



# Odds and Ends

■ **GODFREY, Ill.** — James Ross isn't an appliance repairman, a firefighter or a policeman. But he's about to become a prisoner — again.

Ross, 25, has a history of impersonating officials and has been in prison at least four times.

The Illinois Department of Corrections said Ross violated terms of his parole when he was arrested Sunday for posing as an appliance repairman.

He approached two women at an apartment complex and said he was there to check on their washers and dryers, according to police.

In October, Ross was sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to making a false report of murder. He was released in March and put on parole for a year.

Ross also has posed as a Marine, a paramedic, a firefighter, a police officer, a federal agent, an evangelist and a funeral

director trainee, authorities said.

■ **MADISON, Wis.** — Big Bucky's back.

The rare, big and extremely stinky flower that caused a sensation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison when it last bloomed in 2001 could become the world's largest flower when it blooms again next week.

The titan arum stood at 6 feet, 4 inches Thursday in a UW-Madison greenhouse, on pace to rival the world record for cultivated flowers when it blooms and releases its trademark road-kill scent in the coming days.

Botanists hope it will surpass the record of nearly 9 feet set by a titan arum in Germany two years ago.

The university is bracing for thousands of curious visitors hoping to catch a glimpse and even a whiff of the rock star of the botanical world, known as the "corpse flower," native to the

rain forests of Sumatra, Indonesia.

In 2001, Big Bucky's bloom drew some 20,000 visitors who waited in long lines to see the spectacle and caused the university's Web site to crash under an onslaught of visitors seeking live updates. Botanists were disappointed when the bloom fell just three inches short of the world record, which at the time had held since 1932.

■ **SPRINGFIELD, Ill.** — A man who pedaled from California to Chicago along Route 66 to celebrate his 66th birthday says that's just the beginning.

Doug Waterman wants to ride California's Highway 101 on his 101st birthday — in 35 years.

Waterman says the 2,448-mile cross-country ride he completed last month isn't something he'd ever want to do again. But he says it's something he'll always

remember.

The Illinois Route 66 Heritage Foundation thanked Waterman for his ride — saying it's just the type of thing the route needs to bring it back to life.

Waterman says he started the trip to see his brothers in New Mexico and Oklahoma and his son in Springfield. He planned to take a train back to California.

■ **PLEASANT PRAIRIE, Wis.** — An 81-year-old woman who fell into her bathtub was trapped for six days before a concerned neighbor and a police officer rescued her.

The woman was alert when the pair got to her, said the neighbor, Larry Nelson.

"I walked into the bathroom and she said, 'Hi Larry!' I asked if she had heard me rap on the doors, and she said, 'Yes, but what could I do?'"

A newspaper carrier who lives in the neighborhood noticed papers piled up at the woman's home. The Kenosha News carrier, Karen Barker, left a note for a neighbor to check on the woman.

She had been drinking water from the bathtub faucet, police said.

■ **GREENVILLE, N.C.** — Some mistakes really do get carved in stone.

A 7-foot granite slab that for 16 years honored Pitt County's veterans also carried unnoticed errors in the Latin creeds engraved in the stone's burnished surface.

The monument features emblems of the five United States military services — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

But the Latin motto for the Marines, "Semper Fidelis," or "always faithful," appears as "Semper Fider" on the monument. The Coast Guard's "Semper Paratus," which translates to "Always Ready," is inscribed as "Semper Haratus."

The monument placed on Greenville's Town Common was commissioned by the Pitt County Veterans Council and dedicated

on Memorial Day 1989. Retired Army lieutenant colonel Gus Keyes, president of the veterans council, said he had never noticed the misspellings.

The council's records show Clifton & Clifton Monuments of Elizabeth City was hired to inscribe the monolith. Company vice president Kim Elliott said inscriptions are proofread four times during the engraving process.

Fault for the faulty inscriptions lies with "the people who ever gave us the information," she said. "There's just no doubt."

■ **FROSTBURG, Md.** — The scrambled eggs and sausage that Clifton Wiens last had for breakfast will have to hold him until he gets home — 10 days and 200 miles later.

The National Geographic Society researcher and eight companions are hiking from the western Maryland mountains to the nation's capital with only water and a tea bag apiece for sustenance. They expect to shed as much as 15 pounds each by the time they arrive June 9 at the National Geographic headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Wiens, 42, said the charity slog has raised at least \$20,000 for the society's Afghan Girls Fund, which promotes education for girls in Afghanistan.

"This is an extreme event for people who are in extreme situations all the time," he said.

The hikers — five men and four women from the Washington area — range in age from 26 to 42 and set off Tuesday. Most work for National Geographic, although the hike isn't sponsored by the society.

"You might feel poorly the first couple of days but then you end up sort of feeling a lot better after that," said Truly Herbert, 35, who once fasted for 15 days.

■ **LODI, Calif.** — Many dentists have a difficult time performing root canals on scared humans. So it's no surprise that a root canal on a 600-pound Bengal tiger required three dentists, an oral surgeon, a veterinar-

ian — and plenty of courage.

The 15-year-old tiger known as Kubie traveled from an Oregon preservation center to Lodi for the procedure at the Arbor Pet Clinic, which has handled similar operations on other big animals.

Kubie has teeth as long as human fingers and generates about 10,000 pounds of jaw pressure with each bite. That power is especially daunting considering Kubie had a toothache.

So the experts relied on anesthesia and hard-earned skills Saturday to make sure the big cat got the proper care.

"They got everything out. It's better than his normal tooth would have been," said Kubie's handler, Abijah Bauer. "They feel so much better after they get their teeth fixed."

■ **SALEM, Ore.** — Oregon lawmakers have discovered an unexpected source of revenue — medical marijuana.

When Oregon began its medical marijuana program six years ago, officials didn't expect it to grow so fast. Now, there are more than 10,400 registered patients who have produced a surplus of \$1.1 million.

Hungry to balance Oregon's lopsided budget, House legislators voted 49-10 last week to siphon \$900,000 of that money to pay for other Human Services' needs. The bill now moves to the Senate.

Barry Kast, the agency's assistant director for health services, said the department was left with no choice after "three years of cuts, cuts, cuts."

But backers of medical marijuana say that the surplus should be poured back into the program, not Human Services.

"If any of this money came from the general fund, I'd agree that some of it should be transferred back. But the medical marijuana program never cost the taxpayer a dime," said Dr. Rick Bayer, a physician who was the chief petitioner of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act, which passed in 1998.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 5, the 156th day of 2005. There are 209 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** One year ago, on June 5, 2004, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93 after a long twilight struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

On this date:

■ In 1783, Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier publicly demonstrated their hot-air balloon in a ten-minute flight over Annonay, France.

■ In 1794, Congress passed the Neutrality Act, which prohibited Americans from enlisting in the service of a foreign power.

■ In 1917, about 10 million American men began registering for the draft in World War One.

■ In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

■ In 1940, the Battle of France began during World War II.

■ In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as The Marshall Plan.

■ In 1967, war erupted in the Mideast as Israel raided Egyptian military targets. Syria, Jordan and Iraq entered the conflict.

■ In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary. Gunman Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was immediately arrested.

■ In 1975, Egypt reopened the Suez Canal to international shipping, eight years after it was closed because of the 1967 war with Israel.

■ In 1981, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that five homosexuals in Los Angeles had come down with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized

cases of what later became known as AIDS.

**Ten years ago:** Allison, a minimal hurricane, buffeted the Gulf Coast with 75 mph winds, swamping streets and spinning off tornadoes but causing no major damage.

**Five years ago:** President Clinton visited the former Soviet republic of Ukraine, the last stop in his weeklong European tour, where he dispensed \$80 million in American aid to help entomb the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, scene of the world's worst nuclear accident. Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of obstruction of justice under an agreement that dropped murder charges in the stabbing deaths of two men outside a Super Bowl party in Atlanta. (Lewis was sentenced to a year of probation.)

**One year ago:** The U.S.S. Jimmy Carter, the most advanced nuclear submarine in the U.S. Navy, was christened at a shipyard in Groton, Conn., in the presence of the former president and his wife, Rosalynn, who cracked a bottle of champagne against the sail. Smarty Jones lost his Triple Crown bid when 36-to-1 shot Birdstone ran him down near the finish of a thrilling Belmont Stakes.

Anastasia Myskina beat Elena Dementieva 6-1, 6-2 to win the French Open.

### Today's Birthdays:

Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Floyd Butler (Friends of Distinction) is 64. Country singer Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 60. Rock musician Fred Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 59. Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 58. Country singer Gail Davies is 57. Author Ken Follet is 56. Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 53. Jazz musician Kenny G is 49. Rock singer Richard Butler (Psychedelic Furs) is 49. Actor Jeff Garlin is 43. Actress Karen Sillas is 40. Actor Ron Livingston is 38. Singer Brian McKnight is 36. Rock musician Claus Norreen (Aqua) is 35. Actor Mark Wahlberg is 34. Actor Chad Allen is 31. Rock musician P-nut (311) is 31. Actress Liza Weil is 28. Rock musician Seb Lefebvre (Simple Plan) is 24.

### Thought for Today:

"Whatever else history may say about me when I'm gone, I hope it will record that I appealed to your best hopes, not your worst fears; to your confidence rather than your doubts." — Ronald Reagan, 40th president of the United States (1911-2004).

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families and the children who are affected by it."

Karen Engle, executive director of Operation UNITE, described the drug scourge in Eastern Kentucky as one that involves every family, a reason every family should take their own stand against drugs.

"Drug use is something that for many years was considered to be part of an economic factor," Engle said. "People thought it only affected the poor, only certain families. But it's not that way anymore. It affects the poor, the middle class, the rich. Every family is affected by this epidemic. Through my work with UNITE, I don't know many families that have not been affected in some way. Every family that I talk to knows somebody that has been affected by drugs, mine included."

Engle says UNITE started with law enforcement, the "easy part," and that the organization's new challenge is changing the "drug culture" to make people understand that drug use is not an accepted norm of society.

Since its inception, UNITE has made 2,200 criminal arrests, seized eight-and-one-half pounds of methamphetamine, 18,000 pills and a substantial amount of marijuana. They've developed 29 community coalitions, like those in Floyd and Johnson counties, brought in 31 school counselors and inspired concerned citizens and parents to step up and speak out against drugs.

This type of community involvement is what sheriffs in both counties say is desperately needed in order to end the drug abuse problem.

"I think it is vital that we

have community partnership," Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten said. "[Hal] Roger's UNITE program has brought community together all over Eastern Kentucky and that is vital to us in law enforcement."

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, who has worked closely with the Johnson County Sheriff's Department on several occasions, says the joint efforts of law enforcement officials in both counties, combined with community support, are what the region needs to solve the drug problem. Both sheriffs emphasized the need for community input about suspected drug use.

"We need to let the drug dealers know that we don't allow their drugs in neighborhoods," Blackburn said. "And we don't just take their drugs, we seize their money too. We just bought a car with seized drug money."

Engle, accompanied by Lee Weddington, Big Sandy Task Force manager, gave opening remarks Friday at the Johnson County march.

Marchers walked 1.2 miles from the Johnson County Courthouse to the Mayo Plaza, where state Rep. Hubert Collins, Johnson County Judge-Executive Tucker Daniel and Paintsville Mayor Doug Pugh spoke about the battle against the region's drug abuse problem.

The event was followed by a gospel sing, with the Blanton Sisters & Blessed, Hager Hill Trio, Randy and Annie Baldwin, Savannah Cunagin, Richie Batson, and Deep Waters performing.

The rally ended Friday with a candlelight vigil at the Mayo Plaza.

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**Vet**

which it was ruled that he is fully able to stand trial for the incident but only because he is now back on the proper medications that he takes for post-traumatic stress disorder, which he developed after heavy combat in Vietnam.

Dr. Russell H. Williams, who observed Castle at LaGrange for 37 days, reported that Castle had a psychiatric history that went back to his time served in Vietnam. He noted that Castle suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and that he also developed schizophrenia, which is treatable through medication. He observed that Castle was back on his medication when he came for observation and that he was lucid and understood that he is a danger to himself and others when not taking the proper medication which he receives in the mail and was occasionally late in arriving.

The doctor testified that it could take as little as three days without medication for Castle to begin to feel the effects, which would include "delusional thinking."

Judge John D. Caudill set a pretrial conference date for the case on July 29 but told the commonwealth and Ned Pillersdorf, who represents Castle, that they could feel free to work something out before that date.

After the hearing, Turner expressed that his office is willing to look at a strict supervised release for Castle as a possible option.

Pillersdorf has said from the beginning of the case that Castle should not be penalized for being mentally ill and said that there was never any criminal intent associated with Carter's behavior. Justice Center staff also said after the incident occurred that it was never clear what Castle was doing at the center and that he appeared confused when he came into the building.

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photo by Tom Doty

A red pickup stopped in front of the entrance to the Municipal Parking lot, where the Carl B. Perkins Job Corps was hosting an Expo, to let a Camry LE exit, but the pickup made it impossible for the Camry driver to spot the Ford Duster passing on the left to exit onto Court Street. The resulting collision saw one woman treated by emergency personnel while the driver of the Camry, who is recovering from heart surgery, was shaken up by the impact.

**Prison**

Hawaii.

The sealed bid contract awards will tentatively be announced on July 29. The tentative date for placement of those prisoners is Sept. 1, officials said.

"It's hard to have to close a place for any period of time where people work and have worked hard and have done a good job," said Warden Mike Sandburg. "It's nobody's fault and we're doing everything we can do to secure a contract."

Sandburg said employees at the facility are taking the layoff in a professional manner.

"The staff has been as professional as you can ask," he said. "I haven't heard any complaints or moaning and groaning. They've all been very professional. We couldn't ask for more from our staff."

Assistant Warden Jeff Little confirmed Friday that 100 Otter Creek employees have transferred to other CCA facilities. A skeleton crew of 11 will remain at the prison to maintain facility

grounds.

Employees will be able to return to Otter Creek, with the benefits they left with, if a contract is awarded this year.

Without a contract award, the community faces a huge loss.

"It would be a great loss to the community, not just jobs, but the amount of money pumped into the community," Little said.

Wheelwright Mayor David Sammons previously said that closing Otter Creek will be "devastating" for the city.

The city and the county have a verbal agreement (initiated after Otter Creek transformed into a high security prison) in which the prison pays both the city and the county a daily rate of 50 cents for each prisoner.

Sammons estimated that the city will lose approximately \$10,000 a month in revenues from the prison and that Wheelwright businesses will lose a strong customer base after employees walk out the door.

He could not be reached for comment Friday.

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**Appeal**

Six teenagers, ranging in age from 14 to 20, were arrested two days later in Arizona driving the Lillfeldts' van.

Bryant filed an appeal of his 1998 conviction on May 25 in U.S. District Court. He is serving his sentence at the Northeast Correctional Complex in Mountain City.

Judge Thomas Hull, who has already dismissed petitions from some of the other co-defendants, accepted Bryant's appeal, giving

prosecutors 30 days to respond.

Bryant says his rights to due process were violated when he and the other five pleaded guilty to murder, attempted murder, kidnapping and theft in exchange for the state not seeking the death penalty. He says he had nothing to lose by going to trial because he was too young to get the death penalty.

Bryant has exhausted his appeals in the Tennessee state court system.

**Death**

Judge Caudill granted the motion to Howard but noted that, "Your expert will have to conform to the lab's schedule and be available when they are ready."

Howard also asked for a pretrial release for her client unless the commonwealth can

show that there is enough evidence to keep Hunt in jail.

Caudill noted that he will listen to the tapes of the grand jury proceedings in the matter and rule on the issue after he's heard the evidence that was presented at that time.

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Guest view

## Can't have it both ways

Gov. Ernie Fletcher wants the "unvarnished truth" about JOBTROT — the mess his administration has made of merit-system hiring. But his spokesmen insist Attorney General Greg Stumbo shouldn't be allowed to freely inspect the hard drives of executive branch computers.

There's an obvious contradiction here.

On the one hand, the Governor's people ask reasonable questions: Why should an avowed political enemy be allowed to pillage through, say, Deputy Cabinet Secretary Brian Crall's politically sensitive electronic files on Medicaid and education? Why not let a judge decide if something in those files is relevant to potential criminal cases?

But here's a more important question: What if this is a strategy for allowing the statutes of limitations to lapse, while a judge reviews the dispute?

The Attorney General, whether or not he's inconveniently a member of the opposing political party, is the chief legal officer of the commonwealth. It's his job to look at evidence and decide what's relevant. If he does something inappropriate, he can be sanctioned for abuse of process.

Gov. Fletcher should be careful on this point. If he bogs the computer hard-drive issue down in court, so that the opportunity to prosecute wrongdoers is lost, he'll never escape the charge of purposeful delay. It's his call.

The real sanction Dr. Fletcher should fear is voter outrage. He already will have to explain how he knew so little — if, as he says, he was in the dark about what looks like broad-scale intrusion of politics into merit-system hiring. Either he was briefed about what was going on, as suggested by e-mails that already have surfaced, or he failed to set up a system and/or hire the right people to keep himself properly informed. Either way, he doesn't come across as the moral arbiter or efficient administrator he promised to be.

If underlings briefed Gov. Fletcher on tattoos, haircuts and shirttails, why not on protection of the merit system?

Only after an insider blew the whistle did Gov. Fletcher decide to come up with a policy for dealing with the flood of requests from GOP jobseekers — requests he knew were inevitable, after Republicans' three decades as executive-branch outsiders.

The Governor eventually will have to explain himself to voters. And varnish, whenever it is applied, is sticky stuff.

— *The Courier-Journal, Louisville*



## — Rich Lowry Column

### Have House seat, will travel

The argument that "everybody does it" is usually the first refuge of a scoundrel. But in the travel-related ethics case embroiling Republican House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, it is largely true. When it comes to trips funded by private interests, DeLay isn't even a particularly blatant abuser. Throughout the past four years, DeLay has ranked 114th among all representatives in the number of trips taken.

The scandal here isn't DeLay so much as a system designed to get representatives and their spouses free trips to gay Paree and other desirable locations, even as they pretend to labor under a strict ethics regime.

House rules prohibit travel funded by lobbyists. That would be unconscionable. But they permit travel funded by corporations, trade associations and nonprofits, with lobbyists allowed to accompany law-

makers for the trip. The rules prohibit representatives from accepting gifts exceeding \$50. That would be wrong. But they permit unlimited spending on representatives — and their family and staff — if they are on a corporate-funded "educational" trip. Golly. It almost appears as if Congress has created a system with an enormous loophole to satisfy its members' lust for all-expense-paid luxe travel.

Certain locales must be particularly "educational" judging by how often representatives travel to them on someone else's dime. Florida, Arizona, the Caribbean and Italy are apparently all meccas of learning. It's a wonder anyone ever goes to Cambridge,

Mass., to get an education, as opposed to, say, Boca Raton, Fla., or Scottsdale, Ariz. Wives often accompany their congressional hubbies (or vice versa in the case of congresswomen), apparently because it is so important that they too be "educated." Ordinarily, of course, when a couple jets off to somewhere nice, it's called vacation.

This is a rotten system. One of the reasons it exists is that the life of a represen-

tative — running from congressional vote to congressional vote in Washington, and then Rotary Club to Rotary Club at home — is hardly glamorous. Free vacations make it more tolerable, especially for the spouse.

But if a representative can't take a \$51 gift, he or she shouldn't be able to take free \$10,000 trips. What difference does it make if such a jaunt is paid for by a corporation or by one of its lobbyists? The current rules are ripe for abuse, which is why a few Democrats are now in a similar situation as DeLay — the lobbyist Jack Abramoff initially paid for their trips against the rules, although the Democrats, like DeLay, say they didn't know.

Private trips should be prohibited. That doesn't mean representatives have to give up their passports. Travel can be genuinely educational, and worthwhile trips should be publicly funded. The burden of having to justify "taxpayer-funded" trips will be a check against excesses. Travel, then, will probably be to destinations like Darfur instead of Daytona Beach.

If Congress adopts such a reform, something good could come of the otherwise unedifying DeLay kerfuffle. Of course, free-travel-addicted members of Congress and their spouses might never talk to him again.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.



## Guest Column

### Gas pumps and human behavior

by JOHN G. SHIBER, PhD

The recent Times' editorial about gas prices ("Stuck again", 5/11/05) has given me a perfect opportunity to address this important issue.

We import just a little over one half of our oil needs annually, and most of it does not come from Saudi Arabia, as the editorial suggested. About 25 percent is from non-OPEC countries like Canada, Mexico, Norway and the United Kingdom. Canada and Mexico, along with OPEC member Venezuela, each shipped as much oil to us as the Saudis did.

We are the second largest oil producer in the world. According to the 2002 "Sources of United States Oil Supply," in 2000 we produced 353.5 billion barrels, second only to Saudi Arabia, which produced 441.2 billion. The Russian Federation produced 323.3 billion barrels.

Of course, we are way behind Saudi Arabia and all other OPEC members in our identified oil reserves. Undoubtedly, that is why we are establishing a strong military presence in the Middle East, even though our Western Hemisphere neighbors have ample supplies to last us all for a long time.

I don't like our gas prices either, but we pay peanuts compared to other countries in the world, who have far lower per capita income than ours. In 2004 we were paying an average of \$2 per gallon, while Europeans paid over \$5. Koreans, Turks and Croatians were

paying between \$4 and \$5. Arab countries like Syria, Egypt and Lebanon, were also paying more than we. Now prices are even higher for everyone.

There are solutions to the problem of energy prices, but the oil companies don't like them, and they have unbelievable clout in Washington. Pulling oil out of the pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is no answer. That would provide only 7-to-24 months worth of oil with our current pattern of consumption. Hardly worth the trouble!

Were our government to subsidize and give tax breaks to alternative energy sources the way it does for the oil industry that doesn't need them, our energy problems would likely be solved by now.

The hydrogen fuel cell (hybrid) car the Times referred to is now being manufactured on a small scale, but even more economical is the vehicle that uses electricity and gas for fuel. It is twice as effective as internal combustion engines, even the hybrid. In addition, the e-car is very low maintenance, has no moving parts, and creates little to no air pollution.

There are numerous alternatives we can explore, but the root solution for us Americans is to first change our collective attitude about our natural resources. We must wake up and stop behaving as if we are the only people on the planet who need (and deserve) them. We constitute only 4.6 percent of the world population, yet we use up nearly a quarter of the world's fossil fuel, which I must emphasize is not renewable. (When it's gone, friend, it's gone forever.) On the other hand, a country like India, with four times our population, uses only about 3 percent!

We must improve our energy efficiency, that's all there is to it. With

respect to vehicle use, we can voluntarily reduce our maximum driving speed to 55 mph, which former President Carter had put in place during the 1980s. Experts had determined that 55mph is most economical speed for all vehicles (trucks included!), yet, as oil becomes less and less abundant, we are back to 65 and even 75mph! It just doesn't make sense.

We don't have to drive that fast, though. Furthermore, we could call upon manufacturers to reduce the maximum speed capability of cars to, say, 75 mph. Have you ever thought about how crazy (and dangerous) it is for our cars to be able to go 120 mph when none of our highways allow it?

We can stop buying SUVs, Hummers, and other luxury gas guzzlers. Four-cylinder cars are very fuel efficient. Most of them get up to 40 mpg on the highway and are nowadays just as comfortable as any six- or eight-cylinder vehicle.

Slowing our pace of living a bit would save energy as well as piece of mind! Combine short trips, prevent unnecessary ones, and car-pool now and then. Use public transportation, if available. All such measures of energy efficiency will help prolong our fossil fuel supply.

Unless we take personal responsibility for and change our behavior about how we use our non-renewable, finite fossil fuel and push for legislation to research and implement alternative energy sources, we will always be 'stuck', and one day it will be for good.

Dr. Shiber is Professor of Human Ecology at the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community & Technical College and author of over 30 scientific papers published worldwide.

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# America's stem-cell standoff involves complex moral problems

by RICHARD N. OSTLING  
AP RELIGION

At first glance, the nation's emotional debate over stem-cell research seems a mere rerun of the unending dispute over abortion. Both involve the questions about protecting the development of human life, after all.

But there are important moral and religious distinctions between the two issues, and some groups that oppose abortion are not offended by stem-cell experiments — even though they necessarily destroy human embryos.

Yale University ethicist Gene Outka frames the issue partly as one of urgency — saying that abortion involves a pressing conflict between a pregnant woman and a fetus, whereas limits on stem-cell research merely affect patients who in theory might reap medical benefits at some future time.

He also notes that extraction of stem cells can be considered

less morally difficult because it destroys embryos at the very earliest stage, while abortion terminates fetuses that are more developed. But some find destruction of even tiny embryos troublesome because, as Outka puts it, "the requisite genetic information renders them unique ... begin at this stage."

In the religious world, thinking is varied and sometimes surprising.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for example, is neutral on the subject though it opposes abortion as unjustified killing except possibly in cases of incest, rape or serious peril to the mother.

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations favors research if it involves frozen embryos that are left over from test-tube baby treatments. And in Islam, many jurists accept work with embryos to seek medical therapies, says Ebrahim Moosa of Duke University.

As with those Muslim

thinkers, many believe that the most compelling moral argument for using embryos is that treatments using the highly adaptable stem cells could someday combat dread diseases, even though success is no certainty.

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice advocates full access to abortion on behalf of mainline Protestants, Conservative and Reform Jews, Unitarians and others. The coalition believes the medical potential justifies research that employs the test-tube leftovers or aborted fetuses.

Yet even the position of that group's president, the Rev. Carlton Veazey, is nuanced. He's concerned about programs that create cloned human embryos in order to destroy them and acquire stem cells, which many in coalition churches find morally problematic. "Should we get into the business of creating and harvesting? I don't think so," he says.

Meanwhile, the California

Council of Churches supports a \$3 billion state program that involves stem cell harvesting through destruction of cloned embryos.

On the opposite side of the religious spectrum, the Roman Catholic Church teaches that "the life of every human being is to be respected" once a sperm and egg unite and it vehemently opposes destroying embryos, whether through abortion or for research. Eastern Orthodox and evangelical Protestant leaders generally agree.

President Bush's policy on embryonic stem cell research has been to limit federal funding to research using already existing stem cell lines because that avoids destruction of further embryos. The president has vowed to veto a bill before Congress that would provide funding for research using embryos left over from fertility

treatments. (There are no legal limits on research funded by states or private sources.)

Outka, a lay Lutheran who chaired two years of Yale faculty discussions on the problem, disagrees with lay Methodist Bush. He concludes that destruction of these leftover embryos is "morally tolerable" on the "nothing is lost" argument: They're doomed to die or be discarded anyway.

But that's as far as he'll go. Outka argues in the anthology "God and the Embryo" (Georgetown University Press) that, in advocating the possible benefits of an outcome, you cannot ignore the means used to achieve it. Moral opponents of the Hiroshima bombing use the same argument.

Ethicists also worry that stem-cell work is laying scientific ground for production of cloned human babies —

though research proponents emphasize the distinction between such "reproductive cloning" and research on cloned human embryos that are then destroyed.

A related argument for those who believe embryo destruction is immoral is that the government should instead foster promising work with stem cells from placentas, umbilical cords and adult tissues. Last month, the President's Council on Bioethics issued a 99-page white paper on the biology and morality of four new techniques that might produce stem cells without destroying embryos.

The council's 18 members differed in their assessments but agreed that these proposals "and others like them" that could sidestep the embryo problem altogether "deserve the nation's careful and serious consideration."

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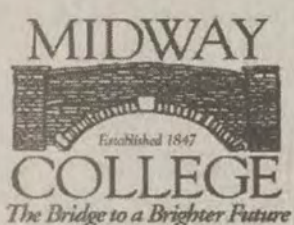
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## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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**J.W. Hall Lodge, 950, F&AM Plans Master Mason degree**  
J.W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, Martin, will be raising John Allen to the degree of Master Mason on Saturday, June 11, at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served, and all Master Masons are urged to attend. Our regular meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

**Martin Redevelopment project follow-up meet is scheduled**  
The Martin Redevelopment Project follow-up meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2005 at the Martin Community Center from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Several members of the Corps of Engineers will host discussion about the project. Booths will be set up for the purpose of addressing individual issues, concerns, and/or questions about the project. This meeting is open to the public, any and all folks whom would like to attend are certainly welcome. This is an excellent opportunity to obtain an update on the project and have any questions addressed on a one-on-one basis.

**Testing Date/Horse Show**  
Mountain Christian Academy, a non-denominational Christian school will be giving entrance exams Tuesday, June 7th for anyone interested in enrolling for the first time. Testing times are as follows:  
9:00 a.m., 2nd thru 8th grade;  
1:00 p.m., Kindergarten thru 1st grade.  
Testing fee: \$15.  
For more information, please call 285-5141 or 285-5142.  
MCA's 10th annual Horse Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 11; 5 p.m., at Archer Park.

**Support 'Alex's Lemonade Stand'**  
Patronize the booth at the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart, on Sunday, June 12, from 1-6 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to "Alex's Lemonade Stand Fund," in support of pediatric cancer research. Kelsi Tackett, a 3rd grade student at Betsy Layne Elementary and the daughter of David Tackett, Community Trust Bank, and Rhonda Tackett, a teacher at Betsy Layne Elementary School, is organizing the event.

**Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club**  
The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club's next meeting, to be held June 13, at 6 p.m., meeting location has been moved to the old Floyd County Annex building (behind the old court house). The Club meets the 2nd Monday of every month. More information: call Charlotte George, 874-4455.

**(KODA) to host meeting at Mountain Arts Center**  
The Kentucky Donor Affiliates (KODA) will host a meeting on June 16, at the Mountain Arts Center for organ donor recipients and all individuals who are currently on an organ transplant list. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Don Willis at (606) 886-2552.

**Floyd County Coalition of UNITE to meet**  
The Floyd County Coalition of UNITE will meet Monday, June 13, at the Allen First Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Extension Council meeting**  
The next meeting of the Floyd County Extension Council will be held at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 13, at the Extension Office located at 921 South Lake Drive. The Extension Council meeting will be immediately followed by the Extension District Board meeting at same location.

**Lindsey Wilson College to hold open registration**  
Lindsey Wilson College Extended Programs, located on the BSCTC campus, will be holding open registration for new students from now through-out August. Earn a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services or a Masters with a specialization in Mental Health Counseling. Contact Shelia Wallen at 606-454-8834 or [walleens@lindsey.edu](mailto:walleens@lindsey.edu) for further details.

**Floyd County area Veteran's History Book to be published**  
All Floyd County families are invited to submit information and biographies of their veteran family members. Deadline for submitting information is July 15. For more info., write to: Kentucky Veteran's Book Committee, c/o NavaJo Austin, 7914 KY 114, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

**Free Children's Drama Workshop**  
A free children's music and drama workshop will be conducted on the BSCTC-Prestonsburg campus, for children age 8-12, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3-5 p.m., beginning June 28. The workshop will be conducted by Laura Ford Hall and will culminate in a public performance on August 2.

**Family reunion**  
The Shelton-McSurley reunion will be held Saturday, June 11,

beginning at 9 a.m. The reunion will be held at the Minnie Ballpark. For more information, concerning the reunion, contact Pat Shelton at 1-859-873-7682.

**Pratt Family Reunion**  
To be held June 11, at Old Maytown School Lunchroom. Room reserved for all day - come early, stay late. Potluck dinner to be served at 1 p.m. Bring musical instruments, photos, etc. Access to playground, horseshoes, and volleyball. Also, attendees may use the center's gym from 2-4 p.m. For more info., call Loretta P. Hackworth at 886-3928; Julia P. Jones at 285-3179; Jimmy Pratt at 358-4083 or Elbert Pratt at 358-2315.

**Donations needed**  
For upkeep of Newman Cemetery, located near United Baptist Church. Donations may be mailed to: Jeffrey Lynn Hall Curry, P.O. Box 232, Hi Hat, 41636. Make checks payable to Newman Cemetery.

**HRMC Community Calendar**  
June 6 & 7 - "55 Alive," Meeting Place A & B, Medical Office Bldg., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
June 11 - Child Birth classes, Meeting Place A & B, Medical Office Bldg., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
June 14 - Sr. Advantage, Meeting Place A & B, Medical Office Bldg., 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
June 30 - Living Well with Diabetes Support Group, Meeting Place A & B, Medical Office Bldg., 5-6 p.m.  
For more info., contact the Highlands Educational Services Dept. at 886-7424.

**Joy Service -Christ United Methodist, Allen**  
June 5 - Special singing by Billie Lafferty and Betty Patton, 6 p.m.  
June 13-17 - Vacation Bible School, 6-8 p.m. "Circle G Ranch" with "Kick-Off Cow-Poke Cook-Out" on June 12, at 6 p.m.  
June 19 - Special singing by the Christ United Methodist Chancel Choir, 6 p.m.  
June 26 - Special singing by Morgan Chapman, 6 p.m.

**PHS class of '95**  
It's been 10 years! The PHS class of 1995 is planning a reunion. If you are a classmate, or know a classmate's whereabouts, email to: [angelapoter1995@yahoo.com](mailto:angelapoter1995@yahoo.com)

**PHS Class of '84**  
The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1984 is seeking members of the class for a 20/21st year reunion, scheduled to be held this coming July. If you are, or if you know of, a former classmate, please email to: [phs\\_class\\_of\\_1984@yahoo.com](mailto:phs_class_of_1984@yahoo.com), or call 606-638-3941.

**Neighborhood Watch**  
The Mud Creek Neighborhood

Watch group will meet the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend meetings.

**BLHS High School Reunion**  
Classes of the 1930's, 1940's, 1950's and 1960's. To be held Saturday, June 25. For info., call Joe Hinchman at 874-2821 or Marvin Williamson at 478-3310.

**BLHS Class of 1955**  
Reunion to be held on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25. For information, call Marvin Williamson at 478-3310 or Gene Davis at 874-2873.

**JCHS Class of '75**  
The Johnson Central High School Class of 1975 will hold a 30-year class reunion on June 11. For more information, contact Marsha Cantrell at 789-2080 or Kathy Trimble at 297-3202.

**Attention: BLHS Class of '85**  
It's been 20 years! Reunion is being planned. If you are a classmate, or if you know of a classmate's whereabouts, please email addresses to Debbie Hall Parsons or Gwen Cecil at: [dochallparsons@charter.net](mailto:dochallparsons@charter.net)

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

**'Earn While You Learn'**  
The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program."

You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

**Age 55 or older?**  
If so, and you are also unemployed, and would like to make money while being trained in skills that will help you gain employment, or become re-employed, contact Bill Little, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Big Sandy Area Development District, at 886-2374. "Area Employers are Looking for Dependable Workers like YOU!"

**External Diploma Program**  
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GED classes are also available.

**Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings**  
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.  
Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.  
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.  
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

**"Looking For a Support Group?"**

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

**Alzheimer's Association, Eastern KY Regional Office** - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

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

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

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

**Community Weight Loss Support Group** - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being

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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.*

The story is told—here, for the first time—of the fair, young thing who was reprimanded by the lake patrol for racing a boat on Dewey Lake and who gave this excuse: "But sir, there was a man chasing me on water skis."

If ever it was cooler in June than this, it was before I began wearing short sleeves.

### FLOYD'S OWN "FLYING CAT"

Floyd County against the world! —and it will not be outdone!

Now we have a "flying cat" of our own. It may be seen at Garth (second house up Garth hollow), and is owned by a Sexton family. Approximately 200 persons viewed the winged feline Wednesday, and the parade of visitors became so irksome that the owner is charging a dime a look.

Thao Frazier, of Martin, was one of those who saw the cat, and he declares it has all the equipment belonging to that cat that drew so much publicity, a week or so ago. The "wings," he said, have the appearance of a chicken wings folded.

Asked how much he would take for the animal, its young owner said, "ten hundred dollars."

### WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Water ski-ing, speed-boating and general skylarking at Dewey Lake has become so popular that if you want to be a nonconformist, just go fishing. S'help me if I didn't hear a girl on one of those boats yell to somebody, the other afternoon as they passed me: "Look!—there's a man fishing!"

### BOY'S STORY

This has all the earmark's of a "sob story," but it has about it something that perhaps more of us parents should read and ponder. It's from Chicago, and it reads:

"I've reached the end of my rope. I'm sick and there is no obvious cure. God forgive me."

So wrote David Meeker, 17, a high school senior, found shot to death Wednesday, in the home of

(See THIS TOWN, page nine)



Norman Allen



Kentucky Opry singers Ashley Hall, Ron Vanover, Kristin Clutts, Tony Whited and Misty Daniels performed a gospel medley at the PRIDE Envi Awards ceremony. In the background are band members Dave Kazee, Wayne Bishop, Angie Carriere, Kory Caudill, James Whited and Dwayne Bengé. (Band member Roger Coleman is not shown.)

## Kentucky Opry's working on a brand new summer show

### Cast delighted audience at PRIDE Envi Awards

Kentucky Opry rehearsals for this summer's show are well underway at the Mountain Arts Center! Singers are tuning-up their voices...instrumentalists are re-stringing banjos, fiddles and the like...getting ready to strum their way into your heart!

If you're looking for an exciting evening of family entertainment, then you needn't look any further than your own backyard.

Kentucky Opry regular performances at the Mountain Arts Center, present a sizzling variety of country, bluegrass, oldies but goodies, and gospel favorites. You'll not only be mesmerized by the vocal and instrumental skills of Kentucky Opry's multi-talented performers - you'll split your sides laughing at the antics of Munroe, the Opry's comedian/singer/wanna-be country music star. Munroe is guaranteed to have new chucklers of his knee slapping humor...and he'll no doubt be needing Keith, the Emcee, about giving him his own share of the spotlight. The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros and the Little Fiddlers will also open each exciting show!

The Mountain Arts Center will be a "beehive of activity" all summer with a variety of shows - each weekend will be filled with exciting things to see! Don't miss your opportunity for the best seats -



Kentucky Opry cast members have been hard at work rehearsing for several weeks now in preparation for the upcoming summer season of shows. Reserve your tickets now because this is a season you won't want to miss!

reserve them now - and don't forget this is a great place to bring your 'extra' summer company if you live nearby.

Earlier this year, Kentucky Opry cast members were the musical guests of the 2005 PRIDE Envi Awards ceremony. The awards event was held May 16, at The Center for Rural Development, in Somerset. The show will be broadcast Monday, June 20, at 7 p.m., on WYMT-TV and again, on June 28, at 9 p.m., on KET.

Richard Thomas, PRIDE executive director, said, "As always, the Kentucky Opry was a crowd pleaser during the show. The goal of the Envi Awards ceremony is to reward the students and volunteers who have worked with PRIDE to make a difference in their communities. The live performance by the Opry was a real treat for the audience."

"When the Envi Awards show is on TV, the Kentucky Opry helps attract viewers," Thomas continued. "That

means wider recognition for the award nominees. For the KET broadcast, it also means more people across the state will hear about the good things happening in our region. That's important for our economic development and tourism promotion efforts. I'm sure some folks who see Envi Award on TV later visit Prestonsburg to catch the Opry's live show at the Mountain Arts Center."

The Kentucky Opry cast performed country, bluegrass, gospel and pop songs during the Envi Awards ceremony. Pianist Kory Caudill was featured during a dramatic rendition of "How Great Thou Art." Angie Carriere took the lead on "Boil Them Cabbage Down" to accompany the Rhythm Express Cloggers, who are 4-8th grade students from Owsley County Elementary School.

"Munroe," the Kentucky Opry's

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### MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

## 'The Killer Must Kill Again'

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

In Italy, the horror boom happened in the early 1970s and was on its way out when director Luigi Cozzi (often billed as Lewis Coates) crafted this thriller which depicts the trials of a serial killer who is blackmailed into murdering the wife of a smarmy adulterer.



Tom Doty  
Staff Writer

The story begins when a guy named Mainardi, who is sponging off his rich wife, Norma, gets caught in a lie when one of his girlfriends calls his home and spills the beans on the affair to Mrs. Mainardi. Norma confronts her husband about the caller and threatens to take his name off their bank account. He reacts by whining about his needs and storming out of their house.

While trying to figure out his next move, Mainardi spies a killer dumping the body of his latest victim into a river. He tricks the killer into lending him his lighter and abruptly blackmails the assassin into killing his wife.

The killer takes the job, plus a cash reward, and proceeds to do the deed. Mainardi plants himself at a party so he can be seen by witnesses while the killer strikes. The assassin, who is never given a name, stashes the wife's corpse in the trunk of his car and goes back inside the house to wipe away the fingerprints he left on a glass. While in the home a rambunctious couple (funnily enough called Luca and Laura for you "General Hospital" fans), steal the car for a joyride and we're off to the races as the killer must track them down, retrieve the corpse and take care of any witnesses.

He tracks the couple to a beach house but arrives too late. By the time he gets there, Luca has left to pick up food but that mission goes awry when he stops to help a buxom motorist who promptly seduces him (which doesn't take much effort). This leaves young Laura alone with the killer, who decides to tie her up and wait for Luca to return with the car.

Luca does head back eventually but he brings his new squeeze, who waits outside while Luca enters the beach house to try and talk Laura into a menage a trois. This guy is a class act, folks. Meanwhile Luca's latest conquest notices that the trunk of the car is ajar and peeks in just as the killer strolls up behind her.

(See LAGOON, page nine)

# The greatest compliment

by THOMAS D. PHILLIPS  
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE VETERAN'S SOUL"

My small unit was one of the very first to arrive in Sarajevo after the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords. A day or two after our arrival, I began making the rounds, visiting other units in and around the city.

One of the American communications outfits I went to see had set up in an old Ottoman fort high on a mountaintop overlooking the city. The road to the fort was along a mountain path, barely passable in our Humvee. At one point, the road squeezed between a sheer vertical drop on the left and a small village on the right. Absolutely

pressed against the road, the tiny community was wedged into a minuscule space between the path and the wall of the mountain.

I was riding in the front side passenger seat of the Humvee with my arm out of the window. In the arcane reasoning of the military, because we were part of an international force, the national flag emblem was affixed on the right shoulder of our BDUs (not on the left, as was normally the case). Thus, the American flag was showing on the sleeve that was nearer to the open window.

In the United States, there were — and still are — many mixed emotions about the mission in Bosnia. Some were shared by the troops who were sent there. But whatever our feelings, it became

immediately clear that the people who appreciated us most were the very old and the very young. Our presence allowed the old people to live their lives in dignity, and the young to play in the sunshine, and both groups were always grateful.

As our vehicle inched through the village, two elderly Muslim gentlemen were drinking tea at a small table set right next to the road. We were so close that as we inched by, one of them reached out and touched the flag on my arm and said something to me in very passable English.

I smiled at him, and for the rest of the drive wondered at his words. When I returned to my quarters, I asked about the significance of the expression the old gentleman had spoken. It turned out that he had used an ancient phrase — words with meaning so deep that in his culture they were reserved for use only to express the most profound appreciation.

What the old man said when he touched the American flag was "We will love you for a thousand years."





# Jim Davidson

## Why some people may disagree with you

Several weeks ago I acquired some knowledge that has been very helpful to me. For what it's worth, I would like to share the essence with you, in the hope that you may benefit as well. If you have ever wondered why your thinking was so radically different from other people, especially people who are younger or older, you might consider very carefully what I am going to share.



I have a good friend, Dr. Don Bradley, who is a professor of marketing and executive director of the Small Business Advancement National Center

that is located on the campus of the University of Central Arkansas. At my invitation, Dr. Bradley came and spoke to our Lions Club recently and he talked about the generational diversity in small business.

Granted you may be way ahead of me here, but for the past several years I had been hearing terms like Traditionalists, Baby Boomers and Generation X. While I had a general idea of what each one meant, I had never had anyone break it down into specific years, when each of these generations started and ended, and also fill in the gaps to complete the picture. Now this in itself is not that earth shattering, but when Dr. Bradley pointed out the

major events in the time frame for each generation that shaped their attitudes and values, a light came on in my head.

The important point in the beginning is to realize that each generation possesses a unique set of identifying characteristics. Here is the breakdown of the different generations, Traditionalists (1920-1945), Baby Boomers (1946-1964), Generation X (1965-1980), Nexters (1981-1999) and Cuspers, is a term used to identify anyone born from 1-to-2 years between the generations. To be sure, this is not hard and fast, but if you will take the year of your birth and match it up with the generation identified here, you may discover some information that will help you relate much better with those who were born in a different generation.

As I said earlier, this has been a tremendous help to me.

Since I was born in 1938, I am a Traditionalist, which will explain the basis for many of the attitudes and values that I have presented in my column over the years. You probably have heard the saying, "The one who pays the fiddler calls the tune." This is certainly true for the Traditionalists. While we make up only 25 percent of our nation's work force, we own 75 percent of all the financial assets in the world. Some of the things that shaped our mindset were World War II, Great Stock Market Crash of 1929, The Great Depression, Lindbergh's first transatlantic flight, The New Deal and the establishment of Social Security.

The Baby Boomers, the generation that started at the end of World War II, are for the most part optimistic and positive, believe in growth and expansion, believe in radical change, are compelled to challenge authority and believe they will never grow up, grow old or die.

Some of the world events that shaped the mindset of the Baby Boomers include the Civil Rights Movement and later the Vietnam conflict. This is my own personal view, but I believe the fact that women worked while men were away fighting the war and had money for the first time, plus the resulting power, changed the course of history for our country.

Here are some of the events that shaped the mindset of the Gen Xers, as they are referred to. Our nation experienced a time of abundant technological change, the divorce rate exploded, so this generation is extremely skeptical, their view is more global and they want to have fun as they work.

The last group which have been called the Nexters, are looking to constantly improve themselves. They were born with the technology of Generation X and this technol-

ogy made them connected to the world at a young age. For the most part, the Nexters generation has a very realistic outlook.

The Cuspers, the last group, were born between two generations. Whether they are young or old, they have experienced both generations and therefore have a combination of characteristics from each generation. These people are very beneficial for organizations and can help to bridge the gap between two consecutive generations.

Here is what I learned from Dr. Bradley. When I see people act and behave in a negative way, I consider their age and the societal influences on their life. While I may not agree, I can better understand why they act the way they do.

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## Lagoon



To give away what happens in the next 10 minutes would be a crime, but rest assured that the conclusion sees everyone get their just desserts, including Luca, who sure has it coming.

The horror wave in Italy led to the nickname "Giallo." The word comes from the Italian word for the color yellow and applied to films based on dime-store novels which featured graphic cover art and were bound in cheap yellow paper.

The "Giallo" wave had rules just like the 1980s slasher cycle of American films. The most common things to be found in giallo films were heroines being stalked by black gloved killers, outrageous plot twists and gory special effects. This movie has all three covered except that the killer is known to the audience from the outset, though in most giallos the killer's identity isn't revealed till the end.

Though the genre died out by 1977, it gave American audiences some great thrillers which are rapidly

becoming available on DVD. Many of these films had a profound effect on American films. Some to watch for include:

■ "Twitch of the Death Nerve" — This was remade as "Friday the 13th" but the original, by Mario Bava, is now available on DVD.

■ "Tenbre" — This horror classic by Dario Argento boasts some of the most stunning photography you will ever see in any genre. One crane shot in this film was totally duplicated in Brian DePalma's "The Untouchables."

■ "House by the Cemetery" — This is a Lucio Fulci film and the guy is wacked. Fulci's trademark style was that he would go in for a close-up just when any other director would cut away from on-screen carnage. His films are heavy on mayhem but those seeking logic and fully realized plot lines are advised to look elsewhere.

Cozzi used the "Giallo" genre to get his foot in the door and proceeded to concentrate on science fiction type films after making this one. He was responsible for the "Hercules" series that featured Lou Ferrigno (TV's "Hulk") and also directed the low-rent Star Wars clone "Star Crash." Those films were hurt by low budgets and none came close to what he accomplished with "The Killer Must Kill Again."

Best line: "How come a good looking broad like you is driving around by herself?"

## Contest News

The winner of our May movie trivia contest is Jerry Shepherd, of Prestonsburg. Jerry was one of six people who recalled that Michael

Ironsides starred in two sci-fi summer blockbusters where his character lost an arm and that the second film where this happened was "Starship Troopers." Though Ironsides' injury occurs off camera, Shepherd will receive a copy of "Total Recall," wherein Ironsides' arm gets ripped off on camera during his climactic showdown with California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Several readers got tangled up with the bug angle and guessed "Arachnophobia," which was a summer movie but didn't feature Ironsides or anyone losing an arm.

Other correct entries were received from Lisa Hutcherson, of Dana; Linda Sparks, of Paintsville; Bobby Hinkle, of Dwale; Donald Anthony Tuers, of Ivel; and Angela Williamson, of Prestonsburg.

This month's contest salutes "Assault on Precinct 13" which debuted on DVD last month. The film, which focuses on the siege of an undermanned police station, is actually a remake of a 1976 movie which was a better film and marked the arrival of a new director to keep an eye on. Ironically the 1976 version is itself a remake of Howard Hawk's classic western "Rio Bravo."

We will be giving away one DVD of the 1976 version of the film as this month's prize. Just go online at [www.floydcountytimes.com](http://www.floydcountytimes.com) to play and tell us what writer/director made the 1976 version. (Hint: He's from Kentucky.)

We will award the prize to one randomly chosen correct entry. The deadline for entries is Thursday, June 30, at 4 p.m.

## This Town

L.C. Blank, with whom Meeker boarded. The boy's divorced mother died three years ago, his father last summer.

A note found in Meeker's room, said in part:

"I smoke and can not stop. I can not control my diabetes. I steal. I lie. I am failing in typing and trigonometry. I have been thrown out of my physics class. My teachers are not to blame. They do their best. My parents, partly. They did not prepare me for life."

Meeker asked that his body be cremated and the ashes buried with no marker. The note said:

"I don't want any controversy over whether to be buried by my father in Aurora (Ill.) or by my mother in St. Louis... Please have

them sing the hymn, 'Amazing Grace' at my funeral."

### HERE'S WHY

"Why write so much in your column about fishing and fishermen?" a reader wants to know. "Isn't there anything else that strikes your fancy, or has its funny side?"

Now, there is a pretty fair question. We've had a feeling that this thing is deteriorating into a column for disappointed anglers, but I also have a feeling that this is one subject I can discuss without getting too serious, and that if I do, fishermen, sons of trial and disappointment, are so inured to the jibes of others that they won't resent mine.

Take politics. You can't have any fun with that. That's a matter

that is altogether too much of the life-and-death brand. Or business, for the same reason. Children are out because only mine or yours are cute, and say things worth printing. Once in a great while I run onto a dog who doesn't take himself too seriously, and so he becomes a subject for comment. Or even a stray cat will sometimes do.

But, week in and week out, give me the fisher-folk. All men who essayed fishing and who took themselves and everything else too seriously have long since committed suicide, leaving us who don't think we are so handsome or so smart or so anything, to laugh at ourselves, because: (1) we're so dumb it's plumb funny; or (2) because we have to laugh to keep from crying.

## Summer 2005 Art classes at MAC

Registration for summer arts education classes - now in progress through June 10.

Register by mail, phone or email. Contact Khrys Varney at 1-888-MAC-ARTS or locally 889-9125 or [Khrys@macarts.com](mailto:Khrys@macarts.com)

You may also contact Khrys Varney, Arts Education Director, Mountain Arts Center, 50 Hal Rogers Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Classes will begin: the week of June 6 and run through the week of July 25.

Schedule includes:  
Art: Level I (ages 3-6)  
Art: Level II (ages 7-9)  
Art: Level III (ages 10-12)  
Art: Level IV (ages 13-18)  
Early Childhood Music & Drama (ages 4-6)  
Music Together (ages birth - 4)  
"Piano by Ear" Seminar (ages 16

- adult)  
Book Illustration Class (ages 14 - adult)  
"Painting with Watercolors" (ages 16 - adult)  
"Sing & Soar" Summer Vocal Camp (grades 6 - 12)  
Private Instruction in Voice, piano, violin/fiddle, guitar, banjo, martial arts

## Are you being watched?

by: ANTHONY STEWART

I know we have mentioned Spyware in this column several times, but I don't think we can mention it enough. According to recent statistics on spyware, there's a good chance that someone is watching you while you use your computer. They are monitoring which sites you visit, how you connect to the Internet, what software you have on your pc and more. Sound like some kind of high tech espionage that you're positive you couldn't be involved in? Think again.

Spyware is, by definition, software installed on your computer with or without your knowledge that tracks and monitors your online activity, nearly always to deliver "targeted ads" to you via email, toolbars, or the always obnoxious pop-up. You can get spyware a number of ways, such as visiting a website and installing a program from it or clicking a link in an email (if you regularly do this though, spyware may be the least of your worries! Watch for my next article for more.). However, the most common method of contracting these "pests" is with some of those nice little freeware programs that are available. You know the ones; they do some neat little

tricks or really help out with your day to day operations. They can give you up to the minute weather information or allow you to connect and share some of those classic MP3 files you love so much (though the RIAA may have some issue with that). Well, these programs quite often come bundled with spyware, sometimes it's optional but usually it's required if you want to use the software free of charge. Sometimes the added programs are not even mentioned, except of course in that user agreement you quickly agreed to without a glance during the program's setup.

OK, so you're getting pop-ups like crazy and you suspect you're infected. What can you do to stop the madness? Well, if you really want to fortify your system and you're willing to spend some green you can buy a few programs to keep you covered. First, and this is good for your computer's total security, not just for spyware, you should get a nice personal firewall. I personally like and use Norton Internet Security 2005. That program however can be costly and it also has a huge appetite for system resources. If you're low on cash or RAM, a duo of programs like ZoneLabs Pro firewall and Norton Antivirus/Mcafee Antivirus may be the ticket. Perhaps you can set the antivirus to only scan certain file types as they're opened to ease the memory hunger that these programs often have. In addition to these you should add AT LEAST two spyware-specific programs such as Spysweeper and Adaware (Adware is another name for spyware) Pro. I'd actually suggest also installing Spybot S&D which is free. This program has some great monitoring features and with spyware programs, you usually have some spyware that is missed by one program but not another, therefore if you have several you can get most, if not all of it.

To defend your system on a budget (actually free) you can get several great programs totally free (and of course without spyware) from CNet's download.com. First, get the program already mentioned above, Spybot Search and Destroy. It is not only a great spyware removal tool but many of its other built in features are truly useful and valuable for keeping your system clean. I'd compliment that with Adaware SE (the free version of the program mentioned above) and AVG Anti-virus (one of the best free antivirus programs available - it even has an Auto Protect feature as found in expensive antivirus programs to constantly monitor your system. Lastly, ZoneLabs makes a free version of their firewall that works great to protect a home computer.

If you're getting frustrated with pop-ups, get to downloading these programs! Beyond that, be sure to read the "fine print" when installing free software. Aside from being highly intrusive and unbearably annoying, the system resources these programs hog is enormous. So show them the way OFF of your computer and be sure to tell them they're not welcome there anymore by using the programs above. Happy browsing.



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

## Opry

comedian, played by Fred Goble, entertained the audience before the show. Munroe also adds a unique touch of Appalachian Mountain humor to the Opry's performances.

Founded in 1990 by Billie Jean Osborne, the Kentucky Opry consists of a cast of talented individuals, all of whom call eastern Kentucky home. Keith Caudill is the Kentucky Opry's director and master of ceremonies, and Dave Kazez is musical director.

To see the Kentucky Opry live, on the Mountain Arts Center stage, call toll free 1-888-MAC-ARTS (1-888-622-2787) or locally 886-2623. For your convenience, Master Card, Visa, American Express and Discover are all accepted.

Kentucky Opry Tickets - Adults: \$13; Senior Citizens/Children Under 18: \$11  
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# Faith Extra

## Laurel judge gives church attendance option to some offenders

The Associated Press

LONDON — A Laurel County judge has been offering some drug and alcohol offenders the option of attending worship services instead of going to jail or rehab, a practice some say violates the Constitution's separation of church and state.

District Judge Michael Caperton, 50, a devout Christian, said he thinks church attendance could help some of those convicted find spiritual guidance.

"The goal is to help people and their families," the judge said. "I don't think there's a church-state issue, because it's not mandatory and I say worship services instead of church."

Any denomination is acceptable, he said.

David Friedman, a Louisville lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, said the option raises "serious constitutional problems."

"The judge is saying that those willing to go to worship services can avoid jail in the same way that those who decline to go cannot," Friedman said. "That strays from government neutrality towards religion."

William Fortune, a University of Kentucky law professor and counsel to the Ethics Committee of the Kentucky Judiciary, said he has never heard of the type of sentence used by Caperton. He said the judge's option "deliberately mixes religion into the criminal justice system."

Legal experts said alternative sentencing is popular across the country — ordering vandals to repaint a graffiti-covered wall, for example. But they said they didn't know of any other judges who give the option of attending worship.

"This is the first time I've heard of anything like that," said Bill Dressel, a former Colorado judge and president of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nev. "Alternative sentencing usually requires that people give something back to society through public service."

Caperton, a district judge since 1994, has offered the option about 50 times to repeat drug and alcohol offenders in Laurel and Knox counties since earlier this spring. He has limited it to defendants with misdemeanor public intoxication or drug-possession charges.

It's unclear what effect, if any, attendance at worship services has had on defendants, or how many chose that option, because the first group given the option won't be back in Caperton's court until next month.

"I saw that our drug problems were getting worse and worse and decided we needed to try something new," Caperton said. "All the feedback I've gotten on it has been very positive."

Larry Huffman, a public defender in Laurel County, believes Caperton has a good

idea given the cost and wait for rehabilitation programs, and crowding at local jails.

"I think it's an effective alternative for our clientele as long as it's voluntary," Huffman said.

A 30-day treatment program can cost clients up to \$2,800, and waiting lists are as long as five weeks, said Crit Johnson, an official with Crossroads, a substance-abuse facility in Laurel County.

Laurel County Jailer Jack

Sizemore said his jail, which has a capacity of 260 inmates, has exceeded that for more than a year.

State law does not provide for sentencing someone to worship, said Leigh Anne Hiatt, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts.

"The role of the AOC, however, is not to provide advice or guidance to judges on how they are to decide cases that come before them," she said.

"It is inappropriate for the AOC and the chief justice ... to tell a judge how to rule or 'stop' a judge from ruling in any particular way."

Stephen Wolnitzek, since 1995 the chairman of the state Judicial Conduct Commission, said the panel has never received a complaint about a judge giving church service as a sentencing option.

"Something like this we might refer to our general counsel to do research to see

if there's something inappropriate or of concern to the commission," Wolnitzek said, adding that he was unsure whether Caperton's sentencing would be examined.

The six-member commission reprimanded Caperton in 2000 for violating ethics rules by presiding over a criminal case involving a friend rather than disqualifying himself. Caperton did not contest the commission's finding.

## Obituaries

### Randy Michael Osborne

Randy Michael Osborne, 48, of McDowell, died Thursday, June 2, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Health-care.

Born December 4, 1956, in Martin, he was the son of Velva Osborne of McDowell, and the late Pink Osborne Jr. He was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Bentley Osborne.

Other survivors include four sons: Austin Osborne and Orville Bentley, both of McDowell, Lloyd Bentley of New Boston, Ohio, and Kurt Smith of Beaver, Ohio; four daughters: Amanda Osborne Jenkins of Otway, Ohio, Keisha Bentley of Garrison, Leah Smith of New Boston, Ohio, and Connie Lovely of West

Portsmouth, Ohio; a brother, Jerry Osborne of Teaberry; a sister, Janice Gayheart of Beaver; and 11 grandchildren: Brandon, Cory, Jerry, Bree, Silver, Michael, Tiffany, Terri, Jessica, James, and Joshua.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, June 5, at 1 p.m., at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, in McDowell, with Deane Moore, Jimmy Hall, and Alan Osborne officiating.

Burial will be in the Elliott Cemetery, on Frasures Creek, in McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church—where nightly services were conducted.

(Paid obituary)

## Calendar

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offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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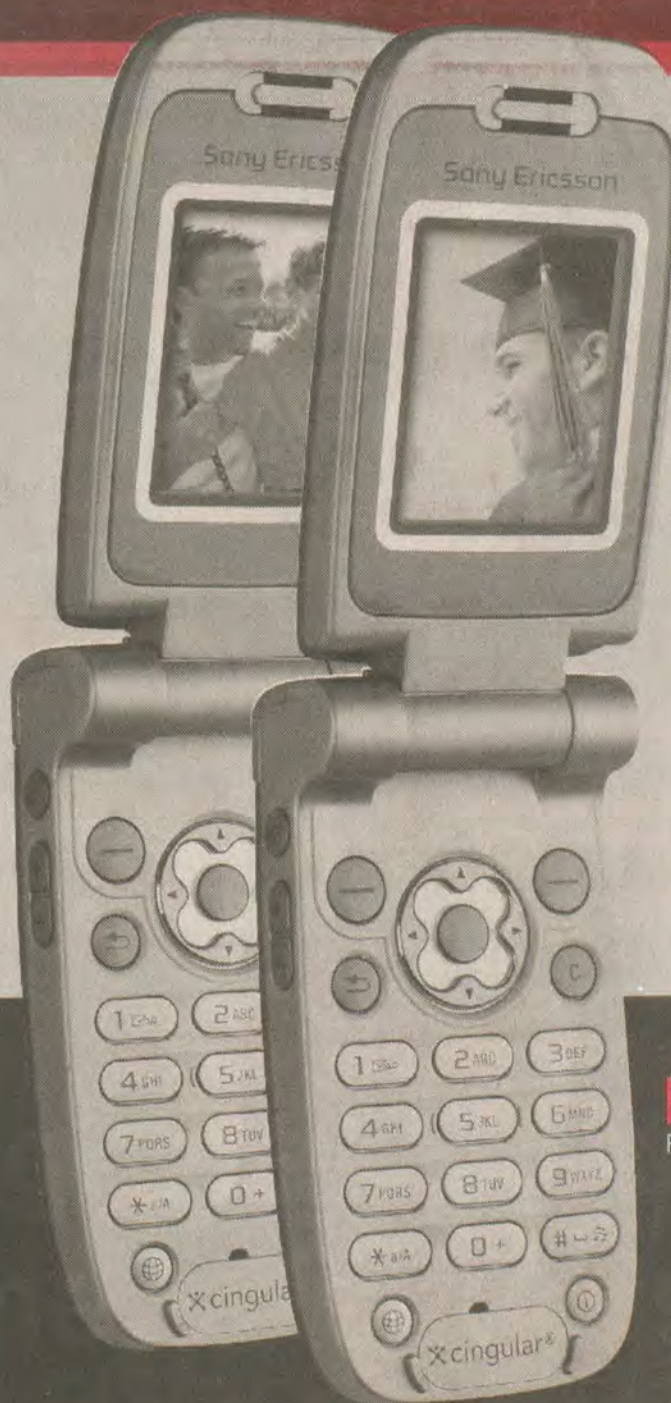
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**•East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers** - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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

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## New sports added to 21st annual Bluegrass State Games

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Lexington is again preparing to welcome more than 15,000 athletes in July for the 21st annual Bluegrass State Games.

Opening Ceremonies, styled after the ceremonies that open the Olympics, will be held from 4 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 22. The Games will then be held on consecutive weekends — July 23-24 and July 30-31.

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School will host the Opening Ceremonies this year, with lots of activities for children and the annual Parade of Athletes. All athletes are invited to attend.



Two new sports have been added: Coach-pitched Baseball for 7-8-year-old boys and girls and Mountain Biking, which will feature courses ranging from seven to 21 miles.

"The total sports number 29 and we hope the events attract new athletes, young and old," said George Milligan, executive director of the Bluegrass State Games.

This year's sports include: Archery, Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Canoeing/Kayaking, Chess, Croquet, Cycling, Disc Golf, Equestrian (Hunter), Fencing, Golf, Gymnastics, Horseshoes, Martial Arts, Mountain Bike Racing, Racquetball, Sailing, Shooting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming,

Table Tennis, Tee-Ball, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling and 5K Road Race.

It's easy to participate in the Bluegrass State Games. Just pick up an entry booklet at one of the convenient locations and fill out the form or go online to the Bluegrass State Games website at www.bsgg.org and download a copy. You can also obtain a copy by calling the Bluegrass State Games office at 1-800-722-2474.

Entry booklets can also be picked up at the following loca-

tions: All public libraries and parks and recreation departments statewide; All YMCA locations statewide; Central Kentucky-area McDonald's stores; Branches of Central Bank; All Valvoline Instant Oil Change Stores and All Kentucky Ford dealers.

Payment may be made by personal check or credit card and must accompany the entry form, which may be mailed or faxed (credit cards only) to the Bluegrass State Games office, P.O. Box 1463, Lexington, Ky.

40588/Fax 859/258-3022.

The Bluegrass State Games are patterned after the Olympic Games and designed to provide Kentuckians of all ages and activities an opportunity to participate in statewide, family-oriented sports festivals.

The Games are co-hosted by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the University of Kentucky. Ashland Inc. is the founding

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## Free Fishing Weekend arrives

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's annual free fishing weekend, and the opening of the spring squirrel season throughout the commonwealth, will provide sportsmen and women much outdoor opportunity here in the month of June.

The Free Fishing Weekend got underway yesterday and will run through today. Thanks to the Free Fishing Weekend, anglers can fish anywhere in the Bluegrass State without a license. This chance to reacquire yourself with the fun of fishing, minus the cost of a license, kicks off Kentucky's participation in National Fishing and Boating Week June 5 - 13. Free fishing days are also an excellent time to invite family and friends from out-of-state to ply the waters of Kentucky and have a fish fry over the weekend.

There are numerous organizations, sportsman's clubs and other groups that provide opportunities for youngsters to experience fishing on the free fishing weekend. One of the largest is held at Green River State Park, held by the Green River/Taylor County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTFF).

This year, Kentucky AField Television Show Host Tim Farmer will serve as Master of Ceremonies. The Kid's Day Out event will offer fishing, archery, firearms and air rifle target shooting, safety demonstrations and many other free activities, including free lunch for all in attendance. Participants should register between 8 and 9 a.m. The event is co-sponsored by NWTFF, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Quail Unlimited, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the National Rifle Association. Local law enforcement, the Kentucky National Guard, fire and ambulance services and the Kentucky State Police will be in attendance. Numerous local and national retailers have provided outdoor-related items as door prizes for participating kids.

Information on the NWTFF's Kids Day Out event at Green River Lake State Park is available by contacting KDFWR Officer Jim Evans at 270/932-2612. Be sure to check your hometown paper for other similar events where kids can fish and learn more about outdoor ventures.

Spring Squirrel Season: Those who enjoy squirrel hunting have opportunity to pursue early summer bushytails. The season got underway Saturday and runs through June 18. The daily bag limit is six squirrels.

Hunters should find good numbers of gray or fox squirrels in soft mast trees and fruit trees such as mulberry. Squirrels will

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Tyler Turner (pictured pitching) and Josh McKinney are two of the players who'll return for the Allen Central baseball team next season.

## ACHS baseball program already eyeing '06 season

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Two years removed from a 15th Region title, the Allen Central High School baseball team made it back into the regional tournament this season. In a 10-inning game in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament, Sheldon Clark came through with a big-inning late and eliminated Allen Central, beating the Rebels 9-4.

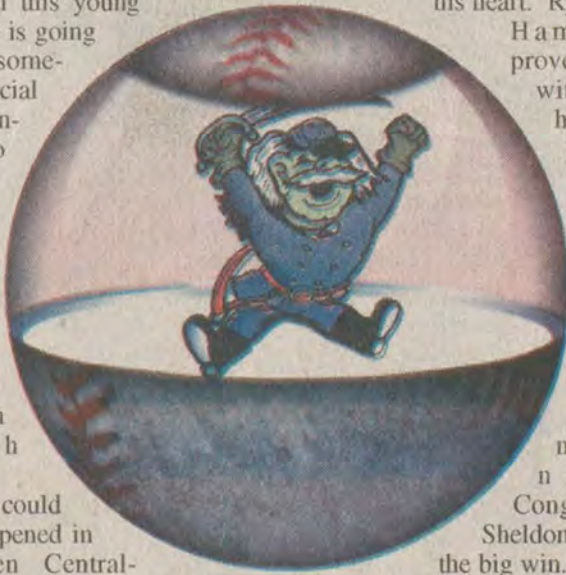
Starting pitcher Kyle Horn grabbed the win for the Cardinals. Freshman Scott Little took the loss for the Rebels.

"We had both a good and bad game together — if that's at all possible," said Allen Central Coach Ken Johnson, who wrapped up his first season at the helm, guiding the Rebels. "We looked brilliant at times and poor at times, but Sheldon Clark did as well. The best thing is that we didn't give up and we didn't die. When the game was over, I was proud of my kids. They left it all on the field and had

nothing to hang their heads about in the end. We just ran out of gas. Scott Little though well over 100 pitches, which I hated but that goes to show how much faith I have in this young man. He is going to be something special if he continues to work hard. This game was 10 innings of pure guts from both sides." A lot could have happened in the Allen Central-Sheldon Clark game. And a lot did.

"It was a true battle and possibly one of the most exciting games in tournament history,"

Johnson added. "Kyle Horn is a great pitcher and my hat goes off to this young man from Sheldon Clark. We had our great moments too. Scott Little showed all his heart. Ryan



Hammonds proved big with great hits. We just did all we could and never gave up. In the end, it just wasn't our night. Congrats to Sheldon Clark on the big win."

Allen Central finished the season with an 18-14 record. The Rebels outscored opponents

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## Castle moves forward with baseball journey

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TAMPA, Fla. — In late April, the New York Yankees announced the promotion of left-handed pitcher Heath Castle to High Class A Tampa. Castle, a Johnson County native who played minor league baseball last season in Battle Creek, Mich., makes the move to Tampa from Charleston, S.C. where he played for the Charleston RiverDogs.

In seven appearances for Charleston, Castle was superb, striking out seven and allowing only four hits and no runs in 9.1 innings of work. He recorded a win on April 17 against Greenville.

Castle, a Johnson Central High School graduate, had a 2.51 ERA for the Tampa Yankees through last Sunday. In 14.1 innings, Castle had allowed 17 hits while recording nine strikeouts. A pitcher who has pitched under control on every level, Castle had allowed just three walks through Sunday.

After starring in three sports at Johnson Central High School, Castle moved on to Saint Catherine College. After a two-year stay at the junior college, Castle moved on to the University of Kentucky where he was drafted by the New York Yankees.

## EKU wins Men's All-Sports Trophy; women finish second



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — The Ohio Valley Conference has announced that Eastern Kentucky has captured the 2004-05 Men's All-Sports Trophy, marking the second consecutive year the Colonels have won the award.

Interim athletics director Dr. Jake Bell said, "This is a wonderful accomplishment for Eastern Kentucky University athletics. Congratulations are in order for the student-athletes as well as our coaches, who helped the student-athletes fulfill expectations both on and off the courts, fields, and tracks."

Eastern edged out Samford for the title, winning the award by a slim margin of 2.5 points.

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## UK gears up for Passing Camp, Big Man Challenge



TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — As part of its annual football camp, the University of Kentucky football program will host this weekend both its annual Passing Camp (7-on-7) and Big Man Challenge.

The Passing (7-on-7) Camp for offensive and defensive units has become the most popular of the Kentucky Football Camps, held in conjunction

with the popular Linemen Camp.

Both the Passing Camp and the Big Man Challenge will be held on Saturday, June 11.

Locally, the Prestonsburg High School football program will again feature players in this year's UK-hosted events.

It's an outstanding way to prepare players for the mental focus needed for the season in a total football atmosphere.

Teams can not only work on individual techniques, but then meld those skills into the framework of their offensive and defensive systems. The seven practice sessions will provide the athletes, veteran and rookie alike, with an exposure to the competitive atmosphere they will encounter in the fall.

In addition to an opportunity to foster team unity, the Passing

Camp will provide quality competition in a non-pressure setting. The camp's intent is to bring teams from various regions to experience interaction with unfamiliar teams and avoid duplication of in-season foes.

In conjunction with the 7-on-7 Passing Tournament, the Kentucky Football Camp will be offering the Big Man Challenge, an opportunity for linemen to face other teams in a "strongest man" competition.

Tug of war, tire tosses, rep tests and weighted relays are just a few regimens in the Big Man event.

Teams are limited to seven-man squad, but school may enter as many different groups as desired. No camper can compete in both the Passing Tournament and Big Man Challenge.



photo courtesy of Eldora Speedway

Eldora Speedway is set to host THE DREAM race. Drivers from throughout the country, including some from Floyd County and throughout Eastern Kentucky, make the trip to Rossburg, Ohio each fall, trying to make the field for the feature event.

## Games

sponsor of the Games. The Gold Sponsors are Kentucky Utilities Company and the Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau, Jordan-Chiles, and the Lexington Area Sports Authority.

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also be active near summer den trees early and late in the day. Spraying clothing with insect and tick repellent is a good idea before getting in the woods.

Hunting on private lands requires landowner permission. For a list of public hunting lands in Kentucky, or to purchase a hunting license on-line, consult the

KDFWR website at fw.ky.gov. Licenses are also available toll-free at 1-877-598-2401, or by visiting any one of more than 900 license outlets in Kentucky.

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## EKU

EKU ended the year with 65 points, while the Bulldogs earned 62.5. The exciting all-sports trophy race came down to the wire and wasn't decided until the baseball championship points were awarded.

Eastern started the year on the right foot by winning the

cross country championship, then went on to finish in the top three in four other sports.

Eastern has now won the men's all-sports trophy on 12 occasions, tying the school with former OVC member Western Kentucky for the league record.

The Eastern women finished

second in the all-sports race, missing a second straight trophy by only 4.5 points. Jacksonville State won the women's trophy with a total of 74 points, while Eastern amassed 69.5. Samford finished third on the women's side with 66.5 points.

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## ACHS

236-184. Allen Central's 236 runs scored was the second most in the 15th Region.

The Rebels went into the regional tournament as the 58th District Champion.

"We had a great season," Johnson said, looking back at his first season as the Rebel skipper. "I could not have dreamed of coming into a better situation with better kids. These kids were a dream to coach and I was honored to have been given the privilege of doing so. Our season consisted of its up and its downs. We won 18 games finishing with a 18-14

record. We also won the district championship which was awesome. We played a very tough schedule, possibly one of the toughest of anyone in the region, and we played it well. That helped us a lot come tournament time because we faced good pitching all season long. A great factor is that I return nearly every player from this team next season. The down side is that I lose two fine young gentlemen in Ryan Hammonds and Wilfredo Dominguez. They will be greatly missed. Ryan had a big bat for us, and Frito's glove was amazing in the field. It was

an honor to have those guys play for me."

Amazingly, Allen Central still has players returning for the 2006 season that were key in the 2003 regional championship season. One such player is senior-to-be Tyler Turner. Other seniors back for the Rebels will include Nick Music, Justin Jacobs and Josh McKinney. And Scott Little will enter his sophomore season with a couple of solid varsity seasons already behind him. Yes, in regards to the 2006 season, the ACHS baseball program has much to look forward to.

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## Chaney, Miller top Eldora

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ROSSBURG, Ohio - Rob Chaney's persistence finally paid off Sunday night at Eldora Speedway as he captured his career first United States Auto Club (USAC) Sprint victory on the famed one-half mile clay oval. Matt Miller turned the trick in the Sunoco sponsored American Late Model Series (ALMS) companion event to round out an exciting twin bill.

For years, Chaney, a soft-spoken and quiet charger from Wooster, Ohio, has knocked on the door of success of Eldora, only to fall short in the waning moments. Sunday night he was not to be denied.

The night didn't start out as hoped; however, as a disappointing sixth place finish in his preliminary heat race relegated Chaney to the last-chance B-Main. From there it was a case of feast for famine - either come up with the ingredients to finish in a transfer position or load the car for the long road home.

In that event, the evening's fastest time trialer, Justin Marvel led the affair for the first four circuits, but then Chaney overpowered him and cruised to the win and earned a starting position in the 30-lap headliner.

And that is where luck began to fall his way. His qualifying effort earlier in the night, coupled with the B-Main trans-

fer, lined him up on the pole of the Main Event. When the green flag flew, there was no looking back, as he planted the Stan Courtad owned non-wing Sprinter out front and charged into a commanding lead.

Behind him, the field diced it out in three-wide action, hoping to get up to Chaney.

Dave Darland had the owner of following Chaney for the first four circuits, as he held back Tracy Hines and Marvel.

Marvel, turning in the strongest performance of his Eldora career, shot past Hines on lap four and two laps later performed the same trick on Darland to assume second spot.

By that point, Chaney had opened up a sizeable lead over the field, in an event that appeared to be heading to non-stop status.

Also on the move was Bud Kaeding, who advanced to third by lap nine, as Darland apparently missed his mark and was dropping deep into the field.

Lapped traffic came into play by lap 20; but that proved as no deterrent to Chaney. It did bunch up the balance of the field, as again the dicing for spots and position changing began.

Just as it appeared that the race would indeed go non-stop, the yellow flag appeared for a stalled car in turn three on lap 29 and the race was re-aligned for a last-lap shoot-out.

Even at that, nobody had

anything for Chaney as he crossed the line in jubilation, while Marvel bobbled on the back stretch and settled for third behind Hines. Darren Clayton came on strong in the late stages to nip Kaeding for fourth.

As the 22-car field for the Sunoco ALMS came to the green, Josh Williams powered into the lead, with Miller and Brian Ruhlman in pursuit, while Scott James and Darrell Lanigan duelled it out for fourth.

Lap six proved to be the first major action of the contest, as that is when Miller outsmarted Williams coming off of turn four to take the lead, while Lanigan pulled a similar move over James.

As the field approached the half-way mark of the chase, Miller encroached upon lapped traffic; allowed the balance of the pack to gain on him.

But, his many years of experience came into play as he finessed his way through.

James used the traffic to his advantage to re-gain his position from and soon became the fastest car on the track. His biggest foe was the length of the race - it wasn't long enough.

He was able to get as high as runner-up before time ran out. Lanigan acknowledged James' groove and followed him across the line in third, while Williams dropped to fourth at the finish and Ruhlman completed the top five.

## Busch crew chief Lewis fined \$500

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - NASCAR announced Thursday that Charlie Lewis, crew chief for the No. 25 Ford driven by Ashton Lewis Jr. in the NASCAR Busch Series, has

been fined \$500 for a rule infraction that occurred last week at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

During the race weekend's first inspection process, on May 26, the No. 25 was found to have an unapproved fuel

filler. That violated Section 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) and Section 12-4-Q (car, car parts, components and/or equipment that do not conform to NASCAR rules) of the NASCAR Busch Series rule book.

## Shellseeker wins Churchill feature

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Shellseeker took the lead in the turn for a four-length win over Cecelia Rose in the featured \$40,000 sprint for fillies and mares, 3 years old and up, Thursday at Churchill Downs.

Shellseeker, making her sec-

ond start of the year, covered the six furlongs over a sloppy track in 1:12.59 with Brian Hernandez Jr. up and paid \$6.20, \$3.20 and \$2.40.

Cecelia Rose returned \$3.80 and \$2.40, while Texas Gold Digger was another five lengths back in third and paid \$2.60.

Shellseeker, owned by

Quaker Farm LLC and trained by Hal Wiggins, earned \$24,800 for her first win of the year and boosted her career earnings to \$93,100.

The 4-year-old daughter of Quaker Ridge registered her third career win in 12 starts and secured her first Churchill win in four outings.

## Afleet Alex's success boosts sire's profile

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NICHOLASVILLE - A thoroughbred's racing record will take him only so far as a stallion. At some point, his offspring had better begin winning prominent races.

That's a major reason why Northern Afleet should be grateful for Afleet Alex. If it wasn't for the Preakness Stakes winner, 12-year-old Northern Afleet probably wouldn't be where he is today - enjoying the good life on a prominent Kentucky horse farm.

As of this Wednesday, Northern Afleet - who arrived at Taylor Made Farm last fall after six years at stud in Florida - ranked seventh on the list of leading North American sires.

Northern Afleet was no slouch on the track. In 21 starts, he won five times - including a pair of Grade II races and a Grade III race - and earned \$626,671.

"He was a fast horse with a good pedigree," said Ben Taylor, the vice president for stallion operations at Taylor Made Farm.

But that wasn't enough to convince the folks at Taylor Made, which had purchased an ownership interest in the horse at the start of his stallion career, that he deserved to be in the "big leagues" - which, in the world of thoroughbred breeding, means standing on a central Kentucky farm.

"There's competition in Kentucky," Taylor said. "If you're bringing a stallion to Kentucky, you'd better be ready, because there are a lot of nice horses here."

So after Northern Afleet retired from racing following his 5-year-old season, he began his stallion career in 1999 at Double Diamond Farm in Ocala, Fla. Even at a modest fee of \$5,000, his early breeding books were small. He averaged about 40 live foals per crop during his first three years and in the 70s during the next two years.

A couple of sons from his first crop, Unforgettable Max (a

full brother to Afleet Alex) and G P Fleet, enjoyed some success. Somewhat as a result, more breeders began bringing their broodmares to Northern Afleet in 2004 - 124 in all, said Eduardo Terrazas, Taylor Made's stallion manager.

About the time last year's North American breeding season ended, Afleet Alex - from Northern Afleet's third crop - burst onto the scene. Starting in late June, he won his first four races as a 2-year-old, including the Grade I Hopeful Stakes at Saratoga.

Taylor, who before had been reluctant to move Northern Afleet to Kentucky, decided it was time last October, shortly before Afleet Alex finished second to Wilko in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Lone Star Park.

Northern Afleet joined a stallion lineup that includes Real Quiet, the 1998 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, and Unbridled's Song, who won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile in 1995 and the Florida Derby and Wood Memorial the next year as a 3-year-old.

With Northern Afleet's move came an increase in his stud fee, to \$12,500. That coincided with the increased demand for his services, as Afleet Alex continued winning this year as a 3-year-old. About 150 mares have been or will be bred to Northern Afleet this year, Taylor said - the most any of the farm's stallions have bred in a year.

"We had a lot of confidence in bringing him to Kentucky, but you still second-guess yourself," he said. "We wanted to get him to 120 mares. If we turn down too many mares early, are there going to be enough mares later? We took some mares early (in the breeding season) that we would not have taken later."

"When we got him to 100-plus mares, we wanted to slow down, but the quality of the mares had picked up by several levels, because of the success (his offspring had) on the track."

A closer look at Northern Afleet's "pedigree" gives a glimpse into some of the rea-

sons for Afleet Alex's success.

Northern Afleet was sired by Afleet, a horse that earned \$995,235 and won the Grade I one-mile Jerome Handicap at Belmont Park in 1987. Afleet was sold to Japanese breeders in 1994, before his offspring made him a top North American sire of the mid-to-late 1990s.

Afleet's sire was Mr. Prospector, arguably the thoroughbred breed's most influential stallion of recent years. Since 1985, 10 Preakness winners have had Mr. Prospector somewhere in their lineage.

The sire of Maggy Hawk, Afleet Alex's dam, is Hawkster, a horse that set a world record in winning a 1 1/2-mile grass race, the 1989 Oak Tree Invitational Handicap. Maggy Hawk's dam, Qualique, also was a Grade I winner.

Maggy Hawk, now in foal to Awesome Again, lives at Ashford Stud near Versailles.

Taylor said Northern Afleet's fee will rise again next year while the number of mares he'll be bred to will drop, probably to 120.

"Our philosophy is to raise it to where we think it's a fair deal for people, to give them a chance," Taylor said. "If we do that, then we can be a lot more selective on the mares. It's a building block."

The competition to attract top mares for breeding can be fierce and prominent farms, including Taylor Made, routinely make significant efforts to promote their stallions. Afleet Alex's success, in a sense, is free advertising for Taylor Made and Northern Afleet.

"Sometimes we can sound like car dealers, trying to sell you a lemon. But my job is made easier, because I believe in him," Terrazas said of Northern Afleet. "He has that ability to give you a little bit of everything. You can reach different markets and different breeders with that in mind."

That portents a bright future in the breeding shed, he said. "With this horse, I'm not worried at all."

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## Bussell, Stevenson grab OVC All-Tournament honors

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University seniors Derrick Bussell and Bryan Stevenson were named to the All-Tournament team at the 2005 O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Baseball Championships after leading the Colonels to a third-place finish. Bussell and Stevenson grabbed two of the four outfield spots on the All-Tournament team, and were the only players not from Jacksonville State or Austin Peay to make the squad.

Bussell hit a team-best .647 over EKU's five games in Paducah, going 11-for-17 at the plate. The Brodhead native led the Colonels with five runs scored, 11 hits, eight RBI, 15

total bases, an .882 slugging percentage and a .696 on-base percentage. An All-OVC First Team selection in 2005, Bussell ends the season with a .378 batting average, while leading Eastern in runs scored (61), on-base percentage (.480), walks (35) and stolen bases (32). Nationally, Bussell ranks 18th in steals per game (0.59), 21st in runs scored per game (1.22), and 79th in hitting.

Stevenson batted .389 with four RBI, a .476 on-base percentage and a team-high five stolen bases at the OVC Tournament. A native of Covington, Stevenson concludes his senior campaign with a .369 batting average, while leading the Colonels in hits (83), RBI (55), total bases (115) and slugging percentage

(.511). Stevenson, an All-OVC First Team pick in 2005, tied Bussell for the team lead with 32 stolen bases this season, and ranks 24th nationally in steals per game (0.56).

Eastern (26-31, 14-12 OVC) took third at the 2005 O'Reilly OVC Tournament after going 3-2 in Paducah, with both of its losses coming against top-seeded Jacksonville State.

The Colonels lead the league in batting average (.316) and steals (121), ranking 23rd nationally in hitting and 14th in steals per game (2.12). First-Team All-OVC outfielder Brett Bolger sits 37th nationally in hitting (.398) and is listed as the fourth toughest player in the nation to strike-out (fanning just once every 24.5 plate appearances).



photos by Jamie Howell

On Tuesday of this past week, Mets of all ages were in action as Prestonsburg Little League and Archer Park hosted games.

## Cards ranked 11th in Blue Ribbon Football Yearbook Preseason Top 25

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville football team is ranked 11th according to The Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook's preseason Top 25 poll and also own the nation's 28th most difficult schedule according to CBSsportsline.com.

The Cardinals, 11-1 last season, return 15 starters and 45 letterwinners from the team which finished sixth in the final Associated Press Poll. U of L will also join the BIG EAST Conference this fall.

Topping Blue Ribbon's poll is USC, who is coming off back-to-

back national titles. Louisville's fellow BIG EAST Conference member Pittsburgh also appears in the poll at 18th. The Cardinals will play host to Pittsburgh on November 3, 2005 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

The recent CBSsportsline.com article stated the BIG EAST Conference is ranked first overall in schedule strength in a formula based on the overall 2004 winning percentage of each conference (based on 2005 membership). To that number was added the percentage of 2004 bowl teams multiplied by .75. Teams were given credit for playing 2004 bowl teams in the non-confer-

ence and for each game overall against a 10-win team.

Five of the eight teams in the BIG EAST's new configuration played in bowl games last season, while seven of the eleven schools on Louisville's 2005 schedule played in bowl games last season.

### CBSsportsline.com Strength of Schedule - Conference Rankings

1. BIG EAST
2. SEC
3. Big 12
4. ACC
5. Pac-10

## WKU hoops camp to start June 13

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BOWLING GREEN — The first of three sessions of Darrin Horn's Basketball Camp will take place at E.A. Diddle Arena on the Western Kentucky University campus next month with the first Day Camp session from June 13-16 (Monday-Thursday).

The camp — which is open to kids from the age of 6 through 12th graders — will run from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (CDT) each day, with registration set for 8 a.m. Monday. The camp focuses on skill development and teaches both individual and team play,

with games and tournaments taking place the entire week.

The first Day Camp session will be immediately followed by Team Camp from June 17-19 (Friday-Sunday), which will feature both varsity and junior varsity divisions. Registration for the camp, which guarantees each varsity team a minimum of eight games, takes place from 11 a.m.-noon Friday.

The final session, Little Hilltopper Camp for kids ages 4-7, runs from 8:30-11:30 a.m. June 27-30 (Monday-Thursday). Participants will be introduced to the sport in fun and organized setting, with an

emphasis on learning fundamentals and the importance of teamwork.

A second Day Camp session will take place July 25-28.

In addition to the Topper coaching staff, members of the Western basketball team will work with campers during each session. The cost of the sessions are: \$185 for Day Camp, \$185 per player for Team Camp (minimum 10 players) and \$135 for Little Hilltopper Camp.

For more information on Darrin Horn's Basketball Camps, contact Bryan O'Neill at 270/745-2131 or via e-mail at bryan.oneill@wku.edu.

## Cox leaves mark at Cumberland



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSBURG — Senior outfielder Roman Cox (Richmond) leaves the Cumberland College baseball

program with his name in the single season and career record books despite only using two years of eligibility at Cumberland. Cox played his first two seasons at St. Catharine College.

Cox set the single season record for triples with seven in 2004 and this season set the career mark with a total of 13. He also ranks second all-time in career batting average, going 123-for-323, a .381 average. Cox scored 57 runs this season,

which ranks second in school history, he also stole 22 bases, ranking him fourth for an individual season. Roman was named Mid-South Conference Player of the Year, and NAIA All-American Honorable Mention in 2004 and First Team All Mid-South Conference in 2005.

Roman is one of six seniors that completed their college careers this season for the Patriots. He was a vital key to the team's success the past two seasons.

## MU officials to visit Putnam County for Big Green Event

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University head football coach Mark Snyder will be one of the featured speakers at the third annual State of Marshall Athletics meeting at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Hurricane, W.Va. The event is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Marshall athletic director Bob Marcum, men's basketball coach Ron Jirsa, and women's

basketball coach Royce Chadwick are also scheduled to speak at the event that is sponsored by the Big Green Scholarship Foundation and the Putnam County Big Green Club.

Admission to the meeting is \$10 per person (includes food and beverages) and Big Green members in attendance will be eligible for a chance to win four tickets to this season's Marshall at Virginia Tech football game.

Big Green membership materials will be available for people to join at the meeting and Marshall Athletics representatives will be on hand to answer any questions.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend and asked to RSVP to the Big Green Office at 304/696-4661.

For more information contact Geoff Perry at 304/343-2266 or David Steele at 304/696-2483.

## Second annual Little League Urban Initiative Jamboree scores big

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Nearly 150 Little Leaguers departed today by bus or plane for the return trip home after playing plenty of baseball, and picking up a life lesson or two, during their visit to Williamsport, Pa., for the second annual Little League Urban Initiative Jamboree.

Crisscrossing the country from Los Angeles to The Bronx, N.Y., 10 regular-season teams from metropolitan neighborhoods, traveled to Little League International over Memorial Day weekend where they made their own memories on the same fields where Little League World Series teams play each August.

"This weekend was a tremendous success," David James, director of the Little League Urban Initiative, said. "The teams played a lot of baseball, and had a lot of fun."

Opening ceremonies on Friday night were highlighted by the introduction of the teams, and the appearance of National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum member Dave Winfield. The 2001 hall inductee welcomed all in attendance to the Jamboree, and spent Saturday as a spectator, and impromptu clinic instructor, during a short rain delay.

Winfield, who is a volunteer in the West Los Angeles Little League and parent of a current Little Leaguer, watched Jamboree games at Howard J. Lamade and Little League Volunteer Stadiums on the Little League International complex, and also visited Carl E. Stotz Memorial Field in Williamsport, home of Original League and site of the first 12 Little League Baseball World Series.

"Williamsport is the Mecca of youth baseball," Winfield said following his first-ever visit to central Pennsylvania. "This is the home of Little League and to come and see it makes me certain that it's about the kids, and that's what makes the place great."

Throughout his stay, Winfield visited with the players and continually reminded them that anyone, no matter what size they are, can play baseball.

"I hope me coming here can give these children the inspiration to have fun participating in baseball," Winfield, vice president and senior advisor of the San Diego Padres, said. "The Urban Initiative, and this Jamboree, says to all the children of color, 'baseball can be for me, and I am welcome.'"

Dean Ricks, president of Parkchester Little League in The Bronx, N.Y., and Franklin Ferguson Jr., vice president of City of Angels Little League from Los Angeles, were as thrilled as the children upon arriving at the Jamboree.

"My expectations were overwhelmed once I saw the field, touched the grass at Lamade Stadium, and started to take in the whole environment," Ricks said. "This is just a wonderful place, and all the teams were very nice."

Ferguson shared his personal appreciation, and relished the opportunity provided by the

Little League Urban Initiative to bring the City of Angels Little League to Williamsport.

"(The City of Angels Little League) would not exist without the efforts of David James and the Little League Urban Initiative, that's a fact," Ferguson said. "The Urban Initiative has made a tremendous difference in our community. We've been able to grow our league, and attract team sponsors. We have a lot of gratitude for Mr. James to be kind enough to invite us to Williamsport ... It's been wonderful."

The teams were accompanied by several local league officials, volunteers, parents and fans, but it was the children participating who took home lasting memories.

Northwest Little League traveled to Williamsport from Tampa, Fla. with a busload of supporters. Ryan Collison, a first baseman for the Cardinals, said, "When we got off the bus, I thought we were at the wrong field. Our fields are raggedy as heck. On a scale of 1 to 10, our field is a two, and this a 12 ... This is great!"

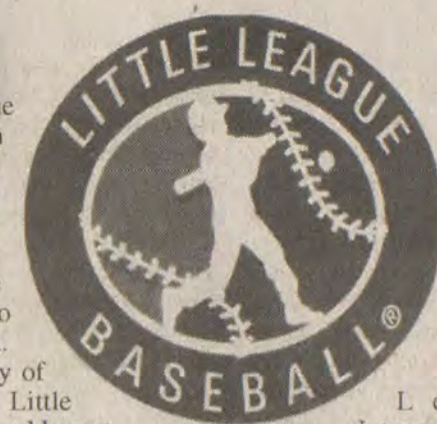
Joining Northwest Little League at the Jamboree were Little League programs from the following cities: Gary, Ind. (Gary Midtown Little League); Newark, N.J. (St. Francis Xavier Little League); New York (Parkchester Little League); Atlanta (Ben Hill Little League); Meriden, Conn. (Jack Barry Little League); Houston, Texas (Dixie Little League); and Los Angeles (City of Angels Little League); Whiteriver, Ariz. (White Mountain Apache Little League); and Harrisburg, Pa. (Harrisburg American Little League). The specific regular season team from each league was chosen by that league's board of directors. One volunteer umpire from each league worked the Jamboree games.

"Since I brought a team to the Little League World Series in 1976 (Forestville LL, Bristol, Conn.), I've been coming to Williamsport for the Series," Bob Watson, Connecticut District 5 Administrator, and a 50-year Little League volunteer, said. "The kids had a good time because this is like their World Series."

The second annual Little League Urban Initiative Jamboree consisted of games, and instruction. Since this was not a tournament, no scores were kept for the games and no champion was declared.

"From Mr. Winfield's participation, to the opportunity to play games at Original Field, to the players, coaches and families who took part in this year's Jamboree, I want to say thank you for an outstanding weekend on behalf of all the staff at Little League International and the local volunteers who donated their time," Mr. James said. "Soon plans will be discussed for the 2006 Urban Initiative Jamboree, and it is my hope we can make an even better experi-

ence for those attending next year's



Jamboree." Little League International paid the costs for transporting the teams, plus dozens of adult volunteers and parents. Housing for three nights, plus meals, was provided for the teams in the Dr. Creighton J. Hale International Grove, where Little League Baseball World Series teams live for two weeks each August.

Each player left the Jamboree with a variety of keepsakes, including a new baseball glove donated by New York Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina through the Mike Mussina Foundation. Mr. Mussina, who grew up five miles from Little League International in Montoursville, Pa., is a member of the Little League International Board of Directors.

On Aug. 24, 2003, during the Little League Baseball World Series, Major League Baseball announced it would provide a grant of \$250,000 for the Urban Initiative. Part of that grant is used to fund the Jamboree, and enabled Little League to present Major League Baseball's "Breaking Barriers: In Sports, In Life" educational program to the visiting teams. Breaking Barriers is an initiative created and operated for Major League Baseball by Sharon Robinson, daughter of the late Jackie Robinson, who in 1947 became the first African-American to play Major League Baseball in half a century. Tom Brasuell, vice president of community affairs for Major League Baseball, presented the program to all of the Jamboree participants.

Tony Richardson, a Little League district administrator from New Jersey, displayed his personal collection of Negro League baseball memorabilia at the Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum throughout the Jamboree.

The Little League Urban Initiative has seen success in more than a 55 cities since it began in 2000. Notably, leagues in Houston and Tampa are thriving, with thousands of children participating in Little League over the past four years.

Recently, Wrigley Little League in Los Angeles, North Seminole Little League in Tampa, Fla., and South Side Little League in Chicago received funding and assistance through the Little League Urban Initiative. Currently, more than 125 local Little Leagues in the U.S. are part of the Urban Initiative. Through 2004, the program stimulated the addition of 144 teams and 2,100 players.

Little League Baseball and Softball is the world's largest organized youth sports program, with nearly 2.7 million players and 1 million adult volunteers in every U.S. state and scores of other countries.

# Struggling Yankees get swept by lowly Royals



Joe Torre  
by DOUG TUCKER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

series meeting," Torre said, slumping slightly in his chair. "Anything that had to be said was said (Wednesday night). We just have to do a better job and come back with a better result."

The Yankees have lost five straight, and things don't figure to get any easier for the slumping team with the bulging payroll.

These improbable three games in Kansas City were the first of a 12-game trip, the Yankees' longest of the year, and will include stops in Minneapolis and Milwaukee and finish with an interleague series in St. Louis.

Carl Pavano (4-4) gave up consecutive home runs to Matt Stairs and Terrence Long in the sixth inning and joined Kevin Brown and Randy Johnson as the losing pitchers in the Royals' first sweep of any team in 78 series.

"I don't know if frustrated is the world, but they definitely needed a solid outing from me to go out there and for us to avoid getting swept and I didn't

pitch well at all," Pavano said. "My job was to help the team and that's not what I did."

The Yankees are suddenly making the silly mistakes that had characterized the Royals while they lost 37 of their first 50 games. Alex Rodriguez, the AL player of the month for May, was 0-for-4 with three strikeouts Thursday night. Bernie Williams got thrown out at second in the fifth inning trying to advance on a fly ball to center.

"The right thing to do is tag up, and when you see the throw is on the money, you go back," Torre said. "It's right in front of you. If you see the throw's off line, you keep going. If you see it's not off line, you come back. We all know Bernie. He wants to win badly and sometimes he gets outside himself."

The Yankees' skid began with two losses to Boston. Before then, they had won 16 of 18 and seemingly righted themselves after a terrible start.

"I hoped we could limit it to a two-game losing streak. Now we have to limit it to a five-game losing streak," Torre said.

In retrospect, the Yankees might have hit town at a terrible time, just hours after no-nonsense Buddy Bell was named manager and made it clear he would tolerate no stupid mistakes or even late arrivals for pregame stretching.

For these three games at least, everybody snapped to attention and kept their heads in the game.

Gone were the boneheaded blunders that helped the Royals set a pace to threaten the major league record of 120 losses.

"I think guys know that a lot of stuff that went on in the past is not going to go on anymore," said outfielder Terrence Long, who hit one of two home runs Thursday night.

"I think guys know that and they're trying to avoid that," he said. "We're playing with more

enthusiasm. It's natural when you bring in a new guy."

For sure, the Royals seemed to be a team that was glad to have some direction and discipline.

"I'm certain that was a part of it, that there was a change and all of a sudden things started happening that evidently haven't happened for a while," Torre said. "We were the victims. But we contributed. We didn't play clean ballgames. But you can't take away from the energy they showed and the ability they showed us on the field."

Bell, who replaced Tony Pena, was asked if he's a miracle worker and the question seemed to irritate him.

"I'm not," he said. "It is something the players should be proud of. They should feel good about themselves."

It's the third time in the Yankees' storied history that they have been swept by the team with the worst record in the majors. Now they've lost

five in a row for the first time in more than two years.

Might they have taken the Royals lightly?

"I don't think we take any team for granted," said the tightlipped Pavano, who was the loser in last week's 17-1 debacle against Boston. "You can't. This is baseball."

Notes: Derek Jeter's single in the third broke a 0-for-12 skid. ... Mike Sweeney's single in the fourth missed Pavano's face by inches. ... The Royals' sweepless streak wasn't even close to the major league record of 134 series set by the Athletics from 1918-22. ... The home run was No. 200 for Stairs, who joined Larry Walker as the only Canadian-born players with 200. ... The other times the Yankees were swept three games by the worst team in the majors were in 2003 by Detroit and 1937 by the Philadelphia A's. They still made it to the World Series both years.

# Willis leads Marlins in Pittsburgh; Cubs win again

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Dontrelle Willis ended Florida's struggles in Pittsburgh. The Chicago Cubs aren't having any trouble on the West Coast.

Willis became the first nine-game winner in the majors, pitching eight innings in the Marlins' 6-3 victory over the Pirates on Thursday night.

The Marlins had lost nine straight in Pittsburgh since an 11-1 victory on Sept. 8, 2002. But Willis (9-2) helped them win the finale of a four-game series and move back into first place in the NL East by percentage points over Atlanta.

"We're happy to get out of Pittsburgh - at least we got one there and broke the curse, the jinx, whatever you want to call it," manager Jack McKeon said.

While Willis helped end one streak, Glendon Rusch kept another going in San Diego. He pitched a four-hitter to lead the Cubs to a 5-0 victory over the Padres.

Chicago has won a season-high seven straight games, pulling within 5 1/2 games of NL Central-leading St. Louis. After sweeping three games in Los Angeles, the Cubs are 28-24 and have won six straight road games for the first time since 1991.

"I said a few weeks ago that we've been playing good baseball, we've just been an inch short of winning ballgames, and now we're on the other end of the spectrum," Rusch said.

In other NL games, it was: New York 6, Arizona 1; Colorado 8, St. Louis 7; Philadelphia 6, San Francisco 5; Washington 8, Atlanta 6; and Los Angeles 6, Milwaukee 4.

While Rusch (5-1) is giving Chicago quality pitching in place of Kerry Wood, Derek Lee continues to provide the hitting.

The first baseman was 3-for-3 and hasn't made an out in June. He was 5-for-5 in Wednesday's win at Los Angeles, is 11-for-13 in his last three games and leads the

major with a .389 batting average. His first hit was the 1,000th of his career.

The Padres, on the other hand, have gotten off to a slow start in June. They were a franchise-best 22-6 in May, but have scored only two runs in their first two games of this month.

"We need to get the bats rolling," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said.

Rookie Tim Stauffer (1-2) allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings.

Willis got homers from Carlos Delgado and Damion Easley on a night he wasn't as sharp as usual. He allowed a season-high nine hits, but was still good enough to help the Marlins beat the Pirates for only the fifth time in 19 meetings.

"There's a reason he's 9-2," Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon said.

Willis also had an RBI hit off Dave Williams (5-5).

Willis had thrown only 76 pitches entering the eighth, but tired while throwing 32 pitches in the ninth. He got Michael Restovich to pop up with the bases loaded and a run in on his last one, then Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his ninth save.

"They started to get me against the ropes, and a base hit there with the bases loaded, the momentum shifts back to them," Willis said. "The way they've been coming back and beating us and winning games every time they play against us, I need to try to get the guy out and keep the game for Jones to save."

Mets 6, Diamondbacks 1: At New York, Pedro Martinez pitched eight innings and struck out nine, increasing his NL-leading total to 92.

Carlos Beltran hit his seventh homer of the season, all in games started by Martinez (6-1). Cliff Floyd had a pair of doubles against Shawn Estes (4-4).

Tony Clark homered off Martinez. Arizona second baseman Craig Counsell made three errors.

Phillies 6, Giants 5: At Philadelphia, Jimmy Rollins homered and Jon Lieber (7-4) won his second consecutive start to help the Phillies (27-27) return to .500 with a three-game sweep.

It was the first time Philadelphia was at .500 since it was 8-8 on April 21.

The Giants have lost seven straight and head to New York for a three-game series. They hadn't lost more than six in a row since an eight-game skid in May 2000. Brad Hennessey (2-2) lost and was demoted to Triple-A Fresno after the game.

Rockies 8, Cardinals 7: At Denver, Todd Helton tied the game with a two-run single in the ninth, and Brad Hawpe followed with the winning walk as Colorado handed Jason Istringhausen (0-1) his first blown save of the season.

So Taguchi hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh to put the Cardinals ahead 6-5, and St. Louis got an insurance run off Brian Fuentes (1-0) in the ninth.

Nationals 8, Braves 6: At Washington, backup catcher Gary Bennett drove in a career-high five runs, three on a bases-loaded double in the Nationals' five-run eighth.

Four of the runs came off struggling reliever Dan Kolb (1-5). The rally came after the Braves scored four in the top half to take a 6-3 lead.

Hector Carrasco (2-1) got the final out of the eighth before Chad Cordero pitched the ninth for his 14th save.

Dodgers 6, Brewers 4: At Los Angeles, J.D. Drew drove in three runs with a pair of homers, Jeff Kent also homered and the Dodgers ended a three-game losing streak.

Giovanni Carrara (5-2) pitched two innings of one-hit relief, helping send Milwaukee to its fifth loss in six games. Eric Gagne earned his fourth save in as many chances.

Ben Sheets (1-5) lost his fifth straight start.

# Legends sweep Captains

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON - The Lexington Legends moved back into a first place tie after shutting out Lake County 3-0 on Thursday. The Legends received help from Lakewood who topped Hagerstown 6-3 in eleven innings.

The top two teams will square off in a four game series beginning Friday and eight

times in the next 12 games, all in Lexington.

Jimmy Barthmaier earned his fifth win of the year with six shutout innings. Paul Estrada and Jeff Wigdahl combined for three more empty frames. Wigdahl picked up his 9th save of the season.

It was a scoreless game until the fourth. Mitch Einertson belted his first homer at home, a solo

shot to left field. The Legends added two runs in the sixth inning. Justin Humphries and Chris Clark each had RBI singles to make it three-nothing Legends.

The win gave the Legends the series sweep and improved Lexington's mark to 7-1 against Lake County in 2005.

The Legends opened a critical series with first place Hagerstown on Friday.

# Indianapolis 6-3, Louisville 3-4

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LOUISVILLE - Brad Eldred hit a two-run home run in the first inning as Indianapolis beat Louisville 6-3 to split an International League double-header Thursday night.

In the nightcap, Chris Denorfia went 2-for-3 with a double and a walk-off single in the seventh inning to lead Louisville to a 4-3 win.

Eldred's shot in the opener gave the Indians a 5-0 lead. Jose Leon tripled earlier in the inning to make it 3-0.

Indianapolis starter Bryan Bullington (2-2) pitched five of the shortened makeup game's seven innings, allowing two runs on seven hits, walking two and striking out three for the win.

Louisville starter Steve Kelly (4-2) gave up six runs on nine hits in four innings of work and was tagged with the loss.

In the second game, Indian Paul Chiaffredo doubled and advanced to third on a wild pitch in the second inning. The pitch was recovered by catcher Steve Lomasney, but his throw to third

was errant, allowing Chiaffredo to score for a 3-0 lead.

Louisville scored in the bottom of the inning when Alex Fernandez doubled to score Denorfia, who had walked.

Pedro Swann's two-run single in the fourth tied the score 3-3 before Denorfia's seventh-inning hit scored Aaron Holbert for the win.

Chris Booker (3-0) struck out two in the final inning for the win. Kirk Bullinger (1-3) gave up one run on two hits and was charged with the loss.

# Heat 88, Pistons 76

by TIM REYNOLDS  
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MIAMI - Dwyane Wade found himself dealing with a plethora of emotions.

There was pain, his breathing made arduous by a strained right rib muscle that ended his night.

There was frustration from not being with teammates at the end of the season's biggest game.

And finally, there was joy - because his Miami Heat are one win from the NBA Finals.

Shaquille O'Neal had 20 points, Wade and Damon Jones each had 15, and the Heat used a huge run to close the first half and set up an 88-76 win in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals Thursday night.

Miami leads the best-of-seven series 3-2. Game 6 is Saturday in Detroit, and if the Pistons prevail, Game 7 will be Monday in Miami.

"I think this is the first time in a couple games that we came out and everybody was a big, big part of it," Wade said. "It was great. And this was the right time to do it. We need to do it again in Game 6."

Wade was injured when he executed a crossover dribble, and aggravated it when he took a charge against Detroit's Rasheed Wallace with 5:08 left in the third quarter. He returned for 2 minutes early in the fourth, before being forced from the game for good.

Miami led 67-47 when Wade took the charge. Detroit outscored the Heat by eight during the game's final 17 minutes, but never made a serious challenge.

"We've got one game," said Pistons guard Chauncey Billups, who had 19 points. "Saturday night. Eight o'clock. Nothing else. We've got one game to play, basically. Then, if we take care of business, then we can talk after that game. But right now, we've got one game to play."

Rasheed Wallace was a little

more succinct - he issued another in his long series of playoff guarantees.

"Oh, we're going to win Game 6," he said. "They are going to send some good people out there and there's going to be a Game 7. There's no other series. If y'all can't see that, y'all crazy."

Richard Hamilton had 21 points for the Pistons, who made nine of their first 14 shots - then connected on 21 of 64 the rest of the way, and finished shooting 38.5 percent. Tayshaun Prince added 11 for Detroit.

The Pistons overcame a 3-2 deficit in the second round last season against New Jersey, before winning in seven games. But in that scenario, Detroit had a major advantage that it doesn't possess this time - knowledge that Game 7 was at home.

"It's a huge task," Detroit coach Larry Brown said. "But it's fun."

Udonis Haslem had 14 points and 13 rebounds for Miami, which also got 12 points from Rasual Butler - who hit a 3-pointer to cap an 11-0 run that ended the first half and gave the Heat a 53-39 lead.

The margin grew to 20 in the third quarter, and was never under 10 in the second half.

"We knew that we couldn't let one slip away, especially here on our home court," O'Neal said. "Guys played well. We played with a lot of energy. We played good defense. Guys stepped up off the bench."

Especially when Wade left the game. When he went to the locker room the first time, Detroit took off on a 12-2 run that drew the defending NBA champs within 10. But Miami held Detroit to two points for a four-minute stretch early in the fourth quarter, and kept control the rest of the way.

"A good, hard-fought win for us," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said. "You know, we primarily did it with defense. I thought our guys fought real hard."

Detroit looked sharp early, matching Miami almost basket for basket. But the Pistons missed 20 of their final 28 first-half shots - and Miami went on to build its biggest halftime lead of the series.

Wade left with 3:06 remaining in the half, and Hamilton scored five quick points to pull Detroit within 42-39 with 2:23 until intermission. Van Gundy quickly put Wade back in, and the entire complexion immediately changed - courtesy of the 11-0 run to end the period.

"I think we let the refs get into our head early, kind of messed up our flow of the game, but we still need to go out there and play the game we want to play," Hamilton said.

Rasheed Wallace also questioned the officiating, even though Detroit was called for just one more foul than Miami and shot only three fewer free throws.

"Had to put up with the extra help they had out there," Wallace said.

Extra help was something Van Gundy wanted Wade and O'Neal to get from their teammates.

Before the game, on the large messageboard in Miami's locker room, Van Gundy had a simple reminder that the Heat need more than O'Neal and Wade to shine.

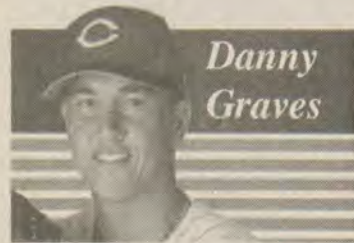
"All 5 - Not 1 or 2 guys," it read.

Never was that edict more important to Miami.

"We don't need to rely on one or two or three people. Everybody's got to come and do it," Wade said. "And this team has been great with that."

Notes: Brown finally made a public acknowledgment that he had spoken with the Cleveland Cavaliers about becoming their team president. He again said he would hold off on making any decisions about his future until after the season ends and he addresses a health problem. ... O'Neal led the Heat in scoring for only the second time this postseason.

# Reds release Graves



Danny Graves  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

joining the team's starting rotation two years ago. His fastball has slowed substantially and his control has eluded him. He was 1-1 with 10 saves and a 7.76 ERA this season.

General manager Dan O'Brien found limited interest in a trade for Graves, due in part to a contract that guarantees Graves \$6.25 million in the final year of his three-year, \$17.25 million deal. The contract includes escalators that increase the salary if he is traded.

Graves angered fans by criticizing them for booing after the bullpen blew a six-run lead in the ninth inning on May 2, helping St. Louis rally for a 10-9 win. He was booed loudly at Great American Ball Park every time he came in to pitch after that.

On May 22, he gave up five ninth-inning runs in a 9-2 loss to Cleveland and heard jeers

and catcalls as he left the field. He was in the dugout several minutes later when a fan in seats nearby taunted him. Graves yelled back and made an obscene hand gesture.

The club made its move the next day, saying it had more to do with his performance than the hand gesture.



CINCINNATI - Pitcher Danny Graves, the Reds career saves leader jeered after giving up five runs in his last appearance, cleared waivers and was released Thursday by Cincinnati.

The Reds asked for unconditional waivers after they were unable to trade Graves, once one of the team's most popular players in his eight years with Cincinnati.

Graves, 31, is now an unrestricted free agent and can sign with any team.

Graves had struggled since

# National Basketball Association

NBA PLAYOFFS

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

- Miami 116, New Jersey 98
- Miami 104, New Jersey 87
- Miami 108, New Jersey 105, 2OT
- Miami 110, New Jersey 97
- Detroit 4, Philadelphia 1
- Detroit 106, Philadelphia 85
- Detroit 99, Philadelphia 84
- Philadelphia 115, Detroit 104
- Detroit 97, Philadelphia 92, OT
- Detroit 88, Philadelphia 78
- Indiana 4, Boston 3
- Boston 102, Indiana 82
- Indiana 82, Boston 79
- Indiana 99, Boston 76
- Boston 110, Indiana 79
- Indiana 90, Boston 85
- Boston 92, Indiana 89, OT
- Indiana 97, Boston 70
- Washington 4, Chicago 2
- Chicago 103, Washington 94
- Chicago 113, Washington 103
- Washington 117, Chicago 99
- Washington 106, Chicago 99
- Washington 112, Chicago 110
- Washington 94, Chicago 91

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

- Phoenix 4, Memphis 0
- Phoenix 114, Memphis 103
- Phoenix 108, Memphis 103
- Phoenix 110, Memphis 90
- Phoenix 123, Memphis 115
- San Antonio 4, Denver 1
- Denver 93, San Antonio 87
- San Antonio 104, Denver 76
- San Antonio 86, Denver 78
- San Antonio 126, Denver 115, OT
- San Antonio 99, Denver 89
- Seattle 4, Sacramento 1
- Seattle 87, Sacramento 82
- Seattle 105, Sacramento 93
- Sacramento 116, Seattle 104
- Seattle 115, Sacramento 102
- Seattle 122, Sacramento 118
- Dallas 4, Houston 3
- Houston 98, Dallas 86
- Houston 113, Dallas 111
- Dallas 106, Houston 102
- Dallas 97, Houston 93
- Dallas 103, Houston 100
- Houston 101, Dallas 83
- Dallas 116, Houston 76

## QUARTERFINALS

(Best-of-7)

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

- Miami 4, Washington 0
- Miami 105, Washington 86
- Miami 108, Washington 102
- Miami 102, Washington 95
- Miami 99, Washington 95
- Detroit 4, Indiana 2
- Detroit 96, Indiana 81
- Indiana 92, Detroit 83
- Indiana 79, Detroit 74
- Detroit 89, Indiana 76
- Detroit 86, Indiana 67

## Detroit 88, Indiana 79

- WESTERN CONFERENCE
- San Antonio 4, Seattle 2
- San Antonio 103, Seattle 81
- San Antonio 108, Seattle 91
- Seattle 92, San Antonio 91
- Seattle 101, San Antonio 89
- San Antonio 103, Seattle 90
- San Antonio 98, Seattle 96
- Phoenix 4, Dallas 2
- Phoenix 127, Dallas 102
- Dallas 108, Phoenix 106
- Phoenix 119, Dallas 102
- Dallas 119, Phoenix 109
- Phoenix 114, Dallas 108
- Phoenix 130, Dallas 126, OT

## CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7)

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

- Miami vs. Detroit
- Monday, May 23
- Detroit 90, Miami 81
- Wednesday, May 25
- Miami 92, Detroit 86
- Sunday, May 29
- Miami 113, Detroit 104
- Tuesday, May 31
- Detroit 106, Miami 96
- Thursday, June
- Miami 88, Detroit 76, Miami leads series 3-2
- Saturday, June 4
- Miami at Detroit, 8 p.m.
- Monday, June 6
- Detroit at Miami, 8 p.m., if necessary

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

- Phoenix vs. San Antonio
- Sunday, May 22
- San Antonio 121, Phoenix 114
- Tuesday, May 24
- San Antonio 111, Phoenix 108
- Saturday, May 28
- San Antonio 102, Phoenix 92
- Monday, May 30
- Phoenix 111, San Antonio 106
- Wednesday, June 1
- San Antonio 101, Phoenix 95, San Antonio wins series 4-1

## NBA FINALS

(Best-of-7)

- San Antonio vs. Miami-Detroit winner
- Thursday, June 9
- Miami-Detroit winner at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
- Sunday, June 12
- Miami-Detroit winner at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 14
- San Antonio at Miami-Detroit winner, 9 p.m.
- Thursday, June 16
- San Antonio at Miami-Detroit winner, 9 p.m.
- Sunday, June 19
- San Antonio at Miami-Detroit winner, 9 p.m., if necessary
- Tuesday, June 21
- Miami-Detroit winner at San Antonio, 9 p.m., if necessary
- Thursday, June 23
- Miami-Detroit winner at San Antonio, 9 p.m., if necessary

# One Brown (Mike) down for Cavs, another Brown (Larry) to go?

by TOM WITHERS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — The Cavaliers finally hired one coach named Brown, but it's still unclear if they'll bring in another. Selected for his integrity, character and love of defense, Mike Brown, an NBA assistant for 13 years, was introduced Thursday as Cleveland's 17th coach and the Cavs' sixth in the past six seasons.

Owner Dan Gilbert insisted that although bigger names — Phil Jackson and Flip Saunders — were out there, the 35-year-old Brown was his No. 1 choice.

"Potential and passion and talent is more important than experience," said Gilbert, amazed he couldn't find anyone who could say anything negative about Brown. "We're taking the long view, and if we can get a guy that's ready to blossom, and become a great coach, then that's the way you want to go."

Before the news conference, Gilbert stopped by the Cavs' gift shop in Gund Arena to pick up a few last-minute welcoming gifts for Brown, his newest employee. He presented the former Indiana assistant with a football "for Cleveland's newest Brown," a pair of wine-and-gold warmup pants and a clock.

"Contrary to popular opinion, we're going to give him more time than people think to be head coach of the Cavaliers," Gilbert said.

Maybe. But it appears to be only a matter of time before a more prominent Brown comes to Cleveland, too.

Tick, tock, indeed. With reports and rumors rampant that Detroit coach Larry Brown will soon join Cleveland as its president of basketball operations, Mike Brown was asked if he feared working under a man who could one day replace him.

"If Larry Brown does come here or doesn't come here, I'm not concerned about that," he said. "My job is to coach this basketball team, and that's what I'm focusing on."

Gilbert acknowledged for the first time that Cleveland's ownership group, after receiving permission from the Pistons, discussed a front-office position with Larry Brown "three to five weeks ago," but that no offer has been made.

Several media outlets have

reported that Brown, who has three years left on his contract with Detroit, has already agreed to come to Cleveland.

"No deal has been struck," Gilbert said. "He has not committed — yet. There is no deal with Larry Brown. There is no deal on the table, off the table or partially on the table. We've got to let the man be, let him coach the Pistons."

"After the season is over and he gets his health checked out, if he can't coach, we'll be glad to sit down with him and discuss a potential deal."

Like Larry Brown, Gilbert has been bothered by reports that he said "have gotten out of hand."

"I feel bad for Larry," Gilbert said. "All the guy said was that he loves to coach but he has serious health issues, so he may look at another opportunity."

Once the Pistons' season ends, the 64-year-old coach will address a health problem before deciding his next career move. Brown insists his preference is to continue coaching the Pistons, but the fact the club allowed the Cavs to speak with him would indicate that Brown's days in Detroit are numbered.

Larry Brown, however, reiterated Thursday night that his first priority is to remain a coach.

"I want to coach. That's my goal," he said before Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals in Miami.

"When the season's over, I told them that I was going to go to be checked and if I could coach, I was going to continue to do that. ... If I can't coach, I don't know what I'll be allowed to do, so I don't want to even speculate on that."

Gilbert seems willing to wait for Brown before deciding whether or not to restructure his front office.

There are other possibilities, and they all seem to hinge on Larry Brown's health and impulsiveness.

One thing is certain, though: Gilbert has his coach.

He interviewed "10 to 12" candidates for the Cleveland job, a list of coaches that included Jackson, Saunders and Eric Musselman. From his first meeting with Mike Brown, Gilbert came away feeling that this was someone he shouldn't let get away.

"Mike's a winner," he said. "There's no other candidate we talked to that I would have hired over him. There is no one going where he is going."

# George Mikan: a "gentle giant" and NBA's first superstar

by BOB BAUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Ray Meyer had just been hired as head basketball coach at DePaul 63 years ago when he was introduced to a 6-foot-10 student with thick glasses who had never played the game.

"I saw George Mikan," the 91-year-old Meyer recalled, "and I saw my future."

Mikan was the future of basketball during the next decade, too.

He became the sport's first big star, a man whose popularity and talent nurtured the fledgling pro game until the likes of Bill Russell, Bob Cousy and Wilt Chamberlain arrived.

Under Meyer's tutelage, Mikan became a two-time college player of the year. A half-century ago, no one had seen someone that tall with such agility, tenacity and skill.

When Mikan died Wednesday night at a Scottsdale rehabilitation center, 18 days shy of his 81st birthday, he was remembered as a towering figure who literally transformed the game.

"George was a giant among men in the early days of the NBA," said Boston Celtics president Arnold "Red" Auerbach, who coached against him. "He was one of the greatest players of all time. He was the first player in the league to really be an imposing and intimidating figure on the court."

Mikan's death also brought attention to his last great cause, a fight to boost the meager pensions given to those who played in the NBA before 1965.

"His hope was that he would be alive when the collective bargaining was reached and a decision had been finalized on the pre-65ers and their surviving families," his son Terry told The Associated Press. "He gave his heart and soul to that effort. He wrote numerous letters to the parties, requested them to take it under consideration."

Mikan "literally carried the league" in its early years, Cousy said. His reward was a \$1,700 per month pension, his family said. His wife of 58 years, Patricia, will get half that much now that he's died.

Speaking after his Miami team beat Detroit in a playoff game Thursday night, Shaquille O'Neal offered his condolences and said he wanted to pay for the funeral.

"Without No. 99, there is no me," O'Neal said.

Terry Mikan said he appreciated O'Neal's offer but said it would be up to his mother whether to accept it.

"It just speaks to what Shaquille is all about," Terry Mikan said. "He had a bond with my dad. They were close friends."

A private memorial service is planned in Scottsdale on Monday night. At some unspecified date, a public ceremony will be held in Minneapolis, where Mikan's ashes will be interred, Terry Mikan said.

Despite Mikan's long battles against diabetes and kidney ailments, Meyer said he was shocked to hear of the death of his lifelong friend, who was remembered as a rugged competitor on the court and a "gentle giant" off it.

"He had the most positive attitude you ever heard," Meyer said. "Never once did he feel sorry for himself. He was a great basketball player, but I think he was a better human being. He was fun to be around. He loved people."

Pro basketball was a minor, struggling sport when Mikan arrived, with games played before small crowds in places such as Fort Wayne and Rochester. But when the big guy came to town, the crowds grew.

"He was looked on as sort of a freak because of his size," Cousy said. "But he was athletic and nimble. It's a different time today with the athletic big man. But in those days, he was the only one. That was the kind of attention George got. He was what the league needed: an attention getter."

In December 1949, when Mikan's Minneapolis Lakers came to New York, the marquee at Madison Square Garden read "Geo. Mikan vs. the Knicks."

"George Mikan truly revolutionized the game and was the NBA's first true superstar," NBA commissioner David Stern said. "He had the ability to be a fierce competitor on the court and a gentle giant off the court. We may never see one man impact the game of basketball as he did, and represent it with such warmth and grace."

In his early college days, Mikan would simply swat away any shot above the rim, leading the NCAA to institute the goaltending rule. The NBA doubled the width of the free-throw lane to ease Mikan's dominance inside. Slowdown tactics used

against him — his 1950 Lakers lost 19-18 to the Fort Wayne Pistons in the lowest-scoring game in NBA history — eventually led to the 24-second shot clock.

Mikan led the Minneapolis Lakers to five league titles in the first six years of the franchise's history.

He led the league in personal fouls three times and had 10 broken bones during his playing career. He averaged 23.1 points in seven seasons with Minneapolis before retiring because of injuries in 1956. Mikan was the league's MVP in the 1948-49 season, when he averaged 28.3 points in leading the Lakers to the title.

"Ed McCauley was our center. Eddie was 6-9, but weighed about 185 pounds where George was probably 250," Cousy recalled. "When we'd walk down the street in a group, Eddie would brush against a pole or big tree and say 'Excuse me George.' Even to someone close to his height, George seemed humongous."

Mikan coached the Lakers for part of the 1957-58 season, and was commissioner of the American Basketball Association in 1967, introducing the 3-point line and the distinctive red, white and blue ball.

His last years were difficult. His right leg was amputated below the knee in 2000. He underwent kidney dialysis three times a week for the past five years, his family said. He was moved to the rehab center last weekend after spending six weeks in the hospital for treatment of a diabetic wound on his leg.

In addition to his wife, whom he met when both were students at DePaul, Mikan is survived by his sons Larry, Terry, Patrick and Michael; daughters Trisha and Maureen, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A statue of Mikan taking his trademark hook shot was dedicated at the Target Center in Minneapolis in April 2001 at halftime of a Timberwolves-Lakers game. He appreciated that the pioneers of the game were getting at least some recognition.

"We were in hiatus a long time, the old-timers," Mikan said at the time. "They forgot about us. They don't go back to our NBA days."

AP sports writers Rick Gano in Chicago and Dave Goldberg in New York contributed to this report.

# Black Wheels hails minority trailblazers in motorsports

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

An African-American driver has notched 147 top 10 finishes at the highest level of NASCAR.

That's right. Wendell Scott, former taxi driver and whiskey hauler, won 120 local races, then became the first African-American driver to compete in a Winston Cup race in Jacksonville in 1963. Scott would run 500 times in NASCAR's premier series. When he retired in 1976, only Richard Petty had more starts and miles driven in NASCAR.

Wendell Scott accomplished all this as an independent driver without factory support.

He's not the only African-American driver to be bitten by the universal, color-blind attraction to speed.

Before Scott, Charlie Wiggins was an expert mechanic and garage owner in Indianapolis who built a lightning-fast race car dubbed the "Wiggins Special."

The world was a different place nearly three-quarters of a century ago, and unfortunately Wiggins was denied the chance to compete in the Indianapolis 500. But from 1925 to 1936, "the Negro Speed King" found success in the Gold + Glory Sweepstakes, a popular racing circuit for African American drivers.

Wiggins was also head mechanic for Bill Cummings, who would win the Indianapolis 500. It was an extraordinary but mostly unnoticed contribution in American motorsports.

NASCAR fans will learn about Scott, Wiggins and other racing trailblazers in a new documentary, "Black Wheels," which celebrates the rich yet largely unheralded contributions of African-Americans in motorsports.

The film, which chronicles eye-opening achievements of African-Americans in auto racing from the mid 1920s to present, as well as today's momentum in diversifying motorsports, debuted this week at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. It will be broadcast in markets nationwide throughout the summer.

Waste Management, a proud sponsor of NASCAR and one of the sport's strongest supporters of diversity, helped underwrite the film and special screening. The company's roster of diverse drivers —

NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series driver Bill Lester as well as Jesus Hernandez and Terri Williams, who compete in the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series — attended the special screening.

"This is a story that needed to be told," said Carlton Yearwood, Waste

Management's Chief Diversity Officer. "We are proud Waste Management is part of recounting this history and the current efforts to make NASCAR more inclusive."

Byron Hunter, the filmmaker behind "Black Wheels," wanted to NASCAR fans as much as minority fans to learn about "the tremendous history of African-Americans in NASCAR that had not been exposed."

"There has been a rich history of African American achievement in motorsports," Hunter said. "NASCAR has shown a commitment to diversity since 1952, when they had Black drivers competing, and now I would like to see Bill Lester and other upcoming Black, Latino and women drivers competing in the highest levels of NASCAR, including the Busch Series and Nextel Cup. We want young kids to dream of careers in motorsports, including NASCAR."

Sam Belnavis, who heads up diversity for Roush Racing, first got involved in NASCAR in 1981 by bringing Bobby Allison to Miller Brewing Co. "We have a legacy in motorsports; it just hasn't been publicized," Belnavis observed.

The difference today is that NASCAR and its teams have "extended a welcome mat" to people of all backgrounds,

end, Joe had finished third at Caraway Speedway.

Henderson was extremely honored to be part of the DC screening. He was impressive in the film, turning the fastest lap at the Drive for Diversity combine, then resting on a stack of tires in his spanking yellow Kodak firesuit, oozing the fly-boy confidence you see in the very best Cup drivers. It was great to see Joe Henderson and other minority and women drivers at the National Press Club talking about their passion for motorsports. And it will be great to continue to see them on the race track, running wide open, leaving someone in the dust.

One of them, 19-year-old Joe Henderson III, who runs for Kodak in the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series, sat on the podium of the National Press Club, viewing a film he called an "eye opener." The previous week-



From left to right: NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series Drivers Joe Henderson III, Jesus Hernandez and Terri Williams, and NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Driver Bill Lester.





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**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 367, 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, John Arnett Heirs, 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, South, 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.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Floyd County School System, 106 Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has filed an

application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet proposing to place a modular classroom unit in the flood plain at Prestonsburg Elementary, located on North Lake Drive, approximately 0.2 mile southeast of the intersection of Rte. 1428 and Rte. 114, being on the east side of Route 1428 and the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, in Floyd County, KY. Said location having a latitude of 37°40'12.78"N and a longitude 82°46'24.74" W. 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, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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