making their first appearance.

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Derby winner's next race set for Pennsylvania Derby

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Smarty Jones will return to the races in front of a hometown crowd at Philadelphia Park.

Trainer John Servis made it official Friday: The Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner has begun serious training for the Pennsylvania Derby on Sept. 6 — the 3-year-old colt's first start since his Triple

Crown bid fell short in the Belmont Stakes on June 5.

"We're not in a hurry to make any race," Servis said, "but he's showing me he's ready to work so we'll start cranking him up. He's right on target for the Pennsylvania Derby."

Servis said Smarty Jones' next workout will probably come in a week to 10 days. "He's been doing great; it's time to start bearing down," he said.

The decision eliminates the Haskell Invitational at Monmouth on Aug. 8 from consideration, and sets the

stage for the biggest day in Pennsylvania racing.

In May, a crowd of nearly 10,000 showed up at the track just to watch Smarty gallop. The Grade 2 Pennsylvania Derby is the state's showcase event and the purse may be raised to \$1 million from \$750,000.

Servis said his goal is to get Smarty Jones ready for the \$4 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas, on Oct. 30.

The trainer said Smarty would make one more start before the Classic, most likely in the Pegasus Stakes at the

Meadowlands sometime in September. The date of the race has yet to be set, so Servis nominated Smarty to the Super Derby at Louisiana Downs on Sept. 25, "in case the Pegasus doesn't fall into place."

Smarty Jones, a Pennsylvania bred owned by Pat and Roy Chapman, is based at Philadelphia Park. His first two starts were at the track, with his last race there a 15-length romp in the Nursery Stakes last Nov. 20.

Servis said the little red chestnut colt has been simply been walking and jogging the past month "to take some time off, and as the old adage goes, 'sharpen your ax.'"

Birdstone ran down Smarty Jones with a furlong to go in the Belmont, spoiling the colt's bid to become for the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978.

Despite the loss, Smarty's popularity remains strong. He was recently syndicated in a deal totaling about \$48 million, and will stand at stud at Three Chimneys Farms near Midway, Ky., after he retires. Servis says fan mail continues to arrive at the barn, and other horses are being named with Smarty in mind. Among them

are Party Jones, Sleepy Jones and Smarty Joe.

Smarty Jones has won eight of nine career starts with earnings of \$7,563,535, including a \$5 million bonus from Oaklawn Park for victories in the Rebel Stakes, Arkansas Derby and Kentucky Derby. The leading North American earner is Cigar at \$9,999,915.

Derby

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sions, with different home run distances designated for each age group. The 9-and-10-year-olds will hit for 150-feet; the 11-and-12-year-olds, 175-feet; the 13-and-14-year-olds, 225-feet.

The top hitter in each division will receive a trophy, and each of the top three finishers will receive a Major League Home Derby t-shirt. The winner of each division will also receive four tickets for the Aug. 14 game of the Cincinnati Reds' AAA farm team, the Louisville Bats, as well as a chance to compete for the state Junior Home Run Derby Championship.

Little League members may register for the event through their coach or Paintsville Little League President Bob Lyons.

UK swimmer is Athens Bound

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Former University of Kentucky All-American Rachel Komisarz punched her ticket to the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece with a come-from-behind first-place effort in the 100-meter butterfly Thursday evening at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials — Swimming in Long Beach, Calif.

Komisarz, a three-time SEC Champion and six-time All-American from 1996-99 under Coach Gary Conelly, trailed former Olympian Jenny Thompson, Dana Vollmer and Demerae Christianson after 50 meters. A mere .48 seconds separated Thompson and Komisarz halfway through the event before Komisarz seized control, defeating her nearest competitor, fourth-place finisher Tara Kirk of Stanford, by .11 seconds in the second leg to claim an Olympic berth, the first for a University of Kentucky swim-

mer. The 27-year-old Komisarz won the event in 58.77 seconds, while Thompson took second in 58.99 seconds.

Komisarz, a Warren, Mich., native, swims for the Lakeside Swim Team in Louisville under Coach Mike DeBoor. She becomes the first athlete with UK ties to qualify for the 2004 Summer Olympic Games. At the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, former UK Rifle Cat Nancy Napski won the gold medal in the air rifle event and former UK track standout Passion Richardson claimed a bronze medal.

The U.S. Olympic Women's Swimming team is coached by Mark Schubert, a 1971 UK graduate and three-year letter winner for the Wildcats. Schubert coaches the men's and women's swimming squads at the University of Southern California.

For complete results, go online to www.usaswimming.org or www.omegatiming.com.

Games

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Entry booklets can also be picked up at these locations: Valvoline Instant Oil Change locations, McDonald's Restaurants in Central/Southeastern Kentucky, Central Bank locations, local parks and recreation departments, public libraries and Marathon convenience stores.

If you are planning to participate in gymnastics (female), fencing, golf, shooting or swim-

ming, the Bluegrass State Games staff urges you to visit the website to obtain up-to-date information and registration material.

The Bluegrass State Games is designed to provide Kentuckians of all ages and activities an opportunity to participate in statewide, family-oriented sports festivals styled after the Olympic Games.

Golf

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Bobby Petrino. The press conference will also include special honors for NFL Hall of Famer George Blanda and former Chicago Bears great Doug Buffone.

Following the press conference, participants will be treated to 18 holes of golf one one of Central Kentucky's top courses, the Arthur Hills-designed Big Blue Course at the University Club. Best of all, they will get the chance to play with members of the current coaching staffs from both schools, members of the media or some of their favorite Wildcat and Cardinal players of the past.

The day concludes with a dinner and cocktail reception with all of the day's guests and dignitaries.

This is truly a unique event

Set

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— A pass-catcher who gives Prestonsburg another deep throw target, Hicks, too, has put in plenty of varsity time over the past couple of seasons.

DAVID SHAFFER, JUNIOR — Shaffer, who as a sophomore finished fourth in the state in the discus throw, may be the most versatile of all the Blackcats. Currently listed as a quarterback on offense, Shaffer has shown that he can heave a pass downfield with ease. On defense, Shaffer has played a

few different positions, including along the line.

LINCOLN SLONE, SOPHOMORE — Coming out of Adams Middle School, Lincoln Slone ranked as one of the top players in his class. Although his freshman season was cut short by an injury, Slone, who played running back in the middle school ranks, and as a freshman, should figure into the Prestonsburg offensive scheme. He has the ability to also split out and play receiver.



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Richardson lawsuit against university dismissed

by JAMES JEFFERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK — A federal judge chastised University of Arkansas leaders for their handling of Nolan Richardson's tirades and complaints in his final years as head basketball coach, but ruled for the university in Richardson's race discrimination lawsuit.

U.S. District William R. Wilson dismissed Richardson's \$8.86 million lawsuit, ruling that the coach was fired because of comments he made after a February 2002 loss at Kentucky, that the university could buy out his contract, not because of his race or comments the ex-coach made about race, as Richardson had claimed.

But Wilson also said he

understood why Richardson felt the way he did.

"This lawsuit is not about money in the pejorative sense," Wilson wrote in a 47-page order. "It is primarily about wounded pride — wounded pride in a man who started way behind, but climbed to the top by hard work, savvy, and most of all, perseverance."

Richardson was fired March 1, 2002. He filed suit the following December, claiming that he was fired because he is black and that his free-speech rights were violated. The university argued that it fired Richardson because his public comments damaged the basketball program.

Richardson, whose Razorbacks won the 1994 NCAA Championship and were runners-up the next year, said the decision to fire him after 17 years at Arkansas came later, after he made racially charged comments.

"Just getting to court was a victory," Richardson said outside his Fayetteville town house shortly after the judge filed his order. "People know Nolan Richardson, know he will fight ... to the end."

Richardson's lawyer, John Walker of Little Rock, said he was pondering an appeal.

"We're disappointed in that

we believe that Mr. Richardson presented an extremely credible case," Walker said. "We're studying it and considering all options at our disposal."

University lawyer Phil Kaplan said the ruling was a "fine conclusion to an unfortunate episode we now hope will all be behind us."

"We are pleased, obviously, with the judge's conclusion that there was no discrimination based on race. We are pleased to find that there was no First Amendment violation," Kaplan said. "It was a thoughtful, well-reasoned opinion, one that would clearly hold up on appeal."

Wilson dismissed the case and said both sides would pay their own attorneys' fees. Scott Varady, the university's chief counsel, estimated the school's costs so far at \$475,000.

The judge said Richardson cannot file the suit again.

Richardson sought a total of \$8.86 million, which would cover back pay, other lost compensation and \$2 million in damages.

Fired

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Browning, a left-hander, threw a perfect game for the Reds on Sept. 16, 1988, in a 1-0 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers at Riverfront Stadium.

He didn't have as much success running the Freedom. The team finished its inaugural 2003 season at 27-61 and was 13-33 this year when Browning was fired. He got the job in May 2003 when ex-teammate Chris Sabo resigned.

"When you're 13-33, I think they felt they needed a change of direction," Browning said. "I don't know. ... They're the owners of the team; they can do whatever they want. I respect that."

"I'm going to miss those kids, that's for sure."

Freedom general manager Connie Hildebrandt issued a statement saying Browning "is loved by his players and will be missed."

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Oakland Athletics right-hander Tim Hudson, giving New York eight players on the 32-man AL squad.

Hudson is on the 15-day disabled list with a strained left oblique muscle.

Lo Duca replaces Cincinnati Reds first baseman Sean Casey, on the DL with a strained right calf. — The Associated Press

Track auction set for Aug. 16

NEW ORLEANS — A federal bankruptcy judge has issued a ruling that could clear the way for the Fair Grounds Race Course to be auctioned on Aug. 16.

The track is in bankruptcy protection because of a court ruling that the track owes horsemen about \$90 million for underpaying purses from video poker proceeds.

Judge T.M. Brahney III on Thursday gave conditional approval of the track's financial disclosure statement, which explains the reorganization plan, provides financial information and outlines risk.

Under the plan, the track will be auctioned with Churchill Downs Inc. making an opening bid of \$45 million.

— The Associated Press

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SPECIAL COLUMN

This Town, That World

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

Psychologists have an idea that nothing is ever completely forgotten; that the human brain is a reservoir of latent memories which needs only to be tapped. And they try tapping the old noggin by hypnotism, acting on the theory that the subconscious will become wholly conscious under hypnosis. The only trouble with the idea is, some of us would be so busy rattling our brains around, trying to remember what we'd forgotten, that no swami would be able to get us under the influence long enough to remember.

HORRORS!

Put the children to bed—a horror movie is coming up. No, it has nothing to do with werewolves, the living dead, creaking doors, musty tombs or corpses that walk. It's a big, hairy arm swooshing suddenly up in the washer.

NONE FORGOTTEN

The Little Man can no longer complain about being forgotten. His children are getting an opportunity with Head Start, and they deserve it as much as anybody's children. He himself and his wife, are given the opportunity to go back to school, pick up

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Please, keep 'em coming!

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

MEET APPALACHIA



photo by Mary Music
 Gertrude taught her granddaughter, Lindsey, how to paint.

Gertrude Webb, Big Mama

by **MARY MUSIC**
 STAFF WRITER

Gertrude H. Webb

Age: 80
Education: General Equivalency Diploma, Business Diploma, Mayo Technical College
Occupation: Manager, Kenny's Florist
Life quote: "Treat everybody in life the way you want to be treated and your endeavor will be much better. Be kind and nice to people."

About 'Meet Appalachia'

I met Gertrude Webb several months ago when I interviewed her granddaughter, Lindsey. Ms. Webb came bouncing into the room with her big smile and I knew, right then, I'd have to interview her. She's one of Kentucky's rare gems, those folks out there who get up every day to live life, instead of watching it pass by.

— MARY MUSIC

Picture Steven's Branch, 1939. A dirt road, tiny creek, little houses and clothes hanging on the line, unbeknownst to the neighborhood chickens.

She's 15 and coming home to tell her mother that she is now a woman. She's engaged.

"You love this boy 'nough to spend the rest of yer life with him?" her mother asks, hands still wet from the potatoes she's been peeling.

"I don't know," the girl replied, understanding that she would marry him anyway.

Meet Gertrude H. Webb, a woman who lives her life redefining the preconceived notions of what older people are expected to be. Gertrude, an 80 year old great-grandmother, loves race cars, horse races, painting, and still works full time as a manager at Kenny's Florist.

She grew up on Stephen's Branch, where she learned Kentucky through the effects of WWII and the Depression, life lessons that helped her understand poverty, adversity, and the importance of a hard day's work. That's a quality that Gertrude says the younger generations today don't understand.

"I don't like what I see happening to generations now," she said. "I don't see where the younger generations are going. They don't respect older people like we used to. I think we've spoiled our children and I'm guilty too...I don't

think people work like they used to. Back in my day, I washed dishes for my neighbor so that I could go to a movie. Children are pampered more today."

But with the pampering, Gertrude says, comes certain benefits. The world is stamping out billions of opportunities for today's youth. Education, she says, is the most important. It was one of the values she learned in childhood, one she holds firmly today.

"Why shouldn't every child get an education?" she asked. "Today, they've got grants and everything. I do think we have to stress education in our children. We have to pound that into them...I love school. I'd go right now, but I probably couldn't see half of what I'm taught or retain any of it."

Gertrude dropped out of grade school to tend to the demands that life placed on her. She returned in the 1950's to complete her education. Her children were nearly grown themselves. She obtained her GED and attended business classes at Mayo Technical College, where she received a diploma. From there, Gertrude went to work as a lunchroom cook at Maytown High School, where she worked for 20 years.

Today, she keeps her college composition book and her dictionary handy in her desk drawer at work.

Growing up in Eastern Kentucky during WWII and the Depression wasn't easy for Gertrude.

"It was a scary thing, seeing all these

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

RAVENOUS - 1999, Rated R

Disgraced officers from the Mexican American War find themselves sentenced to a wintery post where they must confront a super human cannibal in this horror effort from art house director Antonia Bird. It all begins when Captain John Boyd is suspected of cowardice in a battle that saw all of the men under his command killed while he survived by hiding under their corpses. Since there is no evidence to prove that he did wrong he is sent to Fort Spencer, an outpost in Northern California, to help oversee a skeleton crew during the harsh winter.

The place is a dump and the alcoholic commander informs him, "This place thrives on tedium." In fact the commander begins every dinner by asking, "So did anyone do anything today?" Things, of

course, don't stay so serene. The quiet is broken when a man shows up half frozen and claims that he escaped from a stranded party that had resorted to cannibalism. The man, named Calhoun, relates that his party got lost in the Sierras and were starving when their guide began to kill them for food. The commander is so excited about a mission to save the survivors that he doesn't question Calhoun's story.

They find the cave but soon realize that Calhoun was the cannibal and there are no survivors. Unfortunately they have split up to search the area by this time and easy pickings for their new found friend. Calhoun doesn't take out everyone however and converts some of them into fellow cannibals. The allure is super strength which comes from consuming the strength and soul of your victim. The commander is easy pickings but Boyd manages to overcome his fear and make a stand. He gets motivated when he realizes that Calhoun wishes to take advantage of the "Gold Rush" to start his own fast food business when the thaw comes. It's a great finale that sees a bear trap employed to devastating effect. It also gives the villain a chance to say some real howlers like, "It's lonely being a cannibal, tough making friends."

Though it takes a little time to get started this turns out to be an excellent exercise in horror. The cast is a who's who of international stars. Guy Pearce (MEMENTO) is on target as the tortured Boyd. Robert Carlisle (THE FULL MONTY) chews up an appropriate amount of scenery, as well as his cast mates, as Calhoun. David Arquette also scores as the West's first slacker who is too

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: The last attack

As a child I was stricken with severe allergies and asthma, which kept me from having, holding, tasting, touching and smelling a variety of foods, most plants, trees, grass and flowers. And keeping a pet -- especially a dog or cat -- was completely out of the question. All my childhood doctors had agreed: I needed to avoid everything I was allergic to, remain sedentary and visit the doctor every Saturday morning for my weekly allergy shot.

"Do not exert yourself," he told

me. "It will probably trigger a dangerous asthma attack."

Often disregarding his advice, I played hard, ran everywhere, rode my bike like a demon, swam every summer and trained in gymnastics year-round. I became top gymnast in my grammar school and also set the 50-, 60- and 100-yard dash records. At 11, I told my parents that I would no longer be taking the allergy shots each week -- a subjective decision based not on information I read in any book, not on the advice of any

experts; rather, my body told me I didn't need them anymore.

My parents, though doubtful, agreed to a trial period. "We'll see how you do without them," they said.

But I wasn't through. I begged, pleaded and finally convinced them to get a dog -- a furry little Pekinese we all grew to love -- and I began to immerse myself in all the things that used to make me sick (or had been told would make me sick). I cut the grass for neighbors who didn't know I was

supposed to be near lawns. I smelled flowers and climbed trees. I even began to eat strawberries, which doctors said "could possibly be fatal."

I don't remember my first asthma attack, but I vividly remember my last. I was 11 years old; it was a humid, hot summer day in Chicago, and I was running hard through the African jungle -- in reality, the alleys behind our house. There were many beasts

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RFK in EKY: The Robert F. Kennedy Performance Project Casting Call

RFK in EKY: The Robert F. Kennedy Performance Project Casting Call
 Friday, July 16, 2004
 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Appalshop, 91 Madison, Whitesburg, KY

The Robert F. Kennedy Performance Project will be holding an open casting call on Friday, July 16, at the Appalshop, in downtown Whitesburg, from 5-9 p.m. Dozens of parts are available,

and everyone, regardless of experience, is encouraged to participate. RFK in EKY will re-enact the entirety of Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 visit to southeastern Kentucky on September 9th and 10th, 2004. Using an all local cast, the project will involve recreating all aspects of Kennedy's visit, including roadside stops, walking tours of neighbor-

hoods and mining sites, school stops, speeches, and the official hearings of the Senate Subcommittee on Employment, Manpower and Poverty, held at Vortex and Fleming-Neon. Using these historical events to hold a mirror to the present day, the project will link the issues addressed by Kennedy in 1968 to the concerns of today's citizens of southeastern Kentucky

through a series of community forums and public events. The project is looking for people to play a number of roles in the September performance, including the role of Robert Kennedy. Other roles range from Kennedy's staff to local county officials and law enforcement officers, high school students and teachers, to coal miners and the "everyday" citizen. Everyone interested in being a part of the project is encouraged to attend the open casting call. No experience is necessary, and

there are parts for people of all ages. No prepared audition piece is needed; just come and read from the script. People cast in the production will be expected to attend rehearsals through July and August, and be available for the two-day performance in September. RFK in EKY is a project of Appalshop, and is under the direction of the internationally renowned artist, John Malpede. For more information, please call Nell Fields, at Appalshop, at 606-633-0108.

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where they left off, years ago, and learn some of the things they should have known, all along. And this truly may be a program which will do more to break the so-called "poverty chain," than any other thing being attempted.

We're for all this. The only person who needs to be forgotten is the too-well-remembered taxpayer.

A NOTE TO CURT

(The following, which has lain hereabouts so long that the paper has yellowed, was "unearthed" this week. You be the judge—was the writer a cynic or did he seek to needle these who distrust everybody and everything, but themselves—Editor.)

An advertisement in a Kentucky newspaper contained this statement.

"Thanks to all the wonderful and very efficient staff at the.....Medical Center who were so very, very sweet to me during my recent stay at the hospital. We want to thank everybody, first of all for the prayers you prayed for us, and all the beautiful flowers you sent us, and the many, many cards you sent to cheer us.—CURT."

with this slick, scheming world.

Now, about those prayers, Curt. Such superstition! Give the credit to those men of medical science who knew which medicines would cure you, and to those scientists who concocted the medicines. What does prayer have to do with it, when a man builds his own intellect and trains himself to do the job? Thank those who took herbs and chemicals and made of them a cure for what ails you. Never mind the rest—take no thought of whence came a brain to be developed and trained, or the plant or bark or whatever, from which came the medicine. You and your brain and these medicinal ingredients began so many zillions of years ago, with a stray cell, perhaps, that you can't afford to bother your head with pondering Life and its meaning, its purpose and end, and such things.

You're well, Curt. Now, get hep!
THE CYNIC
 (Who prays he'll never get sick)

Lagoon

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stoned half of the time to figure out that he is gonna cure someone else's munchies. Good stuff folks and the DVD goes it all one better by including a slew of deleted scenes which show how each character messed up an assignment before getting sentenced to the most isolated Fort on the map.

Best Line: "If you die first I am definitely going to eat you."

2nd Chance Group to meet July 15, at HRMC

There will be a meeting of the 2nd Chance Group On Thursday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m., in Meeting Room A, Highlands Regional Medical Center. All organ transplant recipients, individuals waiting for a transplant, organ donors & families are invited to attend. For more information

contact: Don Willis at 886-2552 or Email: kayeanddon@charter.net, or Becky Hall at 478-8543 or hallbecky@hotmail.com. The 2nd Chance Group is a support group for organ transplant recipients and individuals waiting for a transplant.

Soup

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and potential predators I needed to outrun. Sometimes while running, especially on a sticky day, my lungs would swell and squeeze off my air supply. That day was no different. Reluctantly, I decided to leave the jungle and return home to rest.

The house was empty, a true blessing that allowed for undisturbed, quiet focus. In the stillness, I came to a new awareness and found my cure.

As I lay on my parents' bed gazing up at a ceiling fan, I stared at the shiny silver bolt that held the sharp blades together. I focused on what seemed like the still point in the center of the fan's great vortex and held my attention there, while listening calmly to the chorus in my chest. I heard the rapid, rhythmic crackling sounds of blocked lungs, accompanied by high-pitched whistles, which

marked the trail of the few puffs of air struggling to make their way through narrow passageways. I remained calm, content to listen to my body.

Then came the sudden, dazzling realization that altered my life forever -- a simple thought that penetrated to my core: I have all that I need. I understood, for the first time, that the little bit of air getting through was all that was necessary to sustain me. It was enough. When I realized that I have nothing to fear, I will always have enough air, my lungs opened fully.

Be a part of Chicken Soup's 10th Anniversary. Look for our 10th Anniversary Edition, "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Living Your Dreams." Visit www.chicken-soup.com for more details.

DIABUDDIES CORNER

Tip of the week: (www.dia-betes.org)

Recent studies indicate that the early detection of diabetes symptoms and treatment can decrease the chance of developing the complications of diabetes.

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

Citrus Cooler-16 Servings
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 5 limes
 5 oranges
 3 quarts water
 1-1/2 cups Equal®
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 Ice cubes

Fresh fruit slices (optional)
 *May substitute 36 packets of Equal sweetener

Preparation:
 Squeeze the juice from the lemons, limes and oranges. Pour into a gallon container.

Stir water and Equal® into juices; mix well.

Refrigerate, covered, until ready to use. Serve over ice. Garnish each drink with a fruit slice, if desired.

Calories: 19
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 Cholesterol: 0mg
 Sodium: 4mg

ASK THE CIS

Q What does the U.S. Surgeon General's new report on smoking say?

A The U.S. Surgeon General's 2004 report, "The Health Consequences of Smoking," states for the first time that smoking causes diseases in nearly every organ of the body. Smoking is the top cause of preventable disease and kills an estimated 440,000 Americans each year, according to the report.

In 1964, the Surgeon General's first smoking and health report showed that smoking was a definite cause of cancers of the lung and larynx (voice box) in men and chronic bronchitis in both sexes. Later reports from the Surgeon General said

that smoking also caused cardiovascular disease, reproductive problems, and cancers of the bladder, esophagus, mouth and throat.

The new report expands the list of smoking-related diseases to cancers of the stomach, pancreas, cervix and kidney, acute myeloid leukemia, cataracts, pneumonia, abdominal aortic aneurysm, and periodontitis.

The report also notes that smoking low-tar or low-nicotine cigarettes is not safer than smoking regular cigarettes. The only way to avoid the health hazards of smoking is to quit completely or never start.

For an easy-to-read summary of the report and other information on smoking, go to www.surgeongeneral.gov

Mama

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boys being taken out," she said. "Thinking back, I guess a lot of people didn't understand. We had no TV, but we had the radio, and newspapers. Ma was a great paper reader....They felt the effects of a hard time. Stores couldn't get coffee, sugar, all of it was rationed. They didn't have any because they turned all the factories into defense plants, you know. People in our area and all over the United States done without."

To supplement the hard times, families took to gardening, raising livestock, and working hard to survive.

Her childhood was buttled with responsibilities. She carried water from the well, worked in the garden, and washed clothes on wash boards.

"Later on we got a gas thing, and we'd kick it on cold mornings when it wouldn't start," she said, laughing.

Gertrude wouldn't talk much about her mother, Zula Horn Craven, who separated from her father and married Edward C. Craven, an electrician whose work ethic rubbed off. Zula and Edward, who traveled from West Virginia for work, met in a boarding house, Gertrude said.

"He used to say, the world don't owe you anything, but if you're willing to work for it, you'll have it," Gertrude said. "Don't have a chip on your shoulder. Get to work! Get up off your can and get to work."

Gertrude says her stepfather taught her how to be "tough," but so did life.

In her 80 years, she's seen the passing of several friends and family members. Her great grandfather, George Horn, died in the line of duty as Chief of Police in Prestonsburg shortly before her mother married Edward, who was killed in the coal mines in the 1940's. Gertrude was married, had kids, and his death "tore" her up. Life wasn't the same, her home place wasn't the same, after he died, she said.

Gertrude's mother died in North Carolina from lung cancer in the 1960's. She's also faced the death of her husband, Tom Webb, who died 31 years ago.

Some say that Gertrude stole Tom from his girlfriend, but Gertrude says it wasn't true. The two met when Gertrude was visiting his girlfriend, her teenaged friend she spent the night with a couple of times.

"He paid too much attention to me and I didn't like it," she said. "I dodged him, I wouldn't go back there and he started coming to Steven's Branch to see me."

Life with Tom was difficult at first, Gertrude said. At 15, Gertrude said she wasn't capable of understanding what marriage really meant, but she went along with it and learned as the days rolled on. Shortly after their marriage, the couple moved to the Webb farm on Henry's Branch, where Gertrude lives now surrounded by her sons and daughters. In those days, Gertrude said it was shocking to see 50 to 75 hogs running down the mountain at chow time.

Tom averaged 16 hour work days to care for the couple's 9

children, Gertrude said. He worked at Kentucky West Virginia Gas and ran a timber business with 3 of his teenaged sons, selling logs as mine props.

Tom, who had a drinking problem when they were first married, was obviously weakened physically from all the hours he put in during his life. He suffered with heart and lung problems in a Lexington hospital for more than a year before he died. His death made Gertrude angry.

"My anger helped me get on with it, pull up my boot straps and go," she said. "The kids were whispering that I'd gone off my rocker. I'd been through so much trauma, all that sitting for a year and a half in the hospital with him, worrying about my young son at home, I's mad. I said,

"Why? Why me? Why am I left like this? We don't know why, never have."

The things Gertrude faced in her life have made her stronger, though she says she never really looked at it like that. Those things, she said, "spurred" her into doing the things she wanted to do with her life. It was about that time she enrolled back into school.

When Gertrude got the opportunity to study art under artist Mack Martin, she jumped, and, of course, fell in love with painting. After she got out of Mayo, Gertrude went to work with the Big Sandy Insurance Company, where she worked until about 20 years ago. Mack, a "local boy" she met at Maytown High School, used a back room at the insurance company office to host a painting class. Later, she studied art under Tom Whitaker and Johnny Stumbo. She regrets not taking Russell May up on an offer for a month long, 8 hour a day course in painting.

Gertrude got her love for the artistic side of life through her great grandmother, Arminta Horn, who taught her all she

needed to know about being a lady—sewing, cooking, the whole nine yards. She was drawn to art as a child, "piecing" quilts and sewing.

"I can get out now driving and I'll be looking at the mountains, seeing what's pretty to paint. It's never off my mind. It's been the love of my life since I've been a child."

Gertrude says she spent many nights jamming with the radio and painting. She's painted 20- to 30-some magical pieces, but she doesn't own a single one of them. They belong to her friends, and of course, all nine of her children.

Art is Gertrude's second love, and she considers her work at Kenny's Florist as another form of art. (She loves the "harmony" there.)

She began working there 9 years ago when her son, who opened the establishment after he became disabled, asked for help.

"Kenny said, 'I've got a girl that's quit and you've got to come to the shop to help me.' And I said, 'Not full time!' That was 9 years ago and I'm still here," Gertrude laughed.

In life, she says she's learned that "you learn more by listening," that "this world is not all too bad," and that "you don't have to be rich to be happy."

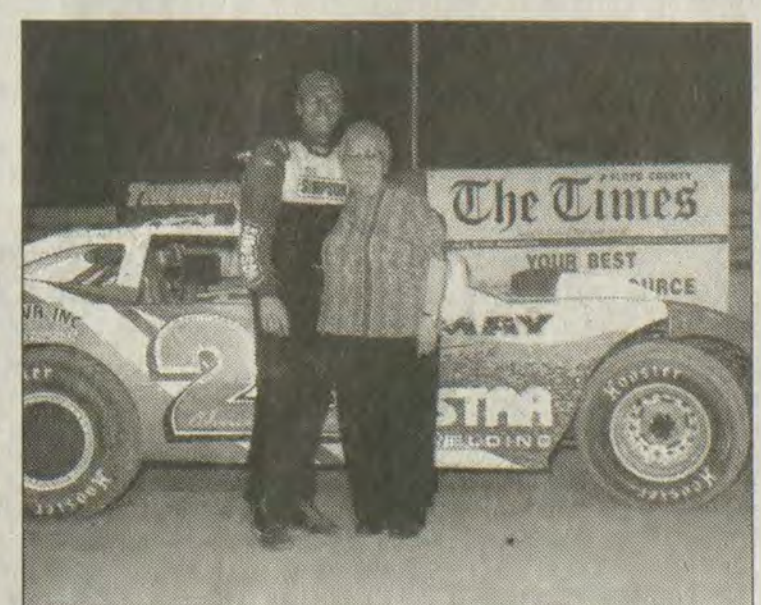
She is the mother of 9, grandmother of 15, and great grandmother of 17 fine lads and gals. Her descendants include teachers, a former principal, a race car driver, miners, railroad workers, an airline pilot, factory workers, business men and women, welders, an artist, and, there's even a doctor in there somewhere.

She says the greatest thrill in life is watching her family grow up. She's proud of her accomplishments.

"I could look back and think there ain't no way the whole world is able to do all I done, but I was young and able bodied and willing minded," she said.



Gertrude's mans the throne at Kenny's Florist. photo by Mary Music



Gertrude has followed her grandson, race car driver Chucky May, all over the country. She loves watching car and horse races. Chucky won a trophy during this race last year for Gertrude's birthday. photo by Mary Music

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Receptionist for Dental Office. Computer experience preferred but, not required. Send resume to North Lake Drive Suite 201 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653

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Qualifications: MSW. Minimum of two years post-MSW social work practice experience. **Desired Qualifications:** Teaching experience. **Special Information:** This is a ten-month position. **This position will be based at MSU @ Prestonsburg.** To apply on-line, visit: <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/prospects/jobapp.html>. Review of applications will begin July 15, 2004, and will continue until position is filled. To ensure consideration, submit letter of application, resumé, and three letters of reference to: Office of Human Resources, Attn: Instr. of SW #1052, Morehead State University, HM 101, Morehead, KY 40351, MSU is an EO/AA employer.

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900-Legals

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is requesting qualifications statements from engineering firms wishing to assist in preliminary engineering, design and inspection of a wastewater collection system improvement and sewer line extension project along US

23, and in the Prater Creek, Daniels Creek and Ivy Creek areas of Floyd County. It is expressly stated that payment for the foregoing services will be contingent upon project funding. Potential sources of funding for the project may include but are not limited to, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Economic Development Administration, Community Development Block Grant, PRIDE, the Appalachian Regional Commission, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, USDA Rural Development, US Army Corps of Engineers, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The complete Request for Qualifications package can be obtained by calling Amy Barnes at the Big Sandy Area Development District at (606) 886-2374, or e-mailing her at amy.barnes@big sandy.org. The deadline for receipt of submissions is Monday, August 9, 2004, no later than noon. Submissions should include ten (10) copies of the qualifications statements. Please clearly mark submissions "US 23 Wastewater Project" on the exterior. Submissions should be made to Amy Barnes, Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Submissions will be reviewed by the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission and ranked on the basis of written materials as set forth in the RFQ package. The Commission reserves the right to schedule interviews with any or all respondents, or to reject any or all proposals.

Attention of respondents to this RFQ is called to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, and the Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities, all of which may be incorporated into any contract issued pursuant to this solicitation.

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Job Qualifications: Candidate must have valid Kentucky nursing license with prior experience in a physician office setting. ACLS within one year of employment.
Qualified candidates should apply at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 910, Martin, Kentucky 41649; fax: (606) 285-6422; or call (606) 285-5181, extension 3330.
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