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briefs

Drugs seized in Pike

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Kentucky State Police Det. Kerry White, along with task force officers of HIDTA, KSP Drug Enforcement Special Investigation detectives and the Pikeville Police Department, made three drug arrests Friday and confiscated 175 methadone tablets with an estimated street value of \$1,700.

The arrests began when undercover HIDTA Task Force officers allegedly purchased 76 methadone tablets from Jason Branham, 25, and Roger Harrington, 29, both of Pikeville.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that more pills could be found at the Colley Motel where a guest, Crystal Ann Clontz, was ensconced. Clontz, 22, of Leighton, N.C., an associate of the men already in custody, was picked up at the hotel and found to be in possession of 93 more methadone tablets.

All three suspects have been formally arrested.

Clontz has been charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, while Branham and Harrington were locked up for first-degree trafficking. All three have been lodged at the Pike County Detention Center.

Two indicted for pair of robberies

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — April Leigh Cook, 24, of Mousie, and Scott Bradley, 23, of Martin, were indicted by a Floyd County grand jury Thursday for an alleged crime spree in July.

The pair is accused of robbing two Floyd County businesses July 20, starting with the Double Kwik in Allen, where they

allegedly stole cash and cigarettes. Three hours later they allegedly hit the Martin Prescription Center where, they are accused of taking cash and prescription drugs.

According to witnesses, the two allegedly used a handgun in both robberies and Bradley appeared so jittery that the drugstore clerk feared he would be shot.

Cook was apprehended later that day when Sheriff John K. Blackburn spotted

their truck 15 minutes after they allegedly cased a pharmacy whose clerk called in a description of their vehicle. Blackburn was able to nab Cook after trailing them to a home at Arkansas Creek. Bradley ran into the surrounding hills but was captured there seven hours later.

Each has been charged with two counts of first-degree robbery and one count each



April Cook

Scott Bradley

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Marcus Phillips appeared nervous but not surprised when his recommended sentence of life in prison was announced in court Friday.

Killer sentenced to life in prison, hard labor

Says nothing about body's location

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Judge Danny Caudill imposed a life sentence at hard labor on Marcus Phillips, of Pikeville, on Friday for the murder of his wife Patty in 2000.

The sentence upheld the recommen-

dation of a Floyd County jury that found Phillips guilty after hearing four days of testimony in the case.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, who tried the case, used the opportunity to reiterate that the judge follow the recommended sentence while defense attorney Harolyn Howard and Phillips remained mute

rather than try to offer any testimony to mitigate punishment.

Phillips has yet to lead authorities to where his wife's remains are and will probably remain silent as he is expected to have an appeal filed.

Detective Jeff Crumbley, of Miamisville, Ohio, has been on the case since Patty first disappeared and was once again on hand to see Phillips sen-

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Another set to plead guilty to elk killing

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — David VanHoose, 26, of Dwale, is expected to enter a guilty plea in district court Monday to charges that he was one of four men who illegally killed an elk at Ivy Creek last month.

The case was brought to the courts after an intense investigation by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Officer Mark Wallace. A break was made when witnesses saw the men accused of the crime allegedly dump the antlers from the animal in a shallow section of Dewey Lake.

The men — who also included Ronald G. Johnson, Monroe Jarvis and Billy Joe DeRossett — were gathered up by Wallace and all gave voluntary statements attesting to killing the elk. They admitted to being drunk when they used their headlights to blind the animal before peppering it with .22 caliber rounds.

Their weapons only served to wound the animal, and they allegedly killed it up close with a shotgun, which was also used to remove its antlers. This act created the evidence which would nail them as it made it easier for wildlife officials to match the antlers with the elk's head, which had been collected as evidence.

All four men were lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center under a \$5,000 cash bond, with only DeRossett coming up with the funds to get out.

Johnson pleaded guilty last week and agreed to help prosecute the others. He still received a 90-day sentence and was ordered to pay a \$7,500 elk restoration fee and will have to perform 5,000 hours of community service or pay an additional \$5,000 fine.

VanHoose can expect the same deal and appears willing to testify that the others were shooting the animal as well. This contradicts the statement made by DeRossett, who claims that he only fired warning shots into the air.

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Mother gets early release; two others ask

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Shock probation — a legal mechanism allowing first-time offenders to have their sentences drastically reduced on the basis that their run-in with the law was shocking enough to prevent them from committing future crimes — isn't granted in Floyd County very often.

On Friday, however, one such

request was successful.

Michelle Carroll was granted early release, but her case is extraordinary. While serving time for a nonviolent offense, Carroll's 4-year-old son was injured in a lawnmower accident, resulting in the amputation of one of his legs.

Carroll appeared in court Friday and burst into tears as she talked about her guilt. Though it will never be known if her presence would have made a difference, she did say that she was off

drugs and wanted a second chance at parenting her son, who was staying with his grandmother when the accident occurred.

Moved by the woman's plea, Judge Danny Caudill granted her early probation but was clear that he was doing it "more for the child than the parent."

Two men who were found guilty of committing felonies also applied for shock probation in circuit court Friday. Both men were charged with more than one

felony.

Jesse Compton, a drug trafficker captured by through the efforts of the Floyd County Drug Task Force, was granted a shock probation hearing for next Monday.

John Brian Smith, who was on trial for rape when he entered an open plea to the lesser charge of unlawful imprisonment, had his hearing Friday and was told by Judge Danny Caudill that there would be a ruling in 10 days.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said, in reference to Smith's case, "The commonwealth objects to granting probation here on the strongest possible grounds. This was a heinous crime."

Smith pleaded guilty to one charge of unlawful imprisonment and is serving five years for that charge. He was originally accused of raping and imprison-

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Odds and Ends

■ **HOUSTON** — No, it's not a 3-D creature feature: A Houston movie theater — one that was showing "Anacondas" among other films — has shut down while workers hunt for an 8-foot snake.

A maintenance worker said he saw a snake about a week ago that was thick as a man's arm slithering along a wall, said Terrell Falk, a spokeswoman for Cinemark USA Inc.

"As soon as he saw it, he left," she said. "I think everyone who was working left."

When the owners of the 16-screen theater heard of it, they closed the place and brought in snake experts.

"We have looked throughout the theater and we haven't found a snake yet," said Ramon Cardenas, owner of Critter Control of Houston, a company that specializes in wildlife control.

It's unclear if the animal

begun its 17th day on exhibit at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Notorious for their inability to thrive in captivity, no other great whites are currently on display anywhere in the world — and none has ever been kept on exhibit for more than 16 days.

Commercial halibut fishermen inadvertently snagged the young female shark off the coast of Huntington Beach in late August. It had been kept in a 4 million-gallon pen off the Southern California coast until Sept. 14, when it headed north by truck — an unmarked, 3,000-gallon shark tank on wheels — to its new home.

The aquarium is keeping the shark on long-term exhibit in its 1 million-gallon Outer Bay tank, which contains 75 other large fish and turtles. The tank is a little larger than one Olympic-size swimming pool. More than 80,000 people have already seen the shark at its new home.

The shark is 4 feet, 4 inches long and weighs 62 pounds. It could grow to about 21 feet and weigh more than a ton.

Of the almost 40 great white sharks kept at aquariums over the years, most were unintentionally caught in commercial fishing gear and brought directly to aquariums. They either died or were freed when they wouldn't eat.

Nobody knows why they don't thrive in captivity, although many marine biologists speculate that the predators can't handle the stress of being captured and contained.

■ **EGG HARBOR, Wis.** — Plans to re-enact the egg battle that led to the naming of this town in 1825 were simply too true to be good, state officials have decided.

The Department of Natural Resources said Saturday's event must use plastic eggs, not the real thing, in depicting the historic egg-throwing battle between crews of two boats docked in the harbor on Lake Michigan's Green Bay.

Organizer George Bisbee initially said he wanted to use 3,000 real eggs to re-enact the fight, although he later said he

had exaggerated the number. "It just got so controversial, and I know there are some concerned citizens out there," Bisbee said. "I had plastic eggs as a backup plan all along, so there will be no environmental impact."

After Bisbee announced his plans for a true-to-life egg fight, shoreline property owners and others called the DNR to complain, said Tom Hansen, DNR warden supervisor in Green Bay.

"We've asked that the real eggs not be used, and we will be prepared to enforce that request," Hansen said. "It just wasn't appropriate. With 3,000 eggs, that would be 250 pounds of protein and organic matter entering the bay. I can't allow that while still writing people tickets for dropping a candy wrapper."

Hansen said eggs are breeding grounds for bacteria, and the invasive zebra mussels growing on the bottom of the bay would feast on the calcium shells.

The original egg fight among sailors was apparently a spur-of-the-moment release of tension, as recounted by Green Bay

dianist Elizabeth Baird, who happened to be sailing by on another ship.

The egg fight and other attractions at Saturday's event will raise money for local scholarship funds.

■ **SHELBYVILLE, Ind.** — Sandy Allen now has enough money to buy her dream van — one big enough to accommodate the 7-foot, 7-1/4 inch frame she has as the world's tallest woman.

Less than a week after announcement of an effort to raise the \$5,200 needed to buy the used van, donations have reached about \$7,000, said Bonnie Shehan, a friend of Allen's.

"People from all over the country are sending money for Sandy," Shehan said Thursday.

Shehan had been Allen's unofficial chauffeur, using her minivan to drive Allen places, until the van was stolen last week. But while Allen said she was glad to leave the nursing home where she lives from time

to time, Shehan's van was cramped.

"It was a bit of a circus act, getting in and out of that minivan," Allen said.

Allen's friends Linda and Larry Fox had seen a van in a used car lot in the city about 25 miles southeast of Indianapolis that they thought would be perfect for Allen.

"When they told me about it, I thought, 'God, this'll never happen.' I'm the eternal pessimist," said Allen, who is recognized by Guinness World Records as the tallest living woman.

The 49-year-old Allen said she was surprised by the number of people who contributed to the van fund.

"I just didn't know that there were that many people out there who cared," she said.

Shehan said the van account would remain open and that any extra money will be used for the van's insurance and upkeep.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct. 3, the 277th day of 2004. There are 89 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 3, 1863, President Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day.

On this date:

■ In 1226, St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, died; he was canonized in 1228.

■ In 1929, the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formally changed its name to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia.

■ In 1941, Adolf Hitler declared in a speech in Berlin that Russia had been "broken" and would "never rise again."

■ In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Office of Economic Stabilization.

■ In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops cracked the Siegfried Line north of Aachen, Germany.

■ In 1951, the New York Giants captured the National League pennant in game three by a score of 5 to 4 as third baseman Bobby Thomson hit a three-run homer off the Brooklyn Dodgers' Ralph Branca in the "shot heard 'round the world."

■ In 1952, the situation comedy "Our Miss Brooks," formerly a radio show, premiered on CBS-TV with Eve Arden again in the title role.

■ In 1962, astronaut Wally Schirra blasted off from Cape Canaveral aboard the Sigma 7 on a nine-hour flight.

■ In 1981, Irish nationalists at the Maze Prison near Belfast, Northern Ireland, ended seven months of hunger strikes that had claimed 10 lives.

■ In 1990, West Germany and East Germany ended 45 years of postwar division, declaring the creation of a new unified country.

Ten years ago: U.S. sol-

diers in Haiti raided the headquarters of a hated pro-army militia. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy announced his resignation because of questions about gifts he'd received. South African President Nelson Mandela addressed the United Nations, urging the world to support his country's economy.

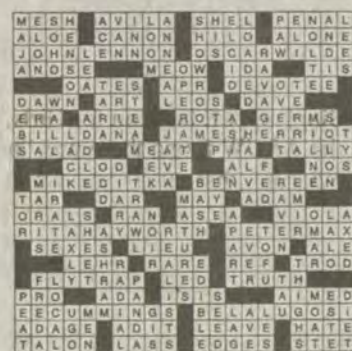
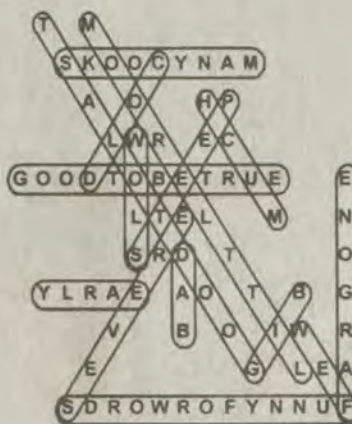
Five years ago: Sony co-founder Akio Morita, the entrepreneur, engineer and savvy salesman who helped give new meaning to the words "Made in Japan," died in Tokyo at age 78.

One year ago: A tiger attacked magician Roy Horn of duo "Siegfried & Roy" during a performance in Las Vegas, leaving the superstar illusionist in critical condition on his 59th birthday. Illustrator and children's book author William Steig died in Boston at age 95.

Today's Birthdays: Author Gore Vidal is 79. Singer Alan O'Day is 64. Rock and roll star Chubby Checker is 63. Actor Alan Rachins is 62. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., is 61. Magician Roy Horn is 60. Singer Lindsey Buckingham is 55. Jazz musician Ronnie Laws is 54. Blues singer Keb' Mo' is 53. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Dave Winfield is 53. Actor Hart Bochner is 48. Actor Peter Frechette is 48. Actor Jack Wagner is 45. Rock musician Tommy Lee is 42. Actor Clive Owen is 40. Actress Janel Moloney is 35. Singer Gwen Stefani (No Doubt) is 35. Pop singer Kevin Richardson (Backstreet Boys) is 33. Actress Keiko Agena is 31. Actress Neve Campbell is 31. Singer India.Arie is 29. Actress Alanna Ubach is 29. Actor Seann William Scott is 28. Actress Shannyn Sossamon is 26. Actor Erik Von Detten is 22. Actress Ashlee Simpson is 20.

Thought for Today: "The worst disease in the world is the plague of vengeance." — Dr. Karl Menninger, American psychiatrist (1893-1990).

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Massey completes purchase of Horizon mines

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Massey Energy has finalized its purchase of two Horizon Natural Resources subsidiaries, a spokeswoman said Friday.

Katharine W. Kenny, director of investor relations for Massey, said the purchase included the Starfire mine in Perry County and the Cannelton mine in Kanawha County, W. Va.

The purchased property includes an estimated 15 million to 20 million tons of coal reserves, two preparation plants, a barge loading facility and related equipment, Kenny said.

A federal judge Thursday lifted an order blocking the sale of the Horizon properties, allowing Massey to go ahead with the purchase.

Horizon, posting huge financial losses and unable to pay its creditors, filed for

bankruptcy in November 2002.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge William Howard approved the sale of Horizon to New York billionaire Wilbur Ross' Newcoal LLC and Oldcoal LLC, in partnership with A.T. Massey Coal and other mining companies. They bid \$786 million in cash and credit for the company.

The company conducted mining operations at 20 locations in Kentucky, West Virginia, Illinois and Indiana.

Release

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ing an Allen Central High School senior on New Year's Eve, 2001. Smith was in the midst of a trial on the charges when he entered the open plea, which could have saved him from serving 25 years in prison.

The case received some attention when Knott County Sheriff Ray Bolen appeared to testify as a character witness. Bolen was again in circuit court Friday, but did not testify to Smith's character this time.

Compton was originally arrested in the April 2002 drug roundup conducted by the Floyd County Drug Task Force. The case was significant because it was the first task force case to go to trial.

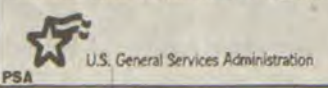
The commonwealth won that

case which was greatly helped by a state-of-the-art audiotape system that was purchased by the Floyd County Fiscal Court to aid the task force in presenting its evidence.

Compton received an eight-year sentence from a Floyd County jury for several charges, including two counts of first-degree drug trafficking, one count of selling marijuana within 1,000 yards of a school and one count of second-degree trafficking.

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Sentence

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tenced. "I am happy with the outcome and especially happy that we got a prosecutor like Wayne Taylor for the case," Crumbley said. "When I first came down here I didn't know what to expect, but he quickly made a believer out of me. I am glad this part is over, but my missing person's file on Patty is still open and will stay that way till he tells us where her remains are."

Crumbley was disappointed when Marcus didn't use the opportunity to reveal where he hid Patty's remain and said, "I

will have to wait out his appeal, but as soon as it is safe to talk to Marcus I will be back to find out where he hid Patty. Her family deserves that closure. No matter what it takes, I'll stick with it."

Patty's sister-in-law, Arnetta, was on hand as well. She is now raising Patty's children and she said, "We just wanted to thank Wayne Taylor and Det. Crumbley. Someone said they have 'no quit' and they're right."

The Phillips case represented a monumental challenge for the Commonwealth's Attorney's

Office. No body was ever recovered and the investigation stretched across four states.

Phillips was getting a ride back to his parent's home from Patty in May 2000 when she disappeared. Her last contact with her mother was a pay phone call made from Allen and this placed the case into the jurisdiction of Floyd County.

Taylor rounded up witnesses from all four states in order to paint a picture of the movements of Marcus Phillips until he ultimately confessed to the murder in Florida over a year later.

Though the evidence, taken separately, may have seemed innocuous, Taylor was able to glue it together into a coherent narrative that ultimately convinced a Floyd County jury that Marcus was guilty and was compelling enough to see the jury recommend a life sentence.

The resulting testimonies showed that Phillips changed his story with every law enforcement encounter. He was tripped up with each story but refused to state that he'd harmed his wife until the Florida confession.

W.Va. school tries same-sex classes

by ALLISON BARKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Thirteen-year-old Virginia Marker was always the kind of student who wanted to get lost in the crowd, hoping teachers wouldn't call on her.

That was until this year when Stonewall Jackson Middle School decided to separate its 610 boys and girls into single-sex classes for part of the day. Only weeks into the one-year experiment, Marker has improved her D average in math to a C.

"Having an all-girls class is pretty cool because you can do things without the boys there to pick on you," she said. "I feel like I can ask questions without getting embarrassed."

Stonewall Jackson is the first public school in West Virginia to segregate students by gender in grades six through eight for classes in English, math, science and social studies. Other courses, including art, physical education and band, are mixed.

Single-sex education is not a new idea, but Principal Carol Thom decided to give it a try after two years of effort to improve student achievement left Stonewall Jackson still one of 38 low-performing schools in West Virginia. Teachers jumped at the idea, and state and county officials did not object.

"This is hormone city," Thom said. "Middle school kids are very focused on what each other thinks of each other. When you take that sexual tension out of the classroom, then they focus on academics."

Stonewall Jackson is among at least 147 out of the nation's 91,000 public schools opting for single-sex classes this year as administrators look for ways to improve student performance

under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, according to the National Association for Single Sex Public Education in Poolesville, Md.

Supporters say separation reduces distractions and classroom inhibitions. It also allows teachers to cater to different learning styles. Girls, they say, often want to break into small work groups while boys tend to engage more in debate.

"They really do learn differently," said Amy Aston, a math teacher at Stonewall. "And when you get them in separate classes you really start to pick up on what works better for the different genders."

Stonewall Jackson is located in a racially mixed area on Charleston's west side. About 70 percent of the students qualify for free and reduced lunch.

Two years ago, only 46 percent of the students met standards in reading, while only 51 percent met standards in math. Last year, reading competency jumped to 81 percent and math to nearly 59 percent.

"Last year sometimes I had a hard time because most of the other people were messing with the girls and the teacher had to tell them to stop," said 12-year-old Michael Brewington. "People listen more because they can't flirt with the girls anymore."

While same-sex education has long been available in private schools, it has been virtually unknown in public schools since the 1972 implementation of Title IX, a federal rule prohibiting discrimination based on gender. Title IX discouraged single-sex schooling, although a handful of schools met the law with a "separate but equal" setup.

That changed when President Bush signed No Child Left

Behind into law in 2002. It allows single-sex classrooms if comparable curricula and facilities are available to both sexes.

The U.S. Department of Education took public comments on the changes earlier this year but has yet to update the regulations, leaving schools that want to try single-sex education in legal limbo.

The move to water down Title IX has drawn criticism from groups such as the National Organization for Women and the American Association of University Women, which argue that segregated classes open the door for unequal treatment, promote gender stereotypes and fail to prepare students for life.

In its 1998 report, "Separated by Sex: A Critical Look at Single-Sex Education for Girls," the AAUW found there was "no evidence that single-sex education is better than coeducation."

"Single-sex education is not doing students any favors," said Jean-Marie Mavetta, a spokeswoman for the AAUW in Washington. "If we've learned anything it's that you can't have separate and equal."

In the new book "Same Difference: How Gender Myths Are Hurting Our Relationships, Our Children, and Our Jobs," Rosalind Barnett and Caryl Rivers say it is teacher quality and higher expectations that make a difference in the classroom, not gender separation.

"Teaching styles that emphasize different tactics for boys and girls are more often rooted in stereotypes than research or hard science and can lead to a poorer-quality education for girls," the authors conclude.

Supporters of single-sex education, however, are quick to disagree.

Dr. Leonard Sax, a psychologist and physician who heads the

National Association for Single Sex Public Education, points to Thurgood Marshall Elementary School in Seattle, where in 2000 the school adopted single-sex classrooms.

Discipline referrals dropped from about 30 a day to just one. Standardized test scores among boys went from being as low as 10 percent to about 73 percent.

"Single-sex education really empowers girls and boys from very diverse backgrounds to achieve," Sax said.

While it's too soon to know what effect single-sex classes will have at Stonewall, educators and students hope for positive results when standardized tests are administered next spring.

"We can't save them from all the hard lessons of life," Thom said, "but I believe this is one way we can help them get through it better."

Indicted

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of being a persistent felony offender, which would double their sentences and see both of them facing penalties of 20 years to life in prison if convicted.

The previous felonies involve a first-degree robbery charge for Cook, who was arrested for the 2002 robbery of Eastern Autobahn.

Bradley has been arrested on various felony charges, including assault and criminal trespassing.

A hearing has been set for Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. in circuit court.

Odds

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■ BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — Baby's back: Keith Berg's 17-foot Burmese python came out of hiding after a long weekend.

Baby had been missing since Thursday, and reappeared Monday when the smell of rabbits became too much to resist. Berg used the bunnies as bait.

Baby slithered out from underneath insulation in the attic of Berg's apartment building and back into captivity. The snake was being kept in Berg's bathroom, but escaped when the door was left ajar.

Julie Lawhead, who lives across the street, was relieved and looking forward to a full night's sleep.

"When I first heard that the snake was missing, my three children were playing in the back yard and my youngest is 2 years old," Lawhead said. "I've even looked under the kids' bed at night. I know that's being paranoid, but you don't always use logic in times like these."

Dan Maloney, general curator at Audubon Zoo in New Orleans, said because the 110-pound python dines on four rab-

bits a month, she would be an easy target of instant gratification.

"We usually feed our pythons about once or twice a year," Maloney said. "If this animal was fed once a month, then it will probably be looking for food sooner rather than later."

A new cage for Baby is being built and Berg said the snake is moving there as soon as it is completed. In the meantime, he plans to make sure the bathroom door stays shut.

"She does like to explore, that's for sure," Berg said. "I am just so glad that she's back."

■ ST. JOHN, Ind. — Ozella "Ozzie" McHargue's Christmas spirit was always evident — even at her holly, jolly funeral this week.

McHargue came up with the idea 17 months ago after being diagnosed with cancer. She said she didn't want depressing organ music at her funeral — she wanted songs like "Silver Bells" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

She got her wish.

The funeral home was decked with holly, wreaths, mistletoe, poinsettias and a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments from friends and family. McHargue was placed in a custom-made red and green casket for her wake Monday.

Ozzie, a widow who died Sept. 22 at age 67, always sprang to life around Christmas, her family said. She enjoyed Santa, Frosty and her favorite, the Grinch.

"Mom was always cheesy with the decorating, too. Things weren't done until they were overdone," said Kristy Hudi, who wore a Christmas tree pin on her blouse.

Rhonda McHargue said her mother's home was filled with Christmas decorations.

"It was like going to the North Pole," she said.

The daughters planned to give close friends and family the Christmas tree ornaments after the funeral.

"Mom would have liked that," Rhonda McHargue said.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

High stakes session

Monday's one-day protest by Kentucky teachers over rising health insurance costs brought added attention to this issue, which affects more than 170,000 state employees. It also put the pressure where it belongs — on state lawmakers, whose budget gridlock led to this crisis.

The stakes are high for members of the General Assembly, which Gov. Ernie Fletcher has called into special session Oct. 5 to find a solution. They'd better have their thinking caps on, because this will be tough to solve.

Teachers were led to protest after Fletcher cut insurance benefits and raised premiums in the face of rapidly rising health care costs. The decision hit state workers hard. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, Kentucky already ranked dead last among states in employee health benefits. Fletcher's hands were tied by a legislature that couldn't agree on a state budget that could have authorized extra spending and identified revenue sources.

So the special session is crucial, but the Democratic-controlled House, led by Speaker Jody Richards, has been at loggerheads all year with the GOP-run Senate, presided over by David Williams.

Williams says the special session could last two to four weeks. That could bring a possible resolution uncomfortably close to a Oct. 27 strike date set by the 29,000-member Kentucky Education Association teachers union — not to mention the Nov. 2 election, in which all the Kentucky House seats and half the Senate seats will be in play. A legislative meltdown could stoke anti-incumbent sentiment at the polls.

But easing workers' burden may be easier said than done. Critics cite \$305 million in new, unexpected state revenue flowing in, but Fletcher already has been forced to commit most of those funds in the absence of a legislative tax/spending plan. Lawmakers would have to find the money elsewhere, but cutting other programs just before an election would take considerable political courage.

Also, administration officials point out the state is already locked into contracts with health care firms. Lawmakers may not be able to change the terms even if they want to.

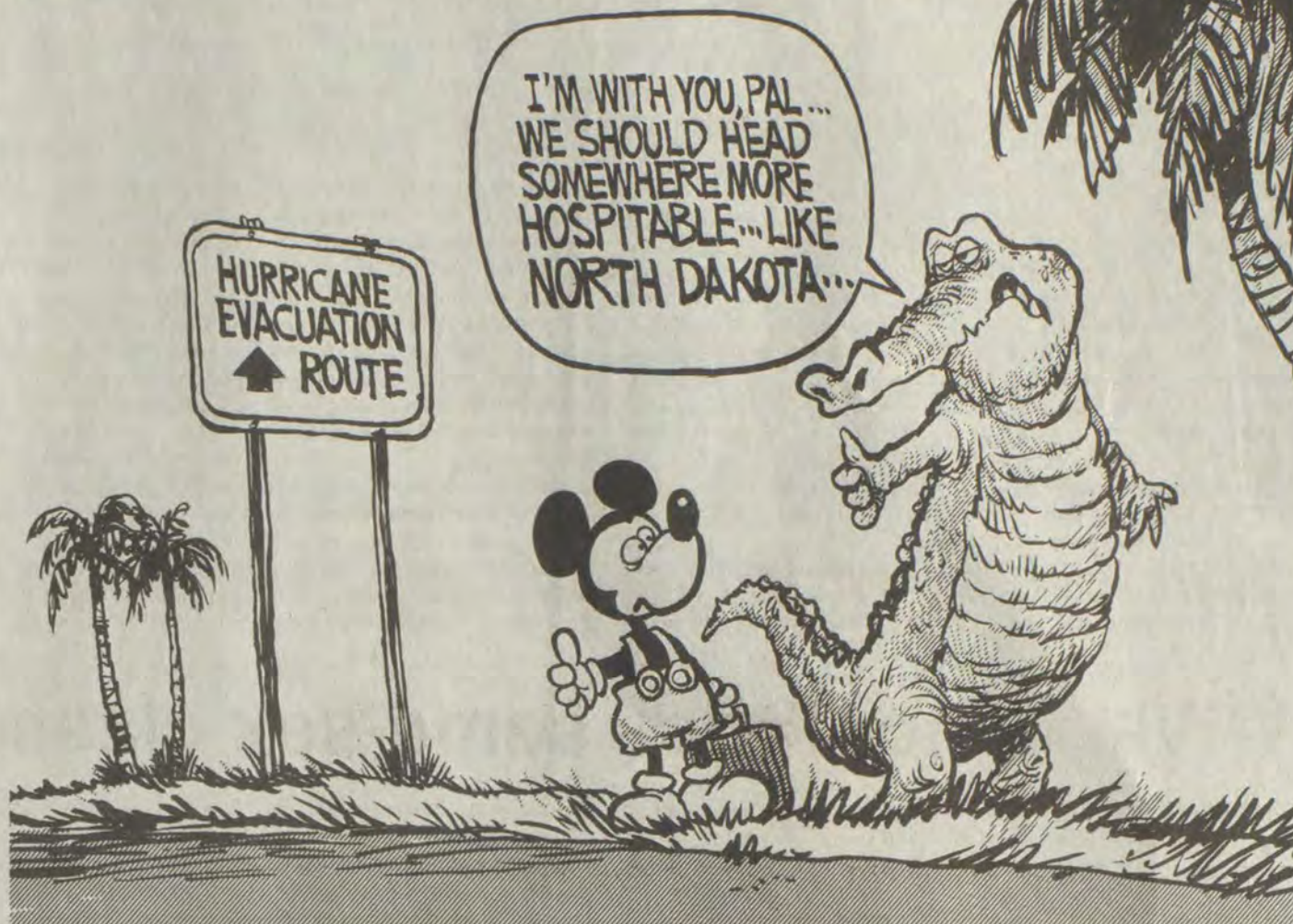
Some lawmakers say the special session is an ill-timed exercise in blame-shifting by Fletcher. But they, not Fletcher, have the power to enact a compromise tax-budget plan, and they ought to be able to find creative solutions that might placate voters Nov. 2.

Perhaps the most realistic scenario is one Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, outlined to the Louisville Courier-Journal: offer workers a break on health insurance next year, and appoint a special task force to craft a long-term fix.

At any rate, there's nothing like the prospect of losing your job to help focus the mind. So focus, lawmakers, focus.

— The Kentucky Enquirer, Fort Mitchell

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Rich Lowry Column

W the Bold

"He wants to take away your Social Security." John Kerry hasn't uttered these words about President Bush yet — but he will as his campaign inevitably sinks to the lowest common denominator of Democratic demagoguery.

Bush has made himself more vulnerable to the charge than the average Republican by endorsing Social Security reform in his acceptance speech at the GOP convention. Bush dares to imagine something other than a 70-year-old New Deal model for dealing with retirement.

The current Social Security system is on its way to becoming the WorldCom of entitlements. The Social Security Trustees estimate the program will begin running a deficit in 2018. The red ink will amount to \$16 billion that year and will climb every subsequent year. Within the constraints of the status quo, there are only two solutions: cut benefits (which Kerry, of course, rules out) or hike taxes (which everyone rules

out, right up until the point the taxes are hiked).

Most reform plans would leave the current system for older workers, but give younger workers a choice: Stay in Social Security as it exists now, or opt to keep some amount of their payroll tax to invest and save in personal retirement accounts, in exchange for reduced benefits from Uncle Sam. The transition to this new system in the near term would be financed either by debt or (preferably) spending restraint. But the government wouldn't be incurring any new expenses in the long run, since it is already obligated to pay for the retirement of current workers (young people opting out of the system, in effect, take their retirement benefits early through reduced payroll taxes).

Liberals have screamed in recent years that Bush has only cut income taxes and not the regressive payroll tax (which funds Social Security and

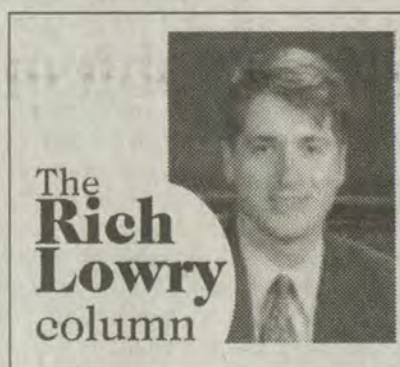
Medicare), but now that Bush supports an idea that amounts to a payroll-tax cut, liberals will attempt to demagogue it into extinction.

Too bad. Roughly 75 percent of Americans pay more in Social Security taxes than in income taxes, according to the Heritage Foundation. From 2 percent 50 years ago (split between employer and employee), the tax has jumped to 12.4 percent now. In 1971, it applied to only the first \$7,800 of income; now it applies to the first \$84,900. This burden squeezes the ability of people, especially low-income people, to save.

Personal retirement accounts will give people an asset that they themselves own and that government can't take from them. Depending on how the transition is financed, they might well boost national savings, something economists consider key to an economy's health. They will deliver a rate of return to retirees higher than that of Social Security. And they will create a citizenry less dependent on government entitlements and more self-reliant, in the finest American tradition.

To all this, a John Kerry fearful of change and wedded to the status quo will have essentially one response: "He wants to take away your Social Security."

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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— beyond the beltway

Americans work longer, harder, forego vacations

by DON MONKERUD

Editor's note: Donald Kaul is away. His column will return next week.

Summer has ended and returning students have gone back to their keyboards to write. "What I did on my summer vacation." Few have a real overview of the American vacation.

Our practices are tied in a Sisyphean knot with the American work ethic, morality, self-worth, survival, and our economic system. If we begin to pick at these attitudes and practices, the whole fabric could unravel.

Today, there's little concern about our lack of vacation time. Once workers fought fierce battles for the annual vacation, but today we live to work. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Americans work an average of one month longer each year than they did 20 years ago, much harder than medieval peasants.

Near-record levels of mandatory overtime push American workers to the top rank of worker productivity, which increased 30 percent since 1973. Some 63 percent of Americans work more than 40 hours a week, 20 percent feel guilty about taking vacation, and 12 percent get no vacation at all. Is this a trend of modern life?

"Is life more fast paced? Definitely," says John Stanton, a food marketing specialist at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. "We are actually working more hours and taking less vacation time than ever before. Life is more hectic for both adults and kids."

Stanton explains that the pace of life began increasing when women joined the workforce. Today women not only go to work; they also cook, clean and care for the children, which places the family under tremendous pressure. Family togetherness becomes more difficult; even the traditional three meals a day is being replaced by eating on the go.

The traditional family vacation is likewise difficult to schedule. Today's children have tightly scheduled activities and coordinating vacation times for a family is much more complex. People are worried about their jobs and feel they are indispensable, a result of companies downsizing over the past 20 years. If you go on vacation, who will do your work?

Americans feel they so indispensable in their jobs that 30 percent of them refuse to take their allotted vacation time. In a recent poll, Expedia.com discovered that Americans received an average of 12.4 vacation days this year and will give three back to the company, up from two last year. We will forego a total of 415 million days of vacation this year. Last year, Expedia.com calculated that the value of workdays given back to employers in unused vacation amounted to \$21 billion.

Despite U.S. workers putting in more hours than any others in the industrialized world, the United States is the only

nation that does not require mandatory paid leave. The Center for Economic and Policy Research finds that U.S. workers average 14.2 days off, including holidays, while workers in the European Union average 20, with some member countries mandating 30 days off a year.

Experts debate whether we do this to ourselves—as virtuous loyal workers — or whether the economic system forces us to work hard or lose our jobs. Researchers such as Juliet Schor, author of "The Overworked American: The Unexpected Decline of Leisure," and the recent book "Born to Buy," trace the lack of vacation to our economic system.

Schor finds the cause in the increasing gap between the rich and poor, as well as

media-driven consumer aspirations that lead us to emulate the top 20 percent of income earners. Today we aspire to luxury and affluence, while in earlier times a comfortable middle-class existence was a common goal. The business drive for profit places an emphasis on greater output rather than more time off and richer social lives. More output requires an escalating level of consumption to absorb the increased output and our lives become a vicious circle.

Ironically, our vacation-starved life styles aren't fulfilling. Long work hours undermine quality of life and personal relationships; we never have "enough." High levels of consumption destroy the environment, and our culture suffers because people are too tired and stressed to participate in community life.

A countertrend may be in the making.

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Faith Extra

Kentucky Baptists to connect at annual meeting

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky Baptists will mark their 167th annual meeting by introducing a bold new vision for the future called "Kentucky Baptists Connect" here Nov. 16-17.

The annual meeting, to be held at St. Matthews Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Ave., will depart from the typical annual meeting schedule with a variety of features designed to highlight the statewide emphasis that will continue through 2010. Four Convention sessions are planned — Tuesday morning (8:30-11:55 a.m.), Tuesday afternoon (1:30-4:05 p.m.), Tuesday evening (7-8:55 p.m.) and Wednesday morning (8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.).

Changes to the traditional Convention program includes a total revamping of the Wednesday morning session, which will include the presentation of major new research on reaching unchurched people in Kentucky, conducted by the highly respected Barna Group. The session will also include relevant workshops featuring top national presenters and a closing service with well-known Baptist leadership expert Charles Lowery.

Kentucky Baptists Connect calls Kentucky Baptist churches to renewed commitments to evangelism, missions, leadership training, church growth, networking and relationships with Baptist agencies and institutions. The emphasis grew out of the report of a special Mission Study Committee that examined the work of the Convention and established ambitious objectives and goals.

The Kentucky Baptists

Connect theme will permeate the annual meeting, beginning with a special video early in the Tuesday morning session. Reports, the annual president's address by 2004 President Eugene Siler and the Convention sermon by Ric Frazier, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Louisa, will also reflect the special emphasis.

A special service to officially launch Kentucky Baptists Connect will be held Tuesday evening. Rev. Skip Alexander, pastor of Campbellsville Baptist Church and Dr. Paul Chitwood, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Washington, will serve as worship leaders for the service. The launch will make use of video and music to lead participants to a greater understanding of and commitment to Kentucky Baptists Connect.

Kentucky Baptists will also address important business during the annual meeting including the election of officers and the approval of budget goals for 2005-2006.

Two candidates have been announced for president of the KBC — Dr. Rusty Ellison, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, and Dr. Hershael York, professor of Christian preaching and associate dean of ministry and proclamation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ellison has previously served as president of Kentucky Baptist Assemblies, the camp and conference ministry of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. York also serves as pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort.

Kentucky Baptist messengers will also vote on a Constitution change recommended by the Mission Study Committee and first presented by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws at the 2003 annual meeting. The change would allow Kentucky Baptist institutions of higher learning to have trustees on their boards that are not Baptist.

Three quarters of the trustees would be required to be members of Kentucky Baptist Convention churches. Other trustees would have to be professing Christians who are "in harmony with historic Baptist beliefs." All trustees would be required to have an "intentional commitment" to keep the college affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The changes to the Wednesday morning session mark the most dramatic adjustment of the annual meeting format in a number of years and reflects an effort to ensure the meeting is relevant and useful to Kentucky Baptists, especially busy pastors and staff.

During the first part of the session, messengers will be among the first to hear results of a Barna Group study that will have just been conducted. The research, which will be subdivided into regions of the state, is expected to prove invaluable to Kentucky churches as they plan the strategies for reaching people in their communities.

The research presentation will then be followed by six major workshops featuring national experts. Leaders include:

■ Dr. Thom Rainer, a widely respected expert on church

health and leadership and dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Rainer will be presenting an analysis of Kentucky Baptist baptismal trends from 1984-2004 and recommending strategies to help churches be more effective in reaching their communities with the Gospel.

■ Dr. Nate Adams, vice president for mobilization and media at the North American Mission Board. In a workshop titled "Trading Spaces Through Missions Involvement," churches will be introduced to a variety of missions options through both a large group experience and smaller group equipping sessions.

■ Dr. C. Gene Wilkes, author and pastor of Legacy Church, Plano, Texas. Wilkes' workshop will focus on developing emerging leaders. Participants will also receive a copy of Wilkes' book, *Paul on Leadership: Servant Leadership in a Ministry of Transition*.

■ Karen Prunte, vice presi-

dent and Midwest managing director for Spaeth Communications, a major national public relations firm founded by Mary Spaeth, communications director for President Ronald Reagan. Prunte, regularly serves as a media coach for major business executives. She will speak on "The Ten Commandments of Media Relations" and will offer pastors special insight on getting their messages across effectively to secular audiences.

■ Rod Ellis, contemporary music consultant for the KBC Worship and Music Department and Tog Goodson, minister of music for Valley View Baptist Church in Louisville. Ellis and Goodson will lead a workshop that focuses on leading meaningful worship for the emerging generations.

■ Dr. Wayne Jones, associate team leader for the KBC's Church Development and Evangelism Department. Jones' workshop will focus on using membership classes to effectively assimilate new people into the church so that they

become active.

With space being limited for some workshops, Kentucky Baptists will be able to register in advance for their workshop choice online at www.kybaptist.org/annualmeeting. Messengers and visitors to the annual meeting will also be able to register for the Wednesday morning sessions on site for those workshops not already full.

The Wednesday session will conclude with a time of inspiration featuring Lowery. Lowery is president and CEO of Lowery Institute for Excellence, Inc., a non-profit educational organization. He travels the country, using humor to inspire and educate both religious and secular audiences. The former Southern Baptist pastor also writes a regular column for SBCLife.

For more information on the annual meeting, go to www.kybaptist.org/annualmeeting.

Beltway

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Auto manufacturers are finding that employees are willing to buy extra vacation time. More one-working-parent families are making do with less for more quality time. A growing "simplicity" movement places emphasis on quality of life rather than accumulating wealth. How this will affect vacation time remains to be seen; but one thing is obvious—Americans need more time off.

Don Monkerud is an Aptos, California-based writer who follows politics. His satirical book is, "W's Wacky World: Bush in the White House"

Obituaries

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conducted Wednesday, September 29, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Ray Edmond Cornett, 48, of Carrie, died Wednesday, September 29, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Nickles Cornett. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elder Emitt Stone, 87, of

Pippa Passes, died Wednesday, September 29, at his residence. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Eva Verness Howard Plummer, 61, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, September 28, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 1, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

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FLOYD COUNTY

Hershell Adkins, 52, of Galveston, died Thursday, September 30, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 3, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bessie Ann Goble Burkette Burke, 101, of Martin, died Friday, September 24, at the Riverview Healthcare Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Grady Conley, 75, of Morristown, Tennessee, died Saturday, September 25, at Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System. He is survived by his wife, S. Faye Cook Conley. Services were held Monday, September 27, with graveside services, Tuesday, September 28, in Hamblen Memory Gardens.

Melda Hall, 93, of McDowell, died Saturday, September 25, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, at Martin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

James Richard Hunt, 47, of Minnie, died Friday, September 24, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Franklin Hunt, 79, of Harold, died Thursday, September 30, at the VA Medical Center, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Fern Justice Hunt. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Isaac Riley, 76, of Harold, died Tuesday, September 28. He is survived by his wife, Flora Tackett Riley. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Doris Amy Sexton Stumbo, 71, of McDowell, died Wednesday, September 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Klein Dean Stumbo. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Maxie Click Caudill, 90, of Swamp Branch, died Friday, September 24, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Naomi C. Looney, 78, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, September 22, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday,

September 25, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Bennie Moore, 78, of Columbus, Ohio, a Martin County native, died Saturday, September 25, at Riverside Medical Clinic in Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Celia Preece Moore. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 29, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Flora Blevins Rust, 96, of Georgia, a Johnson County native, died Monday, September 20, at Whigham, Georgia. Funeral services were conducted in Texas. Burial was in the San Jose Burial Park Cemetery at San Antonio, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Whiddon-Shiver Funeral Home, Thomasville, Georgia.

James Earl Stapleton, 76, of Volga, died Saturday, September 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Irene Salyer Stapleton. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

George Ward Jr., 82, of River, died Monday, September 27. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 30, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Anna Jane Anderson, 76, of Elkhorn City, died Sunday, September 26, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Bertha Ramey Blackburn, 84, of Lick Creek, died Tuesday, September 28, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 30, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ella Mae Castle, 77, of Pikeville, died Sunday, September 26, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 29, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Nathan Vernon Cope, 67, of Milwaukee, formerly of the Pond Creek area, died Friday, September 24 at Columbia Hospital, Milwaukee. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 29, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

John R. Daniels, 72, of Clarksville, Tennessee, died Saturday, September 25, in Clarksville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 29, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Elmer David Keesee, 62, of Belcher, died Sunday, September 26, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Bevins Keesee. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 29, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Eunice H. Kidd, 87, of Chester, Virginia, a native of Pike County, formerly of Buchanan County, Virginia, died Friday, September 24, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 27, under the direction of Virginia Funeral Home.

Addie May, 91, of Ottawa, Illinois, formerly of Wolfpit, died Sunday, September 26, in Ottawa. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 30, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Mollie Branham Oney, 74, of Lizzie Fork, a native of Pikeville, died Tuesday, September 28, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 1, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Randall Sergent, 41, of Virgie, died Monday, September 27. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 30, under the direction of Carty Funeral Home of Fleming-Neon.

Bobby H. Slone, 60, of Powells Creek, died Tuesday, September 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Marcella Slone. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 24, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Robert Bennett Thomas, 72,

of Newark, Delaware, a native of Pikeville, died Tuesday, September 14, at Riverside Long Term and Transitional Care, Wilmington, Delaware. He is survived by his wife, Florisse Coleman Thomas. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 20, under the direction of Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home.

Nellie H. "Sunny" Thornsby, 88, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, a native of Pikeville, died Sunday, September 26, at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Memorial services were conducted Wednesday, September 29, under direction of J.F. Floyd Mortuary.

Oscar Williamson Jr., 81, of Lick Creek, died Sunday, September 26, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. He is survived by his wife, Margie Abshire Williams. Funeral services were

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Paulina Sammons

Paulina Sammons, 64, of 708 W. Catholic St., Pierceton, Indiana, died Friday, October 1, 2004, at her residence.

Born July 19, 1940, in Coley, (Floyd County), she was the daughter of the late Jason and Nancy Meade Brown. She was a homemaker and had lived most of her life in the Pierceton area.

She is survived by her husband, Russell Sammons.

Other survivors include her two daughters, Gwendolyn Bell of Atwood, Indiana, and Tina Baugher of Cromwell, Indiana; one son, Shawn Sammons of Pierceton, Indiana; one brother, Cledith "Sonny" Brown of Kentucky; five sisters: Kathleen Shepherd, Maxine Braniger, Barbara McCarty, Emogene "Jean" Shank and Aleene Brown, all of Kentucky; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, and a sister.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, October 4, at 1 p.m., at the McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Pierceton, Indiana.

Burial will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton, Indiana.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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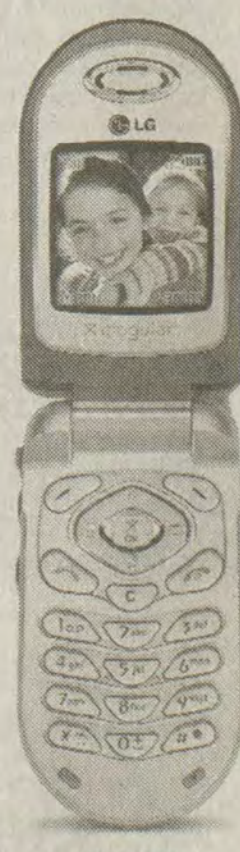
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Major League Baseball, Montreal finally split

Kentucky native Wilkerson now back in states

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Major League Baseball finally made its move out of Montreal Wednesday, ending an ordeal that has been talked about since the strike of 1994 cost the Expos the rare opportunity at a division title.

About the only odd thing about it was the timing of this announce-

ment. Why do this with five days remaining in your regular season, with three of the six divisions still undecided and seven teams still battling to join the four who have already qualified for the playoffs?

Bud Selig is many things, but a marketing man he is not.

Still, it needed to be done. The city of Montreal has totally abandoned this club to the point that it

was embarrassing to call it big league baseball. When 31,395 showed up for the final game in the city, it was the largest crowd of the season.

Where had these people been the last several years? Besides, any town that can't get 32,000 to any of its home games over the course of a season doesn't deserve a team. And when you consider that The

Associated Press reported Wednesday's crowd to be nearly four times what the team averaged this season, it was something that had to be done.

Baseball's hand was forced, and while those loyal to baseball in Montreal may feel that MLB took their team away, that isn't nearly the case: The people of Montreal took the team away by staying

home.

Now, was Washington the proper destination for the Expos? This remains to be seen. Baseball officials were in negotiations with five other areas — Vegas, Norfolk, Va., Portland, Ore., Monterrey, Mexico, and northern Virginia — but popular sentiment has long been with the

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Rick Bentley

Pro-Fitness events
scheduled for
Jenny Wiley Festival

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG—Pro-Fitness Multi-sports has three events scheduled to coincide with the upcoming Jenny Wiley Festival. Pro-Fitness will host the Jenny Wiley 5K Run/Walk Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Registration will be held from 8-9 a.m.

Three awards will be handed out in each male and female age group. Age groups include 14-under; 15-19; 20-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64 and 65 and over.

The entry fee is \$15. The entry fee includes a race T-shirt.

The Jenny Wiley Open Bench Press will also be held Saturday. Registration is scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. with the meet to follow at noon. Classes include 114; 123; 132; 148; 165; 181; 198; 220; 242; 275; 308 and super heavyweight. Three awards will be handed out in each weight class — open and masters (40+).

The entry fee, which also include a T-shirt, is \$15.

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South Floyd outlasts
Perry County Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — The South Floyd High volleyball team scored one of its biggest wins of the season Thursday. Hitting the road, South Floyd went out and beat 14th Region contender Perry County Central 2-1 (19-25, 5-21, 25-22). Perry Central took the first game of the varsity match before South Floyd bounced back to take the final two games for and match win.

For South Floyd, Leslie Holbrook was 10-of-13 on serves with two aces, 19 assists, five digs and five saves. Katie Cook was 11-of-13 on serves with eight kills, 12 digs, three saves and one ace. Megan Castle was nine-of-11 on serves with 13 digs and six saves.

Candice Hall managed one kill and one block, but added big numbers in other categories, going five-of-10 on serves with six assists, 11 digs and three saves.

Sabrina Reid had 12 kills and went nine-of-10 on serves with 18 digs, three saves and one block. Kayla Hall was six-of-eight on serves with 16 digs and one save.

Tab Tackett also contributed to the South Floyd attack. Tackett had one block, 11 digs, four kills and seven saves. Christina Berger had two kills, five blocks and one dig. Pam Walker was successful on four-of-four serves with one dig.

The win over Perry Central upped South Floyd's record to 16-3. South Floyd will host its annual Senior Night on Thursday when Pike County Central, a 15th Region rival, visits. The action will get underway Thursday at 6 p.m. with a junior varsity match.



Members of the Prestonsburg High volleyball team looked on during a recent volleyball tournament hosted by Floyd County rival South Floyd. Prestonsburg finished runner-up in the tournament, finishing second to tourney host South Floyd.

file photos by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne earns number one seed
in district volleyball tournamentby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Floyd County high school volleyball coaches got together Thursday afternoon to finalize seeding for the upcoming 53rd District Tournament. The district tournament is scheduled to be played Monday, Oct. 11.

Betsy Layne, which finished perfect in the regular-season against district/conference opponents, is the number one seed. Betsy Layne is playing under first-year head coach Christina Crase. Betsy Layne currently carries a perfect 15-0 record. Betsy Layne High will serve as the host school for the upcoming district volleyball tournament. All tournament matches are slated to be played at the Dome, home of the Betsy Layne High volleyball team.

South Floyd, a team that at press time boasted a 16-3 record, is the number two seed in the upcoming tournament behind top-ranked Betsy Layne. The Raiders, coached by Keith Smallwood, are a very athletic high school volleyball team.

Allen Central, a volleyball team that is no stranger to post-season play, will enter the district tournament as the number three seed. The Rebels are coached by Colonel Larry Maynard.

Prestonsburg, coached by Jackie Day Crisp, will enter district tournament play as the fourth

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South Floyd now has 16 wins on the season. The most recent victory was a triumph over Perry County Central.

Panthers
pound Phelps

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Host Pikeville had no trouble Thursday night and turned away visiting Phelps in easy fashion. The Panthers scored early and often in a rout, winning 66-26.

Pikeville rushed for 398 yards in cruising to its fourth win of the season. Phelps (2-4) didn't put points on the board until the second quarter.

Weston Robinson led the Pikeville ground game, rushing for 123 yards on 11 carries. Robinson also scored two touchdowns for Pikeville (4-2). Freshman Ted Honaker had 92 yards rushing on four carries.

Pikeville led 20-0 at the end of the first quarter and 48-0 at halftime.

With a running clock in full force in the second half, Pikeville pulled its starters and went with many younger players.

Phelps finished with 144 yards rushing and 144 yards passing. However, the Hornets could not

come up with near enough offense and defensive resistance in the first half to fend off mighty Pikeville.

Phelps quarterback Robert Gannon completed eight-of-11 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns.

Robert Shurtleff put Pikeville on the scoreboard first in the opening quarter when he made his way into the endzone from six yards out. The Phelps defense blocked the PAT kick and the Panthers led 6-0. Weston Robinson then followed with a 16-yard touchdown run. Brian Elkins added an extra-point kick after Robinson's score.

Pikeville quarterback Chase Huffman found receiver Chad Walls on a 28-yard pass for Pikeville's third and final score of the opening quarter. Jesse Parrish, Jacob Sword, Ryan Shurtleff, Huffman and Elkins also had touchdowns for the

(See POUND, page two)

Golden Eagles regain
possession of barrelby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The coveted Apple Barrel will reside on the Johnson Central High School campus for the next year. After suffering through the agony of three consecutive losses to crosstown rival Paintsville, Johnson Central issued some payback Thursday night, beating the host Tigers 48-6 in the 31st annual football meeting between the two schools.

Johnson Central, with first-year Golden Eagle head coach Jim Matney calling the shots, made a statement in this year's Apple Bowl. Junior quarterback Sean Music ran for 87 yards and two touchdowns and passed for two

more in Johnson Central's convincing win.

The Paintsville defense clearly had trouble stopping the Johnson Central offense.

Johnson Central senior fullback Cory Caudill had touchdown runs of 15 and 40 yards. Up until Thursday night's game against Paintsville, a bulk of the Johnson Central rushing yards had been provided by senior Scotty McCoy and junior Ron Blume. However, Caudill busted loose Thursday night.

Paintsville's only score of the game came in the second quarter when sophomore quarterback Daniel Pugh scored on a 26-yard run.

Johnson Central (5-1)

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Turkey options winning bowhunter's efforts

by STEVE VANTRESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — When turkeys get in the way, Joe Lacefield is easily diverted from his bowhunting pursuit of deer.

Lacefield, a Versailles-based private lands biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, chases whitetails during the state's long archery season. In recent years, however, he's given up some of that time to focus on the wild turkeys for which there is a concurrent archery hunt.

Sometimes it's purely an opportunistic hunt.

"I'll find a flock when I'm walking in to a deer stand and I'll break them up and then call them back," said Lacefield, who has a generous number of birds by arrow to his credit. The breakup isn't subtle, the hunter charging at the turkey troupe to

spook them into a sudden unorganized retreat.

On other occasions, Lacefield will set out purposefully to fool a turkey, "busting" a flock he finds, then setting up in a portable fabric-covered camouflage blind to conceal himself for a call-back session.

Fall turkey aren't attracted to calls for mating interest as spring gobblers are drawn to hen sounds. However, turkeys of both sexes are gregarious and drawn to groupings of their own kind, especially after a flock has been scattered by a hunter.

"I try to set up in an area that's pretty open where I can see turkeys coming back," Lacefield said. "I try to find an open place as close as I can to where I broke them up."

"I wait until I hear the first bird call to the oth-

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The John M. Stumbo girls' basketball team gathered in prior to the start of a recent game. More on the JMS girls' basketball team and other Floyd County teams appears inside today's edition.

Bentley

nation's capital.

There are issues remaining here. The team is still without an owner, being operated by Major League Baseball out of New York. This has to change, and while several groups are showing interest, someone needs to step up to the plate and take this to the next level.

Then there's the stadium issue, with city councilmen needing to approve it being built with taxpayer funding. This comes in a city with under-funded schools leading a laundry list of things in desperate need of repair. It is expected baseball will seek \$13 million to renovate RFK and another \$440 million for a new stadium, slated to open with the 2008 season.

The city also comes to the plate this time with an 0-2 count. Teams have left Washington twice already, albeit more than 30 years ago, when they couldn't sell enough tickets to keep a team afloat.

Folks in Minnesota first and then Texas were the winners those times.

Says here much has changed in the capital during this period, and one other thing should be adjusted too — both failed teams were nicknamed "Senators," a different moniker needs to come with this team.

It should also be pointed out that none of this is carved in stone. Should the team not sell or the council not approve stadium funding, this could all be for naught and the team could find its way back north of the border.

Whether Washington was the proper call will only be seen in time. But what wasn't up for debate is that something had to be done to this franchise. The team wasn't being supported in Montreal and the idea of playing a quarter of the home slate in San Juan was a nightmare for all involved.

The ballpark in Puerto Rico, while big enough to contain the average Expo crowd in Canada, was woefully under Major League specs at every turn — it was too small for big league hitters, didn't seat enough for serious consideration for a permanent home and

was more similar to an aging minor league park than a big league palace.

Clearly, the happiest people in baseball with Wednesday's announcement were guys like Kentucky native Brad Wilkerson, who has lived through this debacle for the last two seasons.

A change had to be made. Whether baseball made the right one will be decided over time. As for now, the team needs strong, stable ownership with the proper vision to take this franchise to the next level.

This week's spotlight should have been left to teams like those battling in both West divisions and the wild-card chase. They will carry baseball over the next few weeks and as the most exciting time of year plays itself out.

But we applaud the folks at Major League Baseball who have gotten the job done to this point. Here's hoping they continue working to finish the task and put the mistake that has been Montreal Expos baseball to rest.

Eagles

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got on the scoreboard first and last. The Golden Eagles scored 14 points in the first quarter and 21 points in the fourth period. The Matney-coached Golden Eagles scored seven points in the second quarter and six in the third. Johnson Central took a 21-6 lead into halftime.

Music scored on runs on 35 and 31 yards. The first score of the game came in the opening quarter when Music scampered into the endzone from 35 yards out.

Blume, a speedster for Johnson Central, had two touchdowns — a 64-yard reception and a 30-yard run. Blume's 30-yard run to paydirt was the game's final

touchdown. Music got into the endzone on what looked to be a busted play on the two-point conversion following Blume's scoring run.

Johnson Central place-kicker James Barrett was three-of-five on point-after kicks.

Paintsville was without leading rusher Hans Doderor, who at one time this season was leading the state in rushing. Doderor went out two weeks ago during a loss to Grundy, Va.

Johnson Central will go back to work next week and will return to action Friday, hosting Class 4A, Region 4, District 8 rival Clark County. Paintsville has next week off.

Wallen, Fields lead Adams past MCA

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — Visiting Adams got 11 points apiece Thursday night from Tosha Wallen and Linsey Fields and it proved to be enough to beat host Mountain Christian Academy. Adams came out on top, winning 22-13.

MCA jumped out in the first quarter and carried a 6-4 lead out of the first period. The game was deadlocked at 7-7 at

halftime. Adams led 12-11 at the end of the third quarter and outscored MCA 10-2 in the final period to go away victorious.

SCORING: Adams (22) — Wallen 11, Fields 11. MCA (13) — Hackworth 2, Kilburn 2, Potter 1, Samons 2, Pety 6.

C-TEAM: MCA 19, Adams 3.

SCORING: MCA (19) — Potter 2, Samons 4, Akers 5, Osborne 4, Thompson 4.

Adams (3) — Compton 3.

Volleyball

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seed. Despite being the fourth and final seed, Prestonsburg possesses enough talent to hold its own during the upcoming post-season.

All four Floyd County high school volleyball teams will continue playing during the upcoming week, eventually winding down regular-season play.

The cost for general admission for the district tournament is \$4.

A breakdown of the district tournament matches and match times follows.

53rd District Tournament

Betsy Layne (No. 1 seed) vs. Prestonsburg (No. 4 seed)

South Floyd (No. 2 seed vs. Allen Central (No. 3 seed)

Game 1 — 6 p.m.

Game 2 — 7:30 p.m.

Game 3 — 9 p.m.



Two Stumbo players got back on defense and anticipated the arrival of the Allen Central offense.

Fitness

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The 9th annual Levisa Cup Canoe/Kayak River Race and Fun Float is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 10. The Levisa Cup consists of a trek from Prestonsburg to Paintsville on the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. The race will start from the Prestonsburg City Boat Ramp, located behind Billy Ray's Playhouse Restaurant. All boats will launch between 9 and 10 a.m. Start/finish times will be recorded for all boats. The race will end in Paintsville at the water plant boat.

Entry fee for the race is \$10 per kayak; \$20 per canoe.

For more information on any of these events, contact Don Fields at Pro-Fitness Multisports, 1243 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. Call 606/886-8604 or email profitfitness@multisports.net.



Stumbo, pictured in action against Allen Central Middle, won this year's Right Beaver Classic.

Stumbo beats Allen Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Stumbo Coach Terri Daniels said it best Wednesday night following the Lady Mustangs' 44-23 win over the Lady Rebels of Allen Central. "Teamwork wins games," said Daniels. The Mustangs put together an overall team effort with balanced scoring. Stumbo was led in scoring by its playmaker, Lindsey Martin, who pushed in 12 points. Amby Tackett and Stephanie McKinney each added 10 points apiece. McKinney also pulled down 15

Pound

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host Panthers.

Chris Robinette put Phelps' first points of the game on the scoreboard in the third quarter when he hauled in a 56-yard pass from Gannon. Chris Hardin scored Phelps' other eight points on a two-point conversion following Robinette's initial touchdown and the game's final score, a three-yard touchdown catch.

Pikeville is scheduled to be back in action Friday in a road game at Jenkins. Kickoff for the Pikeville-Jenkins game is set for 7:30 p.m. Phelps is due back in action Friday in a game scheduled at Allen Central. Kickoff for the Phelps-Allen Central game is also set for 7:30.



Megan Hamilton (4) scored a game-high 22 points Wednesday night to lead Betsy Layne past Adams.

YMCA Youth basketball league, tournament

The Pikeville YMCA will hold registration for its youth basketball league through Nov. 15. The league is opened to boys and girls ages 3-17.

The Pikeville YMCA has scheduled a youth basketball tournament for Dec. 3-5. The tournament will include four age groups — nine-and-under, 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under.

For more information on either event, call the YMCA at 606/433-9622.

Hunting

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ers to try to regroup," Lacefield said. "Then I start calling, mimicking the same thing I hear."

"It may take them a few minutes to start calling, but the turkeys get lonesome and after I start calling back to them, it usually happens pretty quick."

Other than the scatter-and-recall, an archery turkey hunter can score in the fall by simple ambush tactics, perhaps spiced by the attraction of decoys, Lacefield said.

"If you learn where turkeys are roosting and where they're going to feed, you can just set up along their regular travel route in between, getting them going toward the food in the mornings or headed back to roost in the late afternoon," Lacefield said.

Lacefield also enjoys success by setting up during the day along an open field where turkeys may pick grain or insects. He may resort to a whole flock of decoys to catch the attention of real turkeys from long range.

"I've been known to use as many as 30 decoys," he laughed. "It's a lot of trouble, but they'll attract turkeys from 300 yards away."

He also uses occasional "lost" yelps made on a box call to interest gregarious gobblers or hens that first may hear him in the distance even if they

don't see his decoys.

For archery turkeys, Lacefield often employs a "pop-up" portable blind with windows and a black lining that hides his form and movement from the sharp-eyed birds.

"Getting your bow drawn is one of the hardest things about archery turkey hunting," he said. "It's a lot easier in the blacked-out blind."

"When I set up along a field, I try to position where the turkeys will come by the blind to go toward the decoys. If I'm hunting without a blind, I try to draw on a turkey when it walks behind a big tree."

Shooting a compound bow and arrows with expanding-point broadheads, the same gear used for his deer hunting, Lacefield sets up for turkey shots within 20 yards.

"Turkeys shot through the body don't leave a blood trail, so I shoot for the neck, aiming right at the wattles," he said. "You've got a target that's three-quarters of an inch wide and 12 inches high, but at close range and with expandable broadheads, it's something you can hit."

Middle School Basketball

Adams 33, MCA 17

PRESTONSBURG — Linsey Fields scored a game-high 15 points and teammate Alexis DeRossett tossed in eight to lead Adams to a 33-17 win over visiting Mountain Christian Academy (MCA).

A tough Adams defense held MCA to three points in two of the first three quarters. Adams led MCA 14-3 at the end of the first quarter and 20-6 at the end of the third quarter. Fields scored 12 of her game-high 15 points in the first half.

SCORING:

Adams (33) — Fields 15, Wallen 6, DeRossett 8, Hicks 2, Keathley 2.

MCA (17) — Hackworth 11, Potter 2, Samons 4.

In a C-team game, Adams downed MCA 18-14 in overtime. Alexis DeRossett scored all 18 of Adams' points in the victory. MCA led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter before Adams got going. The game was deadlocked at 9-9 at the half. DeRossett hit on four-of-six free-throw attempts in the extra period to push Adams to victory.

SCORING:

Adams (18) — DeRossett 18.

MCA (14) — Potter 7, Samons 1, Akers 4, Thompson 2.

South Floyd 39, Adams 36

HI HAT — After a sluggish first quarter, host South Floyd led at the end of every quarter after that Tuesday night and went on to hang on to beat Adams in an A-team game. The Lady Raiders led 14-11 at the end of the first half and 27-24 after three quarters. Each team scored 13 points in the third quarter. Each team scored 12 points in the fourth quarter.

SCORING:

South Floyd (39) — Dye 8, D. Tackett 11, Damron 5, J. Tackett 4, K. Hall 5, E. Moore 2, L. Hall 4.

Adams (36) — Wallen 8, Fields 13, Alexis DeRossett 10, Hicks 5.

B-TEAM: South Floyd 37, Adams 5.

SCORING:

South Floyd (37) — K. Hall 2, E. Moore 9, B. Little 10, H. Howell 4, Ashley Howell 2, M. Howell 2, B. Jackson 2, A. Howell 6.

Adams (5) — Alexis DeRossett 2, Allyson DeRossett 2, Moore 1.

Betsy Layne 48, Adams 38

BETSY LAYNE — In A-team play, Megan Hamilton tossed in a game-high 22 points as three players scored in double figures to lead host Betsy Layne to a 10-point win over visiting Adams. Betsy Layne maintained a lead at the end of every quarter. Linsey Fields netted 19 points to lead Adams.

SCORING: Betsy Layne (48) — A. Meade 13, K. Case 10, M. Hamilton 22, M. Hunt 2, T. Holt 1.

Adams (38) — Wallen 10, Fields 19, Compton 3, Bradley 6.

B-TEAM: Betsy Layne 22, Adams 11.

SCORING: Betsy Layne (22) — J. Jarrell 6, A. Blair 4, T. Holt 8, T. Watkins 2, K. Joseph 2.

Adams (11) — Compton 5, Spears 2, Keathley 2, Bradley 2.

C-TEAM: Betsy Layne 30, Adams 9.

SCORING:

Betsy Layne (30) — J. Jarrell 5, T. Holt 6, K. Wagner 5, C. Burgess 6, T. Watkins 6, R. Clark 2.

Adams (9) — Hicks 2, Bradley 7. — Times Staff Report

Lady Mustangs top Allen

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Lady Mustangs of Stumbo Elementary topped the Lady Eagles of Allen Elementary in a home game Tuesday by a score of 45-27. Stumbo sharpshooter Amby Tackett came out on fire as she ripped the nets for 23 points on the night.

Lindsey Martin scored 10 points while Stephanie McKinney chipped in six and Keturah Tackett added four.

Erica Newsome scored two points.

The Lady Mustangs led 17-5 at the end of the first quarter and didn't look back the entire game.

Erica Meade scored 15 points for Allen.

Other scorers for Allen included L. Lewis 4; A. Woodshad 1, L. Lowe 2; K. Maynard 3; K. Waugh 2.

Stumbo, earlier this year, captured the Right Beaver Classic title.

Maaddi On Football: Eagles have attitude to go with talent

by ROB MAADDI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles had talent. Now they have swagger and personality, too.

No, these aren't the same old Eagles, who lost the last three NFC championship games. And it isn't just because they added Terrell Owens and Jevon Kearse and brought back Hugh Douglas and Jeremiah Trotter.

Sure, Owens and Kearse have proved to be the missing pieces on offense and defense, helping the Eagles start 3-0 for the first time since they won four in a row to open the 1993 season.

But they've also helped provide another missing ingredient: attitude.

These Eagles are cocky and confident. They strut their stuff on the field, in the end zone and in the locker room.

When they're not connecting on long passes, Owens and quarterback Donovan McNabb are sharing laughs on the sidelines, or critiquing each other's dance moves.

McNabb prefers old-school Michael Jackson routines, seemingly oblivious to the fact the moonwalk went out in the '80s.

Owens likes the hip-hop style, though he has stuck to flexing and posing after scoring touchdowns this season. He hammed it up at a Monday night game by giving the national TV audience a close look at his golden mouthpiece, grinning into the camera.

McNabb and Owens are also rubbing off on teammates. In Philadelphia's latest rout, a 30-13 victory at Detroit on Sunday, Mike Bartram — yes, a third-string tight end who usually gets in just to snap on punts and kicks — became the first Eagles player penalized for excessive celebration this season.

The 11-year veteran caught a 1-yard TD pass from McNabb — four of Bartram's six career catches are TDs — and celebrated by snapping the ball nearly 20 yards between his and tight end L.J. Smith's

legs. The innovative move cost the Eagles 15 yards they could afford against the overmatched Lions, and assured Bartram a spot on highlight shows.

And, of course, there's wide receiver Freddie Mitchell, who gestures and prances after every catch he makes, including 8-yard receptions on third-and-10.

Even stoic coach Andy Reid has joined in, occasionally mixing a self-deprecating fat joke into his bland news conferences.

The Eagles are enjoying themselves for good reason. They're not just winning, they're dominating opponents, outscoring teams by an average of two touchdowns.

First, the Eagles steamrolled the New York Giants 31-17, with Owens catching three TDs in his Philadelphia debut. Then came a 27-16 Monday night victory over Daunte Culpepper, Randy Moss and the Minnesota Vikings that wasn't as close as the final indicates. The previously unbeaten Lions were the easiest victim, falling behind 21-0 in the second quarter.

Five other teams remain undefeated. None has won each of its games by double digits.

"The guys can really challenge themselves this year," McNabb said. "Everything that happened last year has made us hungry."

A third consecutive loss in the NFC title game — underdog Carolina won 13-3 at the Linc last season — didn't sit well with fans, players, coaches or management. The Eagles needed a drastic change to help them get to the Super Bowl.

On the first day of the NFL's free agency period, they signed Kearse to a \$66 million, eight-year deal. A three-time Pro Bowl defensive end with Tennessee, Kearse has returned to his old form, becoming a disruptive force.

Though he doesn't have an oversized ego like Owens, Kearse brings tenacity and intensity to a defense that hasn't had a player cause this many problems for quarterbacks since Reggie White wore

silver and green.

"This is a beautiful thing," said Kearse, who had all three of his sacks against Detroit. "I'm lining up wherever they want me to and I'm having fun doing it. They just put me in the open and let me line up with someone that is not really that good at blocking."

Meanwhile, Owens is thriving on offense. He has 18 catches for 254 yards and five TDs. His presence has made other players better, too, helping McNabb to the best start of his six-year career.

Now that James Thrash is no longer his first option on pass plays, McNabb has excelled. He has completed 69.8 percent of his passes (74 of 106) for 931 yards, eight TDs, no interceptions, and has run for two scores.

This time last year, McNabb was playing poorly, hearing boos and dealing with the racially charged critique of then-ESPN commentator Rush Limbaugh, who said the Pro Bowl quarterback was overrated because the media wants to see a black quarterback succeed.

Wonder what Limbaugh thinks now.

McNabb's only problem is figuring out whether to throw to Owens, Mitchell, Smith, Chad Lewis, Todd Pinkston or Brian Westbrook.

"Donovan has his hands full trying to disperse all the rocks to everybody," Owens said. "Everybody has a chance and opportunity to make plays."

Owens' arrival in Philadelphia raised eyebrows, especially among those who closely followed the Eagles under Reid. Considered a merrill player with a penchant for disrupting team chemistry, Owens wasn't the type of player Reid sought.

But Reid insisted Owens would fit into his system, and the star receiver has proved him right. Owens hasn't lashed out at Reid or any assistant coaches on the sidelines, and he hasn't questioned the play-calling or criticized McNabb.

Then again, it's easy to be happy when you're winning.

Yankees clinch seventh straight AL East title

by BEN WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Bernie Williams stood with bat in hand, savoring the scene: bottom of the ninth inning, tie score, fans chanting, teammates ready to celebrate.

And then he gave them — and himself — a super send-off.

Williams launched a two-run homer and the Yankees clinched their seventh straight AL East title, beating the playoff-bound Minnesota Twins 6-4 Thursday night for their 100th victory of the season.

"I've been through it so many times. I was picturing it in the on-deck circle, taking it all in, thinking it would be nice for me to end it," Williams said.

"Playing Wiffle ball with my brother back in Puerto Rico, this is how you picture it," he said.

Williams connected with one out, watching the ball sail toward left-center field and raising his right arm as he rounded first base. Captain Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez were the first players to greet him at home, and the entire team enjoyed a group hug near the plate.

"It was fitting. Bernie's been here the longest," Jeter said in the champagne-filled clubhouse. "He's been through a lot this year."

Williams missed much of spring training following an appendectomy. He struggled at times during the season, and even was benched late in the year for a big game against Boston.

No chance of getting him out of the lineup now.

"This time of year seems to bring out the best in him," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Williams' homer was the Yankees' major league-leading 241st of the season, breaking the franchise record set by Roger Maris, Mickey Mantle and Co. in 1961.

Hideki Matsui and John Olerud also homered for New York, which won the division by overcoming an 8-11 start that included six losses in seven games against Boston.

"The things that happened early in the year when we were roughed up by the Red Sox I think galvanized this ballclub," Torre said.

New York became just the fourth team to post three straight 100-win seasons, joining Atlanta (1997-99), Baltimore (1969-71) and the Philadelphia Athletics (1929-31).

"I am very proud of the team. They're real warriors," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement. "I am very happy with the outcome. Now, let's get ready for the playoffs."

The Yankees swept the three-game series from the AL Central champs and very possibly will face the Twins in the first round starting Tuesday at Yankee Stadium. For New York to meet the AL West winner — Anaheim or Oakland — Minnesota would have to sweep Cleveland in its final three games and the weekend series between the Angels and Athletics would have to wind up 2-1 instead of a sweep.

"They're all good teams," Torre said. "I'm not sure I could pick out one I'd want to start with."

Torre wanted to clinch the crown in New York's final home game, rather than wait to party in Toronto during the weekend. He got his wish in front of a crowd of 48,454 that boosted the Yankees' home

season attendance to a team-record 3,775,292.

"That team over there was on a mission tonight," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "You could see it. Every time they needed a run, they hit a home run. They've been struggling all year, and they win 100 games — that's a joke. We win 90 games, and we think we're doing great."

The Yankees won this one as they did so many others, featuring the recurring themes of home runs, strong bullpen work and comebacks. The victory, the 61st in which New York overcame a deficit, relegated Boston to second place, although the Red Sox again captured the wild-card spot.

Boston became the first team in major league history to finish in second place for seven straight years, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Tom Gordon (9-4) pitched one inning for the win in a game the Yankees trailed on three separate occasions. Aaron Fultz (3-3) took the loss, walking Matsui before giving up Williams' 21st home run.

Brad Radke tuned up for his playoff start by going five innings for the Twins. Expected to pitch Game 2 behind ace Johan Santana, Radke gave up two runs and six hits.

The Yankees wanted to see a good outing for Javier Vazquez, who began the night with a 7.06 ERA since the All-Star break. He did OK, allowing four runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Torii Hunter and Justin Morneau hit solo home runs for Minnesota.

Notes: Twins SS Cristian Guzman was a late scratch because of a stiff neck. ... The Yankees finished 57-24 at home.

Browns, Redskins on similar paths

by TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — When the Cleveland Browns look across at the other sideline this Sunday, they'll see the Washington Redskins — and perhaps themselves.

They might not like the view. The Browns and Redskins are off to similar starts heading into their first regular-season matchup since 1991. They may be from opposite conferences, but the teams are sharing some common threads and themes in Week 4.

Like virtually every other squad in an NFL season of more bumps, bruises and bandages than any in recent memory, both teams have each been bitten by the injury bug. Also, after impressive wins in their openers, the Browns (1-2) and Redskins (1-2) have dropped two straight games and are in dire need of a victory.

"It's time to put up or shut up," said Browns coach Butch Davis.

Another mutual bond is the team's quarterbacks, Cleveland's Jeff Garcia and Washington's Mark Brunell, who are struggling with new offensive systems while simultaneously scrambling from oncoming blitzes and critics.

Brunell, who needed coach Joe Gibbs to fend off some QB bashers following a loss Monday night to Dallas, sees the parallels.

"I tell you what, we're frustrated that we're 1-2 and I'm

sure the Browns are probably going to tell you that they feel that way about their team," Brunell said. "They're close and we feel like we're close. They probably feel like they're a good team and they should, because they are."

"We feel like we're a pretty good team and I think we're better than 1-2, and I think the Browns are better than 1-2."

Brunell speaks from experience. He knows Cleveland well. In his nine seasons with the Jacksonville Jaguars, Brunell faced the Browns eight times.

"We've had a lot of big games with them," he said.

Memorable ones, too. As a Jaguar, Brunell had bottles thrown at him by fans during a riot in Cleveland; the Browns beat Jacksonville in 2002 on a desperation pass and the quarterback suffered a concussion against the Browns in 2001 when he got flattened by Browns defensive tackle Gerard Warren.

Brunell, 34, doesn't have to worry about Warren, who is out with a strained chest muscle. But the quarterback has plenty else on his plate as he continues to adjust to new teammates.

On Monday night against Dallas, Brunell went 25-of-43 for 325 yards and two touchdowns in a 21-18 loss. He nearly rallied the Redskins in the fourth quarter, completing passes of 25, 49 and 46 yards before the comeback fell short.

Those numbers didn't suppress some condemnation from

the fans near Capitol Hill. Brunell, traded to the Redskins in March, is "ignoring the naysayers as he works out the kinks with a new offense."

"It's coming," he said. "Last year, I had to learn a new offense under Jack Del Rio and this year under coach Gibbs I have to learn a new one. Like any offense that you have for the first time, the more you spend time in it the better you get at it and I think the same holds true for all of us."

"We're all getting used to this offense and starting to have some success, but we have a ways to go, of course. I think we're getting better."

Garcia is having his own growing pains as he gets comfortable with Cleveland's offense.

The Browns haven't scored a point in the first quarter this season and have only 12 first-half points — on four field goals from Phil Dawson.

Garcia's 56.5 passer rating is the lowest among the league's regular quarterbacks, the Browns are 30th in passing and Cleveland's offense is rated 28th overall.

Besides injuries to several starters, much of the blame has gone to Garcia, who says its too early to panic or make changes.

"I don't necessarily think we need to be trying different things," he said. "It's a matter of execution. If we can find a way to be more consistent and more secure in what we're doing as an offense, the execution will follow the right path."

Baseball's return: a long time coming for D.C.

by JOSEPH WHITE
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WASHINGTON — The last time the nation's capital was home to the national pastime, the game was literally a riot.

Fans stormed the field with two outs in the ninth inning of the Washington Senators' farewell appearance at RFK Stadium on Sept. 30, 1971, upset over owner Bob Short's decision to move the team to Texas. The Senators were leading the New York Yankees 7-5, but the game was not finished and declared a forfeit.

"The kids just went wild," said Charlie Brotman, the long-time Senators public address announcer. "They were tearing up the turf with their hands and putting it in their pockets, going into the dugout. Anything that wasn't nailed down, they were picking up. There was not dissatisfaction. There was hate."

There was also the expectation that, in a few years or so, Major League Baseball would find a way to put a team back in Washington. Instead, the last three decades became an unending parade of frustration as one close call after another failed to materialize. A hopeful city turned into a jilted, jaded city. Baseball in D.C.? Ha! That'll be the day.

The day has finally arrived. On Wednesday, Major League Baseball was expected to announce that the Montreal Expos will be relocating to Washington for the 2005 season.

"I've lived here all my life — I was a Washington Senators fan in the old days," retired Washington resident Bob Ryan said. "It's good to have it back."

Baseball takes pride in the fact that its franchises rarely move — the Senators were the last team to relocate — so it took an extremely unusual set of circumstances and a willingness to pay a steep price tag to give Washington its long awaited reward.

The money-losing Expos were bought by the other 29 major league owners in 2002, and the search began for a new home for the team. Las Vegas; Norfolk, Va.; Monterrey, Mexico; and Portland, Ore., all made bids, but none of those locations could match the Washington area's combination of a wealthy population base and a ready-made stadium that can be used while a state-of-the-art ballpark is being built.

"The stark, staring fact is 'Where else?'" said baseball author and political columnist George Will. "You can't do something with nothing. Someday Norfolk-Hampton Roads, maybe. Someday Las Vegas, maybe. Not now. Who can say with a straight face those are better for Major League Baseball than the Washington, D.C., area?"

Even so, deadline after deadline was missed as baseball sought the perfect financial deal. Washington came through with a \$440 million package that includes a new ballpark on the Anacostia River, giving the city a clear advantage over a rival bid from Northern Virginia.

Much of the upfront money would come from a tax on the city's biggest businesses, which the City Council would have to approve. For some, the deal is too generous for a city that struggles to fund schools and city services.

"I think everybody is excited about baseball coming to the District," City Councilman Adrian Fenty said even as he sounded a caution: "Very few District residents are excited about a full subsidy to pay for this stadium. ... At the end of the day, you're not going to have (enough) council members support it."

Another hurdle has been Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who feels his team would be damaged financially by a competitor just 40 miles down the road. Baseball offi-

cials spent the last few days negotiating a compensation deal for Angelos.

While getting baseball back to Washington has been a struggle, the reality of having baseball in the capital wasn't always a source of joy. The original Senators, as the saying goes, were "first in war, first in peace, and last in the American League." Owner Calvin Griffith, unhappy with attendance at the old Griffith Stadium, moved the team to Minnesota after the 1960 season as part of a deal that gave Washington an expansion team.

The new Senators weren't much better. Attendance sagged at RFK Stadium, which opened for baseball in 1962.

"Keep in mind there were only about a million people in the area at the time," Brotman said. "Transportation was not good. It was inconvenient. And we had, I have to say, a bad product."

Short moved the team to Texas where it became the Rangers, and the District has been teased regularly ever since. The San Diego Padres were so close to moving here in 1973 that baseball cards were printed with "Washington" in the team name.

Expansion franchises were awarded in 1976, 1991 and 1995, but the Washington-Northern Virginia area was spurned each time. In 1976, Northern Virginia businessman William Collins had an agreement to buy and move the Houston Astros, but Houston voters narrowly approved a referendum for a new stadium to keep their team.

This week, the frustrating wait finally paid dividends.

"For the first time, I feel Major League Baseball needs Washington," Brotman said. "Washington wants baseball — they don't need it. They're in business, and right now they're losing their butts on the Expos."

Pelayo out for season

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky offensive tackle Ernie Pelayo will have shoulder surgery next week and will be out for the season, Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

Pelayo injured the shoulder in August. He was able to see brief action against Louisville and Florida. Pelayo, a junior college transfer,

came to UK in January from Southwestern College. He sat out last spring while rehabilitating a knee injury and began fall practice at full strength before sustaining the shoulder injury.

Pelayo had a redshirt season at Southwestern in which he had some injuries. UK will look into the possibility of applying for a

medical hardship in order to retain two seasons of eligibility.

Pelayo joins a list of five starters or key reserves who are expected to miss the remainder of the season because of injury, including starting wide receiver Tommy Cook, starting wide receiver Keenan Burton, starting linebacker Dustin Williams, and starting cornerback Bo Smith.

Nerve-racking weekend ahead for Cup drivers

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLADEGA, Ala. — White Knuckle Weekend.

That's what the public relations folks at Talladega Superspeedway dubbed the next stop in NASCAR's new playoff-style championship, and it would be hard to find many drivers who would argue with the label.

There will be frayed nerves all around, and not just because of the importance of Sunday's EA Sports 500 to the 10 drivers competing for the title. There's also the inherent danger of racing 500 miles with carburetor restrictor plates that slow cars, creating big packs that often lead to big crashes.

Jeff Gordon, who won both the April race at Talladega and the July restrictor-plate event at Daytona International Speedway, finds the races at NASCAR's two biggest ovals excruciating.

"I never finish one of those races without a headache from concentrating so hard for so long," he said.

And don't think Gordon has changed his mind because of recent success on the only tracks where NASCAR requires the horsepower-sapping plates to slow cars.

"You never know what is going to happen at the plate tracks, and that's where the tension comes in," said Gordon, who leads Kurt Busch by a point after the first two races of the 10-event title chase. "You can be leading on one lap and 25th on the next lap. Or you can be in the wrong spot and wind up in somebody else's wreck. You're on edge pretty much the whole race."

Heading into practice and qualifying Friday on the steeply banked 2.66-mile oval, there are four drivers bunched within 57 points of Gordon. Even 10th-place Jeremy Mayfield, 157 points off the pace, is not completely out of the title picture.

Third-place Dale Earnhardt Jr. is followed by Jimmie Johnson, Mark Martin, Elliott Sadler, defending series champion Matt Kenseth, Ryan Newman and Tony Stewart.

Martin and Busch called the Talladega race the "wild card" in the championship, but Gordon doesn't want to put too much emphasis on this event.

"Every race in the final 10 is crucial," the four-time Cup champion said. "To be honest, I think Martinsville (on Oct. 24) is more of a wild card than Talladega — that is, unless the

'Big One' occurs."

A win for Gordon on Sunday would do more than assure him of keeping the points lead. It would also match the late Dale Earnhardt's feat of three restrictor-plate wins in the same year. The seven-time champion won both Talladega races and the July race at Daytona in 1990.

But Gordon is more concerned with the championship battle than personal records.

"At Talladega, it's a matter of staying out of trouble and being in the right place at the right time," he said. "There's just so much tough competition that anything in the top 10 is a real good finish."

Among the competition, the drivers most likely to give Gordon a battle are teammates Earnhardt Jr. and Michael Waltrip.

Until Gordon won the last two races, those two had been almost unbeatable on the plate tracks.

From the season-opening Daytona 500 in 2001 through this year's 500-miler at the Florida track, the DEI duo had won 10 of 13 plate races. That included four in a row at Talladega by Earnhardt during one stretch, as well as a win by Waltrip here last October. And

Earnhardt didn't miss extending the team's dominance by much, finishing second to Gordon in the last two plate events.

It figures that Junior, who like his father seems to use the draft better than anyone at the two big tracks, is one of the few drivers who claims to love racing at the plate tracks. But he admits it isn't easy.

"It's not at all physically tough to race here, but the mental strain, the mental part of it is extremely exhausting," he said. "You have to be aware at all times about where you're at and where everyone else is."

Waltrip, whose four career victories all were at Daytona or Talladega, isn't part of the 10-man championship chase, but he would love to get his first win of the season Sunday.

"There are several races that anything can happen and Talladega is one of those places for sure," Waltrip said. "At the same time, the fast guys usually wind up in the front and some of the guys that get shuffled back will wind up in a crash."

"You understand what you are faced with when you come here, and everyone knows this is a track that can put a wrench in your plans."

In a rush: Steelers look to run it up against Bengals, take heat off rookie QB

by ALAN ROBINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — When Ben Roethlisberger was a senior at Miami (Ohio), he made the short drive to the Cincinnati Bengals' training camp. Watching practice from a roped-off area, he remembers thinking they were doing exactly the right thing with quarterback Carson Palmer.

Rather than throwing the No. 1 draft pick into the lineup, unprepared and unequipped to deal with sophisticated NFL defenses, the Bengals gave Palmer time to learn their system and the league while Jon Kitna played.

The Pittsburgh Steelers intended to bring Roethlisberger along the same proven path that NFL star quarterbacks Chad Pennington and Steve McNair once traveled ahead of Palmer. They had veteran quarterbacks Tommy Maddox and Charlie Batch ahead of him, so they felt no need to rush their first-round draft pick no matter how much his poise, maturity and strong right arm impressed them.

So much for planning. So much for patience.

When the Bengals (1-2) and Steelers (2-1) meet Sunday, Palmer and Roethlisberger will be on the field — Palmer by design, Roethlisberger out of necessity. For a matchup that figures to take place for years in the AFC North, the only surprise is it came so soon.

Even if the man who chose to sit Palmer all last season doesn't think it's a calamity for the Steelers that injuries to Maddox and Batch conspired to make Roethlisberger their starter for at least another month.

"That was not quite their plan, (but) it is a good thing," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. "I don't think it will be too big for him. Every chance I've had to be around him, to listen to him, watch his mannerisms and see how he presents himself ... I think he will be fine."

Roethlisberger did something in his first career start Sunday: lead a touchdown drive. It was only one touchdown during a rainy, 13-3 victory in Miami, but it helped make for the first successful debut start by a Steelers rookie quarterback since Mike Kruczek in 1976.

Roethlisberger's numbers weren't sensational (12-of-22 for 163 yards, one touchdown and one interception) but he hardly looked overwhelmed — especially considering his first NFL start came barely 12 hours after a hurricane swept through the city in which he was playing.

He didn't lose the game, or his sense of humor.

"It's good to get that game out of the way, in case we ever play in a hurricane again — which I doubt we will," Roethlisberger said.

To protect Roethlisberger, the Steelers simplified an offense that relied mostly on the run and leaned on a defense that gave Miami virtually nothing. They will try the same formula against the Bengals, who have proven incapable of sustaining any offense or stopping the run on defense.

The Bengals have gone eight quarters and 30 possessions without a touchdown behind Palmer, who threw three interceptions and was sacked four times in a 23-9 loss to Baltimore. That lack of production is making it impossible to compensate for a defense that is allowing 166 yards rushing per game and a league-worst 5.6 yards per carry.

"I think (the Jets') and (the Ravens') Jamal Lewis had a lot to do with that," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said.

Still, the Steelers' Duce Staley is coming off a 101-yard game against Miami and is likely to get the ball frequently on the early downs — not just to test that defense, but to keep from forcing Roethlisberger to throw in unfavorable situations.

"We are going to try to establish the running game and establish the Pittsburgh offense," Roethlisberger said.

As if the Bengals weren't in bad enough shape defensively, they'll be without middle linebacker Nate Webster (knee) for the rest of the season. Third-round draft pick Caleb Miller takes his place.

While the season isn't a month old, it's a potentially pivotal game. The Steelers also were 2-1 a year ago, only to see their season unravel with consecutive home losses to Tennessee and Cleveland that eventually led to their 6-10 finish.

They are at home for four of their next five games, creating the potential for a fast start.

"I think sometimes last year we looked at our schedule and we kind of felt like we were going to win ballgames," wide receiver Hines Ward said. "This year we taking the approach to just take care of this week. There are no sorry teams in the NFL."

The Bengals try to avoid being 1-3 going into their bye week. They had the same record last year, then missed the playoffs despite winning seven of nine games.

"It's a very important game," wide receiver Chad Johnson said. "It puts a lot of pressure on us as a team. We don't want to fall too far behind and have to climb out of a hole like we did last year."

Kenny Wallace, DEI, Aaron's team up at Talladega

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Kenny Wallace returns to the Nextel Cup Series at Talladega Superspeedway this week, this time driving the No. 1 Aaron's Chevrolet for Dale Earnhardt Inc.

Wallace, who has made three Nextel Cup Series starts this season in the No. 00, drove the No. 1 Chevrolet on an interim basis for DEI in 2001 and 2002. During that time, he posted two top-10 finishes and earned a Bud Pole Award in 16 starts.

Since making his Nextel Cup Series debut in 1990, Wallace has made 304 starts and earned six top-five and 27 top-10 finishes along with three Bud Pole Awards. This will be his first start with DEI since the Atlanta spring race in 2002.

"I am very honored that DEI asked me to drive the car at Talladega," Wallace said. "It's great to be back in the No. 1 Chevrolet again; it was probably the best time of my career when I drove the car before and I hated to leave."

"I know I am going to have a big part in Talladega. The same crew that helped get Ron Fellows to a second-place finish at Watkins Glen is going to be helping me. Richie Gilmore, DEI and Michael Waltrip have been great through all this and I can't wait to get there."

Gilmore, DEI director of motor-sports, said the decision to put Wallace in the car was an easy one.

"We talked to Dale Jr. and Michael Waltrip about who they felt could help them out with drafting at Talladega —

they both said Kenny Wallace," Gilmore said. "He already has a relationship with Aaron's and Michael Waltrip Racing, having made three starts for that team this year. So, we just put the deal together to bring Kenny to the No. 1 car for this race and Aaron's and Michael were behind it, too."

"We're looking forward to having Kenny in the car and he's an exciting person to have around our teams. We know he'll be a great teammate to both Michael and Dale Jr."

2nd Annual Motor Mayhem marks end of Street Fights season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Another successful season of Ride Revolution Street Fights will end with a big bang on Saturday, Oct. 9 as Motor Mayhem invades Thunder Valley for the second straight year.

The day will feature plenty of racing, exhibition runs, live music and a demonstration from the U.S. Drift team. Drifting is the latest craze to

sweep the country and involves cars competing while in a controlled slide. An audio competition will also be part of the program along with a burnout contest and car show. For spectators who want to try something different, a rock climbing wall will be part of the activities.

Also, all spectators will have the opportunity to register for a \$1,000 cash prize. To qualify for the drawing, spectators must fill out a survey card

and drop it into a designated box. The winner of the money will then be chosen in a random drawing, scheduled to be held at approximately 8:45 p.m. A number of other prizes will also be awarded throughout the event.

Unlike last year's event, which was only held in the afternoon and evening, Motor Mayhem will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue until 11 p.m. with various activities planned

throughout the day.

Cost to race is only \$10. A car show entry is \$15 while an entry in the audio competition is also \$15. Entry into the car show/audio competition, car show/racing and audio competition/racing is \$30 each. Participation in the car show, audio competition and racing is \$40.

Gates will open at 9 a.m., with registration for the audio competition and car show set for 9:15 a.m.

Evernham focuses on bottom line instead of finish line

by DICK BRINSTER
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Ray Evernham was a pioneer among NASCAR's numbers-crunching crew chiefs. These days, the data he most

often examines as a car owner has nothing to do with horsepower and downforce.

What he cares about most is getting his car on television.

"Our Joyce Julius numbers are tripled what they were last year," said Evernham, referring to a firm that calculates exposures for corporate sponsors. "We've got more TV coverage. It's been a really good year for us so far."

Each time the camera focuses on Jeremy Mayfield or Kasey Kahne, the sponsorship of Dodge is easily visible on the side of the cars. And that's a winning ticket for Evernham, an ex-driver who nurtured Jeff Gordon from novice to greatness.

The former short-track racer seems very much at home in his new environment of dealing with sponsors, the lifeblood of auto racing.

"I think they're happy we made it," Evernham said after Mayfield qualified in the elite field of 10 drivers seeking the Nextel Cup championship. The third race in the 10-race countdown is Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway.

"We had two cars that had a legitimate shot at making it," he added.

That's important. To keep lucrative backing upward of \$20 million for a top team, success must come on the track. It has this year at Evernham Motorsports, but the owner's attention is strictly business. No more crunching Cup standings numbers.

"I've been looking more at my budget numbers, not the computer," he said. "That's my job now."

It's been made easier by the work of Mayfield's crew chiefs, Kenny Francis and Tommy Baldwin Jr., who calls the shots for impressive rookie Kahne.

Still, the big picture is building a team and recognizing talent. Mayfield says it's also about inspirational leadership, something he learned last year when Evernham stuck with him through some difficult times on the track.

"We got knocked down and we got chewed up and spit out, booted off the stage," Mayfield said. "But we came right back."

He made the Chase by winning three weeks ago in Richmond, Va. Kahne narrowly missed, but has five second-place finishes and 10 top-fives — a figure matching that of seven-time champion Dale Earnhardt's rookie season in 1979 and exceeded only twice by rookies in Cup history.

Evernham takes little credit. "I just tell them, 'Great job,'" he said.

That's what Dodge thought Evernham was doing when the automaker chose him as point man for its return in 2001 after a 16-year absence from NASCAR's top division. Evernham guided Gordon to three of his four titles and the first 47 of his 69 career victories, then left powerhouse Hendrick Motorsports to start

his own operation.

With Mayfield among the title chasers and Kahne the top rookie on the circuit, Evernham is satisfied with the progress of his cars.

"It's not like we are a 20-year team," he said. "We're a fourth-year team with one guy that's a rookie who had never seen some of these places in a Cup car."

But Evernham believes the growth of his operation into one of the best in NASCAR is not a certainty simply because of one good year. He looks to the future, with expansion on his mind.

"We're definitely going to have one full-time Busch car and were probably going to have a part-time Busch car," he said. "If we're going to get to where we need to be, we've got to be working on driver development."

He'll try to follow the examples of car owners Jack Roush and Rick Hendrick, whose huge operations extend to the lower levels of NASCAR.

"Roush has probably done the best job at it, and Rick has done a good job," Evernham said. "We need to get right in there."

He wants a solid program in place to develop future Cup drivers and sees no shortage of candidates.

"There are a lot of hungry drivers out there, and we're getting calls from all over the country," Evernham said.

Earnhardt Jr. says father was with him in crash

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Dale Earnhardt Jr. says he believes his late father, seven-time NASCAR champion Dale Earnhardt, had a lot to do with his surviving a burning wreck at a sports car event in July.

Earnhardt, interviewed for Wednesday night's edition of 60 Minutes on the CBS Television Network, was engulfed in flames after the Corvette he was driving at an American Le Mans Series event in Sonoma, Calif., spun and backed into a tire wall. The Nextel Cup star escaped with second-degree burns to his neck and legs, which hampered his racing for several weeks but did not sideline him.

"...At that moment, you think of everything...you think, '...This would really suck if it's the way I'm going out,'" Earnhardt told interviewer Mike Wallace.

Earnhardt's father was killed three years ago in a crash on the final lap of the Daytona 500, but Junior tells Wallace that it was his father who helped him

escape from the burning car.

"I think he had a lot to do with me getting out of that car," says Earnhardt. "...I don't want to put some weird, you know, psycho twist on it like he was pulling me out or anything, but he had a lot to do with me getting out of that car. From the movement I made to unbuckle my belt to lying on the stretcher, I have no idea what happened..."

Earnhardt told Wallace the feeling was so real that when he reached safety, he began inquiring about the "person" who helped him out of the burning car. "I had my...PR man...by the collar screaming at him to find the guy that pulled me out of the car," recalls Earnhardt.

"He was like, 'Nobody helped you get out,' and I was like, 'That's strange because I swear somebody...had me underneath...my arms and was carrying me out of the car.' I mean, I swear to God."

Wallace asks, "And that was your dad?" Earnhardt responds, "Yeah, I don't know. You tell me. It...freaks me out today just talking about it. It just gives me chills."

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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.

I'm getting along, as they say, and I need the rest, but I still catch myself thinking of a night's sleep as just another spell of oblivion.



Norman Allen

And I do not agree with the guy who said, "No matter how sad a man may be, his blanket is always a comforter."

SEE YOU AT CONVOCATION

Next Wednesday we shall be, please God, as busy as we are this. But we purpose to drop whatever needs doing and attend the University of Kentucky's Centennial Convocation at the Amphitheatre at Jenny Wiley State Park.

We folks here in Floyd County are a bit closer to the University than ever before, now that we have the Prestonsburg Community College. There probably will never be a better time than next Wednesday, for us all to show our appreciation of what has happened, and by our interest, show our faith in the great things that are to happen.

It may be a good thing to stick to your knittin'; but drop it for a while, this day—a more valuable fabric than ours is on the loom.

WEATHER WOES

Dog days are past, but it's these doggone nights that are worse, with the aging pup protesting the weather with stertorian yowls between shivers, clawing at the door, and refusing all invitations to a bed in the basement. An invitation handed him at the end of a broomstick finally worked, the other night.

Fishing must be poor at the lake this week. Nobody has even attempted to taunt me with a report.

TAKING THE EDGE OFF IT

Describing his retreat from a grape arbor when the irate owner appeared, Mack Twain reduced it via euphemism to "we advanced rapidly in the other direction."

I read, somewhere, about another example of this delicate art of putting an embarrassing fact in the best possible light. It concerned a man whose father had, as they say, stretched rope. Asked what his father died of, he replied, "My father died at a public function when the platform on which he stood gave way."

MEET LONDON



The peaceful cascades scene at Blenheim Palace, where Winston Churchill was born, were more than worth the hike.

On learning

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

My sincere apologies to those who turned to this section today in hopes of learning something quirky or remarkable about an extravagant Londoner. You won't find it here. What you will find is something more about how this experience is helping me. I hope, through my journey, you see a truth about your own life — something, perhaps, that used to be familiar, but was lost when you got busy with the world around you.

Rounding out the fourth week of this London experience, I can definitely say that I have acquired the taste of England's culture and pace. The most interesting thing I've seen, however, doesn't resemble any historical landmark or piece of beauty captured by the streets of London. It has to do with me — how my mind, pitted against the regional recesses of my hometown, it's hills and hollers, is coming to view another side of living, the one I forgot to enjoy years ago when my world got too busy to remember it.

This forgetting of oneself — it's easy to do, really. We all do it. We grab hold of the things that are in our immediate vicinity — our responsibilities, our problems, our bills — and we wrap those things around everything that is our life. In the end, a life lived in this way is not life at all. It's going through the motions of living, and they mean nothing when the zest of it has altogether been forgotten.

Being here in England has taught me a few things about myself. For those of you who know me personally, you know that my life has seen a tremendous amount of change over the past year or so. They said I would be hit hard with the culture shock of London, but I had no idea how it would change me. I see things now in my future that I never felt possible before.

I had an interesting conversation on the stoop the other night with a friend of mine. She is a writer, or says she wants to be. Her desire to succeed with this dream is something that wakes with her every day and remains as a piece of her heart during every waking moment. She's constantly scribbling about this or that. She's observing, reading, tak-

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Dark Power'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Greensboro, N.C., (home of baseball legend "Shoeless" Joe Jackson) is the unlikely setting for this horror/zombie flick which features Mexican Indians terrorizing coeds. The movie sorta takes its own time setting up the zombie attack scenes, which make up the last half hour. The good news is that it's worth the wait, though most of the characters are so vapid that you might find yourself rooting for the zombies.

Here's the setup: A wise old Native American shaman dies before he can draw up a will for his property. This means that he doesn't get to leave a warning to any future real estate people that his property contains the corpses of four incredibly evil Toltec medicine men that are interred there. It also means that no one is told that the weapons necessary to destroy them are all in the house.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

This is all good news for his grandson, who plans to make a fortune by renting the house to college girls (the guy isn't exactly Donald Trump). The perky students move in while a reporter and a museum worker put together all of the clues and figure out, way too late, that the evil shaman will rise that night.

While the reporter races to the house, the medicine men rise and attack. They put as much hurt on the students as they do each other. Seems that they are a little stiff and are as apt to tomahawk each other. They are also a little dim and one student manages to escape a zombie merely by turning on the television.

Pretty soon, though, they manage to wipe out all but two of the students. Their fates appear to be sealed when the movie springs its biggest surprise — "Lash La Rue."

La Rue starred in a ton of westerns, where he played a bullwhip-sporting lawman in the 1940s. He always wore black leather and preferred a lasso to a pistol. This time he forgoes the leather. He appears a bit long in the tooth but still manages to administer some impressive lasso tricks as he beats on the zombies like they stole his boots. He even manages to decapitate one while growling lines like, "I'll beat your buns with a weed eater."

All in all, this is a mediocre flick that only comes alive for its last half hour. Director, writer and co-producer Phil Smoot (no need to commit that name to memory) proves to be a triple threat but is ultimately unable to decide if this is a horror movie or a

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The wedding gift

by CAROL STURGULEWSKI
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE GARDENER'S SOUL"

I had picked out the flowers in my wedding bouquet carefully, with thought for the meaning of each one. There was blue iris, my fiancée's favorite flower; white roses, symbolizing purity; and strands of green ivy, to represent faithfulness.

Midway through our wedding reception, I found myself breathless and happy, chatting with friends and juggling a full champagne glass and my flowers. Suddenly, I felt a hand on my shoulder. I turned to see a woman I had met only briefly, a friend of my new mother-in-law. In her hand, she held a tendril of ivy.

"This fell out of your bouquet when you were on

the dance floor," she said. I thanked her and began to reach for it, when she added, "Do you mind if I keep it?"

I was startled at first. I hadn't even tossed my bouquet yet. And I barely knew this woman. What did she want with my ivy?

But then practicality kicked in. I was leaving on my honeymoon in the morning and certainly wouldn't take the bouquet along. I had no plans for preserving it. And I'd been given so much today.

"Go ahead. Keep it," I said with a smile, and congratulated myself for being gracious in the face of a rather odd request. Then the music started up, and I danced off into the crowd.

A few months later, the bell rang at our new home.



About 'Meet London'

As a Pikeville College student, I obtained a scholarship through the Appalachian College Association to attend a semester of classes at Imperial College, one of the three top colleges in England. The program, geared by International Enrichment Inc., and the Private College Consortium for Inter-national Studies, sent more than 70 students from Appalachia and the Midwest here this semester to digest UK's culture, history and magnificent beauty. Centuries ago, London was thought to be the place where Americans came to get "educated." It is also the birthplace of the America we know today. I love it here.

I opened the door to find that same stranger on my porch. This time, I couldn't hide my surprise. I hadn't seen her since the wedding. What was this all about?

"I have a wedding gift for you," she said, and held out a small planter crowded with foliage. Suddenly, I knew. "It's the ivy you dropped at your wedding," she explained. "I took it home and made a cutting and planted it for you."

Years ago, at her own wedding, someone had done the same for her. "It's still growing, and I remember my wedding day every time I see it," she said. "Now I try to plant some for other brides when I can."

I was speechless. All the quirky thoughts I'd had, and what a beautiful gift I'd received!

My wedding ivy has thrived for many years, outliving any other effort I made at indoor gardening. As

the giver predicted, a glance at the glossy green leaves brings back memories of white lace and wedding vows. I treasure the ivy's story and have shared it many times.

Now, nearly 20 years later, I'm the mother of three growing sons. Someday they'll be married, I know. And although I don't want to be an interfering in-law, surely the mother of the groom can suggest that the bride's bouquet contain a bit of ivy?

I know just the plant to cut it from.

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Jim Davidson

A little humor to start your day

The other day a friend told me a cute story about this man who was taking a truckload of penguins to the zoo, but unfortunately his truck broke down on the highway. After a bit, another man in a truck came along and stopped to see if he could help him.



The first man said, "Yes, you can help me. I was taking these penguins to the zoo and my truck broke down and I'm wondering if you would be willing to take them on for me."

The other man said, "Sure, I'll be happy to take them."

Then both men went about the business of taking the penguins off one truck and putting them on the other. At this point, the first man said, "Here is a little something for your trouble." The second man took a look at

what he had given him and it was a \$100 bill.

About an hour later, the first man got his truck fixed and then

headed for the zoo to check on his precious cargo. When he arrived, this second man and the penguins were nowhere in sight. At this point, he began to ask around if anyone had seen this man and his penguins.

Finally someone told him that they had seen a man and some penguins downtown, which was several blocks away. After driving around for about 30 minutes he finally spotted them, the man and about 15 penguins all in single file behind him.

The first man rushed up to him and said, "I thought I told

you to take these penguins to the zoo."

The second man said, "I did take them to the zoo. We had so much fun and I had a little money left over, so now I'm taking them to the ball game."

Hope you enjoyed this little story, because we all need to take a break from the serious and mundane from time to time. There is a verse in the Bible that says, "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones."

In my own life I have found that it's pretty hard to be sad and unhappy when I am laughing. To be sure, there are a lot of sad and unhappy people in the world today and many of these could change their lot and circumstances, if they would just relax and place things in perspective. Anything short of terminal or fatal can usually be worked out over time, with right thinking, some planning and the right mental attitude.

When it comes to the subject

of humor, something the Scottish essayist and philosopher Thomas Carlyle once said will place it in perspective. He said, "The essence of humor is love; it issues not in laughter, but in still smiles, which lie far deeper."

While I don't know about you, I love a humorous story if it's in good taste, told in the proper way, and even more so, when it's used to make a point. It is a sure sign of inexperience when a speaker comes to the podium and says, "I know that I am supposed to tell a couple of jokes to begin my talk today" and then they proceed to tell what would be funny stories, if they had not tipped the audience off that they were coming and if they had any bearing at all to the subject matter or purpose of the meeting.

The ability to use humor in a way that makes our communication more effective is a wonderful gift and it comes naturally for some people and sadly for

others, it is like pulling teeth. No fun at all. Whether the occasion is casual conversation or in a formal speech or presentation, the key is to be able to take good material and be able to adapt it to meet the need of the moment. Again, for some it is natural and spontaneous and for others it is something to practice and to work on. I might add, it is worth the effort and over time will pay all kinds of rewards.

There are many good sources of humorous material around, but a friend sent me a few church-related stories that you might be able to use, if you will change them a bit and pick your spots.

The first one goes, "A wife invited some people over to dinner. At the table, she turned to their 6-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?'"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.

"The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'"

And here are a couple more that would be funny if they were not so close to the truth.

"A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, 'And why it is necessary to be quiet in church?'"

"One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'" And finally here is my favorite, "After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'"

One word of caution; in telling humorous stories; regardless of what your beliefs and convictions may be, if you tell ethnic or off-color stories, you are asking for trouble.

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

No-Bake Orange Cream Cheesecake-16 Servings

Ingredients

Crust

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 3 tablespoons Equal® Spoonful*
- 3 tablespoons stick butter or margarine, melted

Filling

- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) reduced fat cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
- 3/4 cup Equal® Spoonful**
- 1 teaspoon orange extract (optional)
- 2 cups light whipped topping
- 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin oranges, drained, coarsely chopped
- * May Substitute 4-1/2 packets Equal sweetener
- ** May substitute 18 packets Equal sweetener

Preparation

For crust, combine all ingredients. Press onto bottom of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake in preheated 350 degree F oven 10 minutes. Remove from oven and cool on wire rack while preparing filling.

For filling, pour orange juice into small saucepan. Sprinkle gelatin over orange juice and let soften 1 minute. Heat over low heat, stirring constantly until gelatin is completely dissolved. Remove from heat; set aside. Beat cream cheese and ricotta cheese in medium size bowl with electric mixer until smooth and fluffy. Mix in Equal® and orange extract until combined. Stir in gelatin mixture. Place cheese mixture in refrigerator or freezer 20 to 30 minutes to thicken slightly. Fold in whipped topping and orange pieces. Spread evenly over baked crust. Refrigerate several hours or overnight.

To serve, place springform pan on serving plate; remove sides of pan. Garnish with additional orange slices and whipped topping, if desired.

- Calories: 152
- Protein: 6g
- Carbohydrate: 11g
- Fat: 10g
- Cholesterol: 31mg
- Sodium: 158mg
- Food Exchanges: 1 milk, 2 fat



Christ's Church chapel in Oxford paints a elegant scene for the early morning visitor. This chapel is part of the Christ's Church College, where the Harry Potter films were taped.

London

ing notes. She's talking about her favorite authors. Her passion about the creative process is invigorating, yet she doesn't see the possibility that one day she could step out of the box and publish her first, or second or 12th book.

She says, laughing, that she will be the sort of writer who makes a living as a teacher. I told her that she was crazy for allowing herself to think it because as long as she envisions a life of continual wanting, that's the sort of life she's going to have.

Not so long ago, a good friend of mine opened my mind to a very rewarding concept. You can create your tomorrows, he said, by envisioning your journey in life. People do it all the time, without realizing it. It's this creative visualization that pulls apart the binding modes and means of living — the going through the motions of things that we hold onto only because we think need to do so.

I'm no longer holding on. My arms are stretched. My breath bends softly, and I see the beginning. Life is worth so much more than all of this.

For years, my understanding of the world was pitted against my regionalized sense of self. Our homes are where we live and when we live there long enough we begin to see the world through its eyes. Our personalities and ideas are boxed in our regional perspectives. We expect things to occur this way or that and we lose hope or our tempers when it doesn't happen that way.

Life is beautifully spontaneous. It blooms and dies without any saying on our part. I see that here in England because I know that no matter where I'm at in my realm of thinking, people, life, everything continues.

Days pass too quickly to make any pure definition of time. Some rush back and forth, racing deadlines. By the end of the day, they are either satisfied or they despise their efforts because they either needed more or needed less. Other people lay back and slouch all day. And by the end of their day, they, too, are either satisfied or unhappy in how they spent their time because it, too, either needed more or needed less. It's this perplexity in life that makes it wonderful. It is also the key to understanding ourselves because we know that the best things in life are, more often than not, found somewhere in the

balance of all these things. That's how we begin our stories — with the understanding that the balance, the middle of all of it, is common ground for each human individual. I've met loads of people, both here and in Kentucky, and I've shared with them various interesting aspects about their personal views of life. Everyone has their own station.

They have a podium, their reason for shouting, and when it comes to what they believe and what they stand for, they are personally intertwined with their own line of no return. Some people stand firmly on their line, all chalked out with vivid imaginations. Others stand, but without those barriers or corners. It's not necessary because of their mode of living. Some give. Some take. Others listen, neither giving nor taking. They remain meekly pointing toward their destination, and that's the worst of it.

I saw a group of girls walking along Cromwell today. They looked to be quite happy and in their 20s, and they were talking, enjoying each other's company as though no one else was there. The brunette, who was substantially taller than the other two, walked in the center of the pack. I heard her laughing long before I saw the group round the corner. As we walked toward each other, I heard another of the girls, a lady of average height with chestnut hair, say something about something. I looked again and I saw her face. She had a horrible birthmark, a huge pink strawberry on her face — one so obvious that it covered circles

around both of her eyes, her cheeks, and her chin.

She was smiling. The girls were laughing at that funny something that she said, and I thought to myself — timid in my watching her for fear that she thought I was looking — how horrible those shoes must be for her. I remember thinking, initially, about her love life. I wondered how many men could look past that intrusive mark to see her — the real her — blooming.

The girls passed me, continued their laughing, and I realized, through her enjoyment, that all of us are painted in this way. For most of us, however, the marks we bare are invisible because we are so good at hiding them. We mark ourselves with the things that bind us. We mark ourselves with our prejudices, our negative thoughts, and our judgment toward others. Those types of marks are the worst kinds simply because they leave behind a residual feeling of uncertainty — one that instructs something deep inside us to maintain those negative pieces of our living.

Boy, I'm glad she was smiling. My roommate, Deanna Massengaile said it best when she relayed one of the truths about her life: "This coulda, woulda, shoulda game is a game you can't win. No matter how hard you try, you just can't win."

Don't wait for an opportunity like mine to begin smelling the roses of your life. Life's too short too be too busy, and the roses aren't in season for very long.

Lagoon

comedy. The writing is pretty awful but there are some thoughtful moments like using modern technology to confound the ancient zombies. The action, however, is well staged and will keep you awake if you make it past the first hour.

The DVD "Special Edition" from VCI promises an interview with LaRue, still galleries and behind-the-scenes footage. Break in your fast forward button with this baby and you will have a semi-good time.

I found this tape at a truck stop on Route 81 in Pennsylvania. I think I may have done a public service for the unfortunate trucker who would have popped this in to stay awake and found himself drifting to sleep while hauling hogs down a steep hill. This one is only for indiscriminating viewers and La Rue fans. All other consumers beware.

Best Line: "Feel my whip." 1987, rated R.

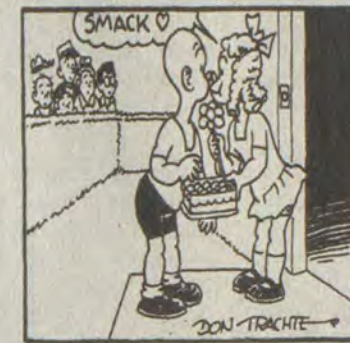
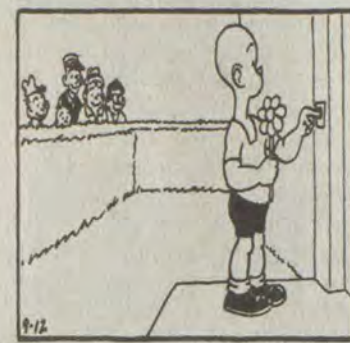
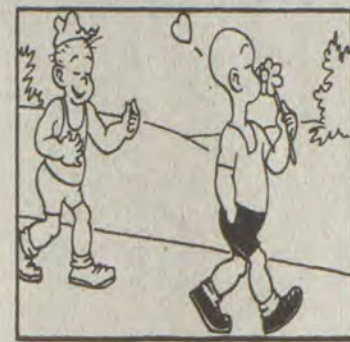
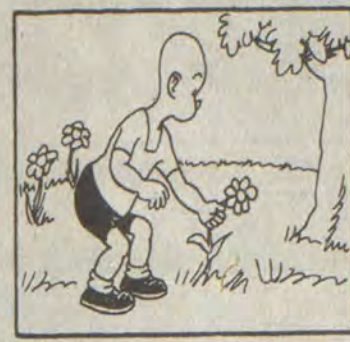
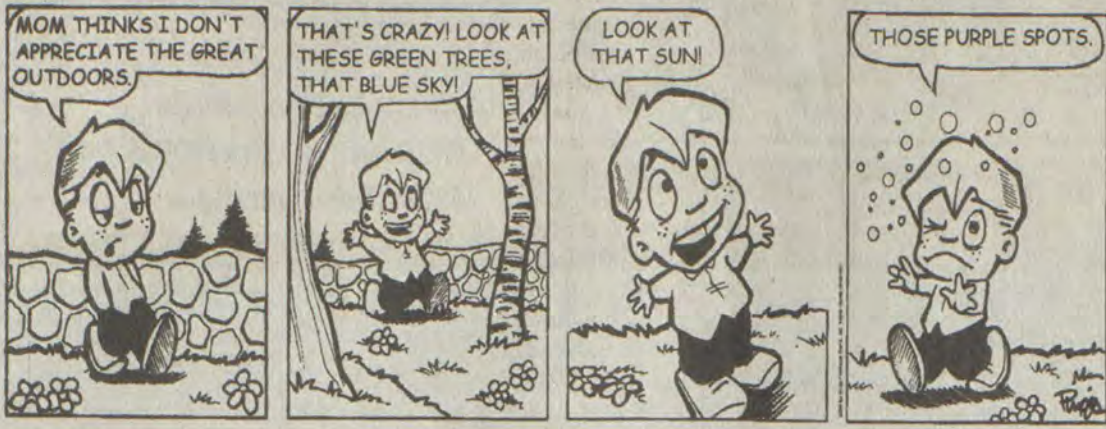


Happy Birthday, kids!



Above, quadruplets Hunter, Dalton, Jenna, and Kaitlin Kidd celebrated their fifth birthdays on Sept. 17. The lively bunch are the children of Dwayne and Julie Kidd, of Grethel, and the grandchildren of Roy Kidd and Drexel and Emogene Hall and Vernis and Frona Hall. The quads have one "big brother," Dylan, age 8. Dylan Kidd, left, celebrated his eighth birthday on June 19. Dylan is the son of Dwayne and Julie Kidd, of Grethel, and the grandson of Roy Kidd and Drexel and Emogene Hall and Vernis and Frona Hall. Dylan is the "big brother" of quadruplets, Hunter, Dalton, Jenna and Kaitlin, age 5.

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AUTOMOTIVE

130-Cars

To place your ad call **886-8506**

For sale 1997 Cadillac Catera, fully loaded, sun roof 12 C/D player, Leather seats, Boise, 3.0 6 cyl. 79,000 miles asking \$5,200 call 606-377-0011

For Sale 1996 Mercury Cougar, White 2 door, all power, A/C, six cylinder only 40,000 miles, perfect body very nice \$4,225 call 606-285-3688 after 5pm

For Sale 1992 Ford Tempo and 1981 Rivera call 606-478-4015 after 6pm.

For Sale 1993 Ford Crown Victoria, 138,000 miles. \$1,200. call 606-874-0467

HICKS AUTO SALE

404 DAVID ROAD 01 Mustang Convertible .40,000 miles \$11,995 , 1999 Trans Am LS engine 9,000 actual miles \$12,900 call Hicks Auto Sales at 606-886-2842 after hours 886-3451

For Sale 1990 Mustang Gt. 5.0 White good condition, needs transmission, 1,800.00 please call after 6pm 606-886-9890

For Sale 1991 Ford Mustang GT convertible, low actual miles 66,000, call 606-886-8765

\$500 Police Impounds! Honda's / Chevys/ Ford! Cars, Trucks and SUV's from 500.00 for. Listings: 800-391-5227 xA919

160-Motorcycles

For Sale Harley Davidson FLTC Tour Glide Classic 1, 600 made Burgundy with Gold / Silver flakes 17,000 actual miles 1340cc, 5 speed belt drive, loaded Garage Kept Phone 606-886-3061

For Sale 1988 Gold Wing Trike 1,500 Miles Maroon in color, loaded call 606-358-2000 asking \$19,995

1995 Honda CVR 900RR Cobra and Yoshi pipes-slip on with 2 matching helmets. Runs great call 606-226-1577 or 606-889-9283

For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

175-SUV's

For Sale 1993 Honda 300 4x4 with Snow blade 1,500 call 606-285-5176

180-Trucks

For Sale 1998 Chevy S10 pewter, 2.2L, C/D player, chrome rims, bed tarp, ground effects, asking \$3,000 call 606-358-9214

Wanted used full size pick-ups 1998 thru 2003, will pay cash call 800-789-5301

190 - Vans

For Sale 1993 Ford Van Auto, 6 cyl, conversion package, dual A/C 76,000 miles call 606-358-4261

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

205-Business Opp.

Attention Entrepreneurs Jump start your new Business, tired of being employed? Obtain the Assistance you need Start / Develop your business today call 800-613-9918

210-Job Listings

Aggressive fast growing company seeks Route driver with class B CDL and Hazmat, no over night runs. Excellent benefits, plus bonus program apply in person at junction 23 & 80 at Air Gas call 606-874-8001

Position available, Vice President / CADC 2 years experience in the Pikeville / Paintsville opiod replacement therapy center call 606-437-0047 or 606-789-6966

Want like to do Computer work from my home, have experience in Quark Adobe photo shop Office 2004, Windows XP, can do ads, flyers, typing scanning pictures and retouching call 606-297-1454 leave message if no answer

Information Service Technician now hiring for International Carrier in the Prestonsburg area, Candidate must have degree in computer science or Info. Technician. A+ Certification is a plus. Full time position which would include some travel, paid mileage and expense account. Salary depends on experience. Candidate must be able to work independently. Contact us today Spherion Staffing call 859-223-5200 x 11

Jones, Pack & Assoc., needs secretary, typist, position available, Word, Excel experience needed contact Jones and Pack and Accsoc. CPA's in Martin, Ky, 606-285-3958

Wanted Paralegal for law office in Hindman /Knott county experience required call 606-785-5556 day phone 606-946-2271 evening or fax resume to 606-785-0015

Sales Reps. we will be appointing new Sales Reps. for the Floyd county area. We are a nationwide company that provides leads, advanced commission, classroom and field training. No experience necessary. This is a career opportunity with high income potential (40,000 - \$70,000 first year). To learn more, fax your resume to 859-233-3906 or email charles.price@bankerslife.com

Wright Lumber Co is taking applications for the following position: sales clerk must be neat in appearance apply in person at the Martin location no phone calls

Mining eng. Co. seeks experienced Permit Tech. Full Time familiar with all aspects of U.G & Sur. permits appl. & drawings Word Perfect, Survadd, Excel Sedcad & Stability. Benefits include Single Medica Ins. & Delta Dental, Pd. Vac. Overtime as needed, pay based upon qualifications. Office at Hueysville, Call 606-358-4481

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

AVON Earn your own money. \$10.00 sign up fee. Free gift. Call Jancy at 886-2082.

220-Help Wanted

Manpower temporary services, located in Prestonsburg, is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following positions Billing clerk experience in a medical setting reviewing and a submitting insurance billing, general clerical duties, knowledge of AS 400 a plus. Accounting clerk knowledge of financial statements, payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, at least one year accounting experience or degree required. Data entry clerks above the average keying speed, experience and medical office setting, excellent phone and communications skills are required. Must be able to work any shift and be highly flexible Qualified applicants should calm and power to schedule an appointment at 889-9710.

Tax preparer positions available. Experience not necessary. We provide training. For information regarding positions available call 800-738-4714

O.T.R. Driver needed mid-west to south east new equipment, home weekends, good pay. call 606-452-9343

Wanted some one to do house cleaning must have references call Judy at 606-886-1539 before 9 am or after 5 pm.

Demonstrators Wanted for in-store events at Wal-Marts; Saturdays & Sundays, Daytime Hours, Good pay, Bilingual a plus. Call 88-638-3568 Monday Friday, Please leave a message with area code, phone # and names of cities / states around you

Help wanted in Mt. Sterling some one to live in Trailer beside house, and help with lady and man in wheelchair. must meet Pathways rules, they pay 40 hours a week and we furnish trailer and extra pay for help with lady call 859-498-2403 Night or 859-498-3658 day ask for Betty

Looking to hire experience welder, deep mine equipment mechanic, and fabricator for shop work call 606-874-6441 or 478-4219

Help wanted semi-retired couple to do office work 5 hours per day Mon-Fri. Man Routine Manager job comes with 2 bed room apt. plus all utilities provided plus a small salary for more information call 606-886-2444 EOE.

Secretary for Medical office 9am to 5pm or 10am to 7pm should have some Sec.or Medical billing experience call 606-886-1714 or 606-285-9000

Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, Myra, KY, is now accepting applications for the following position:
Purchasing Clerk with a minimum of 5 years experience purchasing supplies for coal mines and tipples. Computer experience required. Must have good negotiation skills.
 Applications will be accepted at: Kentucky Department for Employment Services 138 College Street, Pikeville, KY 41501 Premier Elkhorn Coal Company is an EOE.

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 MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00 AM. THRU 4:00 P.M
 LOCATED AT: UNIVERSAL WELL SERVICE, 5252 ROUTE 1428 IN ALLEN KENTUCKY. PHONE 606-874-3487

Help needed Female to help with elderly lady. Day shift, 7 a.m. to 6pm. Lifting and references required. Call 606-789-4419, day is 789-5434 leave message.

CNA'S / CMA'S We are currently hiring For open CNA and CMA Positions. We offer an Excellent benefits Package and complete Wages. Call or stop by for a tour and interview to Join our caring team. Salyersville Health Care 571 Parkway Drive (606) 3 4 9 - 6 1 8 1 E.O.E./A.A.P. RN / LPN

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Prestonsburg Health Care Center has an opening for a full time RN and full time LPN. We offer competitive wages and excellent benefits. If interested please stop by or send a resume to 147 N. Highland Ave. Prestonsburg KY. 41653 (Beside Prestonsburg Elementary,

For Sale Marlin Lever Action 44 Magnum rifle with a bushnell stocker scope with hard shell case asking \$350.00 call 606-349-8878

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MERCHANDISE

445-Furniture

310-Business Opport.
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330-For Sale

3 family Yard Sale Oct. 1,2,3, located between Parson's Garage and Allen -Banner road 6870 KY Rt 1428 Allen, Ky.

280-Services
Get paid to be and mystery shopper Pay no fees as an independent contractor evaluate customer services for restaurants Gas stations and retail. www. applyshopnchek.com Shoprecruit@shopncheck.com

Quick loans Of types of loans available All credits welcome Call the right group at 866 6194 5678

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FINANCIAL

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Oct 1, 2, at 725 Mays Branch has couch, love seat, lounge chair asking \$175, call 606-886-2208

Yard Sale clothes, baby to adult sizes, also plus sizes, stereo, typewriter, entertainment center, much more located at 892 Town Branch Road Oct, 1st and 2nd

Yard Sale at 366 North Highland in Prestonsburg, Oct. 4th and 5th Monday and Tuesday call 606-886-2507

Yard Sale Salyers Branch Hueysville Fri. Oct 1 Sat. Oct 2 call 606-358-9498

ALMAR FURNITURE

Big Selection of Living Rooms, Dining room, and Bedrooms, washers and Dryers and much more call 606-874-0097

RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER

New & Used Furniture & Appliances @ unbelievable prices. Come in today for incredible savings. Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Savell! Route. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

460-Yard Sale

Neighborhood Yard Sale Sat. Oct 2 from 9am to 4 pm Estill Bottom between Lackey and Wayland

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Notice

The railroad crossing at Route 7, between Hueysville and Garrett will be closed Tuesday October 5, 2004 from 7:30 am untill 6: pm CSX Transportation

To Place your Service ad call Pauline today 606-886-8506

WANTED Permanent Employees For Whayne Supply Company's Pikeville Branch

Positions Available Heavy Equipment Shop Technicians Shop Welders On-Hwy Diesel Truck Technicians

Pay Range \$9.75 to \$18.40 \$11.50 to \$18.20 \$9.75 to \$18.40

Excellent benefits, including paid vacation and holidays, medical and dental insurance, 401K, Credit Union.

Applicants may apply online by completing the questionnaire at www.us.manpower.com/netpage/cjobs, pin #502078863. Whayne Supply Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Big Sandy Two Way Has a Job opening for **REPAIR / INSTALLER** for a 2 way Radio Dealer Must have some experience call **606-886-3181**

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RUN FOR THE ISLAND
 Trooper Scott Hopkins
CALL 606-433-7711
 The Trooper Island Motorcycle Ride originally scheduled for September 19, 2004 has been rescheduled due to the weather. The new date is **October 3, 2004,**
 Registration at 9 till 10:30am run starts at 11:00am Meet at Wal-Mart Super Center, Pikeville, Ky **All Bikers Welcome**

6 family Yard Sale Oct.1,2,3. There will be a big Yard sale from 9am to 5pm at Garrett 1/4 mile up Stone Coal on 777 Lots of everthing, baby sizes to plus sizes watch for signs First and only one this year.

2 bedroom house
For sale two miles Above McDowell Call 606-377-1145

Large Yard Sale @ Eastern Star Adah Chapter # 24 on Lake Road, Mayo Branch turn left at 3 mile marker follow signs to 2nd house call 606-886-8765

3 family Yard Sale Fri.1, Sat.2, Mon.3 1274 Riverside Drive Prestonsburg located on the street behind Giovanni's House ware, dishes, small electrical appliance, Fan's floral arrangements, purses new and used clothing & shoes, and much more

Moving Sale, Oct 1,2,3, furniture, lamps, furs, jewelry, dishes, flowers, bed spread, sheets, ect. to many things to mention 140 Evergreen at Lancer call 606-886-1632

Just moved Yard Sale years of accumulated treasures! Thursday Sept 30, and Friday Oct.1, Spurlock Creek Road between MAC. and bridge, turn on Rt. 122, 2 miles on right Rain or shine

2 family Yard Sale Fri. 10th and Sat,11th only located 466 Trimble Branch Rain or shine

480-Miscellaneous

I will pay cash money for your DVD Movies, Not a broker, trying to pay for college e-mail me at jdshep01@yahoo.com

Min. 2 year lease 1,400 sq.ft. office space Francis Court near court house, Prestonsburg \$500.00 call 606-886-6362

For Sale 50 acres of Coal on Laurel of Quick Sand in KNott Co. call 260-347-0259

\$7.99! Stereo Speakers Seized property TV, Computers & More! from \$10.00! for more information call 800-366-0307 ext.P620

For Sale: 8 ft' refrigerated deli case, \$1000, small pizza oven, \$400, small juice cooler, \$150, washer & dryer, \$150 pair. Call 606-886-2367.

For Sale: 8 ft' deli cooler, \$950 and Gas convection oven, \$450. Call 606-886-2367.

Kay's Wallpaper 205 Depot Road Paintsville, Ky Hundreds of Patterns of Wallpaper & Borders All under \$10.00. Open Tues - Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat.10 a.m to 3 p.m. Closed Sun. & Mon. 606-789-8584.

REAL ESTATE

510-Commercial Property

Property for sale at Emma call 606-874-2421

For Rent: Beauty shop equipped with 3 stations, and tanning bed. located 1 mile south of Martin on Route. 122. or would consider remodeling for office space Call 606-285-4826 or 606-285-9112.

530-Houses

House for Sale \$95,000 3 bed room 1 1/2 bath, private lot located on Ky. Route 1428 between Allen and Prestonsburg call 606-874-6500 home work. 606-886-6468

For Sale by owner 3 bed room, 2 bath at Eagle trace Sub-division, located in Harold, KY. asking 89,000 call 859-227-4688

For Sale a newly remodeled 3 bed room brick home located at Creek side in Prestonsburg. This is a very nice home with a nice lot. For more information please call 606-886-8286 or 606-886-6186

For Sale Brick Home, 3 bedroom 2 bath fenced back yard, 2 minutes from HRMC at Jockey Hollow reduced 65,000 call 606-884-7212

For Sale 3 bed room house in Dwale at 110 Main St. asking 32,000 call 734-483-3665

House for sale at Wayland 4 bed room, 2 bath large deck nice 2 story, located acroo from Post Office on left Gray house call 606-358-3006

House for Sale on North Arnold Ave. 3-4 bed room land contract call 606-889-0507

A foreclosure 3 bed 3 bath only \$29,000! for listings call 800-391-5228 extension. B 183

550-Land & Lots

WANTED TO BUY: Lot on the Prestonsburg area suitable for a doublewide. Must have Public water available. 859-312-8092

For Sale Single Family residential lot, city ammenties and restruictions asking \$25,00 call 606-237-4758

For Sale 2 cemetery plots for sale in old section Davidson Memorial call 606-478-1376

570-Mobile Homes

For Sale 1995 Fleetwood Stone Ridge 24 x 52, 3 bed room 2 bath with 2 new decks, all kitchen appliances included, central heat and air, in excellent condition asking 19,500 call 606-886-3437 leave message,

For Sale 2000 Giles 16 x 60 Mobile Home, 3 bed room 2 bath with fireplace, Setup on lot or can be moved all appliances included like new located 1 mile from Prestons burg asking 14,000 call 606-8899752 or 226-4528

Final clearance 2004 lot models and 2005 models now available! If you are serious about purchasing a new home you need to be with experienced staff to get the right home at a great price. The Home Show- South Williamson, Inc.US 119, Belfry, Ky. 41514 606-353-6444 or toll free 877-353-6444

For Sale 3 bed room 2 full bath, Double wide, 3 years old for more information call 606-889-0937 or 606-889-9654

Trailer for sale 1984, 14 x 58 Fleetwood asking \$4,900 call day 606-478-3333 or night 606-478-2423

For Sale 1973 2 bed room, bath and 1/2 with tilt out living room trailer, good condition call 606-349-5167

For Sale Trailer and Land asking \$18,000 located 2 miles up Mare creek plus 1994 Toyota 4 wheel drive, sharp, sharp truck 606-478-1410

Mobile Home for sale would make a good office or storage 12x 65 asking 1,500 call 606-874-2421

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All Drywall, Dutch with 2x6 walls, and 5/12 roof pitch, ultimate kitchen package, glass block window, and many more extras. Set up for viewing. For details call 606-353-6444 or toll free 577-353-6444 the home show

RENTALS

610-Apartments

For rent furnished Apartment near J. W. Lake in Prestonsburg very clean, private, suitable for working man, ready to move in, no pets call 606-886-3941

Apt. for lease with central heat and air, appliances included and new carpet through out home city water and sewer call 606-874-9300 after 6pm 606-874-9897

Mellowbrook 2 bed room Apt. & 1 bed room Cottage at Harold,15 minutes from Prestonsburg. 11 miles from Paintsville call 606-478-4818

Single family residential lot in Prestonsburg at 28 & route 80 has city annulites and restrictions asking \$25,000 call 606-237-4758 or 606-353-7239

Large house for rent / Lease US 23 between Prestonsburg & Pikeville 3/4 bed rooms 3 baths-Garage - No indoor pets, Great for business offices. \$600.00 per month 606-874-1700

For rent 3 bed room 2 bath, living / family room Kitchen & Utilities on Rt 114 in Prestonsburg. references requested NO pets 600.00 per month plus utilities call 606- 478-2836

For rent upstairs Studio Apt. furnished, elect, heat / air, deposit required utilities extra, asking \$325 per month call 886-6208

For rent House with apartment references required 7 miles from prestonsburg call 606-886-8366

For Rent 1 bed room Apt. HUD accepted call 606-285-5047

For rent 2 bed room 1 1/2 bath Town house and 1 bed room Apt. both located in town No Pets, 606-886-8991

Furnished 1 bed room House at Martin, on route 1210 Utilities already turned on \$370, plus electric, \$120.00 deposit call 606-285-3641 anytime...

For Rent 2 bed room town house Apt. Stove, Refrigerator W /D hook-up, \$450.00 a month plus utilities. \$250.00 deposit 1 year lease. No Pets, call 606-237-4758

\$99.00 Move - In Special Pay \$99.00 On Sec. Dep. & Get 1 st month free! Park Place Apartments in Prestons burg, Elderly, Handicapped & Disabled Available for immediate occupancy, Rent 1 bed room \$309, 2 bed room \$345 call 606-886-0039

Greetings from Lighthouse Manor, Terry & Sharon Smith. We have apartments for rent that are efficiency apartments, all utilities paid. For more info call 606-886-2797.

Furnished 1 bed room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

620-Office Space

For Lease Finished Office Space for lease in prime location near BSCTC, (PCC) and the new Food City -- 2100 -- sq. ft. Ground floor location with up to five private offices, conference room, kitchen, bath, parking lot Call Today! 424-2690 or 226-2266

630-Homes

House for rent at Ruff and Tuff branch 3 bed room newly remolded call 606-226-2266

For rent on Cow Creek, 2 bed rooms house \$375.00 per month plus garage and water No Pets call 606-874-0262

House for rent at Ruff and Tuff Branch 3 bed room newly remolded call 606-226-2266

House for rent at Betsy Layne \$500.00 per month \$500.00 Deposit call 606-478-5403

For rent immediately 2 bed room house at Garrett, \$450.00 plus utilities,central heat and air, city water, call 606-358-2873 or 791-6958

House for rent 3 bed room at Teaberry, some furniture with washer and dryer A/C included \$390.00 plus deposit utilities, HUD approved and Lot for rent \$150.00 per month plus deposit call 606-587-2985

For rent 14x 65 Total electric 2 bed room 2 bath call 606-285-3980

For rent 2 bed room House at Garrett, \$450.00 plus utilities,central heat and air,city water call 358-2873 or 791-6958

House for rent willing to sell on a lease purchase contract, \$ 750.00 per month \$1,000.00 deposit, references required NO PETS 3 bed room 1 1/2 bath, private lot located on Ky. Route 1428 between Allen and Prestonsburg call 606-874-6500 home work. 606-886-6468

2 bed room Duplex central heat and air, close to Prestonsburg, No Pets. call 606-886-9007 or 606-889-9747

640-Land & Lots

Owner private, in country, location trailer 686 on Fitzpatrick Road, off Mountain Parkway 4 1/2 miles from Prestonsburg, \$150,00 plus \$150. deposit, 281-538-4405

Trailer Space for rent on left fork of Abbott call 606-886-9479 or 606-889-6560

For Rent : newly constructed Mobile Home Lots on Reynolds Hill, in new Allen, City water, sewage, underground utility lines and lighted concrete drive ways, First and Last Month rent and reference required call 606-874-2212

Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

650-Mobile Homes

For rent 3 bed room mobile home 6 1/2 miles out of Prestonsburg references required call 606-886-8366

For rent 2 bed room mobile home in Wayland Hud approved call 606-3504 \$350.00 per month 250.00 deposit

For Rent 2 bed room trailer between Paintsville and Prestonsburg on old Rt. 23 NO PETS / NO HUD call 606-886-3151 after 5pm

812 - Free

FREE PALLETS: can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

For Rent or sale 2003 Clayton 14x 80 ,3 bed room, 2 bath, central air, kitchen appliances dishwasher new berber carpet living room. pay off 21,500 or 475.00 per month. 6 mos. lease 3 references, damage deposit 275.00 required call 606-886-2512 if no answer leave message.

Furnished Trailer for rent suitable for a couple or one person, off of Mt. Parkway on 114 call 606-886-8724

For rent 14x 65 Total electric 2 bed room 2 bath call 606-285-3980

670-Com. Property

For Lease Retail or Office space in Prestonsburg call 6-06-886-8366

For Rent: Beauty shop equipped with 3 stations, and tanning bed. located 1 mile south of Martin on Route. 122. or would consider remodeling for office space Call 606-285-4826 or 606-285-9112.

Office building (30x70) for rent on 2 acer lot located at Daniels Creek300 feet off US 23,building consists of 2 office spaces-two baths-1 garage 30x 40- 3 room apartment. Fenced lot with hook up for mobile home.call 606-478-9614 after 6pm

For Lease Commercial Property 1,400 Square feet, 2 baths on Francis Court beside Court house in Prestonsburg, \$500.00 per month plus utilities call 606-886-6362

For Sale or Lease Large Building Great for offices spaces call 606-478-5403

NOTICES

ALC' APPALACHIA DAY HOME COMING

Alice Lloyd College will hold its annual Appalachia Day Homecoming celebration on the campus in Pippa Passes, Knott County, on Saturday, October 9th. The celebration includes exhibits of Appalachian Arts & Crafts, Traditional Mountain Music, Special Alumni Events, the Traditional Soup Bean Supper, and an Appalachians Authors Books signing. The June Buchanan School Theatre Department will present Murder Country Style, an audience participation murder mystery. Registration and events begins at 9.00am. For more information please call 606-368-6055 or 368-6044

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FOOD CITY

Is Coming Soon To PRESTONSBURG... And That Means Opportunity For You!!!

The Food City Team will be accepting applications and conducting interviews for the following positions for our new Prestonsburg location. The positions include:

Dairy Manager	Front End Managers	Fuel Clerks
Meat Cutters	Meat Wrappers	Service Meat Helpers
Floral Helpers	Seafood Helpers	Bakery/Deli Shift Leaders
Cooks	Bakery/Deli Helpers	Cake Decorators
Maintenance	Bakers	Frozen Food Manager
Cashiers	Stockers	Asst. Meat Manager
Floral Helpers	Produce Helpers	Asst. Produce Manager
Video Helpers	Asst. Stock Manager	Stock Manager

Food City offers you competitive wages, flexible hours, comprehensive training and an excellent benefit package.

Food City also has Career Management Opportunities.

The Food City Team will be taking applications and scheduling interviews at:

Kentucky Office for Employment and Training
686 North Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1051

All applicants will receive an appointment date and time to be interviewed!!! We are also accepting applications for these positions for our upcoming Prestonsburg Store at our current Prestonsburg location.

E.O.E. M/F/D/V

Nurses find your calling in the heart of the mountains

The ARH Regional Medical Center

Applications are being accepted for the following positions available at Appalachian Regional Healthcare's ARH Regional Medical Center in Hazard, KY in preparation for start-up of the new open heart service.

Current opportunities are:

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT/ NURSE PRACTITIONER: This position will work side by side with Open Heart Surgeon in the office, hospital and OR setting. Will assist with laproscopic vein harvesting and other cardiac procedures.

STAFF NURSE I POSITIONS IN: ICU, CVU, CVOR, Med/Surg, Telemetry and OR

LPN POSITIONS IN: LPN Scrubs for Open Heart and OR

OR TECHS IN: CVOR, and OR

ARH employees enjoy a very competitive pay scale and positions afford the opportunity to enjoy pay options including: Full Time Benefited; Non-Benefited which is base salary plus 25% salary rolup in lieu of benefits; work 3 12-hour shifts and paid for 40 hours; shift differential; double time for holidays worked plus another day off with pay. New graduates are urged to check out our opportunities.

Requirements include completion of an approved school or clinical program and appropriate Kentucky licensure or eligibility.

Benefits include single or family health insurance coverage with maximum yearly premium of \$500; 3 weeks paid vacation and 9 paid holidays per year; paid sick leave accrual; temporary disability benefits, etc.

For these and other professional healthcare opportunities within the 9 hospital ARH system, please send resume to or contact:

Sonya Bergman Human Resources ARH Regional Medical Center 100 Medical Center Drive Hazard, KY 41701 606-439-6843 or 606-439-6841 e-mail: sbergman@arh.org FAX: 606-439-6682	or	Marilyn Hamblin Human Resources Appalachian Regional Healthcare PO Box 8086 Lexington, KY 40533 1-800-888-7045, Ext. 532 e-mail: mhamblin@arh.org FAX: 859-226-2586
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"Come Walk With Us"

IN ORDER TO BETTER SERVE OUR UTILITY CUSTOMERS, Prestonsburg

City's Utilities Commission would like to announce that, beginning October 1, 2004. we are now offering a Budget Plan for our gas service customers.

You may apply for your new Budget Plan, in our office at 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY. 41653. To participate in this program, you will need to apply for this service before Tuesday, October 26, 2004.

Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:a.m.-5 p.m.

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission
2560 South Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY. 41653

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8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Prospective bidders may submit sealed bids for these hydrants and necessary fittings, either in person or by postage delivery, at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive until Thursday, October 14, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 o'clock p.m., and no further bids will be accepted after that time and date. The bid will be awarded to the lowest and/or best bidder at the Regular Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court to be held on Friday, October 15, 2004 at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the Floyd County Fiscal Courtroom, located on the Second Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Fiscal Court has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Paul Hunt Thompson, Floyd County Judge/Executive

LEGAL NOTICE-OF ROAD CLOSURE HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that certain landowners residing in the vicinity of the following road have requested that the following roads or portions of roads be discontinued by the Floyd County Fiscal Court: (1) Abandoned portion of the Old County Road, located adjacent to Bluebird Lane, on Kentucky Route 114/Mountain Parkway; and (2) Johnson Fork Road, also known as Williams Fork, located adjacent to Kentucky Route 1426/Prater Creek. Pursuant to KRS 178.070 and KRS 178.050, it is, therefore, necessary that notice be given and a public hearing on the requests be scheduled for October 15, 2004, to take place following the Floyd County Fiscal Court's Regular Meeting on that date. Notice is now given by the Floyd County Fiscal Court, pursuant to KRS 178.070 and KRS 178.050, of the following actions: (1) The proposed discontinuance of the road or portion of roadway known as (a) Abandoned portion of the Old County Road, located adjacent to Bluebird Lane, on Kentucky Route 114/Mountain Parkway; and (b) Johnson Fork Road, also known as Williams Fork, located adjacent to Kentucky Route 1426/Prater Creek; (2) That the County Judge/Executive has been previously authorized or will be authorized to advertise the proposed discontinuance of the sections of road in question and to appoint two (2) viewers for the affected sections of road, in addition to the County Road Supervisor, for the purposes of preparing a report regarding the discontinuance of the road or portion of road in question; and (3) That a final hearing regarding discontinuance of the roads in question be scheduled to take place following the Court's Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 15, 2004 in the County Courtroom, located on the Second Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

**ADVERTISE-
MENT FOR BIDS**
The Floyd County Fiscal Court will accept sealed bids until Thursday, October 14, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 o'clock p.m. for the following: Forty-five (45) fire hydrants & all necessary fittings, for use on 41 water lines in Floyd County, Kentucky. Specifications for these hydrants and necessary fittings may be obtained at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, located on the Second Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 [Telephone: (606) 886-9193] during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from

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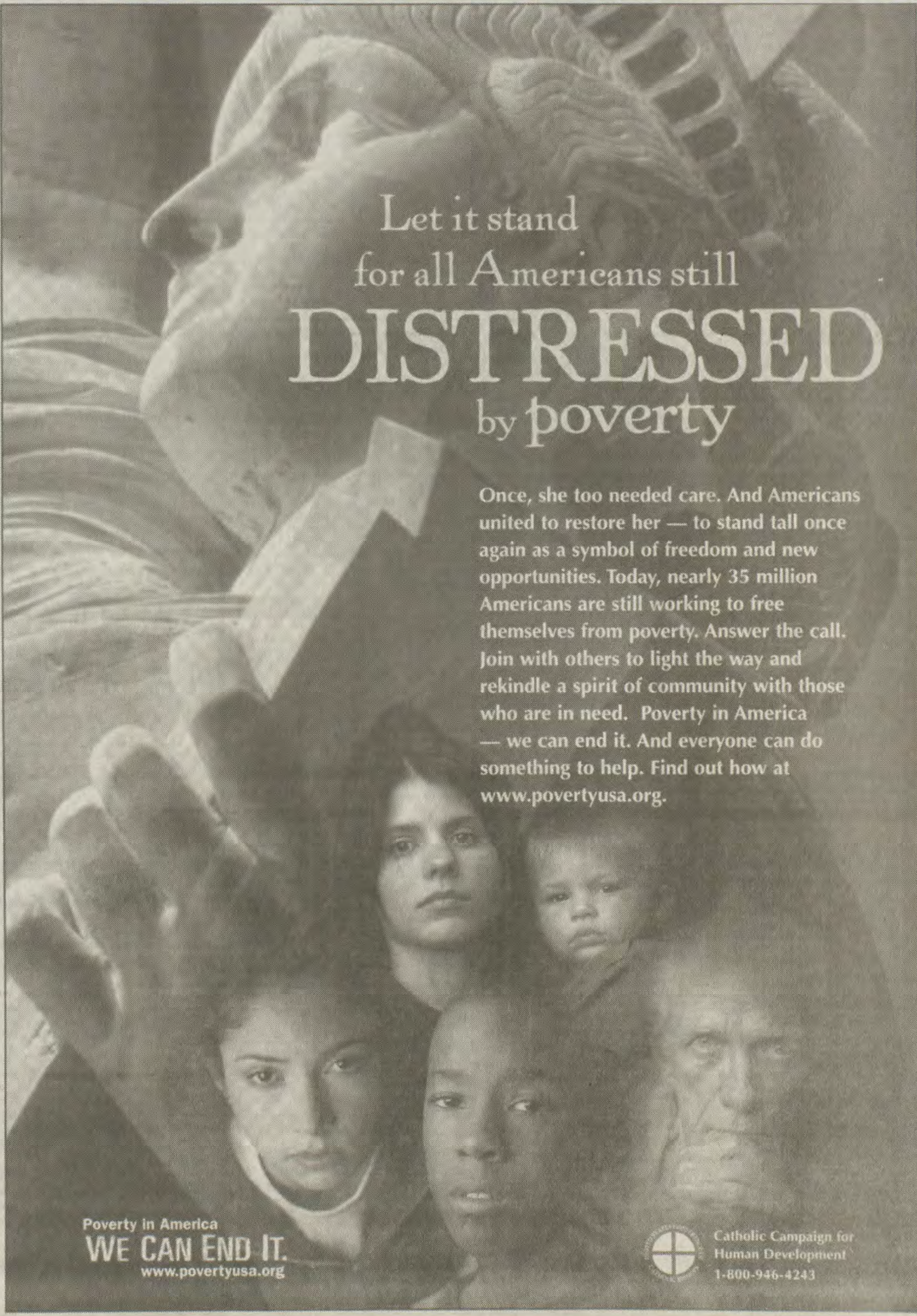
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