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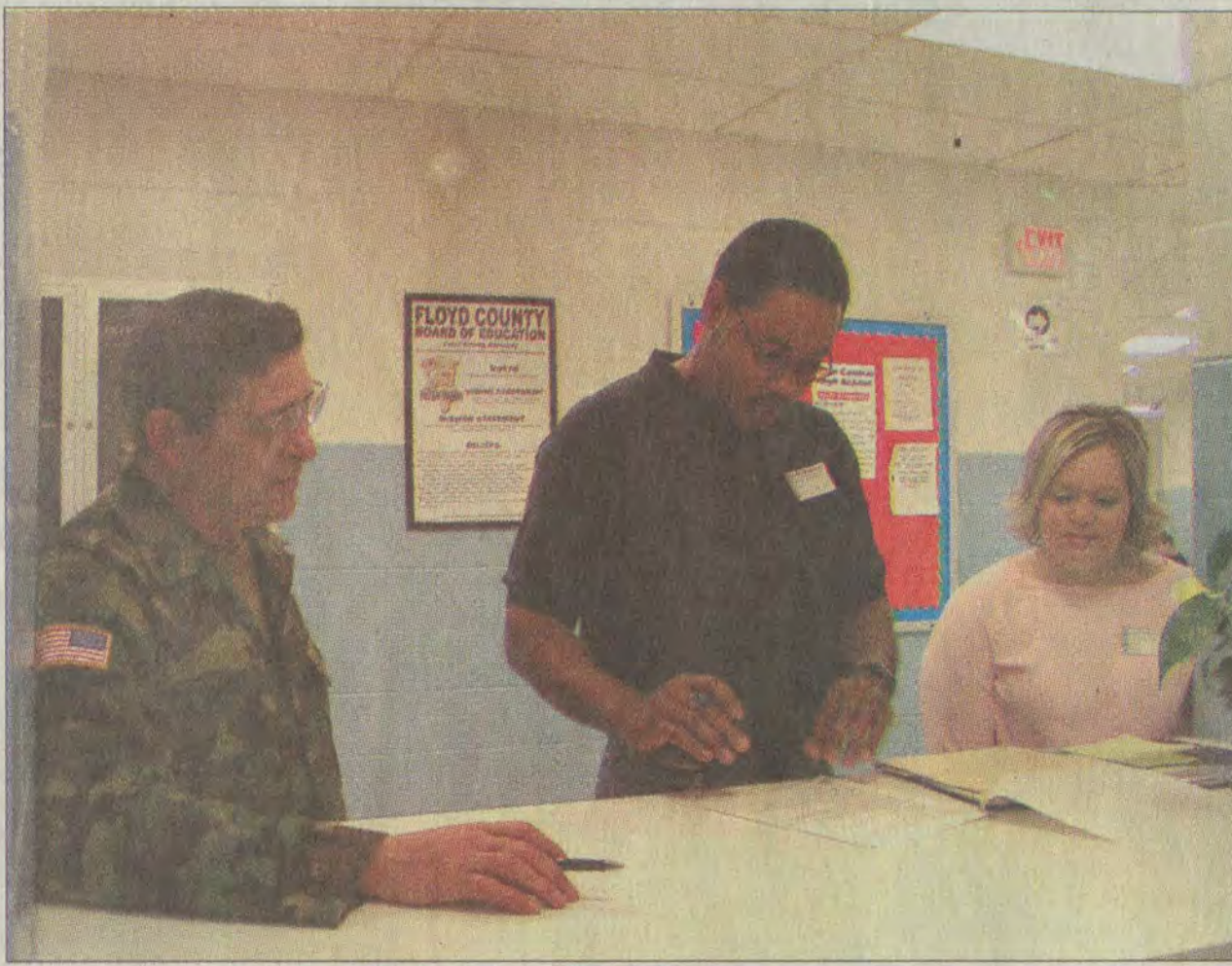
briefs

Pike man killed in ATV wreck

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A single vehicle four-wheel all-terrain vehicle accident killed a young man in Pike County on Thursday when his ATV left the road after hitting a muddy area. Jason Bentley, 20, of Shelbiana Road, was traveling on an abandoned strip job road at the head of Harless Creek when his ATV struck a muddy portion and left the road, throwing him off. He came to a rest on the travel portion of the road and was discovered there by authorities.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Coroner Denver Bailey. Assisting at the scene were state troopers Kenneth Hamilton and Jeff Hamilton, as well as the Elkhorn Ambulance Service and the Marrowbone Fire Department.



Sgt. Jerry Grubb, who heads the JROTC program at ACHS, met with Tarnell Patton and Ruby Bowling to file an application for the JROTC to adopt one mile on Route 550.

photo by Mary Music

PRIDE seeks to recruit convicts for cleanup help

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Probation may mean garbage bags and roadside cleanups for some Floyd County criminals.

The Floyd County PRIDE committee passed a motion Thursday to begin planning the implementation of the "Assign a Highway" program. The program, established in southwest Virginia, allows judges to sentence criminal offenders to pick up roadside litter as part of their probation.

Member Clark Allison, who works with the Department of Agriculture, said that the designated highways would be checked weekly by a regional inspector, who could recom-

mend the revocation of a person's parole if he or she doesn't comply with cleanup duties.

In 2003, the program was responsible for the cleanup of 270 miles in Buchanan County, where 120 probationers picked up 138 tons of trash. Programs initiated in July 2004 in Dickinson and Russell counties brought about the removal of at least a 1,000 bags of trash along 80 miles in each county.

Members voted in favor of the proposal and appointed a committee to plan and organize the project. They will present their proposal to Floyd County district and circuit judges later this year.

PRIDE Coordinator Lon May said that a Floyd County resident who was recently caught dumping trash in

Lawrence County was ordered by state enforcement officers to pick up four tons of garbage in Spewing Camp.

The committee also passed a motion Thursday to submit a \$50,000 Fall Community PRIDE grant to fund a waterway cleanup on the Right Fork of Middle Creek.

Chris Stone, also with the Department of Agriculture, provided maps of seven waterway log and trash jams — left over from May 2004 flooding — that became increasingly worse with heavy rains during minor flooding last weekend.

"It's so visible on [Route] 114," member Frank Fitzpatrick said. "You can see trash in fallen trees and trail-

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Sentencing for Freet's postponed

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Formal sentencing of a Prestonsburg couple who have pleaded guilty to charges of sexually molesting four children over a one-year period was postponed Friday, when one defendant asked to withdraw his plea, saying he disagreed with a characterization that the acts constituted rape.

Mark Freet had pleaded guilty to charges of sexual abuse of a minor but has repeatedly stated that he is not a rapist.

His attorney, Jim Adkins, opened the proceeding on Friday by saying, "Against my advice, but at my client's request, he would like to take back his plea."

Freet spoke up at that point, blurring out, "I pled to sexual abuse and not rape."

Judge Danny P. Caudill began to refer to



Mark Freet

the last proceeding when Freet entered the plea, but was cut off by Freet, who insisted that he never pleaded guilty to rape charges. Caudill cautioned Freet, "Do not interrupt me."

Judge Caudill set a hearing for Monday, when the matter of taking back the plea will be brought up formally. Freet then said, "I don't want to withdraw it. I want to plead to sexual abuse and not rape."

Freet will be heard on Monday and appeared

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Legal group gets black lung grant

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Appalachian Citizen's Law Center, a nonprofit law firm which provides free legal services for families, has received a grant to help fund the "Black Lung Education Project."

The program's goal is to inform miners and their families of their legal rights when pursuing black lung claims. The effort will lead to meetings being held throughout the area in which sufferers can meet with counselors and health

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Rose attorneys seek to set firing case for trial

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Attorneys have moved for trial after mediation attempts failed in the wrongful termination suit brought against Robert Stephens, a former secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.

A report on the mediation hearing, which occurred in March, was filed last week in Floyd Circuit court.

Attorneys representing the defendants refused negotiation attempts by filing a motion to dismiss the case.

"The plaintiff remains ready to attend settlement conference, but it is not clear if the defendants are ready to do so," the report reads.

Represented by Holly Harris Ray, they argued that the case should be dismissed because Rose failed to officially name a substitution in the case after Stephens died on April 13, 2002.

The statute of limitations for Rose to appoint a substituting party expired one year after Stephens' death, Ray argued.

Rose's attorney, Bernard Pafunda, objected to the dismissal, according to the response filed in Floyd Circuit Court on April 11, because state law does not require substitution under such circumstances.

The motion to dismiss the case was denied by special judge William B. Mains, according to an order filed last month.

In 2000, Rose sued both Stevens and former Gov. Paul Patton in their individual and official capacities, claiming that they wrongfully terminated him as Kentucky State Police Commissioner "under color of the law."

He alleges that he was fired after submitting and refusing to withdraw a memorandum that specifically outlined mismanagement, waste and improper employee practices within KSP.

He said that Patton and Stephens directed him to withdraw the memorandum, filed August 18, 1999, or be

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photo by Mary Music

Melissa Turner's second-grade students at Prestonsburg Elementary were inspecting "clues of history" at the Veterans Monument outside of the Floyd County Courthouse yesterday. The excited children also viewed the Jenny Wiley Memorial in the municipal parking lot. It's an annual project, Turner says, aimed at familiarizing the children with the city and its history. The second-grade class annually participates in a community walk, she said, at the end of each school year. "That why moving the school just breaks my heart because we won't be able to do this, and it's free," Turner said.

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Odds and Ends

■ **CHICO, Calif.** — Wild parties that have brought notoriety to this college town could soon carry a heavy penalty for party throwers.

The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to bill hosts for the costs of sending police more than once in a 12-hour period to quell a loud bash.

Mayor Scott Gruendl said the city spent about \$250,000 on overtime responding to parties over three weekends last fall.

Administrators at California State University, Chico, along with student leaders and members of the

Greek system endorsed the penalties.

Most of the public speakers at the meeting supported the law. Resident Barbara Reed said it would be nice to be able to open her windows when the weather is pleasant.

"You feel like a prisoner in your own home," she said. "You have to wear earplugs."

While City Councilor Ann Schwab said the law was not aimed specifically at students, one speaker said he thought it discriminated against them.

"I feel like we already have laws in place," said Jason Talbot. "If it's money, I've got my mom's ATM card right here; I could help you guys out."

■ **CHOTEAU, Mont.** — Two grizzly bear cubs wandered into a backyard in this Rocky Mountain Front community — prompting a bear lockdown at a nearby elementary school.

Chuck Gameon, principal of the Choteau Elementary School, said the bears didn't cause too much of a stir because many of the students

are from ranches and, "They see lots of bears." But it did force the school to cancel recess Thursday.

In recent years, the school has had two or three bear-related lockdowns, he said.

A state bear specialist and deputies used rubber bullets to scare the bears. Sheriff George Anderson and Mike Madel of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks followed the bears into a creek bottom on foot and chased them west.

Madel said the yearling cubs probably were searching for birdseed. Two yearling bears got into birdfeeders northwest of town earlier this week, he said.

■ **CINCINNATI** — Police say modern technology foiled an old-fashioned bank robbery.

A teller placed an electronic Global Positioning System device in a bag of stolen money, allowing police to track down a suspect in just 42 minutes Thursday.

"Around here (GPS) is still relatively rare," Hamilton County sheriff's office spokesman Steve Barnett said. "But with the advancement in technology and the continued success of catching bank robbers, soon I would hope that other financial institutions would jump on board."

Authorities said that after William Ingram, 46, left a U.S. Bank in suburban Colerain Township, the GPS device tracked him to a car dealership in Hartwell, where he was returning a Honda that he had borrowed for a test drive but actually used as a getaway car.

When Ingram was confronted, money began spilling from his pockets, officials said.

■ **AMHERST, Ohio** — It wasn't Laurie Ralston's resume that got the attention of police. It was her record.

Ralston applied Thursday for a job as a dispatcher with the Amherst police department. When they did a background check, police quickly found out she has 17 traffic convictions, including seven speeding tickets and two citations

for driving without a license.

Ralston was called in Friday for what she was told would be an interview. Instead, she was arrested and charged with failing to appear in court and driving without a license.

Ralston said she had no idea police were after her.

"It was just a little excessive to have that type of background and try to get a shot at this type of job," Lt. Joseph Kucirek said.

■ **WATERTOWN, N.Y.** — Something doesn't smell right to the Car-Freshner Corp., and now it's suing to clear the air.

The Watertown-based company that makes the well-known scented pine trees for the inside of cars has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court to stop the use of the trees on Christmas greeting cards.

The suit against Urban Outfitters Inc. of Philadelphia and Comdog Cards & Novelties of Austin, Texas, claims federal trademark infringement, false design and unfair competition.

Car-Freshner says the use of the design "unjustly enriched defendants." Besides an injunction to keep the companies from using its design, Car-Freshner is seeking unspecified damages.

Although Urban Outfitters responded that its Christmas card with the tree design was a one-time event, Car-Freshner later learned the company was again featuring tree designs on products without its approval.

Dale Detwiler, of Comdog Cards, in a response filed with the court, acknowledged a tree was used on the front of a Christmas card with the message, "Seasons Greetings." But he said its use was a parody, and is a classic example of a novelty item.

"The parody's humor resides in the fact that instead of using just any pine-tree for its Christmas tree, the card uses plaintiffs' tree — a tree with no connection whatsoever to Christmas," Detwiler said.

■ **DETROIT** — It is no longer technically correct to refer to Chuck Smith as Bullethead.

The warehouse worker from Detroit picked up the nickname after being shot in the head by unknown assailants while changing a tire in the summer of 1988. He left the chunk of lead lodged against his skull when a doctor said it would not pose a danger.

"I just didn't see a need to get it out," Smith said.

But Smith, now 41, had the 22-caliber bullet removed last week, after experiencing recurring headaches, numbness and tingling for several days.

Doctors inserted needles to anesthetize him before extracting the slug, which came out flattened and black and slightly smaller than a pencil eraser.

"That bullet felt better going in than coming out," Smith said, smiling.

■ **ALBRIGHTSVILLE, Pa.** — Kathleen Feeney had a frightening encounter with a bear — and lived to tell about it.

Feeney, 21, of Philadelphia, said she was too frightened to move as the animal tore off her poncho and sweat shirt, clawed at her back and bit her head, and wondered, "When will it stop?"

"At one point," she said Monday, "the bear lay down beside me."

Feeney was camping on the eastern edge of Hickory Run State Park with two friends Saturday when she returned to camp and found the bear in a tent, and ran back to the others with the bear chasing her.

When the bear dragged Feeney into the woods, one of her companions said he shouted, "Play dead, Kathleen."

Feeney said the bear tore at her clothes, bit her, covered her with brush and tree branches, and eventually left. She said she could hear her friend yelling, "Run to my voice."

Feeney was treated for scratch marks on her back, bites on the back of her head and a puncture wound on her leg. She was discharged Sunday. Park officials said it was the first attack by a bear in Hickory Run's history.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 8, the 128th day of 2005. There are 237 days left in the year. This is Mother's Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 8, 1945, President Truman announced in a radio address that World War II had ended in Europe.

On this date:
■ In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

■ In 1846, the first major battle of the Mexican War was fought at Palo Alto, Texas, resulting in victory for Gen. Zachary Taylor's forces.

■ In 1884, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, was born near Lamar, Mo.

■ In 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Styth Pemberton invented the flavor syrup for Coca-Cola.

■ In 1958, Vice President Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.

■ In 1962, the musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opened on Broadway.

■ In 1970, construction work-

ers broke up an anti-war protest on New York's Wall Street.

■ In 1973, militant American Indians who'd held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrendered.

■ In 1978, David R. Berkowitz pleaded guilty in a Brooklyn, N.Y., courtroom to the "Son of Sam" killings that had terrified New Yorkers.

■ In 1987, Gary Hart, dogged by questions about his personal life, including his relationship with Miami model Donna Rice, withdrew from the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Ten years ago: Fifty years after Nazi Germany's capitulation in World War II, leaders representing the victorious powers gathered in Berlin to remember the dead and pledge peace for the future. A monster storm began dumping 18 inches of rain on southeast Louisiana, flooding homes and killing five people.

Five years ago: The remains of Cardinal John O'Connor were entombed inside New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral after a funeral Mass that drew thousands of mourners, including President Clinton. The San Francisco

Board of Supervisors voted to ban discrimination based on weight or height.

One year ago: Former Iraq hostage Thomas Hamill returned home to a chorus of cheering family and friends in Mississippi.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Don Rickles is 79. Environmentalist Sir David Attenborough is 79. Author Peter Benchley is 65. Actor James Mitchum is 64. Country singer Jack Blanchard is 63. Singer Toni Tennille is 62. Jazz musician Keith Jarrett is 60. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 54. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 54. Rockabilly singer Billy Burnette is 52. Rock musician Alex Van Halen is 52. Actor David Keith is 51. Actor Stephen Furst is 51. Actress Melissa Gilbert is 41. Rock musician Dave Rowntree (Blur) is 41. Country musician Del Gray is 37. Rock singer Darren Hayes is 33. Singer Enrique Iglesias is 30. Singer Ana Maria Lombo (Eden's Crush) is 27. Actress Julia Whelan is 20.

Thought for Today: "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother." — Abraham Lincoln, American president (1809-1865).

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Judge rules Newsome's office vacant

The Associated Press

HINDMAN — A judge has ruled that the Knott County judge-executive's office is vacant after convicted felon and Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome admitted taking illegal campaign contributions.

Special Judge James Bondurant ordered the office to be filled "in a manner prescribed by law."

Newsome's lawyer, Christine Lewis of Louisville, said she plans to appeal the April 27 decision.

"We're going to ask the judge to stay the effect of his summary judgment, pending the appeal," she said.

Bondurant was ruling on an election-contest suit filed in Knott County Circuit Court by a defeated opponent in a 2002 county primary. Bondurant said

Newsome admitted in federal court last September that he violated the state Corrupt Practices Act.

Newsome testified that he accepted \$20,000 in illegal cash contributions for the race from Ross Harris of Pikeville.

"It's effective, as far as I'm concerned, today," Paintsville lawyer Michael Endicott said of Bondurant's ruling. Endicott filed the suit on behalf of Mike Hall, a former county clerk who lost to Newsome by 520 votes in the 2002 primary.

Ordinarily, the governor appoints someone to fill a vacated office until the next election, said Endicott, "but I assume he's going to appeal."

In Hindman, Knott County Deputy Judge-Executive McArthur Combs said Newsome was in a meeting. After telling Newsome about

Bondurant's ruling, Combs said Newsome "just went out the back door."

Under Kentucky law, a convicted officeholder does not have to resign his office until his appeal is resolved. If Newsome's attorneys appeal Bondurant's decision, he will have appeals pending in both state and federal courts.

In 2003, Newsome was sentenced to 26 months after being convicted of vote-buying in a 1998 county primary.

He was sent to prison, but was able to keep his job and \$65,000-a-year salary. No decision has been made on the federal appeal, but in the meantime he was released from a Manchester federal prison in January, 10 months early, after agreeing to testify in a separate Pike County vote-fraud case last September.



photo by Tom Doty

Members of the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program look on as Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson signs a proclamation marking May as Community Action Month.

PRIDE

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ers are still in the creek ... It's very visible. It's something that needs to be taken care of."

Allison said that the cleanup effort will start with a log jam that lies above the Clark Elementary School and will continue to the Magoffin County line. The Floyd County Fiscal Court will supervise the project and provide an assisting crew. Contractors will excavate and dispose of fallen trees and trash piles will be dipped out of the stream.

Educational material will be distributed on doorknobs of local residents prior to the cleanup.

VISTA Volunteer Andrew Dinsmore, who works with FEMA's flood recovery group, will also assist in this project.

This year's spring cleanup was very successful, PRIDE Coordinator Lon May reported, because of city, county and community involvement.

The following volunteers were recognized during the meeting:

■ Joly Ryan organized a group of 25 volunteers to clean Halls Branch and Gunnels Branch.

■ Polly Campbell organized an Abbott Creek roadside clean up.

■ Charlotte Frazier is planning a cleanup on Tinker Fork Branch later this month.

■ Jim Redrick organized a roadside clean up on Pivot Rock road in Martin.

■ Maudie Bailey organized the route 7 cleanup in Hueysville.

■ The Prestonsburg Rotary Club, listing Mike Vance as organizer, cleaned up U.S. 23 from the Holiday Inn to the flea market.

May said the "shining star" goes this year to the Allen Central High School JROTC students, who picked up 251 bags of trash along Route 550 in front of the school last month.

Marie Holbrook, who coordinated the event, said the students trudged the hillside and creek-side along the roadway for nearly five hours, pulling out garbage, 10 tires and the front end and fenders of a 1930s truck.

Ruby Bowling and Tarnell Patton, Adopt-A-Highway coordinators who attended the meeting, filled out applications with JROTC Sgt. Jerry Hardy at Allen Central High School Thursday. The JROTC is adopting an approximate mile stretch of Route 550, Patton said.

"Some of the major comments made that day was, 'I'm not going to throw trash out ever again,'" Hardy said. "It's amazing how long some of that stuff had been there ... This is our country. It's the only one we got. We need to take care of it."

During the meeting, Bowling outlined the Transportation Cabinet's Adopt-A-Highway Program and said that the organization can help provide supplies and pick up bags of garbage for roadside cleanups. Transportation Cabinet workers collect more than 100,000 bags of roadside litter each year.

"We're tickled when we get volunteers," Bowling said.

Any organization, business, church or civic group can apply to adopt a minimum of two miles for two years. More information is available online at www.kentucky.gov.

Bowling, responding to a question about the program's educational material, described a program that Adopt-A-Highway officials performed at Jim Johnson Elementary in Pikeville. A "litter bug," she said, threw papers all over the floor and the "Trash Basher" cleaned up the mess. The two-hour program included an educational video about the environment and was a huge success, she said.

PRIDE committee members will adopt a county highway later this year to "lead by example," Chairman Tony Grubb said.

Grubb expressed appreciation toward volunteers who, he said, retain a "personal stake" in keeping roadsides clean because they helped with the initial cleanup.

"If it gets done and they don't help, they have no stake in keeping it clean," he said.

Discussion turned to the creating a PRIDE volunteer recognition program for the county. May said individuals selected for the awards will be recognized during fiscal court meetings.

The committee is currently looking for funding sponsorship for the project.

In other news, the committee also:

■ Passed a motion to sponsor a project proposed by Dr. Carol Combs. Combs, who was not present at the meeting, suggested that PRIDE volunteers participate in a fund raising program that is based on area walk-a-thon projects. Volunteers, May said, would obtain pledges from area residents for roadside cleanups in the county.

■ Passed a motion to request that the fiscal court require all county restaurants to have a garbage can — with extended covers for car side disposals — available in their parking lot.

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confused about his own plea, which was to charges of sexual abuse and did not contain any references to rape. He may have been confused by documentation that was to be presented at the formal sentencing which included a pre-sentence investigation report, prepared by the Department of Probation and Parole, as well as victim impact statements.

Laura Freet's sentencing will also be postponed until after the hearing, as the couple entered the pleas jointly just a week before their formal trial was to begin.

The Freet's last appeared in court in February when they entered their guilty pleas. Judge John D. Caudill, sitting in for Danny P. Caudill, accepted the pair's pleas but first made sure that each defendant understood the charge to which they were pleading guilty.

Mark Fret pleaded first and entered the court in shackles as he had raised a ruckus in his holding cell during a previous appearance. He showed little emotion as he explained the sex acts which led to each charge.

Laura Freet appeared next and had considerably more trouble speaking about the offenses with which she was charged. She took a few minutes to compose herself and confessed to her charges in a faltering voice and frequently sobbed during the proceedings.

Gas tax going up

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's gas tax is going up again.

The tax is calculated on the average wholesale price of a gallon of gas, and as anyone who has filled up recently can attest, gas prices have not exactly been stable.

Wendell Butler, who does the calculation for the Revenue Department, said the tax will rise by 1.1 cents per gallon on July 1. Butler said the numbers are preliminary and the official notice has not been given, but the calculation is certain.

The increase will mean the total state tax on gas will rise to 18.5 cents per gallon.

If the wholesale price of tax falls, the tax could fall with it. But even if it goes up again, the tax can only rise once per year.

The department surveys gas prices every three months to determine the price and resulting tax.

The tax rose by a penny last year, which the General Assembly in 2005 decided to make permanent.

The higher tax will mean about \$30 million more for the Road Fund if it stays in place for the entire year.

South Floyd SBDM Election

South Floyd High/Middle School SBDM parent election will be held on May 24, 2005, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Nominations for position will be taken from Monday, May 16, thru 12:00, Friday, May 20. Nominations must be turned in to Linda Stumbo/High School and Carol Johnson (Middle School).

For more information, contact:
Keith Smallwood
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care professionals who can help them understand their rights and what procedures they must follow to get the help they need.

The meetings will benefit from the attendance of respirator technicians from Stone Mountain Health Services. The technicians will attend the area meetings and perform tests on sufferers to help establish their claims.

Two meetings are scheduled for May, with the first taking place in Floyd County on May 12 at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center at 2 p.m. A second meeting will be held in Letcher county on the 19 at Hemphill Community Center at 1 p.m.

The meetings will also be an occasion for the lawyers at the Appalachian Law Center to meet with interested parties to go over their rights and expectations for filing claims.

Rose

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terminated.

Rose refused to withdraw the allegations, the suit alleges, and was terminated by letter eight days later.

Judge Mains, who has been overseeing proceedings, dismissed Patton from the suit on Dec. 5, 2000, citing the expiration of the statute of limitations. He also sided with Stephens for partial judgment on the pleadings regarding his personal liability in the alleged incident.

The parties filed an agreed order Wednesday to reset a status conference for May 19 in Bath County.

Happy Mothers Day

Thelma Hall

Love, your children and grandchildren

Happy Mothers Day

Crystal Scarberry

Love, Darren, Andrew, Bobby Mom and Dad

Happy Mothers Day

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Our view

Turner should resign office

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner received some bad news this week when he was indicted on federal conspiracy and mail fraud charges related to an alleged election fraud scandal.

The district he represents received worse news, however, when he vowed to remain in office while he fights the charges.

We cannot say that we are unhappy with the service Turner has given his district since he was first elected five years ago. In fact, by any standard he has done remarkably well.

Although he came into office just as his party was losing control of the Senate, he quickly established himself both as one of the Democrats' few rising stars in the legislature and as someone who could work with the majority Republican Party. His ascension to become the Democrats' number-two man in the senior chamber was helping to restore some of the legislative clout Floyd County lost when Greg Stumbo left the House to become attorney general, and we have little doubt that, except for this scandal, he could have accomplished quite a bit for his district.

But nothing takes the bloom off a politician's rose quicker than allegations of election fraud, and we feel Turner's best days in the Senate are now behind him. For the good of his district, he should resign.

We understand that Turner maintains his innocence, and he is entitled to that presumption until and unless a jury convicts him. But while it may seem unfair to ask Turner to resign when he has thus far been convicted of nothing, it is also unfair to expect the voters of the 29th Senate District to be satisfied with representation that can only deteriorate in effectiveness.

Turner's colleagues in the Senate will naturally be reluctant to be associated with the cloud of suspicion that now hangs over him, making it difficult for him to get things done. His plight will make him a lightning rod for Republican criticism, which will cast an unfavorable light on already weakened Democrats and could serve to end the uneasy détente the two political parties reached in the last session. Worst of all, Turner's indictment will serve to increase the distrust the public has toward politicians, which can only deepen voter apathy.

Under these circumstances, it is impossible to see how Turner's continued service can be of benefit to his district.

By stepping aside, Turner can show that he has the best interests of the people he represents at heart. Doing so now would allow ample time for a successor to take office and become familiar with the workings of Frankfort prior to next year's legislative session.

We pray that Sen. Turner will put the needs of his district ahead of his desire to remain in office.

— The Floyd County Times

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Rich Lowry Column

Get Tom DeLay

For the old-fashioned, the definition of a "news story" is a story that is new — hence the name. But the newsmen at the newspapers The Washington Post and The New York Times have an updated definition — anything that hurts Republican Majority Leader Tom DeLay on any given day.

The Times recently ran a front-page article reporting that DeLay's wife and daughter receive payments from his political operations. This story might have been news if it hadn't been known for years and been the subject of a detailed report in the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call on May 5, 2003 — meaning the Times did a follow-up 702 days later. And this story might have been scandalous if it weren't for the fact that having family members on the pay-roll is a common, bipartisan practice, accepted as legitimate so long as they actually do work (DeLay's daughter runs his congressional campaigns).



The same day as the Times front-page, The Washington Post ran its own front-page article on a trip DeLay took to Russia that was ostensibly funded by a Washington think tank, but that really might have been funded by a Washington lobbyist, in violation of House rules. This might have been news if that trip hadn't taken place in 1997 and been reported in the National Journal on Feb. 25, 2005. Most subjects of Washington scandals

are undone by the steady accumulation of new allegations... DeLay might be the first brought down by the drip-drip of old allegations.

What is happening to DeLay is a ritual with all the carefully scripted but irrational rules of an Aztec sacrifice ceremony. First, the target is deemed "dogged by ethics questions." Then, every scrap of negative information is splashed on the front pages, until out of exhaustion the target's supporters abandon him. Finally, six months after the target's demise, everyone scratches their head and wonders, "What was that all about?"

There is no doubt that DeLay has got-

ten too comfortable with the perks of power and had a cringe-making relationship with a sleazy Washington lobbyist named Jack Abramoff. Given the ways of Washington, these shouldn't be firing offenses, especially when the outrage over them is driven less by good-government zeal than frank partisanship. House Democratic campaign head Rep. Rahm Emanuel has been open about making ethics charges a linchpin of Democratic political strategy.

The Democratic assault on DeLay is modeled on Newt Gingrich's ethics drive against the Democratic leadership when Republicans were out of power in the early 1990s. That tack proved successful, but because it was combined with a serious intellectual and policy push. That is what's missing from the current Democratic campaign, which is all about DeLay, pure and simple. In fact, the Democrats have taken to charging that the House is being distracted from its policy work because of the DeLay controversy of their making. This amounts to saying: "Stop us before we attack Tom DeLay again!"

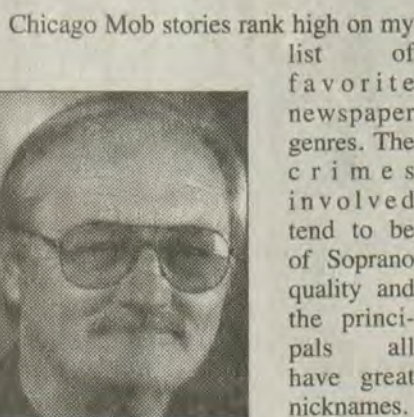
Of course, the substantive bankruptcy of the congressional Democratic minority is not news — however you define the term.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

beyond the beltway

The mob does Washington

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA



Chicago Mob stories rank high on my list of favorite newspaper genres. The crimes involved tend to be of Soprano quality and the principals all have great nicknames. For example, the other day, the Feds announced the indictments of 14 Second City mobsters on charges of plotting at least 18 murders, including the rubbing out of the Outfit's top Las Vegas guy, Tony "The Ant" Spilotro.

Among the indicted were Joseph "The Clown" Lombardo, Frank "The German" Schweiths and Frank "Gumba" Saladino. It's not just the nicknames, though. Mob stories also have great quotes. For instance, "Asked what his client's reaction was to his indictment, one of the mobsters' lawyers said: 'His reaction is that he's going to put this case in the hands of God and justice will prevail.'" That's beautiful.

On the other hand, it's not terribly different from the response of House

Majority Leader Tom "Greasy Thumb" DeLay to the charges of ethics violations leveled against him. His lame excuses for taking money from sleazy lobbyists in order to travel the world with his family and staff make it clear that he's putting his fate in the hands of God — God and the NRA, if you make that distinction. DeLay gave the keynote address at an NRA meeting in Houston recently.

It's a fascinating exercise to watch the House grapple with the DeLay case, like watching a jury made up of practicing alcoholics trying to come up with a punishment for a drunk driver who crashed through a plate glass window into a retirement home, running over three residents.

It's not that they've ever done anything quite so awful, necessarily, but they can see where it could happen to anyone.

Almost all politicians take money from sleazy lobbyists. That's the way they get elected. They're not supposed to take certain kinds of money and they're not supposed to use it for certain kinds of things, but since it's largely a self-policed system, those matters are loosely interpreted. And if they get caught they can always go to the time-honored "Who knew?" defense, which DeLay did.

But DeLay is not just your average, two-for-a-quarter political tin-cup mendicant. He is, by some accounts, the most powerful man in Congress and by all accounts the most ruthless. He not only promises to reward political contributors handsomely with federal largesse — a promise he always keeps — he threatens other influence peddlers with retaliation if they dare to give money to political opponents. And he wins the affection of his colleagues by funneling money into their political campaigns.

Wielding the carrot and stick alternately,

he is the Toscanini of political sleaze.

All of which is why President George "The Eel" Bush embraced DeLay a while ago, calling him a friend. He's needs him.

In the meantime the rest of Congress — Republicans and Democrats both — are scurrying around, rearranging their records, paying old restaurant bills, filing missing travel vouchers and changing others that are "in error."

If DeLay were a Democrat, even if the Democrats had control of the House, he'd be dead meat by now. Democrats are famous for shooting their wounded. Republicans are a more loyal lot, however, and it remains to be seen whether "Greasy Thumb" will weather this storm.

The other guy President Bush and his consigliere, Dick "Chainsaw" Cheney, were busy defending last week was John "Ice Pick" Bolton, he of the wild hair, fierce glare and stern manner. He looks like he's wearing a mask to scare kids on Halloween and he has a personality to match, apparently.

So what job did the Bush gang nominate this guy for? Ambassador to the United Nations. You want a guy who can convince the world we're not all crazy here so you nominate Freddie from Nightmare on Elm Street, right? The choice is so bizarre that even some Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations committee are gagging.

Did you ever imagine that you'd yearn for the good old days, when "Bugsy" Nixon was president?

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Nelson Robert Allen, 72, of Bellefonte, a native of Hueysville, died Thursday, April 28, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Carol Lynne Rice Allen. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 1, under the direction of Carman Funeral Home, Flatwoods.

Georgia Allen, 82, of Warsaw, Indiana, a Prestonsburg native, died Wednesday, May 4, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, May 6, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home, Warsaw, Indiana.

Wilbert Lee Hughes, 65, of Fairfield, died Thursday, April 28, at the Baptist Hospital East, in Louisville. He is survived by his wife, Lois Samons Hughes. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

William Kidd, 79, of McDowell, died Saturday, April 30, at the Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Keith Little, 45, of Benton, Arkansas, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, April 26, in the Chalmette Medical Center, in Chalmette, Louisiana. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Russell Meredith (Rusty) Meade, 34, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, April 29, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lucy Moore, 87, of McDowell, died Tuesday, May 3, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Wiley Keith Pennington, 40, of Louisville, died Thursday, April 28, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

McIntire "Mack" Risner, 76, of Martin, died Friday, April 29, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Loretta Conn Risner. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Gleneda (Curley) Hopkins Sexton, 70, of Dayton, formerly of McDowell, died Wednesday, April 27, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Milford Slone, 84, of Mousie, died Sunday, May 1, at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Anna Jean Crum Stephens, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 30, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Rubin Stephens. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Clell Thomas Adkins, 53, of McCarr, died Wednesday, May 4, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 7, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Heath Dewayne Adkins, 36, of Little Robinson Creek, died Sunday, May 1, at the University of Louisville Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 4, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Ottis Bentley, 53, of Virgie, died Friday, April 29, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Anita Bentley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 3, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

James M. Bostic Jr., 79, of Stone, died Sunday, May 1, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Cora Sue Smith Bostic. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 5, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Garnett M. Bracy, 87, of Pikeville, died Monday, May 2, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 5, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Noah Case, 73, of Virgie, a Floyd County native, died Thursday, April 28, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Sindy Case. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 1, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Garland Chaney, 69, of Red Creek, died Thursday, May 5, at his home. Funeral services will be held Sunday, May 8, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Emogene Charles, 66, of Pikeville, died Sunday, May 1, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 4, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Quinten "Bub" Damron, 61, of Hellier, died Sunday, May 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Sandy McGuire Damron. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Eugene Frank Grimmer, 74, of Huddy, a native of McVeigh, has died. Funeral services were held Monday, May 2, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

David Earl Hankins, 63, of Hardy, died Monday, April 25, at his home. Arrangements are under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

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

Laura Yelder Johnson, 93, of Silver Spring, Md., formerly of Stone, died Saturday, April 23, at the Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 30, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.]

Evelyn Biliter Justice, 73, of Pikeville, died Thursday, May 5, at Pikeville Healthcare Center. Funeral services were held Friday, May 6, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Charles Edward Kelly, 41, of Shelby Gap, died Saturday, April 30, at the Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tennessee. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 3, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Ollie James "Bob" Kerr, 93, of Proctorville, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, April 28, 2005, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington W.Va. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 1, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Elkhorn City.

Helen Little, 61, of East Shelbiana, died Thursday, May 5, at her home. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Patricia Ann Marcum, 53, of Hardy, died Tuesday, May 3, at Pleasant Hill Manor, Piketon, Ohio. She is survived by her

husband, Jackie Lee Marcum. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 7, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry.

Lois Lee Maynard, 90, of Hardy, died Tuesday, May 3, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 5, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Wanda Mullins of Morristown, Tennessee, formerly of Virgie, died Friday, April 29, at the Lakeway Hospital, Morristown. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 3, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Delores Jean Pruitt Meek, 66, of Stanville, died Thursday, April 28, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Arnold Lee Meek. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 1, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Darvin Willie Harrison Mullins, 61, of Regina, died Thursday, April 28, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lois Wright Mullins. Funeral services were held Monday, May 2, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Wanda Mullins of Morristown, Tennessee, formerly of Virgie, died Friday, April 29, at the Lakeway Hospital, Morristown. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 3, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Sandra Phillips, 53, of Island Creek, died Tuesday, May 3, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Howard Phillips. Funeral services were held Friday, May 6, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Ethel Bowman Pope, 68, of Stopover, died Wednesday, April 27, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 1, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Ermol E. Ramey, 79, of Kimper, died Sunday, April 24, at the home of his daughter, Baretta Casey, M.D. He is survived by his wife, Imal Ward Ramey. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 27, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Nick Ray, 87, of Pikeville, died Friday, April 29, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, May 2, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Larry Randall Rowe, 63, of Steele, died Saturday, April 30, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Patty Michael Rowe. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Elkhorn City.

James Odell Scott, 42, of Brushy, died Sunday, May 1, Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 4, under the direction of Community Funeral Home, Zebulon.

Nannie Tackett, 82, of Dorton died Friday, April 29, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, May 1, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Harold Mullins Cemetery at Dorton.

Clinton Thompson, 83, of Joes Creek, died Thursday, May 5, at Pikeville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Lydia Smith Thompson. Funeral services will be held Sunday, May 8, at 11 a.m., under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Ted Younce, 74, of Little Robinson Creek, died Sunday, May 1, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Younce. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 5, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Joshua Carl Williamson, 18,

of Pikeville, died Monday, May 2, at Red Creek. Funeral services were held Friday, May 6, under the direction of Community Funeral Home, Zebulon.

MARTIN COUNTY

Iva Hammonds, 91, of Inez, died Wednesday, April 27, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Ransom Hammonds. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 30, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Jimmie Gauze, a native of Preece, died Tuesday, April 19, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, April 22, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Walter Marcum, 90, a Martin County native, died Saturday, April 30, at his residence in Wayne County, W.Va. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Marcum. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 3, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Stella (Burke) Marcum, 66, of Martin County, died Friday, April 29, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Reverend Brumley Marcum. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 2, at New Friendship United Baptist Church.

KNOTT COUNTY

Gregory Cook, 37, of Topmost, died Saturday, April 30, in Johnson County. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Milford Slone, 84, of Mousie, died Sunday, May 1, at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Glenn Edward Thompson, 55, of Pippa Passes, died Tuesday, May 3, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman, was in charge of arrangements.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Joséphine Gambill, 80, of Salyersville, died Friday, April 29, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Corbit Gambill. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 2, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Sam Hensley, 86, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, April 27, at St. Joseph East, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 30, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Mollie Manuel Holland, 90, of Salyersville, died Friday, April 29, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 30, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Helen B. Lacy, 87, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, April 26, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 29, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Stella Nelson Rife, 59, of Salyersville, died Sunday, May 1, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 4, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

David G. Baldrige, 51, of Louisa, died Wednesday, May 4, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Thompson Baldrige. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 7, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Pauline (Marcum) Endicott, 73, of Louisa, died Wednesday,

April 27, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. She is survived by her husband, James Roy Endicott. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 30, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Eunice Kirk, 89, of Louisa, formerly of Steptown, West Virginia, died Tuesday, April 26, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 28, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Stella Burke Marcum, 66, of Louisa, died Friday, April 29, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Brumley Marcum. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 2, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Anna Lee Bailey, 82, of Keaton, died Tuesday, April 26, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were held Friday, April 29, 1 p.m. at the Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville, under the

direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Hattie O'Bryan Blanton, 81, of Lucasville, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, April 21, at the Minford Retirement Center. Funeral services were held Monday, April 25, 11 a.m., under the direction of the McKinley Funeral Home of Lucasville.

Irene VanHoose Dutton, 86, of Nats Creek, a native of Henrietta, died Monday, May 2, at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 5, 1 p.m. at Richardson Chapel Church, under the direction of the Wilson Funeral Home of Louisa.

Virginia "Ginny" Marsh Henry, 69, of Clermont, Florida, formerly of Paintsville, died Thursday, April 28. She is survived by her husband, Roger Henry. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 4, 2:30, at the First United Methodist Church in Clermont, Florida.

(See OBITs, page eight)

In Memory Of Katherine Stratton

Ms. Stratton passed away March 23, 2005. The following tribute was written by her daughter, Kathy Waddell.

As I think of my recently deceased mother on this Mother's Day, many good memories come to mind and there is much I could say in tribute. I also have fond memories of the many kind and loving comments others have made about her through the years.

Mother had many friends and was highly regarded by those who knew her. I felt proud to be her daughter. Whenever her name was mentioned, people would often make comments such as, "I think the world of Katherine"; "I love your mother" or "Katherine is a good woman."

If I were to try to describe my mother's character in one sentence, I would also say she was a good woman—a devoted daughter, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. But she was so much more than that, and those words cannot possibly even begin to describe my mother's 97 years of life.

Mother was born, the youngest of 4 children, shortly after the beginning of the 20th century. She had 3 older brothers who used to love to tease their little sister. She was born into a Christian home, where she was taught the morals and values that are lacking in so many today. At home, she helped with farm and household chores, and she learned the 3 R's in a 3-room country school. Early in life she came to know Jesus, with whom she walked closely for the rest of her life.

Throughout her life, people have commented on mother's beautiful smile. She also had a great personality and a good sense of humor, and was known as a peacemaker when she was in school. She taught school for several years and her students loved her—and she loved them.

When her marriage ended, mother and I came back to Banner to live with my loving grandparents. Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Stratton, and mother found a job with the Office of Old Age Assistance. Her work required that she travel into out-of-the-way "hollers," many times on foot or horseback, to interview families who needed government assistance.

She bought a car and it was a common sight to see her driving almost everywhere in it, because she loved to drive her little car. In this day and age she might have been called a "free spirit," because she was a feisty little lady who did things HER way. However, she never wavered from her strong moral values.

She became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Rebekah Lodge, and they became an important part of her life.

Mother held numerous jobs during her working life. Her desire to help people motivated her to work at a hospital, where she quickly became indispensable to doctors who were treating patients, some of whom were terminally ill, in the cancer clinic. She prayed regularly for her patients, and there was considerable evidence that her prayers were effective.

During the last years of their lives, mother was the primary support system for her aging parents, and she gave unstintingly of herself, both physically and emotionally, until they died.

When I was growing up, my mother and I were more like sisters, than mother and daughter—we were each like the sister the other never had—and we used to have a lot of fun together and would get into mischief, just like sisters do. After I became an adult, we loved to go shopping and to movies, and we always enjoyed being together. During her last years, I would bring her to my house for Christmas, and those occasions were very memorable.

She LOVED nice clothes, and could never resist buying new stuff, when we'd go on a shopping spree, even when there was no longer room for anything else in her bulging closets. She was, of course, teased a lot about her propensity for buying clothes. But she was also very generous, and would regularly donate armloads of clothing to charity. Some of the donated items would still have the tags on them, never having been worn.

My mother poured her love, pride and support into my future, making sure I would be the product of a secure home, and ensuring that I was educated to the best of her ability. She still called me "baby," when I was, myself, a grandmother; and it was common knowledge that she considered her son-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her babies as well. There was much love in her heart for everyone.

About five years ago, when her dreadful disease was beginning to take its toll on her mind, on the good days mother would plead to understand what was happening to her. She worried that she may have at times unknowingly offended someone. It concerned her so much that she asked me to tell everyone, after her death, that she asks for forgiveness and understanding from anyone she may have hurt in any way. She also wanted me to be sure and tell everyone that she'll be waiting for us in heaven.

Mother lived a long, full life, and she is greatly missed. Those of us who are left behind will never forget this special lady, and our love for her will never die. We can look back on the examples from her long life—her sacrifices, her joys, her sorrows and her triumphs—and we can learn from them. We can also draw comfort from the knowledge that, at the end of our voyage here on earth, this remarkable lady will be waiting for us in heaven.

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Happy Mother's Day!

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.

Next Tuesday, as you may have suspected, is election day. Everybody has talked a hot campaign—but next Tuesday is the time when we all are to exercise our privilege and perform our duty as plain, ordinary American citizens, and vote.



Norman Allen

By all means, vote—and vote as you please, without fear of reprisal or retaliation, as free women and men, citizens of a free land.

We cease to enjoy freedom to the extent that we do not participate in the privileges freedom guarantees us. The reality of democracy is diminished to the extent that the ballot goes unused, leaving the "Voice of the People" mute as pertaining to a large segment of the population, and giving the remaining portion of the population the choice that belongs to all of us.

But, you say, one vote doesn't count for much. But it does. It represents your mind and heart and your concept of government. Besides, it doesn't count at all if it isn't cast.

APOLOGIA WANTED—5,000 Florence Nightingales to bind up poor Floyd County's wounds.

A lot of things have been said and printed in this campaign that should not have been said. The Times apologizes for the part it has played in publishing matter that has contributed to the general hubbub. We have often wished there was some way to hold such advertising strictly to valid issues...But we don't have a Solomon around to determine what is a valid issue, or an invalid one, in a county where most issues are as personal as a note to your best girl...Peace!...

Getting away from the election, we report that Third Street has two cripples, now. First, it was a little dog with a foreleg missing at the shoulder. Now it's a yellow cat of the male persuasion with a left hindleg lost in the shuffle...Wonder how that pair would get along?

COMPENSATION

(See **THIS TOWN**, page seven)



Mothers are for loving Happy Mother's Day to all from all of us

"Grown don't mean nothing to a mother. A child is a child. They get bigger, older, but grown. In my heart, it don't mean a thing."
- Toni Morrison

A Wonderful Mother

by Pat O'Reilly

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And he molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks, fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

Mother...

Author Unknown

Mother, you filled my days with
rainbow lights,
fairytales and sweet dream nights,
A kiss to wipe away my tears,
Gingerbread to ease my fears.
You gave the gift of life to me,
And then, in love, you set me free.
I thank you for your tender care,
for deep, warm hugs and for being there.
I hope that when you think of me,
A part of you, you'll always see.

A Mother's Love

by Helen Steiner Rice

A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away...

It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking...

It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems...

It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation...

A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

Mothers are the Sweetest

by Nick Gordon

Our mother is the sweetest and
Most delicate of all.
She knows more of paradise
Than angels can recall.

She's not only beautiful,

But passionately young,
Playful as a kid, yet wise
As one who has lived long.

Her love is like the rush of life,
A bubbling, laughing spring
That runs through all like liquid light
And makes the mountains sing.

And makes the meadows turn to
flower,
And trees to choicest fruit.

She is at once the field and bower
In which our hearts take root.

She is at once the sea and shore,
Our freedom and our past.
With her we launch our daring ships,
Yet keep the things that last.

About Mothers

Author Unknown

When you come into the world, she
holds you in her arms.
You thank her by wailing like a ban-
shee.

She feeds you and bathes you and
holds you oh, so tight.
You thank her by crying all the
night.

She teaches you to walk and talk.
You thank her by running away and
saying "No!" when she calls.

Later, she drives you to soccer prac-
tice, ball games and overnights.

(See **MOTHERS**, page seven)

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Blacula'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Here is one that took its time coming to local drive-ins but eventually landed at the Almar on April 20, 1974.

The film was made during the height of the Black Cinema craze which introduced audiences to all manner of talented thespians who, until that point, had not had as many cinematic opportunities as caucasian stars. The craze did not extend to giving black directors a lot of gigs, but it did provide for a ton of experiments and this film showed that modern audiences would pony up the bucks for new versions of the famous Universal monsters with black actors getting to sink their teeth into roles made famous by horror icons like Bela Lugosi and Boris Karloff (yes, Virginia, there is a Blackenstein).



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

This one hits the ground running and never lets up for 90 minutes. It opens in Transylvania, circa 1780, where an African prince is paying a visit to the local nobleman, Count Dracula. Prince Manuwalde thinks he is there to convince the Count to boycott slavery but soon learns that the Count is more interested in the dark continent for its blood supply. The prince decides to go down fighting and infuriates Dracula to the point that he decides to make him immortal but then seal him in a coffin in a hidden room for all of eternity.

The plan goes well until 1972, when a pair of globetrotting antique dealers purchase all of Dracula's furniture. They find the hidden room and include Blacula's tomb in their purchase. Once back in L.A. they rip open their purchases so quickly that one cuts his hand on a staple and we all know who's gonna smell that blood and awaken from his 200-year slumber.

What follows is a modern take on vampirism mixed with "fish out of water" humor, as Blacula must adjust to modern civilization. The first lesson he learns is not to cross in front of a taxi. Getting hit by a cab does provide him with another meal however and pretty soon L.A. is awash with an exponentially expanding wave of new vampires.

Meanwhile Blacula targets a descendant of his wife who, like Mina in the original film, falls under his spell and is more than willing to say goodbye to Hollywood for the blood-sucker lifestyle.

This one is a great time-killer and provides plenty of chills and a bit of love. Her mouth has kissed owies that hurt. Her back had bent to bathe dirty cowboys, pick up teens' clothes, gather flowers from her garden and grow old.

She has journeyed through life with its tears and laughter, watching yesterday's sunsets become tomorrow's sunrises of hope and promise. Because of her and the man who took her hand, family life and love continue through the generations.

When a mother blows out 75 candles, blessed are they who surround her with their love.

(See **LAGOON**, page seven)

When a mother blows out 75 candles

by ALICE COLLINS
submitted by GERALDINE DOYLE
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE MOTHER'S SOUL"

She secretly hopes a tank of oxygen is one of her gifts. Through the years she has hollered, said and prayed, "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, grant me patience!" 1,245,187 times. Her hands have hung diapers on pulley clotheslines, sterilized bottles, carried babies from the third-floor apartment, ironed sunsuits and proudly pushed baby buggies.

She has peeled more potatoes than six Marines on KP duty.

Her hair had been set in steel curlers, permed, rinsed with Nestle's coloring capsules, and styled in pageboys, the poodle look and the beehive hairdo; been permed

again and turned silver.

The "parlor" was where she entertained company, the "pantry" held the groceries, the "icebox" held a pint of ice cream, and the "wringer washing machine" was hers to use on Tuesday.

She has earned her nursing degree through measles, chickenpox, mumps, pneumonia, polio, TB, fevers, stitches, flu, fractured arms and broken hearts.

At one time or another, her closet held housedresses, feathered hats, white gloves, skirts with short hemlines and with long hemlines, pants suits, billowy dresses of chiffon, sheath dresses, a Sunday coat and the Christmas toys she ordered from the Sears catalog.

Her heart has known the ecstasy of a

man's love, the joy of children, the heart-break of their mistakes, the warmth of life's friendships, the celebration of weddings, the magnificent blessings of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Who can count the floors she scrubbed, the dinners she cooked, the birthday gifts she wrapped, the spelling words she listened to, the bedtime stories she read, the excuses she heard, the prayers she whispered to God each day?

Her arms have rocked generations of babies. Her hands have prepared countless "favorite" dishes. Her knees have knelt in prayer time and night again for those she

loved. Her mouth has kissed owies that hurt. Her back had bent to bathe dirty cowboys, pick up teens' clothes, gather flowers from her garden and grow old.

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Jim Davidson

Success tips from a motel pioneer

When it comes to motels, at one time the name Holiday Inn was the standard in our country. While the major portion of this chain has been sold, I stayed in a Holiday Inn this past week and it was wonderful.

You may or may not know that there is a fantastic success story behind this motel chain and it has to do with its founder, the late Kemmons Wilson. At age 90, Mr. Wilson passed away at his Memphis, Tenn., home on Feb. 12, 2003. This story is worth repeating hundreds of times because it is one of "rags to riches" the old-fashioned way. That is, a single goal, hard work and striving to please the customer. That's the American Dream and it's still alive today.



Several months ago a friend sent me "Kemmons Wilson's 20 Tips for Success" and it was so good that I wanted to share it with you. You might get an idea or two here that could make a tremendous difference in your life.

When I decided to do this column I called the headquarters of Holiday Inn in Memphis and talked with Dottie Bonds, longtime associate of Mr. Wilson. She was gracious to give me permission to use the published "tips for success" and she sent me some additional information, that can also be found on the Internet at www.kwilson.com

Charles Kemmons Wilson was

born in Osceola, Ark., on Jan. 5, 1913, to Kemmons and Ruby Wilson, but his father died when he was only 9 months old. Shortly thereafter, he and his mother moved to Memphis, where Ruby raised Kemmons and taught him to make his way in the world.

Kemmons said of his mother, "She taught me that I could do anything I wanted to do, and she drilled it into my head so hard that I finally decided that I could do anything I wanted to do."

Later when Kemmons was married in the summer of 1951, he and his wife Dorothy packed their five children into the family car and set off for Washington, D.C.

On the road he was very disappointed in what he found. The roadside motels charged \$2 extra for each child. "So our \$6 room became a \$16 room," he said. Also the motels in those days left much to be desired in the way of cleanliness, size and the facilities they offered.

Kemmons took notes during their trip, measuring rooms and noticing everything about the places they stayed. By the time he got back to Memphis, he knew what he wanted. He hired a draftsman to draw up the plans. The first Holiday Inn opened on Summer Avenue in August 1952, and 10 years later in 1962, the 400th Holiday Inn was opened.

Here then are Kemmons Wilson's "Twenty Tips for Success."

1. Work only half a day; it makes no difference which half — it can be either the first 12 hours or the last 12 hours.
2. Work is the master key that opens the door to all opportunities.
3. Mental attitude plays a far more important role in a person's success or failure than mental capacity.
4. Remember that we all climb the ladder of success one step at a time.
5. There are two ways to get to the top of an oak tree. One is to sit on an acorn and wait, the other way is to climb it.

6. Do not be afraid of taking a chance. Remember that a broken watch is exactly right at least twice every 24 hours.

7. The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one does.

8. Eliminate from your vocabulary the words, "I don't think I can" and substitute, "I know I can."

9. In evaluating a career, put opportunity ahead of security.

10. Remember that success requires half luck and half brains.

11. A person has to take risks to achieve.

12. People, who take pains never to do more than they get paid for, never get paid for anything more than they do.

13. No job is too hard as long as you are smart enough to find someone else to do it for you.

14. Opportunity comes often. It knocks as often as you have an ear trained to hear it, an eye trained to see it, a hand to grasp it, and a head trained to use it.

15. You cannot procrastinate — in two days, tomorrow will be yes-

terday.

16. Sell your wristwatch and buy an alarm clock.

17. A successful person realizes his personal responsibility for self-motivation. He starts himself because he possesses the key to his own ignition switch.

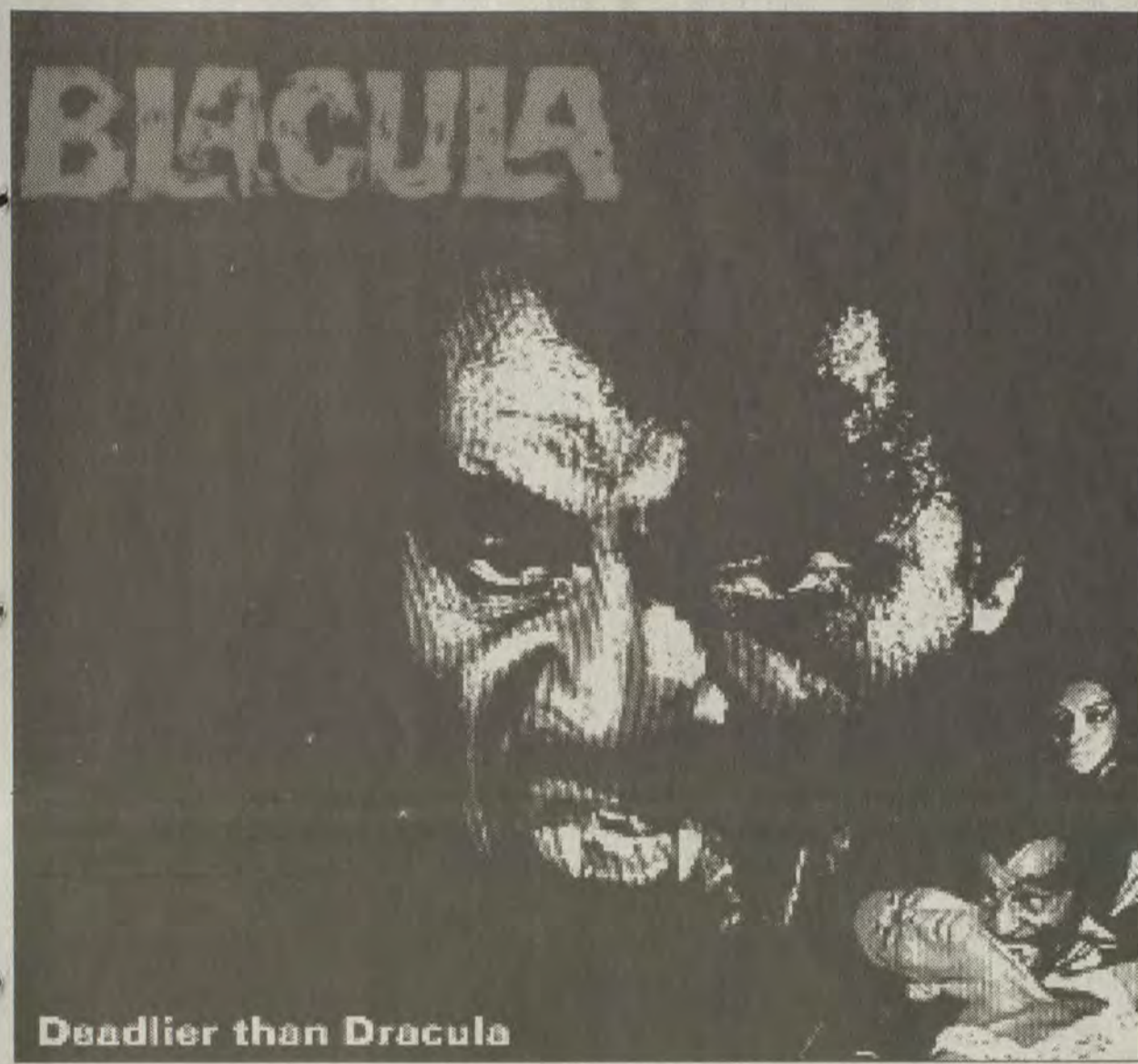
18. Don't worry. You can't change the past, but you can sure ruin the present by worrying over the future. Remember that half the things we worry about never happen, the other half is going to happen anyway. So why worry?

19. It is not how much you have, but how much you enjoy that makes happiness.

20. Believe in God and obey the Ten Commandments.

And, so we end Kemmons Wilson's Twenty Tips for Success. Here is a clear case of where a man was really lucky. He was lucky to be born in America and he was also lucky to have a great mother.

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Deadlier than Dracula

photo by Tom Doty

Shakespearean actor William Marshall, sporting ten pounds of sideburns, was prominently featured in all advertising campaigns for 'Blacula.'

Lagoon

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social commentary, if you like that sort of thing. Here vampirism becomes a symbol for the exploitation of blacks and is a not-so-subtle reminder that things hadn't changed that much in 1972. One white character, a cop, is friends with the film's main character, a black cop, but he still doesn't say anything when a patrolman complains that all people of color look alike.

The film also boasts a topnotch cast, with Shakespearean actor William Marshall in fine form as Blacula. He manages to impart the role with dignity (even though he is saddled with ridiculous sideburns whenever he attacks a victim), and his rich voice and overly theatrical

gestures work just fine in this setting.

The film also acknowledges Hollywood's past by casting veteran character actor Elisha Cook ("The Maltese Falcon") as an unfortunate orderly who removes a vampire from the morgue but neglects to lock the door that stands between him and becoming an entree for the undead.

The movie also boasts a fine sense of menace and is abetted by some well-staged shocks. Director William Crain manages to achieve some hefty scares using old-fashioned techniques like slow motion photography and having an actor pulled along on a dolly to simulate walking on air.

The film's finale manages to work on several levels as, Blacula goes head to head with riot geared members of the LAPD. It's an action-packed conclusion that also reminds one that L.A. has had a checkered history when it comes to race relations (Watts was four years before the film and Rodney King was still to come).

All in all this is a fine feature that revived a failing franchise (vampires) and even spawned a sequel, released the same year, called "Scream, Blacula, Scream."

Best line: "Baby you better sit down. I gotta lay something heavy on you."

1972, rated PG.

This Town

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Ever since I read as a boy about Emerson's Law of Compensation, I've liked it. The other afternoon when a youngster sat in the bow of a boat heading down-lake, a gnat smote him squarely in the eye. Thought I: "Age has its compensations. There was a time when I had the same trouble. Now failing eye-

sight forces me to wear glasses—so, no insects zeroing in on me."

Then the other side of the Compensation picture dawned on me. With these glasses, I perhaps look like another insect.

Barring complications I shall sally forth with hopes high this

week-end on a fishing safari. If I write something that sounds ridiculous about some other fisherman, or about some anonymous boob, next week, you may be fairly well correct if you surmise that the yarn concerns yours respectfully.

Mothers

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You thank her by jumping out of the car and never looking back.
When you become a teen, she comes home from work, looking for a hug.
You thank her by having your bedroom door locked.
Then, she pays your college tuition.
You thank her by never bothering to call.
She cries at your graduation and tells you she is proud.
You thank her by asking if she could pay for your trip to Europe.

She gives you furniture for your new apartment.
You thank her by telling your friends it's ugly.
She helps pay for your wedding.
You thank her by moving halfway across the country (and never bothering to call)
She calls to give advice on caring for your new baby.
You thank her by telling her, "Things are different now."
At age 50, she falls ill and needs you

to take care of her.
You thank her by reading "The Burden of Aging Parents."
She grows old, and older, and still, you have no time.
One day, she quietly dies.
And your world comes crashing down...
But the child's mother said, "As surely as the Lord lives, and as you live, I will not leave you." - The Holy Bible, 2 Kings 4:30

Click and Clack Talk Cars

Hybrids' highway mileage differs from that in ads

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I'm considering buying a hybrid car, but someone recently told me that because I do a lot of highway driving, I will not get nearly the mileage promised in the ads. The reason I was given is that on the highway, the gasoline portion of the engine is used rather than the electric portion. Is this true? — Gayle

RAY: Well, Gayle, no one ever gets the mileage promised in the ads. But it's true that the benefits of hybrids are tilted toward city driving.

TOM: Here's why: Hybrids combine a gasoline engine with a battery-powered electric motor. In Toyota's hybrid system (which is the most popular), the battery power is called on first. So if you're just driving gently in city traffic, you might use ONLY the battery a lot of the time. And if you're stopped at a light, you're using nothing!

RAY: That's when a hybrid will save you a lot of gasoline.

TOM: At higher speeds — above 15 mph or 20 mph — or on harder acceleration, the gasoline engine kicks in. And, while the battery is still assisting the gasoline engine, you rely much more on the gasoline engine. So, at highway speeds, you still get good mileage, but the boost isn't quite as great as it is around town.

RAY: Incidentally, the reason nobody gets the Environmental Protection Agency-rated mileage in their car is that the tests are totally unrealistic. The tests are done with all of the accessories off, including the heat and air conditioning. In reality, most people have at least some accessories on all the time. Every accessory requires some power and lowers your mileage.

TOM: What makes the difference even greater on a hybrid is that turning on a major accessory, like the heat or AC, automatically turns on the gasoline engine. So, even at low speed around town or when you're stopped at a light, if your AC is on, your engine is running and you're using gasoline.

RAY: The Prius EPA test claims ratings of 60 mpg in the city and 51 on the highway. We have yet to meet anybody who gets even close to that. Most Prius owners we talk to get somewhere between 40-50 mpg — which is still fantastic! You might be very happy even at the lower end of that scale, Gayle. But the mileage is not what the EPA leads you to believe it will be.

TOM: So, it's time for the EPA tests to join the real world. Turn on the AC, let a few pounds of air out of a couple of tires, and throw a mother-in-law or two in the

back, and then we'll see some real-world mileage estimates.

On automatics, some gears are just for decoration

Dear Tom and Ray:

You lugheads — and I mean that in a good way — keep talking about the proper way to drive a manual transmission. Well, I have an automatic and know nothing about shifting from "Drive" to "1" or "2" and back. Those numbers aren't just for decoration, are they? Thanks for all the laughs. — Anne

RAY: Actually, they pretty much ARE there for decoration these days, Anne.

TOM: In which case you'd think the car makers would do a better job, wouldn't you? I mean, would a couple of rhinestones or a little glitter kill them?

RAY: Automatic transmissions are pretty much "set it and forget it" these days; 99.9 percent of your forward driving can be done in "Drive." When the transmission needs to be in a lower gear, it'll shift itself into a lower gear.

TOM: There's only one really important exception, and that involves long, steep hills — but only when you're going down them. On a steep mountain road, where you'd need to be on the brakes pretty much constantly for more than half a mile or so, you should shift the car into a lower gear. Shifting down in that situation uses the inertia of the engine to help keep the car from going too fast.

RAY: That prevents you from overheating your brakes, which leads to brake failure, which leads to a life-insurance claim.

TOM: Try the next lowest gear below "Drive" first. And if you still need to ride the brakes to maintain an appropriate speed, drop down another gear, all the way down to "1" or "Low" if necessary.

RAY: Some people suggest that you downshift for extra power when going up hills, or when your transmission is shifting frequently between two gears. But none of that stuff is really necessary. During normal driving, if the transmission really needs to be in a lower gear, it'll figure this out itself. These are college-educated automatic transmissions we have these days, Anne, so fugetaboutit.

Do you really need that truck if you only make one trip to the lumberyard per year? Find out what kind of car NOT to get in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Faith Extra

A professor hits the highway to ponder 'roadside religion' oddities

by RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

Timothy Beal's epiphany occurred on a drive from Washington to Cleveland.

Near Frostburg, Md., a hulking assemblage of reddish girders four stories high suddenly loomed alongside Interstate 68. A bold, blue sign explained: "NOAH'S ARK BEING REBUILT HERE!"

The following summer, Beal, a religion professor at Case Western Reserve University, found himself in a rented motor home with the wife and kids, exploring the Frostburg ark and other astonishing spiritual tourist attractions. Among them: Kentucky's cheesy and oddly named Golgotha Fun Park (a miniature golf course, now defunct); the world's largest Ten Commandments display; and, the world's largest rosary collection in Stevenson, Wash.

Beal's odyssey has wrought "Roadside Religion: In Search of the Sacred, the Strange and the Substance of Faith" (Beacon), published just in time for vacation planning or beach reading.

However quirky, Beal says, the 10 sites he examined in nine states manifest believers' desire to create some "otherworldly realm" set apart from ordinary life. And each destination is a story in itself about an individual's faith.

The idea for an ark replicated to vast biblical proportions originated in 1974, when pastor Richard Greene said God commissioned his task in night

visions: Ridicule has only reinforced his Noah-like persistence.

Greene has suffered through breaks with his Church of the Brethren, the loss of some followers and complaints about financial mismanagement — and over the decades, his God's Ark of Safety Ministry has raised only enough money to pour a foundation of 3,000 tons of concrete and erect part of the framework.

Yet Beal finds the Quixote-like effort moving, and says that after visiting Greene he lamented his own "lack of faith and inability to hope for an absurd miracle."

He's less indulgent of the world's largest Ten Commandments, on display at Fields of the Wood east of Murphy, N.C. The 216-acre site, operated by the Church of God of Prophecy, also boasts of the world's largest altar and world's largest New Testament, both in concrete.

The commandments are presented in concrete letters, five-feet tall, marked off by 10-foot Roman numerals. The sacred text can only be read from an adjacent hillside or by air.

Beal accuses the sponsors of turning God's Word into an idol.

"These giant hillside tablets deserve a prize for irony, making a graven image of the prohibition against graven images," he says.

Yet Beal turns respectful again when he encounters the awesome piety of Bill Rice's

Cross Garden outside Prattville, Ala. It consists of thousands of makeshift wooden crosses strewn across 11 acres, interspersed with rusting appliances, other junk and placards proclaiming urgent — if ungrammatical — messages, such as "IN HELL FROM SEX SEX" and "RICH MAN IN HELL REPENT".

Like Greene, house painter Rice received visions in 1977 that told him to warn passersby of impending judgment and God's remedy. He began by planting three crosses in the front yard, dreading what the neighbors would think. One cross just led to another.

"You don't take it in. It takes you in," Beal marvels.

The Rice extravaganza is an example of what aesthetes call "outsider art," folk works by self-taught visionaries. A far better-known practitioner was the late evangelist-handyman Howard Finster, whose weather-beaten Paradise Gardens outdoor gallery at Summerville, Ga., is also toured by Beal.

After completing the book, Beal came upon an obscure artist right where he lives. Albert Wagner, 82, has filled his Cleveland home with his own distinctive paintings, which blend Pentecostalism with Egyptian and African themes.

Wagner leads small worship services down in the basement.

Kirkus Reviews calls Beal's book condescending of its subjects, but Beal says that's not the case. He is struck that Wagner and the others he encountered need to express "a radical, private experience in such a public, spectacular way."

Beal's Unitarian publisher calls the author an atheist, but he depicts himself as an ambivalent quester. He was raised in Alaska by Presbyterian parents who were leaders in the evangelical Young Life organization. He met his wife, Clover, who was raised Pentecostal, at evangelical Seattle Pacific University,

when both were drifting from the faith of their youth.

Today, she is pastor of the liberal Forest Hill Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Heights, and he sometimes helps out teaching Sunday School.

It hasn't been unusual for Beal to investigate the far margins of faith.

He teaches a course on "religion and horror" and has written another book titled "Religion and Its Monsters." His original drive past the Frostburg ark occurred after a research trip to the Library of Congress, where he was looking into the use of the Bible by white supremacists.

Obits

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Bobby Keel, 60, of Van Lear, died Saturday, April 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Betty Daniels Keel. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 3, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

of East Point, died Friday, April 29, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 3, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Jerry Edward Spears Sr., 60, of Mansfield, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, April 27. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 30, under the direction of the Snyder Funeral Homes, Mansfield, Ohio.

Gladys Lemaster, 75, of Paintsville, died Thursday, April 28, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Monday, May 2, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Marion Stapleton, 81, of Wabash, Indiana, a Paintsville native, died Wednesday, April 13, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, April 15, under the direction of the Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service of Wabash, Ind.

Elmo Ratliff, 75, of Williamsport, died Tuesday, May 3, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 7, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

Samuel 'Bud' Spears, 65,

Obituaries

Susan Rebecca Wallen Arnett

Susan Rebecca Wallen Arnett, 90, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, May 5, 2005, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington.

Born May 8, 1914, in West Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Shelby Banks Wallen and Belle Gearheart Wallen. She was a retired postal clerk, and a member of New Bethel Assembly of God, in Salyersville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe H. Arnett.

Survivors include two sons: Joseph Jackson Arnett of Mt. Washington, and Glenn Phillip Arnett of Reston, Virginia; one daughter, Lolita Ann King of Prestonsburg; eight grandchildren, Alan, Patrick, Dwayne, Joey, Christina, Matthew, Cathi and Lesli; ten great-grandchildren: Collin, Benjamin, J.W., Brett, Zach, Nick, Kimberly James, Ryan, and Autumn.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Paul Wallen, Joe Wallen, and two infant brothers; one sister, Annie Montgomery; and one grandson, Richard.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, May 9, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Arthur (Sam) Smith officiating.

Burial will be in the Jack Arnett Cemetery, at Middle Creek, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Prestonsburg bashes Beaver Creek Sparks pitches Blackcats to junior league win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GARRETT – Playing on the road Tuesday evening at Beaver Creek, Prestonsburg's 13-14 year-olds quickly settled in. Prestonsburg plated five runs in the first inning and went on to beat Beaver Creek 14-1.

For Beaver Creek, Tuesday's game against rival Prestonsburg got off to a rocky start shortly after the game's opening pitch.

Prestonsburg's Billy Robinson, Donovan Mullins, Chris Schoolcraft, Allen Craynon and Tyler Sparks all reached base and scored in the top half of the first inning. Schoolcraft scored three times for Prestonsburg. Mullins, Craynon, Sparks, Seth Setser and Austin McKinney all scored twice.

Sparks got the start for Prestonsburg and earned the victory. On the opposing side, Beaver Creek pitcher Chad Nelson absorbed the loss. Sparks was strong both early and late in the contest, striking out two of the first three Beaver

Creek batters he faced.

Prestonsburg scored four runs in the second inning and two more in the third inning. The visiting squad put a sound exclamation point on the win in the top half of the fifth inning, adding three more runs.

Justin Osborne reached base and scored in the third inning, accounting for Beaver Creek's only run.

Prestonsburg third baseman D.J. Ousley and rightfielder Josh Blackburn also contributed to the Prestonsburg effort.



Prestonsburg pitcher Tyler Sparks went to the plate with an offering as teammate Donovan Mullins awaited the end result.

Both the Prestonsburg and Beaver Creek junior league baseball teams will play games against teams from opposing Little League charters – some of which will hail from Floyd County and others from neighboring counties.

Runnin' Rebels running for new track history

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN – The new track coach at Allen Central High School is hoping to rekindle interest in the sport in which Rebels boast a rich history of success with a team that has collectively broken seven school records this season.

"If we could compete in every event we would be winning," coach Kevin Slone said about his small team's overall ratings in the meets they attend.

However, the team won every event they participated in Tuesday night at South Floyd High School.

The girls team has managed to break five school records this season while the boys have broken two, Slone said.

Standing out in the region as unbeaten in the 100-meter, junior Elizabeth Mosley – who took her seventh win Tuesday night with a 13.25 second run – has been involved in breaking all five school records.

"No one in the region has gotten within a half-second of her," Slone said about Mosley's 100-meter performances.

Mosley ran the 100-meter in 12.75 while at Prestonsburg High School as a freshman.

Sophomore David Slone shattered Allen Central's school record of 11.8 seconds in the 100-meter Tuesday with a 11.23 run.

Besides the 100-meter, Mosley has broken Allen Central's 200-meter record, the high jump, and the long jump at 15.7 feet in April, breaking her own record Tuesday with a 16.1-foot jump. Prior to Mosley, no one had gotten into the 15 foot range at Allen Central, Slone said.

As part of the relay team – composed of freshman Kim Bilter, junior Mara

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Elizabeth Mosley

Case opens, closes P'burg



ALL IN – The Betsy Layne High baseball team beat Prestonsburg 9-1 behind a stout pitching performance from junior Derek Case (pictured to the right).

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN – Betsy Layne High junior Derek Case took the mound and pitched seven strong innings Thursday evening. Case nearly pitched a shutout as he recorded the win and Betsy Layne beat 58th District rival Prestonsburg 9-1.

With the win, Case improved his pitching record on the season to 4-0.

All of Betsy Layne's runs were scored after the third inning. Prestonsburg scored its first and what would be its only run of the game in the top half of the fourth inning when Bobby Hughes, the second-place hitter in the Blackcat batting order, reached base and eventually scored. With Prestonsburg leading 1-0 heading into the bottom half of the fourth inning, Betsy Layne broke out its offensive firepower, tagging Prestonsburg starting pitcher Brenton Hamilton for five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Shawn Hamilton, Brandon Thacker, Cory Click, Jordan Case and Derek Case – the second through sixth batters in the Betsy Layne hitting order – all reached base and scored for Betsy Layne in the bottom half of the fourth inning.

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Johnson Central, inexperience beat Ladycats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Riding momentum gained from wins earlier in the week, the Betsy Layne high fast pitch softball team returned to the road Wednesday evening, traveling to Johnson Central for a game against the host Lady Eagles. Betsy Layne was minus seven starters. Johnson Central took full advantage of the visiting team's hardships, beating Betsy Layne 9-6.

"The game against Johnson Central was very interesting," said Betsy Layne Coach Christina Crase, looking back. "We had only two out of our nine starting varsity players healthy. Throughout the course of the game we had to substitute three of our JV players in the lineup due to injuries. I do not mean to take away from Johnson Central; they came out and played a great game."

Johnson Central led 3-1 at the end of the first inning and 7-1 through the first three innings. Betsy Layne battled back, though, scoring four runs in the top half of the first inning. The host Lady Eagles put the game away with a pair of runs in the bottom portion

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Rebels drop fifth straight

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN – The Allen Central High baseball team dropped its fifth straight game Thursday night, losing to visiting Sheldon Clark. The Cardinals jumped out to an early lead and led 6-0 in the third inning before settling for a 6-2 win.

Junior Brandon May pitched a complete game and recorded the win for the visiting Cardinals. Allen Central junior Tyler Turner, who pitched extremely well after the first three innings, went the distance and took the loss for the host team.

"We played yet another game against a very tough team," said Allen Central Coach Ken Johnson. "Our strength of schedule, I believe, is by far tops in the 58th as we have played many of the top programs in the state. Sheldon Clark was preseason top 35 in the state and have had a good season."

Despite the four-run loss, Allen Central had its chances to get back in the game.

"We started off a bit rough digging ourselves a hole, falling behind 6-0 by the third

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Kinzer competes at Talladega Short Track, Atomic Motorspeedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN – The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team planned on attending both events at Talladega Short Track over the weekend of April 29-30. But things just didn't go as planned.

The first night of racing action saw Brandon Kinzer set fast time with a time of 13.828 over the 59 participants.

Setting fast time on the evening meant that Kinzer led the field to the green flag. The Floyd County racer got the jump on second-place Ken Schrader and proceeded to make his presence felt. However, a faulty shock broke one lap into the feature, sidelining Kinzer for the rest of the evening and forcing the Allen-based race team to finish in a dismal 24th place.

The next event at Talladega Short

Track was washed out by rain, forcing the event to be postponed for a later date.

Making a last minute decision, Kinzer and his crew decided to head to Atomic Motor Speedway. Atomic Motor Speedway had a \$3,000 to win show scheduled for Sunday, May 1.

The team drew a disappointing pill for qualifying, not getting a promising qualifying spot. Running the same format as Southern Allstars, the top 16 qualifiers locked themselves into position. Kinzer's qualifying spot earned him a fifth-place start in the second B-Main. Due to the track's locked down, rubbered-up track condition, Kinzer finished where he started – fifth, unable to make the final transfer spot.

"We just had terrible luck all

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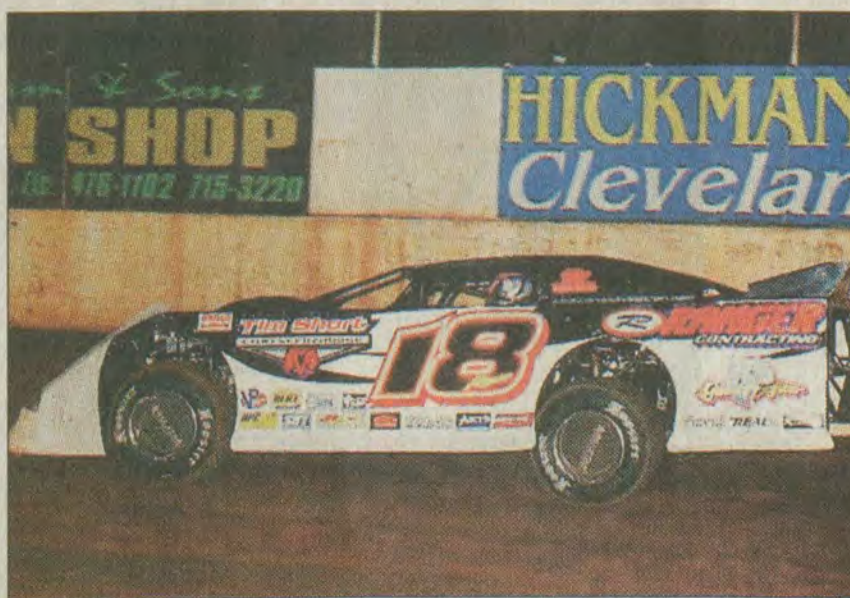


photo courtesy of Brandon Kinzer Motorsports

Brandon Kinzer Motorsports continues to keep up a busy schedule consisting of stops at various tracks in the midwestern and southeastern United States.

Eldora's Nextel Prelude offers Fastrak debut

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio – NASCAR Nextel Cup drivers – several of them – are coming to Eldora Speedway. Eldora Speedway's charisma has sparked immense interest among the Fastrak Champions Series fraternity, in anticipation of their debut to the one-half mile clay oval on Wednesday night, June 8, and as part of the recently announced Nextel Prelude to the Dream.

The allure is so great that Fastrak founder Stan Lester has "had to limit the race to Fastrak members only, simply from a time stand point".

"We clearly anticipate up to 60 cars coming from 12 states," Lester said from his home base of Carnesville, Ga. "Going to Eldora is one of the most incredible things I could have imagined for Fastrak. This is the most prestigious track in the Nation and we are honored to be going there to offer their fans some exciting dirt late model racing action – Fastrak style."

Relatively new to the Midwest, Fastrak is

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Track

Biliter and junior Yumekia Hunter - Mosley and her teammates broke the school record in the 4 x 200-meter, while the boys 4 x 200-meter team composed of sophomores Ben Moore, Keith Duncan, Mike Case, and Ryan Collins broke the school record April 14 at Pikeville.

Other team members are high and long jumper Eric Crum, a sophomore, distance runners Shane Duncan, a junior, and Adam Reffett, a sophomore, and Lyndsey Frasure - a senior with the longest discus throw in the region.

"I've got a strong core," Slone said, adding the boys 4 x 100- and 4 x 200-meter relay teams are the second fastest in the region's Single A as far as time goes.

Second only to Pikeville

High School, Slone is hopeful the Rebel relay team will get them in the state competition and boost interest in the sport which has been lacking in the past five years.

"If they can go to state, it will revive them," Slone said.

Rebel success on the track was rampant in the 90s, former coach Dewey Jamerson, who has been the track coach at Prestonsburg High School for six years, said.

Although AC's track history dates back to the late 70s and early 80s with a couple of years of participation, Jamerson said the most recent track program began in January 1987 when he and Maytown Grade School teacher Forest Hughes started the program while he was doing his student teaching curriculum. Jamerson, who is now a teacher

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at Adams Middle School, left AC in 1989 and went to Betsy Layne High School, but returned to AC in 1991.

In the Single A, Allen Central girls were regional runners-up in 1994, while they went to the Double A the next year, winning the regional two years in a row. The boys were runners-up their first three years in the Double A in the early 90s, winning the Eastern Kentucky Mountain Conference five years in a row.

Jamerson left AC in 1997 and the track team has slowly faded.

This year's Runnin' Rebels look good, Jamerson said, adding Slone's participation in track in high school would help him in developing his team, which Slone says is a young one.

"I think that makes a difference," Jamerson said.



photo courtesy of Atrip's Photography
The Allen Central High School track and field team has made significant strides under coach Kevin Slone.

BOBCATS 9, BLACKCATS 1



Betsy Layne beat Prestonsburg 9-1 in a 58th District baseball game played Thursday evening at Stumbo Park in Allen.
Top: Prestonsburg junior Brenton Hamilton pitched well, but took the loss for the Blackcats.
Second from top: Betsy Layne's Pat Stapleton (12) stood in at the plate, awaiting the Prestonsburg pitch.
Second from bottom: Case took his lead off of third base following a Prestonsburg pitch.
Bottom: Betsy Layne advanced many baserunners during Thursday's win. Shawn Hamilton (31) is pictured sliding in safely for the Bobcats.

Kinzer

weekend," said Kinzer. "Plain and simple, our shock broke at Talladega, then we drew a terrible qualifying pill at Atomic."

The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team was scheduled to be in action last night at 201 Speedway in the Battle of the

Bluegrass Series event, paying \$3,000 to the race winner. Results from the BoB race were unavailable at press time.

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Rebels

inning," Johnson added. "My kids stayed strong and didn't give up though. We fought back hard and had a chance to tie the game in the sixth inning."

Senior Ryan Hammonds hit a two-run home run for Allen Central's only two scores. Hammonds returned to the plate in the sixth inning with the

bases loaded, but came up short.

This season, a slow start has plagued the Allen Central baseball team in more than one game.

"I am proud of my boys as they played well," said Johnson. "We just need to work on getting out of the gates a little better."

Earlier in the week, Allen

Central suffered a setback to Johnson Central, one of Sheldon Clark's top rivals out of the 57th District. Despite Allen Central's recent losing skid, hopes remain high for a Rebel baseball team that played within one run of Johnson Central, one of the state's top-20 teams.

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Case

The Bobcats, leading 5-1 at the end of the fourth inning, added two runs in the fifth inning and two more in the seventh inning.

Case helped his cause at the plate. In the fourth inning, he tapped a triple.

The Bobcat defense also helped Case along.

Brenton Hamilton, now in his first season as a member of

the Prestonsburg High baseball team, took the loss for the Blackcats, going the distance. Brenton Hamilton showed great signs throughout the pitching performance. However, the Blackcat offense didn't come through with enough support.

Case, who is also a solid contributor for the Betsy Layne High boys' basketball team,

baffled the Prestonsburg batters in more than one inning. In three separate innings, Case retired the three Blackcats he faced in order.

Betsy Layne is the defending 58th District champion. Several of the players who helped Betsy Layne to last year's district title are back and leading in the 2005 season.

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Eldora

just that - dirt late model racing. On the outside, the cars clearly resemble the distinctive late model appearance that fans have come to know and recognize.

The difference, however, lies under the roof, in the power plant. Over the years, engine research and development has highly escalated the costs of racing.

Lester designed Fastrak two years ago to address that situation. Under his guidelines, the Fastrak late models are restricted to one of three General Motors 'crate' engines, which are factory-produced and sealed. This results in a level

playing field for all and has put the competition back into the 'hands' of the competitors rather than their 'wallets'.

"Crate engines are being accepted in almost every part of the country now," Lester continued. "We now have three Fastrak regions and anticipate having six regions in 2006. I'm just glad it gives teams a chance to compete that otherwise would be sitting at home, out priced."

Participating in the special Eldora event will be drivers from within each of those three regions.

While the inaugural Fastrak

appearance will be alluring, the highlight of the Nextel Prelude to the Dream will be an invasion of at least eight NASCAR Nextel Cup stars as the vie against each other in super late models.

Already signed up and anxious to compete are three former Cup Champions - Tony Stewart, Matt Kenseth and Bobby Labonte, along with Kevin Harvick, Ken Schrader, Kenny Wallace, Dave Blaney and Kyle Petty. Additional drivers are being recruited and will be announced soon.

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Ladycats

of the sixth inning. Betsy Layne scored its sixth and final run in the top half of the seventh inning.

Early on, Betsy Layne struggled defensively, committing five errors in the first inning. Betsy Layne finished with six errors. Johnson

Central committed just one error.

Johnson Central scored its nine runs on 13 hits. Betsy Layne came across with its six runs on 12 hits.

Offensively, Misty Tackett and Kaitlin Lawson each had three hits apiece for Betsy

Layne. Kim Clark and Tiffany Bishop added two hits each.

Seven different players had one or more hits for home-standing Johnson Central.

Chelsey Salyers recorded the win for the Lady Eagles. For the Ladycats, senior pitcher Brenann Akers took the loss.

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Crew members prepare for \$500,000 tournament

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — His hands moving as fast as humanly possible, Chris Crumley twisted his air gun over every lug nut on the tire he was in charge of changing.

When he was done, he slowly backed away.

"The buzzer!" his Dale Earnhardt Inc. teammates screamed at him. "Hit the buzzer!"

Crumley dove head first toward the pit wall, his hand pounding on the red buzzer to stop the official timer monitoring the speed of their pit stop. The hesitation was costly: The stop took more than 19 seconds, an agonizingly long time in the world of lightning-fast pit stops.

"I'm not used to pushing a buzzer!" he muttered. "How am I going to remember to do that?"

With more than \$500,000 on the line, chances are Crumley won't hesitate to stop the timer during the National Pit Crew Championship Monday night. The contest will pit 40 crews against each other in head-to-head matchups for the fastest stop.

The teams are seeded in an NCAA tournament-style bracket based on qualifying sessions they participated in over the past few weeks. Each time a crew advances to the next round, it earns a monetary prize. The overall winner claims \$100,000

and the second-place crew gets \$25,000.

Then the top three teams and a wild card will compete in a bonus round. A preset pit stop time will be revealed, and if a crew can beat it, the team will pocket \$500,000. Tyson Foods is sponsoring the event and has put up the prize money, and has agreed to donate all proceeds from ticket sales to charity.

"This competition was created to give a little recognition to all the pit crews and teams who work so hard every week," said television analyst Larry McReynolds, a former crew chief and member of the Crew Chief Club, which planned and organized the event.

Unocal sponsored a similar event for 36 seasons that was the one opportunity for a pit crew to earn recognition away from the driver it services every week. But when Unocal pulled out of NASCAR following the 2003 season, the competition went with it.

So McReynolds and the Crew Chief Club designed their own contest.

"For all those years, the crews had one special thing they could call their own, and when it went away, there was really nothing to celebrate them," said Jimmy Elledge, crew chief for Casey Mears and a member of the club.

"So we wanted to bring back a

fun event that could give these guys a little individual achievement."

But, unbeknownst to the Crew Chief Club, NASCAR and series sponsor Nextel were working on their own pit crew challenge. Announced last month, the second version will be held May 19 at the Charlotte Coliseum and stress individual skills.

Unlike the first event, which is open to the top 30 teams in the Nextel Cup standings and the top 10 Busch teams, the NASCAR event is open only to teams eligible to compete in the annual All-Star race — including winners of 2004 Nextel Cup races.

When NASCAR announced its event, the Crew Chief Club had to hold its breath and hope it would still get 40 teams to show up for its competition. In the end, only the four teams from Hendrick Motorsports declined to enter the Pit Crew Challenge. All other teams are doing both contests.

"It really came down to priorities," said Robbie Loomis, crew chief for Jeff Gordon, of the Hendrick teams' decision not to participate in the Challenge.

"Our job is to win races and our guys do their celebrating in Victory Lane. Two contests was just too taxing on a schedule that already has us out there 38 weekends a year. So we had to pick one and we went with



file photo by Steve LeMaster

Pit crews provide the difference for winning NASCAR Nextel Cup teams.

NASCAR's."

NASCAR has maintained it was unaware of the Pit Crew Challenge when it started planning its own contest. Series spokesman Jim Hunter said both sides are looking at ways to merge the two events next season.

Hunter believes that, even if the Crew Chief Club is successful with its event, that group ultimately will need NASCAR's help to avoid any difficulties down the road.

"They will have problems that we are accustomed to han-

dling — arguments over timing and scoring, for example," Hunter said. "They will have some interesting experiences and find that being an official and wearing a referee shirt is a little different than wearing a crew chief shirt."

New York to host Nextel Cup awards ceremony

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR has announced the dates and sites for season-ending awards ceremonies for its three national series, plus its nationwide short-track competitive level. The run of celebrations will be highlighted by the renewal of a true NASCAR tradition — "Champion's Week" in New York City.

As it has since 1981, the Nextel Cup Series will honor its champion at the venerable Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. This year, the gala is set for Friday, Dec. 2 and also will feature the other drivers involved in the "Chase for Nextel Cup."

Since then-NASCAR

President Bill France introduced the sport to New York 25 years ago, the annual awards ceremony at the Waldorf has capped a weeklong schedule of activities and major media appearances by the Nextel Cup titleist.

TNT will broadcast the event nationally that evening; it will be re-broadcast at a later date on NBC.

Dates and times for the awards ceremonies for the Busch Series, Craftsman Truck Series and the Dodge Weekly Series also have been established:

For the fourth consecutive year, the Busch Series awards ceremony is set for the Portofino Bay Hotel in Orlando, Fla. The celebration will take place Friday, Dec. 9, and will be broadcast at a later

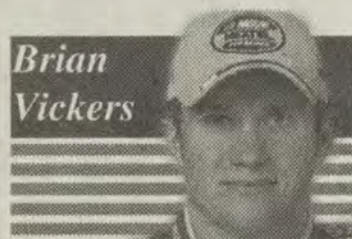
date by TNT.

The Craftsman Truck Series will conclude its "10 Years Tough" celebration on Sunday, Dec. 11 — also at the Portofino Bay Hotel. The ceremony will be broadcast at a later date by SPEED Channel.

The location and time are new; instead of hosting its awards ceremony on the Saturday evening following the Friday season-finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway, the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series now will crown its champion three weeks later.

Also, the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series awards ceremony will be held in Nashville. This year's celebration will be held Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort.

Vickers posts fastest lap before crashing at Lowe's



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CONCORD, N.C. — Lowe's Motor Speedway's renovated racing surface continued to receive rave reviews Tuesday night as 22 Nextel Cup teams prepared for the All-Star Challenge on May 21 and the Coca-Cola 600 on May 29.

With teams focusing on long runs and race set-ups, several drivers consistently posted laps in the mid-180 mph range, just shy of Ryan Newman's 188-mph track record.

Brian Vickers was fastest on the unofficial stopwatches with a lap at 186.130 mph in the No. 25 Chevrolet fielded by Hendrick Motorsports, but his night ended against the outside wall.

"The changes have definitely given the track more grip," Vickers said. "I don't know if I would say that it's smoother. It's still pretty rough, but that's not

always a bad thing. I like it. I think it's going to be fast."

With just one minute left in the session, a flat right-front tire sent Vickers into the Turn 2 wall. The car was heavily damaged, but Vickers was not injured.

Bobby Labonte's luck may finally be taking a turn for the better as the 1995 Coca-Cola 600 winner recorded the second fastest lap at 185.592 mph in the No. 18 Chevrolet.

Jeff Gordon joined his Hendrick Motorsports teammate in the top three on the unofficial speed chart with a lap at 185.554 mph in the No. 24 Chevrolet.

"I ran a lap almost as fast as I qualified here last race in race trim, so it's a lot faster," said Gordon. "I think the corners are great, definitely the smoothest I've ever seen this place. They've certainly found something that works very well. I think it's going to be really good, and the track is really fast right now."

"It's changed things for sure. It's not like a totally different race track, but you can run some different lines. You can really arc the corners a lot more because you can carry a lot

more speed in and through the corners," Gordon added. "I know some guys are running a higher line. I prefer to run a little bit lower, but right now with the speeds increased the way they are I'm sort of forced to run a little bit higher."

Veteran Mark Martin, a 13-time winner in various divisions at Lowe's Motor Speedway was fourth on the unofficial stopwatches at 185.554 mph in the No. 6 Ford.

"This was the greatest place in the world, and it's still pretty good, but I don't think they should have ground it," said Martin. "It's going to be interesting to see what happens during a race."

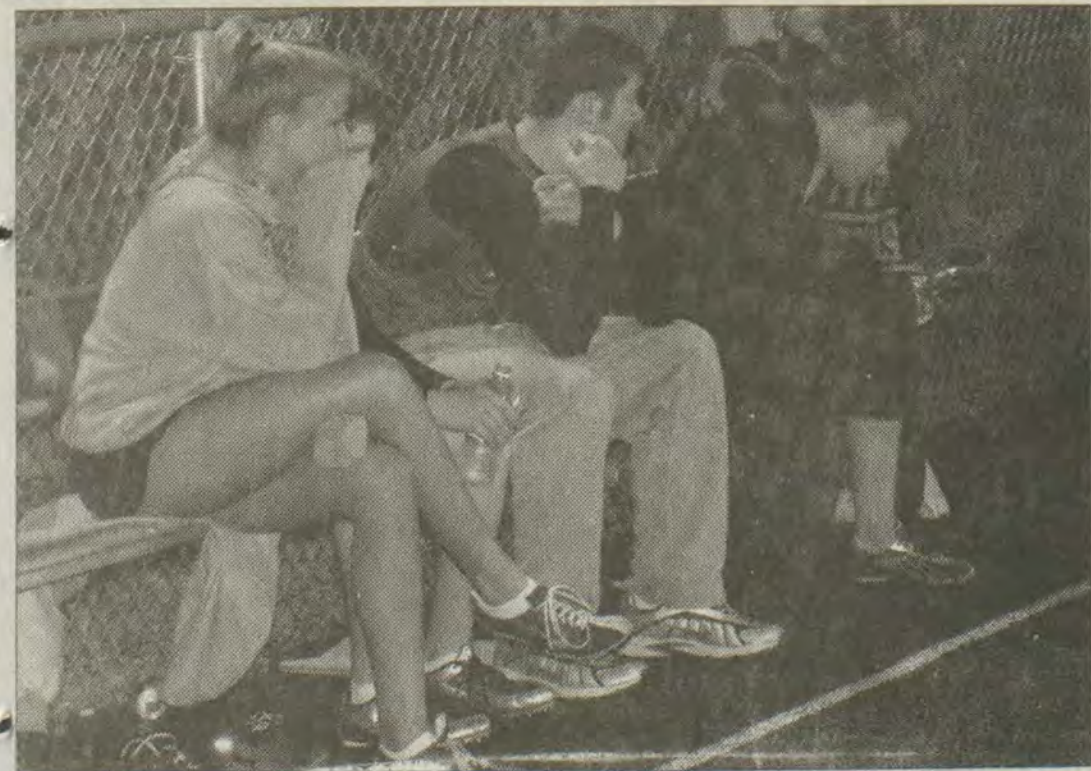
Jeremy Mayfield rounded out the top-five speeds at 185.312 mph in the No. 19 Dodge.

The only other incidents during the six-hour testing session came just before the dinner break when Casey Mears hit the wall in Turn 2 Dale Jarrett bounced off the SAFER barrier in Turns 3-4 on the same lap. Both were able to drive to the garage area and Mears was able to continue testing. Jarrett, however, was finished for the evening.



photos by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg High School hosted its second track meet of the 2005 season Thursday evening. Above: PHS coach Dewey Jamerson talked with track and field athletes.



NASCAR hands out penalties after Gateway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series owner Michael J. Gaughan has been fined \$1,500 while crew chiefs Doug George and Doug Howe have been fined \$500 for rule violations that occurred during last weekend's NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series event at Gateway International Raceway, NASCAR officials have announced.

Gaughan, owner of the No. 77 Dodge driven by Brendan Gaughan, violated Section 12-4-

A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) and Section 12-4-Q, determination by NASCAR officials that the truck, truck parts, components and/or equipment used in the event don't conform to NASCAR rules — unapproved carburetor booster stems.

George, crew chief of the No. 20 Chevrolet driven by Ken Weaver, violated Section 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) and Section 12-4-Q, determination by NASCAR officials that the truck, truck parts, components and/or equipment

used in the event don't conform to NASCAR rules — unapproved front jacking bolt assembly.

Howe, crew chief of the No. 07 Chevrolet driven by Sean Murphy, violated Section 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) and Section 12-4-Q, determination by NASCAR officials that the truck, truck parts, components and/or equipment used in the event don't conform to NASCAR rules — unapproved front jacking bolt assembly.

The infractions were discovered during opening-day inspection.

P'burg Mets defeat HAP Astros

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — On Thursday night, the Prestonsburg Little League Mets traveled to Stumbo Park and defeated the Harold-Allen-Prater Astros by a score of 3-2. The well-played game featured an outstanding pitching performance by Alex Griffith, who went the distance for the Mets. Griffith also hit a long double, which tied the score.

Following the double, in Griffith's next at-bat, Astros Manager Chris Newsome, opted to intentionally walk the Mets pitcher.

The winning rally for the Mets was ignited by Adrian Neeley, who was hit by a pitch to start the inning. Neeley heroically returned to the game to play rightfield and watched as Griffith nailed down the victory for the Mets. The winning run

was scored when Zach Spiggle scampered home on a ground ball hit by Joseph Jamerson. Mets Assistant Coach Michael Burchett credited Rhodie, the St. Bernard dog, with being the stabilizing influence after Neeley was plunked by the pitch.

The Prestonsburg Mets are scheduled to return to action at the newly refurbished Archer Park on Tuesday against the Beaver Twins.

Police dropping investigation into alleged rape at Wildcat Lodge



Chuck Hayes

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Lexington police said Wednesday that they are dropping an investigation into an alleged rape at Wildcat Lodge unless more information surfaces.

The woman who made the rape allegation last month has decided not to participate in the investigation, assistant chief Ken Hall said during a heavily attended news conference at police headquarters. Hall also said police were not able to verify some of the allegations made in the 29-year-old woman's complaint.

Hall said the case was dropped "by exception," meaning it may be reviewed later. But Hall added that it was rare for an investigation to resume on a case cleared by exception.

"We have investigated to the point that we don't feel we can go forward," Hall said.

Hall said the woman's attorney contacted police on Monday to inform them that she didn't want to proceed with the investigation.

Wildcat Lodge is best known as the home of University of Kentucky basketball players, though non-athletes live there as well. The complaint, filed April 22, noted the time of the alleged incident as between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on April 20.

Hall said police located no witnesses of the alleged incident. According to the university, 28 people live in Wildcat Lodge — 16 basketball players, 10 non-athletes and two staff members. All guests must be signed in and signed out.

Police have named neither the person who filed the complaint nor the suspect.

A former player, Chuck Hayes, had been questioned by police, Hayes' agent, Bill Duffy, said Saturday. But Wednesday, Hall said Hayes never was interviewed by police.

Reached Wednesday, Duffy declined to clear up the discrepancy, referring questions to Hayes' attorney, Jim Lowry of Lexington. Lowry did not immediately return a phone message left at his office Wednesday afternoon.

University officials, who have said little about the police investigation, issued a statement through the school's sports information office Wednesday, shortly after the police news conference began.

"We are pleased that no charges will be filed in this case and appreciate the thoroughness of the Lexington Police Department's investigation," Athletics Department spokesman Scott Stricklin said.

"It's unfortunate that a student's personal life was publicly scrutinized before the facts were determined, but we're hopeful that everyone involved can now move forward in a positive way."

Hayes, from Modesto, Calif., finished his four-season career with the Wildcats in March and was named the Southeastern Conference's defensive player of the year. He was one of the more popular players in recent Kentucky basketball history.

Duffy said he didn't think Hayes' potential stock for the upcoming NBA draft had been adversely affected by the police investigation.

Hayes is scheduled to graduate Sunday with a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism

Clark, Louisville draw Notre Dame in NCAA

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville men's tennis team received its second consecutive at-large bid to the 2005 NCAA Men's Tennis Championship. U of L will travel to the University of Illinois to play Notre Dame in the first round of the tournament. The first round match will take place May 13-15 — the exact date and time will be announced at a later date.

Louisville is ranked No. 33 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. The Cardinals reached the program's highest ranking at No. 24 on March 27, 2005. They finished the regular season with a 21-9 overall record and were runners-up in the 2005 Conference USA men's tennis championship. U of L won seven of its last eight matches, its last loss coming on a 4-1 decision to then-No. 19 Tulane in the finals of the C-USA Championship on April 24.

"I think the NCAA Selection Committee really credited us for our five wins against Top 25 teams this year," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarma. "Outside the finals of the C-USA Tournament, we only lost to nationally ranked teams on the road."

Notre Dame (18-7) is No. 32 in the latest poll. The two teams have met just one time prior, a 6-0 loss for the Cardinals in 1988. The Fighting Irish won the Big East Tournament with a

4-0 shutout of Rutgers to earn the automatic bid. They are led by sophomore Barry King, who is ranked No. 115 in singles.

"I am honored and glad to be a part of this team. I hope we will start a tradition of going to the NCAAs every year. I want to get a first round win for this school," said U of L senior Octavian Nicodim of Bucharest, Romania. "Maybe this will be a preview of next year's conference championship when we move to the Big East. Since I will be graduated then, it will be my only chance to play in the Big East."

The Cardinals are led at the top spot in singles by sophomore Damar Johnson who is 18-13 overall, with a 16-11 dual mark at No. 1. He is ranked No. 76 in ITA singles. Sophomore Slavko Radman has a team-best 20-5 overall record. He is 15-4 dual at playing primarily at No. 2. Junior Jakob Gustafsson leads the Cards in dual matches with a 19-5 record at No. 3 singles. Louisville's top doubles team of Jeremy Clark and Jakob Gustafsson is 16-9 overall and is ranked No. 44 in ITA doubles. Clark, a native of Floyd County, has also aided the Louisville tennis team through his singles play.

"I credit these players for embracing such a difficult and competitive schedule and an even harder training schedule. Now their hard work has paid off," said Ecarma.

First- and second-round

competition will be conducted May 13-15 with the winner of each site advancing to the NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championships at the George P. Mitchell Tennis Center in College Station, Texas. Texas A&M University, College Station, will serve as host.

This is the second consecutive and fourth overall NCAA regional appearance for the Cardinals (1998, 2000, 2004 and 2005). Although the Cards have not made it past the first round with an NCAA regional record of 0-4, they have lost each of those closely contested matches with the score of 4-3.

The team championship will be held May 21-24. The teams will play a single-elimination tournament at 16 first- and second-round sites (four teams at each site) and the finals site (16-team bracket) to determine the national champion.

"One of my main goals has been to make the NCAA Tournament an annual event for Louisville and this is our first back-to-back appearance," said Ecarma.

The matches shall be regulation dual matches with three (3) eight-game, pro-set doubles played for one team point, followed by six (6) singles matches, each valued at one team point, played best of three sets. Regular scoring will be used and a 12-point tiebreaker will be played at eight games all in doubles and at six games all in singles.

Kentucky signs Florida prep star

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — LaQwasha Gamble, Florida's Miss Basketball, has signed with Kentucky, coach Mickie DeMoss said Thursday.

Gamble, a 6-foot guard-forward from Winter Haven, Fla., averaged 10.7 points, 14.4 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 3.9 steals per game as a senior, leading Winter Haven High School to a 28-1 record and the state Class 4A title.

Her prep career averages are 14.1 points and 16.1 rebounds per game. She picked Kentucky over Alabama, Florida and West Virginia.

"LaQwasha is a tremendous athlete and we feel very fortunate to have her join our program," DeMoss said. "She runs the floor extremely well and can play the three and four positions. She has the potential to help us right away."

Gamble is the second player to sign with the Wildcats during the current signing period,

joining point guard Oreonna Taylor of Stockbridge, Ga.

Kentucky signed four other players last November — guard Carly Omerod of Louisville; guard-forward Shana Andrus of Barberton, Ohio; guard Kasi Galloway of Hindman; and forward-center Jenne Jackson of Radcliff.

Kentucky finished 18-16 this past season, reaching the semifinals of the Women's National Invitation Tournament. It was Kentucky's first winning record in five seasons.

At 5-foot-3, shortstop hears all the jokes, makes all the plays

by MICHAEL GRANT
THE COURIER-JOURNAL

LOUISVILLE — Whatever the gibe, joke, pun or putdown, chances are Chris Cates has heard it. The 5-foot-3 shortstop's stature makes him a convenient target when the University of Louisville baseball team hits the road.

Cates simply defuses the derisive comments with a laugh and a smile. It takes a big man to stand above it all.

"We were at Houston a couple of weeks ago, and I heard a fan ask me if I shopped at the Baby Gap," the sharp-fielding sophomore said. "I heard someone yell that the Little League field is down the street. At East Carolina last year, during my first at-bat, someone yelled out that someone needs to cut the grass so I can see the plate."

"I enjoy it. I know they're just having fun."

Cates could go on and on about quips of "Seabiscuit" and "Webster." Even his teammates get in their shots. No one calls him Chris. Instead, someone hung the nickname "Wee Man" on him in reference to the vertically challenged character on MTV's "Jackass."

Cates is believed to be one of the shortest players in NCAA Division I baseball. U of L officials haven't been able to find a Cardinals player his size or smaller in the record books. All of his teammates are at least 5-9.

His size hasn't prevented him from succeeding. Heading into the Cardinals' April 27 game against Murray State, he had started all 92 games he had appeared in for the Cards (21-16). He led the team in assists (113) and was fifth in Conference USA in fielding double plays (24). He was batting .276 from the No. 9 spot and was fifth in the league with seven sacrifice bunts.

Call Cates what you will, but don't forget to call him a player.

"At Southern Miss we were

walking off the field, some guy yelled out, 'Cates.' I thought he was going to make fun of me some more," the 20-year-old said. "We just got swept, and I wasn't in a good mood."

"He shook my hand and said it was a privilege watching me. He said I'm a great ballplayer and don't let anybody tell me different just because of my size. I thought that was really nice."

Cates starred at Brandon (Fla.) High School. Lelo Prado, who coached at NCAA Division II Tampa before taking the U of L job in 1996, knew of the family through his Florida connections. He said he "fell in love" with Cates' ability and hard work.

"He's been great for us," Prado said. "If he was 6 feet tall, he would have a heck of a chance to play in the big leagues. He's overcome a lot of things. I'm sure that's part of his drive every day is to show people that it doesn't mean anything that he's 5-3. He can still play the game."

(Prado once tried to sign Cates' 5-7 brother Gary, who was drafted in the 39th round in 1999 by the Baltimore Orioles and now plays in their minor league system.)

Cates' biggest asset is a strong throwing arm.

"His arm strength is definitely a plus," Prado said. "He has a big-time arm. You'd never believe that a little guy like that could have that kind of an arm."

Still, when Cates met his teammates, there was the predictable skepticism. Some thought he was a young nephew of one of the coaches. Even when he told him who he was, some thought he was a walk-on.

One of the doubters was Nick Haley, who began last season at shortstop before being moved to second base in mid-March to make room for Cates.

"When he first got here I'm like, 'Who is this guy?'" the junior said. "There's no way

he's going to be able to do anything. He ended taking short, and I went to second. He did a better job at short than I did. He's just a great player, especially for his size."

Cates has no home runs this season but hit two last season, when he batted .279. The first was an inside-the-park homer in a doubleheader sweep of Murray State at Cardinal Stadium. In the first game he had three infield hits, prompting the outfield to play in on him during the second game. Cates hit a shot to the right-field gap and motored around the bases.

His second homer was the traditional kind, a solo shot against East Carolina in the C-USA Tournament. It came off Greg Bunn, the league's Pitcher of the Year and a 2004 fifth-round draft choice of the Montreal Expos.

Cates, whose father is 5-10 and mother is 5-1, always has been smaller than his peers. He said the only time his height has been a hindrance in baseball is when a line drive is hit over his head. Socially it's never been much of a factor.

"All my friends that were girls would look at me like the cute little-brother type," he said. "But in high school I concentrated more on baseball while everyone else was going out to parties."

Cates has a girlfriend now — they met during one of his games — and she's about the same height.

"Maybe a little bit smaller, but she doesn't seem to think so," he said with a smile.

Inspired by his brother's success, Cates hopes to pursue a professional baseball career. If not, he'd like to coach. In the meantime, he'll continue to hustle and play the game.

"There have been times when I've wished I was taller," he said. "But I've come to accept it as the way I am. Why not, instead of feeling sorry for myself, use this as an advantage? Why not do what I can with it and be positive with it?"

Colonel baseball players remain among nation's leaders

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — Four Eastern Kentucky baseball players are ranked among the national leaders according to the latest NCAA statistics report (through games of May 1). Junior Brett Bolger heads into this weekend's series ranked as the fourth toughest player in the country to strikeout, while sitting 44th with his Ohio Valley Conference-best .403 batting average.

Bolger is one of two Colonels ranked in the top 100 in hitting, as sophomore second baseman Tony Wells is 87th with a .386 batting average (third in the OVC). A native of

Cincinnati, Ohio, Bolger has struck out just six times this season (1 per every 23.2 plate appearances).

Senior Derrick Bussell is also ranked in two statistical categories, as ECU's center-fielder sits 17th nationally in steals per game (0.65) and 42nd in runs scored per game (1.19), both of which lead the OVC. Senior Bryan Stevenson, the reigning OVC Player of the Week, is also ranked nationally in steals per game, sitting 48th in the country at 0.50 per contest.

In other ECU news, former Colonel Josh Anderson is enjoying a solid season with the Corpus Christi Hooks, a

Double-A affiliate of the Houston Astros. Through 25 games, Anderson, a native of Pulaski County, leads the Hooks with a .330 batting average (34-of-103), 34 hits, 16 runs scored, a .378 on-base percentage and 12 stolen bases.

Anderson was a fourth-round draft pick by the Houston Astros in the 2003 Major League Baseball Draft. Earlier this year, he was named the ninth-best prospect in the Astros' organization by Baseball America.

Riding high on a nine-game winning streak, ECU (19-21, 10-7 OVC) heads to Eastern Illinois (10-34, 7-11 OVC) this weekend in search of its third-consecutive OVC series sweep.

Ky. Wesleyan coach hired at OCU

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY — Ray Harper was named Tuesday as the new head coach at Oklahoma City University, a day after he resigned as coach at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, Ky.

OCU athletic director Jim Abbott announced the hiring of Harper, 43, who led Wesleyan to NCAA Division II championships in 1999 and 2001.

He was Division II coach of the year four times from 1999 to 2002 and is the winningest active coach in Division II with a record of 242-45 in nine years at Wesleyan, although the program was placed on one year probation

last year by its conference.

"I'm excited about the opportunity and the challenges ahead," Harper said. "The opportunity to coach in Abe Lemons Arena is very special to me."

Harper played at the University of Texas from 1981-83, which was coached at the time by Lemons, a former OCU coach.

He replaces Win Case, who stepped down in March after 13 seasons but will remain as a special assistant to the president. Case amassed a 315-96 record, including NAIA national championships in 1994 and '96.

Wesleyan was stripped of its 31 wins from the 2002-03 season, its national runner-up finish

and all postseason honors and earnings after it was found to have used two ineligible players.

The Great Lakes Valley Conference put Wesleyan on one year's probation, making the school ineligible for win the league title and banning it from postseason play, for "ongoing league concerns about institutional control" over rules compliance.

OCU President Tom McDaniel called Harper an excellent addition.

"His accomplishments at Kentucky Wesleyan are very impressive," McDaniel said. "Ray is a winner, and he is just who we need to continue our winning tradition."

Pitino replenishes Louisville staff

Former UK player among new hires

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville coach Rick Pitino hired three assistants on Wednesday.

UNLV assistant Marvin Menzies and Manhattan assistant Steve Masiello will replace Reggie Theus and Scott Davenport, who left Pitino's staff for head coaching jobs. Theus became the New Mexico State coach on March 28 and Davenport departed on April 29 to coach Bellarmine.

Pitino also rehired Manhattan administrative assistant Dan McHale to become Louisville's director

of video operations. McHale worked for Pitino from 2001-2003, Pitino's first two seasons at Louisville.

Menzies was an assistant under UNLV coach Lon Kruger last season and worked at USC the previous year. Menzies was an assistant at San Diego State from 1999-2003.

Masiello worked for Manhattan coach Bobby Gonzalez the past four seasons. He was a walk-on guard for Pitino's last team at Kentucky, in 1996-97. Masiello was a Tulane assistant for one season before moving to Manhattan.

McHale was a student manager for four years at Kentucky from 1997-2001.

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Cardinals 7, Reds 3

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Only 26 games into the season, the St. Louis Cardinals have reached their first goal. They're 10 games over the break-even mark and looking good.

Scott Rolen returned from a sore back and hit a two-run homer Wednesday night, sparking the Cardinals to a 7-3 victory and three-game sweep of the Cincinnati Reds.

Mark Mulder's seven shutout innings helped St. Louis improve the NL's best record to 18-8, the Cardinals' best start since 1948. Getting 10 games over .500 was the first of manager Tony La Russa's many goals for the defending NL champions.

It didn't take them long.

"It's a step," La Russa said. "If that's the only step we take this year, it will have been a disappointing season. But that's how you get there, step by step."

St. Louis got swept by Boston in the World Series last season, but retooled its lineup and replenished a pitching staff that's been one of the majors' best so far. Mulder (4-1), acquired from Oakland in December, kept it going against a struggling lineup.

The left-hander allowed only three singles — two of them infield hits — over seven innings. He retired his last 13 batters and didn't allow a runner past first base.

Carmen Cali gave up a two-run homer to Felipe Lopez and a solo shot by Adam Dunn in the ninth, when the Reds got a runner to second base for the first time in the game.

The series between division rivals started with plenty of drama: St. Louis pulling off the biggest ninth-inning comeback in its history, scoring seven runs to win 10-9 on Monday night.

"In the first game to have that comeback really helped us the last two days," Mulder said. "We had a lot of energy. We're not making any big mistakes."

By contrast, the Reds were listless as they lost their seventh in a row.

Cincinnati added \$17 million to its payroll in the offseason, hoping to close the gap with the Cardinals. Instead, it's as wide as ever. The Reds fell 8 1/2 games behind the NL Central leaders, who have won 18 of 24 meetings over the past two seasons.

"We came into this year with a lot more expectations than last year," said Ryan Freel, who had one

of the infield singles off Mulder. "Our goals were higher, and it's a bad feeling right now. With the way we're playing, it's a frustrating time. We've got to put something together and upset somebody, and we've got to do it soon."

Brandon Claussen (1-3) gave the Reds little chance to snap their longest losing streak since last July, when they dropped eight in a row. Claussen gave up seven runs and 10 hits in only 3 1-3 innings.

Rolen, who missed the first two games of the series with a sore back, wasn't in La Russa's original lineup, but felt much better in batting practice. He hit a two-run homer into the upper deck in left field in his second at-bat, jump-starting the offense.

"I didn't touch a bat the last two days," Rolen said. "I walked in today and thought

today was as good a day as any. I didn't know what was going to happen. I think that helped me. It calmed me down a little bit. I wasn't going to swing at bad pitches because I might hurt myself."

Albert Pujols had a pair of singles, extending his hitting streak to 15 games.

Claussen also had problems with the Cardinals' modest hitters. Catcher Yadier Molina, a .173 hitter who was only 2-for-25 with runners in scoring position, had a pair of run-scoring singles off the left-hander.

So Taguchi's two-run single completed a four-run rally in the fourth and ended Claussen's outing after only 67 pitches.

The 7-0 deficit drew boos from the crowd of 17,241 and deflated the Reds, who didn't get a runner aboard against

Mulder after the third inning. Fans booed loudly when closer Danny Graves came on to pitch the ninth.

Graves gave up homers to Jim Edmonds and John Mabry during the Cardinals' ninth-inning comeback on Monday, then criticized fans for booing the home team. He had no reaction when fans gave him a sarcastic ovation Wednesday for retiring the side in order.

Notes: Pujols has hit safely in 67 of his 76 career games against the Reds. ... Edmonds got a day off. He has started 22 games. ... OF Larry Walker sat out with a sore groin, but it expected back over the weekend. ... Reds 1B Sean Casey was 0-for-4, ending his hitting streak at 12 games. ... CF Ken Griffey Jr. got a day off. Griffey has hit safely in his last nine games.

Griffey still feeling his way after hamstring surgery

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Just the other day, Ken Griffey Jr. got an unsolicited hitting tip from his youngest child.

"My 3-year-old said, 'Daddy, you've got to have a bigger leg kick. You'll hit it farther,'" Griffey said.

Precocious Tevin Griffey would like to put the power back into his pop's swing, the one that has launched 503 homers since 1989 but only two so far this year. Something is indeed out of whack, and papa Griffey knows there's only one thing that can fix it.

Time. Precious time. After four years of seemingly nonstop injuries and endless rehabilitation, Griffey is trying to come back from the nastiest one of all. Griffey, 35, tore his right hamstring from the bone while sliding in the outfield last August. Doctors reattached it with three screws, an operation that few athletes have had the misfortune to experience.

Eight months later, he's still not all the way back for the Cincinnati Reds, something that's apparent with a scan of his stats or a glance at his stride. Doctors think he'll keep getting better as the at-bats add up and the scarred leg has more time to recover.

"Hopefully, but you never know because this is the first time somebody's gone through it," Griffey said. "It's different, but I'm feeling better and better."

This injury has set him back more than most during his 17-year career. He didn't get clearance to start running until a few weeks before spring training began. Griffey was held out of games initially, until he could run without a concern. When he finally got to play, he felt totally out of place.

"The first day in the outfield, I felt like I was a deer in the headlights," the 10-time Gold Glove outfielder said. "It's just starting to feel comfortable being out there every day."

He was tentative in the field and struggled at the plate, failing to hit a homer in 48 at-bats this spring. The drought lasted until April 30, when he hit one that cleared the center-field wall in Milwaukee by inches. It was the longest season-opening power outage of his career — 79 at-bats.

Then, two days later, he hit another — well, sort of. Griffey's drive off the top of the wall in center at Great American Ball Park was ruled a homer, a call the umpires later regretted. A nine-game hitting streak has raised his average to .250, a sign that things are starting to come together.

It usually takes an athlete a year to fully recover from such a major operation. Although Griffey won't invoke that as an explanation for his slow start, his teammates assume that's it.

"He'll never say it, but I'd say it's not 100 percent yet," outfielder Adam Dunn said. "But he's out there everyday. The good thing is, he's swinging well of late. It's only going to be a matter of time."

Griffey has missed significant playing time in each of the last four seasons because of various injuries — a torn left hamstring, a torn knee tendon, a strained hip and thigh, a dislocated shoulder, a torn ankle. The latest injury was the most troubling of all.

It's highly unusual for an athlete to tear the hamstring from the bone the way Griffey did. Trainer Mark Mann said it's the type of injury usually seen in water skiers, not baseball players.

"Will he ever be able to run

the way he did before? No one can answer that," Mann said. "I think he's running better with each passing day and becoming more comfortable. Next year, he's going to feel a lot better and be a lot more comfortable than he is this year."

At times, it's evident that he's still feeling his way. Griffey is judicious about running full-speed, picking his spots. He's been booed occasionally by hometown fans for jogging out a hit, an indication they've forgotten that he's still recovering.

"I'm sure there's people that do understand," Dunn said. "But the people that are watching and saying things like that, they have no idea."

Griffey hasn't reacted outwardly to the boos, but it bothers him when fans suggest he should keep himself in better shape and bulk up to stave off muscle injuries.

"The biggest thing is people say, 'He doesn't work out,'" Griffey said. "You don't stay in the big leagues by not doing anything. To compare me to a left fielder or right fielder is not fair to me or any other center fielder. Left fielders and right fielders are usually a little bigger."

Griffey has never showed self-pity or considered quitting during his four years of injuries and comebacks, an attitude that astounds teammates watching him go through the latest one.

"I'll tell you right now, if I went through what he's gone through: There's no chance," Dunn said. "It takes a special person to handle all he's done and all he's gone through and keep coming back."

Two things have motivated him during the slow, arduous comebacks.

"I love baseball," he said. "And the one thing you never want to do is quit, to be a quitter."

Reds Community Fund to host "Inside Baseball" tours of Great American Ball Park

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — The Reds Community Fund announced this week that it will host two all-access tours of Great American Ball Park during the 2005 season.

The first event takes place Saturday and space is still available. The second tour takes place Saturday, Aug. 27. Both tours are presented by 700WLW.

The tours begin at 9 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. and are led by Reds Senior Director of Ballpark Operations, Declan Mullin. Highlights include stops in the dugouts, locker rooms, batting cages and press areas.

Members of the Reds security staff, ground crew, Media Relations department and scoreboard operations staff also take part to give fans a unique perspective of what goes on before and during all Reds home games. Guests are also invited to take a few swings in the Reds indoor batting cages.

Fans can register for a \$100 donation to the Reds Community Fund. The registration fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch inside the fabulous Diamond Club, as well as two tickets to a 2005 Reds home game. Online registration is available at www.redscommunityfund.com or fans can call 513/765-7019 for more information.

All proceeds benefit the Reds

Community Fund, the official nonprofit arm of the Cincinnati Reds. Established in 2001, the Community Fund is dedicated to improving the lives of youth through baseball. It strives to create programming that connects at-risk children with baseball while creating fundraising programs that connect baseball with the community.

The Community Fund's signature outreach program is the Reds Rookie Success League, a noncompetitive, coed, character-building summer baseball league targeting at-risk 8-11 year olds. More than 500 kids and 100 volunteer coaches and mentors will participate in the program this summer.

Reds to host Mother's Day celebration Tricia Yearwood to sing National Anthem

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Major League Baseball and the Cincinnati Reds will host a Mother's Day celebration prior to tonight's 8 p.m. ET game against the Los Angeles Dodgers at Great American Ball Park. The game will be broadcast to a worldwide audience via ESPN, ESPN Deportes and ESPN Radio.

Participating in the on-field ceremonies will be Reds pitcher Danny Graves, Grammy Award-winning recording artist Trisha Yearwood and Diane Balma, senior counsel and director of public policy for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and a 10-year breast cancer survivor.

Balma will throw out a cere-

monial first pitch, and Yearwood will sing the National Anthem. Balma, Yearwood and Graves will be available to the media on the field at approximately 7:45 p.m., along with Major League Baseball manager for community affairs and educational programming Jana Perry.

Major League Baseball and its clubs are teaming up with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to promote breast cancer awareness and the importance of early detection while also raising funds to support breast cancer research. Through Mother's Day, MLB will sponsor the "Strikeout Challenge" to raise funds to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Through Sunday, baseball fans can log on to MLB.com

and pledge money for each strikeout thrown this week, or they can donate a fixed amount to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Last season, 1,441 strikeouts were recorded from May 1-May 8. Major League Baseball Charities has committed \$50,000 to the foundation as part of the "Strikeout Challenge" program.

Today, players will wear pink wristbands, and the pink ribbon for breast cancer awareness will be displayed on all uniforms. The pink ribbon logo also will appear on the bases and on a commemorative home plate. The game-used bases and team-autographed commemorative home plates from games played on Mother's Day will be auctioned off to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Phillips leaves UK hoops team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky sophomore Angela Phillips has left the women's basketball program due to personal reasons, the point guard announced Friday.

"I've decided to leave the University of Kentucky because of personal reasons," Phillips said. "I appreciate everything

Coach DeMoss and the University have done for me. I'm really going to miss everyone and it has been a really great experience for me. I just feel I need to make a change."

Phillips, a 5-5 point guard from Oak Ridge, Tenn., started 54 consecutive games in her two-year career, including all 34 games during the 2004-05

season. She averaged 4.6 points and 28.6 minutes per game as a sophomore and led the team in assists both seasons.

"Angela has been a big part of our team the last two years, and we wish her the best of luck in whatever she decides to do in the future," DeMoss said.

Phillips has not made a decision as to where she will transfer.

SOFTBALL: ACHS downs SFHS

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MINNIE — The Allen Central High School softball team shook off a slow start and mid-game slumps Wednesday

evening, beating the host South Floyd High School softball team 23-18. For the Lady Rebels, Wednesday's win broke a two-game losing streak.

Allen Central has games

remaining versus Betsy Layne (May 10); Cordia (May 11); Prestonsburg (May 12); Sheldon Clark (May 16); Shelby Valley (May 17); and Knott County Central (May 19).

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TOLEDO, Ohio — Mike Hessman hit two solo home runs and Curtis Granderson had three hits to lead the Toledo Mud Hens to an 8-4 victory over the Louisville Bats on Thursday in the International League.

Ryan Rabun also had two hits,

including a solo home run that gave the Mud Hens a 7-2 lead in the sixth inning. Toledo scored at least one run in five of the first six innings.

William Bergolla, Edwin Encarnacion and A.J. Zapp had two hits each for Louisville, which finished with 11 hits but also committed three errors.

Toledo's Nelson Cruz (3-1)

gave up two runs and seven hits in six strong innings. He struck out four and walked one.

Bats left-hander Randy Keisler (2-1) allowed 11 hits and six runs in five innings.

Alexis Gomez hit a sacrifice fly and Jack Hannahan added an RBI single off Keisler in Toledo's three-run fifth inning.

Legends re-refuse to lose to Power

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Lexington used a 5-run, fifth inning to lift the Legends to an 8-1 win over West Virginia Thursday night. Saul Torres belted a two-run home run and Ben Zobrist and Scott Robinson added run scoring doubles to break up a tie game.

Francisco Caraballo also doubled in the fifth inning to extend his hit streak to 15 games. The streak is one game shy of the club record. The 15-game streak also ties Josh McCurdy of Delmarva for the longest in the SAL this season.

Zobrist' double extended his hit streak to 10 games, the third

longest in the league this season.

Robinson added a two-run homer and a single for a three hit night. Robinson's 3-RBI gave him a league best 31. Caraballo, Zobrist, Hunter Pence and Mitch Einertson all had two-hit games.

Juan Gutierrez made his first start in nearly a month with one run allowed in four innings. Evan Englebrook (3-1) became a three game winner with four quality innings. Englebrook didn't allow a hit or a run. Enyelbert Soto wrapped up the game with a scoreless ninth inning.

Lexington improved to 18-9 with their seventh straight victory over the Power.

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210-Job Listing

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WANTED - EXPERIENCED PERMIT TECHNICIAN. Waltum Engineering seeks Experienced Permit Tech. capable of doing any/all KY DNR, COE and related permit applications. Must be familiar with Autocad and Survcadd, REAME, SEDCAD. 40-50 hrs./wk., BC-BS Health Ins., Delta Dental, Paid Vacations, Paid Holidays. Pay based upon qualifications. Office located at Hueysville near Garrett. Call 606-358-4481 or 358-9127 for more info.

RETAIL MANAGEMENT-Need Experienced Manager For Dollar Store, Must Have Retail Store Management Experience. Send Resume to: Dollar Mart, 270 Dog Patch Center, London, KY 40741 Attn: Bruce

220-Help Wanted

DRIVERS WANT-ED: The Wells Group, LLC is seeking concrete mixer truck drivers with a Class A or B CDL. Excellent benefits. Please apply at the plant at 322 Dobson Branch, Prestonsburg, KY.

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350-Miscellaneous

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REAL ESTATE

510-Comm. Property

COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE 1250 sq. ft with a 2500 sq ft basement for lease. Located across from new social security office in Prestonsburg. \$1000.00 per month plus utilities. If interested please call (606)886-8306 M-F 8:30-5:00 or after 6:00 p.m. and weekends call (606) 874-9547.

530-Houses

4 BR RANCH HOUSE: 3 1/2 acres of land. Located 3 miles from Prestonsburg on 1428 between Prestonsburg and Allen. \$120,000. Contact 886-9857 or 297-6514.

550-Land/Lots

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90 ACRES FOR SALE

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570-Mobile Homes

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BRANHAM HEIGHTS APTS of Wheelwright, KY has a 1 BR apt. for rent. Rent is based on income. Apartments come equipped with CH/A, carpet, refrigerator, stove, and blinds. Garbage, maintenance, and sewer are inclded with the rent. Please contact Kathy at 452-4777. Equal housing opportunity. Handicap Accessible.

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APT FOR RENT: 2 BR carpeted W/D hook-up. Refrigerator/stove furnished. Lots of storage. Covered parking. Harold, KY. 886-9158. References and deposit required.

FOR RENT: 2nd floor modern 3 BR partly furnished apt w/access to heated swimming pool. Located RT 122 3/4 mile south of Martin across from Garth Tech. School. Call 285-9112.

620-Office Space

FOR RENT: Office Suite, New Construction. 900 sq. ft. Ample Parking. Can be Convenient Location, New Office Behind Sav-A-Lot in Prestonsburg. Call 886-1515 for info.

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FOR LEASE: 30x60 Metal building 12 ft ceilings on RT 80 close to Martin 886-8366

FOR RENT: 900 sq. ft. office/commercial space. Located next to Reflection's Beauty Salon 3/4 mile south or Martin on RT 122. Across from Garth Tech. School. Call 285-9112.

630-Houses

HOUSE FOR RENT: 239 Francis Court, Prestonsburg. 2BR 2 Bath 1400 Sq. Ft., Suitable for office, small business or residence. Not suitable location for children or pets. \$500 per month + utilities. 886-6362

2 BR HOUSE: Garrett \$400 month plus \$300 deposit. Call 478-5389 or 477-1707.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 3 BR 2 car garage located in Allen close to schools, safe neighborhood. Phone 886-1428 or after 6:00 pm, 874-2843.

640-Land/Lots

Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

TRAILER LOT FOR RENT, Large Yard. Call 886-8366

650-Mobile Homes

For Rent : newly constructed Mobile Home Lots in new Allen, reference required call 606-874-2212

DW FOR RENT: 3 BR 2 BA doublewide located at Little Paint near Prestonsburg. \$300 deposit \$450 month. Call 886-0475.

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815-Lost & Found

REWARD: Lost in the Betsy Layne Pike/Floyd Hollow area-female black lab, 1 yr old, recently spayed, wearing a blue collar, answers to "Buffy". any information call 478-4629. leave message or 226-0298.

900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5457 MAJOR REVISION NO. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO, INC., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The major revision will add an additional 162.38 acres of underground mining area, making the total area within the revised boundary 203.92 acres.

The operation is located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The operation is located approximately 0.50 mile southwest from KY Route 550's junction with KY Route 80, and located 0.10 mile northwest of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37°30'56" and the longitude 82°48'32".

The proposed major revision is located on the Martin, U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The major revision will underlie land owned by Ned Hall, Willard Hicks Estate, Gregory W. Cooley Estate, Roger & Freda Tackett, Myrtle & Jobe Cooley, Ronald & Daphne Reid, Robert Martin & Joan S. Flanery, Ralph & Glenda Barnett, Floyd County Board of Education, Alda Hazel Gibson, and Forrest & Cindi Hughes.

The major revision proposes to add an additional 162.38 underground acres to the existing permit.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office,

3140 South Lake 127 South, Drive, Prestonsburg, Frankfort, Kentucky 41653. 40601. This is the final objections, or advertisement of this requests for a permit application; all conference must be objections or requests for a permit Director, Division of conference must be Mine Permits, #2 received within 30 Hudson Hollow, U.S. days of this date.



Appalachian Regional Healthcare
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STAFF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST

ARH Reference Laboratory
Hazard, KY

Resumes are being accepted for the full time position of Staff Medical Technologist at the ARH reference Laboratory located at the ARH Regional Medical Center in Hazard, KY.

This position is available for a Medical Technologist with a generalist background but with an emphasis on Microbiology. Hours are 11 p.m. - 7:30 a.m. (third shift) with occasional 1st or 2nd shift hours with prior notice given. The schedule will be 5 days per week, 8 hours per day and does include working every other weekend (Friday and Saturday nights).

Requirements include B.S. degree in Medical Technology with certification or eligibility (ASCP, NCA).

ARH offers a very competitive salary and an outstanding benefits package including very low cost single or family plan health insurance, 3 weeks paid vacation and 9 paid holidays per year, shift differential, etc. Interview expenses are paid by ARH and a relocation allowance is available.

Please send resume with cover letter to: Marilyn Hamblin, ARH System Center - Lexington, Human Resources Dept., PO Box 8086, Lexington, KY 40533; FAX: 859-226-2586; e-mail: mhamblin@arh.org. EOE

www.arh.org



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SYSTEM DIRECTOR OF CARE MANAGEMENT

ARH Medical Affairs System Center
Hazard, KY

The ARH Medical Affairs division is accepting resumes for the position of System Director of Care Management for the ARH System.

This position does report directly to the ARH Vice President of Medical Affairs and is based at the System Center - Hazard office.

Major focus of this highly-visible, key management position will be the continued development, implementation and monitoring of system-wide processes and procedures, already in place, which are targeted at reducing costs associated with clinical care delivery and length of stay in all ARH facilities while supporting quality care delivery, adhering to the ARH mission, JCAHO accreditation and state licensure requirements.

Initially, the successful candidate will work in conjunction with an outside consulting group to further develop and expand care management processes and procedures for the ARH system.

Educational requirements include a master's degree from an accredited school of nursing (MSN) and current RN licensure. An MBA or MHA in addition to an RN degree and current licensure/eligibility with evidence of accomplishments in care management will be considered. Candidates with a minimum of five (5) years of progressive experience in care management will be given priority consideration. Demonstrated ability to motivate and work cooperatively with individuals and groups are necessities. Travel will be required.

ARH offers an outstanding salary based on education and experience. Benefits include generous paid time off, very low cost single or family plan health insurance, etc., life insurance at group rates, TSA programs, etc. Interviews are at ARH expense and a relocation allowance is available.

For additional information, please send resume to: Marilyn Hamblin, System Professional Recruiter, Appalachian Regional Healthcare, PO Box 8086, Lexington, KY 40533; e-mail: mhamblin@arh.org or Fax: 859-226-2586. EOE

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Registered Nurse

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Physician Assistant - Cardiothoracic Services

Current KY license for Physician Assistant and current CPR and ACLS certifications are required. Graduate of an approved Physician Assistant program is also required.

Contact:

Brian Mullins
Pikeville Medical Center
911 Bypass Road, Pikeville, KY 41501
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 898-4220

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company, Inc., P.O. Box 460, Shelbyana, Kentucky 41562, has applied for a permit for an underground mining operation, located approximately 3.4 miles west of Robinson Creek, and is situated in both Pike and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation, will disturb 17.95 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 590.24, of which 4.08 acres underlie proposed surface and acres, making a total of 604.11 acres within the total permit boundary. The proposed operation is located 1.75 mile west of Bear Fork (CR) Road's junction with KY 122, and located on Bear Fork of Robinson Creek. The proposed operation is located on

the Pikeville and McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Thomas Ratliff. The permit area will underlie land owned by Thomas Ratliff, Donald Ray and Alpha Jean Hamilton, Denzil W. McKinney, Charles and Faye Hamilton, Vanessa and Eric Hamilton, Freda Johnson, Mary Lou Bentley Howell, Robert Hamilton, Alma Land Company, Elmer Hamilton, Barbara and Emery Keathley, Augustine Bryant, William and Nancy Howell, William R. and Wilma Howell, Deborah Ann Hamilton, Harvey G. Tackett, and Wellmore Coal Corporation.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of

Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF HEARING Lease between Floyd County, Kentucky and Kentucky Area Development Districts Financing Trusts (Water Line Extension Project)

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Notice of Intent to Lease from the Floyd County Fiscal Court requesting the State Local Debt Officer to approve the execution of a certain Lease Agreement between the County and Kentucky Area Development Districts Financing Trust and the financial plan whereby the County proposes to enter into a lease agreement in an amount of \$2,585,000 to provide financing to assist in the financing of public water line extensions and improvements in Floyd County. A hearing will be held in the Conference Room,

Governor's Office for Local Development, 1024 Capital Center Drive (U.S. 60 East), Frankfort, Kentucky, on Monday, May 16, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., (Prevailing Eastern Time) to consider whether or not said Lease and financial plan should be approved.

Petitioner, Floyd County Fiscal Court, is responsible for the publication of this notice and for the information contained herein. Specific questions about the type of project should be directed to the petitioners. The purpose of this notice is to comply with KRS 66.310 by notifying the public that the petitioner intends to issue bonds or other indebtedness in the total amount and at the terms set out herein.

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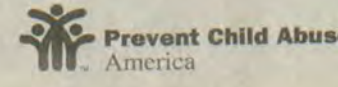
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