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briefs

Man pleads to assaulting girlfriend

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An Indiana man who attacked his girlfriend last december in the apartment they shared in Prestonsburg pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree assault in circuit court Friday.

Rodney Cobern, 31, assaulted his girlfriend on Dec. 28 by battering her with an electric guitar, which was shattered during the attack.

Cobern was given a sentence recommendation of five years by the commonwealth and will serve one-and-a-half years before the rest of his sentence is probated.

Judge Danny P. Caudill outlined the specific terms of that probation in court which reflected the changes in communications technology.

"You are not to have any contact with the victim or her family," Caudill said, adding, "That means no phone calls, faxes or emails and you don't get around it by having a friend call for you."

Cobern is scheduled to be formally sentenced May 20.

Couple accused of abusing infant

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County couple charged with four counts of criminal abuse had their indictments unsealed Friday after they were housed in the Floyd County Detention Center following their arrest.

Gwendalou Shepherd, of Gunlock, and

Mark A. Davis, of Prestonsburg, were charged with intentionally abusing and allowing abuse of a 2-month-old child.

The abuses are alleged to have occurred between Aug. 4 and Oct. 6. The infant suffered various injuries from the abuse, which included broken ribs, a broken arm and leg, and a fractured skull.

The indictment alleges that the couple

had custody of the child at the time that the abuses occurred. The complaining witness in the case is State Trooper Bryan Layne.

The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office could not comment on the case due to its sensitive nature, but did indicate that the child, not yet a year old, is in a safe environment at this time and receiving the best of care.



Davis

Shepherd



Celebration in the spring

photo by Mary Music
Eastern Kentuckians were kicking it up at Pikeville's Hillbilly Days festival Friday. The annual spring festival was blessed with good weather, helping to swell crowds.



Two indicted in connection with 2003 death

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

HAZARD — Indictments were handed down Friday against two Floyd Countians charged in connection with the murder of a Bypro resident two years ago, although the pair was not indicted for the murder itself.

Billy Joe Johnson, 47, of Bevinville, and Susan L. Moore, 33, of Langley, Kentucky were served with indictment warrants Friday, Kentucky State Police reported.

Johnson, lodged in the Perry County Jail, is charged with kidnapping, two counts of first-degree assault, first-degree unlawful imprisonment and tampering with physical evidence.

Moore, lodged in the Floyd County Detention

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Over half-million in road repairs slated

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The state will spend more than \$400,000 to improve Floyd County roads damaged by flooding last year and an additional \$174,740.73 to restore and waterproof the Levisa Fork bridge.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher and the Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert announced the construction details on several county roads earlier this month.

Slide repair work will be performed at three sites on the Manton-Samson Road (Route 1210) from Route 80 extending north to Route 404. The low bid contract for \$82,068.33 was awarded to Do All Construction Inc., of Caneyville.

Slide repair work will be performed at 10

(See REPAIRS, page three)

Emergency workers to be put to test

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Local officials are planning a mock disaster next month at Prestonsburg High School.

Officials with the Prestonsburg Police and Fire Departments, Kentucky State Police, Floyd County Health Department, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, McDowell ARH Hospital, Highlands Regional Medical Center and the Floyd County School District Support Team have outlined plans to carry out the mock disaster, which is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. on May 17.

"It gives all of us a chance to test our

resources," Prestonsburg Police Chief Mike Omerod said. "During the process, we'll be able to examine our strengths and weaknesses and find things that we need to change."

Though plans will not be finalized until a meeting next month, one scenario of the mock disaster includes having a rolling methamphetamine lab wreck into a loading bus in front of the high school. Students will be seriously injured in the accident and everyone at the school will be exposed to the dangerous chemicals used in manufacturing meth.

There will be visible mock injuries, Omerod said, and victims will be transported to local hospitals for mock treat-

ment. Lola Ratliff, the safe school coordinator for Floyd County, is currently looking to enroll a few drama students from the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College to act as victims alongside Prestonsburg High School students.

Floyd County Health Department Director Thursa Slone is currently putting together evaluation teams to observe the disaster and give feedback on possible problems.

Ratliff said participating parties will meet with evaluators two days after the event to critique the county's emergency response capabilities.

(See TRAINING, page three)



photo by Steve LeMaster

A large crowd of University of Kentucky fans of all ages turned out to Allen Central High School Friday evening to catch UK seniors Chuck Hayes and Josh Carrier and others in action. The Kentucky barnstorming team, which will play games across the state over the next month or so, played a team called the Bombers. The Bombers was made up of area players, most all of whom played college basketball.

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Odds and Ends

■ **BEAVER, Okla.** — James Pratt has a chip on his shoulder — a cow chip.

The local fire chief is ready to defend his title Saturday at the World Champion Cow Chip Throwing Contest.

About 150 people usually compete in the event, choosing from about 230 cow chips. Each contestant gets two throws, with the longest distance winning.

Pratt throws with an overhand, baseball-like motion. "I've seen people throw like a discus and under their leg," he said. "They've tried everything."

He says he doesn't practice but takes care selecting his chips, looking for those that are about 6 inches in diameter and about an inch thick. If the chip is too thin, it breaks in the air.

The record for the contest is 185 feet. Pratt's best is 177 feet, he said.

"I'm after the record, so I can't quit until I get it," he said. "I'm shooting for 200."

But he acknowledges the contest is mostly luck.

"It's how your chip flies," he said.

The contest is part of the annual Cimarron Territory Celebration in this Oklahoma Panhandle town.

■ **RALEIGH, N.C.** — Aye, matey! The Pirate Captain is now the student government president at North Carolina State University.

Will Piavis ran under the name the Pirate Captain and won a runoff election, with nearly 59 percent of the vote. As the results were read, his supporters chanted his name and wore pirate hats from Long John Silver's restaurant.

Piavis said the pirate persona was a good way to get students interested in campus politics, and he plans to continue using it.

But the new president is now sounding more politico than pirate. Piavis is reaching out to students turned off by

his unusual campaign, urging them to get involved in student government.

His supporters point to high voter turnout as evidence that he will be good for the school. Others were disturbed by what they saw as a lack of substance.

"He doesn't really have any issues," senior Alissa Tompkins said. "All his quotes in the paper were in pirate language that doesn't make any sense."

■ **COLLBRAN, Colo.** — First there was Mike the Headless Chicken, a rooster that survived for 18 months after having its head lopped off with an ax.

Now, western Colorado has a new chicken survival story, this one involving a man who claims he saved his fowl by giving it mouth-to-beak resuscitation.

Eugene Safken says one of the chickens in his young flock had gotten into a tub of water in the yard last week and appeared to have died.

Safken said he first swung the chicken by the feet to revive it. When that failed, he continued swinging and blowing into its beak.

"Then one eye opened. I thought it was an involuntary response," Safken said. The chicken's beak opened a little wider, and Safken started yelling at it: "You're too young to die!"

"Every time I'd yell at him, he'd chirp," Safken said.

Mike the Headless Chicken survived a beheading in 1945 in Fruita, Colo. Afterward, Mike could go through the motions of pecking for food, and when he tried to crow, a gurgle came out. His owner put feed and water directly into Mike's gullet with an eyedropper.

Scientists examined the chicken and theorized Mike had enough of a brain stem left to live headless. He was a popular attraction until he

choked to death on a corn kernel.

■ **BATON ROUGE, La.** — Keith Day Sr. has a fish story about the big one that didn't get away.

Day was fishing one of his favorite spots along the Mississippi River near St. Francisville, La., last Friday and wasn't having much luck — until he hooked something.

Day knew he had a huge catch on the end of his line, but he wasn't prepared for the monster catfish he reeled in. The fish weighed more than 110 pounds on a state-certified scale.

If officials confirm the catch, Day will have the new Louisiana catfish record.

"I've spent a lifetime looking for a fish like this," Day said. "My dreams have come true."

■ **WINTER SPRINGS, Fla.** — Ten teens hired a limo so they'd get to their prom all in one piece — but ended up helping bust their chauffeur on drunken driving charges.

Patrick Curley, a senior at Winter Springs High School, used his cell phone to call home Saturday and told his parents the driver had ignored stop signs, cut off other vehicles and veered onto the wrong side of the road.

Robert Curley told his son to tell the driver to pull over. When she stopped, the students grabbed the keys out of the ignition.

"This is unbelievable," Robert Curley told Seminole County dispatchers when he reported the incident. "We rented the limo so you're obviously going to be safe."

The students got to the

prom 90 minutes late.

Christina Tomacelli, 49, was charged with driving under the influence and refusing to submit to a blood-alcohol test. Deputies said they found a half-empty bottle of vodka next to the driver's seat. They said she also acknowledged drinking wine.

Tomacelli did not return a phone call seeking comment Tuesday.

■ **TOKYO** — Martha Stewart, eat your heart out.

Japan is giving its prisoners more brightly colored clothing and bed sheets in the hopes of cheering up the mood behind bars.

The decision, to be implemented next year, was made after consultation with professional color coordinators and will be the first change in

prisoners' uniforms since 1966.

"We hope to stabilize the mental states of inmates by giving them warmer and brighter colors," Shigemi Tanimoto, a Justice Ministry official, said in making the announcement Wednesday. "Color experts told us the colors currently in use were too cold and aggressive."

In a survey conducted two years ago, many inmates asked for a change in the color and material of their government-issued clothing, he said.

Japan now provides the country's 71,889 inmates with dark brown and gray clothes and bedcovers in sharply contrasting orange and green. Tanimoto refused to say what specific colors will be used for the new uniforms.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 17, the 107th day of 2005. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 17, 1961, about 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Fidel Castro.

On this date:

■ In 1521, Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms to face charges stemming from his religious writings.

■ In 1524, Giovanni da Verrazano reached present-day New York harbor.

■ In 1790, American statesman Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia at age 84.

■ In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

■ In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany in World War II.

■ In 1964, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its new "Mustang" model at the New York World's Fair.

■ In 1969, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

■ In 1969, Czechoslovak Communist Party chairman Alexander Dubcek was deposed.

■ In 1970, the astronauts of Apollo 13 splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft.

■ In 1975, Phnom Penh fell to Communist insurgents, ending Cambodia's five-year war.

Ten years ago: An Air Force jet exploded and crashed in a wooded area in eastern Alabama, killing eight people, including an assistant Air Force secretary and a

two-star general. President Clinton signed an executive order stripping the classified label from most national security documents that were at least 25 years old.

Five years ago: World finance officials in Washington closed out the most tumultuous meetings in the history of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank with renewed pledges to hasten debt relief for poor countries and increase support for fighting the AIDS epidemic. Kenya's Elijah Lagat won the Boston Marathon; Catherine Ndereba became the first female Kenyan winner.

One year ago: Searchers found the body of missing North Dakota college student Dru Sjodin. Israel assassinated Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi with a missile strike on his car.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Lon McCallister is 82. Rock promoter Don Kirshner is 71. Composer-musician Jan Hammer is 57. Actress Olivia Hussey is 54. Rock singer-musician Pete Shelley (Buzzcocks) is 50. Actress Teri Austin is 46. Actor Sean Bean is 46. Rock singer Maynard James Keenan (Tool) is 41. Actress Lela Rochon is 41. Singer Liz Phair is 38. Actress Jennifer Garner ("Alias") is 33. Singer Victoria Adams Beckham is 31. Actress-singer Lindsay Korman is 27. Actor Paulie Litt is 10. Actress Dee Dee Davis ("The Bernie Mac Show") is 9.

Thought for Today: "A happiness that is sought for ourselves alone can never be found; for a happiness that is diminished by being shared is not big enough to make us happy." - Thomas Merton, American poet and author (1915-1968).

Pike attorney named to Human Rights Commission

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher announced two new members to the Kentucky Human Rights Commission Friday.

Fletcher announced the appointments of Robert C. Asseo, of Florence, and Regena Dawn Triplett, a Pikeville attorney, to the commission. However, Fletcher signed the appointments last month.

Asseo's appointment marks the first Hispanic

named to the commission. Asseo, a native of Puerto Rico, works as a field service manager for Delta Air Lines.

"It's a great day for me and the family," Asseo said at a Capitol Rotunda press conference. "This is a dream come true."

The commission has eleven members, each appointed by the governor. It is responsible for enforcing the state's civil-rights laws.

Fletcher has appointed a panel to evaluate the Human Rights Commission. It is

expected to report back in August with its recommendations, Fletcher said.

Fletcher said Asseo's appointment was important in assuring the Hispanic community's representation.

"We have a growing Hispanic population, and I think it's important that they have representation, particularly on the Human Rights Commission, to make sure that there's not discrimination and other concerns with that particular community," Fletcher said.

Man charged with causing disturbance, fleeing police

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — Tavis Colley, 42, of McDowell, was arrested Saturday night after allegedly causing a scene at McDowell ARH Hospital.

Hospital staff reported to the sheriff's department that they had a drunk and disorderly man in their waiting room who was scaring other patients.

Deputy Bryan Prater responded to the call and found an allegedly belligerent Colley, who said he wasn't waiting around anymore and took off running across Route 122 into Beaver Creek.

Prater tried to restrain Colley, who had fallen in the creek. A witness said that Colley allegedly pulled a knife and tried to stab the deputy three times but only succeeded in tearing his clothes and putting a gash in his boot.

Colley allegedly escaped the scene and several units responded to aid in searching for him. Two Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officers and Sgt. Gary Tackett, Deputy Delmas Johnson and Kenneth Prater joined in the search.

Tackett and Prater proceeded to the Frasure's Creek home of Colley's girlfriend, Theresa Adams, but found no one home. They decided to give the place a second look later in the evening but were told by Adams that Colley hadn't returned. They opted to conduct a search and

found Colley allegedly hiding in a closet.

They arrested Colley and charged him with fleeing police, wanton endangerment, disorderly conduct, assaulting an officer, criminal mischief, menacing, harassment, public intoxication and terroristic threatening. Following the arrest, Colley allegedly threatened the officers, indicating that he would have their badges as well making threats of physical harm.

Adams, 38, was also arrested and charged with hindering in the apprehension of a subject.

Indicted

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Center, is charged with complicity to commit kidnapping, complicity to commit first-degree assault, complicity to commit tampering with physical evidence and complicity to commit first-degree unlawful imprisonment.

The body of Michael Stone, 27, was found on August 4, 2003, at an abandoned strip mine at Topmost.

Hazard State Police Det. Bruce Kelly said Stone died of an apparent gunshot wound. His body was thrown over an embankment on M.D. Moore Road, authorities say.

Both Johnson and Moore also face additional charges, including allegations regarding a Knott County murder.

Repairs

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sites on Route 122 and three sites on Route 3383. The low bid contract for \$241,036.61 was awarded to M & D General Contractors Inc., of Barbourville.

Slide repair work will be performed at two sites on Town Hill Road (Route 3384) from U.S. 23 extending north to Route 1428. Do All Construction Inc., of Caneyville, was awarded the \$95,233.79 low bid contract.

Work in all these areas should be completed by fall, the Transportation Cabinet said.

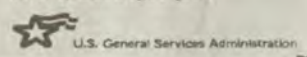
The Levisa Fork Bridge that carries Watergap Road on Route 302 will be restored and waterproofed by M & M Services, of Mount Sterling, for \$174,740.73. Work is expected to begin "in the near future" and be completed by winter.

In addition to these improvements, the Transportation Cabinet also announced a \$230,850.20 resurfacing project for Route 40. The road will be resurfaced from the Johnson County line extending east to Wooten Fork Road, in Martin County. Mountain Enterprises Inc., of Lexington, is expected to complete the project by fall.

Construction activities are scheduled on a tentative basis and are subject to change depending on weather conditions.

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Feds claim coal company interfering with investigation

The Associated Press

HARLAN — The U.S. Department of Labor is seeking a preliminary injunction to stop a Harlan County coal company and one of its managers from allegedly interfering with a government investigation.

Named in the motion are B&D Mining and superintendent Michael K. Bishop.

According to court documents, the legal action stems from a complaint that miner Ray Brummett filed Dec. 10, 2004, with the Mine Safety and Health Administration, which is part of the U.S. Labor Department.

Brummett alleged that he had been fired illegally for "making safety complaints about unsafe equipment and for refusing to operate unsafe equipment," Gary W. Harris, a supervisory special investigator for the mine safety agency, said in a signed court document.

Brummett had worked at

B&D's No. 3 mine at Mary Alice, in Harlan County, according to court documents.

Harris said investigators under his direction responded to Brummett's complaint by obtaining statements and interviews.

Harris said that on or about Dec. 14, Michael Bishop, a second-shift superintendent, allegedly told miners "there would be trouble for them, or words to that effect" if they took part in the investigation without a B&D representative present.

Brummett had worked on the second shift.

Harris said a miner canceled his interview with an investigator because he was afraid of being fired. Other miners feared they would be fired or disciplined, Harris said.

Bishop and Brummett could not be reached for comment.

David Howard, safety director for B&D Mining,

said he was not aware of the court filing for an injunction.

Harris said Bishop's alleged threat and Brummett's allegations, if proven, would be violations of the federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao filed March 8 for a hearing on Brummett's complaint before the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, pending the completion of the investigation.

In the injunction request, the Department of Labor has asked a federal court to stop the company from allegedly interfering with the investigation and to stop allegedly threatening employees who agree to talk.

A hearing on the requested injunction was scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday before U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell at the federal courthouse in London.

Stolen Lexington rental car leads to local arrest

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Rineyville man was arrested Monday and charged with stealing a car from a Lexington car rental company.

Floyd County Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Prater arrested

Sean L. Sutherland, who allegedly stole a 2005 silver Kia from the Enterprise Rental Car Company in Lexington.

According to the citation, Prater claims Sutherland was operating the vehicle at Burchett's Trailer Court prior to his arrest.

Prestonsburg City Police

officials provided the sheriff's department with the vehicle description, the citation says.

Sutherland, 23, is charged with theft of an automobile and operating without a license.

He was taken into custody at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Training

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"By doing this activity, we'll know how prepared we really are in Floyd County," Ratliff said.

After the mock disaster, Kentucky State Police Public Relations Officer Scott Hopkins will address students about the dangers of meth, Ratliff said.



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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Statistics a mixed bag

There's a lot of good news and bad news in a recent assessment of the progress Kentucky has made in boosting the quality of life of its residents over the last decade or so.

On the bright side, as of 2001, Kentucky ranked 13th in the nation in homeownership, compared to 31st in 1990. That's an impressive leap. Unfortunately, the state dropped four spots, to eighth, in serious crimes.

In the area of education, Kentucky jumped five spots to rank 40th in percentage of adults with a college degree, but it remained stuck at 47th in adults with a high school degree.

And the state jumped 17 spots to rank 29th in water quality but dropped 24 spots in toxic land releases, seven spots in air quality and five spots in numbers of air emissions.

Those are a few of the numbers in the report put out recently by the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center entitled "Visioning Kentucky's Future: Measures and Milestones." The center was formed by the state Legislature in 1992 to do some of the serious thinking on broad issues facing the state. As part of that effort, it periodically publishes an index that compares Kentucky to itself and other states. ...

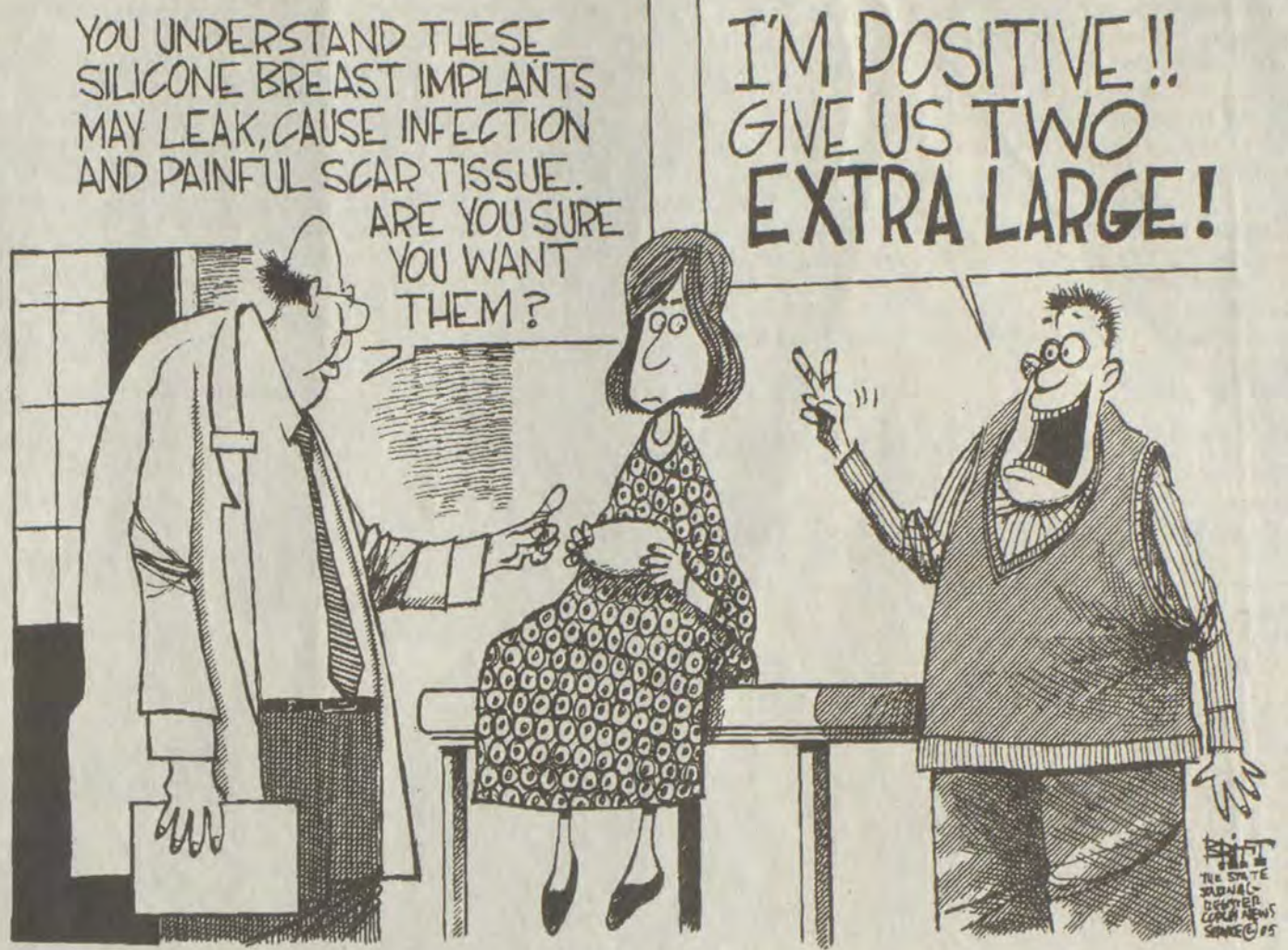
Kentucky's ranking varies widely, from third in the number of new businesses to 50th in the number of adults who smoke.

Overall however, it finishes 40th among the states, up from 46th in 1990. ...

The report as such is a valuable tool and should be required reading for all who shape public policy, particularly those who might think the passage of a status quo budget will put the state on the road to prosperity.

The research center's report shows us not only how far we have come but also how far we have to go. It also illustrates a notion that education advocates in particular have been trying to hammer home for years: That is, just getting better isn't good enough. Kentucky has made impressive strides in its education system, for example, but other states have made progress as well. If Kentucky rests on the laurels of existing reform efforts, it'll simply fall further and further behind. ...

— The Kentucky Post



—Rich Lowry Column

Putting the sham in shaman

Ward Churchill, the University of Colorado professor who called the victims of 9/11 "little Eichmanns," is a sign of our times. Not just because his error-riddled work and reflexive hostility toward American power reflect the mediocrity and stale orthodoxy of much of academia. He also belongs to one of the nation's hottest ethnic groups: the fake Indian.

Churchill has described himself as three-sixteenths Cherokee, or one-sixteenth Cree, or both. He has never documented his ancestry, and he gained his membership in the Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians when it allowed in people who aren't Indians. Suzan Shown Harjo, a Cheyenne and Hodulgee Muscogee who has long known Churchill, told John J. Miller of the National Review, "Right away, I could tell he was a faker, because he refused to talk about his family."

In a recent article, Miller documents the

rash of "professional imposters who have built entire careers by putting the sham into shaman." According to Miller, "Between 1960 and 2000, the number of Americans claiming Indian ancestry on their census forms jumped by a factor of six." Churchill described himself as a "Caucasian" when he served in Vietnam. He became an "American Indian" when he was filling out an affirmative-action form at the University of Colorado to become a lecturer in Native American studies.

Churchill is part of a great tapestry of American Indian-related fraud. Non-Indian arts and crafts are marketed as "Indian made." The possibility of opening casinos sends lily-white opportunists scouring for any drop of Indian blood. Then there are the affirmative-action hucksters, like the California contractor who got preferential treatment on account of his one-sixty-fourth Indian ancestry.

There is no marketing quite like faux Native American status. Forrest Carter wrote a book in the mid-1970s called "The Education of Little Tree" about being raised as an orphan by his Cherokee grandparents. In 1991, the

book became a cult smash and hit the paperback nonfiction best-seller list. Then it was switched to the fiction best-seller list.

It turned out that Forrest Carter was Asa Carter, a former white supremacist with a vivid imagination.

Falsified Native American ancestry and experiences are most readily rewarded by those who worship multiculturalism and conceive of Indians as near-mystical beings. Carlos Castaneda tapped into this audience with his New Age classic "The Teachings of Don Juan," a book based on his dubious meetings in the desert with a Yaqui sorcerer. In response to Castaneda and his many imitators, the National Congress of American Indians has denounced "non-Indian 'wannabes' and self-styled New Age shamans."

Indian fakery is reprehensible not just because it is based on lies, but because it falsifies and cheapens the Native American experience to which it is supposed to pay tribute. Miller quotes a writer who calls this "cultural genocide," scoring the fakers for their "misrepresentation and appropriation of indigenous spirituality." The author of those words was Ward Churchill. Who knew? He is not just an apologist for mass murder, but — on his own terms — a practitioner of cultural genocide.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column



—beyond the beltway

John Paul II and the sinking Catholic Church

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Pope John Paul II was without question a great man. In an era of Incredible Shrinking Leaders, he was a giant. He stood as a living symbol of freedom to millions in an Eastern Europe stifled by decades of Soviet oppression and, while he may not have single-handedly brought down those Communist regimes, he surely hastened their demise.

He was the first Pope to acknowledge and apologize for the past sins of the church: the Inquisition, the Crusades, its indifference to the Holocaust.

He spoke out for human rights and against tyrants everywhere and urged a more charitable attitude toward the poor in the capitalistic nations of the world. He was friendly to the United States but he condemned our embrace of the death penalty and was opposed to our invasion of Iraq. He had the personal charisma of a

rock-star and he used it in an unprecedented manner, traveling the world to bring the papal message to vast crowds in Africa, Asia, Europe and North and South America.

You might say he was the first modern Pope; but he wasn't. For all his good works, he was at heart a reactionary who was placed in the papacy to reverse the progressive policies instituted by Vatican II under Pope John XXIII.

This he did. He not only opposed abortion rights, euthanasia, contraception, ordination of women, marriage for priests, gay marriage and adoption by same-sex couples, he cut off all discussion of those issues within the church. Invoking the doctrine of papal infallibility, he put them beyond debate for the faithful and threatened dissident theologians with dismissal or excommunication. He reasserted the absolute authority of the Papacy within the church and surrounded himself with like-minded lieutenants and willing yes-men.

He had other failures, most notably a Vatican banking scandal and a failure to respond quickly and vigorously to the child-abuse infamy when it engulfed the American church.

His 26-year-reign was the second longest in the history of the church (the longest is Pope Pius IX's 31 years in the mid-19th Century) and he named 114 of the 117 men who are choosing his successor. It is doubtful that they will stray far from his example, although many close observers think they must.

The new Pope takes over a church that is losing support in the richer countries of the world, particularly in Europe, which once supplied it with money, manpower and intellectual energy. And even in the underdeveloped nations, it is losing ground both to evangelical Protestant

sects and the Muslim faith.

Birth rates in Italy, once the heart of the church, are the lowest in Europe and even in John Paul's homeland, Poland, attitudes toward premarital sex and birth control have become more liberal. The churches of the West find it increasingly difficult to attract young men into the priesthood.

This is the other legacy Pope John Paul II left behind: a church hostile to change, yet one that must find a way to cope with the changing modern world.

The Church did receive one lucky break: Pope John Paul's death was relatively quick. Suppose he instead had fallen into a vegetative state, one that could be prolonged indefinitely. The Church fathers, with their famous reverence for the sanctity of life, could not have ordered his machines turned off; not then, not ever. He could have continued in a state of oblivion for months, years. The huge crowds before St. Peter's in Rome would gradually thin until there would be no more than a handful to hear the daily progress reports on the II Papa's health: no change.

Perhaps the Catholics have a way of removing an incapacitated Pope. I don't know; if not, the church would fall into ruin, driven by internecine warfare among the Cardinals who would be fighting for control of the Mother Church.

And then the Church fathers would know what Terri Schiavo's family went through. Lucky for them they didn't have to face that fate.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Susie Ellen Dotson Burchett, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 14, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Goldie Farmer, 85, of Wheelwright, died Sunday, April 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 13, under direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Charles Landon Goble, 61, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ms. Estill Gunnells, 86, of Stanville, died Wednesday, April 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hillard Hall, 77, of Toler Creek, Harold, died Friday, April 8, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Emma Scott Stiltner Hall. Funeral services were held Monday, April 11, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Milton Johnson, 71, of Bypro, died Saturday, April 9, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Verna Hall Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Bonnie B. Lafferty, 63, of Prestonsburg, died Monday,

April 11, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bill Cody Martin, a native of Hunter, died February 25, 2005, at Washington Townships Hospital, Fremont, California. He is survived by his wife, Marie Martin. His cremated remains were returned to Kentucky for interment in the Martin Family Cemetery at Hunter.

Harry Mullins, 73, of McDowell, died Wednesday, April 13, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Columbia Tackett Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Nadine Newman, 44, of Teaberry, died Wednesday, April 13, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Joyce Ann Parsons, 65, of Wabash, Indiana, formerly of McDowell, died Saturday, April 9, at the Caring Hand Health Care Center, in Bunker Hill, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Raymond Salisbury, 69, of Minnie, died Sunday, April 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James J. Slone, 64, of Tram, died Thursday, April 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 11,

under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Charles Woody, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, April 8, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Linda Jane Kendrick Biliter, 69, of Cowpen Road, Pikeville, died Monday, April 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Bradley Biliter Jr. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 14, under direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Willie Blankenship, 94, of Phelps, formerly of Thacker, West Virginia, died Friday, April 8, at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps. Funeral services were held Monday, April 11, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services, of Matewan, West Virginia.

Clarence Bowersock, 82, of Shelbiana, died Saturday, April 9, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Betty Kinney Bowersock. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 13, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Opal Boyd, 84, of Pikeville, died Friday, April 8, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, April 11 under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Mamie Louise Bradley, 79, of Pikeville, died Monday, April 11, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Harry Bradley. Funeral services were held Friday, April 15, under the direction of the

J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Teddy Davis, 70, of Cadiz, formerly of Jonancy, died Friday, April 8, at the Jennie Stuart Medical Center, Hopkinsville. He is survived by his wife, Linda Davis. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 13, under the direction of Goodwin Funeral Home, Cadiz, and the Hall and Jones Funeral Home of Virgie.

Robena Ball Epling, 79, of Pinsonfork, died Friday, April 8, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Minerva Nunley Davis Farley, 91, of Hamlin, West Virginia, formerly of the Williamson, W.Va., area, a Pike County native, died Saturday, April 9, at the Lincoln Continuous Care Center, Hamlin. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 12, under direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Clyde Wayne Hartssock, 66, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 12. He is survived by his wife, Kristie Bunch Hartssock. Funeral services were held Friday, April 15, under direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Tammy E. Hylton, 43, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, April 9, at Adams Branch Road, Elkhorn City. She is survived by her husband, Robin Gene Hylton. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 14, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Elkhorn City.

Naomi Hamilton Hobson, 87, of Ratliff Creek Road of Pikeville, died Monday, April 11, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Funeral services were held

Friday, April 15, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Crit Little, 83, of Virgie, died Thursday, April 7, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ella B. Wright Little. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 10 under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Maurice B. Lucas, 88, of Sidney, died Saturday, April 2. A memorial service was held Saturday, April 16. Hatfield Funeral Chapel of Toler was in charge of arrangements.

Denver Jack Matney, 81, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 13, at the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, Hazard. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

uster Miller, 55, of Elton, West Virginia, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, April 5, at Raleigh General Hospital, Beckley, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Miller. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 9, under direction of Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home of Rainelle, West Virginia.

Reagan Morgan, infant daughter of Lesa and Jeremy Morgan of Ashcamp, died Tuesday, April 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Helen Faye Adkins Morley, 75, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, April 12, at the Southern Ohio Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, April 15, under direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Edna Huston Newsome, 93, of Dorton, died Tuesday, April 12, at the Wellmont Lone Pine Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, April 15, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Clayton Potter, 53, of Canton, Mich., a Pike County native, died Tuesday, April 12, at home. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 16, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Josephine Ramey Price, 78, of Wolfpit, died Monday, April 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 14, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Martha "Emilee" Thacker, 74, of Huddy, native of Raccoon, died Sunday, April 10, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry.

Billy Thacker, 36, of Raccoon, died Tuesday, April 12. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 17, under direction of Community Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

June Bayes Deel, 75, of Salyersville, died Friday, April 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 11, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Ronnie Douglas Hamilton Jr., infant son of Ronnie and Nadia Howard Hamilton, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, April 8, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April

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In two weeks, Floyd County will have an opportunity to show up and speak up about drug-free living. Some recent statistics show that drugs are very present in our county and that lives are being lost because they are here. So far this year, twelve persons have been pronounced dead by our

county coroner due to drugs or drug overdoses. (This does not include persons transported outside the county to other hospitals).

On Sunday afternoon, May 1, the Floyd County UNITE Coalition is sponsoring a major public march and rally. The county is invited to gather at 3 p.m. at the Floyd County Justice Center in Prestonsburg. Prayer will be held there and then the crowd will march up North Lake Drive to the PHS

Football Stadium. At the stadium rally we will hear some bad news and some good news about substance abuse. Attorney General Gregory D. Stumbo will be speaking at the rally along with Coalition Chair Mike Vance.

A very important part of the public rally is a time of Christian prayer. Pastors will be invited to come to the platform to agree together and offer the following prayer. Remarkable things have happened in Clay County since the pastors joined in prayer and the community joined in action. This prayer has been reviewed and approved by the Floyd County Ministerial Association. Please feel free to pray this in your own home or church before and after the

May 1 Rally.

"We, the Christian pastors of Floyd County, who have been called and sent by the Son of God, do publicly join together in one faith in one Lord, JESUS CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Savior of all who would come to Him. We believe in God, the Father; God, the Son; and God the Holy Spirit. We believe that a person can be cleansed of sin by faith in and obedience to Jesus Christ. We believe that heaven is the great reward of the Christian.

"On this first day of May, 2005, we join our voices and our churches in a genuine prayer of repentance. We confess to You, Father, that we have allowed minor things to divide us from You and from

each other. We repent of this sin and ask You to unite us as One Church — the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ. Father, we also confess that we have not worked sufficiently to bring Your Word and Your Spirit to this problem of addiction.

"In our unity together we ask You, Father, for the wisdom and power to overcome the power of addiction. We call on You, Father, for help and healing for the addict. We ask You to bring healing to the families and friends who have been hurt by those addicted. We ask by the power of the Holy Spirit, that new life would come to these who have been bound and hurt.

"In our oneness with Christ, we also speak to the powers of darkness that seek to steal, kill

and destroy life through abused substances. We come against your work and bind you from functioning in Floyd County. We ask that the power of heaven be loosed to bring the Light of Jesus Christ in a greater way to the people of Floyd County.

"Lastly, Father, we ask You to coordinate church and civil efforts to bring help to people. We ask that You protect and bless our church and civil leaders and their families. Father, we ask that you bring justice and safety through law enforcement and rehabilitation. Most of all we ask You to pour out power, love and wisdom upon all persons in Floyd County through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Father, may Your name be glorified in Floyd County!"

Pioneer missionary dies at age 82



Eleanor Acker

On Feb. 24, pioneer missionary Eleanor Acker died.

Acker was born Oct. 12, 1922 in Canisteo, N.Y. After graduating from the Practical Bible Training School in Johnson City, N.Y., in 1946, she moved her residence to Betsy Layne and began working with the Calvary Baptist Church. The church was a mission church under Baptist Mid-Missions at that time and was pastored by Rev. Walter Binney.

Eleanor taught Bible classes in the public schools, conducted Sunday schools at different locations, operated summer Vacation Bible Schools, made home visits and held meetings for young people that included a Bible lesson and a fun time.

Places where she ministered included Betsy Layne, Harold, Toler Creek, Prater Creek, Sammy Clark Branch,

Lambert, Ligon, Jack's Creek, Neck Branch, Branham's Creek, Riley's Branch, Little Mud Creek and all up and down Big Mud Creek. She was also the head cook for the Kentucky Baptist Youth Camp for over 20 years.

Two churches that she was instrumental in creating were the Grethel Baptist Church and the Prater Creek Baptist Church. She was a member of the latter when she died.

Her ministry of 50 years was changed when she was admitted to Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville in 1996. Although unable to go up and down the creeks and hollows, she was still able to teach Bible classes at the nursing home from her wheelchair and to minister to the individual patients in their rooms.

A book has been written in Acker's memory that will document her ministry and the small schools in which she taught. "The Story of Eleanor Acker" was written by Mildred Smith and Sharon Francisco, of Hornell, N.Y.

For more information about the book or to contribute to it, contact Eileen Martin at (606) 587-2344. Those who attended the small schools from the 1940s until the 1970s when Acker ministered are especially invited to contribute to the work.

Obits

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12, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

John Franklin Crum, 71, of Inez, died Monday, April 4, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 7, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Lois Inez Crum, 78, of Beckley, West Virginia, formerly of Inez, died Saturday, April 9, at Beckley General Hospital in Beckley, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 11, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Robert Jude, 70, of Louisa, a Martin County native, died Thursday, April 10, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Jude. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 10, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Virgil Fields, 78, of Louisa, a Martin County native, died Wednesday, April 6, at Three Rivers Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Goldie Fields. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 10, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

William Henry Hensley, 68, of Inez, died Wednesday, April 6, at Mingo Manor Nursing

Home. Funeral services were held Friday, April 8, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Dean Bailey, 79, of Johnson County, died Sunday, April 10, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Olive O. Banion Bailey. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 13, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Douglas Fairbanks Castle, 77, of Paris, a native of Thealka, died Thursday, March 10, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Evans Castle. Arrangements were under the direction of Hinton-Turner Funeral Home, Paris.

Lincoln VanHoose, 73, of Oil Springs, died Wednesday, April 6, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Janet VanHoose. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 9, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Virgil Steven Whitt, 29, of Volga, died Saturday, April 2, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Heather Lynn Whitt. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 6, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

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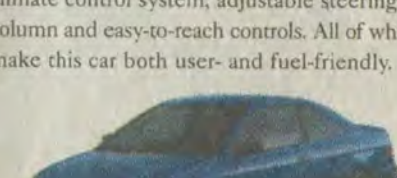
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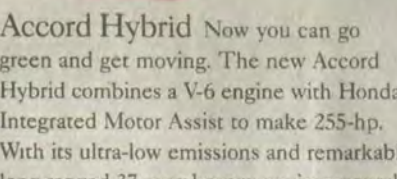
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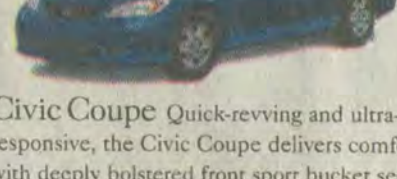
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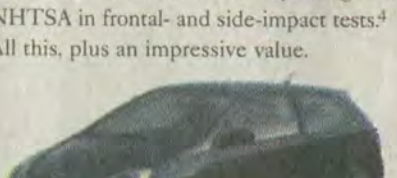
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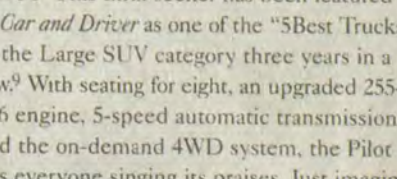
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Frustrated Labonte needs Texas turnaround

by MIKE HARRIS
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Bobby Labonte

FORT WORTH, Texas — Bobby Labonte is frustrated, but at least he still can joke about a season that so far has been any-

thing but fun.

He notes that older brother Terry, a two-time NASCAR champion, is running a limited schedule this year and next before stepping out of the cockpit for good.

"Don't be confused," Bobby Labonte said. "He's on the retirement deal, running 10 races. I just feel like I am because I've only run one race in six. He's almost higher in points than I am, running two races."

The 2000 series champion was referring to the fact that he has managed to complete only one Nextel Cup race so far this year, and goes into Sunday's Samsung/Radio Shack 500 37th in the season points.

The season-opening Daytona 500 was a hint of things to come when the engine on Labonte's No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Chevrolet blew after just 14 laps, leaving him last in the 43-car field.

A week later, everything

looked somewhat better after Labonte completed all the laps on the way to a 13th-place finish at California Speedway. Not exactly the stuff championships are made of, but a step forward.

Since then, nothing has looked very good for Labonte.

"Daytona was just one race, but it was frustrating," Labonte explained. "And then we go to the second race, then the third race and the fourth race, fifth race, sixth race. ... It's been one of those weird situations."

Last Sunday at Martinsville Speedway, Labonte was strong enough to lead twice in the race. But it happened again — his engine blowing up and relegating him to 33rd.

"It's like, 'When are we going to be able to finish that 500 miles or that 500 laps?' It gets really frustrating and it wears on you," Labonte said.

Asked if he ever has had this kind of stretch before in his racing career, Labonte shook his head and replied: "No, not at all.

Not this many in a row."

The elder Labonte, also entered in Sunday's race at Texas Motor Speedway, sat alongside his brother, listening to the litany of failure and shaking his head in sympathy before speaking up.

"In 1985, I blew up seven weekends in a row," Terry said, referring to the season after his first championship. "I was leading the points at the beginning

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Applicants still being sought for KHSAA slot

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

FRANKFORT — A position remains vacant within the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. The Kentucky Department of Education is seeking an individual to serve on the KHSAA Board of Control to fill a vacant position.

Locally, Paul Dotson, Pike County, remains on the KHSAA Board of Control.

The KHSAA is the Kentucky Board of Education's designee to manage statewide interscholastic programs. The Board of Control supervises the KHSAA, establishes staff salaries, sets goals for the Association and has the authority to set rules and review proposed changes to the KHSAA constitution and bylaws.

All interested individuals are encouraged to submit a letter of interest, a resume and a minimum of two written letters of recommendation to the Kentucky Department of Education's KHSAA liaison. The deadline for applications is April 29. Materials should be sent to Michael D. Dailey, KHSAA Liaison, 1st Floor, 500 Metro St. Frankfort, Ky. 40601. The Kentucky Board of Education will review nominations for the Kentucky High School Athletics Board of Control at-large position at its June 2005 meeting.

David School joins Three Rivers Conference

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DAVID — The David School was recently accepted into the Three Rivers Basketball Conference. The school was notified and told that its application for membership into the conference had been approved. The application for membership was accepted at the last Three Rivers Conference meeting held in Jackson.

The David School was also recently admitted into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and as a result played two varsity basketball games this past season. In addition, the school played 20 freshman and junior varsity games.

Officials at the David School are in the process of constructing a gym that would allow the school's boys' basketball team to host home games. The David School hoops team, coached by Ned Pillersdorf, has played all road games over the past two years, its first seasons as an organized team.

The David School will start the 2005-06 season by playing in the Three Rivers

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Reid inks with Union, makes college choice official



photos by Steve LeMaster
Among family, teammates, coaches and other South Floyd High School officials on Friday afternoon, Sabrina Reid signed to play volleyball at Union College. Right: Reid looked on as Union College Coach David Nicholson added his signature.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — When it comes to sending volleyball players to the next level, South Floyd High School is beginning to distance itself from other area schools. On Friday, SFHS senior Sabrina Reid became the third Lady Raider volleyball player this year to sign with a college program as she chose Union College.

Union College Coach David Nicholson, set to enter his first season at the helm of the Lady Bulldog volleyball program, attended Friday's signing.

"We are excited to have Sabrina joining our program," said Nicholson. "As a coach at Union College, she is my first signee. I'd also like to invite some of Sabrina's teammates here at South Floyd to take a look at Union College."

During her senior season, Reid earned both All-Conference and All-District honors. She had an outstanding senior season, finishing with 121 kills, 108 digs and 15 blocks. In college, Reid is projected to play outside hitter.



"I think she's the best outside hitter in the 15th Region," said South Floyd Coach Keith Smallwood. "Sabrina had a great senior season."

Nicholson came to Union College from Division I Western Carolina (N.C.) University.

He spent the past two seasons as an assistant at Western Carolina. During that time, the Catamounts went 28-33 overall. In 2003, Western Carolina finished 26th in the NCAA in digs per game with 17.85 per contest.

Nicholson has also officiated high school volleyball and

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Big Blue Caravan ready to roll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — It's time again for members of the University of Kentucky athletic department to travel across Big Blue Country.

This April through June, the University of Kentucky's annual Big Blue Caravan will roll across the Bluegrass. This year, the Wildcats are even going to visit some of the most loyal fans south of the border in Nashville, Tenn. Big Blue fans will get to meet UK coaches including Coach Tubby Smith, Coach Rich Brooks and Coach Mickie DeMoss as well as Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart and several of the dedicated student-athletes.

In previous years, the Big Blue Caravan made stops in Prestonsburg at StoneCrest Golf Course. However, this year, an Eastern Kentucky stop will take the Caravan to London.

The caravan kicks off in the university's hometown of Lexington on April 27 and tours seven communities, winding up on June 6 in

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photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg High School senior Kyle Ousley got high in the air during Thursday night's track and field meet in Pikeville. More images from the meet appear inside today's edition.

Pike Central rocks Rebels, 9-3

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Playing on the road Tuesday at Pike County Central, Allen Central struggled to get anything going against the host Hawks, Or, maybe Pike Central was just ready to play an excellent brand of baseball.

On the mound, Isaac Williamson went the distance for the Hawks, giving up only one earned run.

Jeremy Lucas had a solo home run for Pike Central.

Allen Central Coach Kenneth Johnson was far from pleased with his team's effort.

"We played pretty poorly," said Johnson. "We just didn't have that fire. I knew coming in that Pike Central was going to be hungry for us because we had already beaten them twice. They played very good baseball. They put the ball in play and hit the other way. They also got an outstanding pitching performance. They played very good defensively. All I can say is that they wanted it more than we did."

Josh McKinney got the call to start on the mound for the Rebels. McKinney was holding his own, but had to come out of the game in the third inning when he experienced back problems.

"We have to get more from our kids," Johnson added. "Wilfredo Dominguez and Tyler Turner continue to slump. These guys have to start playing the way they are capable of. I can't wait for them to pass through this. Every good ball player goes through it."

Two players who have been hot for the Rebels are Brock Kidd and Scott Little. Following the game against Pike Central, Kidd's batting average stood at .375. Through the Pike Central game, Little led the team with four doubles and one triple.

ACHS BASEBALL ON DECK...

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| April 18 | Prestonsburg, 6 p.m. |
| April 19 | South Floyd, 6 p.m. |
| April 21 | Breathitt County, 6 p.m. |
| April 22 | Knox Central, 6 p.m. |
| April 25 | at Paintsville, 6 p.m. |
| April 26 | Betsy Layne, 6 p.m. |
| April 28 | at Whitesburg, 6 p.m. |

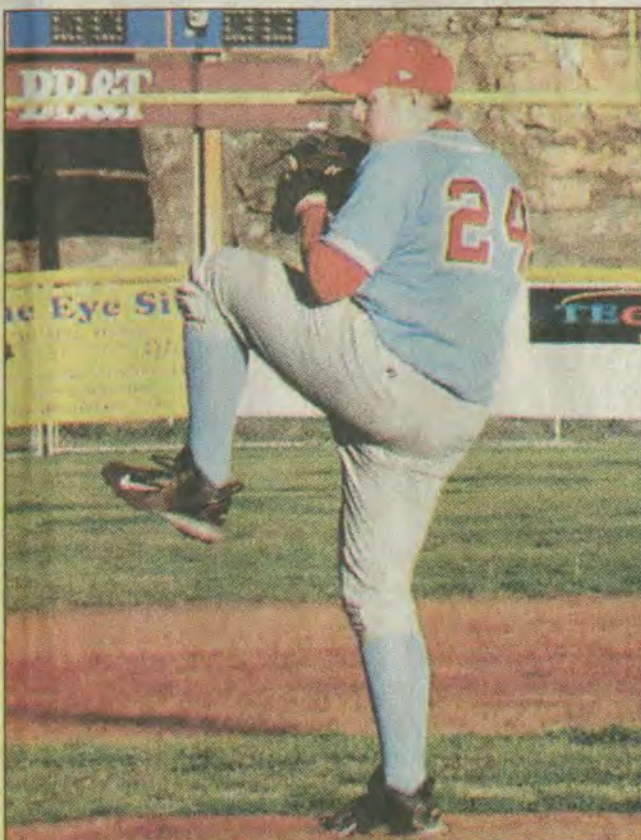


photo by Jamie Howell
Allen Central's Josh McKinney pitched three innings against Pike County Central before back trouble sent him off of the mound.

Reds offer ticket programs for kids

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Players Sean Casey and Danny Graves once again are participating in programs in which complimentary tickets will be given away to young Reds fans.

At each Saturday game at Great American Ball Park, Casey will give 24 youths and chaperones the opportunity to enjoy games in center field seats as part of his Casey's Crew program.

Non-profit organizations that serve the needs of underprivileged children interested in participating can submit a letter of consideration at least three weeks in advance to Cincinnati Reds, Attn: Casey's Crew, 100 Main St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Also returning in 2005 is Graves' Gravy's Train ticket program. At each Sunday home game at GABP, 20 little leaguers and their coaches will take in the big league action in seats adjacent to the Reds' bullpen.

Youth baseball programs that serve the needs of underprivileged youth interested in participating can submit a letter of consideration at least three weeks in advance to Cincinnati Reds, Attn: Gravy's Train, 100 Main St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Reid

is very familiar with the game.

Before choosing Union, Reid also considered Cumberland College, among other schools.

"I would like to thank all of my coaches, teammates and my family," Reid said. "(Assistant coach) Tiffany Turner helped

me a whole lot. I'm really excited about being able to play (volleyball) in college. I really enjoyed playing high school volleyball. I'm gonna miss it."

This past fall, during her senior season, Reid helped lead South Floyd to a runner-up fin-

ished in the 54th District. The Lady Raiders also played in the 15th Region Tournament.

Union College posted a 15-19 overall record last season. The Lady Bulldogs put together a 12-8 record in conference play.

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Sabrina Reid, pictured with South Floyd Coach Keith Smallwood (left) and Union College Coach David Nicholson, plans to carry her volleyball playing skills over into college.

David

Conference Tournament. The tournament is scheduled to be held at Cordia High School, starting on Nov. 28.

The David School's 2005-06 basketball schedule follows.

Nov. 28 Three Rivers Conference Tourn.

Nov. 29 East Ridge
Dec. 2 Shelby Valley
Dec. 5 Red Bird
Dec. 6 Pikeville
Dec. 10 Rose Hill
Dec. 12 Piarist
Dec. 13 Phelps
Dec. 16 Betsy Layne
Dec. 17 Buckhorn

Dec. 29 Rose Hill Tournament
Jan. 9 Piarist
Jan. 10 Shelby Valley
Jan. 12 Red Bird (Home)
Jan. 13 June Buchanan
Jan. 17 Pikeville
Jan. 20 Allen Central
Jan. 24 East Ridge
Jan. 10 Oneida Baptist

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Caravan

Louisville. The Caravan, which often also includes former UK men's basketball players, will be visiting local charities, hosting golf outings, and sitting down for catered barbecue dinners.

The schedule for the Caravan follows:

April 27 Lexington - University Club of Kentucky
May 10 Hopkinsville - Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club
May 11 Bowling Green - Bowling Green Country Club

May 12 Nashville - Legends Club of Tennessee
May 23 Union - Triple Crown Country Club
May 24 London - London Country Club
June 6 Louisville - Big Spring Country Club

Typical Daily Schedule
11:30 - Golf Registration Begins
12:00 - Boxed Lunch Served
1:00 - Golf Tee Time
6:30 - Buffet Dinner

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Labonte

of that stretch. We were no longer the points leaders at the end of that stretch. It happens."

Bobby, grinning, said, "And you didn't drive for them too much after that."

"No," agreed Terry.

Bobby was hoping for a lot more coming off a season in which he failed to win at least one race for the first time in 10 years and finished outside the top 10 for only the second time in eight seasons. His ride with the Gibbs team doesn't appear in any jeopardy, but he and his team could sure use a good race Sunday to get things going in the right direction before the current hole gets any deeper.

"You've got to be able to do your best," Bobby said. "That's

all you can do. If something happens, it happens. You just don't want it to happen a lot.

"If we're still doing our best and not losing focus on it, then we'll be OK."

This would be the perfect track for the younger Labonte to get things turned around.

Both Labontes were born in Corpus Christi, Texas, and even though Bobby left for North Carolina when he was a teenager, he is still a Texas favorite and feels a bond with his native state.

"The fans here are just incredible," Bobby said. "I feel like I have been adopted in a way since we moved from Corpus Christi.

"There were some times

when I was starting out racing in North Carolina and they had a race down here at Texas World Speedway - the Texas Race of Champions - and we'd come down with our late models. We drove right by Concord (N.C.) Speedway that paid \$10,000 to win to come down and race in Texas, where they paid maybe \$1,200, because we wanted to race in Texas."

Now he's back, and Sunday's race pays a lot more money than either of those long-ago events. But Bobby Labonte is far more interested in a good finish than the possible payoff in dollars.

"Let's just hope we can find a way to get going in the right direction," he said.

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Medical condition causes Kentucky's Sumrall to give up football

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Jon Sumrall, a linebacker who started every game for Kentucky last season and led the Wildcats in tackles, is giving up football because of a medical condition, Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said Friday.

Sumrall, a 6-2, 220-pound senior from Huntsville, Ala., has been diagnosed with cervical spinal stenosis, a condition which makes him more susceptible to neck injuries. Sumrall

previously has suffered pinched nerves in his neck and shoulder, which caused him to seek a medical evaluation.

"I love playing football at the University of Kentucky and I'm glad to have a group of guys here, my Kentucky football family, that can help me get through this," Sumrall said. "This is kind of hard for me to handle, but the team is being very supportive."

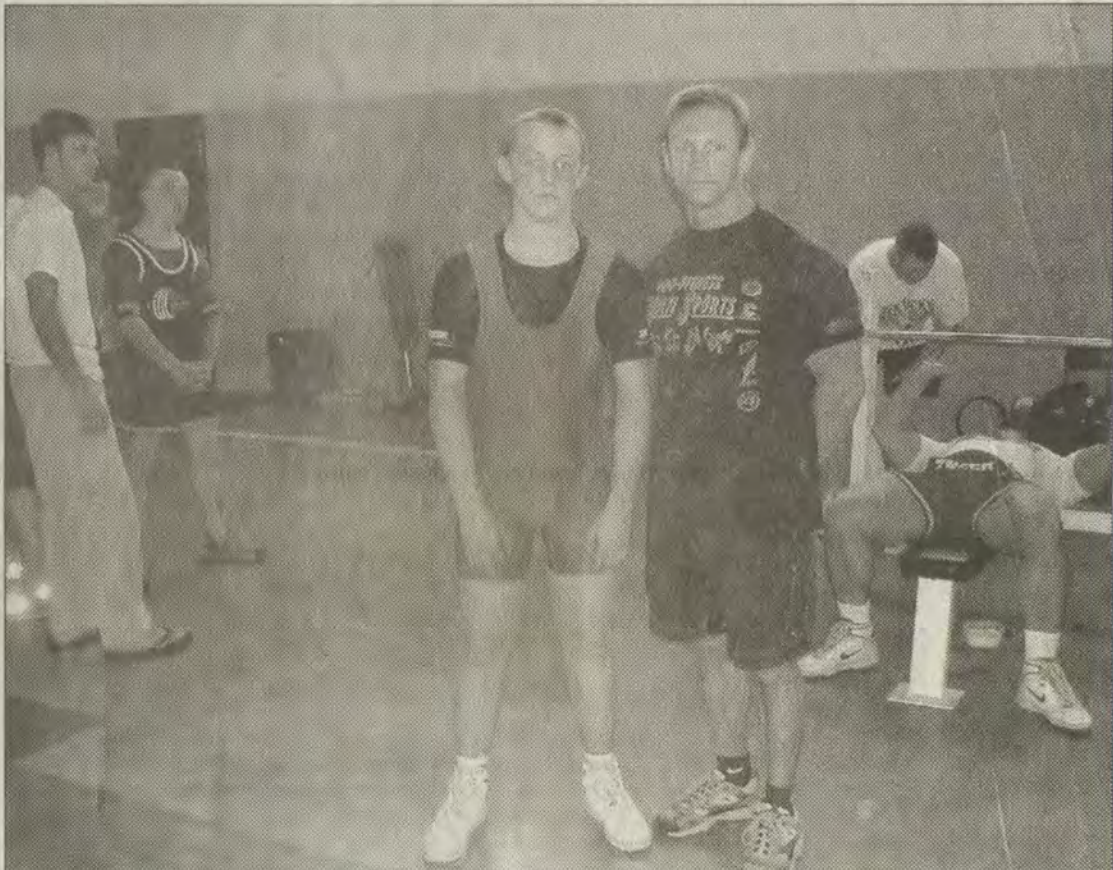
Sumrall said he would remain with the team and help coach the Wildcats' linebackers this coming season.

Sumrall had a team-high 72 tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery as a junior. He had 15 tackles as a sophomore, when he appeared in all 12 of Kentucky's games, starting one.

"First of all, I'm glad that Jon is OK and that this was discovered before any additional issues occurred," Brooks said. "I know how hard this is on him and that this is a trying time for him emotionally. Clearly, he loves and enjoys playing the game of football. Jon has done a lot for our program."



Below: The Fields - Don (father) and Austin (son), pictured right to left, were among those who participated in a weightlifting meet held Saturday, April 8 at the Prestonsburg National Guard Armory. Some of the winners are pictured above.



photos by Jamie Howell
Floyd County schools Betsy Layne and Allen Central joined Prestonsburg and other area teams during Thursday night's track meet in Pikeville.

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Marshall names Mark Snyder head football coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON, W.Va. — Interim President Michael J. Farrell and Director of Athletics Bob Marcum announced the hiring Thursday of Marshall alumnus and Tri-State Area native Mark Snyder as the school's new head football coach.

"When we played for the national championship in 1987 we could only dream of the heights to which Jim Donnan and Bob Pruett would take the program," Snyder said. "I have always been proud to have been a part of Marshall's resurgence in football and now I am honored to have the opportunity to return to my alma-mater and lead Marshall into a new era. This is an exciting time for the Thundering Herd family as we move into Conference USA and our football team will not only represent, but serve the University and the Tri-State area well on and off the field. Our goal is to be the class of college football."

Snyder, who has spent the past four years as an assistant coach under Jim Tressel at Ohio State University, is coming off of his first season as the Buckeyes' defensive coordinator. In Snyder's four years at

Ohio State, the Buckeyes posted a 40-11 overall record and tallied a 3-1 record in bowl games, including victories in the 2003 and 2004 Tostitos Fiesta Bowls.

"Marshall University welcomes home a distinguished alumnus," Farrell said. "Mark Snyder follows the tradition established by Bob Pruett by having demonstrated excellence at Ohio State University, Minnesota and Youngstown State. We are very pleased that he has accepted our offer to be head coach of the Marshall University football team."

Farrell said Snyder's five-year contract will pay him a base salary of \$144,200 a year. Additional promotional compensation of about \$135,000 and an incentive package of about \$197,000 could bring the total package to about \$478,000 based in large part upon his coaching success.

Farrell also said Snyder will receive a \$50,000 "welcome bonus" from the Thunder Club.

"I am pleased that Mark has decided to return to his alma-mater and lead our football program into a new era," Marcum said. "He brings a great deal of experience, enthusiasm, and a proven record of success at the highest levels of college football with him."

Snyder helped develop a number of outstanding players at Ohio State, including All-Americans Matt Wilhelm, Cie Grant, and A.J. Hawk. Both Wilhelm and Grant played key roles in Ohio State's 2002 national championship before going on to become NFL draft picks. Last season, Hawk led OSU with 141 tackles en route to earning All-America status.

Snyder came to Ohio State from the University of Minnesota, where he spent four years coaching the Golden Gophers' defensive ends. Prior to Minnesota, he also coached at Marshall, Central Florida and Youngstown State.

The Ironton, Ohio, native was an all-state selection at Ironton High School and played collegiate football at Marshall. Snyder led the Southern Conference with 10 interceptions and was second on the team with 124 tackles his senior year at Marshall. He captured honorable mention All-American and first-team All-Southern Conference honors that season as the Thundering Herd posted a 10-5 overall record and finished as national runners-up in the 1987 Division I-AA National Championship game.

Snyder graduated from

Marshall in the spring of 1988 and started his coaching career the following fall as a student assistant for the Herd. He went to Central Florida the following year and spent two seasons at UCF, the first as a graduate assistant and the second as a part-time coach working with the linebackers.

In 1991, Snyder joined Tressel's Youngstown State staff as the outside linebackers coach. Snyder was given the added responsibility of special teams coordinator and inside linebackers coach in 1994 and was promoted to defensive coordinator and secondary coach in 1996.

During his tenure at Youngstown State, the Penguins won three NCAA Division I-AA national championships and played in four consecutive national championship games, facing Marshall in three of those contests (1991, 1992, and 1993).

Following the 1996 season, Snyder went on to spend four years as the defensive ends coach at Minnesota. While he was with the Golden Gophers, Minnesota's defense twice set school records for single-season sacks and averaged 40.7 sacks during a three-year span. While at Minnesota, Snyder helped develop Lamanzer Williams,



photo by Matt Riley
Ironton, Ohio native Mark Snyder is the new Marshall University football coach. On Thursday, he was announced as the new head coach.

who led the nation in sacks in 1997 and Karon Riley, the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year in 2000.

Mark and his wife Beth, who

also is a native of Ironton and a graduate of the University of Kentucky, have three daughters: Chelsea, 12, Lindsay, 11, and Shaylee, 4.

Schuler in the middle of the action

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LXINGTON — Joe Schuler is in the middle of the action this spring — literally.

Schuler, a sophomore from Evansville, Ind., has been practicing at middle linebacker recently after beginning the spring as the starter at strong-side linebacker.

"I like playing in the middle, it takes me back to my high-school days," said Schuler, who prepped at Evansville's Central High School. "The biggest adjustment is calling the alignment for the front four (defensive line) when the offense comes to the line of scrimmage. It's really important to make the call quickly so everybody can get in position (before the snap)."

Schuler played in all 11 games last season, including a pair of starting assignments, as a redshirt freshman. He totaled 33 tackles, including a high of seven stops against Alabama. He said that getting to play last

season is proving to be extremely valuable this spring.

"That year of experience is helping me a lot," Schuler said. "It is so much easier to read a play and know what the different (offensive) formations mean. Last year, my head was spinning. This year, the speed of the game is slowing down and I'm a lot calmer."

An off-season program emphasizing increased speed has helped his performance as well.

"I've lost about 20 pounds, down to about 235," Schuler said. "I'm faster but also a lot stronger, about twice as strong as I was in high school."

In addition to learning a new position, Schuler also has a new position coach this spring as former Wildcat linebacker Chuck Smith has returned to his alma mater and is coaching the linebackers.

"I love Coach Smith. He's exactly the type of coach I can thrive under," Schuler said. "He pushes you hard and harps on fundamentals all the time,

but when he gets after you, you can tell that he's just trying to make you the best you can be."

Smith has been equally enthused about what he's seen of Schuler.

"Joe has taken his game to another level this spring," Smith said. "He's gotten a little better each practice and I'm really pleased with his work ethic. He's having a great spring."

Kentucky completed the ninth of its allotted 15 practices on Wednesday morning at Commonwealth Stadium. The Wildcats return to practice Friday at 9 a.m.

Kentucky Football Calendar (practices held in Commonwealth Stadium or Nutter Field House):

- Friday — Practice, 9-11 a.m.
- Saturday — Practice (scrimmage), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Monday — Practice, 9-11 a.m.
- Wednesday — Practice, 9-11 a.m.
- Friday — Practice, 9-11 a.m.
- Saturday — Blue/White Spring Game, 1 p.m., Commonwealth Stadium



photo courtesy of Pikeville College
The Pikeville College baseball team is gearing up for a post-season run that'll include the Mid-South Conference Tournament. The Bears are coached by Johnnie LeMaster.

LBL managers to restore oak-sprinkled grasslands

by STEVE VANTRESE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOLDEN POND — Managers in the Land Between the Lakes are going to turn back the clock on part of the national recreation area, recreating a kind of habitat that native Americans manipulated as hunting grounds three centuries ago.

The U.S. Forest Service, which operates the 170,000-acre federal area in western Kentucky and northwest Tennessee, has begun a project to establish or rather re-establish two large blocks of savanna wildlife habitat.

Operating under a recently finalized management plan, Forest Service managers are moving toward converting about 8,000 acres to native grasslands dappled with scattered oak timber.

The oak-grasslands project will establish a habitat type that is of the same sort that native hunters maintained by regular use of fire, burning away dead vegetation and underbrush to stimulate the growth of new grasses with which to attract and hold large game animals — deer, elk and bison — that they hunted, said LBL wildlife biologist and fire management specialist Jim McCoy.

"By the time the region was settled by European Americans, most of the native influence was gone," McCoy said. "The thing that kept the trees down earlier was the Native Americans' use of fire."

The purpose of converting the acreage back to a days-gone-by habitat is purely for diversity to better accommodate a hodgepodge of wild

species today, McCoy said. "There are generalist species that can make a living almost anywhere, but there are specialists that need this kind of grassland to prosper," McCoy said. "We'll be taking away habitat that favors some species, but we'll be providing a different habitat that other species need."

"One species of great interest is northern bobwhite quail," McCoy said. "Quail and wild turkey will do great in the native grassland. A non-game species that comes to mind is the prairie warbler. This will be great habitat for that species."

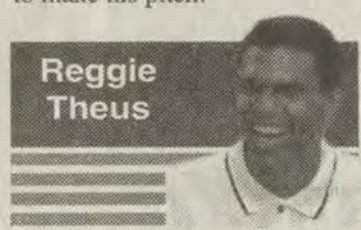
One project area, about 3,000 acres, generally surrounds the LBL's Elk & Bison Prairie Wildlife Viewing Area,

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Theus, Mumme and Boston mark new era for woeful New Mexico State

by PETE HERRERA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — New Mexico State president Michael Martin and the 47-year-old recruit had met for nearly an hour. Martin decided it was time to make his pitch.



"I said, 'Reggie, join us. Place a bet. If you'll come along and cast your dice with us, A, we're going to have fun and B, I think we can be successful.'"

Reggie Theus, a former NBA All-Star and more recently Rick Pitino's chief recruiter at Louisville, took the gamble and became the newest face in the makeover of NMSU athletics.

Over the past four months, the Aggies have hired a new athletic director (McKinley Boston), a new football coach (Hal Mumme) and basketball coach (Theus). They're all part of a plan to turn the athletic corner at a mid-major school that hasn't been to a bowl game in 45 years and just had its worst basketball season in 39 years.

"If you're truly committed to excellence, you're committed to excellence in everything you do," Martin said. "In teaching in the classroom, in working in the lab, in painting the building and in putting teams on the field. Athletics is a front porch to this place."

History says otherwise. Football has been a backburner program in Las Cruces for decades: four winning seasons in 36 years and no bowl bid since 1960. Things got so bad that from 1988 to 1990, NMSU won a total of three games.

Mumme, with a reputation for providing a quick fix to bad football programs, was hired after NMSU fired Tony Samuel, a former Nebraska assistant who spent eight years at NMSU and had two winning seasons.

Saddled with too small a budget and schedules that

included pre-conference mismatches against teams such as Texas, California and South Carolina, Samuel couldn't get it done and the Aggies decided it was time for a change.

Mumme has produced winning teams everywhere he's been. He did it at Iowa Wesleyan, Valdosta State, Kentucky and Southeastern Louisiana, where he restarted a program that had been dormant since the mid-80s.

"I've turned programs around, I have a track record of doing that," says Mumme. "I've had four others like this."

In his first year at Kentucky, the Wildcats beat Alabama for the first time in 75 years. Two years later they played Penn State in the Outback Bowl, the Wildcats' first New Year's Day bowl trip in 47 years.

Mumme resigned in February 2001 amid an NCAA investigation that uncovered recruiting violations and led to Kentucky being placed on probation for three years. But the Aggies discard the notion that Mumme was a risky hire.

"That was clearly a factor," Martin said of Mumme's problems at Kentucky. "I talked to his former bosses, to several friends of mine in the SEC and several others. I think Hal will be a great coach, but like many coaches, we've got to give him enough help to ensure that we have a balanced program. He gets it."

The hiring of Theus also could be considered chancy, given that this will be the first Division I head coaching job for the former UNLV star and 13-year NBA veteran. His resume includes a year as coach of the Las Vegas Slam of the American Basketball Association and a year as a volunteer coach at Cal State-Los Angeles.

None of that seemed to matter to the enthusiastic crowd of school officials, faculty and fans who turned out last month when Theus' hiring was announced.

"We don't want ordinary players, we want extraordinary people," a smiling Theus told them. "Back when I was playing (with UNLV) this school had a

great reputation."



Unlike football, the school's basketball program has had a much more positive past. Lou Henson led the Aggies to the Final Four in 1970 and to six NCAA tournaments overall. Under Neil McCarthy, the school made five straight NCAA trips from 1990 to 1994.

Henson, unable to coach last season because of health problems, retired in January. The Aggies played the season under interim coach Tony Stubblefield and went 6-24.

Boston and Martin said Theus' two years on Pitino's staff, his NBA career and his workaholic approach convinced them he was the right choice.

"We talked about how he grew up as a kid and how his mom died and his father basically worked himself to death with an office cleaning job," said Boston. "Everything about his story was about survival and working hard and being responsible."

With New Mexico State joining the Western Athletic Conference this summer, Boston said the hiring of Theus and Mumme is crucial to the school's athletic future.

"These hires represent emotional and financial investments in helping this university rebrand its athletic program," Boston said.

Boston, former athletic director and vice president at Minnesota, says the school must recapture community support by winning and giving. Each of the school's 350 athletes will be required to donate 15 hours of community service next school year.

"I want people here to look at us the same way people in Ann Arbor look at Michigan," Boston said. "We're not Michigan, but there's no reason that connection and that sense of identity can't exist."

Louisville-Kentucky football game moved to a Sunday

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LXINGTON — As expected, the Louisville-Kentucky football game will be played on Sunday, Sept. 4, a day later than originally scheduled, Kentucky's athletic department has announced.

The move was made to accommodate a live telecast by ESPN, Kentucky spokesman Tony Neely said Thursday. It will be the eighth time the Louisville-Kentucky game will be televised since the series between the intrastate rivals resumed in 1994 after a 75-year

hiatus. The game, the season opener for both teams, will be at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington.

It will be the fourth straight season in which the Cardinals and Wildcats play each other on a Sunday.

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 Eric King, Cumberland College
 Eddie Parman, Cumberland College



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 Daniel Benson, Georgetown College
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 Kristin Phillips, Georgetown College
 Lindsey Smith, Georgetown College
 Stacy McClain, Lindsey Wilson College
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Reds partner with Make-A-Wish Foundation

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES
CINCINNATI — For the fourth consecutive year, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Ohio is partnering with the Cincinnati Reds.
 Selected children will have the opportunity to visit Great American Ball Park during batting practice prior to Reds' home games. During each visit, the wish child will meet players, take pictures and get autographs. After batting practice, the wish child and their family receive complimentary tickets to the game.
 The visits are scheduled for tomorrow, May 6, May 27, June 10, June 17, July 1, July 15, July 22, August 5, August 19, September 9 and September 23. Tomorrow night's guest will be 15-year-old Christopher Korte of Cincinnati.
 The Make-A-Wish Foundation provides children and their families with positive life experiences in the midst of difficult times. During 2004, the Southern Ohio office fulfilled the individual wishes of 95 children diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions. Since this chapter's inception in Southern Ohio in 1998, more than 500 wishes have been granted. More than 100 wishes are expected to be fulfilled in the coming year.

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Murray State signs three players

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
MURRAY — Murray State has signed three players, including a pair of twins who led Clinton County to the Kentucky high school state girls basketball championship game.
 Joining the Racers next season will be Amber Guffey, a 5-foot-8 point guard who scored more than 2,600 career points, and Paige Guffey, a 5-foot-8 shooting guard who scored more than 3,100 career points.
 The Guffeys, who each made The Associated Press' first-team All-State list, are the only teammates in state history to finish with more than 2,500

career points each.
 This past season, Amber Guffey averaged 19.5 points, 8.5 rebounds and 9.0 assists per game. Her 276 assists was the third-highest single-season total in state history. Paige Guffey averaged 21.0 points and 6.0 rebounds per game as a senior. She was the second-leading 3-point shooter in state history.
 Also signing with the Racers was Erica Gordin, a 6-foot center from Elkton. Gordin is transferring to Murray State from Imperial Valley (Calif.) Community College, where she averaged 16.0 points and 9.0 rebounds per game last season.

Red Sox 8, Yankees 5

by HOWARD ULMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS
BOSTON — Gary Sheffield turned to the Boston fan who hit him, his fist cocked and his temper hot.
 Then, the New York Yankees outfielder stopped himself from doing something foolish.
 "We have to give Sheffield a lot of credit," Boston's Johnny Damon said, "for him to restrain himself the way he did."
 Sheffield was fielding Jason Varitek's two-run triple along the low right-field fence in the eighth inning of the Red Sox's 8-5 victory Thursday night when a fan swung a short uppercut in his direction, appearing to graze the side of the slugger's face with his right arm.

Two-run homers by Jay Payton in the second and Edgar Renteria in the third, and a solo shot by Varitek in the fourth left the game tied 5-5. New York had scored on Matsui's RBI double in the third then added four runs in the fourth on a bases-loaded walk to Sheffield, a two-run single by Matsui and an RBI single by Rodriguez.
 Damon led off Boston's eighth with a single and scored the go-ahead run on Renteria's double. David Ortiz was walked intentionally before Varitek lined his triple, putting right fielder Sheffield on a collision course with the unruly fan.
 "These people shouldn't be allowed to walk the streets much less come to a ballgame," Torre said. "It was an ugly incident."
 There have been others in sports recently.
 On Nov. 19, players and fans exchanged punches in the stands near the end of a Pacers-Pistons game in one of the worst brawls in NBA history. The mayhem left several people injured and prompted a police investigation.
 Last September, the Rangers got into a fight with fans in Oakland, and Texas reliever Frank Francisco was arrested after throwing a chair into the stands that broke a woman's nose.
 On Sept. 28, Dodgers outfielder Milton Bradley was ejected after slamming a plastic bottle down in the front row of the right-field seats after a fan threw it onto the field. He was suspended for the rest of the regular season.
 Then, there's Fenway's fanatics.
 "People here yell at you and throw things at you, all kinds of things all game long," Yankees center fielder Bernie Williams said. "But what that guy did was different, totally unexpected. It was dangerous."
 It could have been worse.
 "I just tried to point the guy out" to police, Sheffield said. "They were telling me to calm down."
 Notes: Boston starter Bronson Arroyo put runners in scoring position in each of the first four innings. ... Sheffield led off the ninth with a double, but was stranded at third.

Reds baseball on FSN Ohio records league-high rating

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES
CINCINNATI — The Wednesday, April 6th Reds/Mets game on FSN Ohio recorded the highest average rating among all MLB games telecast that night. The 8.3 rating in the Cincinnati market was the highest MLB rating in all 16 markets carrying a game. The Reds/Mets game beat out some marquee match-ups, including: Cardinals/Astros (6.7 rating), and Red Sox/Yankees (5.0 rating). In the Cincinnati market, a 1 rating equals 8,700 homes.

FSN Ohio reaches more than four million households in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, western Pennsylvania, western New York, and West Virginia. FSN Ohio's programming includes the Cleveland Indians, Cincinnati Reds, Columbus Blue Jackets, and Cleveland Cavaliers, The Best Damn Sports Show Period, The Sports List, Beyond the Glory and Totally Football. FSN Ohio is managed by Rainbow Sports Networks.
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Homestead to add lights for season finale

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES
HOMESTEAD, Fla. — The future of Homestead-Miami Speedway, the excitement of Ford Championship Weekend, and the nightlife in Miami all just became that much brighter.
 Lights will be installed at Homestead-Miami Speedway to allow for races to be held at night, announced Speedway President Curtis Gray.
 Construction on the project is scheduled to begin immediately and be complete in time for the 2005 Ford Championship Weekend, the season finales for the Chase for the Nextel Cup, Busch Series, and Craftsman Truck Series, November 17-20.
 The new lights at Homestead-Miami Speedway will allow for later start times and therefore a prime time championship atmosphere at the

Speedway's major events beginning with November's Ford Championship Weekend.
 "When one thinks of the greatest championship sporting events around the world, one thinks of prime-time, electric atmospheres," said Gray. "The championship finales for NASCAR's three elite series will now all take place in an unparalleled setting under the lights during Ford Championship Weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway."
 The Nextel Cup Series Ford 400, televised live on NBC, is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 20 and conclude under the lights.
 Following the Ford 400, the 2005 Nextel Cup Champion will be officially crowned at Homestead-Miami Speedway.
 "NASCAR is a national sport that continues to grow into new markets. The prime time start will

allow even more fans to tune in for the finale of the Chase for the Nextel Cup," said NASCAR Chairman and CEO Brian France.
 The NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Ford 200 will also run under the lights with a 8 p.m. scheduled start time on Friday, November 18 and televised live on SPEED.
 The start time for the NASCAR Busch Series Ford 300 on Saturday, November 19 is still to be determined and will be released at a later date.
 A detailed competition schedule for the entire Ford Championship Weekend will also be released at a later date. All times are tentative and subject to change.
 This is the second major renovation the track has undergone — Homestead was reconfigured with 20-degree variable banking two years ago.

Schumacher going for two in a row at Bristol

TIMES STAFF REPORT
BRISTOL, Tenn. — Tony Schumacher's memories of finally scoring a win at Bristol Dragway in last year's O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals are still fresh in his mind. And he'd like nothing better than to return for the 5th annual event April 29-May 1 and make it two in a row.
 "We were fortunate to win our first race there last year, beating Clay Millican in the finals," said Schumacher, the defending NHRA Top Fuel world champion. "And any time you win a race for the first time at a certain track it's pretty special."
 "I truly enjoy going to Bristol. It's such a hotbed of racing activity and not just for NASCAR. They really love their drag racing there too."
 Four races into the 2005 season, Schumacher has picked up right where he left off a year ago. After snagging a record 10 event Top Fuel wins last season, he's already won two of the first four events and he's leading the Top Fuel standings. Add to that a new national speed record of 335.32 mph and there's not a lot for Schumacher to too con-

cerned about at the moment.
 "To date, we're running pretty well," said the 35-year-old driver. "We've won a couple of races and have been at or near the top of the Top Fuel standings. We're shooting for a second consecutive NHRA PowerAde Top Fuel world title, so it's imperative that we contend for wins every race, including Bristol."
 "I'm hoping we can go to Bristol and turn the trick again this year."
 While racing is always uppermost in his mind, Schumacher is also looking forward to seeing the new and improved Bristol Dragway. In the off-season, nearly 5,000 seats were added to the facility, including a terrace grandstand, suites and a larger Thunder Valley Club.
 "Bristol Dragway is clearly a state-of-the-art facility," he said. "It's one of the better tracks that we go to and I look forward to competing there every year."
 "It's nice to hear that they've expanded the facility. That means there's a growing interest in our sport. I've heard about the construction that has taken place and I look forward to seeing the changes. I know they're all first-class."
 Schumacher will get his

chance to defend his Bristol race win when action begins on Friday, April 29 with the first round of Nitro qualifying set for 5 p.m. Gates open at 7 on Friday and Saturday and at 9 on Sunday. Final eliminations take place at noon on Sunday.
 Thunder Terrace seating for all three days of the O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals (April 29-May 1) is \$155 for adults and \$65 for juniors (12 and under). Bruton's Suite seats are available for \$400 for all seats for all three days and Thunder Valley Club seating for all three days is \$250 for adults and \$75 for juniors.
 Grandstand seating for adults on Friday is \$20 (sections A-D) and \$25 (sections E-U) and \$5 (all sections) for juniors. Saturday's tickets for adults are \$40 (A-D) and \$50 (E-U) and \$15 (A-D) and \$25 (E-U) for juniors. Sunday's tickets for adults are \$45 (A-D) and \$55 (E-U) and \$15 (A-D) and \$25 (E-U) for juniors. A three-day combo ticket for adults is \$75 (A-D) and \$100 (E-U) and \$30 (A-D) and \$50 (E-U) for juniors.
 Tickets may be purchased online at www.bristoltx.com or by calling (423) 764-1161.

LBL

a fenced enclosure, and extends from the Golden Pond area northward along the eastern side of the area-bisecting highway, The Trace.
 The other, larger project area, approximately 5,000 acres, straddles the Kentucky-Tennessee state line, extending from near the back side of The Homeplace: 1850 interpretive site toward Lake Barkley and northward, encompassing the high ground of Fox Ridge.
 The savanna-type habitat will be recreated from what is now a mixture of fields and woodland. Understory vegetation will be dealt with by prescribed burning and timbered areas within the two project target zones will be thinned by selective logging.
 "About a third of the areas —

and that may be a little high — will have to be thinned by timber harvest," McCoy said.
 Thinned is the operative word for the woodlands, because all the trees won't be cut to create pure fields.
 "It varies, because we will leave fewer trees on the higher, drier ridges, and we'll leave more timber in the lower, wetter area," McCoy said. "Overall, we're looking for about 10 to 60 percent of sunlight exposure to the ground by removing part of the forest canopy."
 The project, estimated to take mostly finalized shape in about four years, offers some bonus wildlife viewing recreation by the more open nature of the habitat.
 While some forest-dependent species won't benefit in the pro-

ject areas, other related wildlife is expected to gain.
 "Gray squirrels that live in heavy woodland will decline in savanna areas with scattered oak trees, but fox squirrels that prosper in more open types of habitat will probably increase," he said.
 A vital component of the wildlife-feeding habitat is the remaining timber, McCoy said.
 "We'll still have a lot of mast (acorn)-producing trees out there, and with the number of trees thinned, I'd expect the oaks that we leave to produce more acorns," McCoy said.
 The LBL, a popular area for public hunting and other outdoor recreation, is more than 90 percent forested, the dominant timber being an oak-hickory mixture.

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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.

You may not have had as much experience with feuds of the old order as some, but an election in Floyd County will serve as a reasonable facsimile thereof.

BUSINESS REPORT

W e wouldn't be a killjoy for any consideration, but we must pass on this business report as it was given us by Harry Ranier.



Norman Allen

Business is so bad that the Big Sandy is running only three days a week.

AVAILABLE

If the royal family ever permits Princess Margaret to come to eastern Kentucky, all the king's horses, men, etcetera will never get her out of here unmarried. That gal wants a husband, and when they come husband-hunting in these parts, brother, they get 'em. The hills are full of guys named Available...The only thing I would regret about such an alliance is what that clipped British accent would do to our good, old mountain drawl.

A NOTE OF CONCERN

This is getting serious. My woes as a stalker of the finny tribe have got around so much that the women are becoming concerned. When Mrs. Sylvia Purdy, formerly of Prestonsburg, now of Lucasville, O., saw recently a "Fishscope" advertised as a means of seeing fish as much as 30 feet below the surface, she pasted the ad on a postal card and mailed it to me. "I think," she wrote, "this Fishscope is for you. Maybe I'm wrong, but I'm under the impression you have fishing troubles."

If I had this contraption, I might remark, I would still have two—at least two—troubles remaining.

1. What to do when I spot the fish;
2. How to get to go fishing.

Did you know that the day after the Kentucky primary is over (May 26), Khrushchev is

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Frank X. Walker



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Noted poet Frank X. Walker at "Evening with Poets"

The 12th annual "Evening with Poets" will be held on April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stephens Library at Hazard Community and Technical College. The event promotes the work of local talent and will celebrate the new issue of Kudzu, the college's literary magazine, which will be distributed free of charge. Admission to the event is free.

The guest of honor is Frank X. Walker, poet, artist, arts activist, and native of Danville. His collections of poetry include Affrilachia and Buffalo Dance: The Journey of York which won the 2004 Lillian Smith Book Award. Another book of poetry, Black Box, is due to be released soon.

Walker currently teaches in the department of English and Theatre at EKU where he also serves as the

Director of the African/African-American Studies Program.

A founding member of Affrilachian Poets, Walker collaborates with other artists to celebrate the heritage of African-American art from those with roots in Appalachia.

Kelly Ellis, cofounder of the Affrilachian Poets and Associate Director of MFA Program in Creative Writing at Chicago State University, said "Frank Walker's poetry is a precise marriage of politics and art; he does not sacrifice his conscience for art or vice versa. His work opens up the precious humanity we all share, as a result we see our many selves: black, white, Latino; woman, man; gay and straight, lovely and ugly too. His work always causes me to pause."

Gurney Norman, who will be here for this year's Spring Writers Workshop, has said of Walker, "I recognized Frank X Walker as a talented writer with great promise way back in the early 1980s ... and everyday Frank X strives to fulfill that promise. He is clearly among the most talented writers our region has ever seen."

Preceding Walker in the program, college students and members of the community will read from their poetry published in Kudzu. The poetry reading is free and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Anyone with questions about HCTC's Spring Writers Workshop or Evening With Poets can contact Scott Lucero at 606 487 3200 or email at Scott.Lucero@kctcs.edu.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Soylent Green'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Charlton Heston began reinventing himself in 1968 by starring in several science fiction flicks, beginning with "Planet of the Apes" and ending with this bleak epic about life on planet earth after overpopulation has tapped out most of the planet's resources.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

Heston's characters in these films were cynical seen-it-all types that were far removed from the heroic roles he'd played in films like "Ben-Hur" and "The Ten Commandments."

The movie begins with a montage of photos which depict events that have landed the world in a mess of trouble by the year 2022. World wars, the greenhouse effect and a steadily growing population have taxed the planet's resources to the limit.

The film takes place in Manhattan and the Big Apple has soured. Food has replaced money as the most precious commodity. Jobs are scarce and job security is nonexistent in a New York where 20 million unemployed persons have led to revamped job policies that include mandatory firing if someone misses more than two days of work.

The first scene follows a street person as he breaks into a high-tech apartment building for the upper crust. Here they eat real fruit, like strawberries at \$150 a bunch, and the building also features penthouse apartments which come with their own courtesan for rich single guys. The street thug breaks into one such apartment and bludgeons the occupant, Mr. Simonson, to death. The man then escapes back into the quiet New York streets where there is a curfew after dark.

The killing brings in Det. Thorn. He doesn't come off as much of a detective and uses his authority to bag up the contents of Simonson's fridge for his own consumption. He asks a few questions of Simonson's bodyguard but shows more interest in the call girl that the building had provided for the apartment.

Thorn rushes back to his dingy digs to pass his booty onto his roommate and mentor, Sol, but he must first climb over the bodies of the homeless people driven into his stairwell after curfew. Sol is old enough to remember when food was readily available and nearly drops dead when

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Bedtime fears

by CHARLOTTE LANHAM

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE BRIDE'S SOUL"

When I was a little girl, say 4 or 5 years old, there were many things that frightened me: snakes, bugs, big older boys and storms. I remember the dark, rainy nights when a thunderstorm would roll into town and wake me from a sleep, in my childhood room at the front end of the house.

The rain would beat on my window as shadows played games on my bedroom walls. Tree branches screeched against the outside of the house making strange noises. I'd lay there, so afraid, nearly ready to cry. Poking my little foot out from under the covers, I'd slide out of my warm bed and tiptoe quietly into the next room, where my mother and daddy slept.

And then, as I had done so many times before, I would crawl over the footboard at the bottom of the bed and make my way over the top of the covers between my mom and dad, looking for a secure place to lay my head between their two pillows.

Dad would roll over and say, "Hey, little girl, what's going on?"

"I'm afraid in my room. It's storming."

Then without another word, the three of us would snuggle close together and go back to sleep. Just my mom and my dad ... and me.

Morning would come, the sun shining. A new day would begin.

When I was a grown-up girl, not quite 20 years old, there were many things that still frightened me: school, jobs, big older boys and getting married. I remember the days

leading up to my wedding day. Parties, planning and packing for the honeymoon. Writing thank-you notes. Ironing my veil and cleaning out my closet for the last time. Last-minute lists. The rehearsal dinner.

It was finally here — the night before my wedding day. I went to bed, tired. Very tired from all the weeks of preparation.

I lay there, so afraid, nearly ready to cry. Poking my foot out from under the covers, I slid out of my warm bed and tiptoed quietly into the next room, where my mother and daddy slept.

And then, as I had done so many times in my life was beginning.

before, I crawled over the footboard at the bottom of the bed and made my way over the top of the covers between my mom and dad, looking for a secure place to lay my head between their two pillows.

Dad rolled over and said, "Hey, little girl, what's going on?"

"I'm afraid in my room. I'm getting married tomorrow."

Then without another word, the three of us snuggled close together and went back to sleep.

Just my mom and my dad ... and me. Morning came, the sun shining. A new day



Jim Davidson

A great hospital in Little Rock

If you did a random survey, I believe you will find that most people will tell you they do not care much about hospitals, that is, until they really need one. We have a fantastic "world class" hospital in our capitol city, called the Arkansas Children's Hospital.



Admittedly, there is a little source of pride in what I am going to say. This is in no way meant to discount the fact that there are several other quality children's hospitals across the country. One reason is because it's an emotional issue for me. In our church we have a beautiful little 7-year-old girl who was diagnosed with brain cancer sev-

eral months ago, and thanks to the surgeons, staff and several months of tender loving care at the Arkansas Children's Hospital, she is still with us today.

Several years ago my wife, Viola, used to work at this hospital and I visited there for lunch a couple of times, but other than passing by Children's on the freeway and seeing the constant construction, I didn't really know much about it. Thanks to the Arkansas Press Association, that all changed for me back in February of this past year when members of the press were invited to a special VIP "behind the scenes" tour.

The invitation was extended by Suzanne Patton, director of communications, to all those who attended our winter convention. When we boarded the bus at our hotel, each person was given a number, which determined which small group we would be in for the tour.

Some of the key units we visited that are not open to the public included: the NEW ambulatory surgery area, the NEW Donald W. Reynolds Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, and the newly remodeled neonatal intensive care unit. When we arrived at each new unit we were required to put on the standard hospital cap and gown and we even got to keep the cap. On the lighter side, I sure don't want my picture in the paper wearing it.

There were about eight pods of 20 beds each in the neonatal intensive care unit. It was some-

thing special to see bed after bed that contained a "premature baby" with life supports that gave him great odds of becoming a healthy, happy adult. You probably would not appreciate this very much, unless of course, you were a parent of one of these babies.

To give you a feel for just how large this hospital is, let me give you some numbers that are staggering. The hospital has 2,187 full-time employees, 1,028 part-time and a medical staff of 456 people. This past year they had 33,775 emergency room visits, 66,516 general pediatric clinic visits and 188,367 other outpatient visits.

It is also worthy to note that Children's Hospital is a major teaching affiliate of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The offices and faculty of UAMS Department of Pediatrics are housed at Children's Hospital. On a daily basis, these people go about the task of restoring and maintaining life and health for all

those under 21 who come to their doors, without regard to race, religion or inability to pay.

This will also be of interest to those in the health care field. The Arkansas Children's Hospital strives to offer the best in well-child care, as well as emergency medicine and acute care. The hospital offers a variety of inpatient specialty units to accomplish this mission. These include infant/toddler, hematology/oncology, neuroscience, cardiovascular intensive care, newborn intensive care, pediatric intensive care, orthopedics, progressive rehabilitation, adolescent medicine and burn center. The burn center is open to anyone regardless of age. Our own community utilized this service recently, when a chemical plant exploded and one of the victims had to be airlifted to Children's.

It was a wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime tour and we were also treated to another specialty of the hospital — fried catfish! This was followed by remarks from

world-renowned pediatric cardiac surgeon, Dr. Jonathan Drummond-Webb.

Dr. Drummond-Webb is originally from South Africa and was formerly at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. Since Children's Hospital kept sending him so many children for heart surgery, they finally convinced him to come to Little Rock and head up the team.

There was one thing he talked about that really touched me. He said many times he would board an airplane at Children's Hospital and then fly to a distant city, harvest a heart from a child who had died, and then time his arrival back home where he would then transplant the harvested heart into another child who desperately needed it to continue to live. Like I said earlier, we don't care much about hospitals, until we really need one.

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soylentgreenad
This is the ad the Times ran to advertise SOLYENT GREENS' August 1973 engagement at the Prestonsburg Drive In.

Lagoon

he sees the bounty that Thorn has provided. Thorn then heads to the precinct to fill in his boss on the murder. The boss makes sure to cut himself in on Thorn's graft and doesn't appear that interested in the investigation.

Interest, however, is raised later when Thorn finds out that Simonson made his money working for the Soylent Corporation, the largest corporation in the country, paid by the government to provide food products for the unemployed which make up the majority of the country's population. Soon everyone Thorn interviews starts turning up dead and it's clear that he is onto something that no one wants exposed.

Thorn eventually learns the truth about what the government is doing to provide food and its not pretty. Suffice to say that when mankind's appetite has grown further than natural resources can provide, the only thing left to recycle will be man himself.

This one works because it starts off with a well thought out premise. A ton of research went into the novel ("Make Room,

Make Room") that was written in 1966 by Harry Harrison.

When Harrison wrote the original book, he dedicated it to his children, saying, "I hope this proves to be a work of fiction." He knew better, though, and many events in the book have since come through. Global warming is a reality, energy consumption continues to grow unchecked, while only a little lip service is paid to finding alternatives to oil, and the world already can't feed everyone in it.

Director Richard Fleischer manages to work in all of these themes and still offer an entertaining film. It helps that the events unfold during a murder investigation. Fleischer also avoids neat gadgets and posits a future where people are worse off and have not benefitted overtly from science. Pollution is hinted at, street people are glimpsed wearing painter's masks, but no one gets on a soap box and proclaims that things are bad. No such preaching is necessary. One character does complain about the weather, 90 degrees and humid all year round, but it is evident from the sheen of sweat on

every character.

The film also benefits from an excellent cast. Charlton Heston leads the way as Thorn. This guy is no traditional hero and steals from victims. He is also not above smacking around suspects, whether they be male or female. His only salvation is his relationship with the father-like Sol Roth. Edward G. Robinson scores his last film role here (his 101st) as Roth, who is a lawyer/researcher assigned to Heston's character to handle all of the legalities. He manages to be the heart of the movie and his scenes with Heston help reveal the person Thorn could have been had he been born at a different time.

The film played at the Prestonsburg Drive In during August 1973 and probably encouraged a lot of necking due to its lugubrious tone. It's worth seeing again, folks, cause it appears that no one in power has seen it lately and they probably should.

Best line: "We give them a day off a month. We don't have to, but we do."

1973, rated PG.

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Financial Aid Tip of the Month

Sometime soon, college-bound seniors should begin receiving award letters from the financial aid office of the schools that have accepted them. Here are some tips about award letters you or your child gets and how to compare them.

An award letter usually shows the total cost of attendance - tuition, fees, room, meals, books, supplies, transportation and personal expenses for one school year. It may also show how much you are expected to pay toward those costs, the expected family contribution (EFC). The EFC is subtracted from the total cost of attendance to get the student's financial need.

When you're comparing packages from two or more schools, there are some things you should look at, such as how the packages break down between what you have to pay back and what you don't have to pay back.

You'll also want to look at total debt load after four years of school.

Another consideration is the EFC. If you can pay that out of savings or income, fine. If you can't, you'll have to come up with that money somewhere, most likely through a Federal Stafford Loan for students, a Federal PLUS Loan for parents or a private loan, such as the Advantage Loan from The Student Loan Peoplesm.

If you're taking out a loan, you need to take a close look at the benefits each lender offers. Careful shopping can save you hundreds, sometimes thousands, of dollars in interest and fees.

being a full-time student takes up as much time as a full-time job.

Maybe you've applied for other scholarships but won't know if you have won one until after you get the award letter. You need to see how each school handles that. Some will decrease their grant, while others will decrease both loans and grants. That can make a big difference in how much you have to pay back.

So, study your award letters before you sign one. You may be glad you did.

For more information, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, extension 7381.

For more information about student loans, visit www.studentloanpeople.com; write The Student Loan People, P.O. Box 24328, Louisville, KY 40224-0328; or call (888) 678-4625.

Making sure you got your computer covered

by ANTHONY RYAN STEWART
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So, you just dropped a big chunk-of-change on your brand new, top-of-the-line computer and you love it. However, it probably hasn't crossed your mind that some unforeseen circumstance, such as a natural disaster or fire, could destroy that sizeable investment in no time. You're not worried about that though; you have home owner's insurance and that covers all your valuable assets from your new PC to your priceless TV Guide collection — right? Well, not always. I can't help you with that TV Guide collection, but here are some tips on making sure your PC pride and joy is covered in the event of the unthinkable.

First, let's review the seven basic types of home insurance coverage (from Insure.com). The most basic type for home owners is "HO-1," which is a basic home insurance policy that covers your house and possessions against 11 different named perils. A "HO-2" policy raises those perils to 17 different types and costs 5 to 10 percent more than HO-1 premiums. "HO-3" goes even further and insures against all perils except those explicitly specified. This will run 10 to 15 percent more than the HO-1 policy. The "holy grail" of home owner policies is the "HO-5" policy, which pretty much covers everything except earthquakes, floods and war. If you're a renter, you can basically only get "HO-4," which covers 17 perils and has liability coverage, but does not cover the dwelling. The others are "HO-6," for owners of condominiums or co-ops and "HO-8," which is especially for older homes.

As you can see, the differences are mainly in the type of perils covered under each policy and do not differ too much on coverage or lack thereof of your personal property.

Most of the above insurance policies do cover your personal property up to 40

percent of your home's insured value. Also, they usually only cover "actual cash value" of the property or an assessment of what the item is worth by the insurance company, which takes into account its depreciation. In some cases, namely your computer, you'd be better off buying additional coverage for it to give you "replacement costs" where you will get enough money to buy a similar computer at the time the computer is lost (for example, if it's a year old, the similar computer that replaces it will be quite a bit faster, have more storage space, etc as computer technology changes so quickly).



This column will be appearing weekly to answer many of your computing questions/problems. Just email or call us and we will publish your questions and our response. We will answer your questions as quickly and precisely as possible. This column will be written by Information Technology program students at Big Sandy Community and Technical College that also belong to the IT club. To send us your questions, please email us or call: Kathryn Miller kmiller0045@stu.kctcs.edu (606)886-3863 Ext. 81259 We look forward to hearing from you! Have a great week!

Some insurance companies do provide some nice benefits as far as computers go in their main plans to cater to a more computer-oriented society. Met-Life, for example, offers up to \$5,000 coverage of your computer to its retail cost. They don't insure files, so be sure to back up those priceless pictures from your Vegas vacation. Even with this decent basic coverage, the need for additional coverage is offered with up to \$15,000 in additional coverage and coverage for a computer (I'd assume this is mostly aimed toward mobile laptops) that is often used in areas outside of the home.

I can't tell you whether or not you need extra coverage for your computer. Only you can decide that. Your best bet would be to call your insurance agent and see what, if any, kind of coverage they offer for your computer and what kind of optional coverage they offer for it and make your decision based on those facts coupled with your needs. For example, if you have a Dell bargain PC, this is probably not a big issue to you, but if you just bought the baddest gaming rig or CAD machine available, this is probably high on your insurance priority list as you could've easily spent well over \$5,000 on your purchase! Just remember, you always think it won't happen to you, until it does. As the old Russian proverb says, "Hope for the best, plan for the worst"

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scheduled to attempt to take over Berlin (if he sobers up in time that day)?

See by the papers that unhallowed precincts of jails in Oregon. There they have a bill to raise the

amount allowed prisoners serving time, in payment of fines, from \$2 to \$5 a day.

Thinking college? Come to HCTC Open House

Hazard Community & Technical College will hold an Open House on Friday, April 22, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. to provide a chance to learn more about

programs offered at the college. The Open House is a chance to have access all at one time to faculty and others involved in the many different programs

offered. The Open House will be held in the First Federal Center at Hazard Community & Technical College.



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FOR SALE: 18 ft. Pontoon Boat Buggy, 40 HP Mercury O.B., Trolling Motor, Fish Finder, 1994 Model Real Fine Shape, Lots of Extras, Call 886-0342, \$5,000 Firm, Trailer Included.

130-Cars

Hicks Auto Sales
 David Road
 1998 Windstar, 6 cyl., cold air, \$2,995.
 1997 Olds Bravada, Like New, 60K Miles, \$6,500. 1995 Buick LaSabre, Like New, \$2,500. Call 886-2842 or 886-3451

FOR SALE: 1995 Geo Tracker 4x4, Excellent Condition, 87K Miles, \$3,900 or negotiable. Call 377-9844

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

FOR SALE 1991 Toyota Corolla needs work \$800 firm call 606-886-8339 after 5 pm.

FOR SALE: 1988 Pontiac Bonneville, no title, good for parts. \$600 obo. Call 874-4094.

140-4x4's

FOR SALE: Honda '93 Fourwheeler. Honda '97 300 Fourwheel drive. Looks good and runs good. Call 886-0875.

FOR SALE: 1998 Honda 300 ATV 4x4, 4 trax, standard. 1987 Cadillac, runs good, Call 478-9623

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

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

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A NURSING HOME IS NOT YOUR ONLY OPTION- Call Caring Hearts In Home Care, the affordable solution for you. For as little as \$3.50 per hour you can keep your loved ones at home.. Looking for experienced and dependable people. Call 886-7809 or 276-796-4700

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WRIGHT LUMBER CO. is taking applications for an Office Position. Must have knowledge in basic accounting, bookkeeping, and copmputer skills. Apply in person at the Martin location. No Phone Calls Please.

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HANDY MAN NEEDED 2 Days a Week to mow grass and weed eat & various other jobs, minimum wage, call 886-2288

DENTAL ASSISTANT NEEDED, Send Resumes to: 419 Town Mtn. Rd., Suite 105, Pikeville, KY

LOCAL REBUILD SHOP FOR MINE EQUIPMENT is looking for 2 experienced Mechanics. Apply in person at 542 Mare Creek Road, Stanville, KY or call 478-2882 between 7am-5pm.

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

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has openings for hard working responsible drivers. Must be of age 21 or older. Must have CDL with HAZMAT and tanker endorsements, good driving record and some mechanical aptitude. Please apply in person at: Universal Well Services, Inc., 5252 Rt. 1428, Allen, KY 41601 606-874-3487, Accepting applications Mon. thru Fri. between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

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FREE BLACK LAB MIX PUPPIES, wormed, first round of shots and will pay for females to be spayed. Call 886-0035

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

RENTALS

610-Apartments
DUPLEX FOR RENT: 2 BR Central Heat & Air, Total Electric, Excellent Condition. On US 23 North, 1 Mile From Prestonsburg, No Pets. Call 889-9747 or 886-9007

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570-MobileHomes

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630-Homes

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MECHANIC with 5 years experience as a heavy equipment mechanic on a surface job. Requires CDL and KY Surface Mine Certifications.

Loader Operator with minimum 2 years experience operating a 992G loader at a surface coal mine. Must be able to operate 2 of the following: backdump, dozer, drill, excavator, and/or grader. Requires KY Surface Mine Certification.

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