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briefs Social worker charged

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County social worker Christopher Newsome was arrested Wednesday on one felony count of theft of a debit card and 10 separate felony counts of fraudulent use of the card.

His arrest came after a criminal complaint was filed against him on May 17 by Julie Morris, who also works with the Department of Protection and Permanency.

Morris alleges that Newsome took her debit card without her knowledge and used it to make monetary withdrawals totaling \$1,540 from the First Commonwealth Bank in Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne.

County Attorney Keith Bartley said the transactions were recorded on video at both locations.

According to the complaint, the alleged theft of the card took place on March 4, three days after a charge of falsely reporting an incident was dismissed against Newsome. The monetary withdrawals continued through March 18.

Bartley said the damages done to Morris and her family exceed the \$1,540 that Newsome is accused of stealing. Morris incurred \$950 in additional expenses after writing bad checks for her monthly bills without knowing that her card had been stolen, Bartley said.

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Court responds to concerns about park rumors

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — A sizable group of residents from the Mud Creek community turned out to attend the Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting Friday to express their concerns in regard to the rumored closing of the only recreational park in their community.

The park, located on property directly behind the John M. Stumbo Elementary School, has

been, according to some residents, made inaccessible to the community on several occasions. Community members say that this park is the only place area children have to go to play on recreational equipment and to hold ballgames.

By request of the Floyd County School District, the fiscal court has been petitioned to convey property ownership to the school system.

Opposing this move, Magistrate Allen Williams informed those present that he was against turning

the park over to the school district "unless we build another park somewhere" and then "only after that park is built."

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson seemed to echo Williams' sentiments, reminding those gathered that the county had invested "about \$40,000" into the park by paving walkways, installing bathrooms and by building a concession stand.

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Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court held a meeting early Friday morning in which the possible closing of a county park located in the Mud Creek school district was discussed.

photo by Kathy J. Prater



The Big Sandy 20th Annual 50+ Senior Olympics, hosted by the Big Sandy Area Developmental District, was a huge success Friday, with more than 200 participants. Seniors competed for awards in various categories, including the race walk, washer toss, basketball free throw, horseshoes, lawn bowling, spin casting, horseshoes, and basketball shoot. Four participants were over 90 years old. Awards will be presented next Friday.

photo by Mary Music

Sex offender to be probated in 5 months

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A sex offender who was given two consecutive seven-year sentences Friday will be released on probation before the end of the year.

John Preston Henderson, 31, of Weeksbury, pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree sodomy in March. He sexually assaulted a young boy by force, according to the indictment.

Friday, Circuit Judge

Danny P. Caudill handed down the sentence, which will be probated for five years after Henderson serves two years in jail. He was credited with 579 days as time already served toward the completion of the sentence, leaving 151 days remaining.

After public advocate Jim Adkins informed the court of Henderson's upcoming probation, Caudill said that Henderson would not be transported to a state correctional facility

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Siblings seek lower bond after mistrial

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill is considering a motion for bond reduction for a pair of siblings charged in the shooting of Donald Ray Dotson at Auxier Heights last year.

Attorney Taylor Strasser, on behalf of Stephen Owens, presented a motion in court Friday to reduce the bond for Dotson's wife, Sheila Dotson, 49, of Paintsville and her brother Michael Lester, 44, of Williamson.

Lester was indicted in September 2004 on charges of attempted murder

and for being a persistent felony offender. Dotson faces an attempted murder charge (amended from a complicity to commit murder charge) and three counts of intimidating a participant in a legal process. She was indicted in March.

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Solving straight pipes remains a struggle

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARLAN — With the stench and the gurgling, it's not that difficult to find a pipe belching human waste onto the river outside this coal town in southeastern Kentucky.

Each time a commode flushes in

one of about 40 homes in the Sunshine community, another wave of feces and soggy toilet paper flows into the upper reaches of the Cumberland River.

Four years after state officials began a crackdown on so-called straight pipes, local leaders say the problem remains pervasive across

eastern Kentucky.

"We have some of the most beautiful streams in the world," said Mayor Danny Howard. "If only we could clean these sewers up and convince people not to put this stuff in the river."

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Former MAC director appeals lawsuit dismissal

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Pat Bradley, the former executive director of the Mountain Arts Center, is appealing the judgment and various orders in the wrongful termination case she filed against Mayor Jerry Fannin and the city of Prestonsburg.

Circuit Judge John David Caudill, who presided over the case, dismissed all of Bradley's claims without prejudice on May 4, after attorneys representing Mayor Jerry Fannin and the city of

Prestonsburg moved for an entry of a directed verdict because they claimed Bradley's attorney, Catherine Stevens, failed to sustain her burden of proof during the trial.

Caudill sustained that motion and entered the order, which prevents Bradley from seeking further measures in state court without an appeal.

His ruling came shortly after the state Court of Appeals sided with Caudill's decision to deny a petition for voluntary dismissal with prejudice of the

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Changes coming to GED as David School drops program

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

DAVID — Changes are taking place in the county's GED program.

The state designated program host, the David School, has decided not to renew its application for the \$327,323 Adult Education Grant for Floyd County.

Daniel Green, the school's

executive director, mailed a letter to the Council on Postsecondary Education on May 8, announcing his desire to "voluntarily relinquish" the school's contract, which ends on June 30.

Green and his wife, Ann, who heads the school's GED program, said that their decision to relinquish the contract came from complexities in a relatively new state law that allows school districts to head GED programs.

They want to increase their focus on students at the David School.

House Bill 178, which was signed into law by Gov. Ernie Fletcher on April 9, 2004, amended a previous Kentucky Revised Statute about high school dropouts. The law says that a student cannot be counted in the school's annual average dropout rate if the student is enrolled "in a district-operated or district-contracted alternative program lead-

ing to a certificate of completion or a GED." The law also requires that no state or federal funds can be used to pay for a high school student enrolled in such a program.

"Without looking at the house bill, I think it's wonderful," Green said. "There are so many youth throughout the state who drop out of school. Kids get discouraged when things happen at home and they can't hang on,

they're working part time, full time, they just can't stay in there."

Green says he hopes that students who are struggling in school don't get "dumped" into the district operated GED program as an "easy way out." He went on to explain why the David School doesn't want to renew the contract.

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Odds and Ends

■ **WAYNE, N.J.** — A 21-year-old business major has proven a basic lesson of marketing: Sex sells.

Courtney Van Dunk posted a bikini-clad picture of herself on eBay about two weeks ago, auctioning off space on her body for advertisers.

The auction ended Thursday with a winning bid from a New Jersey wine retailer offering \$11,300 for a month's worth of advertising. Van Dunk says the offer has been retracted, but she's confident that she made contacts to still earn some cash.

When she finds a buyer, Van Dunk plans to place temporary tattoos on her abdomen while she's at the beach, or on other body parts when she's at the mall, sporting events, amusement parks and other public places. Her behind and chest are off-limits.

"I got the idea from a marketing class I had that did a short segment on body advertising," said Van Dunk, a student at The College of New Jersey. "I was wondering how advertising could get through to our TV-savvy generation, and I thought this would be an excellent way to do it."

An eBay spokesman estimated that out of the roughly 50 million listings on eBay each day, about five are for body advertising.

"In the grand scheme of things, there isn't a lot of body advertising space up for auction," spokesman Hani Durzy said.

■ **PHILADELPHIA** — White dress? Got it. Flowers? Check. Tuxedo for the Phillie Phanatic? Of course.

Army Sgt. Thomas Miller, who is awaiting deployment to Iraq, and Angela Baldwin got married Thursday at Citizens Bank Park.

The Rev. Richard Sparling, the Phillies' chaplain, conducted the ceremony in front of about 40 family and friends two hours before the St. Louis Cardinals played the Phillies. When the ceremony concluded, the couple was greeted with a hug by the Phillie Phanatic mascot, dressed in a tuxedo.

"It was a spectacular, spectacular day," said the new Mrs. Miller. "I couldn't have asked for anything more. Except for one thing. If the

Phillies beat the Cardinals, it will cap the day."

She got her wish. The Phillies beat the Cardinals 7-4.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — A dilapidated old gas station in the ritzy Pacific Palisades looks like a sure-fire candidate for demolition.

But it's not — the 80-year-old station has just become a local landmark.

The Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association had petitioned for the designation, saying the 80-year-old station was a tribute to the beginnings of car culture in Southern California.

"It's bizarre to look at a gas station as a monument. But this is Los Angeles," said Mary Klaus-Martin, president of the Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission.

On Wednesday, Los Angeles City Council committee granted the request.

Next-door neighbor Chris Hoffmann bought the station, which closed last fall, for \$2.1 million. He told the council that he wanted to prevent someone else from buying the property and building a "megamansion."

"I have no idea what I'm going to do with the station," he said.

The new designation bars relocation or demolition of the station and its three pumps, and places tough conditions on other construction on the site.

■ **TYRONE TOWNSHIP, Mich.** — Road kill is usually something to be avoided. But Tim Strong doesn't think so.

He hauls away road kill — for free — because the Livingston County Road Commission says it can't afford to do it.

"Not that this is my dream job or anything," said Strong, 35. "But it makes me feel good — like I'm doing something to help my kids out. It gives me the satisfaction that I've done something right."

When a deer or other animal comes out on the losing end of a collision with a car or truck, Strong — pickup truck and outdoor freezer at the ready — is the go-to guy.

Strong buries some of the deer in a nearby field, with the owner's permission. He said another 30 are

buried on his own property.

"I've got three to pick up today," he said Thursday. "One lady called at 3 in the morning. I figured that one could wait."

■ **HOUSTON** — Like a scene from the horror movie "The Birds," large black grackles are swooping down on downtown Houston and attacking people's heads, hair and backs.

Authorities closed off a sidewalk after the aggressive birds, which can have 2-foot wingspans, flew out of magnolia trees Monday in front of the County Administration Building.

"They were just going crazy," said constable Wilbert Jue, who works at the building. "They were attacking everybody that walked by."

The grackles zeroed in on a lawyer who shooed a bird away before he tripped and injured his face, Jue said. The lawyer was treated for several cuts.

It appears that the birds are protecting their offspring. On Monday a young grackle had fallen out of its nest and adult birds attacked people who got too close, Jue said.

Another bird attacked a deputy county clerk.

"I hit him with a bottle," said Sylvia Velasquez. "The other birds came, and one attacked my blouse

and on my back."

Two women came to help her after she fell to the ground, and the birds attacked them as well. The group escaped by running into the building.

"This is a very Hitchcock kind of story. Very Tippi Hedren," said downtown worker Laura Aranda Smith, referring to one of the stars of Alfred Hitchcock's movie "The Birds."

■ **OLYMPIA, Wash.** — Vanity may be a sin, but a Christian message on vanity license plates is OK with the state of Washington.

The Department of Licensing on Tuesday dismissed a complaint against a vanity plate imprinted with "JOHN316."

"The plate is not offensive under our rules and was never in danger of being canceled," said Licensing Department Director Liz Luce said.

The plate refers to the verse in the New Testament that says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

A complaint about the plate was filed in April, and the department's vanity plate review committee called an early meeting to deal with it because of the public interest. The department did not identify the

owner of the plate or the person who complained.

"This was just a routine, procedural review required by policy," Luce said.

■ **GERMANTOWN, Tenn.** — Some residents of this upscale Memphis suburb say ordinances have gone too far. The final straw may have been rules proposed about when garage doors can be opened.

Among other directives, the city codes would tell homeowners to open their garage doors only when entering or exiting or for "short periods of time" for cleaning and maintenance.

"I'm in favor of reasonable codes, but I think some of these things go to extremes," said resident Robert Scallions.

Because of such criticism, officials in this town known for a sharp eye for community decorum have agreed to give the proposals another look before a final vote.

Jean Wallace said she fears town regulators could come down on her because the street address on her house is spelled out in words. The rules would call for numbers only, from 4 to 6 inches tall.

"That seems very strange, especially when the house is 30 years old," Wallace said. "The builders put them up, and they used to always be like that."

■ **WOODVILLE, Maine** — A state trooper says she's baffled by the behavior of a suspect who displayed amorous intentions as she was taking him into custody for getting into a car accident and failing three roadside sobriety tests.

"What did he think I was going to do? Go out on a date with him?" asked Trooper Jennifer Fiske, who arrested Peter Bradley Murray early Sunday morning on Route 116.

Murray, 42, allegedly began behaving inappropriately while seated beside Fiske in the front passenger seat of her cruiser, which has no cage separating front and back seats.

"Then he said, 'You have beautiful green eyes,' and he started touching my arm," Fiske said. "I'd had enough of that."

Fiske got out of the car and went around to the passenger seat to handcuff Murray. She said he tried to cuff himself to her, saying, "I just want us to be tied together."

Fiske responded by giving a sudden short twist to the handcuff and rapping him on the thigh with her police baton. She said he later tried to grab for the steering wheel, forcing additional smacks.

Murray was charged with operating a vehicle under the influence, assault on a police officer, refusing to submit to arrest, and refusing to sign or give a name.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 22, the 142nd day of 2005. There are 223 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 22, 1868, the "Great Train Robbery" took place near Marshfield, Ind., as seven members of the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in loot.

On this date:

■ In 1761, the first life insurance policy in the United States was issued, in Philadelphia.

■ In 1813, composer Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig, Germany.

■ In 1819, the first steam-propelled vessel to attempt a trans-Atlantic crossing, the Savannah, departed from Savannah, Ga. (It arrived in Liverpool, England, on June 20.)

■ In 1939, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini signed a Pact of Steel committing Germany and Italy to a military alliance.

■ In 1947, the Truman Doctrine was enacted as Congress appropriated military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey.

■ In 1969, the lunar module of Apollo 10 flew to within nine miles of the moon's surface in a dress rehearsal for the first lunar landing.

■ In 1972, President Nixon began a visit to the Soviet Union, during which he and Kremlin leaders signed the SALT One arms limitation treaty.

■ In 1972, the island nation of Ceylon became the republic of Sri Lanka.

■ In 1979, Canadians voted in parliamentary elections that put the Progressive Conservatives in power, ending the 11-year tenure of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

■ In 1992, after a reign lasting nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the last time.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that states cannot limit service in Congress without amending the Constitution. "The CBS Evening News" resumed a

single-anchor format with Dan Rather, after Connie Chung was dropped from the broadcast.

Five years ago: The Supreme Court struck down, 5-4, a federal law that shielded children from sex-oriented cable TV channels. A committee of the Arkansas Supreme Court recommended that President Clinton be disbarred for giving false testimony about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. (Clinton later agreed to give up his Arkansas law license for five years.)

One year ago: In Tunisia, Arab leaders convened their annual summit, but the opening session was overshadowed by the walkout of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, who criticized peace efforts. Filmmaker Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11," a scathing indictment of White House actions after the Sept. 11 attacks, won the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival. Samuel Johnson, who'd built the family's SC Johnson wax company into a consumer products giant, died at age 76.

Today's Birthdays: Movie reviewer Judith Crist is 83. Singer Charles Aznavour is 81. Actor Michael Constantine is 78. Conductor Peter Nero is 71. Actor-director Richard Benjamin is 67. Actor Frank Converse is 67. Actor Michael Sarrazin is 65. Former CNN anchor Bernard Shaw is 65. Actress Barbara Parkins is 63. Songwriter Bernie Taupin is 55. Actor-producer Al Corley is 49. Singer Morrissey is 46. Country musician Dana Williams (Diamond Rio) is 44. Rock musician Jesse Valenzuela is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Johnny Gill (New Edition) is 39. Rock musician Dan Roberts (Crash Test Dummies) is 38. Model Naomi Campbell is 35. Actress Alison Eastwood is 33. Singer Donell Jones is 32. Actress A.J. Langer is 31.

Thought for Today: "One of the greatest pains to human nature is the pain of a new idea." — Walter Bagehot, English editor and economist (1826-1877).

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GED

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"We launched a capital campaign to build a gymnasium for the school and we found out it is very challenging to do," he said. "We've sort of felt like, 'Gosh, the David School is in its 31st year and we need to really focus on David and the students here.'"

The David School obtained full accreditation from ISSACS more than two years ago, and is a private school.

Green said other organizations, like community colleges and the Christian Appalachian Project, have more resources and would be better able to serve the community. He also discussed his frustration with the federal government's handling of adult education.

The school, he said, was "flooded" with enrollment after JTPA programs mandated welfare recipients obtain their GED. The government has "whittled down" on those mandates, he said, and is now emphasizing job placement and training.

"I'm frustrated with the federal government's understanding of the complexities of welfare reform," he said. "They're pressing on jobs and job training and not focusing as much on education."

Green said he would like to see a "seamless transition" take place when the school's contract is up in June. He emphasized the need for GED testing sites in Floyd County. Currently outreach GED sites are located in Betsy Layne, McDowell and Mud Creek, but students wishing to test must make at least three trips to Johnson County. Tests are given at the Mayo Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College because GED program providers are not allowed to administer tests. The out-of-county journey is a hardship for those living in rural areas, Green said.

John Rosenburg, working on the Literacy/Education committee with the Healthy Floyd County Initiative, expressed the same concern. The committee hopes to increase the GED program graduation rate by at least 10 percent this year.

Last year, "Kentucky's Adult Education Report Card" indicated that Kentucky ranked 20th in the U.S. in the percentage of non-high school completers earning a GED. The state ranked in the top five in the number of GEDs awarded in 2001 and 2002.

Floyd County Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning said the school district will form "some type of partnership" with the Prestonsburg Campus of BSCTC to run the GED program when the David School contract ends.

David Pelphrey, the college's dean of community

workforce and economic development, said that the college is interested in operating the program because it fits closely to the BSCTC's mission statement of improving the workforce of the region.

Pelphrey said the college's Adult Basic Education program in Johnson County has been very successful and the experience gained from its success could only benefit a similar program in Floyd County.

The Johnson County School system provides sites throughout the county for Adult Education class meetings, he said, pointing out that Dr. Fanning is "willing to work" with the college on the program.

The GED program, he said, offers a "good transition into postsecondary education."

"We feel like that would be a good thing and a positive thing for the people in this county," he said.

Sue Patrick, director of communication with the state's Council on Postsecondary Education said advertisements have already been placed for the RFP (request for proposals) process.

The college has not yet submitted a proposal, Pelphrey said, but plans to do so.

The state will award the contract to the applicant that best addresses Kentucky Adult Education's "Five Critical Questions," which center around program participation, whether communities and the economy benefit from the programs and whether students are meeting their educational goals, prepared for employment or advancing into postsecondary education.

Applications for the contract are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 23.

Applicants will provide core services and family literacy services for one year.

The Christian Appalachian Project also provides adult education services in Floyd County. CAP runs three GED sites, in Wayland, Auxier and Wheelwright, and they also provide in-home services to distressed GED participants.

"There has been talk that we're not going to continue to provide services in Floyd County and that is not the case," said Bobby Playforth, CAP's Adult Education Program manager.

On average, those with a high school diploma or a GED earn \$7,216 more per year than those without a certificate of completion.

More information about the state's adult education program, and the application procedure, can be accessed at www.kyav.ky.gov.

To obtain your GED, you may also contact the David School program at (606) 886-READ.

Appeal

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wrongful termination lawsuit in an order filed on April 4. Stevens sought the dismissal with prejudice so Bradley could pursue "federal causes of action and state common law claims" against Fanning and the city of Prestonsburg.

Stevens argues in a U.S. District Court complaint filed against Fanning and the city in July 2004, that Fanning "abused" his power "over" the city's police department when he ordered an investigation into Bradley's private life, including whether she was having an affair with a MAC employee.

"The allegation was false," Stevens argues. "As part of this investigation, Mayor Fanning had plaintiff followed and surveilled by one or more officers with the Prestonsburg Police Department."

Stevens claimed that the Fanning's "dissemination of false information," in conjunction with Bradley's termination from the job, "stigmatized" her.

Fanning's conduct, Stevens wrote, violated state law and the state and national constitutions.

Stevens is appealing dismissal judgment in the case, and verbal orders sustaining her motion for a directed verdict, excluding evidence regarding the state Auditor of Public Accounts Report, granting defendants two sets of "preemptory strikes, two opening statements and two cross-examinations, etc.," overruling Bradley's objections to allow defendants to introduce documents that were "not produced or identified until the eve of trial," and placing Bradley "under duress to commence trial or have renewed motion for voluntary dismissal granted due to the fact that defendants stated on the morning of trial they did not oppose the motion when defendants had opposed motion from the time first argued on July 8, 2004, to the morning of trial on April 11, 2005."

Bradley is also appealing an Oct. 29, 2003 order that prevented her from conducting discovery of the defendants until 30 days after her deposition, an April 13, 2004, order granting the defendant's motion to compel discovery, a Sept. 3, 2004, order overruling her motion for voluntary dismissal, a March 30, 2005, order denying a joint motion for continuance, and verbal orders regarding evidentiary and "other matters" made on April 8.

"Pat Bradley intends to pursue all of her rights to the fullest extent that the law allows," Stevens said. "We wanted the dismissal early on because didn't want to have to have that trial in Floyd Circuit Court. The motion was not granted. That, along with other issues, will be part of appeal in state court."

Caudill's judgment, filed on May 4, concludes that even though Bradley was interviewed by the MAC Management Commission, in March 2002, she was, in fact, an "at-will" employee for the city.

Bradley claimed she was a permanent employee. Her congratulatory hire in letter, was the "only evidence" Bradley presented to support her permanent employment claim, Caudill wrote, pointing out that Robert L. Meyer, who authored the letter, testified that he did not intend the letter to constitute a contract of permanent employment.

At-will employees of the city could be discharged for "good cause, for no cause, or for a cause that some might view as morally indefensible," and Bradley's evidence failed to show that "Fanning was retaliating against" her, Caudill ruled.

"There was no evidence indicating that Mayor Fanning violated any law, ordinance, or public policy in obtaining complimentary tickets, and, in fact, the plaintiff issued complimentary tickets to third parties as she chose," Caudill wrote in the judgment order.

The federal case against Fanning and the city of Prestonsburg is tentatively scheduled for trial on Nov. 22 under U.S. District Judge Danny Reeves.

Park

"No other fiscal court, I don't think, has worked any harder with the school system than this one," Thompson said. "But, unless they can figure a way to stop us, that road will be open and that park will be accessible."

Both Thompson and Williams added that Route 979, leading to the park, is a county road and school officials cannot bar access to the park to the residents of the community.

Citizens in attendance informed the court that they regularly clean the park following its use and that a portion of a walking track on the property had been destroyed in the construction of a school building project and had never been repaired.

"In that case," said Magistrate Gerald DeRossett, "I think we ought to get the board of education to put up about \$20,000 and fix things up."

Thompson then said that he had no qualms with setting operational hours for the park, in order to discourage vandalism, but said that he feels that the park should be open and accessible during those hours, as well as for scheduled ballgames.

The school district has also petitioned that portions of property located on, or adjacent to, several other county schools — Allen Central High School, Betsy Layne Elementary, Adams Middle School, and McDowell Elementary — also be relegated to their ownership. Members of the fiscal court said that they had no problem with those tracts of land, but moved in favor of having County Attorney Keith Bartley contact the legal representative for the school district in regard to the Mud Creek community park.

In other business, the court approved a motion to co-op a water lines project with the Southern Water and Sewer District, with Southern Water investing \$100,000 and the county investing \$60,000 into the project. Magistrate Jackie Owens let it be known that he is against the county investing funds into the project, saying, "Southern Water is a private company. They can do this themselves."

Thompson, however, persisted, saying that the company manages lines and water systems "owned by Floyd County taxpayers."

Owens retorted, saying that in the next 30 years, Southern Water will "take in \$70 million" on the project, "even if they don't get another single customer than they have right now."

Thompson defended the proposed move saying that of that projected amount, the entire sum would not be "net profit." "They have expenses," he said.

"I think the importance of getting good water to people overrides any other issues," Thompson continued.

The court passed the motion to approve the county's investment of funds.

Additionally, the court approved a motion to upgrade the county's voting systems by Jan. 1, 2006, by replacing all lever voting machines, by producing a paper audit trail of all votes cast, by improving accessibility for individuals with disabilities and by facilitating in-house and mail-in absentee vot-

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ing. The upgrades, according to County Court Clerk Chris Waugh, will be funded by federal grants.

Also, Walnut Drive, on Abbott Road; Lee's Lane, on Arkansas Creek; Hibiscus Court, on Cliff Road; and E&W Lane, on Spurlock Creek, were accepted into the county road system.

Caudill ordered Henderson, who will be placed on a three-year conditional discharge after he serves his five-year probation, to register with the Kentucky State Police as a lifetime sex offender, which will allow the public access to his whereabouts after his release. He was ordered to adhere to all requirements given by his probation officer and to attend sex offender treatment and substance or alcohol abuse treatment. He will submit a blood sample to the state for mandatory DNA recording, Caudill said.

Caudill ordered Henderson to stay 1,000 feet away from the victim and his family. He was also ordered to refrain from any contact, personally or through any future employment, with any child. Henderson can, however, attend church services with children present, but he must inform the pastor of his sex offender conviction. Caudill also ordered Henderson to inform all future "partners" of his crime.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said protecting the best interests of child victims in sex abuse cases while trying to obtain appropriate sentences for abusers is a "balancing act" for prosecutors. Taylor said the victim's family and the prosecution are pleased with the resolution of the case because Henderson will be closely monitored after his release and the child, who was under 10 years old when the abuse occurred, will not have to relive the experience or go through the "terrifying" event of facing Henderson in the courtroom.

At the time of his arrest on the sodomy charges in July 2003, Henderson had just completed a 10-year sentence for a manslaughter charge he faced after a 1993 shooting.

Henderson, then 19, was found guilty of manslaughter for the death of Whirley "Gigpole" Hall, 49, of Topmost.

Reportedly, Henderson shot Hall once in the head with a .22 caliber rifle at the residence of Ray Dorton in the Price trailer park. The shooting resulted from an altercation during a card game, officials said.

Siblings

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The accused, whose cases have been consolidated, are both incarcerated under a \$225,000 cash bond. A mistrial was granted in the case in April.

Strasser, who filed the motion for bond reduction on May 6, asked Caudill to consider lowering the current cash bond or amending it to a property bond because her clients have been "incarcerated for so long" and preparations for a second trial would take more time.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor objected the motion.

Addressing the prosecution's concern that Lester is a flight risk because he doesn't live in this area, Strasser said the man has two brothers in Pike County who would oversee any type of home incarceration.

Caudill told her that he was concerned with the accused, not their family members. He said he would rule on the motion within 10 days.

Charged

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The ordeal has affected the "reputation" of the Morris family and caused them "humiliation," Bartley said.

According to Bartley, the Morris family gave Newsome "every opportunity" to repay them, and Newsome, who personally returned the card to Morris, promised to repay, but he never did.

Newsome, 32, of Toler Creek Road in Harold, posted a \$2,000 cash bond a few hours after he was picked up by Sheriff Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick on Wednesday.

Newsome will be arraigned by District Judge Eric Hall on May 31.

Attempts to contact Newsome were unsuccessful. Morris did not return inquiry calls.

Answers to Magic Maze and Super Crossword



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— Felix Frankfurter

Our view

Turner right about course

We firmly believe that ideas should stand on their own merits, without being helped or hurt by the people voicing them. In the real world, that might be a little naïve, but it's nonetheless true. A good idea is a good idea, no matter the source.

And despite his recent legal troubles, state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner advanced just such an idea this week, one we have already thrown our support behind:

The Jenny Wiley State Resort Park golf course should be reopened.

Turner made his feelings known on the issue in a public letter to George Ward, commissioner of the state Department of Parks. In it, Turner says the now-closed course attracted tourists and was popular with both younger and older players, both as a good place to learn the game and as a less strenuous alternative to Stonecrest. Those are valid arguments for keeping the course open.

But Turner goes further by questioning the reasons for closing the course. When the closure was announced Parks officials noted that the course had lost over \$20,000 in 2003 and double that amount the next year. Turner, however, asks whether that increased loss in 2004 was due to the fact that the course was closed because of flood damage for much of the summer.

Naturally, being closed for much of golf's busiest season would be the prime culprit for increasing losses at the course, not the lack of support. The argument that the course was facing increasing deficits does not hold water, when it is based on a fluke occurrence.

As we have said before, the course may have been hurting, but it wasn't dead yet. Closing an attraction with such broad appeal to local golfers does not make sense, especially when there were apparently no efforts to save it. We have already suggested ways Jenny Wiley could have increased revenues from the course — affiliating with youth golf organization The First Tee, more aggressive marketing, converting to a par 3 course or turning it over to a private operator.

We applaud Turner for taking the lead in trying to resurrect the golf course, but at the same time we are disappointed that we have not seen similar public appeals from other local officials. We urge them to do so.

At the same time, we encourage our readers to also voice their support for reopening the course. To do so, just follow Turner's example and write a letter to the parks commissioner. You can send it to the following address:

Commissioner George Ward
Kentucky Department of Parks
500 Mero Street
10th Floor Capitol Plaza Tower
Frankfort, KY 40601

— The Floyd County Times



"You guys need new merchandising opportunities now that the movies are all made. How about driving on the NASCAR circuit?"

Rich Lowry Column

Go ahead, be repressed

No sooner had the Indian reservation of Red Lake, Minn., suffered a horrific school shooting than the grief-related clichés began rolling in. The school's principal described a meeting as a chance to "share our feelings." One of the many counseling experts on the scene advised teachers to "encourage students to talk about their emotions."

The bereaved, it turns out, weren't so eager to "share." The Washington Post reported that some grief counselors were sitting alone at the makeshift grief centers, because tribal members wanted only to talk in private, with loved ones.

Yes, many people benefit from therapy. But our belief in the miraculous power of talk is as unjustified as it is pervasive, according to Christina Hoff Sommers and Sally Satel in their new book, "One Nation Under Therapy: How the Helping Culture is Eroding Self-Reliance."

"The universal prescription for trauma [is to] talk about it with any trusted person who will listen," writes one psychologist, capturing the therapeutic conventional wisdom.

But it's not so. Studies of earthquake victims and Gulf War veterans show that talking about their experiences didn't have any effect on their trauma-related anxiety one way or the other.

Those disinclined to share their emotions might actually be harmed if forced to participate in therapy. In a Montreal study, heart-attack victims with a repressive coping style — i.e., they just don't want to talk about it — who received monthly phone calls to monitor their

"psychological distress" became more psychologically distressed. They were more likely to visit the emergency room or be prescribed tranquilizers than repressors who were left (blessedly) alone.

In a passage that will lift the spirits (although they won't tell you about it) of repressives everywhere, Sommers and Satel summarize the research thusly: Repressors "report less internal conflict, test better at solving problems, exhibit

better social skills and have higher education performance. Repressors report less depression, are more popular with peers, are given higher teacher ratings and report better self-image." In other words, they sound pretty "well adjusted."

Dwelling on your feelings can be a problem, especially if you're feeling down. A researcher who compared depressed individuals told to ruminate on their feelings with those not so instructed found that over-thinking tends to "impose a lens that shows a distorted, narrow view of our world." Indeed, it can "take you down paths to hopelessness, self-hate and immobility."

All of this means that there is a risk in forcing therapy on the bereaved, who might be perfectly capable of handling their loss on their own (some people, of course, will not).

A 2000 study by University of Memphis researchers found that nearly 40 percent of those "receiving grief therapy actually fared worse than a matched group not receiving treatment." A 2003 report by the Center for the Advancement of Health found that grief counseling and therapy "may not always be effective, and in some cases may be harmful."

It is enough to make many of us want to join Sommers and Satel in saying, "Thank you for not sharing."

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

beyond the beltway

Somehow, we just don't have standards anymore

by DONALD KAUL

The older I get, the more out of it I get.

For example, I've never watched a "reality" show on TV, listened to rap music or visited Disney World. The celebrities who people supermarket tabloids are mostly strangers to me. I own a computer but I don't blog, surf or chat on it.



It was not always this way, you know. As recently as 20 years ago I was hip, or at the very least, hep. Then it all began to slip away. At some point I realized that I not only no longer knew where we as a society were, I didn't care. That feeling was strengthened the other day by a story I read in "The New York Times" about Paris Hilton of the Hilton Hotel Hiltons, whom you can hardly escape these days without retreating to a dark cave.

It seems that Miss Hilton, a blonde breadstick who looks to have a room-

temperature IQ, is paid anywhere from \$150,000 to \$200,000 to appear at a party for 20 minutes. "If it's in Japan I get more," she told the "Times." That, I submit, is beyond comprehension.

Ms. Hilton's accomplishments include starring in a cheesy "reality" TV show, endorsing things, appearing in a pornographic home movie on the internet and "acting" in a new horror film, "House of Wax."

Where is there anything in that resume that hints at being worth \$150,000 for anything, let alone 20 minutes of her time? It suggests that there are people of means who go around bragging that they were at a party where Paris Hilton showed up. Back when I was a lad you had to do something spectacular to get \$150,000, like rob a really big bank. They didn't give it to you just for showing up. I don't get it.

It gets worse. Ms. Hilton is managing to leverage her 15 minutes of fame into a career. Her line of jewelry has spent the last eight months as one of the top 20 sellers of Amazon.com's 100,000 items. Her autobiographical book — did I mention she's written a book? "Confessions of an Heiress" with the journalist Merle Ginsberg — is in its 12th printing. She's got a line of perfume coming out, also makeup, and is planning a chain of boutique hotels. And God knows what else.

Obviously, Ms. Hilton is a lot like President Bush; what she lacks in intelligence she makes up for in shrewdness. "I learn more about people when they don't think I know what they're talking about," she says. "People are more loose and they don't realize that I know what's going on."

OK, I give up. I freely admit that it is I who doesn't know what's going on. But I liked it better when you had to do something before you became famous, rather than the other way round.

Another example of the deterioration of standards was provided the other day by that story of the Pentagon analyst who was arrested for giving our military secrets to a pro-Israel lobbying group. The man is accused of relaying highly classified information about threats against our troops in Iraq to two top officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee over lunch at a restaurant in suburban Washington.

That's just pathetic.

Haven't these people ever read John LeCarre? Real spies use dead drops. They walk down shadowy streets and if the blind man on the corner is playing "Peg 'o My Heart" on the concertina, it's OK to leave the package in the hollow of the dead tree. If he's playing "Roll Out the Barrel," keep on walking and wait for instructions. Relaying classified information to influence peddlers in an Arlington, Va., restaurant between the salad and entrée isn't spying; it's a failure of the imagination.

I'm not saying that there were giants in the old days, but compared to what we have now it seems like it. I'm glad I'm out of it.

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FLOYD COUNTY

Jonathan Lee (Leroy) Adkins, 22, of Harold, died Friday, May 13, following an auto accident, on State Route 2030, at Harold. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Michael Russell Castle, 27, of Hueysville, died Saturday, May 14, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Michelle Lea Castle, 31, of Allen, died Thursday, May 12, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Irene Layne Conn, 76, of Martin, died Monday, May 16, at the Samaritan Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 19, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Richard Elkins, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, May 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Nora Rorer Elkins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Curtis Lester Fletcher, 72, of Wyandotte, Michigan, formerly of Dwell, died Thursday, May 12, at the Henry Ford Hospital, in Wyandotte, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bertha S. (Hale) Gonzales, 58, of Warsaw, Indiana, a Prestonsburg native, died Saturday, May 14, at the Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 17, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Indiana.

Helen Presley Hagans, 75, of Langley, died Sunday, May 15, in the Kindred Hospital in Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 19, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Millard "Tommy" Kidd, 73, of Wellington, formerly of Honaker, died Sunday, May 15, at his daughter's residence in Wellington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bobby Gene Little, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, May 14, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Virgie Blair Little. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Malcom Wallen, 54, of Eastern, died Tuesday, May 17, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Duncan Wallen. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Tony Wiley, 50, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, May 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 15, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Eric Shea Akers, 29, of Upper Chloe Creek, died Thursday, May 12, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 15, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Mandy Lynn Adkins, 29, of Morristown, Tenn., formerly of Pike County, died Wednesday, May 11. She is survived by her husband, Glenn Adkins. A memorial service was held Sunday, May 15, under the direction of Allen Funeral Home of Morristown, Tenn.

William Ray Bartley, 72, of Powells Creek, died Saturday, May 14, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Doshie Bartley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 17, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Jerry Davis Bentley, 55, of Pikeville, died Monday, May 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Price Bentley. Graveside services were held Thursday, May 19, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Dora Blevins, 95, of Ft. Pierce, Florida, formerly of Pikeville, died Thursday, May 12, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Nell Blevins. Funeral services were held Monday, May 16, under the direc-

tion of Aycock Funeral Home, Fort, Pierce, Florida.

Rhonda Nelle Chapman, 46, of McVeigh, died Wednesday, May 18, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Donald Eugene "Butch" Chapman Jr. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 21, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Ferrell Dorton, 53, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, May 18, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Thomsberry. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 21, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Eli Elswick, 88, of Virgie, died Tuesday, May 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Esta Tackett Elswick. Funeral services were held Friday, May 20, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Rebecca Ferrell, 91, of Stopover, died Wednesday, May 18, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Graveside services were held Saturday, May 21, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

William "Howard" Flanary, 54, of Collins Highway, died Wednesday, May 18, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 21, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Alice Hall Greer, 75, of Pikeville, died Saturday, May 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 17, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Reed Kiser, 79, of Caney Creek, died Monday, May 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Viola Mullins Kiser. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 12, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Leona Crider Long, 77, of Mavisdale, Virginia, died Wednesday, May 11, in Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tennessee. She is survived by her husband, E.M. Long Jr. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 14, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Donald Mark Lowe, 37, of Powells Creek, died Wednesday, May 11. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 15, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Gracie Newsom, 94, of Belleville, Michigan, formerly of Beehide, died Thursday, May 12, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 18, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Ruth S. Ray, 55, of Kimper, died Monday, May 16. She is survived by her husband, Calvin Ray. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 19, under direction of Community Funeral Home of Zebulon.

James Alex Reynolds, 71, of Feds Creek, died Tuesday, May 10, at Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy, Va. Funeral services were held Friday, May 13, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Lilly Sluss, 87, of Shelbiana, died Thursday, May 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Harry Joseph "Joe" Sterling, 82, of Ashland, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, May 17, at Community Hospital Care Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Mary Catherine Hulet Sterling. Funeral services were held Friday, May 20, under the direction of Neal Funeral Home of Catlettsburg.

Truman Thompson Sr., 83, of Palmer Thompson Road, died Wednesday, May 18, at his home. Funeral services were held Friday, May 20, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Connie L. Wooten, 57, of Natalie, Virginia, formerly of Pike County, died Friday, May 13, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Douglas "Hopper" Wooten. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 17, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Mary Ellen Akers, 52, of Pikeville, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, May 14, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Manchie Goble, 102, of Paintsville, died Sunday, May 15, at

Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 19, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Caleb Hampton, 66, of River, a Pike County native, died Wednesday, May 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Thomsberry Hampton. Funeral services will be held Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m. at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Anita Jo Picklesimer, 72, of Sitka, died Wednesday, May 11, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Kermit Picklesimer. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 15, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Christine Fraley Preston, 73, of Boons Camp, died Wednesday, May 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 15, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Charles M. Stafford, 78, of Wilmington, North Carolina, a

native of Oil Springs, died Sunday, May 1. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 4, under the direction of Reynolds-Smith Funeral Home, Wilmington.

Tony Wiley, 50, of Prestonsburg, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, May 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 15, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Mary Helen Boyce, 46, of Pilgrim, died Wednesday, May 11, in Martin County. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 13, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Nancy Jewell, 84, of Kissimee, Florida, a Martin County native, died Monday, May 9, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington.

Ola Mae Marcum, 89, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, a Martin County native, died Thursday, May 12, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May

15, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Warfield Funeral Home.

Danny Maynard, 44, of Pilgrim, died Thursday, May 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Angie Harmon Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 15, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Tennessee Slone, 86, of Inez, died Friday, May 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 16, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Floyd Johnson, 56, of Louisa, died Friday, May 13, at Carter County Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 16, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Bobby Lee Maynard, 45, of Crum, West Virginia, a Louisa native, died Friday, May 13, at

Webb Road in Crum. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 18, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

James Paul Osborne, 78, of Worthington, Ohio, a native of Blaine, died Saturday, May 14, at Koberger House, Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Garlene C. Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 17, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Paul C. Powers, 69, of Wadsworth, Ohio, a Magoffin County native, died Friday, May 13, at Akron, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Betty Webb Powers. Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, May 17, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Ruby Lee Wireman, 80, of LaPaz, Indiana, a Sublett native, died Friday, May 13, in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 17, under the direction of Rannels Funeral Home.

Sewage

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates the cost of eliminating straight pipes in eastern Kentucky at \$300 million. Add to that the problem of failing septic systems and the cost reaches \$1 billion.

The federal agency said the problem in eastern Kentucky presents an environmental crisis, and that some Kentucky residents are living under the same unsanitary conditions as people in developing countries.

So far, the federal government has spent \$106 million in eastern Kentucky to stop the flow of human waste directly into streams. Yet levels of fecal bacteria remains so high that residents are advised not to swim in portions of several rivers.

Local residents are all too familiar with the problem, said Joan Robinett of Harlan, an environmental activist who has pushed to stop pollution in the upper Cumberland. The stream, once popular for swimming, is now off limits to local children. No rope swings hanging from trees. No worn paths leading to the shaded pools.

"The children are told to stay away," Robinett said. "Just wading in that water can be a problem if you have any kind of cut or scratch or open wound. It's not healthy."

In his childhood, Lonnie Burkhardt would be among groups of kids who would gather in the Cumberland River to swim on hot summer days. He said the water was cleaner then because most homes didn't have indoor toilets and there was no need for pipes to carry

human waste into the water. "Everybody went to the river and swam," he said. "Now, I tell my children, you don't go in the water."

The 54-year-old Burkhardt said he's disappointed that his four children haven't gotten to enjoy the upper Cumberland like he did as a child, splashing around in the water with friends. Perhaps his grandchildren will have the opportunity.

"We've got a long way to go," Burkhardt said. "It's moving in the right direction now. People are a lot more aware of the health hazards and they want it cleaned up."

Richard Thomas, executive director of the government-sponsored environmental group PRIDE, said he looks forward to the day the swimming bans can be lifted.

"We have made a great deal of progress, but there's still a lot of work to be done," he said. "We have got to improve the water quality of southern and eastern Kentucky. We've got to get rid of the human waste."

Plans are now being drawn to replace the Sunshine straight pipe with a connection to the Harlan sewage treatment plant, a \$1.9 million project funded largely by PRIDE, which funnels federal funds into sewage projects in the region.

Within three years, Thomas said 25,200 homes in the region will have been added to municipal sewer systems or will have been hooked into new septic systems paid for through PRIDE. In addition, he said, 6,200 homes that previously were flushing waste directly into streams have received new

septic systems at a cost of \$19 million.

"There is nothing short of a historic transformation taking place in southern and eastern Kentucky," said U.S. Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Somers, co-founder of the PRIDE group. "Thousands of volunteers and community leaders are turning back decades of pollution and a new generation is learning to avoid the mistakes of the past."

Rogers said PRIDE is not only cleaning up the environment but also laying the foundation for new economic development opportunities and creating a better standard of living for local residents.

Under PRIDE's funding structure, people deemed financially able to pay for installation of septic systems or for hookups to municipal sewage treatment systems have to cover the cost themselves. Low income residents who can't afford the cost can apply for grants.

The goal is to grow the tourism industry in economically depressed eastern Kentucky. Thomas said that can't happen if the streams and lakes are so polluted that people are advised to stay out of them.

The University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Division of Water plan to take a fresh look this summer at the upper Cumberland River to try to gauge whether work completed thus far has had a measurable effect, and whether the swimming bans can be lifted.

"We know that there's been a lot of work in the area, and it's our hope that this will have

resulted in water quality improvements," said Julie Smoak, an environmental scientist for the Division of Water. "We feel like it's a good time to stop, take a deep breath and do the assessment so we can further direct our efforts."

The swimming bans are in place for numerous streams, including the upper reaches of the Cumberland, Kentucky and Licking rivers. Thomas said it's important to note that portions of those streams and many others are safe for swimming.

"I think sometimes we paint a much darker picture than actually exists," Thomas said. "Not every stream is polluted. Not every lake is polluted. But we've got to make them all OK."

That, he said, can best be done by changing the mind-set in the region that polluting streams is normal. That's being done through educational programs in schools throughout the region.

"Our generation has done a pretty good job of polluting the environment," Thomas said. "We have to break the cycle of pollution. We're trying to teach the young kids why we shouldn't pollute."

When he speaks to audiences in eastern Kentucky, Thomas said he tries to make clear the impact of straight pipes on the environment.

"I try to get as graphic as possible without being rude and crude about it," he said. "Imagine flushing your toilet. What runs out the bottom of your commode is what runs out into the stream. Most people get the picture pretty quick."

Fletcher responds to growing personnel probe

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Friday that his administration "certainly made mistakes" in hiring state employees and planned to institute a new policy aimed at correcting them.

Later, investigators from the attorney general's office used search warrants to seize additional records at the Transportation and Commerce cabinets and from offices of various officials within the governor's office. One warrant authorized investigators to search the office of Commerce Secretary Jim Host where they seized his computer, various compact discs and BlackBerry — a wireless handheld device that includes a cell phone and e-mail access.

Fletcher, who was in Japan, called a morning telephone news conference to address the attorney general's expanding probe into allegations that his administration hired people for Merit System jobs based on political connections rather than qualifications.

"All I'm saying is that we've certainly made mistakes, and we will continue to because we're

human," Fletcher said. "But from my standpoint I think the mistake that was made is not having a formal process for these recommendations."

The Merit System was created in 1960 to insulate personnel decisions involving rank-and-file state employees from political influence. It is the state civil service system for rank-and-file employees.

On Friday, Fletcher said his administration should have had a system to manage recommendations for potential job candidates. Future recommendations would be filtered through the state's Personnel Cabinet, Fletcher said.

Recommendations would then go to various agencies throughout state government based on openings and applicants' qualifications, including their work ethic and "the visions and values shared by the individuals."

Fletcher said his administration's goal was to create "a level playing field" for Republicans, who he said have not had an equal chance at state jobs during the 32 years in which Democrats controlled state government.

Host was among 17 people for whom investigators had office search warrants Friday.

Others included Bill Nighbert, acting Transportation Cabinet secretary, and Dick Murgatroyd, Fletcher's deputy chief of staff.

In addition, investigators also had a search warrant for the office of Ralph Hacker, a former University of Kentucky basketball announcer and current part-time administration employee. However, investigators were unable to conduct that search because their warrant contained the wrong office address, said Vicki Glass, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

"I've known Secretary Host for 40 years and he has instructed everyone here from day one that whatever we do should be in compliance with state policy and state law," Commerce Cabinet spokesman Billy Reed said.

The investigation burst into public view Monday when a veteran Transportation Cabinet employee disclosed reams of documents that he said showed a pattern of political manipulation of the Merit System.

Doug Doerting, a 30-year employee who has most recently been an assistant director in a Transportation Cabinet personnel office, provided copies of e-mails, memos, handwritten notes and other documentation

he said demonstrated that political cronies of the Fletcher administration were given job preferences.

Doerting asked the Personnel Board and Stumbo to investigate.

At its meeting Friday, the state Personnel Board decided to launch its own investigation, despite opposition from Stumbo's office. Stumbo has maintained several members of the board, which is charged with enforcing Merit System rules, have contributed to the Republican Party and Fletcher.

Mark Sipek, the board's executive director, said board members would not have a conflict of interest.

"They took an oath to uphold the law, and the primary law that they're to uphold is the personnel law," Sipek said. "And they take that responsibility seriously."

Glass said the attorney general's office already had obtained records through search warrants and subpoenas. It would create a "logistical problem" if the board were to review the same evidence.

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This Town, That World

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

If they had only put a hungry tom-cat in the rocket with the mice, it would have gone into orbit.

POOEY

Most of us can recall hearing or reading of somebody writing or speaking "deathless prose," but if you are as dense as I am, you are not clear as to just what deathless prose is. Personally, we think that is another of many loosely used phrases and words.



Norman Allen

Like "unique" for instance, since "unique" means the only one of the kind, we're guilty of slaying the king's English when we use it to describe something that is nothing more than unusual, striking or arresting. And then there are some who will say, "most unique." How can you get unique than unique?

Just today we ran across a phrase, "written in breathless prose," we are in the dark on this one, too, unless it means a bit of writing that turns like this:

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Now is the time for all good friends to come to the rescue. Dog days have already come at our place, and it begins to look like they may make a year or so of it.

The Art of Dulcimer-Crafting



From top: Seated, from left, Maudine Caudill, Goldie Hamilton, and Joyce Hayes worked diligently this past winter to handcraft their very own dulcimer. Middle right: Maudine Caudill, Goldie Hamilton, Joyce Hayes and Pastor Glenn Hayes show off their musical works of art following a recent church service. Bottom: MSU Art 399 class, spring semester, 2005. Each student in the class handcrafted their own dulcimer under the instruction of Mr. Meredith Slone.

Local seniors hand-craft dulcimers in MSU art class

Some local senior citizens recently spent this year's late winter days doing something that many of their own ancestors may have spent their own winters doing - crafting dulcimers.

Glenn Hayes, pastor of the West Prestonsburg Church of God of Prophecy, along with his wife, Joyce, and two members of his congregation, Maudine Caudill, of Prestonsburg, and Goldie E. Hamilton, of Betsy Layne,

worked under the tutelage of Mr. Meredith Slone, who taught the art class at the Morehead State University Prestonsburg campus center.

Slone, a native Floyd Countian, has been making dulcimers for over 40 years. Hamilton, who said that she very much enjoyed the class, said that Mr. Slone "used humor to keep the class lively" and that he "often stopped to play a tune on his own dulcimer in

order to keep his students motivated." Slone guided the art class students through each step of the dulcimer-making process.

The four senior students in Slone's class all said that they very much enjoyed learning from Mr. Slone and that they felt that it was "a privilege" to work with him. Hamilton said she

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Terminal Island'

by TOM DOTY
 STAFF WRITER

Here is an ultra-low budget action flick from the early 1970s that manages to combine elements of several genres. It is, at times, a women-in-prison movie, but it also tries to be an escape melodrama and even a somewhat futuristic action movie.



Tom Doty
 Staff Writer

Sadly, it does none of these things well, but does offer some poorly staged fight scenes and over-the-top acting for those of you who enjoy a good "bad" night at the movies. It also sports an intriguing premise which has since been lifted for numerous higher budgeted films.

This one played the local drive-in circuit back in August 1973 and anyone who saw it will probably only remember scattered bits, but the central concept, creating an island prison for murderers and deporting them to it, is great fodder for an exploitation movie.

In the near future, death penalty litigation is taken off the table in order to save time and expense. The viewer learns about this during an opening scene in which a news crew prepares to shoot a segment on the latest convict to be sentenced to "Terminal Island." A reporter conducts man-on-the-street interviews and we see that most people are in favor of the idea, as it has brought about a tax decrease.

Then the action shifts to the island, as we follow the sentencing of Joy for killing her husband. A navy battleship drops her off on the island via a raft which has to carefully negotiate its way to the island as the shoreline is heavily mined.

Joy is almost immediately captured by the ruling gang on the island, led by criminal genius Bobby and his hulking assistant Monk, and forced to work for them. Her work consists of digging pits during the day and becoming a plaything for the men of the group at night. Joy quickly sets about planting seeds of liberty in the other women's heads and, before you know it, they escape and join up with a different band of criminals who prefer to treat the women as equals.

Lots of 1970s "la-la" music plays as the newly formed group begins bonding. Here bonding consists of pairing up and playing practical jokes on each other, like smearing honey on one prisoner's posterior and watching him scream like a howler monkey as bees sting the poor schmuck's buttocks.

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The ballad of Tommy and Hoku

by Mike Gordon

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL OF HAWAII"

This here's a tale about Tommy and Hoku and an act of aloha that should be a song — one of those mournful country ballads about a truck-driving blacksmith who lost his horse in a divorce.

Tommy Ligsay and his ropin' pal, Hoku, reunited last Saturday at a horse auction.

An old man on crutches, trying to buy back an old black gelding who could barely stand.

And a bidding war Tommy couldn't win. Didn't win.

In the awkward moment that followed the cry "Sold," a man walked into the ring and told the crowd about Tommy and Hoku, about their life on the Wai'anae Coast.

Tommy raised the horse from when it was a colt, the man said, bought it sight unseen 31 years ago.

This horse was family.

Four years ago, Tommy lost Hoku in a divorce.

Then Hoku was sold — and sold again. Disappeared, it seemed.

Then last year, someone told Tommy that his horse was owned by the Hoku Ranch in Wahiawa — the same ranch forced to auction everything because it had lost its lease.

When they walked Hoku in — every other horse had been ridden in — he tried to sit down.

Tommy brought \$300 to the auction.

The bidding stopped at \$500.

Well, there was no convincing the fellow

who'd won Hoku. He wanted a string of horses. Old as he was, Hoku would do just fine.

Tommy, he's 62. He's got a touch of arthritis, and he doesn't move so well anymore. He'd come to the auction because family members begged him to at least try.

In his pocket, he carried a photograph, folded twice: Tommy and Hoku.

Now, he stared at Hoku and said goodbye.

But Susan Tita — she doesn't know Tommy from Adam — she jumped out

of the bleachers where she'd been watching all this, reached into her bag and pulled out her grocery money.

"I will give \$50," she told the crowd, real loud. "Who will help me get this man's horse back? Somebody, come on."

These days, the word "aloha" gets a lot of lip service, a lot of free time riding bumpers and bandwagons. But people dug into the pockets of their conscience and pulled out money for Tommy.

He needed \$250 to make up the difference, plus auction fees. In minutes, Hoku was his again. It was a moment of aloha, a gesture as sincere as the love between a man and a horse. It oughta be a song.



Jim Davidson

It's a matter of opinion

Over the past several weeks I have had an interesting exchange of ideas with Ms. Shaun Moffitt, a college instructor at the Coffeyville Community College in Kansas. After reading my column titled "Let's get back to teaching manners and civility as a way of life," she wrote me a letter strongly disagreeing with my basic premise. She also included several letters from students who agreed with her.



Now this is not the first time someone has disagreed with me, but let me give you a little more information and you be the judge. First, the title I gave the column was "A Unique Center for Manners and Civility." When this particular newspaper ran the column they

changed the title so the emphasis was not on the "center" but on teaching manners and civility.

She also lifted one line where I stated, "What is even more disturbing for me is the obnoxious and rude behavior and the complete lack of good manners and civility that far too many of our citizens are exhibiting on a regular basis." I noted that she did not include the next line that says, "Just

recently there was an article in our local newspaper where a school district in our state had adopted a policy to curb bullying." When I was growing up we did not have school shootings, road rage or anger management classes that parents had to take

before they could attend their child's athletic events. We could also include "binge drinking" that has become epidemic.

One of the reasons manners and civility have suffered over the past 50 years is the violent culture that has been created in our society. Turn on the television any night and you can witness what I am talking about. Check out the violence in far too many television programs, the violent video games, the wrestling matches, the roller derby and especially the professional hockey games. One hockey dad killed another and you probably saw the incident in the news when a hockey player slugged another and slammed him to the ice, breaking his neck. In short, we have created a violent society and this definitely has taken a toll on manners and civility.

Shaun and her students are idealistic and I really and truly

applaud what they are saying. She has brought this down to a personal level and gives a number of examples. She states, "Every day I witness acts of manners and civility. I was thanked and even blessed heartily by the worker at the drive through window at Taco Tico, had a door held open by a 10-year-old boy at a gas station, was given advice on where to mail a letter from a friendly woman at the Cracker Barrel, and was asked by a teenager if I wanted to go before her at a roadside park rest room."

She states further, "Manners and civility are taught by parents, by teachers, by policemen, by responsible people in positions of authority every day and in every way. We don't need to 'get back to teaching' them because the instruction never went away. The challenge is to notice the daily acts of courtesy, acknowledgment, and open mindedness that surround us and not let them go unrecognized in the face of whatever acts of incivility we

might perceive or encounter." I invited Shaun and her students to write an open letter to the American people where they would share their views about the state of manners and civility in our nation today. She did so, but the article was much too lengthy, so I have to condense and summarize the points they felt were important. It is my heart's desire to get across the essence of what she and her students have observed in real life.

In her article she quoted a number of authors that reinforced what she and her students were saying to me. She quotes a portion of Stephen Carter's "Civility," in which Carter states: "Americans today are like Americans of every era. We think our nation's manners are falling apart and the fact that the common claim that there was a time in which America was more civil than today is rather shaky."

This is one of these cases where I would like to be wrong. In my heart if I can determine that I am, I will be the first to apolo-

gize. I have spent the last 35 years of my life working with students in our schools, doing my share of volunteer work, and doing my best to motivate and inspire people to use their God given talent to become more successful. My heart's desire is for all of our citizens to respect others, to treat them with kindness and courtesy and to be productive and responsible members of society.

I suspect the same thing is true for Shaun Moffitt and her students. Teachers have a great responsibility as well as a great opportunity to make a difference. When it comes to whether we have more or less civility and manners today, I suspect the answers will be determined by the age of the people you ask.

Feel free to contact Ms. Moffitt at shaunm@coffeyville.edu.

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enjoyed the experience so much that she even composed a poem about it. It follows:

The Dulcimer Class Psalm
by Goldie E. Hamilton

Mr. Slone is our instructor
He leadeth us beside the saws
and drills
Our hair standeth on end.
He giveth us papers with strange
marks on them
He maketh us to measure, mark
and draw
We shall not complain.
He toteth around seven-year-old
worm-holes and all.
He assureth us we can make a
dulcimer out of it

We will worketh hard.

He playeth us a tune on his dulcimer
to motivate us
He tryeth to inspire us with his
humor
He will not let us giveth up.

He calmly draggeth us through
each session
He findeth it hard to teacheth us
He keepeth on trying.

He encourageth us to make the
cut true
He remindeth us...we can cut off
the piece,
But we can't putteth it back on.

He is confident he can teacheth
us to play a dulcimer
He thinks, he stretcheth his confidence
a little.

Yea, though we strugglenth
through this class
We shall overcome the fear, and
noise,
of drills and saws
We will doctoreth our cuts; our
bruises shall heal.

Surely the sounds of dulcimers
shall followeth us
all the days of our lives
Their sounds shall ringeth out in
our schools, homes
and churches...and the listeners
shall flee.

We shall always remembereth Mr.
Slone,
our instructor — and Art 399
And we shall dwell with our dulcimers
forever.

Lagoon

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The honeymoon comes to an abrupt finale when Monk shows up with a goon squad to recapture them. Luckily, their number includes a second-rate Crocodile Hunter type who knows all about making poison darts from local flora, a ditzzy murderess who just so happens to know how to make gunpowder and a disgraced doctor who pulled the plug on a patient who was in a vegetative state. This ragtag band eventually attacks the bad guys and bombs their quonset huts back into the stone age so that the "good guy" murderers can transform the island into a tropical paradise.

The film ends with the newest prisoner being dropped off. The disgraced doc meets her on the beach and welcomes her to the island with a bland smile that suggests she just boarded the "Love Boat."

Years later this concept would return to cinemas in films like "Escape from New York" and "No Escape," but here it's just an excuse for some lame explosions and half-naked females. Though this film is definitely a stinkburger, it can be enjoyed as a comedy of errors.

The script, as it is, has a few good notions (i.e., newcomers to the island have to sign a death certificate), but quickly settles for random acts of violence. Joy is the focus of the first third of the film but the story relegates her to the background once the action starts.

Technically, it's also a wash, with the best work being done by the hair-stylists who keep the actresses looking like they just stepped out of a Vidal Sassoon commercial.

The actors appear to do their own stunts here, but it's strictly amateur

hour. In one bit, a guy is shot twice but reacts as if he were shot a third time. One character proves to be less than a mathematician when he tells the nine survivors of his group that, "There are still seven of us."

The cast is mostly forgettable but there are a couple of actors here who probably don't list this effort on their resumes. Tom Selleck looks the most embarrassed as the doctor. He appears to be killing time on screen while waiting for his check to clear. Roger Mosley, Selleck's buddy on "Magnum P.I.," is more convincing as the thuggish Monk.

If you enjoy the misery of others, the Germans call that "schadenfreude," then you will totally dig "Terminal Island."

Best line: "Are you dead when your brain stops working?" 1973, rated R.

Tips and tricks for the normal user

by: JOHN CHANEY

Simple tips and tricks for the basic home user. Users are always fascinated with the idea of making shortcuts.* Shortcuts are very simple to make. They are beneficial because they can start a program, open a folder or even open your favorite site quickly.

Things you should familiarize yourself with before you make a shortcut are the following parts on your computer such as your desktop and your start menu. Think of your start menu as your Phonebook of your hard drive. It will open or run any program or folder on your machine.

To start, we are going to make a shortcut to a website.

1. Establish your Internet connection.
2. Then right click on your desktop and a short cut menu will appear.
3. Move your mouse to select new, then click short cut.
4. When your new shortcut box appears type in the web address where you want the short cut to be linked. A sample address is <http://www.google.com>.
5. Then click the next button and type in a name for your shortcut in this example you would type in Google or Google shortcut.

6. Click the Finished button and you will now have a quick shortcut to your favorite web site. Whenever you want to visit this site, you can just click on the short cut.



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Another easy way to make shortcuts is to go into your start menu by clicking start, then point to all programs. Then find the program that you want linked to the short cut in the list. In this example we will use Microsoft Word.

1. Find Microsoft Word and right click on it. A menu will pop up.
2. Move the mouse to send to: then click Desktop.

You now have a short cut placed on your desktop for MS Word. There are always programs that we use more frequently from day to day. Sometimes we would like to have faster access to them. A way to solve this problem is to put an item on your start menu.

1. Go to start. Now move the cursor to all programs.
2. Find your program that you would like to put on your start menu.
3. Right click on it. A menu will pop up. Now click on pin to start menu.

You now have something pinned to the start menu so that whenever you now click start your shortcut will always be there for faster use. This makes a great tool for the busy user.

Dunning's graduate from school of medicine

Mrs. Maleshea Conley Dunning and Mr. Bret Dunning both graduated from the Pikeville School of Osteopathic Medicine on May 14, 2005.



Mrs. Dunning is a 1996 graduate of Knott County Central High and a 2002 graduate of Alice Lloyd College, from which she holds a bachelor of science degree. She is the daughter of Buford and Karla Conley, of Banner, and the granddaughter of Elsie Hall, of Topmost.

Bret has a record of service with the United States Navy and while on active duty served as a hospital corpsman, an LPN and an EMT. He holds a

bachelor of science degree from the University of Memphis, from which he graduated in 2000. He is the son of the late Jerrell Dunning and Pat Gazaway, formerly of Allons, Tennessee.

During recent ceremonies, Bret received the James M. and Elizabeth M. Murphy Award with Maleshea receiving the Clinical Excellence in Medical Education Award. The couple will be completing their family practice internship and residency at Pikeville Medical Center.

Congratulations to the duo go out from their parents, family and friends.

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'So much at stake' — Focus on the Family leader embroiled in policy fights

by COLLEEN SLEVIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — To millions of conservative Christians, James Dobson and his Focus on the Family ministry have emerged as a life preserver in an American culture, fending off assaults from popular culture and liberals.

"He's trustworthy, he's intelligent, he's well-respected," said the Rev. Ted Haggard, president of the National Association of Evangelicals representing more than 43,000 congregations. "If people would do what Jim Dobson suggests they would live a better life."

Yet Dobson has also become a lightning rod for criticism by weighing in on major political issues, from stem cell research and abortion to tax credits for families. Last month, Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo., called him the "antichrist" and said he was trying to "hijack Christianity" by backing President Bush's federal appeals court nominees.

Salazar, a Roman Catholic, later backed off the antichrist comment, but stood by his claim that Dobson's ministry has become an arm of the Republican Party.

Dobson, who insists his organization backs only issues not parties or candidates, isn't about to back down either. He says the strong rhetoric and emotions are no surprise at a time when there is fierce debate over the actions of the nation's federal courts, which he describes as a "liberal stronghold."

"The federal judiciary more and more is making the great moral decisions of our time," Dobson said during a 75-minute interview with The Associated Press. He ticked off rulings involving abortion, the Pledge of Allegiance and the definition of marriage.

"This Supreme Court has co-opted for itself many of the issues that the American people ought to be making through their elected representatives,"

he said. "The decisions that are coming down from the Supreme Court have profound implications for the family and for conservative concepts of morality."

These are heady times for Dobson, who turned 69 last month and still puts in 12-hour days at the ministry he founded in 1977. The child psychologist reaches an estimated 220 million people in 160 countries through his radio broadcasts and his organization responds to about 10,000 telephone calls, letters and e-mails each day requesting books, recordings and advice on everything from marital strife to eating disorders. The group says its average listener is a mother of two in her 20s to 40s.

Organization officials like to say that 95 percent of what they do is about ministry and outreach. But it is the policy work — which accounts for the rest of the \$150 million annual budget — that is drawing so much attention.

Focus on the Family launched a public policy arm a year ago. Some say its emergence and last November's decision by voters in 11 states to outlaw gay marriage was no fluke.

"One would be foolish to minimize his (Dobson's) impact," Haggard said.

Dobson has met with President Bush more than once, though not at the ministry itself. Asked about the relationship between Focus on the Family and the White House, Focus officials said they participate in occasional conference calls.

"It's not President Bush," said Tom Minnery, the group's vice president of public policy. "It's not even Karl Rove. It's lower-level people."

Dobson himself offers restrained praise: He said Bush has always made the right decisions on issues like stem cell research, gay marriage and lower taxes. However, Dobson said he wishes Bush would speak

more often and more directly to issues conservative Christians hold dear.

"I think he has kept his campaign promises," he said. "Has he articulated the way a lot of us would want him to? No. But I think that's not in his nature."

Dobson was in Washington last week for meetings he would not detail, though the battle over Bush's judicial nominees figured to be a prime topic. Like others, Dobson believes the fight will reach a boiling point over a conservative Supreme Court nominee.

He ridiculed a March ruling that outlawed the death penalty for juvenile criminals in which

Justice Anthony Kennedy acknowledged "overwhelming" international opinion against the practice. Dobson said that sort of shift by the court amounts to "grounds for impeachment."

He also noted a growing divide between secular and religious America.

"(The nation) is polarized, no question about that, and I wish it were not that way," he said. "But we've been in a culture war for a long time and it has become more intense in recent years. That's what people are seeing and sensing and feeling. There is so much at stake now."

He sees it as a battle for "the hearts and minds of the nation" between traditional values and liberals who believe in bigger government, abortion rights "and some of the more radical perspectives of the feminist movement."

"The people of the left would say we're extremist," he said. "The truth of the matter is there is a tremendous population out there of people who care about their children, they care about their families, they care about their children's schools, they care about morality."


"They are right now very, very concerned about the intrusion of popular culture into

their families, especially into the lives of their children."

Dobson, a member of the Church of the Nazarene, said his organization exists not to create an empire but for those who are frustrated with the culture's direction. He says it's that, rather than his political clout, that most people stop him on the street to talk about.

"What they typically say is, you helped me raise my kids," he said. "Most of them say you were there when we were going through a really tough time. And some of them cry and some of them hug me. That is the essence of Focus on the Family."

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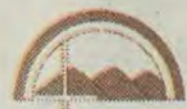
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Christian Appalachian Project Elderly Program seeks to decrease isolation

For many elderly, just seeing a caring face every now and then brightens the day. Some elderly are isolated and have no one to turn to, no one to share the everyday joys of life with. Some are separated from loved ones, with children residing far away. Others have been left by a deceased loved one, only to face each day alone.

At the Christian Appalachian Project, the Elderly Program helps address the needs of the elderly, whether it is a lack of transportation, a lack of family support, or a need of just someone to share life's burdens. The elderly program focuses on decreasing isolation and increasing socialization by conducting regular home visits to participants. Additionally, CAP also conducts senior-friendly outings throughout the year. One example is the annual Memorial Day Elderly picnic.



CAP Corner

eral occasions laughter resulting from Richard's jokes could be heard throughout the valley near where the shelter was.

But the ultimate smile-getter was the senior cakewalk in which everyone took home a cake! Cakewalkers and those walking for those who couldn't all gathered around on brightly colored squares on the floor. When the Appalachian music started, the crowd slowly made its way around and around, until the final cakewalker took home a delicious home-baked German chocolate cake.

The wonderful events of the day, however, would not have been possible without the help of Outreach, Camp Shawnee, and other administrative workers and volunteers who kindly and helpfully transported our seniors.

The Elderly Program picnic is just one of the outings CAP Elderly Program conducts. Other events include Seed Sowers luncheon, fall picnic, Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas dinner just to name a few. If you or someone you love is over age 60 and suffers from loneliness or just needs an occasional errand run now and again, please contact Elderly Program Manager Teresa Gullett at 789-9791. Or you may stop by the office at 6550 US 321 South, Hager Hill, Kentucky 41222.

This year, the picnic was held Tuesday, May 17, at Paintsville Lake. The weather, clear though cool, was perfect for picnicking. The day began with a few bluegrass gospel tunes plucked by entertainers Mart Crum, Jim Horn and Harvey Newsome, who graciously agreed to entertain the crowd of over 60 people. The trio had every foot tapping by the time they left the "stage."

After the entertainment, CAP Chaplain Richard Ginn delivered an upbeat message about living life to the fullest. On sev-

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Kinzer to compete in Show Me 100

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN – Brandon Kinzer Motorsports now has its collective sites set on the prestigious Show Me 100. The Show Me 100, set for West Plains Motor Speedway in West Plains, Mo., is one of the nation's top dirt Late Model races.

Participating Late Models in the Missouri race will be competing for over \$180,000 in posted awards and the winner's share has increased to \$39,000 in 2005. The race will pay \$3,900 to start the feature event.

Brandon Kinzer and race team are famil-

iar are no strangers to big events and chasing large feature race winner's purses.

The Show Me 100 event will again cover three nights over the Memorial Day Weekend (May 26-28). On Thursday, the traditional practice night events will include test and tune time from 7 p.m.-9:30 pm. The popular barbecue dinner with the drivers and crews will follow. The dinner is free to everyone with a pit pass and grandstand spectators are welcome to join for a modest \$5 ticket fee.

On Friday, the late models time trial qualify for heat race positions. The traditional

Manufacturer's Dash will see each of the fastest qualifying driver's of the represented chassis manufacturers compete in a challenging dash for cash. The Lunati Race of Champions will pit all the past event winners in a thrilling star studded event. As a support class, a full unsanctioned modified event will pay \$500 to win.

On Saturday, the Late Models will continue to qualify with their heat races. Last Chance races will follow to complete the field of 24. The Open Wheel Modifieds will run an additional unsanctioned event, paying \$750 to win.



photo courtesy of Brandon Kinzer Motorsports

The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports Late Model race team continues to compete at several leading dirt tracks.

Sandy Valley Conference continues to thrive

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE – Year after year middle school football continues to grow and with the Sandy Valley Conference, Eastern Kentucky youth have some quality competition at home in our area. Ronnie Wells and Dip Stafford have given many countless hours of time in order to witness the tremendous success of the conference. Last week at the Paintsville Recreation Center, most of the schools that make up the conference were represented at the annual kickoff meeting.

In 2005, the conference is expected to consist of teams from Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Perry, Leslie and Breathitt counties. Schools that will field squads in the conference include Adams Middle, South Floyd Middle, Allen Central, Betsy Layne and Allen from Floyd County. Pikeville will be the lone representative from Pike County and Leslie County will also be a participant. Johnson County

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BLHS finalizes '05 football schedule

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Betsy Layne High School has finalized its football schedule for the 2005 season. The Bobcats, winners of four games during the 2004 season, face a challenging slate in the season ahead. During the 2004 campaign, Betsy Layne recorded wins over Jenkins (52-0), Magoffin County (32-12), J.J. Kelly (Va.) (36-28) and Letcher (46-6). The Bobcats suffered losses one season ago to Allen Central, Phelps, Knott County Central, Eminence, Cumberland and Pike County Central. The 2005 schedule will afford the Bobcats more tough tests.

Glen Ripkoski is set to return for another season at the helm of the Bobcat football program.

With games against in-county rivals Allen Central and South Floyd highlighting the 2005 slate, the Bobcats will play a full 10-game schedule.

After beginning the season by playing on the road against Allen Central and Powell County, Betsy Layne will return home for games against Cumberland, Magoffin County,

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Paul Hagans, Paul Robinson and Joe Bolton of the Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation have kept busy hunting wild turkey both near and far.

Floyd County Chapter of NWTF hunts locally, nationally, internationally

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Spring is probably everyone's favorite time of the year and when it comes to the outdoorsman the Wild Turkey is icing on the cake. You can ask anyone who has ever hunted the wild turkey what his favorite big game animal is and without hesitation he or she will said "the wild turkey of course."

The Wild Turkey is the answer to the outdoorsman's dreams. You have been cooped up for about 3 months with the TV and watched the Outdoor Channel reruns a dozen times each and just about gone mad. You are out on the back porch one morning having that first cup of coffee before getting ready for work and back on that point just about 100 yards

away you hear the unmistakable gobble of the Eastern Wild Turkey. Your heart almost stops and you about pass out from the excitement. This may seem like a dream but it is fact. Thanks to the National Wild Turkey Federation, US, State, and local Wildlife agencies the wild turkey is not only in your back yard but can be found in all of the continental US and Hawaii and also in Canada and Mexico.

After the Floyd County Chapter of the NWTF completed it's second annual Youth Wild Turkey hunt for four young outdoorsmen on April 2, and making final arrangements for a Wheelin' Sportsmen turkey hunt on April 23, three members of this chap-

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NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Drivers to Compete at Eldora Speedway



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ROSSBURG, Ohio – Already one of the premier grassroots motorsports venues in the country, Eldora Speedway added to its impressive history Tuesday when it announced the Nextel Prelude to the Dream, set for Wednesday, June 8.

Owned by NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series driver Tony Stewart – the 2002 series champion who pilots the No. 20 Home Depot

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Moss joins Sports Reach Team in Far East Tour



TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – University of Kentucky men's basketball player Ravi Moss has been selected as one of eight Southeastern Conference basketball players to tour the Far East this month as a part of the Sports Reach ministry team's cultural exchange trip. Moss is set to enter his senior season as a member of the UK men's basketball team. The squad is being coached by former UK point guard and current Morehead State coach Kyle Macy and will play professional teams and conduct clinics for young people in the region over a two-week period.

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Top anglers to compete for \$100,000 at All-American Presented by Chevy on the Ohio River

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PADUCAH – The best of the nation's weekend anglers are headed to the Ohio River near Paducah for the 22nd annual Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League All-American presented by Chevy, one of bass fishing's premier championships. The All-American awarded bass fishing's first \$100,000 cash prize in 1984, and competitors in the Boater Division will once again cast for the lucrative prize, which ranks as one of the sport's largest.

Anglers from 24 nationwide BFL divisions competed in five regular-season events in 2004 in the hope of ending the season ranked in the top 30, which would earn them a ticket to one of six no-entry-fee regional championships. These six regionals as well as the Chevy Wild Card determined the 2005 All-American field of 42 boaters and 42 co-anglers. While boaters will compete for a \$100,000 award, competitors in the Co-angler Division will fish for a top award of

\$50,000. A total of 19 states will be represented, with Alabama having the largest contingent with 12 anglers.

According to Wal-Mart FLW Tour pro Dan Morehead of Paducah, this year's All-American has the potential for some big catches. "A lot of what happens will depend on the water fluctuations in the river," Morehead said. "I think there may even be a chance that some fish will still be spawning."

Morehead believes the All-American will likely be won on the Smithland Pool of the Ohio River. "The angler who gets on some fish in one of the backwater creeks will have a good chance, but there are also enough big smallmouths in the fishery to make a difference," he said.

The All-American presented by Chevy begins Wednesday, June 8, with an official practice day, and competition begins Thursday at 7 a.m. with takeoff from the Paducah city ramp in downtown Paducah.

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East Point resident Tee Watkins (left) is currently in second-place in the Wal-Mart FLW Tour Co-Angler Division Standings.

photo by Jeff Schroeder



In a game played earlier this week, catcher Andrew Lafferty helped to lead South Floyd to a win over East Ridge.

Conference

will boast teams from Paintsville Junior High and Johnson County Middle School and Martin County will be represented by Inez and Warfield. Harold Whitaker Middle will be the Magoffin County team in conference play.

Breathitt County's Sebastian Middle School will be the lone rep from Breathitt

County and Morgan County will also participate in 2005.

Perry County will have Perry Central and Hazard in the conference.

Johnson County Middle School has been the dominant team over the past several years with Sebastian Middle finishing last season as runner-up. Adams Middle has tradi-

tionally been the top team from Floyd County. Sixteen teams will suit up in early August for another season of football and it should be a great year for Eastern Kentucky youth sports. With the large number of teams in the conference, the final three weeks are played out as a post season tournament to crown a conference champion.

Eldora

Chevrolet for Joe Gibbs Racing - Eldora will welcome many of Stewart's Nextel Cup brethren for a round of dirt track competition, Late Model style. The unique event is sandwiched between the June 4 World of Outlaws Sprint race and the \$100,000 to win Dirt Late Model Dream, June 10-11.

For some NASCAR drivers, the June 8 Nextel Prelude to the Dream on Eldora's clay surface will be a return to their roots. For others, it could mean their first foray away from the traditional pavement races of NASCAR.

Stewart, a multi-time race winner at the legendary Eldora Speedway, will headline the list of entrants on June 8. Joining Stewart will be Bobby Labonte, Stewart's Joe Gibbs Racing teammate and 2000 Nextel Cup Series champion; Matt Kenseth, the 2003 Nextel Cup Series champion; Kevin Harvick, recent Bristol (Tenn.) race winner and five-time Nextel Cup race victor; Kyle Petty, an eight-time winner in Nextel Cup; a pair of Kennys in Ken Schrader and

Kenny Wallace, who will showcase their collective dirt track experiences at the Nextel Prelude; and finally, Ohio native Dave Blaney, who compiled an impressive Eldora record in winged Sprint Cars before heading South to NASCAR, most notably with two wins in the prestigious \$50,000 to win Kings Royal, six overall World of Outlaw Sprint feature victories and three All Star Circuit of Champions main event triumphs.

"This is going to be a great event," said Stewart. "Eldora has always tried to go above and beyond for its fans, and that's something we plan to continue with this event. Nextel really stepped up in being the title sponsor and has already shown phenomenal commitment in helping us give the local, grassroots fans a special and memorable evening. We'll have some of the best race car drivers in the world competing right here at Eldora. There won't be a better way to spend a Wednesday evening in June." Additional Nextel Cup dri-

vers are being recruited for the Nextel Prelude to the Dream, as well as some top names from within the World of Outlaws.

The busy night will also mark the debut of the Fastrak Champions Series to Eldora. Organized by Stan Lester and based out of Carnesville, GA, Fastrak was designed to offer a cost-conscious alternative to the escalating expenditures of dirt Late Model racing. On the outside, a Fastrak car resembles what has become the accepted form of a standard dirt Late Model, as it features a tube-frame, enclosed cockpit and full fenders. However, the power plant is restricted to one of three General Motors crate engines which are factory-produced and sealed. Cost modifications are not permitted, which maintains a level playing field for all competitors in terms of engine development.

The Nextel Prelude event for Fastrak will be a non-points event, but Lester and his staff have indicated that the legacy of competing at Eldora has prompted immense interest from within the Fastrak membership.

Anglers

The city ramp will also host takeoff Friday at 7 a.m. and Saturday at 6:30 a.m. Anglers will weigh in each day at 3 p.m. at the Expo Center located at 1 Executive Blvd in Paducah. Surrounding the weigh-in is the Family Fun Zone, which opens at noon Friday and Saturday and features games and product displays for fishing fans of all ages to enjoy. Admission is absolutely free.

As part of the festivities, the first 300 children 12 and under accompanied by an adult who attend the Family Fun Zone and weigh-in June 11 will receive a free rod and reel. One lucky spectator attending the final weigh-in June 11 at 3 p.m. will also win a new Ranger 175VS bass boat powered by a 115-horsepower Yamaha outboard. The boat also comes equipped with Garmin electronics, a Minn Kota trolling motor and EverStart batteries.

Official entry forms are available during each day's weigh-in festivities at the Expo Center, and you must be present on June 11 at 3 p.m. to win. No entries for the boat giveaway will be accepted after the final weigh-in has begun.

The entire field competes Thursday and Friday for an accumulated two-day weight, and co-angler competition concludes Friday. The top-10 boaters advance to Saturday's competition, where they will continue fishing with the winner determined by the heaviest three-day weight.

The All-American is one of

the sport's most storied events, and communities hosting the All-American reap the rewards of an estimated \$2 million economic impact. Eighty-four competitors and their families plus spectators, sponsors and staff will eat in Paducah restaurants, stay in local hotels and shop at area stores. Paducah will also benefit from extensive national exposure, including coverage on the "Wal-Mart FLW Outdoors" television show, which is broadcast to 82 million FSN (Fox Sports Net) subscribers. Coverage of the All-American will air July 3 and July 10 at 11 a.m. Eastern time. Additionally, Paducah will receive substantial coverage in FLW Outdoors Magazine and FLWOutdoors.com

"Qualifying for the All-American presented by Chevy is one of bass fishing's greatest accomplishments, so we strive to provide All-American contenders with an ideal tournament location. We're proud to have the Ohio River and Paducah as this year's venue. It's a great fishery and it's just down the road from FLW Outdoors' headquarters in Benton," said Charlie Evans, president and CEO of FLW Outdoors. "Hosting a historic event like the All-American will have a significant impact on Paducah and all of Western Kentucky."

The All-American and its lucrative cash awards present a unique opportunity for anglers looking to launch a professional bass-fishing career.

Former All-American contenders who have become fishing superstars on the Wal-Mart FLW Tour include Kellogg's pro Clark Wendlandt, four-time FLW Tour champion David Fritts and bass-fishing legend Rick Clunn.

Named after the legendary founder of Ranger Boats, Forrest L. Wood, FLW Outdoors administers the Wal-Mart FLW Tour and seven other national tournament circuits offering a combined \$30 million in awards through 214 events in 2005. The 27-year-old organization is the purveyor of America's largest and most prestigious fishing tournaments, including the Wal-Mart FLW Tour, EverStart Series, Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League, Wal-Mart Texas Tournament Trail, Wal-Mart FLW Walleye Tour, Wal-Mart FLW Walleye League, Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Tour and Wal-Mart FLW Redfish Series.

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Moss

Joining Moss on the squad are Lee Humphrey from Florida, Ole Miss' Jeremy Parnell, Mississippi State's Wes Morgan and Jerrell Houston, Alex Gordan and Shan Foster from Vanderbilt and

Alabama's Chuck Davis.

The team earned a 105-65 victory despite a slow start in its first game. Moss finished with five points, four assists and four steals in the contest. The team

earned a 98-63 victory in its second game, and Moss contributed five points, seven assists and seven steals. He also claimed the three-point shooting contest title prior to the game.

NWTF

ter made plans for their own dream hunt.

Paul Hagans, Paul Robinson, and Joe Bolton set out on a quest to do a Grand Slam Wild Turkey hunt with muzzleloader shot guns. The slam consists of the Eastern, Florida, Rio Grande, and the Merriam's turkey. Hagans and Robinson had taken their Florida (Osceola) turkeys in 2004 and only needed the other three and Bolton (who had already take a slam with modern firearms) had some catching up to do with the muzzleloader.

Bolton was off to Florida to get his Osceola turkey and on March 19 he took a nice turkey weighing 19 lbs., 3 oz., with 10 5/16-inch beard and 1 3/16 and 1 5/16 spurs. He also took a rare breaded hen on March 20th weighing 10 lbs., 2 oz. with an eight-inch beard.

With Bolton catching up the three were off to the Cincinnati Airport on April 4 to catch a flight to Bracketville, Texas where they had reservation to hunt Rio Grande Turkeys on the 60,000 acres Boerschig Ranches.

Accommodations were very good at the Boerschig Ranches with an air-conditioned three-bedroom ranch house all to their selves and their gracious host Ron Hoover making sure they were comfortable and showing them around the ranch. Hoover offered to take them to their hunting areas or let them do it on their own. They choose the freedom of going it alone and it made for a very enjoyable hunt. This is a working cattle ranch with lots of green field, cactus, whitetail deer, Black Buck, turkeys, jackrabbits, rattlesnakes, and every plant that grows with a sticker on it. Bolton can tell you all about the stickers, his new name is Cactus Joe. He shouldn't have been out there crawling around anyway with all those snakes.

The first day of the hunt was unsuccessful with no gobbling at all so the hunters did a little more scouting and were on turkeys early the next day (April 6) with Hagans getting a nice Rio just after fly down weighing 21 lbs., 8 oz. with a 9 6/16 beard. The bird had 1 4/16 and 1 2/16 spurs. Hoover said this was the largest bird taken on the ranch.

Robinson was having a slow start with spooking lots of deer and the hens everywhere controlling the gobblers. He moved to a windmill for the afternoon hunt and soon had a nice Rio weighing 20 lbs., 15 oz. with a 9 3/16" beard and 1 2/16 and 1 3/16" spurs. Two hours later he had his second bird weighing 16 lbs., 6 oz. with a 10-inch beard and both spurs 1 2/16. This is it for him. There is a two-bird limit on the ranch.

Bolton isn't having much luck. He just can't seem to get the birds close enough for the shot. When you are using muzzleloaders you have to make sure the birds are close enough and be careful of your shot. You only have one shot. It just wasn't Bolton's time. He spent the next two days crawling around in the 80-degree heat dodging cactus and making a name for himself (Cactus Joe).

On April 9, time was up. They had to be in San Antonio to get a flight to Rapid City, S.D. to hunt Merriam's Turkeys in the Black Hills.

The Black Hills National Forest is some of the most beautiful country you could ever imagine for an outdoor adventure. At between 5000 ft and 6000 ft elevation, where the three were to be hunting, there are evergreen forest, Granite cliffs reaching into the sky, snow in the meadows, and mule deer and elk running all over the place.

The three adventurers went to Custer, S.D. and stayed at the only motel open in the area,

Super 8. This is the off-season for Custer so you pretty well have it to your self except for a few other turkey hunters. After a brief scouting trip through the forest the three settled in for a restless night's sleep before the hunt on April 10.

Around 5 a.m., the group was up and watching the weather channel while they dress. During the night the temperature had dropped from 60 degrees to the upper 20s and was only going to get up to the mid 30s for the high of the day. They put on every thing they could find to stay warm and off to the only service station open in town for a breakfast sandwich. All day was spent calling for turkeys in the high plateaus 6000 ft and setting in the vehicle warming up. They were unable to spend much time out in the woods due to the wind chill being in the upper teens.

The next day promised to have a change in the weather.

Well it did. It got colder.

At noon they left the high country and went scouting for hunting areas at a lower elevation 5000 feet. It seemed a little better with less wind. None of the three hunters had heard the first turkey. Another group of hunters had hunted in the lower area that day and had taken one nice gobbler. They had given up and were heading home to Minnesota but not before they told were they found the turkey. After scouting the new area our hunters decided to give it one more try before calling it quits and going south for the winter.

On April 12, it was up at 5 a.m. and a promise of weather in the 50s the hunters were off to the lower meadows for that one last chance to get their Merriam's Gobbler. In a large meadow that appeared to be a strut zone the three hunters split up with Bolton sitting tight on the strut zone, Hagans headed off to the left, and Robinson off to the right. Robinson crossed a low gap into an isolated meadow and just as he came down off the mountain he got his first gobbler. At 200 yards, the gobbler answered his Paul Hagans Boat Paddle call and he never stopped gobbling and strutting until Robinson quieted him at 30 yards in a puff of black powder smoke at 8:30 a.m. Robinson's smile went back past both ears. What an adventure! That gobbler had nine hens with him and wanted more. He wasn't very big weighing in at 14 lbs., 8 oz. with a four-inch beard but Robinson couldn't have been happier if it had weighed 20 lbs. He said it was one of the most satisfying hunts he had ever had.

At noon, back at the vehicle, Hagans and Bolton came in worn out and whipped. After congratulating Robinson on his good luck they all unloaded their muzzleloaders and headed in to pack for home.

The three hunters were on a plane from Rapid City, S.D. to Cincinnati the next day, April 13 at 1 p.m. with Robinson being the only one totally successful, Hagans with his nice Rio, and Bolton still pulling out the cactus stickers. They all agreed it was a tough hunt but very enjoyable and were talking about the next time. They arrived in Cincinnati at 8 p.m. and were home in Prestonsburg by midnight.

With Kentucky's Eastern Wild Turkey season set to open April 15, Hagans and Robinson make plans to hunt local birds to complete their grand slam while Bolton is of to Mexico to try and complete his world slam with modern firearms.

On April 16, Hagans took a nice gobbler weighing 20 lbs., 3 oz. with a 10 6/16-inch beard and both spurs 14/16. This was the only Eastern take in Magoffin County with a muz-

zleloader in the 2005 spring season. This completes his slam quest for 2005. He will be on the road again next spring trying to get that Merriam's turkey with his old buddies tagging along for moral support.

Robinson took a nice gobbler, in self-defense, on April 17. One call on a mouth call and the gobbler was checking out the size of Robinson's three day old bread in about two minutes. The Old Tom weighed in at 20 lbs., 13 oz., with a 10 6/16-inch beard and 1 2/16 and 1 1/16 spurs. This completed Robinson Quest for the grand slam with a muzzleloader. This was the only bird taken in Floyd Co. in the 2005 spring season with a muzzleloader. Robinson said it was very exciting traveling all over the country to do his slam but the icing on the cake is being able to complete his slam almost in his own back yard.

Meanwhile Bolton is down in Campeche, Mexico after the Ocellated Turkey. This is the bird feathered in the May/June issue of Turkey Call Magazine. Bolton was now out of the cactus and into the jungle. He took his first ocellated turkey on April 20 and a second on April 21. The first weighing in at 10 lbs 4 oz with 1 13/16 and 1 11/16-spurs and the second weighed 11 lbs with 1 6/16 and 1 9/16 spurs. Ocellated turkeys don't have beards and birds weighing over 10 lbs. are exceptional.

Bolton is now of to Zacatecas, Mexico and more cactus to hunt the Gould's turkey to complete his world slam. On April 25, Bolton took his first Gould's tom and on April 27, he took another nice bird. The first bird weighed 21 lbs., 9 oz. with a 9 9/16-inch beard and 12/16 and 12/16 spurs. The second bird weighed 21 lbs., 6 oz. with an 8 13/16-inch beard and 13/16" and 15/16 spurs.

Bolton only needs one Merriam's turkey to have completed two world slams, which is all six wild turkey species. As of May 18, he is in Nebraska on a business trip and a few days trying to get that muzzleloader Merriam's. What he really needs to do is take a little time off to get rid of the cactus stickers.

This is a dream come true for these three hunters and it isn't really all that hard due to the restoration and preservation success story of the wild turkey. They are everywhere and plentiful.

It is up to all of us to continue to work at not only the preservation of the wild turkey but all of our wildlife and improve our environment so that our grandchildren have it as good as if not better than us.

When planning a hunt as these three hunters you must plan months ahead. First try to find someone how has been there and done that.

A good place to start is at your local NWTF Chapter. If any one knows turkeys it is these guys. After you have decided where you want to hunt and have made reservations and applied for licenses in advance (in some states) contact a good travel agent to make you air line reservations. Bolton, Hagans, and Robinson had complete all of their plans by mid February. Enchanted World Travel in Paintsville took care of all travel arrangements with Delta Airlines. Airline security is one of your biggest hurdles. You must declare your firearms immediately on entering the airport. Black powder is forbidden on all flights and must be purchased where you plan to hunt. Regulations are changing every day so you need to keep up and be at the airport at least two hours before flight time. You will need it.



Levi's joins All-American Soap Box Derby

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

AKRON, Ohio - The Levi Strauss Signature brand announced today that it has entered into a sponsorship agreement with the All-American Soap Box Derby (AASBD) to become the title sponsor of the premier youth and family oriented racing program in the United States.



The AASBD's annual event, held since 1934 in Akron involving boys and girls ages 8-17, will be called the All-American Soap Box Derby presented by Levi Strauss Signature.

In addition, the Levi Strauss Signature brand's spokesperson and current NASCAR Nextel Cup Series points leader Jimmie Johnson will serve as the AASBD's national spokesperson.

A NASCAR official youth initiative, the AASBD season runs year-round and is comprised of more than 450 races across the United States and overseas, culminating with the 68th AASBD Championship scheduled for July 30, 2005. Each competitor builds his/her own gravity-powered car from kits purchased from the AASBD, typically with assistance from a parent or other adult.

"We are excited to partner with such a highly-respected name in the Levi Strauss Signature brand," said Jim Huntsman, President of the Board of Trustees, All-American Soap Box Derby. "The Levi Strauss Signature

brand and the All-American Soap Box Derby share the same vision of instilling the importance of family in today's youth. We look forward to working together to reach many more families in communities and cities across the country and expose them to this wonderful youth pastime."

Launched in 2003, the Levi Strauss Signature brand was created exclusively for consumers who shop in the mass channel. In an effort to continue to raise the brand awareness, Levi Strauss Signature jeans entered the world of NASCAR as an official status partner early last year, which also included an official apparel sponsorship with Johnson. The Levi Strauss Signature brand will leverage the association with the AASBD to further strengthen the overall outreach for the brand, targeting both the NASCAR and AASBD fan base.

"We're proud to expand on our already successful partnership with Jimmie Johnson and NASCAR by becoming the title sponsor of the All-American Soap Box Derby," said Scott LaPorta, President and General Manager, Levi Strauss Signature brand. "The Soap Box Derby represents the values that are important to not only the Levi Strauss Signature brand, but also to Jimmie and (his wife) Chandra, as well as NASCAR. This is a wonderful youth initiative and a natural fit for our

target audience, which allows us to interact directly with our primary consumer."

Through its sponsorship, Levi Strauss Signature brand will be represented in national AASBD print and broadcast advertising campaigns in NASCAR media outlets. In addition, they will be featured as the title sponsor in all marketing creative and event signage (grandstand and on-track signage at the championship event), as well as be included in logo packages on all competitors' derby cars and race helmets, and offer apparel at the championship event. Johnson will promote the AASBD throughout the season through participation in the advertising campaigns, personal appearances and public relations initiative.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for me," said Johnson. "I was excited to get involved with the folks from Levi Strauss Signature brand last season, and now this is just taking our relationship to another level. It's a great way to mix three things that are very special to me: family, kids and racing. Levi Strauss Signature brand knows how important my family is to me and how much Chandra and I enjoy working with kids. On top of that, I can also mix in a little racing, which is just a bonus for me."

By nurturing children to become solid community citizens through the teaching of basic construction skills, teamwork, the spirit of competition, perseverance and family values, the AASBD is highly respected by community leaders, educators, racing enthusiasts and beginners alike.

Fedewa gets new crew chief in Busch Series

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - FitzBradshaw Racing announced Thursday that it has hired Mike Greci as crew chief for driver Tim Fedewa and the No. 12 SuperCuts/Hot Tamales Dodge Charger in the NASCAR Busch Series.

Greci comes to FitzBradshaw Racing from Dale Earnhardt Incorporated, where he served as car chief and shock specialist for 2004 Busch Series champion Martin Truex Jr.'s No. 8 Chevrolet team.

"My main priority at this time

is to organize the team and make sure that we are utilizing all of the skills and talents of each crewmember," Greci said. "I want us to move forward and reach our full potential this season."

As FitzBradshaw Racing evolves as a multi-car team, importance was placed on taking the time needed to select a crew chief that could lead the No. 12 team to a higher level of competition.

"We are excited to have a permanent crew chief to guide this team," team owner Armando Fitz said. "I am very

proud of the way this team pulled together with all of the changes occurring so early in the season. We now feel that we have a crew chief in place that will stabilize the team and focus its efforts on the track."

Fedewa is pleased with the switch. "I think Mike will have a positive impact on this team," Fedewa said. "He understands the importance of leadership and the value of teamwork."

"We hope to work together as a team to improve our racing program and earn the finishes that we are capable of."

WKU Men's Basketball adds Kentucky native to roster

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BOWLING GREEN

Western Kentucky University head basketball coach Darrin Horn announced Thursday that Butch Jointer has signed a

National Letter-of-Intent and will enroll in school in the fall. He will have two years of eligibility remaining.

A 6-foot-4, 215-pound guard/forward who originally hails from Nicholasville, Jointer spent the last two seasons at St. Catharine (Ky.) Junior College.

Last season, he was a first-team all-Region VII selection and named first-team all-Tennessee Junior and Community College Athletic Association after averaging 19.5 points and 7.2 rebounds in the league - per game. Jointer shot 55.4 percent overall, including hitting 40.5 percent from three-point range, as he led the Patriots to a 24-8 finish as a sophomore. He averaged 17 points and six rebounds per contest as a freshman in 2003-04 as SCC finished 20-12, going on to pick up first-team all-conference accolades.

Jointer lettered for four seasons at East Jessamine High School, setting the school's all-time records with 1,617 points, 689 rebounds and 185 steals (he also ranks third with 178 assists). The only player in EJHS history to top the squad in scoring and rebounding three consecutive years, he helped lead the Jaguars to 73 victories in his time on the varsity.

As a senior, Jointer was a first-team all-state selection after averaging 21 points and 8.1 rebounds per contest while shooting 49 percent from the floor and 73 percent at the foul line - he added school season records with 91 assists and 83 steals. He helped EJHS to a



24-7 finish as the Jaguars advanced to the championship game of the region tournament, where they fell to the eventual state champion. The 11th Region Player of the Year, Jointer was an all-tournament selection at the region and district championships as well as at Scott County's Toyota Classic and the King of the Bluegrass Tournament, and he also added Most Valuable Player honors at the Surf N' Slam Tournament in San Diego. He averaged 17 points and 7.5 rebounds per outing as a junior, collecting 59 assists and a team-best 57 steals, as the Jaguars recorded a 22-7 finish. That year, Jointer was named to the all-district tournament squad, selected the MVP of the Manchester Classic and was an all-tournament selection at the Clark County Invitational.

As a sophomore, he averaged 16 points and seven rebounds per game, shot 50 percent from the field and was second on the squad with 45 steals.

"Butch has great versatility and is a very physical player," said Horn. "We think he has the potential to help in a lot of different ways because he can play multiple positions on the court."

Horn also announced that Sylvania Watkins, who signed a National Letter-of-Intent in November, will not enroll in school in the fall due to personal reasons.

The Hilltoppers are coming off a 22-9 season in which they advanced to the first round of the NIT after defeating Kent State in the opening round, the school's first post-season victory in 10 years.

Indy 500 hoping Bump Day doesn't become fill day

by MICHAEL MAROT ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS - Gentlemen, start your deal-making.

With a handful of drivers still looking for rides at this year's Indianapolis 500 and plenty of backup cars available, this weekend's toughest challenge may be finding a way to merge the two and create bumping.

"I think that would be good," team owner Greg Beck said. "That's part of what needs to happen. It makes Indy, Indy."

Race organizers are used to the second week's mad dash.

The last two years, they needed cars just to fill the traditional 33-car field. This year, they hope to have enough cars to turn Sunday's final qualifying session from fill day into more of a traditional Bump Day.

Twenty-two cars qualified last Sunday, the first day of time trials, and during the frantic final hour, three drivers were bumped. Alex Barron later requalified, pushing Jaques Lazier and Patrick Carpentier into the group of 11 still waiting to qualify.

But that's not the way bumping used to be done on the 2 1/2-mile oval.

In previous years, cars could only get knocked out when all the starting spots were filled. This year, the format was changed to create more drama. Only 11 spots were to be filled each of the first three qualifying days, with the final session reserved exclusively for bumping. Pole Day was rained out, so the top 22 spots were earned Sunday.

With 11 cars remaining, a full field is likely to start the May 29 race unless there's a crash.

The question is whether there will be any deals. If so,

this weekend's qualifying could become more suspenseful. Some owners may withdraw their previous four-lap averages and requalify, something three drivers did last weekend.

And some in Gasoline Alley believe it's possible.

"I suspect you're going to have at least a couple of cars - two, three, something like that," said Lee Kunzman, team manager for Ron Hemelgarn.

Who will take a shot? Nobody's sure. Discussions aren't expected to heat until teams know what speed it will take to make the field.

Until then, teams such as Beck and Hemelgarn, who haven't qualified, will be working against an abbreviated schedule that was shortened again by Thursday's rainout.

Beck hired 23-year-old Arie Luyendyk Jr., son of the two-time Indy winner, on Wednesday. Luyendyk hopes to join the list of father-son combinations who have started the race.

Kunzman replaced injured rookie Paul Dana, who broke two bones in his back in a crash last Friday, with Jimmy Kite in the No. 91 car. Dana doesn't need surgery, but doctors won't let him drive in the race.

So both teams are scrambling to get their new drivers acquainted with the track and team.

"I call it teething, and any time you have teething, that can be a problem," Kunzman said. "But you've got to do what you've got to do. Sometimes when you get your back up against a wall, you do things quicker and better."

There also are some compelling story lines.

The biggest is the return of Kenny Brack, the 1999 Indy champ who hasn't raced in an Indy car since a crash at Texas in October 2003. Brack spent

three months in the hospital after the crash but is now making a comeback with defending Indy winner Buddy Rice out.

Rice, last year's pole-sitter, injured his back and had a concussion in a crash last week. Doctors later found he had a partially torn ligament in his neck and recommended rest. Speedway medical director Dr. Henry Bock said Rice will be reassessed in about three weeks.

Brack and Carpentier each logged 129 laps in Wednesday's practice. No other drivers did more. Brack also was the fastest nonqualifier Wednesday with a fast lap of 225.774 mph.

"We've got to get in the show," Brack said. "But I think if you start 23rd or 33rd, over 500 miles, it's going to be a very marginal difference."

Two Foyts also will try to extend their family tradition. A.J. Foyt IV, grandson of the four-time winner and the youngest IRL driver at age 20, is trying to make his third Indy start while Larry Foyt hopes to make his second career start on the track that helped make his father famous. Foyt's team also has a third car entered, and if Foyt hired another driver that would give race organizers 34 cars - meaning someone would be bumped.

In the unlikely event both Foyts fail to qualify, it would mark the first time since 1958 the elder A.J. Foyt, Indy's first four-time winner, hasn't started a car as a driver or owner.

IRL founder Tony George also has two nonqualified cars on his fledgling team, Vision Racing. Ed Carpenter, George's stepson, won the 2003 Futaba Freedom 100 at Indy. George's other driver, Jeff Ward, has three top-10 finishes in six career 500 starts. This would be his first Indy start since 2002.

Eastern Kentucky interviews candidate for permanent AD position

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND - Victor Cegles, an associate athletics director at Temple, visited Eastern Kentucky this week to interview for the athletic director's job.

Eastern Kentucky's interim athletic director, Robert "Jake" Bell, said Thursday he will not be a candidate for the permanent job. Bell replaced John Shafer in October 2004, and Bell's contract runs through June 30. Bell served as Georgetown College's athletic director from 1997 to 2000.

Cegles was on Eastern Kentucky's campus Thursday and Friday. He was to visit with coaches, trainers, athletic

administrators, the athletics committee and boosters.

University spokesman Marc Whitt said a decision will be made about Cegles after university President Joanne Glasser receives feedback from those who visit with Cegles. Cegles is the only candidate for the job scheduled to interview, although that could change, Whitt said.

Before taking his current job at Temple, Cegles worked from 1986 through 2002 as an associate athletic director at Arizona State. He also worked five years as an assistant athletic director at Rutgers and has coached at West Virginia Wesleyan and Carnegie Mellon. He is a 1970 graduate of Bucknell.

2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup schedule and standings

- Feb. 20 - Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jeff Gordon)
- Feb. 27 - Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Greg Biffle)
- March 13 - UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas. (Jimmie Johnson)
- March 20 - Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga. (Carl Edwards)
- April 3 - Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kevin Harvick)
- April 10 - Advance Auto Parts 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jeff Gordon)
- April 17 - Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Greg Biffle)
- April 23 - Subway Fresh 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Kurt Busch)
- May 1 - Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jeff Gordon)
- May 7 - Dodge Charger 500, Darlington, S.C. (Greg Biffle)
- May 14 - Chevy American Revolution 400, Richmond, Va. (Kasey Kahne)
- May 29 - Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
- June 5 - MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
- June 12 - Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- June 19 - Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- June 26 - Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
- July 2 - Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- July 10 - Chicagoland 400, Joliet, Ill.
- July 17 - New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
- July 24 - Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- Aug. 7 - Brickyard 400, Indianapolis.
- Aug. 14 - Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
- Aug. 21 - GFS Marketplace 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- Aug. 27 - Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- Sept. 4 - California 500, Fontana, Calif.
- Sept. 10 - Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
- Sept. 18 - Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
- Sept. 25 - MBNA 400, Dover, Del.
- Oct. 2 - UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
- Oct. 9 - Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
- Oct. 15 - UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
- Oct. 23 - Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
- Oct. 30 - Bass Pro Shops MBNA 400, Hampton, Ga.
- Nov. 6 - Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Nov. 13 - Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
- Nov. 20 - Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

- Driver Standings**
1. Jimmie Johnson, 1,562
 2. Greg Biffle, 1,521
 3. Jeff Gordon, 1,438
 4. Elliott Sadler, 1,413
 5. Kurt Busch, 1,407
 6. Tony Stewart, 1,397
 7. Ryan Newman, 1,370
 8. Kevin Harvick, 1,364
 9. Jamie McMurray, 1,351
 10. Mark Martin, 1,344
 11. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1,333
 12. Rusty Wallace, 1,290
 13. Carl Edwards, 1,289
 14. Dale Jarrett, 1,264
 15. Kasey Kahne, 1,261
 16. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,257
 17. Michael Waltrip, 1,235
 18. Jeff Burton, 1,228
 19. Sterling Marlin, 1,168
 20. Joe Nemechek, 1,112

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Smokies to host Baseball Showcase

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Smokies, Double A Affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks, have announced that they will be hosting the 2005 Tennessee Smokies High School Baseball Showcase on July 30, 2005 at Smokies Park (I-40 at Exit 407, Sevierville/Gatlinburg Exit).

Registration will be on Friday, July 29, with a rainout date on Sunday, July 31. The 2005 Tennessee Smokies High School Baseball Showcase will give 2006 and 2007 high school baseball players (and any 2005 graduates that have not signed col-

lege scholarships) the opportunity to showcase their skills ranging from: fielding, hitting, arm strength, running, and game situations.

It will also give professional scouts and college scouts the opportunity to see which players are interested in playing at the next level. The Showcase will be limited to the first 100 players (50 per session), with additional players being accommodated if time allows. The cost is \$100 for the one-day showcase and a spot will be reserved only with a completed registration form and payment. Player recommendations from professional scouts or high school players are preferred.

More than 100 professional scouts and college coaches have been contacted about the 2005 Tennessee Smokies High School Baseball Showcase. Many have already contacted the Smokies office stating that they are planning on attending. The 2005 Tennessee Smokies High School Baseball Showcase will be conducted by a staff of professional scouts and college coaches, including Erik Bakich, Vanderbilt University; Hayne Brant, Brewton-Barker College; D.J. Svilik, New York Yankees; Jack Powell, Pittsburgh Pirates; Stan Teem, Arizona Diamondbacks; Jon Weil, Kansas City Royals; Brian Bridges, Florida Marlins; and Keith Ryman, Pittsburgh Pirates.

Any 2006 or 2007 high school baseball player that is interested in attending should be recommended by their high school coach or call the Tennessee Smokies at 865/286-2300 for more information.



Bruce, Mendes named Union College Athletes of Year



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BARBOURVILLE — Seniors Greg Bruce (Harlan) and Camila Mendes (Campinas, Brazil) have been tabbed as Union College's Male and Female Athletes of the Year, while senior Rodolfo Forti (Campinas, Brazil) received the Danny Drinkard Award, Director of Athletics Darin Wilson announced recently.

The Danny Drinkard Award is given to the student-athlete who not only excels on the field of play but in the classroom and the community as well.

Bruce was a valuable mem-

ber of the Bulldog pitching staff, helping the baseball team to tie a program record for wins in a season with 41. The right-hander posted an 8-1 record and a 0.79 earned-run average. He also had three saves and 33 strikeouts in 34.1 innings of work as he was selected to the Appalachian Athletic Conference All-Conference First Team.

A five-year member of the Bulldogs, Bruce finished his career having set or tied several school records, including appearances in a season (21), appearances in a career (64), relief appearances in a season (21), relief appearances in a career (64), saves in a season (9), saves in a career (15), lowest career ERA (1.72 - 19 ER in 99.1 IP), fewest walks allowed in a career (25 in 99.1 IP) and fewest earned runs allowed in a season (3).

Mendes helped the Lady Bulldog soccer team to a 9-9-1

overall record as she posted 11 goals and four assists. For her effort, Mendes was named the Appalachian Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Player of the Year and a NAIA All-American Honorable Mention.

A four-year member of the Lady Bulldogs, Mendes ended her career with 33 goals, 23 assists and 89 points, ranking her in the Top 10 in all three categories in program history.

Forti played defender for the Bulldog soccer team and had two assists this past season. As much of a hard worker he was on the field, Forti was even more so off the field. A 2004 NAIA Scholar-Athlete All-American, he recently graduated with a double major in business administration and accounting. Forti was also an active member of the student government, Bonner Scholars and was a tutor in Student Support Services.

Lee named new coach at Kentucky Wesleyan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWENSBORO — Todd Lee, the associate head coach at California-Irvine, has been named head coach at NCAA Division II basketball power Kentucky Wesleyan.

Lee, 41, worked at Division I California-Irvine for eight seasons, during which the Anteaters won two regular-season Big West Conference titles and made two appearances in the National Invitation Tournament.

Before his stint at California-Irvine, Lee spent three seasons as an assistant at another Division II power, California State-Bakersfield, helping that school win the 1997 national title. Lee worked under Pat Douglass at both schools.

Lee, a 1986 South Dakota graduate, also spent two seasons as an assistant with Rapid City of the Continental Basketball Association and

worked as an assistant at the University of San Diego and Southwestern (Calif.) College.

Lee replaces Ray Harper, who left Kentucky Wesleyan earlier this month to take the head-coaching job at Oklahoma City University.

Kentucky Wesleyan leads Division II in overall wins, with 1,410. The Panthers, who went 15-12 last season, have won eight national titles, the most recent in 2001.

Indiana recruit dropped from All-Stars after transfer to prep school

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Hoosiers recruit Deonta Vaughn has been dropped from the Indiana All-Stars team after he withdrew from Indianapolis Arlington and enrolled in an Ohio prep school.

The 5-11 Vaughn, who averaged 22.3 points in leading Arlington to a 23-1 season, was removed from the All-Star team because he will not meet a requirement that all players in the series against Kentucky must be "graduating seniors," Patrick Aikman, game director for the sponsoring Indianapolis Star, announced Wednesday.

Vaughn was on track to

graduate from Arlington this spring, but he decided to transfer to Harmony Community School in Cincinnati in an effort to improve his grade-point average and better his chances of meeting academic requirements for entrance into Indiana for 2006-07, Arlington coach Larry Nicks said.

Vaughn will be replaced on the roster by Concord's Shawntes Gary, a 6-2 Western Michigan recruit who averaged 15 points and nine rebounds for the 22-2 Minutemen.

Vaughn said his decision was based on what he needed to do to become eligible to join the IU basketball team.

"It would be an honor to

play (with the All-Stars), but I have to think about my future," Vaughn said. "Sometimes you have to sacrifice some things, and I have to sacrifice this in order to improve myself."

Nicks said Vaughn had all the required subjects at Arlington, but by essentially transferring to the prep school, he can retake some courses and raise his GPA. That, in turn, will reduce the score he needs on a college entrance test to become eligible at IU.

The Indiana All-Stars will play the Kentucky team on June 18 at Bowling Green, and June 25 at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Arkansas State bulks up schedule

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JONESBORO, Ark. — The Arkansas State basketball schedule is not complete yet, but the school has already made plans to play three teams from power conferences next season.

Games at Oklahoma State, Mississippi State and Louisville have already been slated for the 2005-2006 campaign. The meeting with Louisville will take place at a tournament on the Cardinals' home court.

"Those programs have great history and tradition and are very familiar to our fans,"

Arkansas State athletic director Dean Lee said. "Those games will help us from an RPI standpoint tremendously as well. We try to strive for postseason play and that's a big factor in playing them."

The Indians will play at Oklahoma State and at Mississippi State for \$50,000 guarantees with no return game, but the dates and times have yet to be established. An announcement of the complete men's basketball schedule is expected in August.

The tournament at Louisville has a round-robin format and will include three games over three days, Lee said. Richmond, Prairie View

A&M, Louisville and Arkansas State will participate, with each school playing the other. Lee said the tournament is exempt, allowing for two extra games that will not count against NCAA scheduling standards.

In addition, the Indians have already set dates for non-conference matchups against Tennessee-Martin and Ole Miss that take place on the road. Lamar and Georgia Southern will visit Jonesboro. All four games are the final games of home-and-home series.

Last season, the Indians compiled a 16-13 record and finished 7-7 in the Sun Belt Conference.

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Paintsville, South Floyd and Pineville. With the five-game home stretch taking the

Bobcats though the midway point of the season, the team's final three home games will be

played on the road at Haysi, Va., Phelps, and Jenkins, respectively.

Betsy Layne High School

2005 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 19	at Allen Central	7:30 p.m.	Sept. 16	Paintsville	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	at Powell County	7:30 p.m.	Sept. 23	South Floyd	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Cumberland	7:30 p.m.	Sept. 30	Pineville	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Magoffin County	7:30 p.m.	Oct. 7, '05	at Haysi, Va.	7:30 p.m.
			Oct. 14	Open	
			Oct. 21	at Phelps	7:30 p.m.
			Oct. 28	at Jenkins	7:30 p.m.

Horse cloning raises specter of jump-starting longlost champion blood lines

by PAUL ELIAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — After winning the 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, Funny Cide should be making multimillionaires of his owners in stud fees alone.

After all, the colt Smarty Jones was sold for \$39 million shortly after his Derby and Preakness victories last year and now fetches \$100,000 for every offspring he fathers. Similar riches await the owner of this year's Derby winner Giacomo if he can capture the Preakness on Saturday.

Funny Cide, unfortunately, was castrated shortly after birth to improve his temperament, so breeding the gelding is impossible.

There is, however, an intriguing — if still remote — possibility of extending Funny Cide's dead-end bloodline: through cloning.

"Obviously, it was mistake that he was gelded in the first place," said Funny Cide co-owner Jon Constance, an optician in Sacketts Harbor, N.Y. "If there's a way to rectify that mistake, why wouldn't we look into it?"

Constance said he and his nine co-owners, most of them high school buddies who paid a combined \$75,000 for Funny Cide, have received "very preliminary inquiries" into cloning the champion, whose career earnings top \$3 million.

But the Jockey Club, thoroughbred racing's governing body in North America, keeps an extremely tight rein on breeding practices. Only natural breeding methods are allowed and club rules explicitly prohibit not only cloning but artificial insemination of any kind.

"We are trying to ensure the integrity of the breed," said Bob Curran, a spokesman for the Jockey Club, which monitors some 35,000 births a year. The 111-year-old institution is also bent on preserving the sport's competitive traditions.

Since 2001, the Jockey Club has required that horse breeders submit DNA proof that each foal was bred naturally. Such DNA testing could easily uncover a clone, because it would be an exact duplication of a single horse rather than a mixture from two parents.

Last month, Texas A&M University announced that they had created the first cloned horse in the United States. The colt, dubbed Paris Texas, is the world's third successfully cloned horse. Each of those efforts used hundreds of eggs to yield a single foal, since the kinds of techniques researchers developed years ago for other species are still being figured out for horses.

Texas A&M researcher Katrin Hinrichs and colleagues found success by tricking the cloned embryo to begin growing as if it were fertilized. She said she has "a couple" of mares now pregnant with new clones, and that her lab is becoming ever more efficient at the process.

Hinrichs doesn't expect thoroughbred racing to soon embrace cloning, but believes the technology could help solve mysterious fertility problems such as the one that plagues the champion thoroughbred Cigar, who won a record \$9.9 million during his career. Cigar retired to stud in 1997 and should have fetched \$75,000 per foal fathered, but instead shot blanks. His owners had the foresight to take out a \$25 million insurance policy protecting against infertility, but Cigar's bloodline is done.

A few biotechnology companies are already soliciting high-end customers to clone beloved polo ponies, Olympic jumpers and other professional horses not barred from competition because of cloning.

"The thoroughbreds will certainly be the last ones," said Eric Palmer, whose Paris company Cryozotech has had a hand in all three horse clonings, including the birth this year of Pieraz-Cryozotech, a clone of an endurance racer.

"Our business plan does not include them, although I feel that it is worth preserving cells of great champions for the future," Palmer explained in an e-mail interview. "Can anyone say that it is bad to preserve genes that might disappear in the future?"

Palmer said his company has "banked" DNA in freezers from 30 horses.

In San Diego, a small start-up called Geneticas Life Sciences said it will begin to sell horse cloning services next year and expects to charge between \$150,000 and \$200,000 each.

Genetic Savings and Clone, a Sausalito-based company famed for cloning pet cats, tantalized Funny Cide's owners briefly with an offer to clone the gelding for \$100,000, according to Jack Knowlton, a co-owner of the horse. The company declined comment but Knowlton said Funny Cide's owners turned down the offer, citing the racing industry's intransigence on cloning.

"Can you imagine the breeding industry, the blue bloods down there in Kentucky allowing that to happen?" Knowlton said. "No way."

Indeed, prestigious Kentucky breeders say there is no room for cloning — or any other genetic engineering technology — in their business.

"Part of the intrigue, part of what makes horse racing so appealing is the challenge and the art of breeding a better animal," said Dan Rosenberg, president of Three Chimneys Farm in Midway, Ky., which breeds Smarty Jones and a stable of other blue chip runners.

"It will become less appealing if it comes down to which owners and breeders can hire the best scientists," Rosenberg said. "Do we really want races that pit 10 Secretariats against each other?"

On the Net:
http://www.funny-cide.com
http://www.jockeyclub.com
http://www.threechimneys.com/

H.S. SCOREBOARD

FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

THURSDAY'S GAMES

- Clay Co. 11, Knox Central 1 (6 innings)
- Cordia 4, Jenkins 3
- Cumberland 18, Everts 0
- Estill County 5, Harrison County 1
- Letcher 3, Fleming-Neon 1
- Madison Southern 9, Corbin 1
- Perry County Central 27, Buckhorn 3
- Pulaski County 5, East Jessamine 1
- Rockcastle County 3, Danville 0
- Somers 9, Wayne County 0
- South Laurel 3, Middlesboro 2
- South Laurel 6, Middlesboro 0
- Southwestern 3, Madison Central 2
- Tates Creek 5, Montgomery Co. 0
- Whitley County 3, McCreary Central 1

BASEBALL

THURSDAY'S GAMES

- Belfry 11, South Floyd 9
- Buckhorn 8, Owensley County 7
- Cordia 5, Fleming-Neon 3
- Harrison County 4, Hazard 0
- Knott County Central 8, Whitesburg 5
- Leslie Co. 14, Oneida Baptist Institute 1
- Lex. Christian 10, George Rogers Clark 0
- Livingston Cent. 15, Paducah Tilghman 1
- Madison Southern 14, Jackson County 1
- Middlesboro 3, Clay County 1
- North Laurel 7, Barbourville 4
- Perry County Central 9, Pikeville 4
- Raceland 16, West Carter 1
- Rockcastle County 11, South Laurel 8
- Shelby Valley 16, Prestonsburg 7
- Somers 6, Corbin 0
- Southwestern 4, West Jessamine 0
- Whitley County 9, Clay County 3

Prestonsburg 13-14-year-olds fall to Belfry

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After traveling to Belfry and falling to the host Pirates on Monday evening, the Prestonsburg 13-14-year-old team was back at home on Wednesday looking to gain a measure of revenge.

Belfry made the trip from Pond Creek with a different outcome in mind. Belfry pitching held Prestonsburg to only four hits and the Pirate offense put eight runs on the board in an 8-3 win at Archer Park.

The teams were even at 1-1 after two innings and 2-2 after three, but the Pirates would outscore Prestonsburg 6-1 over the final four at-bats to post the 8-3 final score. Austin McKinney led the Prestonsburg attack with two hits in three at-bats, but the rest of the team would combine for only two hits for the remainder of the game.

Seth Setser came up with one of the remaining two hits in the loss and D.J. Ousley found the hole for the other Prestonsburg hit. Prestonsburg traveled to Belfry on Monday and fell to the Pirates by a final of 7-6.

Allen Craynon led the Prestonsburg offense with two hits in the loss. Chris Schoolcraft got the ball on Wednesday and even though he suffered the loss the Prestonsburg pitcher struck out seven Belfry batters.

Choose Healthful Foods

Sunday Comics

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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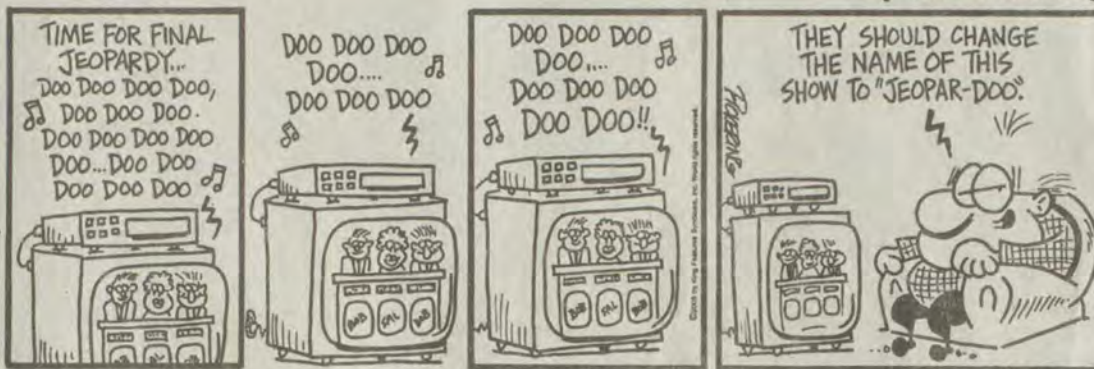
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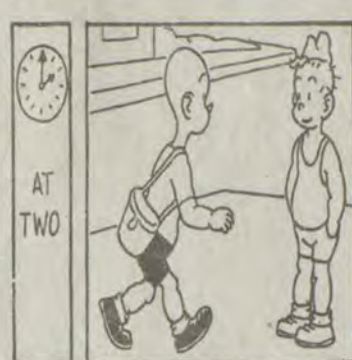
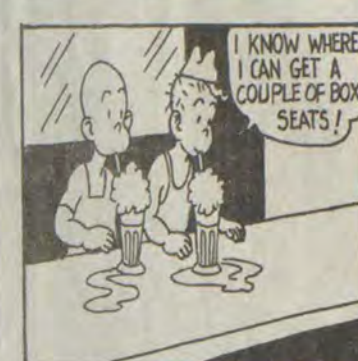
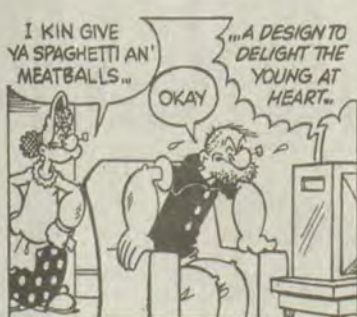
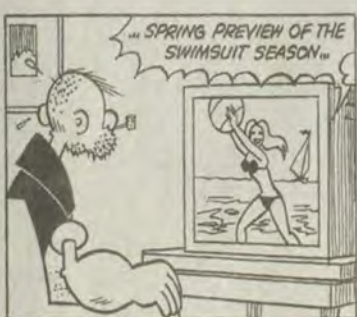
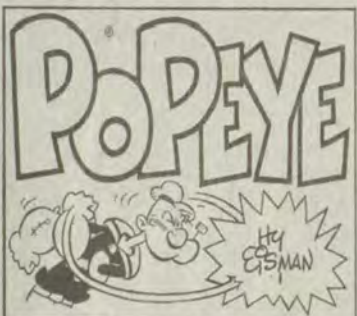
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by Mike Marland



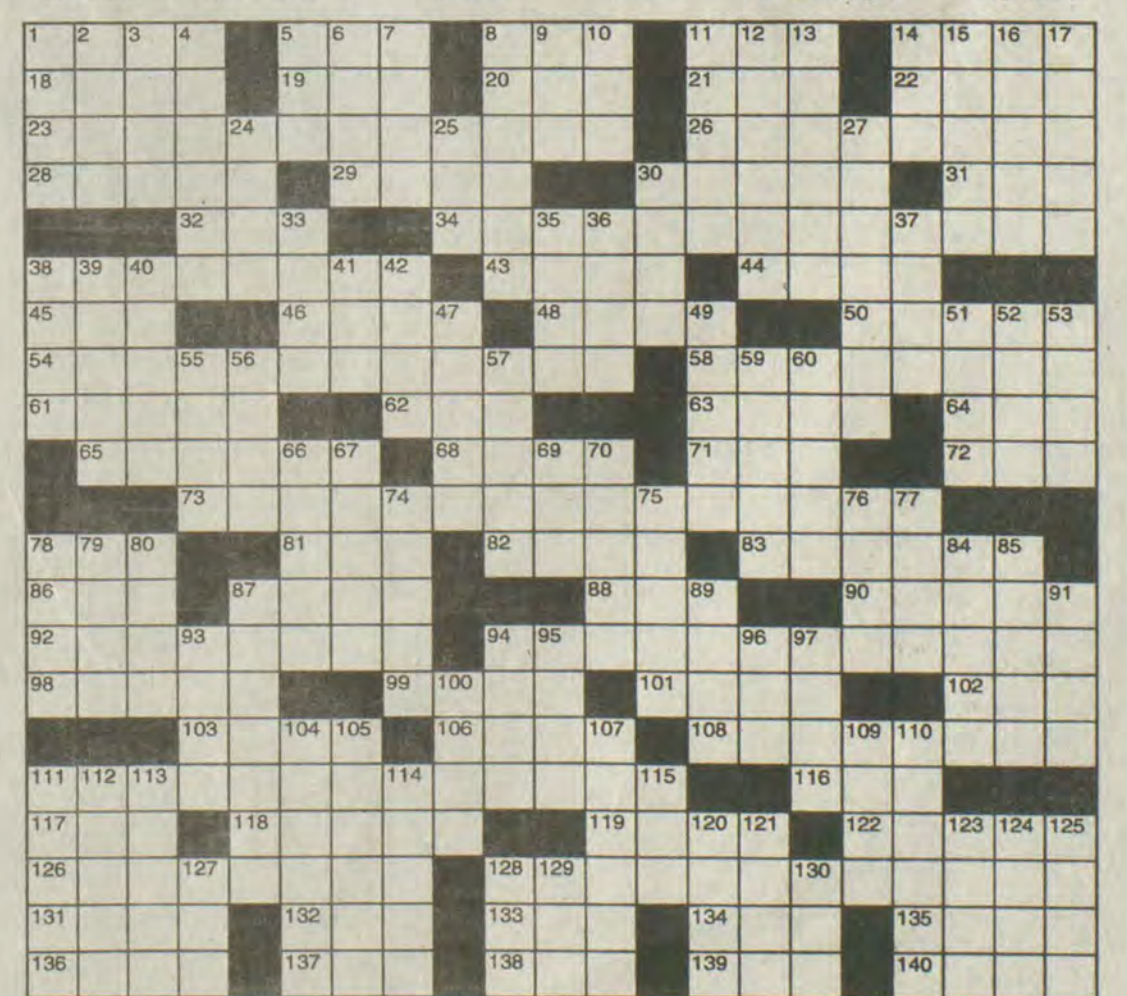
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



SOMETHING'S FISHY Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Strike-breaker
 - 5 Suffix with spat
 - 8 Salon supply
 - 11 Research site
 - 14 Blind as —
 - 18 — Romeo
 - 19 Word with pack or rug
 - 20 Generation
 - 21 Air-quality org.
 - 22 Pedestal part
 - 23 Fishy actress?
 - 26 Dignified
 - 28 "Gay"
 - 29 Jannings or Gilels
 - 30 "Man" ("78 song)
 - 31 — kwon do
 - 32 Quiche ingredient
 - 34 Fishy outlaw?
 - 38 Bucolic
 - 43 James of "Brian's Song"
 - 44 Jacob's twin
 - 45 A mean Amin
 - 46 "Nabucco" number
 - 48 Neighbor of Niger
 - 50 Alcove
 - 54 Fishy film?
 - 58 Future
 - 61 Submarine finder
 - 62 — Tse-tung
 - 63 Lurid Lugosi
 - 64 Chest protector
 - 65 Funt apparatus
 - 68 Supreme leader?
 - 71 Parka part
 - 72 Southern constellation
 - 73 Fishy physician?
 - 78 Use a phaser
 - 81 Letter from Athens
 - 82 "Mein —" ("Cabaret" tune)
 - 83 C&W's Tubb
 - 86 Seville shout
 - 87 Whirl
 - 88 Actor Tognazzi
 - 90 Cairo creed
 - 92 Collegiate sport
 - 94 Fishy TV show?
 - 98 Crooked
 - 99 French couturier
 - 101 Dashboard feature
 - 102 Cpl.'s superior
 - 103 Border on
 - 106 Bucket
 - 108 Photo writer?
 - 111 Fishy squirrel's snack
 - 117 Author LeShan
 - 118 Bell town
 - 119 Pinza or Chaliapin
 - 122 School tool
 - 126 Chunky pasta
 - 128 Fishy novel?
 - 131 Nixon or Johnson
 - 132 "Foucault's Pendulum" author
 - 133 Chicken — king
 - 134 Cow's comment
 - 135 Unusual
 - 136 Common Market currency
 - 137 DC figure
 - 138 Palindromic diarist
 - 139 Woolly one
 - 140 Part of Micronesia
 - 5 Decorative vase
 - 6 Like some excuses
 - 7 Mighty mite
 - 8 Medicinal plant
 - 9 Self-esteem
 - 10 Singer Dickey
 - 11 Paul of "American Graffiti"
 - 12 Cochise or Geronimo
 - 13 Washes
 - 14 Fuss and feathers
 - 15 Swahili, e.g.
 - 16 Dwight's competition
 - 17 Fiddled (with)
 - 24 Desdemona's enemy
 - 25 Loon lips
 - 27 '82 Toto hit
 - 30 Sociable starling
 - 33 Alum
 - 35 Shoestring
 - 36 Bolger/Haley co-star
 - 37 Throw in the towel
 - 38 Prepares cherries
 - 39 — committee
 - 40 Tuscan town
 - 41 Pound sound
 - 42 Neeson or O'Flaherty
 - 47 Video game company
 - 49 Exclude
 - 51 Arm a country
 - 52 It grows on you
 - 53 Napoleonic pasta
 - 55 Sleep in the woods
 - 56 Hurler Hershiser
 - 57 Booze
 - 59 Brink
 - 60 Glue guy
 - 66 Runs around in circles?
 - 67 Grate stuff
 - 69 Vane dir.
 - 70 Emulate Roy Clark
 - 74 Like many bathrooms
 - 75 Coaxed
 - 76 "I'm working —"
 - 77 Nuthatch's home
 - 78 "Nana" author
 - 79 "Oh, woe!"
 - 80 Act like a chicken
 - 84 Winter mess
 - 85 Ballroom dance
 - 87 Lake sight
 - 89 Birdsong of basketball
 - 91 Lauer or LeBlanc
 - 93 Paper quantity
 - 94 Actor Beery
 - 95 Like a desert
 - 96 Solo of "Star Wars"
 - 97 King of comedy
 - 100 — facto
 - 104 Opens
 - 105 Daze
 - 107 Tripoli native
 - 109 Knitting stitch
 - 110 Little mouse?
 - 111 Sock a shuttlecock
 - 112 "Farewell!"
 - 113 Light beer
 - 114 Alliance
 - 115 Put away a pickle
 - 120 Any
 - 121 Chilly powder?
 - 123 Inventive sort?
 - 124 Neutral tone
 - 125 Stink
 - 127 Mil. address
 - 128 Critic's god?
 - 129 President Bush was one
 - 130 "The Gold Bug" author



MAGIC MAZE — HILLS

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- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
- Berkshire
 - Beverly
 - Cheviot
 - Chino
 - Farmington
 - Foot
 - Forest
 - Head for the
 - Hickory
 - Laguna
 - Malvern
 - Mole
 - Old as the Rolling
 - Them thar

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Nose is different. 2. The is different. 3. Picture is moved. 4. Handle is different. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Chair back is lower.

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A3

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- 790 - Travel

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AUTOMOTIVE

130-Cars

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

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

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150-Miscellaneous

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160-Motorcycles

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

180-Trucks

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

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205-Business Oppt.

Looking to start or expand your business, or having trouble getting a loan? We can help! No up front fee, fast & easy approval on all types of loans, call toll-free 866-681-1264

CAREER OPPORTUNITY:

Flowers Baking Company is accepting applications for a distributorship of bakery products (bread route), out of our Prestonsburg distribution center. Sound driving record a must. No experience necessary, training provided to qualified candidates, however. Retail or wholesale experience a plus. Interested individuals may call 1-304-327-3561 or 1-800-327-1630 between 8 am and 5 pm. Mon-Fri to schedule an interview appointment.

210-Job Listing

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Property cleaning/maintenance/repairs on single family foreclosed properties. General construction/ computer knowledge helpful. Email resume to Kyjob@showcompanies.com.

220-Help Wanted

PRODUCT ASSEMBLER: Nationwidesupplier of in-store assembly \$ repair svcs for the retail industry seeks FT employees in the Pikeville area. Must have reliable transpo & be able to use basic hand tools. \$9-\$12/hr. Please e-mail resume or work history to Ben_Morris@nascoservices.com or call 877-832-6473, Option 0, ext. 5883.

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THERESA - 886-3690 or tnanatee5@wmconnect.com, WANDA - 285-9486 or wfconn@bellsouth.net

Prestonsburg Health Care Center is taking applications for certified nursing assistants. We offer good benefits. Apply in person at 147 North Highland Ave. (next to Prestonsburg grade school) or call Elaine or Lynn at 606-886-2378.

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Part-time position. Retired? Have too much time on your hands? This job is for you! Commercial real estate management company is looking for a dependable, conscience, and flexible part time property maintenance individual for the Prestonsburg area. Responsibilities include tenant relations, building repairs, ground maintenance, and contractor interface. Fax resume to: April Beates at 216-921-0342 or call 1-800-888-5663.

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OUTSIDE SALESMAN Mining and industrial supplier in Prestonsburg is seeking to fill position of Outside Sales. Territory is eastern KY. Candidate must be aggressive self starter and able to work with minimal supervision. Must be goal orient-

ed, motivated, and self driven. Prime focus is expansion of product lines within an established customer base as well as generation of new customers. Excellent communication skills, ability to research business opportunities and desire to succeed. Extensive travel required. Good interpersonal skills a must. 3-5 years mining or industrial sales experience required. Computer skills essential. This is an opportunity for the right person to prove their skills and grow with an established company. Company vehicle will be provided, plus expense account. Salary structure will be commission less monthly draw. Benefits package included. Mail resume with salary history to Human Resources, Outside Sales Prestonsburg, PO BOX 58, Huntington, WV 25706 or fax to 304-526-4746. EOE.

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FINANCIAL

350-Miscellaneous

7 PIECE TAMA DRUM SET FOR SALE: Purchased new in January, only used for one month. Been in storage since Feb. Also includes cases for all drums as well as extra cymbals, stands, and electric tuner. For more information call 886-0048.

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470-Health & Beauty

JOB VACANCY

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Minimum Education, Training, and Experience: Any combination equivalent to: High School Diploma, G.E.D. Certificate or demonstrated progress toward obtaining a G.E.D., as required by Kentucky law, 21 years of age and complete all Kentucky Department of Education requirements. Training for Commercial Drivers License (CDL) provided at the Transportation Office with the Floyd County School District.

Benefits and Salary: Full-Time Driver Position: Beginning salary \$12.77 per hour. Full-time drivers work 4 hours per day, 181 days per year. An excellent benefits package is included for this position.

Apply at the Floyd County Schools Central Office, 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653, Human Resources Office. Phone 606-886-2354.

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Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center

has openings for

Safety Officers

Education and Experience Requirements: High School diploma and two years related experience.

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Works with staff, students and local public service officials to ensure safe and healthy environmental condition for the center's training program. Applicants with OSHA and other safety trainings preferred.

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Human Resources Department
 Carl D. Perkins Job Corps
 478 Meadows Branch
 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653
 Fax (606) 886-6073

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 for Employment Services
 138 College Street
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480-Miscellaneous

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490-Recreation

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CAM-Kentucky, LLC/Central Appalachian Mining, LLC

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Appalachian Regional Healthcare
 The Medical Centers of the Mountains

STAFF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST

ARH Hazard, Kentucky

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 general background but with an emphasis on Microbiology. Hours are 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Offered with occasional overtime and shift hours with prior rotation given. The schedule will be 3 days per week, 4 hours per day and does include working every other weekend (Friday and Saturday nights).

Requirements include BS degree in Medical Technology with certification or eligibility (ASCP/CAA).

ARH offers a very competitive salary and an outstanding benefits package including a very low cost single or family plan health insurance, 4 weeks paid vacation and 4 paid weeks per year shift differential, etc. Interviews responses 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 8088, Lexington, KY 40522; FAX: 606-226-2266; e-mail: mhamblin@arh.org

www.arh.org



Appalachian Regional Healthcare
 The Medical Centers of the Mountains

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

The ARH Regional Medical Center
 Hazard, KY

Appalachian Regional Healthcare, a not-for-profit healthcare system serving Kentucky and West Virginia, is accepting resumes for the full-time position of Human Resources Manager for the ARH Regional Medical Center located in Hazard, KY.

Reporting to the Assistant Administrator, this position is responsible for effectively managing all phases of the human resources function for the 300-bed medical center complex, as well as associated clinics and services. Included in the scope of responsibilities are salary and benefit administration, employment, employee development, labor relations, workers compensation and other related employee programs. The key management position will also provide staff assistance in the administration of personnel policies and procedures including providing information, analyses and support in all areas of human resources activities for use by facility administrators and the ARH corporate office.

Requirements include Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with 5 years of experience in human resources management or Associate's degree in Business Administration with a minimum of 12 years of experience in the human resources field. Must have proven excellent written, verbal and personal relationship building skills and demonstrated computer skills. Experience in a unionized environment highly desirable.

Please send detailed resume with cover letter to: Marilyn Hamblin, System Professional Recruiter, Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Inc., PO Box 8088, Lexington, KY 40523; e-mail: mhamblin@arh.org Fax: 606-226-2266 EOE

www.arh.org

REAL ESTATE

505-Business

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510-Comm Property

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530-Homes

HOUSE FOR SALE: 1/2 Acre private site, 1 mile south of Wayland. All brick, 3000 sq. feet, central air/heat, curved stair way. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, large deck, beautiful view, fireplace, inground pool, hardwood floors. \$189,000 serious inquiries only. Call 606-447-2192 or 606-226-1925. Shown by appointment only.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 877-0165 AMENDMENT 4

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that DFM, Inc., P.O. Box 327, Old U.S. 23, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.5 mile north of Gunlock in Magoffin/Floyd County. The amendment operation will add 157.57 acres of surface disturbance and 131.77 acres of highwall/thin seam mining area, making a total area of 1378.73 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.7 mile north from Brushy Fork Road's junction with Ky. Route 7, and located on Molly Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, David L. Francis, John Arnett Heirs, Tony Wireman Heirs, Sandy Shepherd, Marie Whitaker, Ruth Shepherd, Nancy Whitaker, Luther Shepherd, Edgar Fleming, and Kelly Hale Heirs. The highwall/thin seam mining will underlie Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, David L. Francis, John Arnett Heirs, Astro Clay Collins, et al., Rose Collins, and Vonda & James Kerns. The operation will use the area mining and highwall/thin seam methods of mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. This is the final advertisement for this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

authorized company representative will prohibit access to the blasting areas by unauthorized persons at least (10) ten minutes before each detonation. Before each blast is detonated, the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to blast, three (3) long sounds of a siren; immediately before blast, three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be (1) one long blast from a siren. These signals will be audible within one-half mile of the blasting site. Events which could necessitate blasting at unscheduled times include, but are not limited to rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or deteriorated explosives, which involve personnel, operational or public safety. Any major alteration of this blasting schedule will be published. This notice is published pursuant to KAR 405 and the regulations relating thereto. Kentucky Permit Number 898-0722.

The attached sample blasting schedule will be published at least 10 days, but not more than 30 days, prior to the beginning of blasting. The schedule will be published in the Floyd County Times and the Appalachian News Express. The public utilities, residents within 1/2 mile radius of the operation perimeter, DSMRE Pikeville Regional Office, and local governments, will be mailed copies of the blasting schedule.

Public Notice Notice is hereby given that Charles Gibson, 198 Woodland Heights, East Point, Ky. 41216, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to placement and fill. The property is located Woodland Heights, East Point, Ky., 82°47'18.71" 37°43'13.188" approximately four miles from Prestonsburg, on Little Paint Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE PERMIT NUMBER 898-0722 AM. 1

CAM Kentucky, LLC, P.O. Box 901, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, gives notice that blasting operations will be conducted on its coal mine permit of approximately 227.34 surface acres, owned by Ross Harris, Unit Coal Corp., Cliff Blackburn, Sue Ellen Wilkerson, Bobbie Thompson, Martin Collinsworth, Bill Burchett, Ray Taylor, and Denzil Allen.

Said operation is located approximately 1.07 mile south-west from State Route 194's junction with Brushy Fork Road, and located 1.07 mile southwest of the Brushy Fork of Johns Creek, approximately 1.20 mile northeast of McCombs. The latitude is 37°39'59". The longitude is 82°35'48". Detonations of explosives will occur from sunrise to sunset, from January 1, 2005, to December 31, 2005, at which time a new blasting schedule will be advertised. Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An

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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, Shelbiana, 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, Alma Land Company, 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.

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