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Coming Wednesday

Get both sides of the issue when we invite the city of Prestonsburg and Highlands Regional Medical Center to give reasons to support or reject the city's proposed annexation of Highlands. You will find each side's argument in Viewpoint, page A4.

Corrections

The website for the Kentucky State Police Sex Offender Registry listed Wednesday was incorrect. The correct address for tracking sex offenders is http://ksp-sor.state.ky.us.

In Friday's article about the arrest of Susan Moore and Billy Jo Johnson, who are accused of killing Bypro resident Michael Ray Slone, The Times incorrectly identified Margie Slone as Michael Slone's mother. It should have identified Louise Slone as his mother and Margie Slone as his grandmother.

Man charged with luring students for sex

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

EASTERN — A Pike County man has been accused of using the internet to lure underage Floyd County girls for sex.

John Belcher, 24, of Elkhorn City, was arrested Thursday and charged with two counts of criminal trespass, two counts of custodial interference and one count of unlawful transaction with a minor.

The charges stem from Belcher allegedly using the internet to meet two young girls from Allen Central High School's special education program and luring them off school grounds for sex. Belcher is accused of trespassing onto Allen Central on two occasions.

Allegedly it was on the second trip, which occurred March 16, to the school that he was able to induce two special education students to leave the

premises with him for a sexual encounter.

The investigation was launched after Allen Central principal Lorena Hall heard information from several students about the episode which obscured some of the facts. Hall interpreted that there may have been a criminal act involved and contacted the County Attorney's Office after speaking with Supt. Dr. Paul

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Jonathan Belcher, 24, of Elkhorn City, conferred with public defender Emma Jones after his arraignment for an alleged sexual encounter with two Allen Central High School special education students that he met over the internet.

photo by Tom Doty

REMEMBERING THE REASON



With the morning as dark and dreary as the story of Christ's crucifixion, a band of local Christians participated in the annual "Crosswalk" event held each year on Good Friday. The group was led this year by Pastor Paul Aiken, of The Tabernacle Church. Carrying the cross is David Hicks.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

East Kentucky Network rated among best places to work

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Once a month, employees at East Kentucky Network on Village Drive parade around the office singing Aretha Franklin's "Respect."

The ritual, designating the company's "Employee of the Month" award, is just one of the reasons CEO Laura Phipps says her company is the second most favored place of employment in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the Society for Human Resource Management made the designation this week, listing East Kentucky Network as second among 15 other medium-sized businesses in the state and 20 larger companies.

The business, a communications company that offers Appalachian Wireless, a fiberoptic network and paging in 18 Eastern Kentucky counties and two counties in Virginia, is structured around the

belief that happy employees provide excellent service, Phipps said.

That's why Phipps insists on creating an employee-friendly work environment.

After the serenade, employees of the month are treated to a privileged parking space, a plaque, \$50 and lunch with a friend.

Annual employee awards are an even "bigger treat," Phipps said.

"We have a wide open policy and

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Wife charged with complicity in shooting

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

AUXIER — A continuing investigation into a shooting last year culminated Friday with the arrest of the victim's wife.

Kentucky State Police arrested Sheila Dotson, 49, of Middle Fork Road, for her alleged connection with the shooting of her husband, Donald R. Dotson, on July 20.

Dotson, charged with complicity to commit murder and three counts of intimidating a witness, is currently lodged in the Floyd County Detention

Center, as is her brother, Michael Lester, 44, of Williamson, who was charged with the crime last year.

Donald R. Dotson was injured by a gunshot while visiting a friend's home at Auxier Heights on July 20.

Charges against Lester came mainly from statements given to authorities by Clifford Glover, who witnessed the shooting.

Glover and Dotson were sitting on the front porch of the residence when Dotson left the porch to get a pack of cigarettes out of his

(See SHOOTING, page three)

Woman who crashed into judge seeks release

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A former Nippa resident serving a 12-year sentence for charges stemming from a 2003 car accident that left a Johnson County judge with serious injuries is asking the court to grant her an early release.

The commonwealth filed a motion Thursday objecting to Anita Kimbler's request for shock probation.

Kimbler was arrested following a January 2003 accident that sent Johnson County Judge Daryl Sparks

to Cabell Huntington Hospital with serious injuries.

According to the police report, Kimbler, who allegedly had a can of beer on her possession following the accident, pulled onto U.S. 23 from Route 3224 in front of Sparks, who was unable to stop his vehicle in time to prevent the collision.

Kimbler, whose car ended up on its side, was transported to Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, along with her husband, who was also injured, the

(See MOTION, page three)

Judge denies Kinslow's latest request for release

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Testimony from the target of a murder-for-hire case supporting the release of the woman serving time for the crime did not sway the court.

Circuit Judge John David Caudill signed an order Thursday denying shock probation for Cheryl Kinslow, a former Eubank resident who tried to hire an undercover officer with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office to murder her son-in-law, Danny Hart.

Hart told Caudill during a hearing last month that he did not oppose Kinslow's release.

Kinslow, incarcerated at the Kentucky Correctional Institute for Women in Shelby County, says she has been "clearly and drastically" shocked by her confinement in prison.

She was sentenced to 15 years after pleading guilty to criminal solicitation to commit murder Aug. 20, the result of a plea bargain arrangement in which the commonwealth dismissed a persistent felony

offender charge against her. Kinslow, 58, must serve eight years of the sentence before the remainder will be probated for five years.

She argued that she can be a productive, law-abiding member of society if she were released.

Caudill disagreed with Kinslow's assertion, saying in the order that her release would send a damaging message to the community.

"To grant probation in the case at hand in which the defendant sought

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Cheryl Kinslow, seen here during a baptism ceremony at the Floyd County Detention Center last year, claims she has turned over a new leaf.

photo by Mary Music

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Odds and Ends

■ **NEW YORK** — A British prankster has surreptitiously hung his own humorous artwork, some of them carrying an anti-war message, in four major New York museums over the last two weeks.

The man, who calls himself "Banksy" on a Web site that displays his artwork, has pulled similar stunts at the Louvre in

Paris and the Tate museum in London, The New York Times reported Thursday.

Photographs taken by an accomplice showing Banksy carrying a painting into a museum and sticking it to the wall near other pieces of art are also on displayed on a Web site.

Over the last two weeks, his artwork has been found and removed from the Museum of

Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum and the American Museum of Natural History.

He has been captured on museum security cameras wearing a hat and a beard.

Banksy said he entered all the museums during visitors' hours. Asked how he was able to avoid detection, he replied in an e-mail exchange with the Times arranged by an intermediary: "You just have to glue on a fake beard and move with the times."

"I've wandered round a lot of art galleries thinking, 'I could have done that,' so it seemed only right that I should try," Banksy was quoted as saying. "These galleries are just trophy cabinets for a handful of millionaires. The public never has any real say in what art they see."

On March 16, authorities at

the Brooklyn Museum discovered and removed one of his paintings that depicted a colonial-era military officer holding a spray-paint can, with anti-war graffiti in the background. Museum officials said the incidents did not raise security concerns and believe they have enough guards and other monitoring systems.

Banksy, who refused to reveal his real name, has sold thousands of books of his artwork in Europe, where he has also had successful gallery shows.

■ **COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa** — Customers who used the bill changing machine at Bluffs Run Casino found they had bigger payoffs than any gambling device in the place.

That's because the machine was spitting out hundreds

instead of twenties.

"It went on for about six hours," said the casino's finance director, Janae Sternberg. When the machine was shut down, it turned up \$46,640 short.

State records say casino employee Judith Roederer-Dillard — who has since been fired — mistakenly placed the \$100 bills in the machine about 5 a.m. Dec. 18.

"You know, some of the guests had figured out that there was a malfunction and they went back — over and over and over," Sternberg testified at Roederer-Dillard's unemployment-benefits hearing.

Casino spokeswoman Christie Scott said Thursday that the casino reviewed surveillance tapes to try to recover some of the money but had little luck.

Administrative law judge Teresa K. Hillary awarded

Roederer-Dillard full unemployment benefits, saying there was no evidence of deliberate misconduct.

■ **CANTON, Ohio** — The Canton Symphony Orchestra is shedding its uptight image — and some clothes — in a fundraising calendar.

"More Than You Expect from an Orchestra" features 18 women from the symphony, its staff, board members and supporters in several risqué poses.

"We need to change the symphony's image, to get it away from being stuffy," said Linda Moorhouse, the symphony's president and chief executive who appears atop a piano in the 2005-2006 calendar in a shimmering purple outfit.

"People always think of

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Easter Sunday, March 27, the 86th day of 2005. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 27, 1977, 582 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife.

On this date:

■ In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted Florida.

■ In 1625, Charles I ascended the English throne upon the death of James I.

■ In 1794, President Washington and Congress authorized creation of the U.S. Navy.

■ In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated, in Kirtland, Ohio.

■ In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.

■ In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.

■ In 1964, Alaska was rocked by a powerful earthquake that killed 114 people.

■ In 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man to orbit the earth, died in a plane crash.

■ In 1980, 137 workers died when a North Sea floating oil field platform, the "Alexander I. Keilland," capsized during a storm.

■ In 1998, the Food and Drug Administration approved the anti-impotence drug Viagra, made by Pfizer.

Ten years ago: Former President Jimmy Carter announced he had brokered a two-month cease-fire between Sudan's Islamic government and rebels. "Forrest Gump" won six

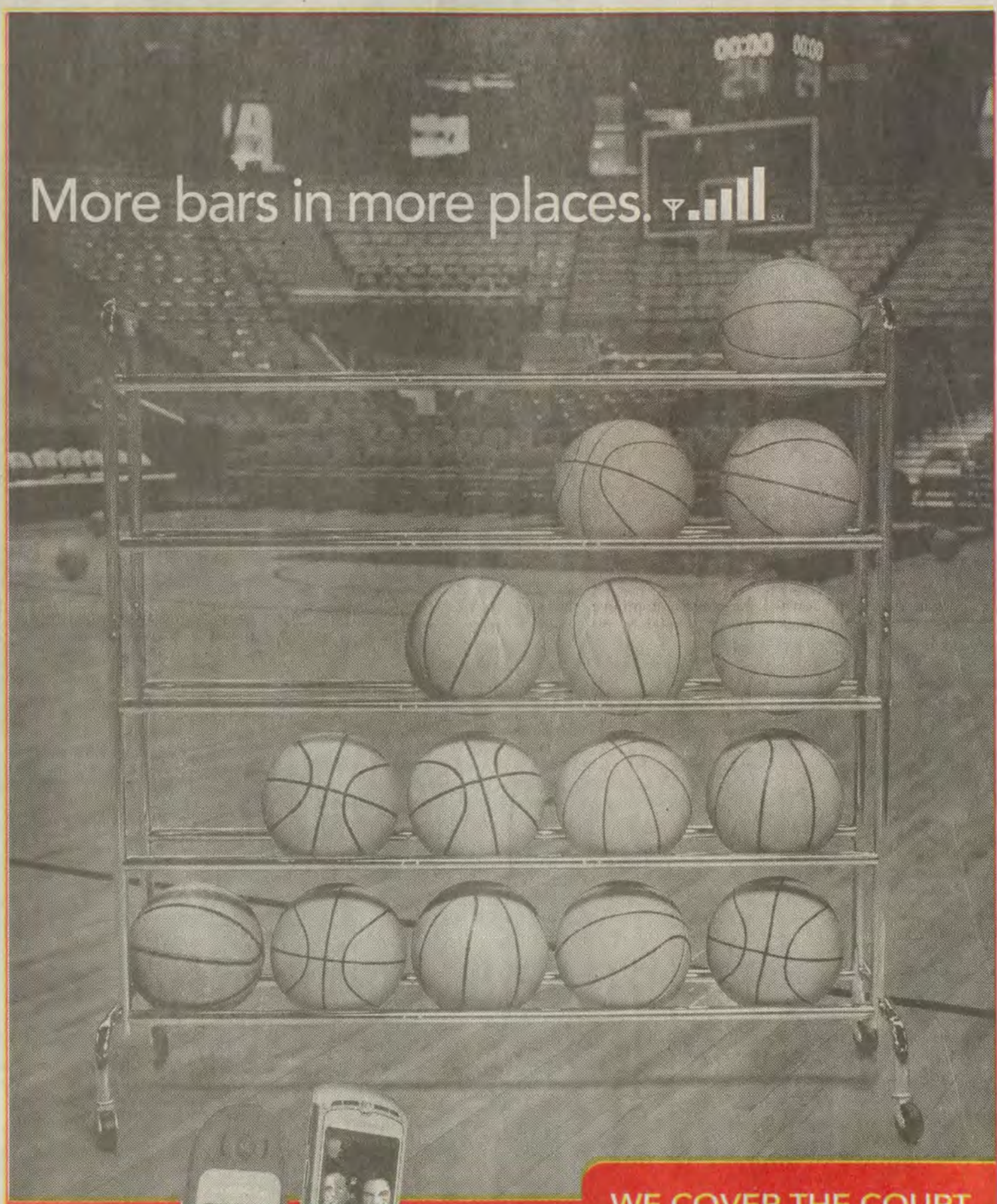
Academy Awards, including best picture and a second consecutive Best Actor Oscar for Tom Hanks; Jessica Lange won Best Actress for "Blue Sky."

Five years ago: The Supreme Court decided the federal government could deny food stamps and other welfare benefits to people who live permanently in the United States but who are not citizens. DaimlerChrysler AG announced it would buy 34 percent of Japan's Mitsubishi Motors Corp.

One year ago: Nearly half a million people surrounded Taiwan's presidential office and blocked major streets to protest their country's disputed presidential election. Shizuka Arakawa of Japan was the surprise winner at the world figure skating championships in Dortmund, Germany.

Today's Birthdays: Lord Callaghan, former British prime minister, is 93. Blues musician Robert "Junior" Lockwood is 90. Former newspaper columnist Anthony Lewis is 78. Dance company director Arthur Mitchell is 71. Actor Julian Glover is 70. Actor Jerry Lacy is 69. Actor Austin Pendleton is 65. Actor Michael York is 63. Rock musician Tony Banks (Genesis) is 55. Actress Maria Schneider is 53. Rock musician Andrew Farriss (INXS) is 46. Movie director Quentin Tarantino is 42. Rock musician Derrick McKenzie (Jamiroquai) is 41. Actress Talisa Soto is 38. Actress Pauley Perrette is 36. Singer Mariah Carey is 35. Rock musician Brendan Hill (Blues Traveler) is 35. Actress Elizabeth Mitchell is 35. Hip-hop singer Fergie (Black Eyed Peas) is 30. Actress Emily Ann Lloyd is 22. Actress Taylor Atelian is 10.

Thought for Today: "Often the test of courage is not to die but to live." - Vittorio Alfieri, Italian dramatist (1749-1803).



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Arrest

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Fanning. Hall also spoke with the parents of the two students. The discussion yielded even more information when one parent was able to access internet chat records, which revealed a sexually suggestive and detailed conversation between the girl and a man. County Attorney Keith Bartley passed on the details to Sheriff John K. Blackburn who worked with Sgt. Steve Little to investigate the matter. They obtained enough evidence to search Belcher's home and proceeded to Pike County where they executed the search alongside the Pike County Sheriff's Department. The resulting search got them Belcher's computer and they arrested Belcher, who was living with his parents. Blackburn revealed that Belcher made a complete confession to Sgt. Little and downplayed the charges, saying, "I'm a good looking boy and I can get any girl I want." Keith Bartley noted that Hall should be commended for her correct reading of the situation, which was gleaned from student accounts which were not forthcoming. "She was really excellent on working on this with our office," Bartley said. Bartley also noted that

the computer that was recovered will give his office a better knowledge of Belcher's history which may lead to further charges being filed down the road. "We took his computer and he confirmed that he was the only one who used it and that he had been in touch with a third party," Bartley said. Bartley also hinted that there may be more charges leveled at Belcher after Kentucky State Police examines the contents of the computer's hard drive. Bartley issued a statement for area families, saying, "I think this case should be a wake-up call to all parents. Their children's safety must take priority over their right to privacy. I have no doubt that there are numerous sexual predators surfing the web for their next victim. Don't let it be your child." Fanning also praised Principal Hall, saying, "She took a very aggressive posture toward getting to the truth." Fanning noted that he couldn't discuss the issue further since he didn't want to complicate the investigation. Belcher appeared in district court Friday morning for arraignment and was given a \$100,000 cash bond. His preliminary hearing, to determine if the case is waived to a grand jury, was set for April 1.

Shooting

truck. Dotson was shot as he walked around the edge of the home. The bullet, which was never recovered, entered his upper back and exited his upper chest. Glover told authorities that he saw a white truck parked on the shoulder of the road next to the four lane on Route 3. He said he saw a man walk to the back of the truck with what appeared to be a rifle. The man, he said, laid the gun across the back of the truck, fired one shot, then left the scene. Glover also said that the man, later identified as Lester, was in court during a divorce proceeding for Dotson and his wife. Authorities connected Lester with Dotson at Highlands Regional Medical Center, according to testimony given in the case, when Glover identified the truck as one belonging to Dotson's brother-

in-law. Lester, who voluntarily turned himself in, said he "had nothing to do" with the shooting and named his mother and girlfriend as his alibis. His case was transferred to a grand jury last year. Sheila Dotson is scheduled for arraignment on March 28.

Kinslow

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to hire someone to murder her son in law would send a terrible, negative message to the citizens of the community," Caudill wrote. This was Kinslow's second attempt for early release. Caudill denied the last motion for shock probation, which was filed by Kinslow's husband, David, in October.

Motion

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police report says. At the hospital, Johnson County Chief Deputy Darrell Preston reported that he found six hydrocodone pills in Kimbler's pocket (in a prescription pill bottle labeled under her brother-in-law's name) that was filled that day with 27 of the pills. Initially arrested for driving under the influence, second-degree possession, and no insurance, Kimbler was indicted later that month on two counts of

first-degree assault and for being a persistent felony offender, a charge that increased her sentence after she pleaded guilty to the charges. The commonwealth agreed to give Kimbler 22 years for the assault charges (12 years on count one, 10 years on count two), 12 months for possession, and 30 days for driving under the influence. With the sentences imposed concurrently, Kimbler was ordered to serve a total of 12 years for the crime. Her attorney, Robert Ganstine, argues that his client has been a "model prisoner" and that she will be a "productive and law-abiding member of society" if she is released. The commonwealth says her release would send a negative message to the community. Circuit Judge John David Caudill will consider the matter on April 8.

Work

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a huge teamwork atmosphere," Phipps said. "We are good to our employees. They like to come to work, apparently ... Our employees are happy with their jobs. They work so closely with customers in the community and that's a reflection on the community. It's an economic impact, not only from payroll taxes, but also from vendors. They want to stay in this com-

munity." In addition to special recognition ceremonies at the office and community involvement incentives, the company's 72 employees receive excellent benefits and competitive wages. Positions are currently available, Phipps said. For more information, visit the company's website at www.ekn.com.

EKC shutting down

Times Staff Report

HAZARD — A Hazard economic development agency that has brought business to area communities for the last 14 years is closing its doors. Tom Jones, executive director for the East Kentucky Corporation, announced closure of the organization Tuesday. "We are out of money to continue operations," he said. "We have not received state funding for almost two years and did not receive funding in the recently enacted state budget."

The corporation, a business recruitment program that opened in 1989, has helped bring 27 new businesses to Eastern Kentucky since its inception. The organization is in the process of disposing of its office equipment and furnishings. The public is encouraged to examine and bid on items listed on EKC's website, www.eastkentucky.com. Proceeds will be used to defray closure expenses. Operations of the business will terminate March 31, Jones said.

Harlan County gets \$50,000 to transform mines into off-road paradise

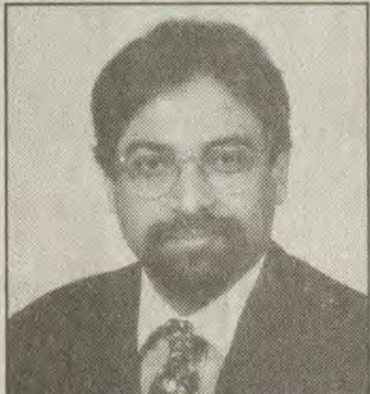
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EVARTS — Tony Novick leaned against his ATV on an Appalachian ridge top, downing a lunch of beans and franks and enjoying the view of a distant mountain shrouded by clouds. The New Lexington, Ohio, man is one of a new breed of tourists flooding into the mountains to ride four-wheelers across seemingly endless miles of abandoned roads left behind when mining companies pulled out. "What a great place," Novick said on the first day of a four-day visit to the remote city of Evarts in Harlan County. "The views are incredible. I'm enthused to beat heck."

ment is rampant. The grant will be used to develop a trailhead and recreational vehicle parking area in Evarts, the coal town closest to the mountaintop mines that are home to most of the off-road activities. "Our town is ATV-friendly," said Benny Coleman, owner of an Evarts hardware store. "You can ride your ATV through the city and not be ticketed." Coleman said the city council made sure of that by passing an ordinance a year ago to give ATV riders that freedom. Preston McLain, president of the ATV club Harlan County Ridge Runners, said some of the eastern Kentucky back roads wind through the moun-

tains for 100 miles or more, linked through a network of abandoned surface mines. McLain said he foresees a day when counties throughout the mountain region join to promote off-road tourism. Already, several other counties are considering following Harlan County's lead. "We have views that rival the Smokey Mountains," McLain said. "The tourism potential is incredible." Novick agrees. "I know, the way this is going, they're going to have to build more motels," he said. "When people find out about this place, they're going to come, and they're going to come back."

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Local leaders have developed a plan to turn the roads that wind around steep ridges and mountaintops into an off-road paradise. Now state officials have stepped forward with a \$50,000 federally funded grant to help with the cost of the initiative. Darrell D. Brock Jr., head of the Governor's Office for Local Development, visited Harlan County on Thursday to announce the grant from the Federal Highway Administration's recreational trails program. Brock said the hope is that the Harlan County tourism initiative will beef up an ailing coalfield economy. Already, people from across the nation are coming to Harlan County to ride the rugged trails. Some pull in trailers laden with all-terrain vehicles. Others favor brawny rock-crawling machines. "It's awesome," said Brock, who went on a trail ride after the check presentation. "You've got views for miles in every direction. It doesn't get any better than this." Novick said he decided to vacation in eastern Kentucky after reading about the rocky, rutted mountain roads in the coalfields. He was one of about 30 people, some from as far away as Illinois, eating lunch at an isolated picnic spot Thursday afternoon. "I like the steep trails," Novick said. "It's nice to get up top and be able to see everywhere, for miles." While many other places in Kentucky frown on off-roaders, Harlan County welcomes them, said Judge-Executive Joe Grieshop. He believes the tourism potential could help spark an economic revival in the county where unemploy-

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Guest view

Information Age, or Stone Age?

There's no valid reason the votes of Kentucky state legislators should not be posted online.

Certainly the legislators would rather not have their votes displayed on the Internet where every constituent with access to a computer could see what they are doing in Frankfort. But the fact that it might complicate legislators' existence is not reason enough for limiting public access to important information.

The current system of requiring the public to telephone the offices of the clerks of the state House or Senate to find out how legislators voted is completely unacceptable in this Internet age where so much information is readily available to the public.

The legislature would seem to have acknowledged the usefulness of the Internet already by having its Legislative Research Commission post all of the bills introduced in sessions of the General Assembly on its website and then updating those bills as the session progresses. Surely, it would be easy enough for LRC staff to add legislators' votes both in committee and on the floor to the website each day. One can only conclude that the information is not provided because state legislators have decided that they don't want it to be provided.

Just as they fattened their pension plan during this year's legislative session, legislators appear to be putting their own interests above those of the public by making it as difficult as possible for the voters to see what they are doing.

What are they trying to hide?

— *The Advocate-Messenger, Danville*



AMERICA'S FEEDING TUBE CONTINUES...

GARY MARKSTEIN



— Rich Lowry Column —

Poor-mouthing the Bush budget

After baseball, President Bush's favorite sport is beating up on the poor. Or so we are told by critics of the new Bush budget. New York Times hyperventilator Paul Krugman recently wrote, "It may sound shrill to describe President Bush as someone who takes food from the mouths of babes ..." then, of course, went on to so describe him. Bush has not yet been seen swiping Gerbers from babies, nor does his budget effectively do the same.

Critics say Bush wants to deny food stamps to 300,000 hungry people and child care to another 300,000 deprived kids. These charges are baldly oversimplified and rather rich coming from the same people who oppose extending the most successful anti-poverty program in the past 30 years — the 1996 welfare-reform law.

The administration's budget proposes tightening up eligibility for food stamps by restoring the pre-1996 eligibility requirement. The \$36 billion a year spent on food stamps would be reduced in 2006 by \$57 million. If this is class warfare, it's not exactly "shock and awe."

Both food stamps and child-care spending — which the administration wants to hold steady — should properly be considered together with welfare reform and the effort to renew it.

Food stamps itself could use reform. According to Robert Rector of The Heritage Foundation, half of food-stamp aid goes to recipients who have been on the program for 8.5 years or more. Of the aid that goes to families, roughly 85 percent goes to single-parent homes. Adding a work requirement to food stamps for the able-

bodied could have the same catalytic effect as the 1996 welfare reform, which reduced dependence, child poverty and out-of-wedlock births.

Congressional Republicans have wanted to reauthorize and strengthen the 1996 welfare reform for three years now, but Democrats have blocked them. Notably, Republicans

have proposed spending \$1 billion more over the next five years on child care. By blocking the bill, Democrats have therefore effectively said "no" to \$200 million of additional day-care spending every year for the past three years. Who's keeping deprived kids off day care now?

Welfare reform relates to child-care spending in another way. As the 1996 reform decreased dependence and the amount of money spent on cash welfare benefits, more funds could be redirected into child care. According to a Heritage Foundation analysis, federal and state spending on child care increased from \$3.2 billion in 1996 to \$11 billion in 2002. Two-thirds of the new spending came from funds freed up by welfare reform.

Renewing welfare reform now is so necessary because the work requirements from 1996 have become obsolete. States are no longer required to do much to encourage recipients to work. Meanwhile, very little has been done to attack the welfare problem at its root — single parenthood — by encouraging marriage.

The 1996 reform helped slow the rate of out-of-wedlock births, suggesting more effort here could have results. But realizing the necessity of strengthening welfare reform requires viewing the poor as more than a federal line item.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.



The Rich Lowry column

— beyond the beltway —

Driving could be different, but could we?

by DONALD KAUL

There's a traffic engineer in Holland who is clearly crazy, and it seems to be catching. Hans Monderman is the engineer and he is under the delusion that if you treat people like adults, they'll act like adults, even drivers. As anyone who has ever driven more than 15 minutes in an



Monderman, a traffic engineer in northern Holland, for advice on how to make its busy central area safer, this is what he tells them: Remove the traffic lights and speed signs, erase the center lines dividing the streets, get rid of the speed bumps, bicycle lanes and pedestrian crossings. Oh yes, the sidewalks have to go too.

"All those signs are saying to cars is 'This is your space, and we have organized your behavior so that as long as you behave this way, nothing can happen to

you," Mr. Monderman told The New York Times. "That is the wrong story."

What he believes should replace those rules is the concept of shared space, a street where drivers and pedestrians and bicycles are equals and depend on mutual courtesy to get along together.

"This is social space," he said, pointing to one of his open squares. "So when Grandma is coming, you stop, because that's what normal, courteous human beings do. Weird, huh?"

What's weirder is that it seems to be working. He's been at this a while now and reports that there has never been a fatal accident on one of his roads. Other versions of his shared-space idea are being tried in Spain, Denmark, Austria, Sweden and Britain, and the European Union is planning a Europe-wide study of the technique.

He doesn't claim that the system would work everywhere — big city downtown intersections might be too chaotic to let courtesy in — but it has worked in bustling town squares around Holland and he thinks it will work elsewhere.

It's a romantic concept but, as an American driver, I'm skeptical. Bad driving has become the rule rather than the exception on American roads. The bad drivers come in two flavors:

■ Clueless, those who have only the vaguest notion of how to operate their 4,000-pound machines in traffic, and ...

■ Homicidal, those who race from light to light, blowing their horns at every opportunity and treating other cars like gates in a slalom race, something to be missed as narrowly as possible. When all else fails these yoyos, they will pull out a gun and call it road rage.

Can you really trust these people with Grandma?

And then there's Houston, of course. A

year-and-a-half ago, Houston, Texas, put in the first segment of a projected light rail system, 7.5 miles of it. In the first eight months, they had 40 collisions between trains and cars. Forty.

If that seems like a lot, it is. Sacramento, on a similarly situated line, suffered only four car-train collisions during a like period.

But are people in Houston taking a hard look at their driving habits? No. They're blaming the trains.

"Are you from America?" yelled a Houston driver at a New York Times reporter. "I'm from America, 49 years. Here, you're taught as a kid that flashing lights, arms come down — train's coming."

Typical Texas thinking, if you call that thinking. The truth is, Houstonians are terrible drivers. Even without the trains, they produce an accident rate nearly twice the national average.

"It's the general perception," said the chief executive of Houston's Metro. "People in the street, elected officials. They say, 'What's wrong with Metro? Why is it blaming these motorists?' As if it's a God-given right in Houston to run red lights."

Maybe it is. We should ask President Bush about that. He's been to Houston and he has chats with God fairly often.

Wouldn't it be a kick to see Houston try out Monderman's ideas though? It would be like NASCAR with pedestrians. They could sell tickets.

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Faith Extra

'Purpose Driven' preacher spreads Bible in a post-MTV world

by GILLIAN FLACCUS
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LAKE FOREST, Calif. — The Rev. Rick Warren wrote his best-selling "The Purpose Driven Life" to save souls, but even he was surprised when the man suspected of shooting his way out of an Atlanta courthouse heard God in his words and surrendered.

Warren's role in the Georgia hostage drama earlier this month illustrates just how effectively the charismatic preacher has helped bring Christian evangelism to mainstream America.

After 22 years spent building one of the nation's largest

megachurches in suburban Orange County, Warren rocketed to fame in 2002 with his no-frills primer on what it takes to be a Christian in the 21st century.

His book has sold 21 million copies and made Warren an instant celebrity, a standard-bearer for a new generation of evangelists who has caught the attention of President Bush and other national policy-makers.

With his well-trimmed goatee and spiked hair, Warren seems more like a polished CEO than a cheerleader for Jesus. He speaks emphatically, peppering his conversation with precise statistics and one-liners.

Yet Warren, who wears Hawaiian shirts and sandals when he preaches, also tries to keep things simple for his audience. He says he's just telling timeless stories in a contemporary voice.

"When David said, 'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,' why did he say that? Well, because David was a shepherd," Warren says in an interview at Saddleback Church, a sprawling campus of manicured lawns, airy buildings and vast parking lots.

"Today, I don't think it's any less appropriate for the businessman to say, 'The Lord is my CEO' or 'The Lord is my man-

ager.' You can't just assume terminology today is understandable. I work very hard at being a translator."

He is quick to defend his ministry from traditionalists who say he commercializes faith and makes salvation too easy with simplified biblical passages and one-line exhortations.

"I'm never going to deny what I believe, but I've got to say it in a way that makes sense to the MTV generation in a post-modern world," Warren says. "Traditional churches think I'm changing the message, but all I'm doing is changing the method."

That method apparently paid off for Ashley Smith, the young mother taken hostage by suspected courthouse shooter Brian Nichols. During her seven-hour captivity, Smith read aloud from the chapter on serving others in "The Purpose Driven Life" and later credited the passage with softening her captor's heart.

Raised a Southern Baptist in tiny Redwood Valley, population 500, Warren was fascinated with the dynamics of church growth as a seminary student in the late 1970s.

The fourth-generation pastor wrote letters to colleagues at the 100 biggest U.S. churches and sifted through demographic data for the perfect city in which to launch his own megachurch.

He settled on Orange County's Saddleback Valley because, at the time his analysis showed it was the fastest growing region in the nation's fastest growing county. Along with San Francisco, San Diego and Seattle, it also had one of the largest "unchurched" populations in the country, he says.

Warren says he sent out 15,000 hand-addressed invitations, but only 205 people showed up at his first Easter service at a local high school. Only five were regular churchgoers.

"It was like speaking at a Kiwanis Club. I said, 'Open your Bible' and nobody had a

Bible. I said, 'Let's sing a hymn' and nobody knew the song," says Warren, now 50. "It was exactly who I was going after — the unchurched Southern Californian. We really hit our target."

In the 25 years since, Warren has hit his target again and again — and widened the mark far beyond Southern California.

Nearly 22,000 people attend Saddleback regularly and the church has baptized 14,000 people in the past 10 years — including 2,029 in 2004. The Web site for Warren's book says that it's been named the fastest growing Baptist church in history.

Starting in the 1990s, what he calls his "national decade," Warren began expanding his influence beyond Orange County.

In an ever-widening circle, Warren and his staff trained more than 300,000 pastors in his church-growth philosophy and send a weekly e-newsletter, The Ministry ToolBox, to 138,000 pastors worldwide. His first book, "The Purpose Driven Church," published in 1995, sold a half-million copies — most to other preachers.

Today, Warren isn't shy about using his newfound clout to launch what he calls his min-

(See DRIVEN, page seven)

CAP's Rejoice Respite Program sees positive change for caregivers



Lifelong caregiver Lila Beavers has cared for her daughter, Jackie Caldwell, who has cerebral palsy, for 34 years. It is with love and a thankful heart that she continues to care for her daughter. Respite worker Gertrude Moore visits twice per month to give Irene a chance to catch up on shopping, errands and personal time.

Everyone knows someone who cares for a loved one. It might be a neighbor caring for an aging parent or a close relative who, without fail, takes care of a disabled son or daughter. As a nation, we are not only living longer lives, but we are caring for our loved ones for a longer time as well.

According to statistics from the National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA), an estimated 54 million people make up the caregiver population nationwide.

Just what is a caregiver? According to the NFCA, a caregiver is anyone who assists another who is chronically ill,

aged or disabled with everything from going to the bathroom to making decisions about finances. For some caregivers it can be emotionally draining, watching a loved one on a daily basis in a debilitating state. That is why the Christian Appalachian Project has devoted the month of March to the caregiver.

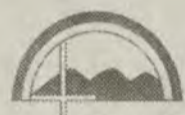
"We wanted to show caregivers how much we appreciate them," says Christian Appalachian Project's Rejoice Respite Program Manager Becky McNew. "When I first came to Respite, I felt sorry for the person who was being cared for — and

that's fine because they need our help as well — but there is another person who needs our prayers and help and that is the caregiver."

To show appreciation and support for the 62 caregivers that receive respite twice monthly for five hours at a time, a Wal-Mart gift card was given to a random winner caregiver, Franks Creek resident Lila Beavers.

Not only did she receive a gift card, but other caregivers received what was the first edition of the REJOICE newsletter, which will be drafted by Becky each month. In it are caregiver tips, recipes, an uplifting Bible verse, and a featured article. This month's featured article

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CAP Corner

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We can't say enough about our doctors, but we'll start with thanks.

March 30th is National Doctors' Day, and we would like to acknowledge all the physicians that are part of the ARH integrated healthcare system. It's because of your dedication that ARH is able to provide quality care to the communities of Eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia. We thank you and hope you enjoy your day!

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

2005

Home and Garden Expo

A 2005 Home and Garden Expo will be held at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be no charge for admission.

This year's program will feature: Home and garden topics, booths, free herb, vegetable and flower seeds, and youth activities.

Seeds will be distributed on a "first-come first serve basis." Seed quantities are limited.

For more information, contact Ray Tackett, Theresa Scott, or Chuck Stamper at 886-2668.

Picking for the American Cancer Society

The Pike County Pickers will be presenting a Bluegrass benefit show at the Belfry Fire Department on April 2, 2005. The program is being presented in support of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and all profits from the program will go to the American Cancer Society. The show will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will feature, Lost Mountain, Blackberry Jam, Frank Hammond and Old Time Bluegrass, Swift River and other local performers. Anyone interested in participating in this event should call Mike Morley, at (606) 631-1688 or (606) 432-5848.

Adoptive parent Support group meeting

(A.S.K.) Adoption Support for Kentucky is sponsoring a support group for adoptive and prospective adoptive parents. The meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Pike County at the

Department for Community Based Services Office, 131 Summit Drive, Pikeville, KY 41501; from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Childcare will not be provided.

We have recently started a second meeting. This meeting will be held on the 1st Monday of each month in Floyd County at the Department for Community Based Services Office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided.

For more information contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, Adoption Support for Kentucky, 606-432-4110, 606-422-7927 - Cell, doslone@eastky.net

Special presentation featuring a special Easter play

An Easter play, "Back to the Present," the events of the past, present and future of what was, is, and will be, according to the Bible. Join us Easter day, March 27th, at Trimble Chapel at the junction of 23 & 80, at 11:00 a.m. Bring family and friends. Everyone welcome!

Worship/Youth center

There is now a Worship / Youth center in Old Allen, that meets on Tuesdays, at 6 p.m. Women's Bible study meets on Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m. (youth). Thursday prayer meeting is held at 7 p.m. All meetings are free and the center's sponsor is the Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, pastor Henry Lewis. For more information, contact Tina Hall at 874-0544.

Reunion

First Four Mile Reunion of Knott County will be held on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m., at the Corps Recreation area, Jenny Wiley State Park, Shelter #2. Bring covered dish, table service, pictures, etc. All welcome to attend.

Christ United Methodist Church

March 27 - Sunday morning worship service - Chancel Choir will present Easter Cantata "Behold the Lamb," at 11 a.m.

BLHS High School Reunion

Classes of the 1930's, 1940's, 1950's and 1960's.

To be held Saturday, June 25. For info., call Joe Hinchman at 874-2821 or Marvin Williamson at 478-3310.

BLHS Class of 1955

Reunion to be held on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25. For information, call Marvin Williamson at 478-3310 or Gene Davis at 874-2873.

Senior Expo

Sponsored by HRMC and area agencies. To be held May 4, at the Jenny Wiley State Park's Stumbo Convention Center. For those age 55 and older. Broad range of topics including Preventing Exploitation, Nutrition, Aging and Gardening Tips. For more info., contact Melissa Vance, Dir. of Comm. Dev. at HRMC, at 886-7468.

HRMC Comm. Calendar - March

Mar. 31 - Living Well with Diabetes, Meeting Place A&B, Highlands Medical Office Bldg., 5-6 p.m. For more information, call 886-7424.

Attention: BLHS Class of '85

It's been 20 years! Reunion is being planned. If you are a classmate, or if you know of a classmate's whereabouts, please email addresses to Debbie Hall Parsons or Gwen Cecil at: dochallparsons@charter.net.

Belfry Class of 1970

Is planning a mini-reunion for May 28. Classmates will be responsible for their own meal. Reservations are required by May 1. Contact Nancy Varney Bryan by calling 433-9200 or 433-0820. You may also write to: P.O. Box 101, Pikeville, KY 41502 or email to: nbryan@setel.com. It's been 35 years, classmates, let's have a little fun!

Big Sandy 4-H Club

Is seeking new members! Do you like to have fun? Meet new people? Help your community? Then join our club! For more info., contact Chuck Stamper at 886-2668.

Basic Computer Training

To be taught by Ray Tackett at the Martin Community Center, located on Route 80, at Martin, on March 18; and April 1, from 1-3 p.m. Cost - \$7. This is an

8-week training series designed for those who have little or no experience using computers. Space is limited - call 886-2668 today to register!

D.A.V. Chap. 18

The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, in McDowell. All invited to attend.

Free Body Recall classes

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Age 55 or older?

If so, and you are also unemployed, and would like to make money while being trained in skills that will help you gain employment, or become re-employed, contact Bill Little, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Big Sandy Area Development District, at 886-2374. "Area Employers are Looking for Dependable Workers like YOU!"

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins

Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday, from 4:30-8:30. Contact Andy Jones at 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

PARENTS!

Are you in need of child care services? If so, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. The office is partnering with Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition. For more information on how we can help you, call Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or toll free at 888-872-7227.

Also, if your child is currently enrolled in a child care program, find out if your provider is a member of the STARS for KIDS NOW voluntary program for exceeding licensing standards.

And, learn about how you can stay home with your own children and still earn an income by caring for other children. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Evening Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

"Looking For a Support Group?"

Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 6 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265, or Jane Bond at FCHD.

Alzheimer's Association,

East-ern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

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

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopher-cook@hotmail.com.

Odds

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"Canton in the Rust Belt," she said. "We want people to know we have a first-class orchestra and some pretty classy ladies, too."

Symphony supporter Roberta Gordon proposed the idea after seeing the 2003 hit movie "Calendar Girls," based on the true story of English society ladies posing for a calendar to raise money for a charity.

The symphony hopes to raise \$50,000.

HOBART, Australia - A magazine has offered a \$983,000 reward to anyone who can produce proof of the Tasmanian tiger - a dog-like, striped creature long believed to be extinct.

The bounty could help solve "one of Australia's most enduring mysteries," Garry Linnell, editor of The Bulletin said Tuesday.

The last known Tasmanian tiger - also known as Tasmanian wolf, or thylacine - died in captivity in 1936, after having been hunted to the verge of extinction by European settlers. Although it was once found across Australia, the ani-

mal's last stand was in the southern island state of Tasmania.

To cash in, Linnell said tiger hunters must produce evidence of a live and uninjured animal. A panel of experts and conclusive DNA testing will then be conducted.

State Environment Minister Judy Jackson warned that although the animal is presumed extinct, it remains a protected species under state law. She ruled out issuing trapping permits for bounty hunters.

"We will not endorse programs that lack benefit and, indeed, pose threats to other species," Jackson said in statement. "It's not lost on Tasmanians that their history has already borne the dramatic effects of a tiger bounty."

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Noah Nielsen's sneakers may reek something awful, but that stench has earned him some cold, hard cash.

Nielsen, 10, beat six other contestants from around the country Tuesday in the 30th annual National Odor-Eaters

Rotten Sneaker Contest. He won a \$500 savings bond, a \$100 check for new sneakers and a supply of Odor-Eaters products.

The secret to his success? "No socks, ever."

"The stank was from rubbing my toes back and forth and making them sweaty," said Nielsen, with his trophy in hand and two golden sneakers hanging from his neck.

Nielsen said he also played soccer and baseball in the three-year-old Adidas patched together with duct tape.

"Human feet shouldn't smell that bad," said judge Bill Fraser.

Nielsen is a veteran of the competition. Last year he was a runner-up in the state event.

In the week leading up to this year's contest, he refused to take a bath. When his parents insisted, they found him with his feet hanging out of the tub, his father Peter Nielsen said.

NAPLES, Fla. - A woman has been sentenced to 30 days in jail for killing her neighbor's Chihuahua with a shotgun, telling the dog's owner she was horribly frightened by the pooch. Wanda Ziglar, 49, of Golden

Gate, pleaded no contest Tuesday to one felony count of animal cruelty. Senior Judge Jack Schoonover agreed to withhold a formal finding of guilt of the charge.

Ziglar was arrested July 31 after admitting she shot and killed the dog, which belonged to her then-neighbor, Marisol Olegnichar. Ziglar told deputies the Chihuahua repeatedly wandered into her yard.

She said in court that she grabbed a shotgun and fired two warning shots into the air to try to scare off the dog.

"I was scared by the dog. It came out from behind my garbage can," said Ziglar.

The dog's owner told Ziglar that she didn't believe her.

"There's no way a 2-pound dog was going to scare you," Olegnichar said.

LINDALE, Texas - When Smith County Constable Dennis Taylor got a call reporting a stolen house, his first question was, "Is it a trailer house, ma'am?"

"No, it's a brick house," the real estate company representative replied.

Board by board, shingle by shingle, for nearly three months, thieves dismantled a three-bedroom brick house in this East Texas town and carted it away until only a pile of rubble was left.

Authorities allege Brandon Ray Farmer, 29, and Darrell Patrick Maxfield, 44, both of Tyler, took the house apart and sold it for drugs, in plain view of everyone cruising by along Lindale's main street.

Taylor said the men worked slowly and haphazardly in daylight, with no one questioning their work, because everyone assumed it was the work of two large retail stores laying new foundations nearby.

"It's the strangest case I've ever worked in my life," Taylor said. "Everybody drove by and waved at them."

Authorities also arrested Jesse Gino Vega, 36, who is accused of giving cash and methamphetamine to the other two men in exchange for the materials from the home.

Officers got "about five trailer loads of property that came out of that house," Taylor said, then paused. "Well, it didn't

come out of the house. It was the house."

APPLETON, Wis. - An officer investigating a robbery at a store was checking outside for footprints in the snow when he noticed a quarter.

"He walked a little further and saw another coin, and then a little further he saw another one," Appleton Police Sgt. Pat DeWall said Tuesday.

Officers followed the trail south for four blocks, then turned west for a block, with the number of coins increasing as they proceeded - including a full roll of dimes at one point, he said.

Eventually, they found several coins on the front porch of a home.

Two of the home's residents were arrested.

Among the items missing from the store were nine cartons of cigarettes and a \$785 in bills and coins. DeWall said the burglars loaded the stolen rolls of coins into a milk crate before they fled and speculated that some of the rolls started breaking apart and the coins fell through the slats.

ARC works to promote tourism in Appalachia

by PAM RAMSEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The Appalachian Regional Commission has helped states throughout the mountainous region build roads and other infrastructure, and provide high-speed access to the Internet.

Now the agency is turning its attention to another economic development tool — tourism.

The commission has partnered with the National Geographic Society to develop a "geotourism" map promoting an eclectic mix of more than 350 attractions reflecting the diversity of the 13-state region.

Attractions include both the mainstream and the obscure, from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y., to what's billed as the oldest continuous flea market in Ripley, Miss.

Also featured are Civil War sites, museums, parks, hiking trails, festivals, historic districts, spas and resorts, celebrity birthplaces, prehistoric Indian mounds and notable farms.

"This map delivers a taste of Appalachia's distinctive culture

and heritage to a wide audience, exposing this 'undiscovered national treasure' to many first-time visitors," the ARC said in a news release.

Anne Pope, co-chairwoman of the ARC, said the goal is to spur economic growth by drawing tourist dollars to Appalachia. The region covers all of West Virginia and parts of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia.

In a 2003 report, the ARC's Tourism Council said tourism's overall economic impact on Appalachia was \$29.1 billion and the industry employed a total 601,431 workers.

"This is just one of the greatest things to come up and the fact that this is a federal-private partnership is unique in itself," said Dana Lee Tatum, president and CEO of the North Alabama Tourism Association. "We think it will make a marked difference in the number of people who travel to this region."

The ARC paid the National Geographic Society \$180,000 to develop the map. It is being distributed as an insert in the

April issue of National Geographic's Traveler magazine, which has about 900,000 subscribers. Tourism offices throughout Appalachia will distribute another 300,000 copies. The ARC also plans to make the map available to schools, libraries and civic groups.

An Internet version of the map, which has information on about 130 attractions, went online March 14 at www.nationalgeographic.com/appalachia. It contains links to both the individual attractions and local tourism offices. Additional attractions will be added every three months.

"Being on National Geographic's Web site is very exciting to me. I'm delighted. ... In my experience working with visitors, people love a map," said Jeanne Mozier, vice president of Travel Berkeley Springs in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle.

Mozier said the map project gives "high-end travelers" positive exposure to Appalachia.

Renda Morris, executive director of the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine in southern West Virginia, said her attraction's inclusion provides

an opportunity to "reach out there and give our story of our coal heritage."

"It means a lot for the exhibition coal mine, plus I think it's good exposure for the city of Beckley," Morris said.

Mary Ellen Walsh, a spokeswoman for New York's State Development office, said even a big state that's already an established travel destination "welcomes any opportunity to showcase its vacation attractions to travelers from around the country and around the world."

Ellis visits South Korea

Navy Seaman Johnathan M. Ellis, son of Ola and John Ellis, of Garrett, recently made a scheduled port visit to Pusan, Republic of Korea, while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

Ellis and approximately 3,200 of his fellow shipmates had a chance to sightsee, shop and enjoy recreational activities, as well as participate in other cultural exchanges with the citizens of Pusan.

USS Kitty Hawk is America's oldest active ship and the first of the "super carriers," commissioned April 29, 1961. Ships like USS Kitty Hawk deploy worldwide in support of United States commitments, to respond to global crises and to offer a peacetime presence.

Ellis is a 2001 graduate of Allen Central High School.

Obituaries

John Henry Shepherd

John Henry Shepherd, 75, of Gunlock, died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at his residence.

Born June 1, 1929, in Magoffin County, he was the son of the late Henry and Della Shepherd.

He is survived by his wife, Elba Arnett Shepherd.

Other survivors include three sons: Matthew Shepherd, Mark Shepherd, and John Keith Shepherd, all of Gunlock; four daughters: Colleen Salisbury of Hueysville, Shella Mullins of New York, Maudie Shepherd of Gunlock, and Angeline Stone of Garrett; a half-sister, Frankie Prater of Gunlock; 15 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by eight sisters: Lula Fleming, Myrtle Shepherd, Maudie Engleman, Bertha Shepherd, Leora Stephens, Verna Shepherd, Dora Lee Layne, and Hazel Shepherd.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 26, at 11 a.m., at the Salt Lick Community United Baptist Church, in Hueysville, with Carlos Beverly and Bethel Bolen officiating.

Burial was in the Shepherd Cemetery, in Gunlock, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Bethel Mae Johnson Hall

Bethel Mae Johnson Hall, 70, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born January 29, 1935, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Green and Mary Bryant Johnson. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hi Hall.

Survivors include four sons: Danny Hall and Teddy Hall, both of Hi Hat, Dwayne Hall of Prestonsburg, and Timothy Hall of Drift; one daughter, Fanny Hall of Hunter; three brothers: Kermit Johnson of Miamisburg, Ohio, Paul Johnson of West Carlton, Ohio, and Milford Johnson of Price; two sisters: Ethel Little of Weeksbury, and Grethel Johnson of Elizabethtown; 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Frank Hall; and three brothers: Richard Johnson, Dave Mullins, and Johnny Johnson; and one sister, Alberta Johnson.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25, at noon, at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, in Price, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Frazier Family Cemetery, in Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Reffett attends New York Life career development conference

PRESTONSBURG — Dexter D. Reffett has been named a member of the 2005 Career Development Conference of New York Life Insurance Company, the company announced recently. Members of the Development Conference are among the most successful of New York Life's newer sales force. Qualification for this honorable recognition has been a standard of excellence at New York Life since

1994. As a member of the Career Development Conference, Reffett attended the event hosted in Dallas, Texas, beginning Tuesday, March 8 and ending Sunday, March 13.

Reffett has been a New York Life agent since 2004, and is associated with New York Life's Kentucky General Office in Louisville.

He has worked in the financial community in Prestonsburg and surrounding counties for 22 years. Reffett graduated from Prestonsburg High School, Prestonsburg Community College with associate degrees in both arts and sciences, University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in accounting, Morehead State University with a master's degree in business administration, Louisiana State University with a graduate degree in banking and completed the National Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma.

Reffett is a native of Floyd County and has maintained a residence here his entire life,

being the son of the late Elmer and Ruby Jean Reffett. He has one son, Adam Keith Reffett, who attends Allen Central High School.

New York Life Insurance Company, a Fortune 100 company, is the largest mutual life insurance company in the United States and one of the largest life insurers in the world. Founded in 1845 and headquartered in New York City, New York Life and its affiliates offer life insurance, annuities and long-term care insurance. New York Life Investment Management, LLC, a New York Life affiliate, provides institutional asset management, retirement plan services. Other New York Life affiliates provide an array of securities products and services, as well as institutional and retail mutual funds.

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Dexter Reffett

CAP

offers signs of caregiver burnout.

"What we want here at Respite is to help caregivers with the everyday stresses that they face," said Becky, who has headed up the program since August of 2003. "What we've done with the newsletter is put in tips for care giving, special verses and other things within it so that it could be an uplifting tool for the caregiver. Sometimes if you just read something, it can uplift you. We wanted to do something that would help the caregiver understand that there is someone who cares and knows what the caregiver is experiencing."

Respite caregivers also received a bookmark inscribed with the verse "God Always Gives Enough Strength for the Next Step."

When lifelong caregiver Irene Merion received the bookmark, she cried. "[The verse] is so true," says the Floyd County resident and mother of Jackie Caldwell, who has cerebral palsy and is non-verbal. Jackie, who is 34, has enjoyed the love and care of her mother Irene throughout her life. For Irene — who is Jackie's sole caregiver — participating in the Respite program has meant more personal free time, time to catch up on needed errands. "[Respite] is wonderful," she says of the 23-year-old program that is in the process of organizing support groups for caregivers. "It gives me time to go get groceries, go to appointments and enjoy free, relaxing time. Mostly though, it

gives me time just to breathe again."

Inspirational bookmarks and the REJOICE newsletter are just a couple of ways that Respite is becoming more caregiver-oriented. Hopefully, more change will occur in the future when CAP will open a drop-off center for Respite participants. The facility will be located in a residential home in either Johnson or Floyd County.

"We have the vision and the plan," said Becky. "Now all we need is the money to run it, which, hopefully, a donor will provide."

To participants like Irene, the drop-off facility would be a blessing. Jackie, who enjoys outings, could conceivably stay at the center and interact with other individuals requiring care while Irene takes a break.

"I'm looking forward to such a place being built and I'm excited that CAP is taking on such a project," says Irene. With the trust that has been built between Jackie and Respite worker Gertrude Moore, it is with a faithful heart that Irene looks forward to such a place.

"We'll have to just keep looking forward and just pray," said Irene, with a smile in her voice.

The center's in-house Respite services would complement, not replace, the current in-home care services currently provided by Respite.

"We're adding on and expanding," says Becky. "Hopefully this will give our caregivers even more options than ever before."

Driven

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istry's "global decade."

"He's a person of extraordinary ability and could be the CEO of a major organization. He reinterprets the tradition and he does so brilliantly," says Edmund Gibbs, professor of church growth at the Fuller Seminary in Pasadena.

Warren's emphasis on approachable Christianity is reflected at Saddleback, where worshippers can choose from nearly two dozen services that feature different styles of live music, from heavy metal to reggae to hula. Pastors preach in T-shirts and hand out fill-in-the-blank flashcards that dovetail with the day's sermon.

"The Purpose Driven Life" has the same feel, with each of its 40 lessons divided into chapters on the "five eternal purposes." Each lesson consists of a few simple pages of large type liberally sprinkled with drawings, quote boxes and summaries of key points.

Each lesson ends with a "point to ponder," a "verse to remember" and a "question to consider."

Donna Petit, a former Roman Catholic who joined Saddleback Church 11 years ago with her husband, says the church and the book have helped her fully understand the biblical message behind the Catholic liturgy for the first time.

"Religion before didn't give me the reality of who God can be — that he can be sleeping, eating, breathing," says Petit, a 37-year-old stay-at-home mom. "Pastor Rick takes these huge concepts and squishes them down. And because of that, it's doable, you know, I can trust God for today."

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Truman Akers, 78, of Bevinville, died Monday, March 21, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruth Ann Blackmore, 38, of Ormond Beach, Florida, formerly of Floyd County, died Wednesday, March 23, at her home. Funeral arrangements, are under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Julia Ann Boyd, 71, of Banner, died Sunday, March 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Charles E. Chaffins, 67, of Garrett, died Thursday, March 17, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Sadie L. Hicks Chaffins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ronald Craig (Tom) Dillon, 33, of Dana, was dead on arrival at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg, Thursday, March 22. He is survived by his wife, Melissa Keathley Dillon. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Orleen Castle Flanery, 77, of Martin, died Tuesday, March 15, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bethel Mae Johnson Hall, 70, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, March 22, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ray Hamilton Jr., 66, of Beaver, died Wednesday, March 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Clozetta Crawford Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Opal Montana Howard, 70, of Petersburg, Virginia, a native of Emma, died Monday, March 21, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, MSG Raymond Howard. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Woodrow "Nine Beard" Jarrell, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 23, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Janie Crum Jarrell. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ray Layne, 80, of Dema, died Monday, March 21, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mary Slone Layne. Funeral services were held Friday, March 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Pat Moore, 72, of Allen, died Tuesday, March 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Helen Smith Moore. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John Henry Shepherd, 75, of Gunlock, died Wednesday, March 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ella Arnett Shepherd. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mae Slone, 79, of Wheelwright, died Saturday,

March 19, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Katherine Stratton, 97, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Wednesday, March 23, at Heartland of Miamisburg, Miamisburg, Ohio. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, March 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Kaitlyn Nashae Tackett, infant daughter of Stevie Joe Tackett, and Franchesca Case, both of Galveston, died Sunday, March 20, at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dickie Davis (Paul Richard) Wallace, 55, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ersey Williams, 74, of Bevinville, died Sunday, March 20, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Mary Rose Amburgey, 57, of Ironton, Ohio, formerly of Pinetop, died Friday, March 18, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Chad Rondal Caudill, 65, of Richmond, Kentucky, formerly of Knott County, died Sunday, February 13, at his home. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, February 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

David Dwayne Mosley, 40, of Carrie, died Monday, March 21, the result of an accident. He is survived by his wife, Angela Sue Barber Mosley. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruby Stacy, 68, of Leburn, died Sunday, March 20, at the Hazard ARMC. She is survived by her husband, William Stacy. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Herma Taylor Watts, 88, of Jacksonville, Florida, formerly of Knott County, died Friday, March 18, at St. Luke Hospital, Jacksonville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

PIKE COUNTY

Jimmy "Hamp" Adkins, 48, of Greasy Creek Road, Shelbiana, died Sunday, March 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 23, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Morgan Adkins, 89, of Shelbiana, formerly of Wolfpit, died Thursday, March 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 27, in the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are under direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

James Caldwell, 93, died Wednesday, March 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Harold Dean Clevinger, 70, of Strongsville, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Monday, March 7, in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Anna

Clevinger. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 10, under the direction of Jardine Funeral Home of Strongsville.

Ernest Coleman, 81, of Pikeville, died Sunday, March 13, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held at noon Wednesday, March 16, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Melvin Collins Jr., 69, of Ashcamp, died Friday, March 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Mullins Collins. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Jerry Dean Fuller, 45, of Steele, died Wednesday, March 16, at his residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Chester A. Gray, 74, of Bellevue, Michigan, formerly of Island Creek, has died. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 23, under the direction of Bellevue Southgate Michigan Funeral Home.

Lloyd Greer, 90, of Pikeville, died at 1202 a.m. Friday, March 18, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 20, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Opal Honaker, 85, of Simpsonville, a native of Stone, died Thursday, March 17, at the Friendship Manor Nursing Home at Pewee Valley. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 19, under the direction of Shannon Funeral Service.

Edna Wolford Hunt, 88, of Phelps, died Tuesday, March 22, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 26, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Denise Willis Hurley, 64, of Majestic, died Friday, March 18, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Roy Lee Hurley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 22, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Robbie Dwayne Lamb, 40, of Stoney Point, North Carolina, formerly of Pikeville, died Friday, March 18, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 22, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

John Richard Maynard, 67, of Belfry, died Tuesday, March 22, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W.Va. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne Ann Maynard. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 24, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Gary Dean Miller, 56, a Pike County native, died March 10, at his residence in London. He is survived by his wife, Elender Goode Miller. Funeral services were held Monday, March 14.

Elder Wallace Muncy, 75, of Hatfield, died Thursday, March 17, at Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 20, under the direction of the Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Ima Jean Newsome, 74, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, March 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Alvin Buster Newsome. Funeral services were held Friday, March 25, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ellene Childers Ramey, 79, of Little Beaver, Elkhorn City, died Monday, March 21, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 24, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Roy W. Scott Sr., 89, of Sugar Land, Texas, formerly of Pikeville, died Monday, February 28. He is survived by his wife, Genora Roberts Scott. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Diana Lynn Sellards, 51, of McAndrews, died Monday, March 21, in the emergency room at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 24, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Jerry Lynn Shields, 36, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, March 16, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 19, under the direction of the Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Beatrice Belcher Thacker, 73, of Mouthcard, died Monday, March 21, at Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center, Bristol, Tennessee. Funeral services were held at noon Thursday, March 24, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Leo Wolford, 75, of Jamboree, died Saturday, March 19, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Imogene Wolford. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 23, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

James Edward Adkins, 36, of Johnson County, died Sunday, March 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 24, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

William T. Bradley, 87, of Kenova, West Virginia, a Van Lear native, died Thursday, March 17, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Sparks Bradley. Private graveside services were held Sunday, March 20, 2 p.m., at the Ridgelawn Memorial Park in Huntington, West Virginia, under the direction of Rollins Funeral Home of Kenova.

Melinda Ann Branham, 50, of Boons Camp, died Friday, March 18, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, Randall Branham. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 22, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

Grace Carpenter, 96, of Paintsville, died Thursday, March 17, at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 20, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Bobby Ray Chafin, 50, of Salt Rock, West Virginia, a Paintsville native, died Monday, March 14, at St. Mary's Medical Center. Funeral ser-

VICES were conducted Friday, March 18, under the direction of Chapman's Mortuary, Huntington, West Virginia.

George Daniels, 68, of Boons Camp, died Sunday, March 20, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Alice Preston Daniels. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 23, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

James Michael "Mike" Daniels, 42, of Boons Camp, died Friday, March 18, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Sharon L. Webb Daniels. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 20, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Eileen Castle Easterday, 73, of Wabash, Indiana, a Paintsville native, died Friday, March 11, at Miller's Merry Manor East, of Wabash. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 13 under the direction of Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Manchesters Avenue Chapel, Wabash.

Beulah Boggs Jordan, 77, a native of Blaine, died Tuesday, March 22, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, March 25, under the direction of the Wilson Funeral Home.

Lelah Combs Litteral, 77, of Mobile, Alabama, formerly of Paintsville, died March 15. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lillian L. Meade, 86, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, March 23, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, March 25, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ray 'Prater' Stambaugh, 86, died Saturday, March 19, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 22, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Jay Wendell Allen, 46, of Salyersville, died Thursday, March 17, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Cole Allen. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 20, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Sandy May Carpenter, 63, of Salyersville, died Friday, March 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, George Carpenter. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 21, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Thelma Brown Coffee, 85, of Salyersville, died Thursday, March 17. Funeral services were conducted, under the direction of Magoffin County

Funeral Home.

Kindle Joseph Jr., 59, of Royalton, died Friday, March 18, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Anna Wilson Joseph. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 21, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

John Henry Shepherd, 75, of Gunlock, died Wednesday, March 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ella Arnett Shepherd. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dannie Ward, 50, of Salyersville, died Thursday, March 17, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 19, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Sarah Linda Carter, 58, of Beauty, died Thursday, March 17, at Rt. 40, Inez. She is survived by her husband, Homer Carter. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 20, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Bobby Ray Chafin, 50, of Salt Rock, West Virginia, a Paintsville native, died Monday, March 14, at St. Mary's Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 18, under the direction of Chapman's Mortuary, Huntington, West Virginia.

Homer Chafins, 71, died Monday, March 14. He is survived by his wife, Irene Marcum. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 17, at Woodyard Chapel.

Grace Pinson Elkins Curry, 85, of Grundy, Va., a Martin County native, died Thursday, March 17, at Buchanan General Hospital in Grundy. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 20, under the direction of Shortridge-Ramey Funeral Home Chapel.

Vivian M. Slone, 83, of Inez, died Sunday, March 20, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 23, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Virginia Dye Borders, 68, of Louisa, formerly of Jenkins, died Wednesday, March 16, at the Three Rivers Medical Center emergency room. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 20, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Lin Dale Marcum, 57, of Louisa, died Wednesday, March 16, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 19, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

In Loving Memory of

Adam Wright

September 12, 1977 - March 26, 2003

It's surprising how often I think of you—24 hours a day. Sometimes I turn to speak to you and realize you're not even there.

I guess I hold you so close to my heart, your smiles always light up my heart.


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Someday I know you will come back for me and Daddy.

We miss and love you so much, and someday we'll all be together, and you told me the last day I saw you, not to cry—it broke your heart to see me cry—and you'd be right back.

I'm still waiting for you—it took my heart out of my body when you didn't come back to us.

Sadly missed by
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Loving and missing you always.



Football all-star game moved to Papa John's

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE – Due to the ongoing renovation at the University of Kentucky's Commonwealth Stadium, this year's Kentucky-Tennessee all-star football game had to be moved. The game will be played June 17 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville. Kickoff for the game has been set for 7 p.m. Kentuckian Jimmie Reed is again serving as the game director.

The Kentucky All-Stars will begin practice on the UK campus June 12.

Last season, Danville standout Charles Penix accounted for 130 yards of the Kentucky team's offense and scored the game-winning touchdown as the visiting team from the Bluegrass State beat host Tennessee, in Neyland Stadium, 28-23.

Prestonsburg Blackcat Nicholas Jamerson played in last year's Kentucky-Tennessee all-star game, seeing playing time on defense in the secondary and on special teams.

■ Mike Jackson is the new head football coach at Pikeville High School. Jackson comes to the Panther football program from Oldham County. Jackson guided Oldham County to a 6-5 record during the 2004 season.

■ After 10 years at the helm, Dave Thomas is stepping down as Pikeville High School boys' basketball coach. In 1999, Thomas coached Pikeville to the 15th Region title.

Thomas also coached baseball at Pikeville.

Lady Patriots fall to Iroquois

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN – Fourteenth Region Champion Knott County Central had its dream season end Thursday night in the first round of the state tournament. Iroquois, Knott County Central's opponent in the opening round, set the tone early and went on to beat the Lady Patriots 98-72, eliminating the 14th Region champ.

Laquisha Wharton paced Iroquois with 23 points. Tascha Gibson added 21 points and 10 rebounds. Adia Mathies finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

The Lady Raiders set a record for first half scoring, totaling 51 points and another record for points in a game, breaking a mark previously set by Perry County Central back in 2002 when the Lady Commodores posted 88 points in a state tourney game.

Knott County Central held its own early on, but a 13-2 Iroquois run in the second quarter set the two teams apart. After that run, Knott Central struggled to keep the margin under double-digits.

University of Kentucky signee Kasi Mullins-Galloway paced Knott Central with a game-high 29 points.

IROQUOIS 98,

KNOTT COUNTY CENTRAL 72

IROQUOIS (26-4) – Wharton 8-12 4-6 23, Reed 1-2 2-4 5, Foster 0-1 0-0 0, Mathies 3-9 1-2 7, Hickman 3-

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Mayfield, Labonte test at Kentucky Speedway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA – Aerodynamic changes that helped Jeremy Mayfield to a season-best 13th-place Nextel Cup Series finish in Atlanta last week led to a possible season-changing breakthrough during a test at Kentucky Speedway on Thursday.

After closing out last season 10th in the 10-race Chase for the Nextel Cup, the No. 19 team averaged a 23rd-place finish through the first three races of the season while working with the new Dodge Charger body and adjusted spoiler height mandated by NASCAR.

When changes made for the Atlanta race led to improved results, Mayfield and his team made a commitment to further explore those changes by testing during the series off week.

"We started the season with a lot of new Chargers and, with the new rules, we got a couple of races into it and thought, whoa, we need to rethink this whole thing," Mayfield said. "We were trying to do something a little bit different."

"We went in the direction we thought we needed to go because we

(See SPEEDWAY, page three)



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Kentucky
Speedway

Kentucky native Jeremy Mayfield (left) was one of two Cup drivers to test at Kentucky Speedway this past week.

Betsy Layne now looks to new leaders

photos by Drew
Bewley

All of a sudden for Betsy Layne, the future is now. Left: Junior Candice Meade will return next season as Betsy Layne's lone starter back from this year's 15th Region title team.



Below: Whitney Tackett was one of the Ladycats who saw a considerable amount of playing time in a reserve role.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Sure, it's a long way off, but when the Betsy Layne Ladycats take the floor for the first time in the 2005-06 season, in late-fall, many players will already have big-game and tournament experience behind them.

Take for instance, Candice Meade. Betsy Layne's starting five consisted of four seniors – Kim Clark, Kristal Daniels, Kristen Smith and Breann Akers. Meade, a junior, joined the other four seniors in the Ladycat starting unit. Meade's stats may not have been as impressive as her senior teammates, but she more than held her own. In the regional championship win over then-defending champion Pike County Central, Meade took on the role of a solid all-around player, dishing out eight assists and pulling down seven rebounds. Meade was the only Betsy Layne starter that wasn't named to the 15th Region All-Tournament. But she was deserving of the honor.

Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers acknowledged that the junior forward had a key role in the Ladycats making it back to Bowling Green and the state tournament, saying, "Candice Meade really showed what she can do in the (regional) championship game, seven rebounds and eight assists was a great performance."

As most all basketball teams do, Betsy Layne had to battle through more than its share of foul trouble at various times throughout the 2004-05 season. In the regional tournament, 15th Region fans got a glimpse of what's to come for Betsy Layne as several reserve players that will no doubt next season carry huge roles with four players leaving the program.

"Nicole Spurlock, Whitney Tackett, Becky Tackett and Kaitlin Lawson coming

in off the bench provided us with steady play in the regional tournament, especially in the Belfry game when our starters were in foul trouble," Akers added. "Those players will have to be ready to step up for us next season."

The Betsy Layne girls' basketball

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Sullivan, Marshall, Lamb headed to Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Top-notch recruits keep gravitating to the Pikeville College program. Head coach Jerry Mynatt recently picked up three more new Bears as a trio of talented Eastern Kentucky seniors signed to play college football.

Pikeville High's Josh Sullivan, Breathitt County's Justin Lamb and Magoffin County's Bradley Marshall have all signed to play football at Pikeville College. All three high school seniors contributed to their school's football program's on both offense and defense.

Sullivan is an offensive/defensive lineman, who went into the 2004 season ranked as the top player in Class A, Region 4. During the 2004 campaign, he proved the lofty pre-season billing to be true, often dominating opposing players.

After transferring from Perry County Central to Breathitt County, it didn't take Lamb long to fit into the Breathitt County football program. Lamb was a top target for Breathitt County senior quarterback Jacob Hundley. On defense, Lamb played in the Breathitt defensive secondary. Also headed to the next level, Hundley has signed to play football for Division I-AA member Eastern Kentucky University.

Marshall was also a proven pass-catcher, starring for Magoffin County.

Earlier this year, Prestonsburg's Nicholas Jamerson and John Mark Stephens and Belfry's Doug Howard all committed to play football for the Bears next season. The Pikeville College football program is now loaded with Eastern Kentucky talent.

Mynatt, who came to Pike County from East Tennessee State University, where he served as an assistant coach of that school's now-defunct football program, is now 12-9 in two seasons at Pikeville.

Last season was the best football campaign in Pikeville College history.

Mynatt's team opened the 2004 season on a roll, winning its first five games. Pikeville finished the 2004 season with an 8-3 overall record, while going 8-2 in the Mid-South Conference. The Bears ended the campaign with a 24-7 win over Mid-South Conference rival Campbellsville and finished 22nd in the national rankings. The win over Campbellsville was Pikeville's first.

Howard Gold Medal Winner in Winter Special Olympics



Tyler Howard, the grandson of Aaron "Bud" and Aileen Howard of Garrett, placed first in the 50-meter snowshoe race in February during the Special Olympics Winter Olympics, held in Wausau, Wis. He also received a silver medal for a second-place finish in the 100-meter snowshoe race. Tyler Howard is the son of Greg and Cherrie Howard.

Cats advance to WNIT Semifinals

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON – Senior guard/forward Sara Potts sank a jumper from the left wing with 35 seconds remaining and nailed 4-of-4 critical free-throws in the final 15 seconds, as the Kentucky women's basketball team rallied from a 14-point second-half deficit to defeat Xavier, 67-62, Thursday in Memorial Coliseum. The Wildcats overcame a halftime deficit for only the second time this season. UK advances to the semifinals of the Sportsview.tv Women's National Invitation Tournament Monday, March 28 vs. West Virginia. Game time is 7 p.m. EST in Memorial Coliseum.

Potts scored 29 of her 31 points in the second half, one point shy of her career-high 32 set in the Cats' (18-15) last outing vs. Chattanooga. The Wildcats scored the game's final 14 points, including 11 from Potts. The senior, not wanting her Kentucky career to end, made 12-of-23 shots from the field. Her 12 field goals

were a career high. Senior forward Keiko Tate ended the game with six rebounds.

With 17 seconds remaining in the game and the Cats leading by only one, 63-62, Xavier sharp shooter Tara Boothe was picked off by senior UK guard Danyelle Payne. Potts came away with the loose ball and was instantly fouled. She went on to hit 4-of-4 clutch free throws in the final 15 seconds to seal the win. Payne ended the game with 11 points and three steals.

The UK senior class of Payne, Potts and Tate combined for 44 points and 20 rebounds.

"Wow – what a game," UK Coach Mickie DeMoss said. "I thought we had a great comeback. The thing I liked about what I saw tonight was the fact that we never quit. We kept believing that we could win the game. Our seniors, I could see it in their eyes. They weren't ready for the season to be over. Our seniors stepped up big. The whole team (stepped up big), but I saw that will

in the three seniors. I'm very proud of this win. It's a huge win for this program."

After falling behind by their largest deficit, 40-26, early in the second half, the Wildcats began to make a comeback to ignite a raucous Memorial Coliseum crowd of 3,531. A three-pointer by Potts at the 16:52 mark brought the Cats back into the game at 43-34. Following a pair of Xavier free-throws, Potts made back-to-back baskets in under a minute, including a resounding three-pointer at the top of the key to pull Kentucky to within six, 45-39 with 14:50 remaining in the game.

Despite numerous attempts by the Musketeers (22-10) to hold off the Wildcats, a jumper from the left block by Tate kept UK within six (51-45) at the 11:37 mark. After another basket by Potts, a UK block on the other end resulted in a Potts basket to pull the Cats to within four, 53-49, with just over nine minutes left.

"I think their star player taking over (was the difference)," Xavier

Coach Kevin McGuff said. "Sara Potts was outstanding the whole second half, especially down the stretch. She made every huge shot that they needed. She played a great game."

The Cats continued fighting as Potts hit a jumper in the lane with 7:06 left to pull UK to within two, 55-53. Xavier's Suntana Granderson hit a three to spark a 7-0 run and put the Musketeers ahead 62-53 with 5:18 remaining. A three-pointer by Potts brought UK to within three, 62-59, with 3:24 left. A crafty spin move by Potts in the lane cut the deficit to one, 62-61, with 2:30 to go. Xavier's three-point attempt on the ensuing possession went wide of the hoop.

The Wildcats overcame a mediocre shooting performance (11-of-28) in the first half to shoot 50 percent (16-of-32) in the second period. UK ended the game shooting 45 percent (27-of-60). The Wildcats trailed 34-24 at halftime and managed to shoot only 39.3 percent (11-of-28)

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Leaders

program wasn't without unknowns heading into the 2004-05 season. The graduation of seniors Whitney Lykens and Tabitha Witt left a void. But the collective mix of incoming

senior talent and underclass players pushed ahead, leading Betsy Layne to a second regional championship in three years. In past off-seasons, Akers has kept her team busy during

the summer with various games, some played as part of camps. Look for the Ladycats to hit the court early on this off-season as they prepare to defend another regional title.

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photos by Drew Bewley

With four starters gone, a host of players will have to step up and play key roles next season for the Betsy Layne Ladycats. Over the past two years, Betsy Layne has said goodbye to six senior girls' basketball players, including four this season.

Fall

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KNOTT COUNTY CENTRAL (30-4)—Slone 0-0 0-0 0, Mosley 4-12 3-6 11, Conley 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 4-18 0-0 10, Gibson 1-1 0-0 2, Faine 1-2 0-0

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Halftime—Lou. Iroquois 51, Knott Co. Central 40. 3-point goals—Lou. Iroquois 8-17 (Wharton 3-5, Gibson 2-3, Reed 1-1, Mathies 1-1, Hickman 1-3, Foster 0-1, Goodwin 0-1,

Mathies 0-2), Knott Co. Central 3-22 (Johnson 2-10, Mullins-Galloway 1-5, Thomas 0-1, Mosley 0-6). Fouled out—Hall, He, Martin. Rebounds—Lou. Iroquois 50 (Gibson 12), Knott Co. Central 43 (Johnson 15). Assists—Lou. Iroquois 14 (Mathies 6), Knott Co. Central 7 (Mullins-Galloway 3). Total fouls—Lou. Iroquois 19, Knott Co. Central 20. A-4,415.

Horses shipped to Florida test positive for strangles

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — At least four horses shipped from Churchill Downs' Trackside training facility to Florida have tested positive for a bacterial infection, a Florida official said.

Dr. William Jeter, a Florida agriculture department veterinarian, said Thursday the horses at Palm Meadows training center in Boynton Beach, Fla., were shipped from Trackside on Jan. 18.

Another horse, the first diagnosed at Palm Meadows, was moved from an unidentified Kentucky farm and officials are investigating whether it had been stabled at Trackside.

The horses are among seven trained by Dale Romans that have tested positive for strangles at Palm Meadows. Horses in three barns there have been isolated from the general horse population.

Horses in Romans' barn at Trackside have been tested for the disease and are under quarantine. In December, several of Romans' horses came down with strangles at Churchill Downs

and were kept at the track after the barns closed Dec. 31.

Romans was in the United Arab Emirates for Saturday's \$6 million Dubai World Cup and could not be reached for comment. Calls to his Churchill Downs barn went unanswered.

Strangles, a bacterial infection that can cause a horse's lymph nodes to swell and rupture, can be fatal in extreme cases, but most horses recover.

Two other Louisville-based trainers said Thursday they had isolated cases of strangles in December, the first indication that the disease may have spread more widely than horsemen originally thought.

Jimmy Baker said he moved a seemingly healthy horse from Churchill Downs to Trackside on Dec. 13. Three days later the horse became ill and subsequent testing revealed it had strangles.

Baker said the horse stayed in his Trackside barn and was not taken out of its stall to walk until every other horse in the barn had been out for the day.

"We were just really careful," he said. "Any time anyone

went in and out of the stall, we just washed our hands and shoes with bleach. We were very lucky to contain it."

Because of the incubation period, Baker believes his horse was infected at Churchill, although he does not know how. Baker said Churchill is handling the matter "extremely well" and stressed that horses with strangles recover and race again. His sick horse missed 40 training days but is back running.

Trainer David Vance said he sent a filly from Churchill to a clinic as a precaution in early December when she started acting abnormally. She was diagnosed with strangles and spent a month at the clinic before going to a Lexington farm equipped to handle such horses.

Vance said the filly "checked clean twice" before she was sent to his winter barn at Oaklawn Park in Arkansas in early February and has had no other problems.

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Mountaineers no longer fit underdog label

by PETE HERRERA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Underdogs? Not the way West Virginia keeps knocking out some of college basketball's heavyweights.

The seventh-seeded Mountaineers extended their stunning run in the NCAA tournament with a 65-60 win over Texas Tech in the regional semifinals Thursday night.

"We're not one of those powerhouse — Duke or North Carolina — yet," said guard Patrick Beilein after the Mountaineers' latest win over a higher-seeded team. "We like being under the radar. We just got hot at the right time."

Just about everything is going right for the Mountaineers (24-10) in March. Next up is a battle with Rick Pitino's Louisville Cardinals in Saturday's regional final.

The Cardinals (32-4) beat No. 1 seed Washington 93-79 in the other semifinal.

"They have great players. It seems like everybody is a full-back or a power forward," West Virginia guard Mike Gansey said.

The Mountaineers haven't been intimidated by size or seedings so far.

Once a bubble team and no better than an eighth seed in the Big East tournament, they beat Creighton in the first round, took out No. 2 seed Wake Forest in double overtime and knocked Bob Knight and the Red Raiders out of the NCAA with another clutch, down-to-the-final-minute win.

The Mountaineers are in a regional final for the first time since 1959 — the year Jerry West led them to the national championship game.

"It's just huge for our state and huge for our program" said

Kevin Pittsnogle, whose two free throws with 17.2 seconds left sealed the Mountaineers' sixth win in seven games.

"Thrilled. It's the best word I can use to describe it for our state, our university and especially our players," coach John Beilein said.

Pittsnogle scored 22 points, the final two coming from the free-throw line to make it 64-60. Before stepping up to the line, Pittsnogle got a mental assist from his coach.

"Coach told me to think about my wife," said the recently married forward. "That kind of cheered me up, and I didn't think about anything else."

Beilein said he got the tip from talking to sports psychologists.

"They always say to make them feel relaxed and happy," Beilein said. "I said 'You have a wonderful wife and family. Think about that while you're

out there.'"

They needed something good to think about after watching a 62-55 lead dwindle to two points. The Mountaineers won despite not scoring a field goal over the last 3:54.

Pittsnogle carried the Mountaineers down the stretch and his 3-pointer with 6:10 left put West Virginia ahead to stay at 56-53.

But the Red Raiders (23-11), battling for their first trip to the round of eight, didn't go down easily. A three-point play by Jarius Jackson and a layup by Devonne Giles — his first points since the opening minutes, cut West Virginia's lead to 62-60 with 1:17 left.

With the Mountaineers on their heels, Pittsnogle bailed them out. Jackson stole the ball near midcourt and raced in for a layup, but Pittsnogle blocked it with 57 seconds remaining. In the battle for the loose ball, the

Red Raiders got three offensive rebounds and four shots, but all missed.

"That's exactly how I thought the game would go," Knight said. "I did not think it was going to be easy at all to score against them."

The ball started to roll out of bounds near Texas Tech's bench and Beilein's son, Patrick, managed to save it and call a timeout with 30.5 seconds left to set up the free throws.

D'or Fischer added a free throw in the final seconds.

Knight, in his fourth season at Texas Tech, was in the regional semifinals for the first time since 1994 with Indiana, the school he coached to three national titles before a messy divorce in September 2000. Knight's 854 career wins are 25 shy of Dean Smith's NCAA Division I men's basketball record of 879.

Ronald Ross led Texas Tech

with 16 points, but had four of the Red Raiders' 16 turnovers.

The Mountaineers, who hit nine 3s in the 111-105 double-overtime win over Wake Forest in the second round, hit six of their first nine 3s in this one, including four straight to take a 22-14 lead with 12:03 left in the first half. Gansey hit three and Beilein the other.

They were still up by seven when Beilein scored with 9:13 left, but the Mountaineers then went scoreless for nearly 7 minutes. But in the end, West Virginia made enough plays and defensive stops to win.

Notes: Knight stayed at 45 NCAA tournament wins, two behind John Wooden, who is third on the career list. ... Giles and Pittsnogle turned the game's first 4 1/2 minutes into a one-on-one shootout. Giles had all 10 of the Red Raiders' points over that stretch and Pittsnogle scored the Mountaineers' first seven.

Louisville 93, Washington 79

by EDDIE PELLIS
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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A great coach like Rick Pitino can make a huge impact from the bench. A pair of top-notch guards like Nate Robinson and Tre Simmons most definitely cannot.

Pitino devised a plan to get Washington's top scorers in foul trouble and Louisville got a combined 10 3-pointers from Francisco Garcia and Taquan Dean to defeat the Huskies 93-79 in the NCAA regional semifinals Thursday night.

"They are a very good basketball team," an impressed Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said. "They went out and did what was needed to win this ballgame."

Pitino's instruction to penetrate, then kick the ball out, was a double-whammy for top-seeded Washington (29-5). It got the Huskies guards in foul trouble, and also led to a total of 11 3-pointers for the Cardinals (32-4), who improved to 24-1 this season when they make at least seven from long range.

"Coach said when I'm open, please shoot the ball," Garcia said. "I saw a couple of open shots and I took them."

The Cardinals moved on to Saturday's regional final against West Virginia, which beat Bobby Knight and Texas Tech 65-60. They also ended the debate about whether Washington really deserved its top seeding or Louisville got ripped off by being given only a No. 4.

"Um, that's not something we think about," forward Larry O'Bannon said. "Coach tells us, 'You've got to go out there and play the game,' so we just go out there and play."

Garcia, who finished with 23 points, made three 3-pointers

and had an assist as part of a 21-5 run to close the first half and help Louisville to a 47-35 lead.

Through most of that stretch, Robinson and Simmons were languishing on the bench with three fouls. Robinson picked up his third at the 8:51 mark, and Simmons received up his third with 3:50 left.

"It was weird," Washington guard Brandon Roy said. "I was playing, kind of going through the motions, I looked at Coach and said, 'Why isn't Nate in there?' He said Nate had three fouls. It was kind of disappointing."

Robinson's only field goal of the night came off a steal and dunk early in the second half. Shortly afterward, Washington's Hakeem Rollins made back-to-back baskets to pull the Huskies within 67-61.

But less than two minutes later, Garcia hit his fifth 3-pointer to make it 76-65 and the Cardinals never let the lead fall below double digits.

"You wonder what it would've been like if they hadn't been making all the 3s," Romar said. "But they've won 31 other times this year. I'm sure there are 31 other teams who have said that."

Juan Palacios shot 6-for-11 for 14 points and Ellis Myles had eight points and 13 boards to help Louisville finish with an 11-rebound advantage in the battle between teams not known for their inside presence.

Robinson finished with eight points — 0-for-5 from 3-point range — and Simmons went 3-for-6 for 10 points.

The guards, each averaging more than 16 points this season, struggled mightily in the second half, unable to shake either Louisville's 2-3 zone defense or the effects of sitting on the bench for such a long time earlier. Jamaal Williams

finished with 18 points, Roy had 15 and Will Conroy had 14 points and eight assists to keep the Huskies within reach.

But neutralizing the Huskies guards was the key, and Pitino deserves a tip of the hat for that. Not only did the inside-outside strategy work, but the veteran coach with 448 career wins and four trips to the Final Four also mercilessly worked the officials over the first 9 1/2 minutes, while the Cardinals were picking up six fouls.

Louisville only committed two more the rest of the half while both Simmons and Robinson — neither of them normally foul prone — found themselves on the bench.

"We have a normal rotation and that was disrupted tonight," Romar said. "But give Louisville credit. They put us in positions where we had to foul."

Thus ended a very nice run for the Huskies, who won the Pac-10 tournament and surprised pretty much everyone but themselves when they picked up their top seeding. This was their first trip to the regional semifinals since 1998, but the Huskies will have to wait to make the Final Four; they haven't been there since 1953.

Louisville, meanwhile, is seeking its eighth trip to the Final Four and its first since 1986, when coach Denny Crum and Pervis Ellison led the Cards to the national title.

Pitino was last there in 1997, when he coached Kentucky. He's one game away from returning in this, his fourth season with the Cardinals.

"They're real good," Conroy said. "They do a lot of things in their offense that kind of expose what we do on defense. They did a good job of making shots. It's one thing to shoot them, it's another thing to make them."

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from the floor in the opening period.

Kentucky led 6-5 early in the game, but trailed the rest of the half. Xavier went on an 8-0 run to quickly build a 13-6 advantage on the first of two free-throws by Boothe. UK

was able to trim the Musketeers' lead to four, 18-14, at the 9:29 mark on three consecutive baskets including a shot in deep by Humphrey to cap off a 4-0 Cats' run. Xavier then went on a 10-2 run to extend its edge to 28-16 with

2:42 remaining in the first half. Boothe, who came into the game averaging 33.0 points per game in postseason play, scored a team-high 25 points to lead the Musketeers. She also added a team-high nine rebounds.

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Speedway

only had a few days to get ready for Atlanta. When we improved, we said we were going to test our butts off here this week and really figure it out. We hit on something today that's going to be huge for us the rest of the year. It will get the aero balance back where it needs to be. This is definitely going to be the turning point of our season."

He also hopes Thursday's discovery helps to bring a long-awaited close to the adjustment period with the Dodge Charger.

"A lot of teams just had to cut their spoiler off and go rac-

ing," Mayfield said. "We had a new nose and a new spoiler, basically, a whole new car. That sets you back a little bit. It hurt us for a couple weeks, but it only took us two weeks to figure out that we had a lot of work to do. A lot of teams might fight it all year long."

"If you don't get back what you had, somebody else will. When that happens, it looks like you can't drive because you have less downforce and less forward (bite). The balance numbers aren't where you need them. These guys driving well at the beginning of the year

look like heroes. It's just that they hit on a different path."

Joe Gibbs Racing driver Bobby Labonte also tested Thursday in an attempt to rebound from the poor luck that has plagued him in three of the four series races.

After losing an engine in the Daytona 500, Labonte rebounded with a 12th-place finish in the second race of the season in California. His resurgence was stopped cold when his involvement in early-race accidents in Las Vegas and Atlanta caused his plummet to 37th in the series standings.

Arizona 79, Oklahoma State 78

by RICK GANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Give the ball to Salim Stoudamire and get out of his way. That's what Arizona did Thursday night.

Stoudamire hit an off-balance jumper from the left side with 2.8 seconds left, sending Arizona to a thrilling 79-78 victory over Oklahoma State in the Chicago Regional semifinals and within one win of the Final Four.

When John Lucas' last-ditch attempt went off the rim at the buzzer, the Wildcats had another memorable victory under coach Lute Olson.

Arizona (30-6) will meet top-seeded Illinois on Saturday for a trip to St. Louis. The Illini (34-1) defeated Wisconsin-Milwaukee 77-63 Thursday.

Stoudamire scored 10 of his 19 points in the final 4:35 of the game and the Wildcats shot 66 percent (31-of-47).

Scoreless in the second half until six minutes remained, Stoudamire drove for a basket and then hit two NBA-range 3-pointers to get Arizona within 76-75.

After a defensive stop, Arizona's Channing Frye hit a short jumper, putting the Wildcats ahead 77-76 with a minute to go.

Joey Graham, who led Oklahoma State (26-7) with 26 points, then drove to the middle, lowered his shoulder and dropped in a short shot from the lane to give OSU its last lead at 78-77 with 18.8 seconds left.

After a timeout, Stoudamire waved his hand to clear out the floor and then maneuvered past Daniel Bobik and popped in a jumper from the left side, putting the Wildcats up 79-78 with 2.8 seconds left.

"I knew when it came down to crunch time I was going to step up," Stoudamire said. "I practice that shot everyday. Coach is always on me about going hard, I guess it paid off."

Arizona had a foul to give, cutting the clock to 1.3 seconds, but the Cowboys still managed to get off a decent shot. But Lucas' attempt from the corner hit the rim, denying coach Eddie Sutton a second straight trip to the Final Four.

"When I let it go, I thought it was going in," Lucas said. "When it hit the back of the rim my heart just dropped. This is my last time wearing an Oklahoma State jersey. It's just a real sad moment."

Olson is now 3-0 against

Sutton, his fellow 700-victory club member, but this was their first meeting ever in the NCAA tournament.

Saddled with two early fouls, Stoudamire played just 10 first-half minutes, but when the game seemed to be slipping away, he was there at the end.

Hassan Adams also finished with 19 points and had 10 rebounds for Arizona, and Frye added 15 points and 10 boards.

Graham, who'd scored just 15 points total in his team's first two tournament games, was a different player Thursday night, but it still wasn't enough.

James On Curry and Graham hit back-to-back 3-pointers and the Cowboys overcame an early seven-point second-half deficit to lead 52-51.

But the persistent Adams connected on his third 3-pointer and then followed up his own miss on the second try to put the Wildcats up 59-56, a lead that went to five when Frye hit a short jumper.

Graham hit a pair of 3-pointers and Stephen Graham made a three-point to give the Cowboys a 69-65 lead.

Stoudamire drove for a basket and after a 3-pointer by Curry he answered with one from NBA range, cutting the Cowboys lead to 72-70 with 3:57 left.

Adams scored 10 first-half points, took charge of the Wildcats' offense with Stoudamire on the bench with two fouls and put Arizona up at the break 41-38 by hitting a 3-pointer just before the buzzer.

Arizona shot 70 percent in the first half, making 16 of 23 shots and built an early 10-point lead.

"We take great pride in our defense," Sutton said. "Tonight, they just shot lights out."

But with Stoudamire off the floor earlier, the Cowboys took off on an 11-3 run, tying the game at 30-30 as Lucas and Ivan McFarlin hit back-to-back three-point plays and then taking a lead on two free throws by Graham.

Stoudamire, who had five 3-pointers and 28 points in second-round victory over UAB, came out firing.

He hit a pair of long-range '3s,' banked in another basket and the Wildcats also got three field goals from Ivan Radenovic to jump out 21-11 eight minutes into the game.

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- Franklin County
- Eastern (tie)
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- Butler

Fife becomes NCAA's youngest hoops coach

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Former Indiana basketball star Dane Fife became the nation's youngest Division I coach when he was hired by Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne.

Fife, 25, was a catalyst on the Hoosiers' Final Four team that lost to Maryland in the 2002 NCAA championship game.

Fife takes over a program that has struggled badly since receiving approval to move up from Division II in 2000.

Coach Doug Noll was fired in January after going 40-119 in more than five seasons with the Mastodons, including a 3-13 record last season before his dismissal. He was replaced by Joe Pechota, and IPFW finished 7-22.

Fife spent the last two seasons on Mike Davis' staff at Indiana.

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Patriot golf teams fare well in Florida

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSBURG — Cumberland College's men and women's golf teams recently traveled to Daytona Beach, Florida, to take place in the 15th Annual Eagle Invitational. The Patriot Ladies finished fifth out of nine teams, and the men finished 12th out of 21 teams.

The women's team was led by Jennifer Kieffer (Rockford, Ill.) who shot 170, and landed

the 12th place spot out of 42 others. Behind her was senior Trisha Price (Auburn, Ill.) who placed 23rd, and Katie Bowers (Cadiz) coming in with a 25th place finish. Elizabeth Bryant (Irvine) placed 29th, and Shannon Schottelkote (Greenfield, Ohio) came in at 32nd place, respectively.

Cumberland's men entered two teams in the Eagle Invitational, one slid into a 12th place finish and the other came

in 20th out of 21 teams. Leading the way for both Patriot teams was Barron Davis (Big Stone Gap, Va.) who finished 25th. Eric King (Ferguson) putted a 153 landing him in 37th. Trailing closely behind was Eddie Parman (London) who shot a 155 and came up with a 49th place finish. Anthony Savage (Mount Vernon, Ohio) rounded out the top 55 with his 54th place finish. There were over 100 men competing.



This past week, Adams Middle visiting John M. Stumbo as the Floyd County grade school volleyball season got underway. photos by Jamie Howell



VOLLEYBALL:

Allen Central beats MCA 2-1

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — The Allen Central Middle School Rebels gained its second win Thursday evening with consistent setting by Koko Martin and Hannah Howard and a strong attack game by Brittany Hodge, Natalie Glime and Koko Martin.

Mountain Christian Academy put up a strong effort but their defensive effort was no match for the Rebel serves and power offense. Hodge served 17 times, committing only one error and landing two aces. Sasha Jones came off the bench and had five serves and pound-

ing in two aces while committing no errors. Brittany Johnson, Glime, Martin, and Tiffany Clark skidded in one ace each. Allen Central committed only seven serving errors in 48 attempts for 85 percent.

The defense was not a high point for the Rebels as they committed 15 errors in 61 attempts for an average of 75 percent. However, Kimbo Blevins committed two errors in 11 attempts for 82 percent, enabling the setters to run the Allen Central offense. Jones dug up five without an error and Kristin Reed recorded six digs with one error.

Martin and Hannah Howard

ran the offense twenty-two times while committing three errors and earning eight assists, four assists each. Glime set up Martin once. Hodge pounded in three kills in six attempts for a .333 attack percentage and a .833 hitting percentage. Glime slapped in two kills out of three attempts for a kill ratio of .333 while hitting .667, and Martin dropped in two for a kill percentage of .250 and a hit average of .750. Blevins also smacked a kill for the night.

The Rebels are improving with each match and travel to South Floyd to take on the Raiders April 4.

One phone call changed Robertson's world

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Fifteen-game winner Jeriome Robertson was relaxing at his California home, nearing the end of what should have been an enjoyable offseason, when the phone rang.

Houston Astros manager Jimmy Williams was on the line, and that wasn't a good sign. Managers don't usually call players at home in January unless something significant is going on — usually, something bad.

"This was bad. 'I remember it like it was yesterday,'" said Robertson, who can recall every detail from that January 2004 conversation. "Basically I was told I wasn't going to be in the rotation."

Robertson, 27, has been trying to get back ever since.

The left-hander bounced from Houston to Triple-A Buffalo to Cleveland and then to Montreal's Triple-A team in Edmonton last year, a slippery slope that left him without a job in the offseason. The Cincinnati Reds had a couple of openings in their rotation, and offered him a chance to compete on a minor league contract.

He got the locker vacated by team captain Barry Larkin,

who retired in the offseason. He got a promise that the Reds would give him a close look.

With a dozen days left before the season opener, Robertson is trying not to think too much about whether he'll be playing in Cincinnati or Triple-A Louisville next month. "Nothing's been said," he said. "If you start reading into stuff too much, it doesn't do you any good as a player."

The rotation has three fixtures: opening day starter Paul Wilson, left-hander Eric Milton and right-hander Ramon Ortiz. The leading candidates for the last two spots are left-hander Brandon Claussen, who has no minor league options left, and right-hander Aaron Harang, who went 10-9 for the Reds last season.

Claussen has pitched well this spring, posting a 2.08 earned run average in five appearances. Harang has a 4.08 ERA in five games, while Robertson is at 4.09 after five games.

It has come down to the last two weeks of spring training, something that's second nature for Robertson. This time of the year is always a fight.

He and Tim Redding were competing for the final spot in the Astros' rotation in 2003, until Houston got rid of Shane Reynolds and kept them both.

Robertson had a breakout season — 15-9 (the most wins by any rookie in Astros history) and a 5.10 ERA in 31 starts and one relief appearance. He gave up 23 homers and 180 hits in 160 2-3 innings.

The 15 wins were nice, but the Astros were determined to do better — much better. They brought in Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens in the offseason, prompting that unforgettable January phone call to Robertson.

"Basically I was told I wasn't going to be in the rotation because of Pettitte and Clemens," Robertson said. "It was rough to handle after having a year in the big leagues."

It kept getting rougher. The Astros traded him to Cleveland, which sent him to the minors. He appeared in eight games for the Indians as a reliever — an unaccustomed role — and got hit hard. Then, he was dealt to Montreal.

Now, he's just looking for a chance to get back into a major league rotation and show that his rookie season — the one that went into the Astros' record book — wasn't a fluke. He'll have his answer in a few more days.

"You guys, come up to us asking where we stand," he said. "In this situation, I don't think anybody knows."

Jerry Kilgore named Food City 500 Grand Marshal

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — On Sunday, April 3, former Virginia Attorney General and Republican candidate for Governor Jerry Kilgore will have the honor of saying the four most famous words in motorsports — "Gentlemen, start your engines," at the 2005 Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Kilgore, a Gate City, Va. native, was chosen by Food City to be this year's Grand Marshal. He will officially send the field of 43 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series drivers off for the start of the Food City 500 at the "World's Fastest Half-Mile" in Bristol, Tenn.

"Jerry Kilgore is the perfect choice for our 2005 Food City 500 Grand Marshal because of his leadership in state government and he is dedicated to the ideals of the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia,"

said Steve Smith, chief executive officer and president of K-VA-T Food Stores Inc., Food City's parent company headquartered in Abingdon, Va. "Jerry has worked hard to represent all of Virginia but never forgetting his roots in southwest Virginia. Being a Scott County native he understands our region and the needs of his community."

"As a lifelong NASCAR fan and a native Southwest Virginian, it is a tremendous honor to be the Grand Marshal of the Food City 500," said Kilgore. "As I am saying the four most famous words in motorsports, I will say it with great pride for all that this race brings to this region."

Jerry Kilgore served as Virginia's 42nd Attorney General from January 2002 through February 2005. Prior to his election as Attorney General, Kilgore served as Secretary of Public Safety for then Governor George

Allen. Kilgore also served on the front lines of law enforcement as both a State and Federal prosecutor. Kilgore received his law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary in 1986 and is a graduate of University of Virginia's College at Wise (formerly Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia). Kilgore, 43, is a partner with the Richmond-based law firm of Williams Mullen and is married to a former public school teacher, Marty Kilgore. The Kilgore's have two young children, Klarke and Kelsey.

The Food City 500 is the fifth stop on the 36-race NASCAR Nextel Cup Series schedule. Kurt Busch is the defending Food City 500 champion.

The green flag will wave at 1:15 for the start of the Food City 500 on Sunday, April 3. The event will be televised live on FOX.

11 Cup drivers to participate in Sharpie Professional 250

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The field of drivers who will try to qualify for the Busch Series Sharpie Professional 250 Saturday at Bristol Motor Speedway has a distinctive NASCAR NEXTEL Cup flair as a total of 11 of the series' pilots will do double duty on race weekend.

Among the Cup drivers who will be working on Saturday and Sunday is Carl Edwards, who just came off his first Cup win last weekend at Atlanta. The back-flip loving Edwards already has found success at the half-mile oval, having captured the checkered flag in last August's Craftsman Truck Series race, the O'Reilly 200. Edwards' only Cup start at BMS came last August, where he finished 33rd.

Not surprisingly, seven of the other 10 Cup drivers who will

compete in the Sharpie Professional 250 have recorded wins in NASCAR Busch Series action at Bristol. Kevin Harvick, whose last Bristol Busch win came in the spring of 2003, has three wins. Matt Kenseth and Michael Waltrip have two wins apiece while Jeff Burton, Dale Jarrett, Sterling Marlin and Jeff Green each have one win. Neither Jeremy Mayfield, Greg Biffle nor Joe Nemechek have found their way to Bristol's Victory Lane yet.

The number of NEXTEL Cup drivers competing in the Sharpie Professional 250 is no surprise to Marlin.

"It's a good place to race a couple of times in a weekend," he said. "It's always a fun race, plenty of excitement and Bristol always gets a really big crowd in here for that race. The fans get to see really some beating

and banging and a lot of action. It's a good one to watch and it's not too hard on you to come back after that one and race 500 laps the next day."

Other former winners entered include David Green, Steve Grissom, Jason Keller, Jeff Fuller, Kenny Wallace and Martin Truex, Jr. Those going after their first Bristol wins include Shane Hmiel, Randy LaJoie, Justin Labonte and Michel Jourdain, Jr.

Truex, Jr., is the defending champion of the Sharpie Professional 250 which takes the green flag at 2:05 p.m. on Saturday, April 2. Tickets for the race, as well as Charter Communications Pole Day on Friday, April 1, are still available. Sharpie Professional 250 tickets costs begin at \$45 while tickets for Pole Day, which feature Cup qualifying at 5:40 p.m., are only \$15.

Alabama drops out of running for Hall of Fame

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Alabama has dropped out of the race to be home to the NASCAR Hall of Fame, leaving six other states in the running.

Alabama had proposed building the NASCAR hall between Birmingham and Talladega, which is about 40 miles east of Alabama's most populous city and home of the International Motorsports Hall of Fame and Talladega Superspeedway.

The director of the Alabama Development Office, Neal Wade, said Alabama has withdrawn from consideration for

the project, which is expected to cost the winning location a hefty financial commitment.

"We've looked at it very carefully. We think it's in our best interest to focus on what we already have," Wade said.

Others still in the running for the Hall of Fame are Charlotte, N.C.; Atlanta; Daytona Beach, Fla.; Kansas City, Kan.; and the states of Michigan and Virginia.

Ramsey Poston, NASCAR managing director for corporate communications, confirmed that Alabama had withdrawn from consideration for the project.

Wade said he feels it would be in Alabama's best interest to focus on the two major NASCAR races

at Talladega Superspeedway and the state's four major automotive manufacturers.

Local and state governments in some areas have reportedly committed as much as \$60 million to \$75 million to land the Hall of Fame.

"This was something that was going to take major corporate and government commitment to have any chance of succeeding," Wade said.

Alabama's bid was hurt when Hall of Fame driver Bobby Allison, a native of Hueytown in Birmingham's western suburbs, came out in support of locating the museum in the Charlotte area.

Reds 3, Devil Rays 2

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Hideo Nomo turned in his second consecutive solid performance for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Thursday night in a 3-2 loss to the Cincinnati Reds.

Nomo allowed one run and two hits in six innings. The right-hander held Philadelphia without an earned run last Saturday, giving up only two hits in four innings.

"I was able to bring the loca-

tion of the ball down in the strike zone," said Nomo, who struck out five and walked two. "I think I'm doing pretty good."

Hours earlier, the Devil Rays released left-hander Denny Neagle, who was also trying to revive his career.

"In my mind, I felt like I was getting there," Neagle said. "But again, I've been around long enough to understand the ins and outs of the game, and sometimes situations just aren't a good match."

The Reds weren't much of a

match for Nomo, who allowed just a two-out homer to Joe Randa in the second.

Cincinnati starter Aaron Harang also was solid in five scoreless innings. Fellow right-hander Ryan Wagner gave up one run in the eighth, but earned the win when the Reds scored twice in the ninth off Lance Carter.

Aubrey Huff had an RBI single for Tampa Bay.

Cincinnati has won four in a row and seven of eight.

ON A DIAMOND NEAR YOU...

Several area high school baseball and softball teams will begin their respective seasons

this week. Some that don't begin play this week will get things going next week. More

on the 2005 high school baseball and softball seasons will appear in Wednesday's edition.

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This Town, That World

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

NATURE DOES HER BEST

Black and green form the springtime color scheme in this county. Blackened hillsides burned as the result of carelessness, sometimes by uncaringness; a Big Sandy black from coal dust.

Nature, abused so cruelly and so often, comes back for more with its annual contribution of green, in a valiant effort to hide at least part of what man has done.



Norman Allen

MY FRIEND!

Paul C. Linkous, of Wheelwright, again takes time to write a friendly note to accompany his renewal to this publication. After reading it, I feel a little guilty about charging the guy for his paper. He writes:

"While we have many things in Floyd County that could and should be improved, your paper is not one of them. It is about the best edited and comprehensive coverage of news of any weekly paper I have seen. It's a pity your fishing falls short of your editorial ability. On the other hand, if it did not, fish would be but a memory for other fishermen."

Life is beautiful, sometimes, isn't it?

LIGHTLY DOES IT

The Jefferson Reporter at Buechel, Ky., recently printed this diet that has been making the rounds, and we pass it on to folks like yours truly, who don't diet, anyhow:

MONDAY—Breakfast: Weak tea; Lunch: One bouillon cube in one-half cup diluted water; Dinner: One pigeon thigh; three ounces prune juice (gargle only).

TUESDAY—Breakfast: Scraped crumbs from burned

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Women in History

Maxine S. Bierman



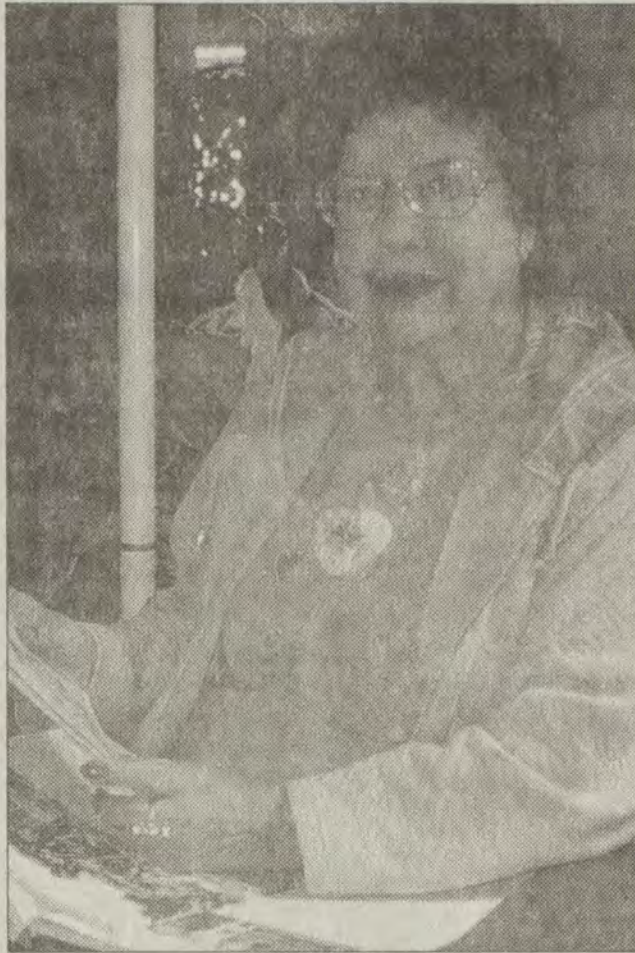
Maxine, at about 3 years old.



Maxine, with Mr. Arville Wheeler, author of "The Legend of Jenny Wiley," at the first Jenny Wiley Festival, held in October, 1982.



The dedication of a monument honoring the Jenny Wiley Festival. Shown, from left to right, are: Miss Jenny Wiley 1987, Erica Turner; Maxine S. Bierman, Gregory Stumbo, Mr. Stumbo's daughter, and Ann Latta, then mayor of Prestonsburg.



Maxine today, at home on a recent afternoon enjoying looking at photos of some of the first Jenny Wiley Festivals and sharing her memories of those pleasant, and hectic, days.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Maxine Bierman Founder, Jenny Wiley Festival

by Kathy J. Prater
 FEATURES EDITOR

Born in the very shadows of the place where Jenny Wiley escaped from her Indian captors, near East Point, on the Floyd-Johnson County line, Maxine remembers that as a young girl, her mother allowed her to borrow an ancient copy of the story of Jenny Wiley's life from an elderly neighbor.

Little did she know then that one day she would be moved to co-found the City of Prestonsburg's Jenny Wiley

Festival.

For years, Maxine had the idea in her mind to honor the young white woman who was held captive for so many years by a tribe of savage Indians and who watched in silent desperation as her brother and five of her own children were killed at their hands.

Maxine says that she has long honored and held in the highest regard "the spirit of Jenny Wiley." In her own words, taken from a speech that she presented at the very first Jenny Wiley Festival, in 1982, Maxine says that Jenny Wiley "represents the will and

fortitude that all mountain women possess." So, in essence, in choosing to honor Jenny Wiley, she chooses to honor all Appalachian women.

Born January 3, 1929, Maxine is the daughter of the late Dennis and Celia Patrick Selva. On December 25, 1949, she was married to George Randolph Watson Jr. The couple had two children, Sharon LaNell Watson Bingham, a former Floyd County school teacher, now deceased, and Karen Lee Watson Bingham, the owner of child care center, Karen's Kare,

(See WOMEN, page six)

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'House of 1,000 Corpses'

by TOM DOTY
 STAFF WRITER



Tom Doty
 Staff Writer

The sequel to this film, "The Devil's Rejects," is scheduled to invade area theaters this summer so the Lagoon thought it would be an appropriate time to take a look at Rob Zombie's debut feature which caused quite a stir when Universal Pictures decided not to release it (eventually Lion's Gate Pictures took the plunge). At the time it was rumored that Universal deemed the film too gory, but it turned out that Zombie had fashioned a film that relies on style over gore for its scares, and succeeds admirably.

The real problem was that the film spent more time exploring its horrific villains than its heroes who, in the film's only weakness, are just victims in waiting throughout the course of the movie. This approach probably bothered the execs at Universal even more than the gore quotient since it makes the film appear to favor its villains.

Zombie's love of horror films is apparent from the outset as the film opens with a television broadcast by a late-night horror movie host called Dr. Wolfenstein. The show is interrupted by a commercial for Captain Spalding's horror themed roadside attraction stand, which boasts a murder ride and tasty fried chicken, and the action segues to that location.

Spalding is an imposing figure who dresses as a clown and has all of the charm of a rattlesnake. Two thugs charge into his store to rob the premises and quickly realize that they have made a big mistake. Spalding barely has time to mop up afterwards before the film's antagonists show up for a tour.

The two couples who show up are on a tour of bizarre roadside attractions. Their idea is to write a book on the subject but it is readily apparent

(See LAGOON, page six)

Will she ever smile again?

by ANA WEHIPEIHANA

FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE NURSE'S SOUL"

I stare quietly at the purple, swollen little face that lies in sharp contrast to the crisp whiteness of the pillow. Her eyes are closed. She lies sleeping. As I silently tend to her care, I despair that she might never smile again, let alone laugh and run with friends.

Her world has been shattered, violently beaten by a person whose job it should have been to love and protect her. Her innocence is lost. For four days she lays quietly in this hospital bed, not speaking, not moving, just silently watching those around her. Her mother sleeps on the makeshift bed beside her.

Satisfied that she is resting comfortably, I move to leave, when her eyes flicker open. Two

sad, little brown slits appear, and her gaze moves about the room, coming to rest on me. She says nothing, just silently watches. I greet her by name and remind her of mine, then chat quietly with her about the beautiful day that lies outside her darkened room. As I have for the last four days, I make little jokes and chat happily about different things as I tend to her. Keeping eye contact with her, I smile and carry on with the conversation, not really expecting her to reply.

I am aware that outside this room my many other responsibilities pile up. The ward is extremely busy, and I have other children and families in my care. I should be moving on, but I am drawn to this silent, sad little girl and her unspoken needs.

Quietly, I begin to bathe her eyes and motionless face, hoping to soothe and heal more than

just the swollen and discolored flesh. Eventually time moves on, and I explain to her that I need to go, but that I will be back shortly to see her. I make sure she can reach her bell and explain to her that she can ring it if she wants me for anything before I return. I share a last little joke with her about the kitten I know she has at home and turn to put away my equipment.

Then I hear it. I slowly turn back to her. What was that sound? Had it come from her? I find it hard to believe my own ears, but there again she gives a tiny, almost inaudible ... giggle.

I stand in shock as her remaining crooked little teeth appear in the tiniest, most

beautiful smile I have ever seen.

"What's your name again?" she whispers. Quietly, I sit down beside her and take her hand. I whisper my name.

"Will you be my nurse tomorrow?"

I smile and tell her I would really love that. Happy with my answer, she settles back down on her pillow and dozes back off to sleep.

As I watch her, I notice her face seems softer, more peaceful somehow. A tiny smile still plays on her battered lips — or is it my imagination now? Tears run down my face as I quietly slip out the door.

The healing has begun.



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-Maxine S. Bierman

Jim Davidson

A true American success story

There is a man and his wife who live in Columbia, Mo., who have become a true American success story. Harry and Lina Berrier have been producing a fantastic barbecue sauce in their basement for over 25 years and selling it in large quantity all over the country. However, that's only half the story.

Several months ago I was on a flight into Baltimore, Md., and had a very pleasant young lady as a seatmate who was also from Columbia, Mo. As we talked, I told her about our "Project: Give Back" campaign to improve literacy across the country and she then told me about the Berriers, who are also in the mode of giving back.



From 1948 until his retirement in 1983, Dr. Harry Berrier was a veterinary pathologist at the University of Missouri. He also founded the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology, which today has more than 400 members in the United States and 15 foreign countries.

That's the professional side of this fantastic gentleman, but his real passion is his basement business of making barbecue sauce, which began almost by chance. As he says, "I couldn't find a barbecue sauce fit to eat and so I started making my own."

More than 30 years ago, Harry, who has a knack for

unusual kitchen concoctions, started making a bowl of sauce for every meal. He would share it with friends who came over for dinner and soon everyone he knew was raving about the sauce. In 1975, the recipe was patented and a small business was born. In the beginning, Harry made the sauce in his kitchen in a small mixer. He quickly had to move the operation downstairs, and now it is one of only a few basement-approved operations by the Missouri Department of Health.

Since Missouri is known as "The Show-Me State," he was fortunate enough to secure the patent as the "Show-Me" barbecue sauce. His sauce is made in a 40-gallon mixer and pumped into four 55-gallon tanks for bottling.

Because he was a veterinarian by profession, it was easy to take his knowledge of science and apply it to the fine art of making

barbecue sauce. While Harry is the one who gets all the glory for the creation of the sauce, it is his wife Lina, who really controls the business. Not only does she do all the weekly ordering, she keeps the books straight, trains new employees and spends nearly all of her free time bottling sauce. She is also a professional in her own right. For many years she served as a piano and voice instructor at Stephens College.

The business has grown steadily over the years. It has now reached the point where each year it earns over twice what Harry ever made teaching. Several years ago they made the decision to remain small and only produce the amount of sauce they could personally handle. This means they have turned down orders for as many as 500 cases from large chain stores. What's so ironic is they have never spent a dime for advertising. They sell about 480 gallons a week in the summer and about half that in the winter months. The sauce is that good. Dr.

Berrier sent me a free bottle of his sauce and I have since reordered and sent him a check. I have also made the decision to never be without it again.

The bookkeeping is simple. You send them an order and they send the sauce along with a statement. When you receive your order, you send them a check.

When I began I said that the barbecue sauce business is only half the story. The other half is the main reason I made the decision to feature this wonderful couple in a column. When some people retire you never hear of them again. Not so with the Berriers. They have worked very hard to benefit their community and they have also made a commitment to a cause they believe in. The sauce business has a philanthropic purpose, growing from Harry's roots as a farm boy and veterinarian.

Much of the profits from their business are going into a trust fund held by the Missouri Department of Conservation, to create a wildlife sanctuary or a

park. To further their commitment to animals and the outdoors, the Berriers are going to change their will to leave a large percentage of the business to the trust fund.

To me, this is what "Giving Back" is all about. If we wish to really succeed, we should strive to make a difference in the lives of others while we are here, then give back so that future Americans can enjoy the same blessings we have had.

I have no motivation here other than bringing good people and good products together, and if you would like to order some "Show-Me" barbecue sauce, the address is Harry Berrier, 1250 Cedar Grove Blvd.S, Columbia, MO 65201, or call (573) 442-5309. They will be happy to send you an order form that lists the various prices.

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

Women

located on the Armory Road, in Prestonsburg.

Following the death of her first husband, Maxine later met and married Edward Bierman, with whom she co-founded the Jenny Wiley Festival. Maxine relates that she served as director of the festival for 14 years before retiring from the post. Four of those years followed the death of her second husband.

"I just finally saw that I had to turn it over to someone else," she said. "It was a lot of work for just one person after Ed was gone."

Maxine is proud to report that the festival was, and still remains, a big boost to the county's economy. "The fabric stores sell materials, feathers, beads and all so people can make the costumes the young people wear. Then, in turn, the seamstresses are hired to make the costumes. Vendors come in and sell their food and novelties and, well, it's just a time when everyone can have fun and profit," she said.

"The children are all so cute in their costumes," she said with a smile. "I'm just proud to see everyone learning to be proud of

their heritage...that's why I started it," she continued, "so that everyone could remember our heritage, and to teach the children to be proud."

Maxine shares that Jenny Wiley was born in the month of October, died in the month of October and was captured by Indians in the month of October. "October is the month of the falling leaves. Our festival symbol shows falling leaves and the Indian maiden is making the sign of the falling leaf with her hands," she shared. "Becky DeRossett drew that symbol. I think it's beautiful."

Proceeds from the Jenny Wiley Festival financed the electrical system in the city municipal parking lot, which includes underground wiring and outlets on the sides of South Lake Drive, Court Street and the lot's center. The endeavor cost approximately \$8,000.

In addition to having founded the Jenny Wiley Festival, Maxine also has owned and operated her own beauty salon, Maxine's Beauty Salon, in downtown Prestonsburg since 1952. "I still have some cus-

tomers that I have to stay open for," she said. "I look forward to seeing them on a regular basis, too."

She also played an active role in organizing the Big Sandy Area Chapter 220, Mended Hearts, Inc., and acted as their first president for 1988 thru 1991. She is an active member of the First Christian Church, Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg; a long-time member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Adah Chapter 21; a lifetime member of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club; White Shrine of Jerusalem; V.F. W. Ladies Auxiliary; and the Hillbillies of South Carolina. She remains active and keeps busy by assisting in the daily runnings of her daughter Karen's child care center.

Maxine Jewell Selvage Bierman, The Floyd County Times is honored to herald you as one of Floyd County's "Women In History." We thank you for the many bright October days spent laughing, sharing and making memories with friends and family during our city's annual Jenny Wiley Festival Days!

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Lagoon

that this excursion will never make it to the page as they have entered the last chapter of their quest. Before you know it, they are trapped by a homicidal family and, after a little entertainment, including a surreal talent show, they are mercilessly slaughtered secure only in the knowledge that they are in the hands of experts who have done this type of thing over a thousand times.

That's pretty much the plot folks, but if this movie were a cake then it is more than enough to fill your appetite, since *Zombie* is more concerned with the icing. The film is so well dressed with atmosphere that the thin plotting proves more than sufficient for the mayhem on hand.

Zombie is obviously shooting for a return to the horror shows of the 1970s but doesn't let his efforts stop there. The film most closely resembles *Tobe Hooper's* classic, "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre." Like that film, he uses a desert setting and chooses to focus on the strange dynamics of the family of killers rather than develop his vic-

tims. The house is also a character in the film and is garishly decorated with all manner of trinkets which suggest that the family has been feasting on weary travelers for centuries. The basement is a slew of subterranean caverns that hint at a rich tradition of bloodletting as well as acting as a holding pen for extended family that are too gruesome to live in the house proper. All of these trimmings hint at a rich history of mayhem that, unfortunately, is never fully explored.

Zombie manages to incorporate tributes to all of his influences and some of them may surprise viewers. His family of killers, for instance, are all named after characters from films by the Marx Brothers and each is a character in his own right that could probably carry an entire film on its own.

Here *Zombie* truly shows his hand by casting an eccentric blend of 1970s talent that other directors, with the exception of Quentin Tarantino, stopped using years ago. The standout is Sid Haig as

Spalding. Haig acted in every kind of genre film in the 1970s and was normally cast as a heavy. Here he relishes his role as a second-rate carnival pitchman/serial killer and chews up the scenery like a rabid dog. He also hosts the DVD and harangues viewers if they take too long to select an item from the menu.

Seventies film fans who also liked the music of the period will be wowed by the soundtrack. *Zombie* weighs in with a remix of the classic Commodores song "Brick House" and even finds room for Hee Haw star Buck Owens and yodeler Slim Whitman.

All in all it's 90 minutes of creepy atmosphere and just a little plot for those who insist on such things. At once a love letter to the classic horror films of the 1970s and a reminder that films can still take chances in an age of CGI creature feature flicks where the biggest monster tends to be the budget.

Best line: "That's a great story Goober. Now how much do we owe you?" 2002, rated R.

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This Town

toast; Lunch: One doughnut hole (without sugar); One glass of dehydrated water; Dinner: Three grains commel, broiled.

WEDNESDAY—Breakfast: Shredded eggshell skin; Lunch: One-half dozen poppy seeds. Dinner: Bee's knees and mosquito knuckles sauted in vinegar.

THURSDAY—Breakfast: Boiled-out stains of old tablecloth; Lunch: Peel of an orange; Dinner: Three eyes from Irish potato (diced).

FRIDAY—Breakfast: Two lobster antennae; Lunch: One tail joint of sea horse; Dinner: Rotisserie broiled guppy fillet.

SATURDAY—Breakfast: Four chopped banana seeds; Lunch: Broiled butterfly liver; Dinner: Jelly vertebrae a la centipede.

SUNDAY—Breakfast: Pickled humming bird tongue; lunch: Prime

rib of tadpole; aroma of empty custard pie plate; Dinner: Tossed paprika and clover leaf salad.

Note: A seven-ounce glass of steam may be consumed on alternate days to help in having something to blow off.

AFTERTHOUGHT

A high school student asked me, the other day in preparation of a thme she was writing, why some people do not read. As usual, I give an excellent imitation of the guy who doesn't know as much as he should, finally contrived to come up with these reasons:

Some are too lazy; others have no intellectual curiosity; some have more material interests, and still others just don't know how.

Now I have thought of another reason, and I hasten to pass it on to

the student. Some own television sets.

And on that note, I remind all and sundry that this is National Library Week... And I am reminded that I am deep in debt to the Floyd County Library for a book I borrowed.

WELCOME HOME!

J. E. Akers was back in Prestonsburg this week after an absence of two years and five months spent in the Pacific Northwest. We formed a one-man welcoming committee for him! Were we glad to see him home! While he was away he changed addresses so often we thought we would have to add another man to the payroll to keep his paper going to the right postoffice.

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Click and Clack Talk Cars

Happy ending doesn't change lack of side air bags

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray: On your radio show recently, I heard you say you liked a car called the Scion xB, but couldn't recommend it because it was missing some crucial safety features. Then I read this in an e-mail newsletter sent out by folk singers Pete and Maura Kennedy. Perhaps it'll make you change your mind?

"Early Monday morning, Pete and I had a serious auto accident. ... There weren't any other cars on the road — a very quiet night. When all of a sudden, a car came speeding like mad up the same lane we were in (the middle). Pete saw it coming in the rear-view (he was driving), and I heard it. It sounded like a train. Pete said, 'Hold on, this guy is coming fast.' He couldn't really change lanes, just grip the wheel and hope the guy got around us fast. The driver of the other car did one of those video-game-like moves where he got right up behind us, jerked his steering wheel to the left to pass, and then jerked the wheel right again immediately after passing us to get back in our lane. Unfortunately, he hit us on the way back into our lane. We were going 65, and we think he

they're caused by jerks. Some guy (usually a guy) who says, "Hey fellas, watch this!"

RAY: The reason we're not recommending the Scion xB yet is because it doesn't come with side-impact air bags. In the kind of accident these folks had — a rollover — the structure of the roof did its job, and kept the vehicle from collapsing around them. That's great. The seatbelts (very important!) kept them in their seats, so the rest of the safety features — like the front air bags — could also do their jobs.

TOM: But if they had been in another kind of accident — if they had been hit in the side by a fast-moving vehicle, or if they had skidded and slid sideways into a tree or telephone pole — the intrusion into the side of the car could very well have killed them.

RAY: Since this vehicle is marketed to kids and young people, who tend to have lots of accidents, we think it's especially important that it have every reasonable safety feature available. And side air bags have been proven to save lives.

TOM: We have no problem with Toyota (which makes Scion) making a cheap, little car and selling it to kids. In fact, we like the xB, and had fun driving it. We just want it to be safer. So until it offers side-impact air bags, no kid of mine will be driving around in a Scion xB.

The car that starts by itself

Dear Tom and Ray:

Our 1990 Plymouth Laser starts automatically. It has happened twice: once in the rain in the middle of the night, and once in sunshine in the middle of the day. When this happens, we cannot shut it off with the ignition key, and we have to pull the



ignition fuse. Why does this happen? — Randy

TOM: It might be trying to run away from home, Randy. Do you wash it enough?

RAY: This car has something called an auto-shutdown relay, and I think that's your problem. Rather than route a huge amount of electricity through the ignition switch on your steering wheel, the electricity to run the car goes through a relay instead, which is safely on the engine side of the firewall. So, when you turn the key to the "start" position, you're actually energizing that relay. For some reason, the relay in your Laser is energizing itself.

TOM: On a 15-year-old car, it could be malfunctioning for any number of reasons. It could be rusty, it could have water in it, or it could just be worn out.

RAY: On most cars, the starter relay would simply cause the car to crank until the battery was dead — which wouldn't take long. But because you have this auto-shutdown relay, the relay can actually allow the car to run, as it energizes the coil, too. That's what I think is happening.

TOM: Ask your mechanic to replace the relay, and I think you'll be able to sleep soundly at night, Randy — and, like I do, during the day, too.

Stop the madness! You can stop driving like a knucklehead, and you'll help your car in the process. Learn how your driving habits can harm your car in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.50 (check or money order) to Ruin, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Needed to work Mon.-Fri., 9:30-4:30, alternating between Prestonsburg and Martin Office, prefer some Secretarial and Billing Experience. Call 886-1714 or 285-9000

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Adult Education Teacher Opening

Job Description: Teach (part-time) students age 16 and up basic education, reading, math, GED prep., college prep, parenting, job skills, etc., at various locations throughout Floyd County. **Requirements:** 4-year College Degree. Teacher Certification and experience preferred. **Send cover letter, resumé, and references to The David School, PO Box 1, David, KY 41616. Qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.**



NURSING OPPORTUNITIES

ARH Home Health Services Hazard, KY

STAFF NURSES

Appalachian Regional Healthcare is accepting resumes for Registered Nurse positions available with the not-for-profit healthcare system's Home Health Services in Hazard, KY. Positions are also available in McDowell, KY.

Requirements include graduation from an accredited school of nursing, unrestricted Kentucky Registered Nurse licensure, valid driver's license and at least two years of nursing experience. As an ARH Home Health nurse, you will practice your chosen profession as a member of a multidisciplinary team assisting with the preparation of and interpretation of the client's plan of care, systemic client assessments/reassessments with appropriate interpretation of the findings and performance of nursing treatments, procedures and total client care in accordance with established agency and nursing care standards.

These are full time day shift positions (8:00 am. - 4:30 p.m.) with minimal weekends; an average of 5 patients per day; automated documentation; mileage reimbursement at the rate of 40.5 cents per mile; and stand-by or call is minimal including hourly pay even if visit is not required.

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Please submit resume to or contact: Lana Smith, ARH Director of Home Health, ARH Division of Home Services, 100 Airport Gardens Road, Hazard, KY 41701; e-mail: lsmith@arh.org Telephone: 606-439-6955; or contact: Marilyn Hamblin, System Professional Recruiter at 1-800-888-7045, Ext. 532; e-mail: mhamblin@arh.org EOE

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INVITATION TO BID
SALE OF '91 FORD EXPLORER
BIG SANDY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM PRESTONS-BURG, KENTUCKY
 Sealed bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. EST, Friday, April 8, 2005, at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Office of Facilities Management, 300 North Main St., Versailles, KY, for the purpose of the sale of a '91 Ford Explorer at Big Sandy

Community & Technical College. Bid forms and other information may be obtained by calling Ron Carter at 606/886-3863 ext. 6225, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The bid(s) will be awarded to the party offering the best and highest bid. All items sold "as-is."
 The Kentucky Community and Technical College System reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE APPLICATION NUMBER 898-0721

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 16:120E, Section 3, notice is hereby given that CAM-Kentucky Coal, L.L.C., P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, (606) 432-3900, proposes the following blasting schedule.

The blasting site consists of approximately 263.31 acres, located approximately 1.46 mile northeast of McCombs, in Pike and Floyd County, Kentucky.

The area is located approximately 1.60 mile southwest State Route 194's junction with Brushy Fork Road, and located 1.60 mile southwest of Brushy Fork, at Latitude 37°39'59" and Longitude 82°35'48". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur daily, sunrise to sunset, from March '05 to March '06.

Control of the blasting area will be maintained by blocking the access roads to the area, at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast. Post detonation access to the blasting area will be allowed, only after an inspection has determined that no hazards exist. All roads leading to or near the blast site will remain closed until the all-clear signal is given.

After personnel are cleared from the area, a pre-detonation warning, consist-

ing of one minute series of long blasts of an air horn or siren will be given. The blast signal will consist of a one minute series of short blasts of an air horn or siren, prior to detonation. The all-clear signal will consist of a prolonged blast, sounded on an air horn or siren following the inspection of the blast site. These signals will be audible over a minimum distance of one-half mile. Events which could lead to blasting at times other than scheduled, include, but are not limited to, rain, lightning, or other atmospheric conditions which involve personnel, operational, or public safety. If conditions occur that require blasting at times other than the normally scheduled blasting hours, the audible signals described above will be used to warn the public of the blasting activity.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in conjunction with PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In A Desirable Environment) is soliciting bids from contractors for the clean-up and appropriate removal and disposal of man-made debris deposited along the park shoreline of Deway Lake. Area of clean-up will include both shorelines from the park's marina upstream approximately 3 miles. As much man-made debris as possible, including some heavy items such as appliances, is to be removed. The use of some type of pontoon or barge will be necessary. This will be the responsibility of the contractor.

Interested contractors must attend a pre-bid meeting on April 14, 2005. The meeting will be held at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in the Recreation & Interpretation Office, at 10:00 a.m., and will include a tour of

the project area. Those not attending will not be allowed to bid. The bid deadline, and where to submit, will be announced at the pre-bid meeting. Contractors must show valid proof of liability and worker compensation insurance. For more information, contact: Scott Ringham or Ron Vanover, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, at 1-606-889-1790.

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE APPLICATION NO. 836-0292

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120, Section 3, notice is hereby given that The Raven Co., Inc., P.O. Box 547, Bluff City, Tennessee 37618, (423) 538-9009, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 257.57 acres, located at Grethel, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The area is located approximately 1.54 mile south from State Route 1426's junction with State Route 979, and located at Grethel, at Latitude 37°30'15" and Longitude 82°37'56". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur daily, sunrise to sunset, from April 1, 2005, to March 31, 2006.

Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative (flagman) will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least ten minutes prior to each detonation. The pre-detonation warning signal shall consist of a one (1) minute series of long siren blasts, five (5) minutes prior to detonation. The blast signal shall consist of a one (1) minute series of short siren blasts prior to detonation. The all-clear signal shall consist of a prolonged siren blast, following the inspection of the blast site. All roads leading to or near the blast site will

remain closed until the all clear signal is given. The warning and all clear signal will be audible within one-half (1/2) mile from the blast point. Signs will be posted and maintained that outline the blasting schedule, and the meaning of the blast warning signals. Events which could lead to blasting, at times other than scheduled include, but are not limited to, rain, lightning, or other atmospheric conditions which involve personnel, operational, or public safety. If conditions occur that require blasting at times other than the normally scheduled blasting hours, the audible signals described above will be used to warn the public of the blasting activity.

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