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briefs

Two killed in separate wrecks

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

Two separate single-vehicle accidents claimed the lives of a Coal Run woman and a Mouthcard man Thursday.

Leslie A. Childers, 37, of Coal Run, was killed when her vehicle went off the road on U.S. 23 at Harold. She was removed to the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home by Coroner Roger Nelson after the wreck, which is still under investigation by Trooper Jason Dials. The Floyd County Coroner's Office, Betsy Layne Fire Department and Respond Ambulance assisted at the scene.

Kyle Ramey, 22, of Mouthcard, was traveling on Route 366 when he, too, went off the road. His vehicle struck a bridge and came to rest in a creek. He was transported to Pikeville Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead by Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts. The accident is under investigation by Trooper Luke VanHoose.

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Ethics board says two still not in compliance

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two local elected officials have not complied with county financial

reporting regulations, the Floyd County Ethics Commission says. Tammy Hamilton and Allard "June bug" Newsome, constables for District 3 and 4, respectively, have failed to submit required

financial disclosure forms that were due in January.

Floyd County Ethics Commission members met informally yesterday to discuss the issue, noting that attempts have

been made to reach Hamilton and Newsome by phone and mail over the past several months.

Certified letters reminding the constables of this required duty were returned undelivered this

week, secretary Peggy Bradford said.

Similar problems, they say, have occurred with Gerald

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Construction continues on University Drive. Road crews last week began channeling the shoulder of the road near the Big Sandy Community and Technical College entrance. This area will be filled in, Department of Transportation workers said, in order to expand the width of the road. Construction on the project, which began in April, is expected to last until winter.

photo by Mary Music

Other avenues open to flood victims

\$6.6 million spent on flood relief in Big Sandy

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

Victims suffering losses from flooding and other disasters in Kentucky may be eligible for addi-

tional funding, the Federal Emergency Management Agency reported Friday.

Kentuckians who have flood insurance on buildings damaged by recent floods may be eligible for an

increased Cost of Compliance fund, up to \$30,000 coverage available from the National Flood Insurance Program.

The additional funds can be used to protect severely or repeatedly damaged properties from

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Former prison worker claims wrongful firing

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — A former Otter Creek Correctional Facility employee is suing a Beattyville corporation that allegedly fired her for dating a coworker.

Shirley Carroll, of Beattyville, filed a wrongful termination suit

against Kellwell Food Management Inc. this week, seeking lost wages and payment for mental and physical pain and suffering, embarrassment and humiliation, and also seeking punitive damages.

Hired by the company in August 1996, Carroll worked as an assistant food service manager at the

Otter Creek facility in Wheelwright.

According to the lawsuit, filed by Prestonsburg attorney Jerry Patton, Carroll, formerly known as Shirley Mitchell, was terminated in July 2001 by her employer, Randy Cook, because of an alleged asso-

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Lawyer asks out 10 days before trial

by JOYAL FRAZIER STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — James Anthony Blair, 33, of Prestonsburg, was back in district court Friday, where his attorney, Stephen Owens, made a motion to withdraw from his case less than two weeks before trial.

Owens stated that Blair's mother and another relative, whose name or exact relation

he could not remember, had phoned him asking him not to represent Blair. However, he did not state why they wanted him to drop the case.

Judge Danny Caudill overruled the motion pointing out that the trial date is set for July 26.

Owens then brought up evidence that he said the defense had not seen which included a videotape. But Assistant Commonwealth's

Attorney Wayne Taylor countered that the evidence had been remitted several months ago.

Judge Caudill ruled to continue the discussion Monday after Owens has reviewed the evidentiary items and returned with specific objections.

Blair was indicted on charges that he allegedly stalked and assaulted his wife

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James Blair stood solemnly in front of Judge Danny P. Caudill Friday as his attorney, Stephen Owens, made a motion to withdraw from the case with the trial less than two weeks away.

photo by Tom Doty

Guess gets one year for theft

by JOYAL FRAZIER STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Jonathan C. Guess was finally sentenced Friday after a series of postponements in his case.

Guess pleaded guilty to four counts of theft and one count of receiving stolen property. He and his wife, Amanda, were spotted attempting to break into several vehicles in the parking lot of the Microtel motel in April 2003 by Prestonsburg Police Lt. William Petry. An investigation was undertaken and police said they found that items had been removed from several of the motel guest's vehicles.

Prestonsburg officers

Mike Conn and Danny Martin, along with Petry, searched a vehicle belonging to Salyersville resident Jonathan Guess, the man police said was first noticed

in the parking lot trying to break into the vehicles. The search produced the missing items, according to police, and Guess and his wife were both arrested.

Amanda Guess was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and having prescription drugs not in their proper container.

After the arrests, police tacked on a charge of receiving stolen property against both Jonathan and Amanda Guess when they continued their search and reported finding a 12 gauge shotgun, a .22 caliber rifle, two credit cards and a small dog — all items police said they learned were the focus of an open investigation by the Kentucky State Police in Magoffin County.

Both Jonathan and Amanda Guess were scheduled to be sentenced May 9.

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Woman arrested for growing pot

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman was released from jail on bond Thursday after she was arrested for cultivating marijuana.

Diana Blevins Hamilton, 38, of Toby Branch in McDowell, is facing one count of the felony charge after the Kentucky State Police received an anony-

mous tip that she was growing marijuana in a flower box beside the roadway on her property.

Upon his arrival, KSP Trooper B. Cramer claims that Hamilton directed officers to find six more plants growing near her garden.

She was released by District Judge Eric Hall on a \$10,000 partially-secured bond. She is scheduled for arraignment August 3.

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Odds and Ends

■ **OTTAWA, Kan.** — Neighbors in a subdivision in this small eastern Kansas community have been out of the loop for weeks. Some sly fox had been stealing their Kansas City Star newspapers.

The bold burglar crept onto driveways while subscribers slept, grabbed a paper and ran. The case was finally cracked this weekend when Steve Thompson caught the culprit: a red fox.

The fox had been taking the papers to a hollow behind the subdivision, Thompson said. He tracked the furry felon to a large pile of newspapers near its den.

"We always thought it was an early morning jogger," said Lionel Sutton, another subdivision resident.

The newspaper carrier even staked out the neighborhood to catch the canny criminal, Sutton said.

Aaron Scheve, a Kansas Wildlife and Parks ranger for the area, said such behavior is unusual, but not out of the ordinary. He said the fox probably used the papers to insulate its den.

■ **ARDMORE, Okla.** — Gene McMahan put the hammer down on a would-be robber.

The 68-year-old McMahan was behind the counter at Taylor's Liquor Store when he saw a man walk into the nearby Boy's Food Store and point a weapon at the clerk.

He grabbed his claw hammer, locked the liquor store and went next door to confront the robber.

"It was going to be him or me," McMahan said.

He said the man threatened to shoot him, a fight ensued and both lost their weapons. The money was dropped and the robber ran away.

Christopher Ray Smith, 22, was arrested by police in connection with the Tuesday robbery.

Police Lt. Rickey D.

Lawrence said McMahan's crime-fighting behavior is not encouraged.

"There are times when things don't go right," Lawrence said. "Realistically, it's best for citizens to get a description and a direction of travel and let us find the subject and put him in custody."

■ **EAST WENATCHEE, Wash.** — Sandi Bryan gave the state her two-cents worth over the five cents they claim she owes.

When the Washington state Department of Employment Security notified her that she owed money for an unemployment compensation overpayment more than six years ago, she picked up the phone.

She was being threatened with court action over a nickel.

Bryan said she asked the state employee who took her call on a toll-free line whether she should mail in a nickel taped to a piece of paper.

"I said, 'Do you realize for this nickel, you paid an employee to type this ... (spent) 37 cents for postage, and you want me to pay for a money order and the postage?'" she said.

The response was that the money had to be paid properly.

Bryan said she was overpaid when she was on unemployment for about three months more than six years ago but thought she had paid it all back.

That was until she got a notice dated June 18 that demanded payment of five cents, after which "the Superior Court warrant will be satisfied immediately."

Employment Security spokeswoman Kristin Alexander said the overpayment notices are sent to about 70,000 people a month with the average amount about \$1,000.

"Typically we do require payment to be made in whole, (but) in the case of a nickel, we would usually make an exception," Alexander said. "Had she

spoken to me, I would have taken a nickel out of my purse and paid it for her."

■ **BLACKSVILLE, W.Va.** — A man smoking in a portable toilet lit up more than a cigarette.

The potty exploded Tuesday when a buildup of methane gas mixed with the lit cigarette, said a spokeswoman for Monongalia Emergency Medical Services. The methane didn't "take too kindly" to the lit cigarette, she said.

Emergency workers said the man was not severely injured and drove himself to the hospital after the stinky, smoky mess.

■ **FOUKE, Ark.** — Amanda Jones was going batty trying to swat at the creature flying around in the cab of her truck.

Something flew in through her half-open window as she drove in darkness around 1 a.m. Sunday. It was flapping around her head and neck, so she swatted at it to try to make it go away.

She finally struck it down, and turned on the interior light to discover a still-living bat on the floorboard. It had a wingspan of about 5 inches, she said.

"I thought it was a big moth. I never expected it to be a bat," Jones said.

Jones drove home to Fouke in far southwestern Arkansas.

"I went in the house. I didn't want to see it anymore," she said. "My husband went back out to the truck and it was hanging upside down from the truck seat. It wouldn't get out of the truck. He finally caught it in a Mason jar."

Jones, who isn't sure whether the animal bit or scratched her, is awaiting results from the state lab on whether the bat was rabid.

"At the time it happened, I was freaking out," Jones said. "It flopped all the way down the side of my body."

■ **NACOGDOCHES, Texas** — Just about any other flower would smell sweeter, but that hasn't stopped plant lovers from enduring the stench of the rare blooms of the *Amorphophallus titanum* plant.

Braving an odor likened to rotting flesh, crowds this week viewed the blooms of the plant — nicknamed the giant corpse flower — that's growing in the shade house of the Mast Arboretum at Stephen F. Austin University.

The blooms at SFA are the first to be recorded in the state of Texas. Only about two dozen such blooms have been recorded in the United States since the plant, native to Indonesia and Sumatra, was introduced in 1937.

An arboretum research associate, Dawn Stover, said she's enjoyed the opportunity to more closely examine the plant.

"It's been really fun watching it open," she said.

Crowds gasped at the beauty of the small flowers inside the plant which was pollinated Monday from a plant that recently bloomed at the University of Connecticut.

Reaching a height of 5-feet, 1-inch, the bloom's unique appearance, size and odor made the plant the center of attention.

■ **DALLAS** — Call it the DotComGuy bust.

The man who legally changed his name to DotComGuy changed it back Tuesday — to Mitch Maddox.

In 2000, Maddox spent one year at home and living off purchases made on the Internet. Video footage of his life was streamed on the Internet 24 hours a day and attracted worldwide media attention.

He later got married and on Tuesday he and his wife, Anne, appeared in court to legally change their names to Maddox.

Meanwhile, an auction for the DotComGuy name and the domain name dotcomguy-dotcom was to end in April, but it's been extended — and it's now on e-Bay.

■ **MINNEAPOLIS** — Daryl Miller didn't make it through airport security because he couldn't keep his pants on.

Airport police said a security screener was waving a metal-

detecting wand over Miller's pants area on Friday when Miller pulled his shorts down to his ankles. He wasn't wearing any underwear.

Miller then said, "There, how do you like your job," thus ending the screening, according to the police report. He was charged with indecent exposure and released on \$300 bail.

"We've never had anybody do that before," said airport police Lt. Matt Christenson. "But it's not abnormal for people to become frustrated with the screening process."

Miller also became belligerent during the screening, Transportation Security Administration officers told police. One TSA employee also told police that Miller had a note inside a magazine in his bag with an expletive, and told a TSA employee "Oh yeah, it's for you" when asked who the note was directed at.

"This person exposed themselves in a public area, a clear violation of the law, and we needed to take some action on that, otherwise everybody would be dropping their pants," Christenson said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 18, the 200th day of 2004. There are 166 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 18, 1947, President Truman signed the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

On this date:

■ In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began.

In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris at age 45.

■ In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.

■ In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began.

■ In 1940, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated President Franklin D. Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office.

■ In 1944, Hideki Tojo was removed as Japanese premier and war minister because of setbacks suffered by his country in World War II.

■ In 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard; passenger Mary Jo Kopechne died.

■ In 1984, a gunman opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro, Calif., killing 21 people before being shot dead by police.

■ In 1984, Walter F. Mondale won the Democratic presidential nomination in San Francisco.

■ In 1989, actress Rebecca Schaeffer, 21, was shot to death at her Los Angeles home by obsessed fan Robert Bardo, who was later sentenced to life in prison.

Ten years ago:

A car bomb destroyed a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 95. Tutsi rebels declared an end to Rwanda's 14-week-old civil war.

Five years ago:

Authorities looking into the disappearance of the plane carrying John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law announced that the "search and rescue" operation had become "search and recovery." David Cone of the New York Yankees pitched a perfect game against the Montreal Expos, leading his team to a 6-0 victory. Paul Lawrie won the British Open after Jean Van de Velde triple-bogeyed on the 72nd hole. One year ago: Basketball star Kobe Bryant was charged with

sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman at a Colorado spa; Bryant denied the charge, saying he was guilty only of adultery. The body of British scientist David Kelly, a weapons expert at the center of a storm over British intelligence on Iraq, was found — he had committed suicide.

Today's Birthdays:

Former South African President Nelson Mandela is 86. Former Senator John Glenn, D-Ohio, is 83. Skating champion and commentator Dick Button is 75. Author-journalist Hunter S. Thompson is 67. Movie director Paul Verhoeven is 66. Singer Brian Auger is 65. Singer Dion DiMucci is 65. Actor James

Brolin is 64. Singer Martha Reeves is 63. Blues guitarist Lonnie Mack is 63. Actor Kurt Mann is 57. Singer Ricky Skaggs is 50. Rock musician Nigel Twist (The Alarm) is 46. Actress Audrey Landers is 45. Actress Elizabeth McGovern is 43. Rock musician John Hermann (Widespread Panic) is 42. Rock musician Jack Irons (Pearl Jam) is 42. Actor Vin Diesel is 37. Rock musician Tony Fagenson (Eve 6) is 26. Actor Jason Weaver is 25.

Thought for Today:

"While we read history we make history." — George William Curtis, American author-editor (1824-1892).

Governor considers going on late-night TV to defend state's image

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's new effort to polish its less-than-sophisticated national image was intended, in part, to avoid being the butt of the kind of jokes told on late-night television.

Too late. When CBS' Craig Kilborn heard the Bluegrass State had hired a marketing firm to help it develop a new image-building catchphrase, he had some suggestions: "Kentucky, we now have the Internet," and "Kentucky is for lovers who can't afford Virginia."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher isn't laughing, and he's considering an invitation to appear on Kilborn's show next week to defend the state.

Friday, Fletcher stopped short of saying he would appear, but added, "Clearly, any opportunity we get to put Kentucky in a good light and to set some folks straight, we'll take."

Fletcher conceded that Kentucky's image suffers from "some misconceptions by people out there that need to be corrected."

To illustrate his point, he noted one company's initial misgivings about expanding to Kentucky. Fletcher didn't identify the company, but said one manager told him there were concerns whether Kentucky's work force was "sophisticated enough" to handle the work. Another impediment was the "stigma" some people attached to the state — which Fletcher called "misconceptions from the past."

Despite the concerns, the company opened a service center in northeastern Kentucky. That center is now outperforming the company's other locations in the country, Fletcher said.

One eastern Kentuckian who protested plans by networks to create reality TV shows based on an Appalachian family's adjustment to life in ritzy Beverly Hills said the Kilborn comments were frustrating.

"How do you fight with your

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Ranier Racing memorabilia could be exhibited in Prestonsburg

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau discussed a proposal Wednesday, in their regularly scheduled meeting, to accept and set up an exhibit of Ranier Racing memorabilia in the tourism office.

one of the foremost names in NASCAR with its founder from Prestonsburg. H.B. Ranier had his first car on the circuit in 1952, leading the way with what would become one of the best racing groups in history.

Harry Hale Ranier, H.B.'s son, took over and had some of the greatest drivers of all time race for him — Buddy Baker, Benny Parsons, Wadell Wilson,

Bobby Allison and Davey Allison, just to name a few.

Ranier Racing was the first to use two-way communications in racing, the first to use tractor-trailer rigs to transport their cars and the first to have an in-car camera, which won them two Emmy awards.

Loren Ranier, Harry Hale's son, is now in control of all the memorabilia from Ranier Racing and wants to display the articles in Prestonsburg.

The proposal includes displaying all the trophies that were obtained through Ranier Racing,

including the first Busch Class trophy and the 25th Anniversary trophy from the Daytona 500 that Davey Allison won. Other items that could possibly be displayed are pictures, hoods, plaques, flags and uniforms.

Chuck Hughes and Greg Music were at the meeting on behalf of Loren Ranier, and the tourism commission asked that a letter be submitted as to the intentions and stipulations of Ranier Racing in order for the items to be displayed to help promote tourism.

The tourism office would

have to make some improvements to the building, including installing a security system and trophy cases. The commission is being asked to donate \$25,000 to improve the building in order to house the memorabilia for Ranier Racing.

If the proposal is accepted, members at the meeting said NASCAR enthusiasts would come to Prestonsburg and would be exposed to the other attractions the community has to offer, helping to further develop tourism.

Other topics on the agenda that were discussed was the annual audit, Prestonsburg Live, a Stonecrest sponsorship and a request from PHS golf.

The annual audit was advertised for bid, but no one responded to the request. The commission decided to readvertise using state specifications.

Prestonsburg Live occurred the first weekends in June and July and, although it rained on both events, Fred James, execu-

tive director, reported that it went well and he received some excellent feedback. He said that they were going to take a poll of the merchants and participants on whether or not to continue in August and September and would report back to the commission.

Stone Crest had submitted a request for \$3,000 sponsorship for their annual membership tournament. The commission had already allocated the money in the budget for this event and agreed to give it to them.

The PHS golf team is hosting a tournament at Stonecrest and will be bringing in 10 golf teams from across the state to compete and stay in Prestonsburg. The PHS golf team was asking for a \$500 sponsorship for the tournament and the commission decided to grant the request.

The commission agreed to set a special meeting before the end of the month to further discuss the Ranier Racing project and audit.

Theft

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However, Jonathan Guess did not show up for court and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

That same day, Amanda Guess was acting inappropriately in Judge Danny P. Caudill's courtroom, saying she had taken some Nyquil for bronchitis and was feeling lightheaded. Judge Caudill postponed her sentencing as well.

Charges against Jonathan Guess were originally going to be diverted. However, after his no-show, Judge Caudill said simply, "Diversion is out. I gave him a choice to go to sentencing or withdraw his plea and go to trial."

Judge Caudill explained to Jonathan Guess that he would not follow the recommendation of the prosecutor and he could receive up to 20 years in prison for the charges against him. Despite the warning, Guess opted to keep his guilty plea.

Guess received five years on each of the four counts of theft and 12 months for receiving stolen property, each to run concurrently. The sentence is to be probated after Guess serves one year.

Judge Caudill sternly told Guess, "I hope you are in the highest level of probation when you get out."

Jonathan Guess was also ordered to complete his GED, enter a substance abuse treatment program, attend Alcoholics Anonymous or other substance abuse meeting weekly and perform 200 hours of community service.

Before he was taken back into custody, Caudill told Guess, "Mr. Guess you have spent many days in jail and you didn't have to. You were put there by a fellow by the name of Jonathan Christopher Guess. If you want to look at somebody to blame, look in a mirror."

Victims

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future floods, FEMA spokeswoman Bettina Hutchings said.

The money can be used in combination with low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration or disaster-related grants. To be eligible, individuals must file a claim separately from any other insurance claim for flood damage.

Because most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover flood damage, FEMA also announced Friday that homeowners can seek better coverage through the National Flood Insurance Program's low-cost Preferred Risk Policy.

The policy "fills up the coverage gap" left behind by most homeowners' insurance policies, FEMA said. For homes outside a high-risk flood area, this protection is available for as little as \$180 annually, and provides up to \$250,000 for structural elements and \$60,000 for home contents.

Information about this program can be found at www.floods-mart.gov.

To date, FEMA has approved approximately \$30 million in federal funds to more than 8,600 individuals and businesses in the 78 Kentucky counties hit hardest by these latest disasters. Martin County took the hardest lick, with more than \$2 million awarded for 351 homes and businesses. Floyd and Magoffin counties received approval for approximately \$1.7 million each in FEMA funds, the organization reported. \$1.2 million has been approved for Johnson County.

A mobile disaster recovery center will be available on Preston Street in Paintsville from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 19 and 20. Questions or requests for assistance can also be handled through FEMA's toll-free line, (800) 621-FEMA or (800) 462-7585.

Bear-shooting case may test public sentiment

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAYKING — The last thing Terry Brock expected when he walked out his back door early one morning was to come face to face with a black bear.

Startled, the Letcher County man said he jumped back inside, asked his wife to call the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife for help, and began banging on the wall of his mobile home, hoping the noise would frighten the wild animal away from his terrified dogs and horse.

When that didn't work, Brock, 36, of Mayking, said he grabbed an heirloom rifle and fired.

Now, Brock faces a criminal charge of illegally killing the bear on June 2, and the local prosecutor is left with a case that could test how jurors in Eastern Kentucky perceive the shooting of black bears that wander into residential areas.

"The jury would have to decide whether this person acted in a criminal nature," said Letcher County Attorney Harold Bolling. "There's a big difference in killing something for sport, and killing something if the person thought his life or his livestock was in danger."

One other such case is pending in Knox County, where a man allegedly killed a bear in his garden because it continued coming toward him after he fired a warning shot.

Black bears thrived in the area more than 100 years ago, before logging and over-hunting led to their disappearance. Over the past 20 years, they have been venturing back into Kentucky from forests in Virginia and West Virginia. Now, for the first time in more than a century,

Kentucky has a self-sustaining black bear population and residents of the mountainous region along the state's eastern border are having to learn to live alongside them.

Brock, who has pleaded not guilty to illegally killing the bear, said he couldn't believe he was accused of a crime. Brock said he was simply trying to protect himself, his family and his pets.

"The bear was taking swipes at our dogs," he said. "I thought our horse might break a leg trying to get out of his stall. The kids were going to pieces."

In the chaos, Brock said he grabbed the 30-30 caliber rifle and stepped back outside in time to see the bear to stand erect on its hind feet.

"I had always heard that they were ready to attack when they did that," he said. "So I shot it."

Bolling said more details about the case will come out in a hearing scheduled for Tuesday in Letcher County District

Court.

"There may be no criminal intent," Bolling said. "The guy may have truly believed he was in danger or his property was in danger or his livestock was in danger."

Brock, who doesn't have an attorney, said he believes the charge will be dismissed when he explains what happened.

"I always thought a man had a right to protect his property, to protect his family," he said.

Mark Marraccini, spokesman for the Department of Fish and Wildlife, said conflicts between bears and people would be unlikely if people stopped leaving food or household garbage where bears can get it.

"It's not legal to kill bears in Kentucky," Marraccini said. "I guess if one of them is clearly threatening you, then you need to take whatever measures are necessary to protect yourself. But if you don't invite those people-bear conflicts, that's not going to happen."

Bentley loses parole

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Tommy Ray Bentley, 43, of Minnie, saw his parole revoked on Friday for not reporting to a parole officer and not providing support for his child.

The court had allowed Bentley to leave the state for employment. In Ohio, Bentley worked for two months but failed to register with the parole board and did not respond to a written request to come in. He lost the job but never reported in for parole in Ohio and moved

back to Eastern Kentucky. But once again, he failed to report his move to the parole board.

His parole officer testified at the hearing and outlined why Bentley had violated parole when he said, "If they won't report, I can't supervise them."

Bentley, for his part, blamed all of his troubles on a lack of communication from the court system and parole office.

"He went through it [the terms of parole] so quick that I don't know how anyone could understand it," Bentley said.

Bentley was asked before signing his parole agreement if he understood it, but gave no indication that he did not.

He did find work in this area at \$10 an hour, but claimed he was fired before he could make any child support payments. He also couldn't call the parole board, who had picked up his trail and left messages with his parents, because, "I didn't have no phone."

The hearing ended with Judge Danny Caudill rendering his judgment in simple terms.

"I want you to understand that child support is a serious matter," Caudill said. "You have violated the terms of your parole and will remain in jail."

Lawsuit

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ciation with another employee, David Carroll.

Patton says in the suit that Cook had no evidence to substantiate the company's allegation, adding further that the termination was "motivated by reasons other than legitimate reasons for any violation" of company policy.

Patton specifically claims in the suit that the discharge was a form of retaliation against Carroll, and that the company acted deliberately and maliciously to discriminate against his client.

"We didn't feel that there was a sufficient basis for her termination," Patton said. "There were others engaged in the same type of thing who weren't terminated."

Carroll, who later married David Carroll, believes that she was targeted for termination because of her "affiliation with certain people" when the company changed hands, Patton said, noting that she'd had "excellent" reviews in her personnel file.

Joseph Broadwell, the owner of Kellwell Foods, was unavailable for comment Friday.

Ethics

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Derossett, District 1 Magistrate, whose financial disclosure forms have been "misfiled" three times.

Financial disclosure forms are the checks and balance system of the Ethic Commission, put in place to ensure that elected county officials aren't overstepping their boundaries. If elected officials fail to file those forms, they are guilty of a civil offense and can face a civil fine of \$25 per day, up to a maximum penalty of \$500, according to chairperson, John Rosenberg.

Rosenberg suggested that the commission seek help in delivering the reminders to these constables by way of County Attorney Keith Bartley, who has the authority to proceed with further action against Hamilton and Newsome if they do not comply with county regulations.

"For them not to pick them up, that's pretty rude," member Larry Roberts said.

The Ethics Commission will revisit the issue at its next meeting, slated for August 3.

Lawyer

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and imprisoned his two children. He was charged with two counts of second-degree assault for allegedly hitting his wife, Jonni Blair, with a flashlight and video cable between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day 2002.

The indictment also alleges Blair held his wife and two children against their will during this same time, putting them under circumstances which exposed them to "a risk of serious physical injury," resulting in three sep-

arate counts of first-degree unlawful imprisonment counts.

Blair was also charged with a sixth count which was a felonious first-degree stalking charge, alleging that also during the same time period he contacted his wife by telephone "for no legitimate purpose" and threatened to kill her, as well, although a restraining order had previously been ordered against him for his wife's protection.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

State needs to collect debt

A recent report that Kentucky is losing millions of dollars by not collecting court and Medicaid debt deserves judicial attention.

The legislative report found that the court system doesn't have a tracking system to monitor what is owed and that there is little incentive for the Administrative Office of the Courts to pursue collections.

What is the point of levying fines if they are not going to be collected, much less if they can't be tracked? The public would be outraged if they learned that a high percentage of those sentenced to serve time had not served a single day.

The report also found that the courts may not have the resources to collect the debts. This indicates that some serious changes are needed within our court system now, not later. Millions of dollars are being lost every year due to this failure to collect.

The report revealed that even collecting 10 percent of the debt owed to the courts could bring in more than \$3 million. This is a substantial amount of money that our state badly needs.

Most collection is left up to individual judges, who issue a warrant or summons if the fine is unpaid. But if this is not done or the person is not arrested again, it goes unpaid.

It is promising that the courts have stepped up their collection efforts in recent years, resulting in a 30 percent increase.

"We have met our preliminary goals of collecting more money in the last three years, and we look forward to continuing to work (with the Finance and Administration Cabinet) to meet the goals of collecting the commonwealths money," said Jim Deckard, chief of staff for Kentucky Chief Justice Joseph Lambert.

According to the report, circuit clerks collected \$37.4 million for fiscal year 2002 and \$65.2 million for fiscal year 2003. Still, there is a long way to go to collect all that is owed to the courts.

One disturbing aspect of this problem is that circuit clerks are given little incentive to collect the debts. They may keep only 5 percent for their operating budget and are limited to \$2.5 million per year.

If giving clerks more incentive to boost collections is needed, then that should be looked into.

One report indicated that the state needed 330 more deputy clerks to keep up with collections. No one should be let out of court fines because the state doesn't have adequate incentives or enough personnel to handle the collections.

The reputation of our courts is at stake here.

The report suggested that Kentucky could collect more money by offering a credit-card payment option. Warren County already has a pilot program that allows people to pay with plastic; however, the state can't pass along the

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"Why would we want to disrupt the U.S. presidential election? They did such a good job of it themselves last time around."

— Jim Davidson

Who care what others think?

If you have ever heard someone say, "I could not care less about what he or she thinks about me," according to a recent university study, this person was not telling the truth.

Over the course of a week I get several press releases sent to me by fax or e-mail. Since I am more or less in the people business, I got one the other day from the Wake Forest University News Service that really caught my attention. It was titled, "Who Cares What Others Think? 'Everyone,'" says a recent Wake Forest University study. From the title you can see where it's going and it may or may not change your thinking, behavior or attitude. It is nevertheless information that may be of value to you.

I'm going to share this release as it came to me and then I am going to share some of my own thoughts to supplement the basic premise.

It begins, "Practically everyone cares what people think of them, including those who insist they are not affected by others' opinions, suggests new research by a Wake Forest University psychology professor. The results of the study show that social approval and disapproval affect virtually everyone's feelings

about themselves, even those individuals who steadfastly and adamantly claim that their feelings about themselves are not affected by other people's evaluations, said Mark Leary, chair of Wake Forest's psychology department and lead author of the study.

"Leary's research was published in the most recent issue of Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin. He conducted two experiments that compared the effects of social approval and disapproval on participants who said that their self-esteem is affected by how other people evaluate them and on participants who said their self-esteem is not affected by feedback they get from others.

"Participants, all college students, completed a pretest to measure self-esteem at the beginning of the study. Then, the participants filled out questionnaires about themselves and received either positive or negative feedback about whether others in their group would like to get to know them better based on that information.

"The researchers then evaluated how the participants felt about themselves and the degree to which that depended

on how much other people liked, approved or accepted them. Leary made one important change in the second experiment. During the pretest session, conducted weeks in advance, he described for the participants the specific situation that would be used for the experiment and asked them to evaluate how they thought their self-esteem would be affected in those circumstances.

"Both experiments showed that approval or disapproval affected participants equally, regardless of their beliefs about whether or not their self-esteem would be affected. 'People underestimate the degree to which they are influenced by others,' said Leary, the author of 'Interpersonal Rejection' and seven other books. 'It's hard to know why, but part of it may be the American ideal of marching to your own drummer. We grow up thinking we shouldn't be affected by what others think. What is useful about this study is to remind us that perfectly healthy people with perfectly healthy self-esteem are still affected by what others think.'"

To be sure, this university professor knows a lot more about self-esteem and interpersonal relationships than I do, but it seems to me that what this study

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—beyond the beltway—

There'll never be another Brando

by DONALD KAUL

I could talk about the farcical transfer of power to the new Iraqi government if I wanted to; the way we handed over power two days early, under cover of night, unannounced, then had our top guy sneak out of town like a burglar fleeing the scene of his crime.

I could make jokes about that. For example: "How many Iraqi leaders does it take to change a light bulb?"

"Only a few, but they need 130,000 American troops to hold the ladder."

But I'm not going to. It would be wrong to take cheap shots at so pathetic and immature an administration. And the Iraqi government isn't so stable either. I'd rather talk about Marlon Brando.

Brando died last week at the age of 80, his body a ruined hulk, decades past his best work.

But what work that was. Obituaries called him the finest actor of his generation, and he was that, but he was more — the defining actor of his age.

His friend, Jack Nicholson, told the New York Times: "There's no one before or since like Marlon Brando. The gift was enormous and flawless, like Picasso."

He was, said Nicholson, "a genius who was the beginning and end of his own revolution."

I remember the first time I saw him, in the film version of Tennessee Williams' "Streetcar Named Desire." Brando was Stanley Kowalski, a feral brute in a torn T-shirt. He didn't play Kowalski, he was him.

I was studying engineering at the University of Michigan at the time. Seeing that movie was like having a curtain opened on a world I had hardly imagined existed and not just Williams' decadent, claustrophobic world. Brando's performance was an essay on the possibilities of art.

I knew right then I would never be an engineer. I decided on a life in the theater, as a playwright. (Eventually, reality intervened and I drifted into journalism, the safety net of failed writers. At least it wasn't engineering.)

Nicholson had a similar experience. "I was in high school when I saw 'The Wild One,'" he said. "He changed my life forever." That's what a great artist can do for you — change your life.

"The Wild One" is basically a B-movie with a standard motorcycle gang plot. Gang invades small town, terrorizes it until hero emerges and stands up to them. The film is rescued from mediocrity by Brando, who is not only the

leader of the gang but the town's savior. In it he utters what was to become the anthem of rebellious youth in bland, 1950's America.

"Johnny, what are you rebelling against?" the pretty girl asks him. "Whaddaya got?"

In one four-year period he made "The Men," "Streetcar," "Viva Zapata!" as well as "The Wild One," "On the Waterfront" and "Julius Caesar" — an astonishing run of brilliant films.

His career ebbed and flowed after that, filled with some good, some not so good films, none of which approached the incandescence of his early work. Until 1972, when he made "The Godfather" and imprinted an indelible image of a Mafia Don on our collective consciousness. Would "The Sopranos" be possible without Brando's Vito Corleone? I don't think so.

His last inarguably great film was "Apocalypse Now," in which he played the renegade warrior Colonel Kurtz, who comes to embody the pure savagery of war. A masterpiece.

Brando was considered a "Method" actor by many but he transcended the

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Faith Extra

Woman leads small movement for gender equality in U.S. Islam

by ALLISON BARKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — During Ramadan last year, Asra Nomani took a deep breath and entered the front door of the Islamic Center in Morgantown, shunning tradition and the women's balcony to pray on the main floor.

The 38-year-old single mother had no intention of praying right next to the men — an act that would seem shocking to the congregants. But she did want to see and hear the prayer leader, and was willing to break down gender barriers to do it.

She hopes her simple act will be the first step toward improving Muslim women's rights at mosques across the nation.

"To deny women access to space is to deny access to participation," Nomani said. "We want voice and we want leadership."

Although there was never an official policy at the Morgantown mosque, it had become custom that women would pray in the balcony and enter through a separate door "to protect their privacy," said Christine Arja, a Fairmont lawyer, who is a spokeswoman for the mosque's executive committee.

"Many people don't under-

stand the manner in which Muslims pray," Arja said. "We pray in a line with our shoulders touching and our backsides do go up in the air. Many women don't want to be shoulder-to-shoulder with men."

Still, in June — less than a month after a new executive committee was elected, including the mosque's first woman — leaders clarified that women can pray behind men in the main prayer space. The mosque's small membership is largely made up of West Virginia University students and staff members.

"Less than a year ago, they told me, 'Sister, please use the back entrance,'" Nomani said. "Now, they're talking about greeting us at the door. This is an important victory toward removing the barriers that keep women from full participation."

Since Nomani started praying in the main hall, along with her mother and 13-year-old niece, few female mosque members have joined her. Many women, she said, "still feel like they're breaking the rules."

And some who supported Nomani in the beginning feel alienated by the spotlight she shined on their once peaceful mosque, Arja said. A small contingent has even sought to have her banned from the

mosque.

Nomani, an author and journalist, was born in India but moved to the United States when she was 4 and to Morgantown when she was 10. After traveling throughout the world as a reporter, she returned to West Virginia last year to raise her son near family.

Her father, a retired WVU professor, was one of the founding members of the mosque built 23 years ago. Today, he apologizes to his daughter for not recognizing women's rights from the beginning, saying he didn't know better.

Islam teaches there is only one God and Muhammad was his messenger. Muslims place importance on prayers, charity, fasting, pilgrimage and the act of reading of Islam's holy text, the Quran.

But worship practices vary. Even in the United States, some mosques ban women altogether and a growing number put women behind a partition or in another room to pray, according to the Council on American-Islamic Relations. In 1994, 52 percent of mosques segregated women, while in 2000, 66 percent did so, according to the council.

Some Muslims, like Arja, say separation prevents sexual

distractions for both genders and keeps the focus on God. Nomani counters that "sexual-ity is often used as an excuse to deny us rights."

The practice of separating men and women has both religious and cultural origins, but Muslims disagree dramatically over how Quranic verses on segregating the sexes should be interpreted. Regional cultural influences are a major factor in how U.S. mosques handle the issue.

Until the late 1980s, most Muslims coming to the United States were highly educated and embraced Western values. But that changed as more immigrants arrived with their own, more conservative form of Islam.

"Many men simply do not want women participating," Nomani said. "In the workplace, we call that a hostile work environment."

Still, gender segregation is not universal.

Many mosques across the world allow women and men to pray in the same space, including Islam's holiest mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. That prompted Nomani and a few other like-minded women to form a group, Daughters of Hajar, to fight for gender equality in worship. The organization is named for the second wife of

Abraham and mother of Ismail, whose lineage produced Islam's founding prophet, Muhammad, according to Muslim teaching.

Other founding members include Saleemah Abdul-Ghafur of Atlanta, an author and a recent chief operating officer of Azizah, a magazine for Muslim women; author Samina Ali of San Francisco; Sarah Eltantawi, communications director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council in New York; Mohja Kahf, an associate professor of literature at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and a columnist for the Internet magazine Muslim Wake-Up; and

Nomani's mother, Sajida, a retired business owner.

Nomani and other founders kicked off their quest with a conference in Morgantown last month where they marched to the mosque, entered through the front door and prayed in the main hall. They also worked on a mission statement, which is still being refined.

"We're doing this in the hopes of planting seeds for the transformation of the entire Muslim community," Abdul-Ghafur said. "When women don't have adequate space to pray, you have silenced half the community."

Clergymen rev up for Faster Pastor auto race

by RUSS BYNUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

POOLER, Ga. — The '78 Chevy Monte Carlo slides out of turn four spinning 180 degrees as other racers whiz past on the slippery dirt track, but this novice driver doesn't scare easily when he's fueled by faith.

"The thing about us pastors is, if something were to happen to one of us, we all know where we're going," said the Rev. Jim Wilson, pastor of Cedar Street Baptist Church in Metter.

A few practice laps Tuesday allowed Wilson and fellow clergymen to rev up for Faster Pastor 2004, a stock-car race that pulls preachers from the pulpit to the poll at Oglethorpe Speedway Park near Savannah.

The Friday race, in its fourth year, lets ministers strut a bit of machismo while raising money for their churches. While most are complete beginners on the track, these 13 devout drivers say they won't be turning the other cheek when they compete for the checkered flag.

And their congregations wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's like fans within any other sport — they're serious about their pastor winning," said the Rev. Rickey Rushing, a for-

mer drag racer who won each of the three previous Faster Pastor races. "I really like to win. I do my best and whatever turns out, turns out."

Oglethorpe Speedway general manager Ted Austad said he got the idea for Faster Pastor from a fellow promoter in Kentucky. While many preachers were reluctant to join Austad's first race in 2000, now he says he has to turn some away.

"It's kind of rebellious, almost," Austad said. "They live lives that are perfect, at least in the eyes of their congregations, and maybe this is an opportunity for them to do something that isn't, so to say, Godly."

Local racers who normally compete at the raceway on Friday nights loan their cars — mostly battered '70s and '80s models with top speeds of about 85 mph — to the ministers and give them some rudimentary coaching.

"He was driving in first gear for the first couple of laps," speedway regular Tim Ysbrand said after waving Wilson off the track for a couple of quick tips. "He finally got it up into second before he came in. But they've got to learn."

There's no purse up for

grabs, but churches that enter their pastors get to keep \$6 of every \$10 ticket they sell. Last year's race drew a crowd of nearly 3,000, Austad said.

But some churches have refused to embrace Faster Pastor, equating auto racing with sin as well as speed.

"They feel like if they come out here they're setting a bad example with the drinking and cussing and fighting," said the Rev. Larry Strickland, a Baptist minister and Oglethorpe Speedway's track chaplain. "We aren't out here to be a part of that. We're here to change parts of that."

The Rev. Tom Osborne said Faster Pastor has helped jumpstart the men's ministry at his church, Friendship Baptist Church in Statesboro. His men's group has been working on a donated Monte Carlo to get it ready for Osborne to drive in regular dirt races next year.

"I don't want guys to think I'm in some ivory tower," Osborne said. "If we can reach some men and draw them in through dirt-track racing, why aren't we?"

Austad admits some preachers have elected not to return

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FLOYD COUNTY

Clara (Toots) Allen, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, July 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 13, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Bud Calhoun, 75, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, July 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Stewart Calhoun. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Minnie-Del Caudill, 74, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, July 11, at the residence of her son, Tivis Caudill, at Wheelwright. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Charles E. "Bob" Conn Sr., 77, of Ivel, died Tuesday, July 13, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Bobby Curnutte, 72, of Auxier, died Monday, June 28, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Alice Wireman Curnutte. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Kathryn Osborne Hall, 79, of Martin, died Thursday, July 8, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 11, under the direction of Hall

Funeral Home.

Michael Keith Hall, 44, of Banner, died Sunday, July 11, at the Pikeville Medical Center emergency room. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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

Dorothy (Dotty) Bentley Moore, 32, of Ligon, died Friday, July 9, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, as the result of an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Claude Ramey, 44, of Hueysville, died Wednesday, July 7, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Marie Patton Stumbo, 82, of McDowell, died Wednesday, July 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Frank Wallace, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, July 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Burchett

Wallace. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 13, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Ryan Thomas Fairchild, 23, of Paintsville, died Monday, July 5, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Edra Hill, 78, of Flat Gap, died Wednesday, June 30, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 3, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Phyllis Hyden, 65, of Mentone, Indiana, a Paintsville native, died Saturday, July 3. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Hyden. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 7, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Indiana.

Larry Maurice Lemaster Sr., of Ashland, a Keaton native, died Monday, July 5, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Shirley McCarty Lemaster. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 8, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Howard Gene "Ping" Lyons, 66, of Thealka, died Friday, June 25, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lorraine VanHoose Mason, 79, of Huntington, West Virginia, a Johnson County native, 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, 76, of Wittensville, died Saturday, July 3, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Vencil Meadows. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Benjamin F. Osborne, 62, of Stambaugh, died Sunday, July 11, at University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Lois

Caudill Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Irene Parsons, 85, died at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 25, under the direction of Kilgore & Collier Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Ernest Dale Chaffins, 52, of Inez, died Thursday, July 8, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Arnold B. McCoy, 53, of Tomahawk, died Sunday, June 27, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Wanda McCoy. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 14, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Easter Meek, 67, of Tomahawk, died Tuesday, July 6, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Ted "Shorty" Meek. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 10, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

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

PIKE COUNTY

Mildred June Hatfield Casey, 67, of Phelps, died Sunday, July 11, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 14, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

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

Ida Holloway, 79, of Pikeville, died Friday, July 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, H. D. Holloway. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 12, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

James Carl Hunt, 63, of Mouthcard, died Friday, July 9, at Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy, Virginia. Funeral services were under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Minnie A. Irizarry, 73, of Port St. Lucie, Florida, died Saturday, July 10, at Martin Memorial Medical Center. She

Pastor

after previous Pastor events. Though the race is kept short — 10 laps around the half-mile track — to minimize wrecks, the dirt track can at times be as treacherous as ice.

Others, such as the Rev. Doug McCart of First Baptist Church in Brooklet, acknowledge being thrill junkies as well as theologians. McCart normally rides motorcycles, and he finished second in last year's race.

"I've always loved cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles," McCart said. "I'm not one of those sissy preachers."

prime he was without peer or rival. We shall not see his like again.

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.

His life, in a personal sense, was a failure, surrounded by tragedy and marked by a curious combination of arrogance and self-loathing. At the end he had ballooned to nearly 400 pounds and was the object of jokes by late-night comedians.

He deserved better. In his

is survived by her husband, Frank A. Irizarry. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 12, under the direction of All County Funeral Home & Crematory, Treasure Coast Chapel, Stuart, Florida.

Esta Loucille Webb Lowe, 76, of Turkey Creek, died Monday, July 12, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Bobby L. Lowe. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 15, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

William Slater Jr., 51, of Delbarton, West Virginia, a Turkey Creek native, died Sunday, July 11, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Janice Blevins Slater. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 14, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Melissa "Missy" Tackett, 24, of Richmond, formerly of Booker Fork, died Monday, July 12, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July

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Obituaries

Mapel Lydia Burke

Mapel Lydia Burke, 75, of Bevinville, died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

Born October 27, 1928, in Halo, she was a daughter of the late Joel and Jane Cook Johnson. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church at Kite.

She was twice married, first to Ted Burke, and afterward to James Burke. Both preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Freda Burke of Hi Hat; three daughters and sons-in-law: Sherry Ann and Russell Spears of Kendallville, Indiana, Virginia and Ernie Morgan of Bevinville, and Janice Rose and Eugene Hall of Hi Hat; a sister, Mabel Burke of Morehead; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Leo Johnson, Woodrow Johnson, and Able Johnson; and three sisters: Margaret Johnson, Sadie Johnson, and Ollie Johnson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 17, at 1 p.m., at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, at Bevinville, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Burke Cemetery, at Frozen, in Bevinville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Phyllis Goodrich Crisp

Phyllis Goodrich Crisp, 73, of Martin, died Friday, July 16, 2004, at her residence.

Born February 17, 1931, in Lapeer, Michigan, she was a daughter of Laura Morningstar Goodrich of Lapeer, Michigan, and the late Floyd Goodrich. She was a homemaker and a member of the Prater Creek Baptist Church, at Dana.

She is survived by her husband, Randolph Crisp.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, and mother, include a daughter, Reba Harvey of Martin; a brother, Wayne Goodrich of Michigan; a sister, Gladys Starking of Michigan; two grandchildren: Alan Harvey and Randy Harvey; and three great-grandchildren: Nick, Phillip and Eric.

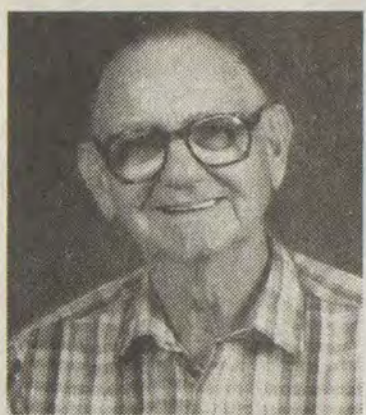
In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Mack Harvey.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, July 18, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial will be in the Crisp Cemetery (Bucks Branch), at Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)



Lafayette Gayheart

Lafayette Gayheart of Winchester, formerly of Eastern in Floyd County, has passed away at the Samaritan Hospital in Lexington after a long and heroic battle with cancer. He was 89.

Mr. Gayheart was educated in Floyd County at Garrett High School and was, for years, an employee of Southeastern Gas Company with whom he retired in the early 1980s. He was later employed by the Floyd County Board of Education at Allen Central High School until complete retirement in 1988. He was a kind, loving and dedicated family man. He will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his widow, Erma Napier Gayheart, with whom he was married for 64 years; two children, Brenda Gayheart Sparkle Grigsby (Charles) of Lexington and Goffrey Goffi Gayheart (Paula) of Winchester; six grandchildren, Charles G. Grigsby, Jr. (Donna), Suzie Grigsby Pennington (J.P.), Hugh Carlyle Grigsby, Jane Grigsby Winterton, Cindy Gayheart Jones (Brian) and Mary Jane Gayheart; seven great-grandchildren, Jessica Rose Pennington, Kathrine Grigsby, James Lafayette Pennington, Blake Grigsby, Charles G. Grigsby, III, Thomas Scott Winterton and John Dawson Winterton; one sister, Clova Collins of Lexington. He was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters, mostly of Floyd County.

His body rests at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, Ky.

Visitation was Saturday, July 17, at 1 p.m. and the funeral will be Sunday, July 18, at 12:30 p.m. with interment at the Gayheart-Martin family burial plot at Eastern in Floyd County.

(Paid obituary)

Guest

costs of using credit cards to the users.

If this will allow for quicker payment, then the Finance Cabinet should implement it statewide.

Medicaid debt is another huge collection problem faced by the state.

About \$95 million is owed to the state and it isn't expected to be collected anytime soon. It

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accounts for about 96 percent of noncurrent debt owed to the state, and about \$75 million of this collectable.

Unpaid court and Medicaid costs are simply unacceptable. The integrity of the courts and the fiscal health of our state cries out for maximum collection efforts.

— Daily News, Bowling Green

Image

television set," said Dee Davis, president of the Center for Rural Strategies, a Kentucky organization that fights against rural stereotypes. "The television's blaring in everyone's home all day long, and when it's inaccurate and it's hurtful, what can you do? There's this feeling of powerlessness and frustration."

Kilborn has said his comments were in jest, and to prove it, he has offered some serious suggestions of slogans. They include: "Kentucky, racing into the future," "Kentucky, home again," "Kentucky, a state of grace," and "Kentucky, purebred beauty."

"It's never our intent to offend," said Todd Yasui, executive producer of the "Late, Late Show with Craig Kilborn." "Hell, we love Kentucky. We'd love to

visit Kentucky sometime."

Fletcher, a first-term Republican governor, shouldn't have any misgivings about going to Los Angeles to appear on the show, Yasui said.

"We'll have him come out here and state his case, and we'll help him come up with an image makeover for his state," Yasui said.

As for the state's effort to create a catchphrase to reshape its image, one historian cautioned that Fletcher should tread carefully.

"If he does (succeed), he's doing something that hasn't happened in the last 200 years," said Thomas D. Clark, the state's most prominent historian.

The 101-year-old Clark said it's difficult to sum up a state with

such rich diversity — from the coal-rich Appalachian region in the east, to bluegrass country in the central region to the farm-rich west that stretches to the Mississippi River.

One of Fletcher's distant predecessors, Flem D. Sampson, coined the phrase "Kentucky for Progress," and slapped it on license plates, Clark said. The slogan was derided by newspaper pundits.

"The governor should be cautious about trying to focus on a single image," Clark said.

He said the state's image in the eyes of the rest of the country often boils down to basketball, horses, bourbon whiskey, hillbillies and bluegrass aristocracy. Backwoods images persist in part "because we cultivate them ourselves," he said, noting that men dressed in pioneer garb and carrying rifles often are seen at rural festivals.

Clark had his own suggestion for an enduring image.

"The image of the state should be its natural beauty," he said.

Beltway

Method. He was a natural. As Elaine Strich once said: "Marlon's going to school to learn the Method, was like sending a tiger to jungle school."

His life, in a personal sense, was a failure, surrounded by tragedy and marked by a curious combination of arrogance and self-loathing. At the end he had ballooned to nearly 400 pounds and was the object of jokes by late-night comedians.

He deserved better. In his

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Davidson

proves is that human nature is alive and well. When you think about it, we really do care about what others think of us.

There are basic human needs that cry out for acceptance and approval and we will do whatever it takes to satisfy those needs. For example, the kid who turns up his radio so loud it can be heard all over town, dyes his hair green or has tattoos all over his body is crying out, "Pay attention to me." He definitely cares what others think of him, even if this thinking is mostly negative.

When it comes to having healthy self-esteem, this is a very important part of life, but the only way I have found that we can feel good about ourselves is when we have achieved something really and truly

worthwhile. We can't simply tell someone that he or she is a world-beater and have it stick, unless these thoughts are reinforced and backed up by their performance.

Since the beginning of time, this story has never changed. Our hard-earned success, which is what all of us desire, really comes down to deciding what we want to achieve in life and then working hard to make it happen. While we are busy doing this, we won't worry so much about what other people think of us, if we will just realize how seldom they do.

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

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The Floyd County courthouse now sports a new roof and gutter system which will keep the building dry all year round. The facility had for years been the site of numerous leak problems.

Suspects in bank robbery captured

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Within three days of the July 12 robbery of a Citizens National Bank branch in Paintsville, all three suspects have been apprehended and are currently lodged in the Big Sandy Detention Center.

Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten was quick to express gratitude to the sheriffs of Martin and Magoffin counties for their assistance in capturing the suspects, who allegedly led all three departments, as well as state troopers and Paintsville Police, on a high-speed car chase after the robbery. The chase ended when they lost control of their truck and slammed into a telephone pole. The men headed into the hills on foot but were all apprehended as of Thursday.

Charles E. Haney, 31, of Williamsport, was captured first in Tomahawk on Wednesday via a joint effort between the Martin and Johnson county departments.

On Thursday, Kentucky State Police Trooper Scott Hazelette

and Magoffin County Sheriff Bob Jordan received notice to look out for Bryan Benton, 28, of Falcon. They arrested him that afternoon at the Dollar General in Salyersville and also booked his wife, Jerry Benton, on separate drug-related charges.

Later that day the final suspect, Jimmy Cornette Sr., 39, of Tomahawk, was nabbed by Martin County Sheriff Garmon Preece.

All three men have been charged with first-degree robbery. Additional charges relating to the high-speed chase, use of a stolen truck and fleeing and evading will most likely be considered.

Citizens National Bank security officer Pam Butcher expressed her gratitude and said, "We do appreciate all of the efforts by the sheriff's departments and how fast and well they worked together. We also appreciate our customers who stopped by the bank and showed concern for the tellers. The staff handled the situation very well and we are grateful that no one was hurt."

Obituaries

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15, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Allen N. Brown, 72, of Salyersville, died Thursday, July 8, at Salyersville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen McKenzie Brown. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Jack "Jackie" Howard, 53, of Albany, formerly of Salyersville, died Saturday, July 3. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Salyer Howard. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 6, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Sandra Rudd Lykins, 54, of Verona, a native of Dale, died Sunday, July 11, at St. Luke Hospital West, Florence. She is survived by her husband, Willard Lykins. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 14, under the direction of Hamilton-Stanley Funeral Home.

Reno Patrick, 35, of Jeffersonville, died July 10, at Mt. Sterling. He is survived by his wife, Melissa Lilly Perkins Patrick. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 17, under the direction of Herald and Stewart Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Roy Hall, 90, of Kite, died Saturday, July 10, at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Geneva Arrington, 81, of Adams, died Thursday, July 8, at J. J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 10, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Elbert Ottis Johnson, 79, of Minerva, Ohio, a native of Ulysses, died Tuesday, June 29, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 2, under the direction of Gotschall-Hutchison Funeral Home.

Charles Eugene Rieman, 36, of Louisa, died Sunday, July 11, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Martha Adams Rieman. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 14, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Betty J. Short, 68, of Louisa, died Saturday, July 10, at Three Rivers Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Carl Short. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 13, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

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NASCAR
ready to go
green-white-
checkered

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — A "green-white-checkered" finish format will be used for the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series and NASCAR Busch Series beginning with next weekend's races at New Hampshire International Speedway, NASCAR officials announced Thursday.

"The green-white-checkered format is an attempt to achieve everyone's goals — a green-flag finish," NASCAR President Mike Helton said. "This change hopefully will provide competitive finishes in the relatively rare occasions it is warranted. This format has been successful in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, and considering the tight competition week in and week out in the other two national series, we feel the time is right to use the same procedure in all three national series."

The new procedure will consist of a restart of two laps — green flag for the first lap of the restart and the white flag signaling the final lap leading to the checkered flag. All additional laps will be counted and scored.

The new format will not guarantee a green-flag finish. Only one restart under the "green-white-checkered" format will be attempted. If a caution comes out during that period, the race will be complete.

This procedure will eliminate the need for a red flag in the final laps to immediately stop the race in an attempt to finish under green-flag conditions.

The announcement expands the single attempt "green-white-checkered" format to all three of NASCAR's national series, beginning next week.

Dates
announced for
'05 All 'A' eventsby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Small school basketball, baseball and fast-pitch softball teams around Eastern Kentucky and the rest of the state now have dates to go with tournaments. Recently, dates for 2005 All "A" Classic events were announced. A list of the events and their dates follows.

Basketball Regional Tournaments, Jan. 17-29.

Basketball Statewide Tournament, Feb. 2-6.

Baseball Sectional Playoffs, April 28-30
Baseball Statewide Tournament, May 7-8.

Fast Pitch Softball Sectional Playoffs, May 5-7.

Fast Pitch Softball Statewide Tournament, May 14-15.

Stan Steidel, chairperson of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic and Roy Palk, CEO of Touchstone Energy, announced earlier this year that the All "A" Classic would expand to include statewide baseball and fast-pitch softball tournaments for the first time. The expansion took place during the 2003-04 school year. "Some of the schools approached us and asked if we'd consider it," Steidel said. "We went to Touchstone and they said they'd work it out and try to help us."

The baseball tournament was conducted in a regional, sectional and state format, with the state tournament being played by eight teams at Applebee's Park, home of the Lexington Legends' minor league baseball team. The baseball tournament was played in May.

Heath won the inaugural All "A" baseball title.

The softball tournament also featured regional, sectional and state formats, and was also concluded in May, with a double-elimination state tournament at Skyview Park in Jeffersonton.

Middlesboro is the defending All "A" softball champ.

"We are pleased to be a part of the expansion of this tournament," Palk added.

Floyd County native and former Allen Central High School assistant coach Kevin Spurlock, now a head coach, guided Hazard High to the 2004 All "A" boys' basketball championship.

Locals attend NWTF
Leadership Conferenceby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Paul Hagans, President of the Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), and Paul Robinson, Treasure of the chapter, have returned home. The two outdoor enthusiasts, along with

Joe R. Bolton, traveled south last week to Edgefield, S.C., attending the NWTF Leadership Conference. During the conference, with nearly 1,000 delegates from across the country in attendance, the federation dedicated a \$3.3 million expansion of its Turkey Center in

(See NWTF, page two)



Floyd County NWTF Treasurer Paul Robinson, Sponsor Joe R. Bolton, Regional Director Hank Patton and President Paul Hagans were all smiles during the NWTF Leadership Conference, held in Edgefield, S.C., home of the NWTF



photos by Jamie Howell
The South Floyd High football team returned to the gridiron Thursday, beginning practice in preparation for the 2004 season.

After a season in the playoffs,
Raiders go back to workby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — In Coach Donny Daniels' second season back guiding the South Floyd High School football program the Raiders finished the 2003 regular-season with a 6-4 record and a berth in the State Playoffs. South Floyd fell to eventual Region Four champ Lynn Camp in the first round of the playoffs and ended the campaign with a winning 6-5 record.

On Thursday, the Raiders were back on the practice field, working toward the start of the upcoming 2004 season.

One of the biggest wins South Floyd registered in the 2003 season was a 14-0 blanking of district foe Paintsville. South Floyd finished third in Class A, District 8, behind Pikeville (second) and Hazard (first).

Non-district opponents for the Raiders in the season ahead include Class 2A foes Powell County, Pike County Central and East Ridge.

In all, South Floyd is expected to return 17 starters.

"We had a good off-season," admitted Daniels. "We were able to get some work done in the weight-room."

Quarterback Landon Slone, the signal-caller from a season ago, is gone via graduation. So is Brandon

Little, who rushed for nearly 2,000 yards one season ago. Replacing both players, key losses, will not be easy for the Raiders. But a lot of offensive firepower is returning.

Wes Hall, a senior tailback who rushed for nearly 900 yards last season will again lead South Floyd's ground attack. Senior wingback Joe Osborne, who entered the Raider grid program last season after transferring in from Michigan, is a likely candidate to replace Slone under center at the quarterback position.

One question for the South Floyd offense heading into the 2004 season may be its passing game.

Along the offensive line, Dustin Moore, a 6-foot-2, 260-pound senior, is the team's top returning offensive lineman. Senior Robert Mullins, who played a couple different positions along the O-line, returns, too.

South Floyd, in the 2003 season, outscored opponents 342-272. On four occasions, all winning outings, South Floyd netted 30 or more points.

Mullins ranks as one of the most feared defenders in Class A, District 8. Last season, as a junior, Mullins, while playing on both sides of the football, on defense

(See RAIDERS, page two)

Raider coach Bobcat Jackson assisted during a drill.



Veteran head coach Donny Daniels and his team return to the field after a trip to the 2003 State Playoffs

Blackcat
Media Day
set for Aug. 3by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School football team will hold its annual media day on Sunday, Aug. 1 at 3 p.m. at Josh Francis Field, inside Blackcat Stadium.

For several Blackcat football fans, this year's media day will offer an up close look at the 2004 Prestonsburg High football team, again a contender for a Class 2A state title.

"Media day allows us a chance to get everyone together — coaches, football players, Dance Cats, cheerleaders, band members," said Prestonsburg High head coach John DeRossett. "It's a good time for parents to come out and take pictures. It just makes everything a lot easier in getting things together for our football program. We'd like to invite everyone to come out and take in media day."

The Football Blackcats annually rank as one of the top teams in Class 2A. Prestonsburg finished the 2003 season with a 7-5 record. The seven-win season included a playoff win over then-defending Class 2A state champ Breathitt County. The Blackcat football team began practice earlier this week.

BK Motorsports
leaves door open
to Modified racing

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — No, the Number 18 Brandon Kinzer Motorsports J.B. Performance Modified isn't done for the 2004 race season. Fans can expect to see the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports Modified ride make a racing return to the track — and during the current race season.

The No. 18 Modified — which like its Brandon Kinzer Motorsports Late Model counterpart has already visited victory lane during the 2004 season — is out of action for the moment. But most likely not for too much longer. Racefans and followers of the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports raceteam can expect to see the No. 18 Modified return to the track in the future.

(See BK page five)

Rowe on track
back to Nationalsby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Most early-mornings find young Dusty Rowe atop a dirt bike. The high school sophomore-to-be has made many circuits on motocross tracks throughout the nation. This past week found Rowe in Alabama where he continues to workout and practice under the watchful eye of Randy Tischner. Rowe had hoped to return close to his home in Floyd County during the upcoming weekend, racing in London at Daniel

Boone Motocross Park. However, Tischner thought it would be best that Rowe continue training. Rowe has done his fare share of training, both in past years and over the past few months.

A recent series of regional qualifying events, three to be exact, featured a second-place finish at the Southeast Regionals. Rowe is on his way back to the NMA Championships, scheduled for July 26-31 in Ponca City, Okla. Following the event in Oklahoma,

(See ROWE, page five)



Floyd County resident Dusty Rowe is again racing and competing across the country.

Second half could be full of surprises

by MIKE FITZPATRICK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Almost everybody was stunned to see Roger Clemens get knocked around in the All-Star game. The second half of the season could be filled with big surprises, too.

Texas and St. Louis are in first place. The Padres and Mets are only two games out. And Randy Johnson could shake up the entire pennant race if he's traded by the lowly Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Yankees and Red Sox are sure to make a run at him, adding another chapter to their storied rivalry. Or maybe a different team — perhaps Anaheim — will pry him away before the July 31 non-waiver deadline.

"This isn't the Florida State League, where the first-half winner automatically gets a berth in the playoffs," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "We have to keep the pedal to the metal, and you're always concerned about what Boston or others may do. I'll continue to make phone calls and see what's cooking."

Looking for its seventh consecutive AL East title, New York has a seven-game cushion over the Red Sox, who lead the wild-card race by a slim margin.

Yet the Yankees are in need of starting pitching and they've openly coveted Johnson, the five-time Cy Young Award winner who has five career postseason wins against them.

The 40-year-old left-hander, who pitched a perfect game in Atlanta on May 18, is stuck on a team with the worst record in the majors.

He's making \$16 million this season and is due \$16 million in 2005, the final year of his deal. And he said during the All-Star break that he would consider waiving his no-trade clause if Arizona wants to send him to a contender.

Sounds like a perfect match for one of baseball's big spenders — and maybe a relief for everybody in the National League.

"There's not that many difference makers out there. Lord willing they're all going to the Red Sox or the Yankees anyway," San Francisco general manager Brian Sabean said.

Led by Barry Bonds and Jason Schmidt, Sabean's Giants are in the thick of a three-team race in the NL West, wedged right between first-place Los Angeles and third-place San Diego.

The NL East is just as muddled. Three teams are within two

games of first-place Philadelphia, including the surprising Mets. Atlanta, seeking its 13th straight division title, is only a game back, just ahead of Florida.

"It's a four-team battle," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said during the All-Star game. "Any of those four clubs could win."

And the wild-card chase also is wide open — eight teams are within 4 1/2 games of San Francisco. That means 12 NL teams still have a real chance to reach the playoffs, making it an exciting second half for fans all over the country.

"It's a wild and wacky league," Sabean said. "This might be the year of the 86-to-88-win division winner. I couldn't even tell you what the record would be of the wild-card winner."

Bonds, just 19 homers shy of 700, would love to get a few more pitches to hit the rest of the way. He's already drawn 71 intentional walks — three more than the previous major league record he set two years ago — and 131 walks in all.

That puts him on pace to shatter his big league record of 198 set in 2002. Still, he leads the NL with a .365 batting average and .794 slugging percent-

age. Detroit's Ivan Rodriguez, trying to become the first AL catcher to win a batting title, tops the majors with a .369 average.

The 41-year-old Clemens (10-3, 2.62 ERA) also is putting up amazing numbers, especially considering he retired — albeit briefly — after last season.

But he was a bust in his hometown of Houston at the All-Star game, giving up six runs in the first inning of the American League's 9-4 victory Tuesday night.

All-Star MVP Alfonso Soriano hit a three-run homer off the Rocket, helping the AL secure home-field advantage in the World Series for the third straight year. Now he'll try to help the upstart Rangers hold off Oakland and Anaheim in the AL West.

"We have a lot of young talent," Soriano said.

Scott Rolen's major league-leading 80 RBIs helped the Cardinals sprint past preseason favorites Chicago and Houston to a seven-game lead in the NL Central. Cincinnati is still in it,

but Ken Griffey Jr. tore his hamstring last weekend, derailing his best season in years.

Houston, which is 10 1/2 games back, fired manager Jimmy Williams on Wednesday and replaced him with former Milwaukee and Detroit manager Phil Garner.

Meanwhile, the Chicago White Sox and Minnesota Twins are locked up in their annual fight for first in the AL Central.

"It's going to be a dogfight all the way to the end," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said.

Gordon to roll strikes at Indy for charity

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS — You can bet four-time NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon will be back in Indianapolis this August, firing all cylinders and lapping the track during the Brickyard 400. And, when he's not on the fast track, you might find him making a pit stop in the local bowling lanes.

The third annual Tropicana Jeff Gordon Bowling Tournament Presented by Village Pantry takes place Thurs., Aug. 5 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at AMF Raceway Lanes at 4503 W. 16th

St. in Indianapolis. Proceeds from the event will go to The Jeff Gordon Foundation benefiting Riley Hospital for Children.

Gordon named Indiana's only comprehensive children's hospital one of the designated charities of The Jeff Gordon Foundation in 2001.

"Riley Hospital for Children is privileged to be among the causes Mr. Gordon so generously supports," said Dr. Richard Schreiner, physician-in-chief at Riley Hospital. "Funding from The Jeff Gordon Foundation supports life-saving patient care services and pediatric medical research which benefit thousands of Hoosier children."

A limited number of team sponsorships, ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,500, are still available. Team sponsors will receive participation opportunities, com-

plimentary photos with Gordon, gift packs and recognition in publicity materials. Opportunities to sponsor prizes and refreshments also are available.

Bowling tournament participants can register, mingle, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and peruse items for a silent auction from 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. A brief welcome, celebrity introductions and event guidelines will kick-off the tournament at 6 p.m. An awards ceremony and trick bowling shots performed by renowned professional bowlers will wrap up the evening.

Banner sponsors include DuPont, Chevrolet, Dale Jarrett Foundation, Barnes & Thornburg and The Source International. Indiana media outlets sponsoring the event include WFMS 95.5 and Comcast.

NWTF Floyd County Chapter to host events

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Fifth Annual Squirrel Hunt Campout and the Floyd County Chapter of the NWTF (National Wild Turkey Federation) Third Annual Jakes Day is scheduled for the Aug. 20-21. The events are sponsored by the Floyd County Hunter Education Organization, Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club, Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Kentucky Hunter Education Association.

Slated to again be held at the German Bridge Campground, the two Floyd County NWTF-sponsored events are open to youths ages 6-17. All federal, state and WMA game regula-

tions will apply. Each youth must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian. All campers should bring their own hunting and camping equipment and no pets are allowed. Activities will include a turkey calling seminar, turkey calling contest, paintball shooting, canoeing and archery. Fishing will also be available.

Door prizes to be given away will include a shotgun and a .22 rifle.

Pre-registration is required as limited spaces are available.

For more information, call any of the following individuals: Tom Bormes, 606/285-5061; Joe R. Bolton, 606/884-8683; Tim Goble, 606/874-2490; Paul Hagans, 606/285-0176; Gerald Jones, 606/886-8656; Paul Robinson, 606/874-2701.



FLOYD COUNTY CHAPTER ATTENDS NWTF LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE — The Floyd County Chapter of the NWTF (National Wild Turkey Federation) President Paul Hagans (left), Treasurer Paul Robinson and Sponsor Joe R. Bolton (not pictured) attended the NWTF Leadership Conference July 9-11 in Edgefield, S.C. Pictured with Hagans and Robinson is NWTF CEO Rob Keck. The trip allowed the Floyd County Chapter participants the chance to spend time with Keck, the Boss Gobbler himself.

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Edgefield, a complete two-year building project that doubled its office space from 54,000 square feet and its museum to 10,000 square feet.

Bass Pro Shops founder and CEO John L. Morris announced a donation of \$1.1 million to pay off the balance of the project.

"We really enjoyed the trip to the conference," admitted Robinson. "It was nice to be able to attend and talk with the other delegates."

The NWTF has already set a goal of 1,000,000 members for 2005. The Floyd County Chapter is coming off another successful banquet and membership drive. Locally, the Floyd County chapter is preparing for its Third Annual Jakes Day.

The NWTF is a half million member grassroots, nonprofit

organization with members in 50 states, Canada and 11 other foreign countries. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private and corporate lands as well as wild turkey hunting as a traditional North American sport.

In 1973, the National Wild Turkey Federation was founded in Fredericksburg, Va., At that time, there were an estimated 1.3 million wild turkeys and 1.5 million turkey hunters. Shortly after its founding, the NWTF moved to Edgefield, S.C., where it is still headquartered today.

Thanks in great part to the work of federal, state and provincial wildlife agencies and the NWTF's many volunteers and partners, there are now over 6.4 million wild turkeys and approximately 2.6 million

turkey hunters. Turkey hunting has become the fastest growing form of hunting and has the second-highest number of participants of any type of hunting.

Since 1985, more than \$186 million NWTF and cooperator dollars have been spent on over 27,000 projects benefiting wild turkeys and other game and nongame species throughout North America. Hunters have also benefited as the NWTF has worked tirelessly to support hunting heritage and protect and promote laws that increase hunting opportunity and safety.

For more information on the National Wild Turkey Federation, call 1-800-THE-NWTF. Locally, call Paul Hagans at 606/285-0176 or Paul Robinson at 606/874-2701.

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recorded a team-high 134 tackles. Racking up 15 or 20 tackles in a game was second nature for Mullins, who in his defensive play covers a lot of field.

Junior Justin Slone had a team-high eight interceptions, good enough for third in the state.

As with many small Class A schools, South Floyd will have several players that'll contribute greatly on both offense and defense.

Wes Hall was another top defender last season. Osborne also saw time on defense. Moore helped Mullins along the defen-

sive line.

In all six of its win last season, South Floyd held opponents to 20 points or less.

Veteran assistant Bobcat Jackson coaches the Raider defense.

Balk rule revised for high school baseball

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — At its annual meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 18-19, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Baseball Rules Committee defined what is a balk and what is not for a high school baseball pitcher.

Rule 6-1-1 was revised to specify when a baseball pitcher can turn his shoulders toward base runners while on the mound. It is now legal for a pitcher to turn his shoulders to check a runner if he is in the set position and in contact with the pitcher's plate. However, if the pitcher turns his shoulders in the windup position to check a runner, it is a balk. Turning the shoulders after bringing the hands together during or after the stretch is also a balk.

"The use of the shoulder turn while in the set position does not afford the pitcher an advantage," said B. Elliot Hopkins, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee. "The prohibition of such actually creates a disadvantage."

In other changes, Rule 1-4-6 states that players now have the

option of wearing batting helmets equipped with attached facemasks or guards. Regardless of whether the mask is produced with the helmet or attached after the helmet is manufactured, all attached facemasks or guards must meet NOCSAE standards at the time of the mask's attachment.

"NOCSAE recently developed a standard for facemasks and guards, and the committee felt it would be prudent to incorporate that new standard into our existing rule," said NFHS Baseball Rules Committee Chairman Greg Brewer.

The committee also modified rules pertaining to coaches uniforms. Rule 3-2-1 was changed to state that a coach who is not in his or her team's uniform shall be restricted to the bench or dugout and cannot enter the field unless one of his or her players is ill or injured. Along the same lines, any coach occupying the coach's box must be dressed in his or her team's uniform.

Also, Rule 3-1-1 was clarified so that if an illegal player on either offense or defense is discovered by an umpire, that player shall be restricted to the bench or dugout for the rest of

the game. If an illegal offensive player re-enters the game, he will be called out immediately and ejected; an illegal defensive player will simply be ejected.

Baseball is the fourth-most popular sport among boys at the high school level with 453,792 participants during the 2002-03 season, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. It also ranks third in school sponsorship with 14,988 schools offering the sport.

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BCS simplifies in hopes of finding true champion

by EDDIE PELLIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

There will be fewer numbers to crunch in the revamped version of the Bowl Championship Series formula.

The big question remains whether those numbers will produce better results for one of the few major sports that determines its champion without a postseason tournament.

The Associated Press poll will count for one-third of each team's ranking under the new formula BCS officials unveiled Thursday in their latest attempt to find a simpler, more equitable way to come up with a 1 vs. 2 matchup in the college football title game.

Of course, in describing the

new formula, BCS chairman Kevin Weiberg issued the same caveat that has existed throughout the six seasons of this system.

"There is not a perfect tool out there in this system that will eliminate all controversy," said Weiberg, the Big 12 commissioner who took over as BCS chairman this year.

Under the new formula, which goes into effect this season, the AP writers' poll, the coaches' poll and a combination of computer rankings will each count for one-third of a team's overall BCS ranking.

Strength of schedule, team record and quality wins, three components used under the old system, have all been eliminated, the thought being that all

are already factored into the computer rankings. In the past, results from the AP and coaches' polls were averaged, then factored in with the other components — a formula that lessened the significance of the polls.

In three of the last four seasons, there have been at least three teams with legitimate claims for the two spots in the BCS title game.

Last year resulted in a split national championship, with LSU winning the BCS title game over Oklahoma and Southern California protecting its top ranking in the AP poll by defeating Michigan in the Rose Bowl. USC was left out of the BCS title game despite being ranked first in both polls going

into bowl season.

Coaches who vote in the USA Today-ESPN poll are obligated to name the winner of the BCS title game the national champion. Writers in the AP poll are under no such obligation.

"The system needed to be tweaked," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "We saw that last year firsthand here at USC. But whether this is the answer, we'll just have to wait and see."

BCS officials hired mathematicians from The Art and Science Group, based in Baltimore, to help come up with a new formula that would give them a better chance at ensuring there would be no repeat of last season. Weiberg

portrayed this as a total makeover of a system that had been tweaked slightly several times since it went into effect in 1998.

"While adjustments appear to correct previous inconsistencies, these corrections became cumbersome and confusing," said athletic director Paul Dee of Miami, which has been in the middle of BCS controversies. "I hope the new system will work as predicted."

But without a postseason tournament, which most school presidents and chancellors still oppose, Weiberg acknowledged there are no guarantees.

"We want to get this right," he said. "We want to have as much consensus as we possibly can. Certainly, the BCS has

created interest. That's a positive feature of the overall system. But our attempt here was not to produce a formula that would continue to have controversial outcomes."

The new formula will no longer average the weekly rank of each team. Instead, teams will be evaluated on the number of voting points they receive in each poll. A team's score in the AP poll will be divided by 1,625, which is the maximum any team can receive. A team's score in the coaches' poll will be divided by 1,525.

The final component will come from six computer rankings. A team's highest and lowest computer ranking will be thrown out and the other four will be used to determine a figure to add to those from the two polls. The New York Times computer rankings will not be used this year due to the newspaper's decision not to participate.

Had the new system been in place last year, it would have pitted USC and LSU in the title game, according to BCS calculations.

In 2001, Miami would have played Oregon instead of Nebraska, which made it over the Ducks despite a late-season 62-36 loss to Colorado that knocked the Cornhuskers out of the Big 12 title picture.

In 2000, the game would have pitted Oklahoma and Florida State — the two teams that made it — with Miami being left out despite having one defeat and giving the Seminoles their only loss of the season.

"It would be nice to think that this solves past problems, but due to past history you have to wait and see," said Oregon sports information director Dave Williford, whose boss, athletic director Bill Moos, has been an outspoken critic of the BCS.

"Other alterations were supposed to solve the problems as well and did not do the trick," Williford said.

Weiberg said the hope is that this system won't need to be changed again. The BCS contract expires after the 2005 season. Beginning in 2006, a fifth game will be added to the BCS, with the championship game played a week later at the site of one of the BCS bowls.

Regional tournament hits Midlands

by PETE IACOBELLI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Bud Spencer was sure his USTA Southern Sectionals, about 2,000 competitors strong, was the world's largest tennis tournament. But he checked with people from the Guinness Book of World Records just to be safe.

"They told us, 'Oh yes, there's nothing that comes close,'" said Spencer, the tournament chairman.

So the Midlands of South Carolina is getting ready for an event that last year pumped \$13.2 million into the state, according to a study by the University of South Carolina's Department of Sport and

Entertainment Management.

Around 2,000 tennis players from nine southern states — Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee — will play in the nine-day tournament that starts Friday. They are playing for a spot in a national championship.

After round-robin play, titles will be awarded on July 20 and July 25 at the Lexington County Tennis Complex.

Spencer says the USTA Southern Section has about a quarter of the more than 500,000 members across the country. Anyone wandering by the four area tournament sites could see two former college stars slugging it out, or a pair of skilled beginners vying for their flight's title.

"You can't ever be sure what you'll watch," he said.

There will be 24 USA League tennis titles awarded, based on a skill-rating scale that runs from the beginner at 2.5 to the more accomplished players at 5.0 and 5.5. There will be several adult classes for ages 19 and older. There is also a seniors flight for players 50 and older.

The competitions will include singles and doubles.

There is also an open category, where some serious tennis action will take place. "Those are the guys who've probably won some money on the circuit," said Jim Wescott, the tournament's chief local coordinator.

Laura Sawyer, a professor with the university's Department of Sports and Entertainment Management, says the economic impact study showed that more than half those who responded at last year's event had average annual

incomes of between \$80,000 and \$85,000. It found the average stay in the Midlands from a year ago was 4 1/2 days.

"I think it shows the purchasing power that some of these people have," Sawyer said. "Maybe it's a sign of very good times" for the economy.

The sectional states start whittling down competitors in January and February, Spencer said. By May, state champions are determined and then it's on to the sectionals. Winners here will advance to national tournaments in October played in Palm Springs, Calif., or Tucson, Ariz., depending on the division.

It's the second-straight year the plum tournament has been played in Columbia. USTA Southern Section officials were so impressed with South Carolina that they plan to play the regional tournament in Charleston in 2005 and 2006 at Family Circle Tennis Center.

Wescott says the Palmetto State is a tennis hotbed and more regional and national groups are noticing. Besides the annual Family Circle women's tournament each spring, South Carolina will host the Davis Cup semifinal matches between the United States and Belarus this September.

"We're starting to be a tennis Mecca," he said.

The first-place team of Jerry Sexton and Charles Newsom are pictured following their winning effort in the annual Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad Fishing Tournament.



Sexton, Newsom claim top honors in Rescue Squad tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad held its annual fishing tournament May 8 on Dewey Lake with the picturesque Jenny Wiley State Park surrounding. There were 69 boats total in the tournament with 26 boats weighing in with fish caught. There were 42 fish total caught for a total of 108.69

pounds. Jerry Sexton, Cave City, and Charles Newsom, Martin, caught a combined four bass for 11.80 pounds, good enough to take first-place honors.

The team of Dean Harless, Flat Gap, and Doug Harless, Hager Hill, caught three bass for 9.65 pounds. The team of Fuzz Grimm (East Point) and Paul Tackett (Prestonsburg) finished third with two bass weighing in

at 7.23 pounds. The duo of Grimm and Tackett also had the Big Bass catch of 4.78 pounds.

Mitchell Atkinson (Betsy Layne) and Don Pack (Stanville) finished fourth, catching three bass for 6.64 pounds. Fifth-place honors went to the team of Doug Greene (Salyserville) and Jason South (Nicholasville) with a three bass effort that totaled 6.50 pounds.

Trainer: 38-year-old Tyson can still be a contender

by MALCOLM C. KNOX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Fifteen years ago Mike Tyson was the most feared boxer in the sport, overpowering opponents on his way to becoming the youngest heavyweight champion ever.

Freddie Roach knows that's not the Mike Tyson he's currently training.

Roach said today's Tyson still has the knockout power and speed to become one of the world's top heavyweights. But his focus now is to make Tyson more of a tactical fighter.

Roach said Tyson won't depend on one big punch to take out British fighter Danny Williams, 31, when they meet July 30, in Louisville.

Roach has been training Tyson to use his jab and combi-

nations to break Williams down. Then he'll look for the knockout.

"We all wish we could be 20 again," Roach said by conference call Thursday. "Obviously, Mike's not going to turn into a boxer or a mover. Once he gets distance with the jab, everything else will fall into place."

Iron Mike thinks he's had enough training. Tyson was civil and funny at a news conference in Louisville on June 29, and said he wasn't there to be a tough guy. Roach sees the predator in Tyson coming out as the fight gets closer.

"He's been a gentleman outside the ring," Roach said. "But I can see it coming a little bit. He's getting a little moody. He's tired of training right now. He's ready to fight."

As anxious as Tyson is, Roach wants him to be patient in the ring. Tyson's plan is to have seven fights in two years to dig himself out of debt. For that plan to be successful, he needs time in real fights, not just gym workouts, Roach said.

"We need rounds," Roach said. "He can't be sharp fighting one-round fights."

Williams grew up a fan of Tyson's but estimates the former

champ is only about 40 percent what he used to be.

Roach said Tyson is about 50 percent of the fighter he once was, but he's getting better daily. The trainer still counts his fighter as a force in his division. Tyson may even contend for one of the belts if he stays busy, Roach said.

"The heavyweight division isn't deep right now," Roach said. "Mike may be at 50 percent right now but he will be getting better and better if we keep him active and keep him in the gym. And that's the important thing we need to do is get a fight scheduled right after this one. Down time's bad for any fighter."

Tyson's had plenty of that. His last fight was a first-round knockout of Clifford Etienne in Memphis in February 2003.

Tickets for the Tyson-Williams match sold quickly when they went on sale, but have since tapered off. Approximately 7,000 tickets, mostly in the lower price range, had been sold as of Wednesday, said Burt Watson of Straight Out Promotions. The match will be held in Freedom Hall, which holds about 20,000.

Green Brothers golf tournament tees off Aug. 4

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

OWENSBORO — The fifth annual Green Brothers Celebrity Golf Tournament is set to tee off Aug. 4, with more celebrity-attendees planned than ever. The event, sponsored by General Mills and Cheerios/Betty Crocker Racing, will take place at the Summit Country Club in Owensboro, which has hosted the event since 2000.

The tournament was started by NASCAR Busch Series drivers Mark and Jeff Green, and has been a sellout every year. Mark and Jeff once called Owensboro home, and consider it an opportunity to give back to their hometown. The tournament and the Green Foundation were set up to benefit a variety of charities in, as well as outside of the racing community.

"We look forward to the tournament every year. It gives us a chance to get back home and see our friends, but more importantly we are able to help out charities that are close to our hearts," said Mark Green. "It means a lot to be in a position to give something back, and we even get to have a good time while doing it!"

The list of attendees who will show their support of the event reads as a who's who among the

NASCAR world. NASCAR legend Richard Petty, along with son Kyle, will attend the event to greet participants of the tournament. Busch Series drivers Jason Keller, Steve Grissom, Randy Lajoie and Tina Gordon will join Mark and Jeff for the event, as well as Craftsman Truck Series driver Rick Crawford.

2003 NASCAR Busch Series champ Brian Vickers will take time out of his schedule to join in the festivities, as will FOX Television broadcasters Larry McReynolds and Mike Joy. Mark's son Tyler, who competes in the Bandolero Young Guns racing series at Lowe's Motor Speedway, and Craftsman Truck Series driver Deborah Renshaw, will be in attendance as well.

In addition to the tournament, an auction will also be held, featuring items donated from many gracious people in the NASCAR community. Among the items to be auctioned are a Simpson helmet autographed by various Nextel Cup drivers, a case of 1:64 scale Richard Petty cars autographed by "The King" himself, and a replica hood autographed by Bobby Labonte to name a few. Other items up for auction are signed by such names as Tony Stewart, Ricky Craven, Jeff Labonte, Ray Evernham, Jeff

Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Mark and Jeff Green.

"We are very thankful for everyone who gets involved in this deal. General Mills and Valor Oil, as well as the volunteers, help make this possible," commented Jeff Green. "We certainly could not pull any of this off without the support of the NASCAR community. The NASCAR schedule makes everyone's free time hard to come by, so we are grateful for them finding the time to help benefit these important charities."

The Green Foundation was founded in 2002 by Jeff and Mark Green to assist three groups: at-risk youth through inspiration and programs to develop leadership skills, positive attitudes and family values, children who are chronically ill or who have life-threatening diseases, and organizations that support motorsports participants and their families.

The foundation has raised more than \$400,000 for these groups since its inception, with checks presented to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Down's Syndrome Society, Children's Miracle Network, Motor Racing Outreach, Busch Series Ladies Association, Victory Junction Gang Camp and local charities in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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All-Star Game: AL embarrasses AL

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

It was just an embarrassment the way the American League All-Stars handled the National League group 9-4 last Tuesday night in Houston. The pitching was not all that great for either side and you have to wonder aloud why Jack McKeon, man-

ager of the National League All-Stars, would have even thought about starting 41-year old Roger Clemens.

True! He was 10-3 for the first half of the season but the AL bunch were just chopping at the bats to get a few swings at the once retired hurler of the New York Yankees. You could see a little avenge factor in the

game.

The "Rocket" was hammered and hammered hard in the first inning (where the AL actually won the game) allowing six runs and giving two home runs. So why did McKeon start Clemens? Who knows!

The second half of the 2004 major league baseball season got the first pitch this past

Thursday night and 79 games remain for the remainder of the season. The Cincinnati Reds find themselves trailing the St. Louis Cardinals and their only hope of a playoff berth is going in as the National League's Wild Card team.

The Reds got the first half of the season off to a great start. On June 6 they were an unbeliev-

able 12 games over .500 and held a two-game lead in the National League Central Division. That did last long as one month later the Reds fell to just five games over .500 and seven games out of

the Central Division lead. What happened? Sean Casey on the DL? No! The bullpen of the Reds went south and the bats that were booming out hits went almost silent and it all started on a road swing that began at Oakland and ended with a lost in Philadelphia. When the Reds left the City of Brotherly Love, they had dropped seven consecutive games and never have recovered from that yet.

The Reds returned to last year in the field when they led the National League as the worst fielding team in the league. The first part of the first half, they were playing great defense but that all came apart later in the year. The Reds do

not hustle. They act as though they know they cannot win, regardless of what they are saying to the press, and appear to be content with winning the Wild Card berth.

Ownership is saying we will do with our minor league system, a system that went down drastically when former owner Marge Schott took about the big bucks to put in the minor league system in developing players. Her infamous words, "All the scouts do is sit and watch ball-games" rings loud yet today in the Reds organization. If Reds fans are to hope for a championship team once again, then we will have to wait until the minor league system is but back in order. How long will that be? We may never see a contender in Redsland for the next 10 seasons. Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

PERSPECTIVE: County wants financial records from Bengals, NFL

by JOHN NOLAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — County officials say a judge has given them leverage to obtain certain of the Bengals' financial records — documents generally closely guarded by sports franchises — needed to pursue a lawsuit challenging the team's lease for a stadium built with taxpayer money.

Hamilton County officials allege that the Bengals and the National Football League used their monopoly power and threats that the team would leave for another city to obtain the new, publicly financed Paul Brown Stadium and lease terms favorable to them, not the county and its taxpayers.

A federal judge ruled this week that the county could proceed as the main party in the lawsuit. Under the court's authority, the county will seek to extract from the Bengals and the NFL all records, statements and

financial details leading up to the lease the Bengals negotiated with the county in 1997, county commissioner Todd Portune said. The team occupied the stadium in 2000.

If the county prevails in the antitrust lawsuit, it could reverberate across the NFL, said Andrew Zimbalist, an expert who has written and consulted extensively on sports economics. The league, by limiting the number of available teams, can force cities and counties to compete for franchises and pump more money into such efforts, said Zimbalist, an economics professor at Smith College in Northampton, Mass.

"They're able to get cities to compete against each other — and extort large sums of public money," he said. "If the court upholds that argument, it pretty much affects everybody in the NFL."

Hamilton County officials and their lawyer say that, at a minimum, the county will want

to see financial records and operating documents from the Bengals and the league, and will take statements from key Bengals executives.

"Certainly there will be things beyond that," Portune said, saying that those decisions will be up to the county's lawyer, Stanley Chesley.

"Presumably, the county lawyers won't stop at just the financial statements. They'll want to go beyond that and get some detailed records," Zimbalist said.

Sports franchises generally contend that they are private businesses and their records are not available for public inspection. In some cases, unions for professional athletes are allowed access to teams' financial information in the course of collective bargaining, but the public doesn't get to see it, Zimbalist said.

Public release of such information might undercut a team's public position, Zimbalist said.

He said, for example, that a review of the Bengals' books might show that the team was financially strong enough to be competitive before Paul Brown Stadium was built — even though team owner Mike Brown said the Bengals needed a new, bigger stadium with revenue from luxury boxes in order to stay competitive in the NFL.

The Bengals could ask the judge to allow county lawyers to privately inspect the financial records without publicly releasing them, Zimbalist said.

U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel has rejected efforts by the Bengals and the NFL to dismiss the lawsuit. The county's lawyer hopes it could go to trial early next year.

Bengals give Clemons a 2-year contract extension

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Bengals defensive end Duane Clemons has signed a two-year contract extension that runs through the 2006 season.

The Bengals did not disclose

contract terms Thursday.

Last season, Clemons tied for the team lead in sacks with six and finished second on the line in tackles with 53.

Clemons, a nine-year NFL player, came to the Bengals in 2003 as a free agent.

Van Greer takes NOPI Bracket title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — A familiar drag racer is now a Bracket Champion. The second edition of the NOPI Southeast Nationals crowned champions in 14 different classes last weekend, including Bristol Dragway's bracket club member Van Greer.

Greer, who hails from Kingsport, Tenn., drove his 1994 Cavalier to the Bracket 15 title over Joseph Mustafa of Fenwick, Del. Greer came off the line with a .075 reaction time with an 18.020 elapsed time at 69.54 mph while Mustafa's 1993 Ford grabbed a .038 light with a 16.190 elapsed time at 84.95 mph. Greer was also the event's low qualifier with an 18.112 elapsed time.

In Pro action, Ara Arslanian of Cremskill, N.J., took the TV Pro Compact title while Vinnie Ten of West Babylon, N.Y., took the SPC Pro Outlaw

win and Lisa Kubo of El Cajon, Calif., captured Pro Outlaw honors.

Arslanian drove his 2002 Solara past Tirso San Juan of Miami, Fla., in the finals. Arslanian came off the line in .095 with a 7.031 E.T. at 199.05 mph while San Juan's 2004 Celica had a slow reaction time at .231 with a 6.981 elapsed time at 201.70 mph. Ten's 1995 Supra overcame a .419 reaction time with a 7.623 E.T. at 182.30 to knock out Luis Corujo of Glendale, Md. Corjuo's 1985 Corolla had a .136 light with an 11.087 reaction time at 84.01 mph. Kubo bested Jojo Callos of Long Beach, Calif., with a .144 light and an E.T. of 8.180 at 184.37 mph. Callos had a .161 light with an 11.413 E.T. at 84.36 mph.

Kenny Tran of Garland, Texas took home the Nitros Express win, Krystos Efantis of New Market, Md., was the BF Goodrich Tires PST win-

ner and Scott Mohler of Frederick, Md., was the NOPI/AEM Pro Stock title.

Other winners included Julie Jenkins (Knoxville, Tenn.) in NOPI Chic, Jeff Reinhoehl (Prince Fredrick, Md.) in Comp 4, Reed Patridge (Birmingham, Ala.) in Power Street, Brian Ballard (Sloatsburg, N.Y.) in Phantom Grip Turbo 4, Justin Caughron (Maryville, Tenn.) in Exedy Turbo 6, Jeremy Kindle (New

York, N.Y.) in Bracket 14 and David Thomas (Knoxville, Tenn.) in Motorcycle.

Action continues this week at Bristol Dragway with the NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts Junior Dragster Eastern Conference finals. A Test & Tune will be held on Tuesday with a Fun Race on Wednesday. Racing begins on Thursday and goes through Saturday.

Huggins' suspension ends Aug. 27

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI, Ohio — University of Cincinnati head basketball coach Bob Huggins could resume his coaching activities on Aug. 27. The university announced that it will lift its suspension of Huggins on that date.

Huggins was suspended indefinitely on June 12 following an arrest for driving under the influence. The suspension, which removed Huggins from all responsibilities and duties related to coaching, was to allow him to address issues of health and well-being.

University of Cincinnati director of athletics Bob Goin, who made the announcement of the lifting of the suspension effective Aug. 27, stressed that the decision to do so was made by UC president Dr. Nancy Zimpher, UC chairman of the board of trustees Phillip Cox,

and Goin.

"Dr. Zimpher, Mr. Cox and myself are totally together on the seriousness of this event," Goin stated prior to delivering a joint statement from the three of them. "We're totally together in a firm resolve to protect the image and integrity of this university. And we're totally together in knowing that mistakes happen, and that that's a time the University of Cincinnati needs to show that it has a heart and compassion."

Goin delivered the following statement:

"On June 12, President Nancy Zimpher, Board Chair Phillip R. Cox and I placed Head Basketball Coach Bob Huggins on indefinite suspension. Today, following ongoing consultation among the three of us and conversations with the coach, we are able to announce that the suspension will conclude on Friday, August 27."

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — United Speed Alliance Racing, Food City and Bristol Motor Speedway officials announced earlier in the year that the USAR Hooters ProCup Series will run the Food City 150 at "The World's Fastest Half-Mile" as part of the venue's popular August race week.

The race, part of a NASCAR Craftsman Truck/USAR Hooters ProCup Series double-header, will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 25. The famed .533-mile speedway known for its high-banked turns and action-packed races, will host the 3,300-pound steel-bodied ProCup cars for the first time.

"We truly are excited to be coming to Bristol in August," said USAR President Gene Cox. "Getting this date is one of the highlights on our 2004 schedule and we feel the fans will see a great race. The Hooters ProCup Series is known for action-packed racing and Bristol always provides excitement for the fans."

Food City, a long-time BMS sponsor, strengthens its ties with the Speedway as sponsor of the USAR Hooters ProCup event. The Food City 150 marks one of three Bristol season events backed by the Abingdon, Virginia based supermarket chain.

"Our relationship with the Hooter's Pro Cup series dates back to 1997 and we could not think of a better series to be paired up with the Craftsman Truck Series," said Food City President and CEO Steve Smith. "Through our relationship with Naturally Fresh Foods and USAR, we have been able to work with drivers such as Brian Vickers, Michael Ritch and Jason Sarvis. Growing our partnership with the series at Bristol was a natural fit." Additionally Food City sponsors Bristol's spring NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Food City 500 and the August NASCAR Busch Series Food City 250.

"In a relatively short time period, the USAR Hooters ProCup Series has established itself as one of the finest motorsports touring series of its kind," said Jeff Byrd, BMS president and general manager. "We know that the fans will see two tremendously exciting events with the Wednesday double-header and we're looking forward to hosting the inaugural Hooters ProCup event."

The USAR Hooters ProCup Series consists of a 30-race season divided between two divisions, Northern and Southern. The first 25 races make up the regular season. The final five races run as the Championship

Series, providing a unique format and bringing two divisions of competitors together to determine one national champion.

For more information on this event, call 423/764-1161 or go online to www.bristolmotorspeedway.com.

Anderson earns national recognition from Baseball America

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — Former Eastern Kentucky University outfielder Josh Anderson was recently named to the Top 20 Hottest Prospect List by Baseball America in back-to-back weeks.

The Eubank native climbed three spots this week and is currently ranked tenth on the most recent Prospect Hot Sheet. He is one of only three Class A players ranked among the top 10. In 160 games as a pro since being drafted out of EKU by the Houston Astros in the fourth round last June, Anderson has scored 134 runs and stolen 87 bases, including 21 runs and 13 swipes in 15 games since a recent promotion to High Class A Salem. Anderson is batting .318 (21-66) with four doubles and a pair of runs batted in for the Avalanche.

The Prospect Hot Sheet arrives every week to provide readers with a snapshot of baseball's best prospects, combining prospect status with performance, giving a snapshot of the hottest prospects.

Anderson was also named to the mid-season Low Class A All-Star team by Baseball America after spending the first half of the season with the Lexington Legends.

Anderson, a 6-foot-2, 195-pound center fielder, was also named to the South Atlantic League All-Star Team after batting .326 and league-leading totals of 97 hits, 69 runs and 48 stolen bases. His stolen base total is a record for the Legends. Anderson also had 31 runs batted in, 12 doubles, four homers and three triples for Lexington this season.

Anderson was named a New York-Penn League All-Star and led the Tri-City ValleyCats and ranked second in the NYPL with 26 steals in 2003.

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Former Prestonsburg High lineman Andrew Burchett (middle) looked on Wednesday during a Blackcat football practice. Burchett has been assisting the Blackcat football team.

UC-Ohio State game on ESPN

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The University of Cincinnati's 2004 season opening football game at Ohio State on Sept. 4 will be televised nationally by ESPN. Kickoff for the game has been set for 12 noon EDT.

The game will mark the fourth straight season in which the Bearcats have opened the season with a national telecast on ESPN or ESPN2. Cincinnati has had 10

games televised by ESPN or ESPN2 over the past three seasons.

The season opener finds new UC head coach Mark Dantonio facing the Buckeye team for which he served as defensive coordinator during the previous three seasons.

Dantonio's work helped OSU win the national championship in 2002.

Dantonio has coached under Ohio State mentor Jim Tressel for a total of eight seasons. He was on Tressel's staff at Youngstown State from 1986-90.

Cincinnati nearly upset Ohio State when the teams met in Cincinnati in 2002. The Buckeyes scored the game-winning TD with 3:44 to play. The Bearcats drove to the OSU 15-yard line in the closing minute but failed to connect on four passes into the endzone as the Buckeyes prevailed, 23-19, at Paul Brown Stadium.

LeFors named to Davey O'Brien Watch List

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FORT WORTH, Texas, — University of Louisville senior quarterback Stefan LeFors has been named to the preseason watch list for the 2004 Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award, given annually to the nation's top college quarterback.

LeFors, a first team All-Conference selection last season, threw for 3,145 yards and 17 touchdowns in 13 games as a starter. The left-hander from Baton Rouge, La., completed 61.3 percent of his passes and accounted for 3,550 yards of total offense, which was the second most in school history.

The O'Brien Award is the oldest and most prestigious award in the country for college quarterbacks and is named in honor of the late Davey O'Brien, the All-American and Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback for Texas Christian University who led the Horned Frogs to the 1938 national championship.

Marshall senior quarterback Stan Hill has also been named to the list.

Semifinalists will be announced in early November and narrowed to three finalists later in that month by the O'Brien National Advisory Committee. The committee is comprised of nationally known sportswriters, commentators and other members of the media. The winner of the 2004 O'Brien Award will be announced Dec. 9 on the ESPN College Football Awards Show from Orlando, Fla. The winner will be honored at the 28th Annual O'Brien Awards Dinner in February 2005, at The Fort Worth Club in Fort Worth, Texas.

IT'S OFFICIAL: Kentucky forward Cote transfers to Northwestern

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EVANSTON, Ill. — Kentucky forward Bernard Cote has agreed to transfer to Northwestern, the third transfer to join the Wildcats in the last year, the university announced Thursday.

Cote will sit out the 2004-05 season due to NCAA transfer rules and will be eligible to

play as a junior in 2005-06.

The 6-9, 230-pound forward played in 27 of Kentucky's 32 games last year as a sophomore, averaging six minutes a game. He was an all-Canada player in high school, playing alongside Northwestern junior guard Mohamed Hachad at Champlain St.-Lambert in Quebec.

"He was a player we origi-

nally recruited when he was in high school — we were impressed with him because he is a big, strong kid who has good range on his shot and can get up and down the floor well," coach Bill Carmody said. "I think he is looking forward to working hard on his game while he sits out this season, and is excited at the chance to make a contribution

when he becomes eligible."

Cote is the third player to transfer to Northwestern in the last year. Tim Doyle of St. John's joined the program last season and is eligible to play as a sophomore this season. Mike Thompson of Duke also joined the team last year and will be eligible to play this season as a junior.

Casey overjoyed to be reactivated

by TERRY KINNEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Sean Casey is back in the Cincinnati Reds' line-up, and his wife couldn't be happier.

Casey was reactivated from the 15-day disabled list on Thursday, in time for the start of a four-game series with St. Louis, and pronounced himself completely recovered from a strained right calf.

"Believe me, that was no fun to be just watching. It's good to get back out there," Casey said.

During the latter stages of his absence from the team, he watched on TV as the Reds ended the first half of the season with a series in Milwaukee.

The Reds won three-of-four, but Casey — who hates any downtime — wasn't a happy camper.

"My wife said if I was going to be like that, why didn't I just get on a plane and fly to Milwaukee," Casey said.

He didn't make that trip, but he did go to Houston for the All-Star game, where he got Muhammad Ali to sign a hat and jersey. And the former champ, who suffers from Parkinson's disease, made quite an impression on Casey.

"You could hear a pin drop when he was in the room," Casey said. "You should feel like you were in the presence of a legend."

Casey was particularly eager to get back in action Thursday because he had missed the Reds' last series with St. Louis, when the Cardinals swept three in St. Louis.

"We have to make up some ground against these guys to get back into it," Casey said.

Cincinnati went into Thursday's game trailing St. Louis by 7 1/2 games in the NL Central.

Casey's return still didn't put the Reds at full strength. Ken Griffey Jr. is out of the lineup for an undetermined time with a partial tear of the right hamstring, and Austin Kearns probably won't return until late this month following surgery to remove scar tissue and a bone spur from the base of his right thumb.

Kearns said Thursday that he has started throwing, but not batting.

"I think maybe they'll let me start swinging a bat on the 23rd (of July) if all's going well," Kearns said. "We'll see what's in store for it."

Ryan Freel also was back in the Reds' lineup Thursday. He had not played since injuring his left knee sliding into the outfield wall in the 4-2 loss last Wednesday in St. Louis.

Freel was not put on the DL, but benefited from the All-Star break.

"The extra three days was really crucial," Freel said. "I still feel it, but it's nothing that's going to hold me back."

Freel, who has started at second base, third base and all three outfield positions this season, was in center field on

Thursday. Manager Dave Miley said Freel likely will share center with Wily Mo Pena until Griffey returns.

Pena was in right field on Thursday.

"Wily Mo will play some games out there, but I would say Ryan will get a lot of time," Miley said.

RCR fact-finding mission conducted at Kentucky Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA — Richard Childress Racing driver Clint Bowyer conducted a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series fact-finding mission in the No. 31 Cingular Wireless Chevrolet during a test at Kentucky Speedway today.

Bowyer, who is driving a part-time NASCAR Busch Series schedule for Childress in the No. 21 Reese's Chevrolet, used the day to gain valuable NNCS seat time and gather information that will benefit RCR Cup drivers Robby Gordon in the No. 31, Kevin Harvick in the No. 29 GM Goodwrench Chevrolet and Dave Blaney in the No. 30 AOL Chevrolet during the second half of the season.

RCR completed the first half of the season with only Kevin Harvick solidly in the running for the season-ending "Chase for the NEXTEL Cup." He finished 10th at Chicagoland this past Sunday to post his first top-10 finish in his past five starts. That effort propelled him to eighth in the series standings and within 491 points of series leader Jimmie Johnson.

Combined, the RCR drivers have generated three top-five and six top-10 finishes in their past 10 NNCS starts. Harvick carried the bulk of that load in that span by delivering one top-five and four top-10 finishes.

"We're just working on a whole lot of different things and gathering data," Bowyer said. "We're just putting all of those little bits and pieces together for the big package. The RCR cars aren't running where they're used to running and that's why we're here. There's a lot of data you can gather from this race-track that helps on a lot of different racetracks. Hopefully, they can use the data they've learned here to put forth a better effort in the Cup series."

In addition to NNCS testing, Bowyer is teaming with Harvick

in the NASCAR Busch Series to attempt to win the owner's championship in the No. 21 Reese's Chevrolet. They ended the first half of the season third in the owner's standings with a combined record of one win, eight top-five and 13 top-10 finishes. Bowyer personally produced two top-five finishes and four top-10 finishes in his nine starts. One of those performances was a 10th-place effort at Kentucky Speedway in "The Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo" on June 19.

"It's been great, this whole year has been a huge learning experience," Bowyer said. "We set out the year to win the owner's championship and slipped a little bit, but we're still third in points. (Martin) Truex, Jr. and (Kyle) Busch are getting out there a little bit on us."

"Kevin is going to run in the 21 car for the next couple weeks and I think he'll be able to get us up front a little bit. Then, I get back in at Pikes Peak. I think we can get things moving back in the right direction and chase them down."

Regardless of the outcome of the second half of the season, Bowyer is happy to be gaining seat time while his racing future solidifies.

"We're just racing this year to race up front and do as good as we can. Hopefully, you run good and they put you where they think you ought to be," Bowyer said. "Richard didn't get to where he is holding people up or pushing people that didn't need to go forward so I think when the time is right he'll move me up."

"I don't really know how many (NBS) races I have left. I had the opportunity to run with Petree Racing (at Chicagoland) and I think we're going to be able to do that again. Getting seat time is the name of the game for me right now. I'm just trying to get in where I can."

Thomas named interim crew chief

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. — Brandon Thomas, a member of the Joe Gibbs Racing engineering department, will serve as interim crew for Bobby Labonte's No. 18 Interstate Batteries Chevrolet in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series, team officials announced Thursday.

Thomas takes over for Michael McSwain, who was released from his duties as crew chief Wednesday after severing as crew chief for the 2003 season and 18 races in the 2004 season. Team officials have not set a timetable for when a permanent crew chief will be hired.

"Brandon is a veteran employee of Joe Gibbs Racing and has worked closely with Bobby and the Interstate Batteries crew," J.D. Gibbs, president of JGR, said. "We're confident in his ability to lead us through this time of transition."

Thomas, 30, from Kingsport, Tenn., spent the 2003 season as the engineer for Labonte and served as crew chief for Mike Bliss' JGR-prepared No. 80 Slim Jim/Act II Chevrolet July 11 in the Tropicana 400 at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. Bliss was the top-qualifying JGR car at Chicago, starting seventh and finishing 31st after an accident on Lap 205.

Rowe

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Rowe will take to the road, traveling south to the AMA National Championship at Loretta Lynn's Ranch, an event set for Aug. 1-7.

At Loretta Lynn's Nationals, Rowe will compete in two classes, the 125, 12-15 stock, and the 125 12-15 mod, both classes he has raced in many times before.

Rowe is currently on a six-day-a-week training schedule. He will have the upcoming week to train and then it's off to Oklahoma. His training schedule goes way beyond what many area athletes his age endure.

"While working under Ronnie (Tischner), Dusty has really stepped it up," admitted Bobby Rowe, Dusty's very supportive father. "He has worked extremely hard this summer. Most days he's been out, it has been 90-plus degrees."

Since the end of the school year, young Rowe, who as a freshman played football at Prestonsburg High School, with a more than busy training schedule has been home a grand total of three days.

Just to get back healthy and competing was an accomplishment for Dusty Rowe. Last November, during the Winter National Olympics in Gainesville, Fla., he broke his wrist. But he's bounced back more than nicely.

After Loretta Lynn's Nationals, the young Motocross athlete will get a well-deserved month off — a month's vacation.

In November, Thanksgiving Weekend, Rowe will travel back to Florida and the Winter National Olympics where he'll again compete against some of the top MX athletes in the country.

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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.

Dog Days, and our elderly Dalmatian is in love. Wish that dog had been born dumb rather than deaf! He's pointing his nose at the stars and howling his lovesong so long and loud that I fear I'll next be writing his obituary.

Women must think their husbands have eyes in the backs of their heads. Ever hear one say, "Don't turn around—but who is that couple just coming in?"

THE GREAT RIVER MYSTERY

Somehow, that newspaper story about the Johnson County man who fell from a boat, took an inner tube with him and kept so quiet about it all that his companion wasn't aware of anything amiss, till he turned around, just doesn't "hold water." Anyway, they found him serenely floating down the stream on the innertube after they had dragged the river three hours. Seems to us we would have been emulating the ads with a "Help Wanted" or so, before settling down for the downstream ride.

Up from St. Pete for a vacation, Tom Hatcher claims he has

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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, Prentissburg, 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@tusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!

MEET APPALACHIA



photo by Mary Music
Truman shares a moment with his great granddaughter, Katelyn Adora Fitch, 4.

Truman Messer, Dedicated

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Truman Messer

Age: 76
Education: High School Dropout
Occupation: Owner, Messer's Department Store
Life quote: "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."—Forrest Gump

About 'Meet Appalachia'

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

— MARY MUSIC

It's 2 a.m. and the phone is ringing. The man rolls over in his bed, groggily, and reaches for the night stand.

"Hello?"
"Hey, Truman, sorry to call you so late, buddy, but I'm in the awfulest shape there ever was."

The man rubs his eyes and raises his head above the pillow.

"What's wrong?"
"Well, you see, my wife's down here having a baby and we don't have any clothes for it."

He laughs.
"Well, bub, you just come on down to the store and we'll fix you up."

Meet Truman Messer, 76 year old owner of Messer's Department Store in Martin. Truman borrowed money and opened the store in 1957, after flood waters scared away the previous owner of a dry cleaning business. He lives in an apartment above the store, a convenience, he says, that's good for both him and his customers.

There's something to be said about a man who has owned a successful business for more than half a century. There's even more to be said about this man, a Korean War vet, who has survived triple bypass surgery, bleeding ulcers that prompted the removal of 75 percent of his stomach, and a marriage of 42 years.

Yes, Truman is a dedicated individ-

ual. He had to be. Raised in Quicksand, a small town about 7 miles outside of Hindman, Truman, the tenth of 11 children, learned early in life the definition of hard work.

They lived a "sheltered life," Truman says, and, yes, they were poor, as were most Kentuckians back then.

"But we never knew it," he said. "We lived well, we really did. Our house didn't have no power, I had an outside privy until I was 14. But we didn't know how to live any other way."

The children took to their chores early in life, Truman says, and the family frequently gave milk to neighbors who didn't own cows. The family "lived off the farm," raising cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, ducks, planting a garden, canning, and keeping fresh fruits and veggies throughout the winter. Truman says he was never "deprived" of anything in his life. He respects his parents because they taught him honesty and a good work ethic, traits he says the younger generation today doesn't understand.

"They were never afraid to give us responsibility," Truman said. "I seen the fact that if I had anything, I had to work for it. You have to make your own way."

Truman dropped out of high school after he began working at his father's store, The Yellow Mountain Post Office, when he was about 14. He says he fell in love with the business, the people,

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

GNAW: FOOD OF THE GODS 2, 1988, Rated R

There is a certain formula for giant rat movies. First you have to have a couple of people who know about the giant rats but can't convince anybody about the threat, next you have to have a large event planned where the rats can show up and chew through the extras and last, of course, there has to be a



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

door left open for a sequel and this movie gets all of those prerequisites right and manages to be very entertaining in an albeit campy fashion. It breaks down like this. A university professor, named Hamilton, accidentally gives a miracle food, meant to enhance vegetables, to some male lab rats. Said rats escape and go on a killing spree. He has no luck convincing authorities about the problem and it all ends at the opening of the University's swimming pool. Getting there though is a fun ride.

One scene involves the rats causing an auto wreck and noshing on the victims. Still the police won't Hamilton even though he artfully points out that, "Since when do cars eat your liver." The Dean also refuses to accept the situation and in a move right out of JAWS he decides to not cancel the swim meet. This leads to an over the top finale as the rats attack and weigh in on their opinion of synchronized swimming-it bites. All this and there is even a young boy who grows up to Andre the Giant size after getting a taste of the miracle. This foul mouthed youngster spends most of the movie locked in his room but beware-his last minute escape from his quarters promises a sequel though it has yet to appear.

This one is fun and has its tongue firmly planted in its cheek but could have used a little more technical expertise. The rat effects are good and the effects work is top notch (the miniature sets actually look like the same ones that the actors use) but the boom microphone man is strictly an amateur and manages to pop the mike into so many scenes that it deserves some dialogue of its own. The rat attacks, though, are as good as it gets here and should appeal to monster movie lovers. Best Line: "If this university is shut down because of giant rats nobody is gonna send their kids here."

Chicken Soup for the Soul: The last attack



The first time my father and I ever went fishing became a family legend.

We spent hours waiting for a nibble. The sun was blistering, and this was back in the days before sunscreen. We were hot, sticky and mad that the fish refused to suck up our night crawlers.

Being only 7 years old, I observed that perhaps the worms were the problem. Maybe the night crawlers only wriggled at night, and now they were just lying there limp on the hook. Dad ignored my assessment of the situation.

We began to pack up to leave. As we headed back to our truck, we heard tires spinning in the distance. Getting into our truck was a grim affair. Having sat in the boiling sun for six hours, the seats were blistering. Naturally, I was wearing shorts.

I shifted from side to side in the seat so as not to cook my backside. While driving out we saw a truck with a boat trailer and boat that was stuck in the mud. That explained the sound of spinning tires we'd heard.

Being a nice guy, my dad helped pull the man from the mud. In return,

this fellow gave Dad some fish for being a good Samaritan. As Dad climbed back into our truck with a brown bag full of fish, we waved goodbye to our newfound friend.

On the drive home, we agreed to take in the fish as if we had caught them. We were sure there was no way for Mom to know the difference. It was just a little white lie.

We arrived home hot, sweaty and smelly, and went to clean up while Mom prepared the fish. We made a big deal out of the fact that we had already cleaned them and put them in

the bag so as not to make a mess.

After showering, Dad and I met in the hall and exchanged conspiratorial grins. Sitting down to freshly fried catfish, hush puppies and coleslaw, we dug in heartily. In the spirit of embellishment, we both went on about how good something tasted that we had actually caught ourselves. Mother looked suitably impressed.

We got up to do the dishes, Mom cleared her throat. "I just have one

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ASK THE CIS

Q Why are a Pap test and pelvic exam important?

A: A Pap test (sometimes called a Pap smear) and pelvic exam are important parts of a woman's routine health care because they can find cervical cancer and changes in the cervix that may lead to cancer. Most cancers of the cervix could be prevented if all women had these tests regularly.

In a Pap test, a doctor or other health professional uses an instrument called a speculum to widen the vagina and take cells from the cervix (the lower, narrow end of the uterus) with a small brush or scraper. The cells are sent to a lab where they are examined under a microscope for changes. The test is simple, quick, and almost always painless.

During a pelvic exam, the doctor looks at the upper part of the vagina and cervix. The doctor also feels the vagina, ovaries, fallopian tubes, bladder, and rectum to check for changes in their shape or size.

Cervical changes do not always lead to cancer. However, if a Pap test or pelvic exam show changes in the cervix, the doctor may decide that further tests and/or treatment are needed.

Women should talk with their doctor about how often to have a Pap test and pelvic exam. Generally, it is recommended that women have the tests at least once every three years, beginning about three years after they become sexually active, but no later than age 21.

For more information on Pap tests and pelvic exams, call the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER.

Q: How can I tell if cancer information on the Internet is trustworthy?

A: The growing popularity of computers has made it easier and faster to find cancer information on the Internet. Some Internet information is reliable and trustworthy. However, other information may be false or misleading. You should talk to your doctor about any cancer information you find on Web sites.

Meanwhile, the following questions from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) may help you tell if health information on the Internet is likely to be trustworthy.

Who owns the site? A site's Web address will tell you what type of organization owns it. For example, addresses ending in "gov" are federal government agencies; "edu" means an educational institution; "org" is used by non-profit organizations; and "com" is used by commercial organizations.

For more information about a site's owner, look for a link called "About this site."

Where does the information come from? Health-related sites should give the names and medical qualifications of the people who prepared and/or reviewed the materials. It also should list references (such as articles in medical journals) for medical facts and statistics.

Is the information opinions or facts? Opinions and advice should be clearly separate from scientific facts based on research results.

How current is the information? It is particularly important that medical information be up to date. Information should include the date it was published to the site and the date it was last reviewed for scientific accuracy.

For more information, call the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER and ask for a free copy of "How To Evaluate Health Information on the Internet: Questions and Answers."

Q: I've tried to quit smoking in the past but never succeeded.

Talking with someone might help. Is free help available by phone?

A: Yes, many states operate a smoking quitline for people trying to kick the habit. Call your state health department to find out if there is one in your state.

If not, you can call the Smoking Quitline of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to talk with trained specialists from the NCI's Cancer Information Service. The specialists can answer your questions about quitting, talk you through problems you may be having, and send you free written materials.

Specifically, the Smoking Quitline can help you:

- Learn how quitting will improve your health.
Understand why you smoke.
Discover different ways to quit.
Develop an action plan and set a quit date.
Know what to expect when you quit.
Deal with temporary setbacks.

Call the Smoking Quitline at 1-877-44U-QUIT (1-877-448-7848) 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time Monday through Friday.

The Smoking Quitline is free, and you may call back as often as needed.

You also can have an online "conversation" with a specialist. Go to the NCI Web site at http://cancer.gov

Q: What free materials are available for smokers who are trying to quit?

A: Two federal agencies provide free materials to help people quit tobacco: the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Both agencies are part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The AHRQ offers a free, colorful, and informative kit called "You Can Quit Smoking." The kit is based on research-tested cessation treatments and counseling. It contains information on reasons to quit, how to stay quit, medications that can help, and related concerns, such as weight gain and irritability. Information is in English and Spanish.

For information on how to obtain a kit, call the AHRQ Publications Clearinghouse at 1-800-358-9295 or go to www.ahrq.gov

Thomas The Tank

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS CHUGS INTO Kentucky Railway Museum

Thomas the Tank Engine and Sir Topham Hatt

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New Haven - All aboard for Thomas the Tank Engine, as the classic storybook friend rolls into New Haven for a Day Out

With Thomas. This fun-filled family event offers preschoolers and their grownups the opportunity to take a 25-minute ride, approximate, with Thomas the Tank Engine, and is sure to engineer miles of smiles for every guest. Day Out With Thomas will be hosted by Kentucky Railway Museum, www.kyrail.org

KFWC Drift Womans Club News & Notes

The KFWC Drift Womans Club met at the Viola Bailey Community Center on June 21. Alice Osborne presided, and also presented the opening devotion, "So Little Time," by Edith Schaeffer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited by all in attendance.

Celia Little, secretary, read the minutes. Roney Clark, treasurer, gave the Treasury Report, as well as making an announcement in regard to the Kentucky Hospitality II Cook Book and History, which continues a 200-year tradition. Copies of the book are available from members of the KFWC Drift Womans Club.

Alice Osborne read the Official Call and outlined the Board of Directors meeting, including the Summer Leadership Conference, to be

held July 29-31, at the Executive West Hotel, in Louisville. Ruby Akers, Conservation Resource Chair, was selected to be delegate.

A 1955 Scrap Book was reviewed to enlighten new members on past activities of the club.

Refreshments were served by hostess, Shirley Belcher, to those in attendance, which included: Alice Osborne, Celia Little, Roney Clark, Ruby Akers, Gloria Salisbury, Shelia Pack, Janet Gallatti, and Tootsie Akers.

The next meeting of the Drift Womans Club will be held on July 26. The meeting topic will be "The Eagle Has Landed - Everything you need to become an effective GFWC/KFWC Volunteer." Alma Mosley will host.

World

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been looking in vain for signs of poverty, hereabouts. Then he visited The Times office.

COMPARE!

Think the younger generation isn't an improvement over the older? Consider the cases of the duffer who finally manages to break 80 and his Little Leaguer son who hits two home runs in one game. The old gaffer will yak till you reach for the earplugs and tell, stroke by stroke, how he shot that matchless round of golf. But the son who hit the homers—he'll let you off with one question: "Mom, whatcha got to eat?"

If you want to see the impossible, just watch a hummingbird hop up a flight of stairs that isn't here.

THE PATENT BUSINESS

This, along with most other notes you'll find in this column, will not increase the sum total of your wisdom, but I found it interesting.

I, somehow, had a notion the

boys had run out of things to invent, but it says here that last year 87,482 applications for patents were filed with the U.S. Patent Office; that 44,800 patents were granted; and that there's a backlog of applications numbering 219,691, which will require three years to process.

When the Patent Office was only four years old, it issued Patent No. 100 to a man named Whitney, for a cotton gin.

And Patent No. 6,469 covering a device which would fill a ship's hull with air, and buoy it over shoals, went to a young Illinois Congressman named A. Lincoln.

Thirty-five years ago, when Albert Einstein patented "an apparatus for producing refrigeration," he was regarded as just another eccentric immigrant.

Let's never mind the Morses, Goodyears, Bells, Edisons, Fultons, et al.—instead, consider the man who might have made gentlemen of us all. He's the guy who patented an automatic hattipper.

Soup

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question of you two great fishermen," she said. We looked at her expectantly, thinking we had another opportunity to regale her with our great fishing ability. With a tiny smile, Mom asked, "How was it again that you two managed to not only clean your fish, but also freeze

them before you got home?"

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Messer

who congregated there every day to shoot the breeze. By the time he was 16, he was practically running the store himself. His sister manned the post office.

In 1949, Truman went into business for himself, working alongside his brother in a Garrett clothing store. In 1951—after going into debt to open the store—Truman, 21, was drafted for the Korean War. It changed his life.

Truman, manning a post with the army's security agency, prefers not to talk about the fighting in Korea. He lost many friends. The injured were taken out in "egg beater" boxes attached to the sides of the helicopters, he said. Most often, the dead were left behind.

"The weather was tough, the war was tough," he said.

Though he was young, Truman was older than most other recruits. He also had more knowledge than most about being outdoors in cold weather. He always carried a dry pair of socks and made sure that men in his troop protected themselves from the cold. One of his friends lost 4 limbs because of frostbite that year.

He recalled a sign a soldier placed at the 38th parallel:

"It said: 'This is where the war began, and this is where the son of a bitch will end, courtesy of the 138th infantry'—and they were right," Truman said. "It stopped right where it started."

After a year of nightmares and insecurities, Truman, sent home with a disability, said he shipped back into shape. He started back to work the day after his return home. The war soon became a memory.

"Life goes on," he said. And it does, or it did for him when he watched the passing of his parents, 8 brothers and sisters, and his wife, the beautiful Joy Terry, who died 4 years ago with an enlarged heart.

Truman, a big game hunter and fisherman, used to go hunting with Joy's father, the former owner of Terry's Boat dock at Dewey Lake. The couple dated for 10 years (10 years!) before they were married. Joy, a "fine" woman who operated a Martin Drive-in, was 10 months older than Truman and could out shoot or out fish him any day of the week. They frequently hunted and fished together, Truman said. Every year, they'd take two vacations—one together,

one apart, a tradition that kept both of them independently, affectionately in love with one another.

Truman lived for those trips. They purchased a home in Florida where Truman still visits 4 months every year. Throughout his life, he's participated in several big game hunting excursions across the U.S. and in Canada, where he caught a 1,500 pound moose, who antlers hang on his store wall today.

In Canada, the group would pitch camp, then ride a bush helicopter in 100 miles to hunt for a week. He and Joe Howard were stalking a cow moose along a river bank when they saw the bull moose walk down from behind the pine trees.

Five shots later, the moose fell. The men wrenched it onto the bank, cut it into 6 pieces, and flew it back to camp. Moose is probably the best "eating meat" there is, Truman says.

Though he's too old to handle the strenuous task of big game hunting, Truman is still on the prowl. He got a deer last fall, and plans to go again this year. He's also hunted elk, caribou, and he fishes with the best, even his 83 year old sister who travels with him to Florida from time to time.

He says hunting is a "thrill," much like fishing, and they both are great ways to learn about life. He still remembers getting his first squirrel. (His brother had to hold the gun up.)

Truman, a "Saturday night partier," says he gave up his "rowdy ways" 45 years ago,

when he became a Christian.

In 1946, he lead police on a high speed chase from Allen to Prestonsburg. He was driving his new Pontiac (with Jefferson tags) and thought that he was drag racing his friend, Robert. He passed the cops, blindly thinking it was Robert, and they began pursuit. They thought he was a gangster.

"I quit that foolishness," Truman said. "We're not going to make it out of this world alive and if you die without Christ your lost."

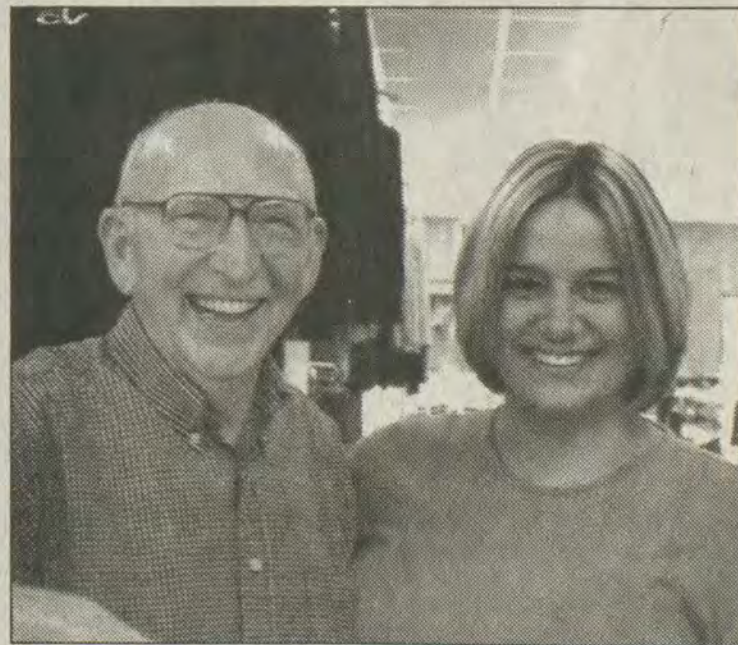
He says religious people, those "caught up" in their own "world" or ritualistic ways, scare him. He says "a great many more people" are religious about their daily rituals related to work or life, than they are about being Christian.

"The most important thing in life is what you do with your life," he said. "At the end of your life, you realize you're gonna end this life. If you haven't made peace with your Lord, then you're in bad shape. We're born without permission and we die the same way. We want to live right on and we're not going to."

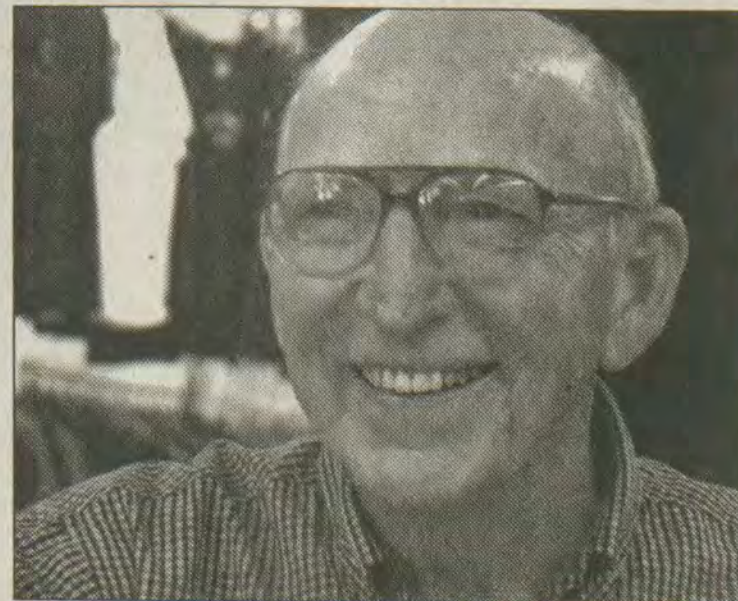
Truman has made a conscious, optimistic effort to "clear all the bad thoughts" out of his life. He believes his happiness is genetic.

"I've been happy all my life," he said. "I'm content with my lot. We just go this way one time and I'll make the most of it while I'm on my way."

He has one child, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.



Truman's granddaughter, Toni Fitch, says he's "one of a kind." "You just don't find better people than him," she said.



Truman Messer

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- All all
- Arm arm
- April Paris
- Bear mind
- Carved stone
- Case point
- Cash hand
- Fall line
- Fall love
- Get touch
- Hand hand
- Just case
- Lie state
- Rest peace
- Up arms

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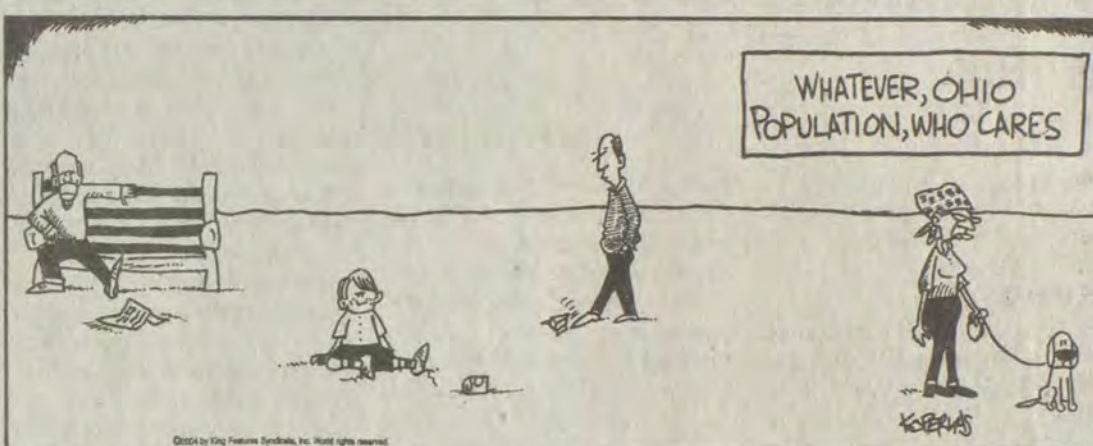
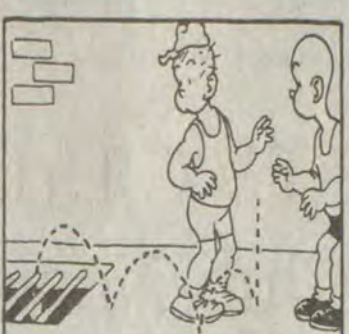


FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Raincoat is different. 3. Least is shorter. 4. Stripe is missing. 5. Sign is missing. 6. Puddle is smaller.

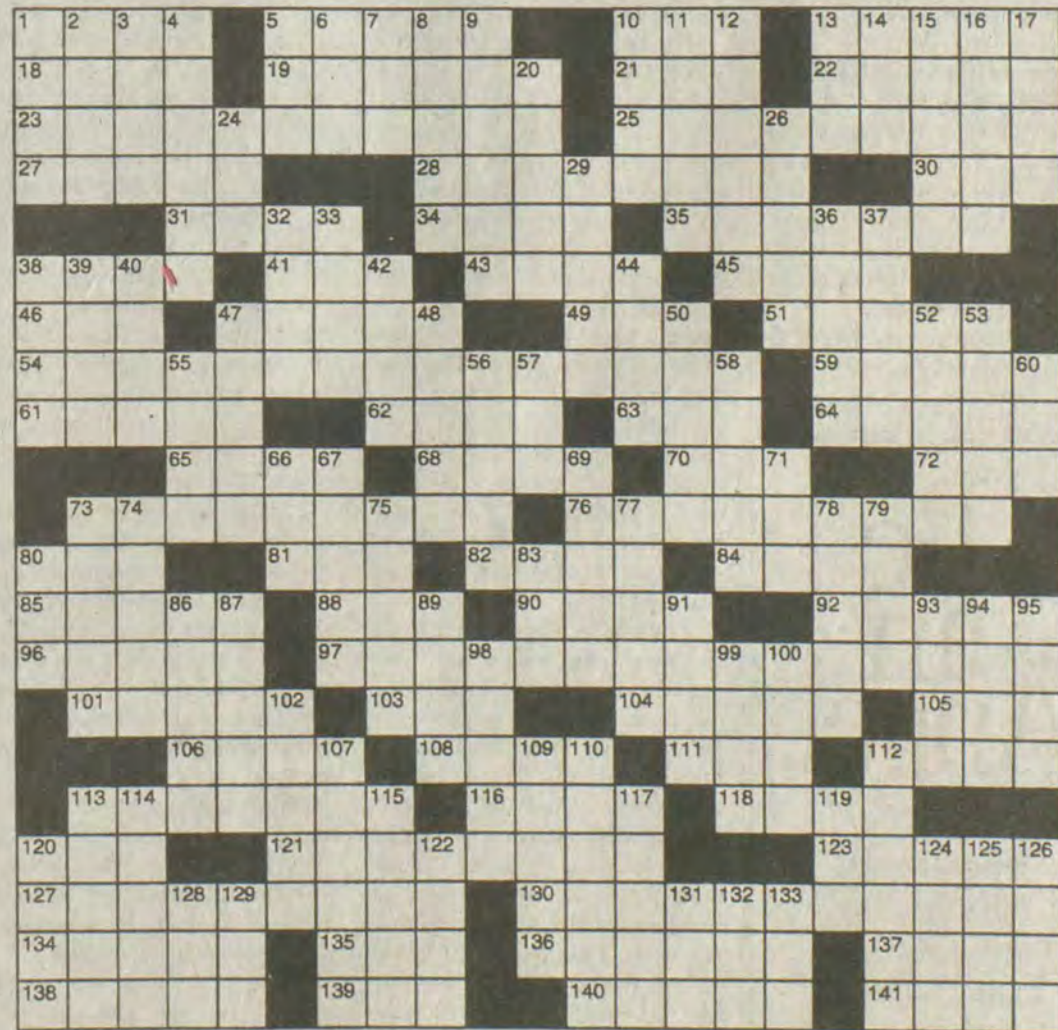
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Super Crossword WHIRLED TOUR

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hollywood clasher
 - 5 Out of line
 - 10 Palindromic Parseghian
 - 13 Haarlem export
 - 18 78 Buick thriller
 - 19 Lavished
 - 21 Waggle
 - 22 Meyerbeer masterpiece
 - 23 West Indian trouble-maker?
 - 25 Mideastern show tune?
 - 27 Aquatic animal
 - 28 Appraise
 - 30 Compass pt.
 - 31 Vacation sensation
 - 34 Citrus fruit
 - 35 Brand or Chamberlain
 - 38 Thames town
 - 41 Son of Noah
 - 43 Touch down
 - 45 "Dinah" ("58 hit)
 - 46 Opening
 - 47 — acid
 - 49 One — customer
 - 51 Gambols
 - 54 Speechless, in South-east Asia?
 - 59 Church members
 - 61 Hold up
 - 62 Pro bono
 - 63 Summer quencher
 - 64 Gawk
 - 65 Israeli dance
 - 68 TV's "Life"
 - 70 Brenda or Brandon
 - 72 "Unforgettable" name
 - 73 South American designer?
 - 76 Scandinavian sugar substitute?
 - 80 Muir or Miniver
 - 81 By means of
 - 82 Nobelist
 - 84 — gin fizz
 - 85 Gam and Wilson
 - 88 Exec's deg.
 - 90 Concept
 - 92 Pointless
 - 96 Adult insect
 - 97 Central American song?
 - 101 Addis —
 - 103 Rock's —
 - 104 Ointment
 - 105 Ornamental vine
 - 106 Whip, for one
 - 108 Family members,
 - 111 Hum bug?
 - 112 Perplexed
 - 113 Artist Vincent
 - 116 Stagger
 - 118 Haul
 - 120 Impresario
 - 121 Self-assurance
 - 123 Biblical kingdom
 - 127 Caribbean dance
 - 130 African palanquins?
 - 134 Where the buoys are
 - 135 Fr. holy woman
 - 136 Beethoven symphony
 - 137 Ginger cookie
 - 138 Swelling
 - 139 Aunt or niece
 - 140 Bestow
 - 141 "Guarding —" ("94 film)
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Narcissus' nymph
 - 2 Big kid?
 - 3 Fall to mention
 - 4 Glossy cloth
 - 5 Garment part
 - 6 — Paulo,
 - 7 Relatives
 - 8 Actress Georgia
 - 9 Plant pest
 - 10 Hunt's "Ben Adhem"
 - 11 Director Polanski
 - 12 Let up
 - 13 Anderson's "High —"
 - 14 News org.
 - 15 Raze
 - 16 Musical of 1919
 - 17 Unwind a rind
 - 20 Stage stuff
 - 24 Levin or Remsen
 - 26 Extremely infrequently?
 - 29 Slowly, to Sibelius
 - 32 Dispel
 - 33 Head set?
 - 36 Sacred cows
 - 37 Paul of "The Burning Bed"
 - 38 "Heavens to Betsy!"
 - 39 "Little Man —" ("91 film)
 - 40 Fall birthstone
 - 42 Irritate
 - 44 Mrs. David Copperfield
 - 47 "Blue —" ("77 hit)
 - 48 It's walked at Windsor
 - 50 Baffle
 - 52 Nero's instrument
 - 53 Scarecrow stuffing
 - 55 Bolger/Haley co-star
 - 56 Singer Della
 - 57 Moist
 - 58 Starts a lawn
 - 60 Still
 - 66 Gun the engine
 - 67 Out on —
 - 69 Stage whisper
 - 71 Sushi candidate
 - 73 — donna
 - 74 Cornerstone abbr.
 - 75 Tag
 - 77 Literary parson
 - 78 Din
 - 79 Easter ends it
 - 80 Med. test
 - 83 Taylor or Trotta
 - 86 "F Troop" corporal
 - 87 Edna Ferber novel
 - 89 Crooked
 - 91 Spirited
 - 93 Baudelaire's buddies
 - 94 Church area
 - 95 "Orinoco Flow" singer
 - 98 Grenoble's river
 - 99 Beseached
 - 100 Done
 - 102 Take on
 - 107 Way out
 - 109 On edge
 - 110 Anchored
 - 112 Taken way aback?
 - 113 Endorse, with "for"
 - 114 "The Sandbox" playwright
 - 115 Wasteland
 - 117 Enticed
 - 119 Timber tree
 - 120 Sailboat, e.g.
 - 122 —-Ball (arcade game)
 - 124 Mozart's "— kleine Nachtmusik"
 - 125 Some underwear
 - 126 Snake charmer's
 - 128 Bond rating
 - 129 NBC comedy showcase
 - 131 Support
 - 132 Sgt. or cpl.
 - 133 Cornfield cry



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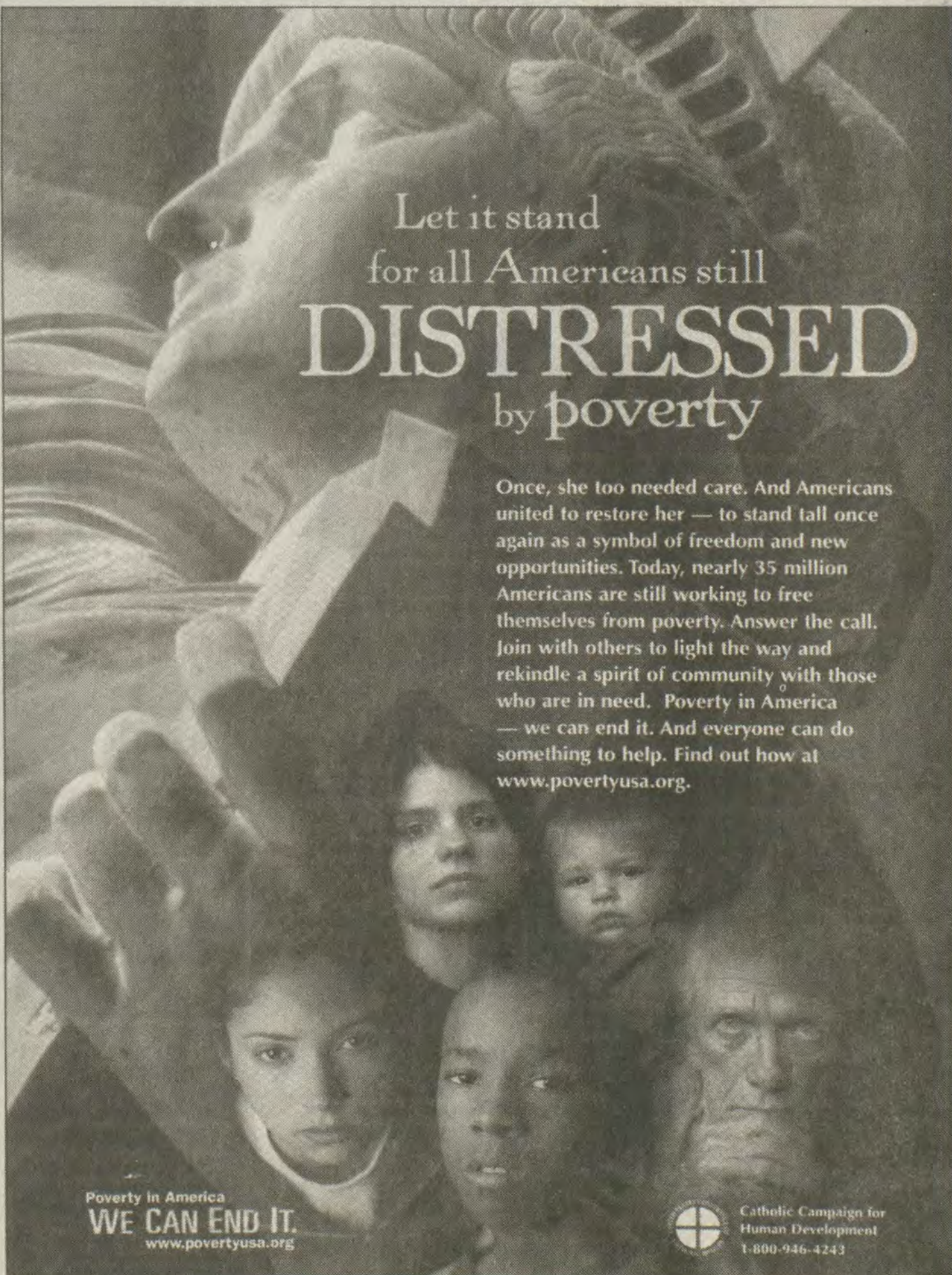
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