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Briefs

Licenses go up in 2 weeks

Times Staff Report

Floyd County residents have less than two weeks to renew their driver's licenses before prices go up on July 1.

The price of a regular operator's license alone will rise 150 percent.

Driver's licenses, currently priced for \$8, are increasing to \$20. Dual licenses (driver's and motorcycle) are increasing from \$18 to \$30.

Replacement licenses are doubling in price, from \$6 to 12, as are instruction permits.

Personal identification cards, currently priced for \$4, will cost \$12.

The price increases were prompted by the budget adopted by the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ernie Fletcher during the 2005 General Assembly.

Circuit Clerk Douglas Hall encourages Floyd County residents whose licenses expire this year to take advantage of early renewal in order to save money.

Wheelwright struggling to pay bills

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — City commissioners grappled with financial concerns and the appointment of utilities commission members during a meeting Thursday afternoon.

Commissioners held the first reading of an ordinance to adopt the city's 2005-2006 budget, but city clerk Mary Ann Slone informed them that they would have to hold a work session to make cuts.

The city's financial problems were compounded by the closing of Otter Creek Correction Center. The prison paid the city approximately \$10,000 monthly (50 cents per

day per prisoner) in addition to regular property and occupational taxes.

Slone said the commissioners have some "tough decisions" to make in order to take up the slack and that the cutbacks would depend on future incentives from the prison.

Commissioners agreed to hold a work session to make cuts to the budget, but they did not plan or announce a meeting date Thursday. Slone said they would have to finalize the budget by June 29, the tentative date of an announcement of a bid contract for female prisoners that may be housed at the prison. The city's new fiscal year begins on July 1.

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City Commissioner Andy Akers, left, Rodney Hall, center, and Mayor David Sammons discussed the city's financial problems during a meeting Thursday.

photo by Mary Music



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This wreck halted both lanes of traffic Thursday evening along a portion of Route 80 that is currently under construction. Kentucky State Police Trooper Justin Cornett, leading the investigation, said that Brandy Maynard, of Middle Fork Road in Inez, was driving east when she crossed the median and crashed into flashing arrow equipment, then plowed into a westbound truck belonging to Triple R Excavation. Jody Sammons, the driver of the truck, and a passenger, Kevin Daniels, were both transported for medical treatment by Transtar Ambulance. Both men were responsive and talking, but complained with injuries. Drugs or alcohol were not suspected in the incident. Cornett said that Maynard didn't know that the lanes in the road "came together." Maynard said she swerved to miss the flashing arrow, but was unsuccessful, he said. Off-duty Floyd County sheriff's deputies Steve Little and Jeremy Shepherd were the first officials on the scene. Officers with the Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement and Martin Police and Fire Departments also responded.

Fiscal court approves money for Martin project

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court met Friday and had a heavy agenda which saw 18 resolutions carried and found time to hear from several residents who had concerns about several sites in need cleanup.

One resolution involved the county approving matching funds for the Martin redevelopment project, which is already underway but dependent on finding funds to get finished within the 10-year time span allotted to the project by the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

The county will disburse \$2,632 in order to receive a \$1 million federal grant, with plans to spend an additional \$2,000 in the fall in order to receive another grant that should net between \$800,000 and \$1 million more for the ongoing effort to raise the city above the floodplain.

The court also agreed

to advertise for bids to clean up an illegal dump site located at Buckingham Mountain. A PRIDE super grant has already been approved to fund the project.

The meeting also included comments from the public, during which several Floyd Countians apprised the court of areas of concern in the community.

The first concern raised had to do with a rotting culvert at Spurlock Fork on Left Beaver. The court responded by saying it will survey the area Monday.

The same citizen also noted that an area in Spurlock has seen a lot of illegal dumping. Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson noted that the county would get to it, but that they are still waiting on funds from Federal Emergency Management Agency for last year's flood, which have been approved but have been late. Thompson lamented

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Siblings back in court after mistrial

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A West Virginia brother and sister accused of conspiring to kill the sister's husband were back in court Friday after a mistrial was granted in their case two months ago.

Michael Lester and Sheila Dotson were back before judge Danny P. Caudill with two new motions in the case. The first was granted immediately, which was the appointment of a new lawyer for the pair after their previous attorney,

Steve Owens, filed a motion to withdraw as their counsel. Attorney Jonah Stevens, of Pikeville, appeared as the new counsel for Dotson and Lester.

Responding to a motion for speedy trial, Judge Caudill opted to stick court procedures and not rule on the motion until after a June 30 pretrial conference for the case, which was granted after the mistrial was announced.

Stevens will be granted plenty of time to prepare for a trial despite the motion because Judge Caudill is not free to conduct a trial until

December. Caudill noted that he will hold his free week in December until after the June 30 conference.

Lester is accused of shooting Donald Dotson at Dotson's Auxier home last July. The only witness to the shooting was Clifford Glover, who lived with Dotson and was home with him when the shooting occurred.

Glover testified that Dotson and he were drinking coffee that morning when Dotson went to his truck to fetch some cigarettes. He heard

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Lancer woman escapes injury in house fire

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

LANCER — The Prestonsburg Fire Department responded to house fire on South Cardinal Drive Friday afternoon.

The fire caused minimal damage to the bedroom of a home belonging to Ora Bussey, 94.

Fire chief Gary Dotson said the blaze was caused by an electrical problem.

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Rehab center graduates 112

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

THELMA — The Carl D. Perkins Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center hosted its annual commencement program Friday.

One hundred twelve students from all over the state, including

several from Floyd County, graduated from 11 vocational and educational programs hosted by the school.

Attendees watched a presentation by recreation leader Gary Davis that showed pictures of each member of the graduating class. Several students and attendees at the graduation sang along

with the chorus of a song during the presentation.

"As we go on, we remember all the times we had together," they sang. "As our lives change from whatever, we will still be friends forever."

Coy Sammons, superintendent

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The Carl D. Perkins Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center graduated 112 students Friday.

photo by Mary Music

3 DAY FORECAST

Today



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Tomorrow



High: 86 • Low: 60

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Odds and Ends

■ ROSEBURG, Ore. — A newborn kitten recently entered the world with two faces and, hopefully, at least nine lives.

Gemini was born Sunday with two mouths, two tongues, two noses and four eyes.

"I kind of feel sorry for her, because I can't know for a fact if she's going to live or die," its owner, Lee Bluetear, told the (Roseburg) News-Review. "If she makes it, she should be a perfectly normal and healthy

cat. Other than having two faces."

Roseburg veterinarian Alan Ross, who examined the kitten on Tuesday, said he can't estimate the kitten's life span. He said when he first saw the kitten, he wouldn't have given her more than a 10 percent chance of survival.

"With the three of our veterinarians here, we have a combined total of 50 years of experience," Ross said. "We have

never seen anything like this."

Bluetear has been breeding different kinds of animals, starting with dogs, since 1980. Roughly three years ago, she discovered a litter of smaller than normal kittens she calls "miniature cats."

Gemini was born to a miniature mother and a full-size father.

"Everybody is totally amazed that this thing exists," Bluetear said.

■ FARGO, N.D. — Maybe DeAnn Miller-Boschert will finally be able to get some sleep — in jail.

Miller-Boschert, 45, stabbed her husband with a pen and hit him over the head with a 3-pound dumbbell to get him to stop snoring Thursday, police said.

She was charged with simple assault, a misdemeanor, after her husband called police from a convenience store.

Police Sgt. Jeff Skuza said the woman first poured water on her husband, but that did not wake him up.

"She then stabbed him with a pen in the arm twice," he said. "After he went back to sleep after the pen thing, she woke him up again with a workout weight."

Skuza said the man was not seriously hurt and did not seek medical attention.

"He did have some scratches on his shoulders and arms that he said were from previous attacks," Skuza said.

Skuza said the man returned to his home after calling police.

"I assume he went back to sleep," Skuza said.

■ AURORA, Ill. — Just about every neighborhood has homeowners who leave their Christmas decorations up long after the holiday is over.

But some officials in this suburb 40 miles west of Chicago are saying "bah humbug" to the out-of-season tidings. Alderwoman Juany Garza recently canvassed downtown neighborhoods, where she left letters asking residents to take down the displays.

Garza said she turned up more than 100 homes still displaying Christmas decorations — from three white reindeer atop a roof to a plastic Santa flanking a front door.

"It's almost the Fourth of July," she said.

There is no ordinance against untimely holiday decorations, so the city can't force residents

to take them down. But Mayor Tom Weisner said the city will consider passing an ordinance to regulate the decorations if residents don't comply.

Residents were divided on the issue.

"It looks kind of tacky," said Ray Anderson, a 66-year-old retired school principal. "It's not Christmas anymore. It's June and July, and you don't need Christmas decorations up."

But others say they're either too busy — or too lazy — to take down the displays.

"You're going to have to put them up again. Just leave them up," said 20-year-old Rolando Velasquez, sitting on a porch adorned with icicle lights.

■ NEWTON, Mass. — Murphy the golden retriever is awaiting his day in court, although court officials may not be ready for him.

Murphy, who is 3 years old, received a summons last week to appear in District Court to answer a complaint that he was walked without a leash — at least twice — and was not up to date on his dog license.

Murphy's owner was supposed to get the summons, but it was addressed to the dog instead.

"He can't read, so I signed it on his behalf, requesting a hearing," Steven Dean said. "I don't even know if they'll let him into the courthouse."

Court Magistrate Henry Shultz said in his 35 years at the Newton District Court, he has never heard of a dog receiving a ticket.

"I think Murphy's the first offender," he said Monday. "We've had people bring their dogs into the courthouse, but not like this."

"What are we going to do if Murphy appeals to a higher court?" he added.

■ CHARLESTON, W. Va. — That really was 3-foot kangaroo wandering around outside of Charleston the last several

months.

The small male kangaroo comes out mostly at night or in the early morning, officials said. He makes appearances in backyards and on the county's rural roads.

"People will call in and say, 'I swear I'm not drunk or on drugs, but I just saw a kangaroo,'" state conservation officer Clyde Armstead said Thursday.

The first person to report seeing the kangaroo called 911 one week after Christmas, saying the animal was in their yard. "The dispatcher thought someone was celebrating New Year's early," Armstead said.

Some think it may belong to the owners of an exotic animal farm in nearby Evans.

"I spoke to someone who doesn't want to claim it," Armstead said. "So I don't know if it has a name. But he does admit to having other kangaroos."

■ WYLIE, Texas — Chase Williams was awfully happy to make a hole-in-one during a recent round of golf. So, moments later, he did it again.

Williams, 16, got the first one Tuesday on his third hole of the day, the par 3, 17th, as he played in a Westcott Junior Tour event at Hawks Creek Golf Club in Fort Worth. His second came on the par 3, 10th.

The odds of making two aces in the same round are 67 million to one, according to the National Golf Foundation.

"I hit it well, it faded a little right, bounced, then rolled and hit the pin. We all heard it, but I was not sure if it went in until I got to the green," Williams said of the first hole-in-one. He used a pitching wedge from 120 yards.

He used a four wood from 190 yards for the second ace. "It hit on the front of the green, rolled up, hit the pin and went in. We could not believe it," Williams said.

Williams finished in fourth.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 19, the 170th day of 2005. There are 195 days left in the year. This is Father's Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 19, 1865, Union troops commanded by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all slaves were free. (The anniversary of this celebration is called "Juneteenth.")

On this date:

■ In 1586, English colonists sailed from Roanoke Island, N.C., after failing to establish England's first permanent settlement in America.

■ In 1862, slavery was outlawed in U.S. territories.

■ In 1910, Father's Day was celebrated for the first time, in Spokane, Wash.

■ In 1917, during World War I, King George IV ordered the British royal family to dispense with German titles and surnames. The family took the name "Windsor."

■ In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created; it replaced the Federal Radio Commission.

■ In 1945, millions of New Yorkers turned out to cheer Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was honored with a parade.

■ In 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N.Y.

■ In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster.

■ In 1982, in a case that galvanized the Asian-American community, Vincent Chin, a Chinese-American, was beaten to death outside a nightclub in Highland Park, Mich., by two auto workers who later received probation for manslaughter.

■ In 1999, Britain's Prince Edward married commoner Sophie Rhys-Jones in Windsor, England.

Ten years ago: Chechen rebels and more than 100 human shields rode a convoy of buses back to Chechnya following the end of a hostage drama at a Russian hospital. Chinese-American human rights activist Harry Wu was detained as he tried to enter China; he was jailed for 66 days before being expelled.

Five years ago: The Supreme Court reaffirmed, 6-3, that praying in public schools had to be private, barring officials from letting students lead stadium crowds in prayer before football games. The Los Angeles Lakers won their first

championship in 12 years, defeating the Indiana Pacers 116-111 in game six of the NBA Finals (the post-game celebration, however, was marred by violent fans). Former Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita died in Tokyo at age 76.

One year ago: The U.S. military stepped up its campaign against militant leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, launching an airstrike that pulverized a suspected hideout in Fallujah.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Gena Rowlands is 69. Singer Al Wilson is 66. Singer Spanky MacFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 63. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi is 60. Actress Phylcia Rashad is 57. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 55. Musician Larry Dunn is 52. Actress Kathleen Turner is 51. Country singer Doug Stone is 49. Singer Mark DeBarge is 46. Singer-dancer Paula Abdul is 43. Rock singer-musician Brian Vander Ark (Verve Pipe) is 41. Actor Andy Lauer is 40. Actress Robin Tunney is 33. Actor Bumper Robinson is 31. Actress Poppy Montgomery is 30. Actress Zoe Saldana is 26.

Thought for Today: "Free thinkers are generally those who never think at all." — Laurence Sterne, English author (1713-1768).

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Wheelwright

The city owes between \$10,000 to \$12,000 for the purchase of a backhoe, Commissioner Andy Akers said.

The city is also three payments behind, approximately \$38,000, on a KIA loan for sewage service. When approached with this bill that has been delinquent for a year and a half, commissioners called in business manager Audrey Yates to explain why it had not been paid. She said that the city doesn't have the money to pay the bill and that the sewage, unlike the water, "never paid for itself."

"We should have never gotten behind on this," Mayor David Sammons said.

City Attorney Timothy Parker suggested the commissioners table the matter until their next meeting. They made a motion for Yates to go over sewer service accounts to see why they are not making money. The city pays \$3.40 per thousand gallons for sewage, Yates said.

Commissioners also approved a gas contract with Equitable Gas. On June 1, gas rates in Wheelwright rose from \$7 MCF to \$12 MCF, Sammons said.

Commissioners approved a letter written by Parker to the Public Service Commission regarding the city's intent to correct past problems with the gas service. Wheelwright was cited with 10 violations by the Public Service Commission in September.

Sammons said he went to Frankfort in March to begin the process of correcting those violations, which included not having a certified gas operator in the city.

The city anticipates getting a Local Government Economic Assistant grant for \$41,875 this year, Slone said. The grant will be used to improve the city's fire, police and streets. Commissioners passed a motion to accept the application. They also passed a motion to accept a \$15,000 municipal road aid incentive for sidewalk and street repairs.

The city also expects \$13,781 from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, through a grant that is to be used for resurfacing, paving or bridge construction on existing city streets. Slone said the city couldn't get any road aid incentive money until the 2004-05 city audit is completed.

The city contracted Pike County Auditor John B. Tackett approximately 15 months ago to complete the audit, Slone said, but it is not finished yet.

To offset the current financial burden, commissioners suggested that the city change its employee insurance policy so that the five city employees would pay \$20 per pay period toward their insurance.

Slone said the city pays \$15,026 monthly for employee insurance coverage. Mayor Sammons, commenting on his own experience with recent illness, said the city should leave employee insurance alone, but commissioners opted to pass the motion.

The city's liability insurance, which covers workers compensation, employee vehicles, lawsuits against the city or commissioners, liability for streets and parks, has also risen. Commissioners passed a motion to pay a down payment of \$4,491.20 and \$2,085.88 monthly for the next nine months.

Another suggestion to ease the financial burden came from Akers when Slone asked the group to approve monthly bill purchases.

Akers, who initially refused to okay the expenditures, raised a question about buying flowers for city resident funerals, noting a \$50 bill and \$275 bill submitted for approval. He said that purchases or bills should not be paid between meetings and without the consent of city commissioners. Slone informed him that the bills for those flowers had already been paid. The commission later passed a motion to prevent purchases prior to commission approval.

During discussion on this matter, Akers said that a lot of the financial trouble in Wheelwright could be improved by searching through the bills and finding those that

aren't necessary. He also said that a large portion of the financial problem is caused by delinquent utility bills, some of which total \$600 for past due residential accounts. Akers said the problem lies at the hands of commissioners who, in the past, have allowed residents to delay payment. He made a motion that commissioners who do so are responsible for the payment the late bill.

At that point, City Attorney Timothy Parker jumped into the heated discussion.

"We've discussed this before. None of you have any standing here," Parker said. "You do not have anything to do with what people's bills are. If someone comes and asks you to put off their payment, you need to tell them, 'It's not my job.'"

During the meeting, commissioners also approved a document concerning hauling dirt for people within city limits. Comments were made as to the regulations surrounding city equipment being used on private property, but commissioners decided that it was okay to help people within the city limits if they needed help during an emergency.

They also passed a motion to give cash advances to employees only if they have already worked the pay out, another issue, Parker said, that has been discussed by the commission before.

Commissioner Don Hall, opposing the change, said, "I don't see the problem. The money's in there, it belongs to the employees of this town."

Discussion once again got heated, or at least urgent, when commissioners began trying to fill utility commission seats that have been vacant for several months. Tommy Engle, Bill Meade, Charles Wilson and Jenny Moore were appointed to the positions. Larry Bryant, who repeatedly refused to join, finally agreed to become a utility commissioner "for now," only after commissioner Don Hall badgered him.

"Oh, come on, just join for now," Hall said repeatedly. "You can quit later."

The problem with keeping members on the utilities commission came after the city passed an ordinance that allows them to dismiss any commissioner without cause. Commissioner Randy Hall had a motion on the meeting agenda to rescind that ordinance, but he requested Thursday to table it until the next meeting.

After the meeting, Hall said he decided to table the matter because he knew that it would be shot down by commissioners, who were all present for the meeting. Mayor Sammons said this was the first time in quite a while that all members were present for a meeting.

A sign on the city hall door seeking utility commissioners had a handwritten note: "Don't do it! They'll kick you off!"

In other news, Akers, who serves as police commissioner, asked the city clerk to write a letter to Frankfort so that the Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officers can patrol within city limits. Akers said after the meeting that the city has a very

bad drug problem and that KVE officers who came to patrol were being "held out" by some "political control" in the area. He would not give any further information about this issue.

KVE Lt. Brian Howard, who schedules officers for KVE, said Friday that Akers' statements were false.

"I'm the person that schedules individual officers and that's false," he said. "I've had no contact with any type of political people in the Wheelwright area. If there's anything going on politically to keep the KVE out of Wheelwright, then it's not coming here. We don't have targeted enforcement there, but we've got officers who live in the area, so they go there on a regular basis."

Akers and Slone drafted the letter following the meeting.

In other news, commissioners also:

■ Passed a motion to amend last year's budget. Slone said expenditures and revenues were not received or spent as expected.

■ Declined a grant for litter pickup because the city does not have enough money to pay 25 percent in matching funds.

■ Sold utility trucks — one for \$200, another for \$300. Mayor Sammons said that he didn't like selling the trucks so cheaply and without giving more people the opportunity to purchase them.

■ Passed motions for the Fire Department to pay \$500 for fireworks and \$300 for entertainment for the Fourth of July celebration this year. Akers said the fire department is helping ease the city's "financial distress" because the city helped them purchase a new fire truck through a USDA grant. The truck will arrive June 29, he said.

■ Passed a resolution to become part of the National Incident Management System, an extension of the Homeland Security Initiative.

■ Approved a lease agreement with Tommy Engle, who agreed to lease a section of property near the water tank on Route 79 in return for cleaning the area. The city retained rights to the property.

■ Gave resident Will Newman, who purchased the "Clubhouse" from the city for \$5,000, 14 days to sell the now-dilapidated building. Commissioners were concerned about teenagers going into the building and getting hurt.

Newman said he was prepared to sell the property back to the city, but commissioners refused to purchase it, telling him that the asbestos containing building would cost \$30,000 to \$40,000 to tear down. The cleanup would be Newman's responsibility if he has the deed.

Commissioners discussed this matter in closed session and said that they would take the brunt of the cleanup cost if Newman donated the land back to them.

"I'll make this point," Parker said. "If the fire marshal shows up within that 14-day period, it's on you [Newman]."

Siblings

the shot and ran over to find Dotson collapsed on the ground.

Glover also testified that he had seen Lester parked across the road, holding a rifle, but did not see the shot fired. He also said that Lester and Sheila Dotson often drove by the home he shared with Donald

Fire

Bussey said the fire began in the bedroom of her home while a repairman with Tri-County Appliances was checking her fuse box. Bussey said she called the man to inspect a problem with her clothes dryer and discovered that the home has other electrical problems.

"He was checking the fuse box and he heard something and looked in and the drapes were on fire," said Bussey's granddaughter, Cheryl Leslie. "Thank God he was here."

The electricity has now been

cut off and Bussey will be staying at Leslie's residence until the problems are fixed.

Bussey was shaken up by the experience, but not physically hurt. "She'll be fine. She bounces back fast," Leslie said. The home is more than 52 years old, Bussey said.

Prosecutors originally indicted Lester for the shooting, but later indicted Dotson when evidence came to their office by investigating Det. Mickey Watson which led them to indict her for conspiracy to commit murder.

Graduation

of Paintsville City Schools, addressed the students by telling them to build on their success and go through life with confidence.

His words were mirrored by keynote speaker Laura Emberton-Owen, commissioner of the Workforce Development Cabinet.

Owen extended gratitude and congratulations on behalf of Gov. Ernie Fletcher and commended the center for its longstanding dedication to Eastern Kentucky.

"Doesn't it feel great to be sitting here today? Doesn't it feel great to be sitting here in these caps and gowns?" she asked the graduates.

Owen commended the "courageous" graduates for overcoming obstacles in their life and urged them to continue breaking "barriers." She also urged them

to continue the pursuit of their goals and dreams and to enjoy what they do with their lives.

Students graduated from auto lube/detailing, building maintenance/custodial, child care development, cosmetology, external diploma program, food service, GED, material management, the Mayo Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, offset printing technology, retail sales, and small engines.

Some of the graduates are brain injury patients who went into vocational or educational training after they completed rehabilitation.

"I'm proud of them," speech pathologist Shaw Reynolds said. "It shows a lot of hard work and initiation on their part."

Maureen Waweru, from Lexington, received the Brain

Injury Association of Kentucky Award this year.

Other graduates were returning students who took part in the center's External Diploma Program, which awards GEDs to students who study practical life skills as opposed to the academic training normally required for the GED.

Program manager Andy Jones said students in the program are required to be 25 years of age or older so that they have adequate training in "life skills."

State Rep. Hubert Collins, Paintsville Mayor Doug Pugh and Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten were in attendance.

The rehabilitation center, which has been operating for 32 years, has served 38,000 Kentuckians. It is one of nine state-operated centers in Kentucky.

Court

the ongoing wait for funds, saying, "I know people get tired of hearing the same old song, and frankly I am tired of singing it."

The court also opened bids from contractors to perform various repairs in the county and vowed to accept the cheapest as much as they could. The court also intends to accept all bids for now so that they can turn to a larger, more expensive contractor should another disaster like last year's flood be looming in

the future.

The court also voted to support to effort to link several Eastern Kentucky counties with an existing recreational trails program named after the Hatfield and McCoy families. The trails are up and running in eight West Virginia counties and have sparked tourist interest. The plan is to have all of the trails connected to form an attraction for tourists who wish to see the area via a trail that would be

open to ATVs, off-road motorcycles, mountain bikes and horses.

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Our view

Wrong answer, Governor

Last week, Gov. Ernie Fletcher once again made the statement that he believes that Attorney General Greg Stumbo's investigation into hiring practices in Fletcher's administration is motivated more by politics than by a desire to clean up any wrongdoing.

That argument certainly bore consideration ... until a grand jury issued indictments.

We're no dummies. We know that Stumbo certainly isn't heartbroken over the prospect of tainting the Fletcher administration.

We also know that similar indictments could have been obtained had Democratic administrations of the previous 30 years been as closely scrutinized. The Merit System may have improved the fairness of hiring practices in state government, but completely eliminating the good-ol'-boy network would require a miracle on par with parting the Red Sea.

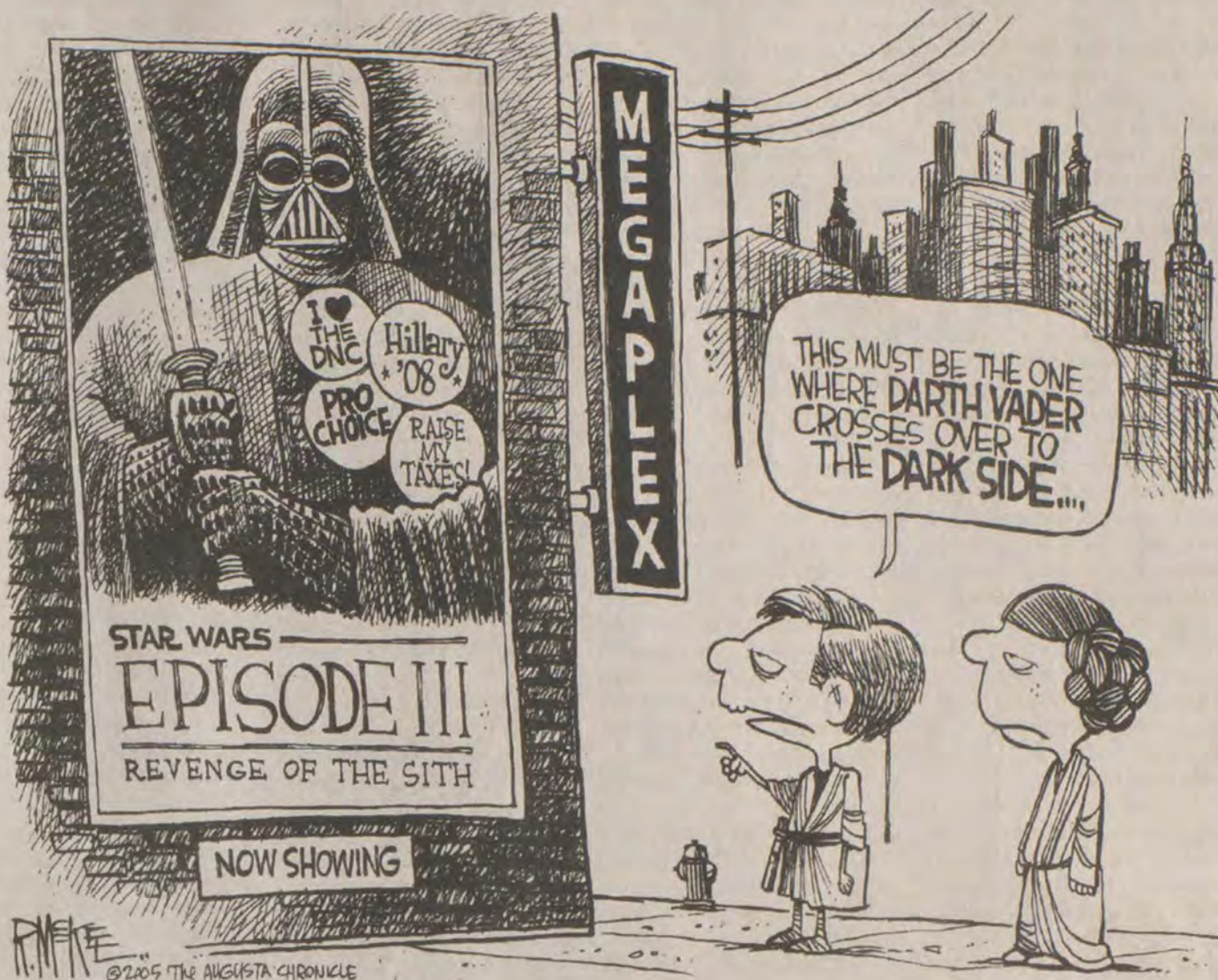
But once a grand jury issued indictments, Fletcher should have canned the political victimization speeches. By screaming "politics," the governor has insulted the grand jury that found the allegations worthy of further investigation, as well as the American system of justice.

Of course, the indictments are not an indication of guilt or proof that any wrongdoing took place in the Fletcher administration. However, the fact that a grand jury has determined that there are questions that need to be answered is at the very least a partial vindication of Stumbo's investigation.

However, we join many others in observing that the allegations of politics could have been avoided altogether had the investigation been led by an independent prosecutor, rather than the man rumored to be Fletcher's chief opponent in the next gubernatorial race. And since the investigation appears to be expanding, we would suggest that there is still time for Stumbo to correct that mistake so as to eliminate those suspicions.

In the meantime, Kentuckians would be better served by a governor who promises to get to the bottom of the charges made by the grand jury and address any deficiencies, rather than one who seeks to distract us with accusations of partisanship.

— The Floyd County Times



Rich Lowry Column

The war on pot

As the nation's "drug czar," John Walters is supposed to be saving us from the ravages of hard drugs like heroin and cocaine. At least that was the original sales pitch for the "war on drugs" in the 1980s. But the war has evolved into largely a fight against marijuana, which no one has ever claimed is a hard drug. Walters is nonetheless committed, Ahab-like, to arresting every marijuana smoker in the country whom law enforcement can lay its hands on.

It used to be that drug warriors denied that marijuana was much of a focus for them, because they understandably liked people to think they were cracking down on genuinely dangerous, highly addictive drugs. No more. We are waging a war on pot, a substance less addictive and harmful than tobacco and alcohol.

According to a new report by The Sentencing Project, in a trend Walters heartily supports, annual drug arrests increased by 450,000 from 1990 to

2002. Marijuana arrests accounted for 82 percent of the growth, and 79 percent of that was for marijuana possession alone. The proportion of marijuana-traffic-ficking arrests actually declined during this period.

Has the use of other drugs declined, prompting the focus on marijuana? No. According to The Sentencing Project:



"There is no indication from national drug-survey data that a dramatic decrease in the use of other drugs led to law-enforcement agencies shifting resources to marijuana. Indeed, there was a slight increase in the

use of all illicit drugs by adult users between 1992 and 2001. Over that same period, emergency-room admissions for heroin continued to increase."

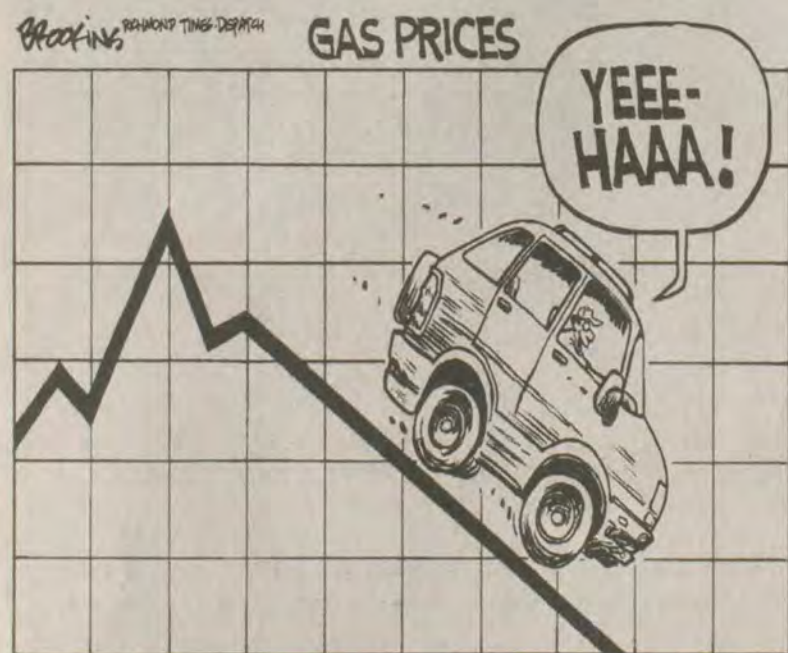
The fight against marijuana isn't even working on its own terms. According to The Sentencing Project, since 1992, the price of marijuana has fallen steadily, declining by 16 percent. Daily use by high-school seniors tripled from 1990 to 2002, going from 2.2 percent to 6 percent — the same level as in 1975.

As Allen F. St. Pierre, executive director of the pro-decriminalization group NORML, puts it, "Increased arrest rates are not associated with reduced marijuana use, reduced marijuana availability, a reduction in the number of new users, reduced treatment admissions, reduced emergency-room mentions, any reduction in marijuana potency, or any increases in the price of marijuana." Besides that, the war on marijuana is a smash success.

Marijuana is not harmless, and its use should be discouraged, but in the same way, say, smoking a pack of cigarettes a day should be discouraged. The criminal-justice system should stay out of it. Twelve states have decriminalized marijuana to varying degrees, fining instead of arresting people for possessing small amounts. They recognize that — as the authors of a new study for the conservative American Enterprise Institute argue — "the case for imposing criminal sanctions for possession of small amounts of marijuana is weak."

John Walters, of course, will have a ready answer for the ineffectiveness of the war on marijuana. It's the answer drug warriors always have — even more arrests.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



beyond the beltway

Nobody wants unity

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

The movement to forge the countries of Europe into a single economic and political entity, now more than 50 years old, got a pie in the face last month. The voters of La Belle France, one of the founding members of the European community, voted to reject the European Union constitution that had been presented to them for ratification.

The stated purpose of the constitution was to make rational the rules that govern the 25-nation bloc and to lay the groundwork for further growth and unity; in other words, take another step toward the United States of Europe.

On the surface that would seem like a pretty good thing for Europe, seeing as how the United States is the Big Cheese right now and China is coming up fast on the outside. Why, then, were the French against it?

Well, for one thing, they're French. Give a Frenchman half a chance to vote no on something and he'll take it. It's part of the national character.

There was some suspicion among the laboring classes that the constitution was but a Trojan Horse that would bring in foreign laborers to take their jobs and introduce American business concepts, like mere two-week annual vacations, a mandatory 40-hour workweek and health care only for those who can

afford it. This might have been the case, actually; it's called globalization.

Hardly anybody understood the document they were voting on. The thing is 450 pages long. That's not a constitution, that's a Russian novel.

Generally speaking, people would rather be among their own kind and exclude all others, whether the distinction be race, color, religion, class or accent. Western Kansas wants to break away from eastern Kansas, for crying out loud. This is why we have so many civil wars.



The French don't want to be Europeans, they want to be French and it's the same with Italians, Germans, English and almost every other country. Their histories are stories of warring tribes and they are reluctant to give up their animosities.

How have they come so far in unifying the place then? They haven't let the people vote much on the issue. The E.U. is the child of the political elites of Europe and ratified by their parliaments, bypassing actual voters. In France, they decided to put it up to a vote. Big mistake. The real question is what happens now?

The short answer to that question is nobody knows. The proponents of the constitution were full of dire predictions if the French voted it down, but people who want your vote always try and scare you. My guess is that, for the time being, Europe Union will go galumphing along, making do with the patchwork of treaties that it now operates under.

Viva la France. Not that I'm totally against disunity for Europe, or for the United States for

that matter. For example, I have long advocated allowing or even encouraging the states of former Confederacy to secede from the Union, thereby rectifying Lincoln's error.

I propose that without hostility. It's just that the American South and North have become vastly different places and I see no reason for them to put up with each other any longer.

Think of the advantages for the former Confederacy:

- It could have a constitution that would do away with the separation of church and state — with the separation of church and practically everything, for that matter. This would undoubtedly lead to:

- A school system in which the primary science text is the Bible.
- Stem cell research being made a sin.

- The restoration of stoning as a punishment for adultery, but only for women. Men would get probation with community service.

In addition:

- NASCAR could become the official national pastime.
- Country the official music.
- Southern the official language.
- Tom DeLay could be president.

I'm telling you folks down South, it would be bliss, a win-win proposition. Think about it. In the meantime, y'all have a good day.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email him at donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Aaron Adams, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, June 13, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Versie Mullins Adams. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Gwendolyn Martin Barnett, 59, of Cape Coral, Florida, formerly of Wayland, died Sunday, June 12, in Cape Coral, Florida. She is survived by her husband, James Barnett. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Berley Brown, 78, of Langley, died Wednesday, June 15, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Lola Maggard Conn, 86, of Martin, died Sunday, June 12, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Ernestine Debord, 56, of Parkview Nursing Home, Pikeville, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, June 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 15, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Betty Elaine Hall, 46, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, June 15, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Ricky D. Hall. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Vernon Howell, 48, of Plain City, Ohio, formerly of Wayland, died Friday, June 10, at Plain City, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Michael Allen McKinney, 5 months old, of Langley, died Thursday, June 9, in Mt. Sterling, the result of an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Larry Allen McKinney, 41, of Hager Hill, died Thursday, June 9, at Mt. Sterling, the result of an automobile accident. He is survived by his wife, Regina Short McKinney. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Susie Mullins Sexton, 45, of Topmost, died Friday, June 10, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Tommy Slone, 63, of Melvin, died Sunday, June 12, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Harris Slone. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Billie Younce Tackett, 61, of Barbourville, formerly of Melvin, died Saturday, June 11, at Knox County Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Paul Tackett. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 14, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Mary Francis Adkins, 77, of Pikeville, died Friday, June 10, in Pike County. Graveside services were held Monday, June 13, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Shelby Jean Allen, 62, of Pikeville, died Friday, June 10, at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Robert Earl Bartley, 79, of Louisa, a Pike County native, died Thursday, June 9, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Anna Rae Belcher-Bartley. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 12, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Raymond Bishop, 65, of Pikeville, died Saturday, June 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, June Mae Thacker. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 8, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Mearl Parsons Castle, 92, of Pikeville, died Thursday, June 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 18, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Caleb Chapman, 18, of Shelbiana, died Thursday, June 9, the result of injuries suffered in an ATV accident at Millard. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 12, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

■ Alma Coleman, 83, a Pike County native, has died. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 15, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Lassie Coleman, 82, of Ransom, died Sunday, June 12, at Amelia, Ohio. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 15, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Myrtle Dotson, 76, of

Ransom, died Thursday, June 9, at South Williamson. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 11, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Ardena Salyers Hagstrom, 61, of Walton, formerly of Regina, died Thursday, June 9, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Edgewood. She is survived by her husband, Richard Hagstrom. Funeral services were held Monday, June 13, under the direction of Chambers & Grubbs Funeral Home.

■ James Edward Hall, 79, of Pikeville, died Monday, June 13, at Portsmouth Hospital, Portsmouth, Ohio. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 16, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Christopher Lee Jones, 30, of Lexington, a Pike County native, died June 11, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Harold Matney, 64, of Steele, died Tuesday, June 14, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 18, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Mary Eunice McCoy, 77, of Raccoon, died Thursday, June 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 11, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Frank M. Morris, 74, of Pikeville, died Thursday, June 16, at Pikeville Health Care Center. A memorial service is to be held at a later date. Burial will be in the Johnson Memorial Park, Pikeville, under direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

■ George Osborne, 69, of Springfield, formerly of Virgie, died Thursday, June 9, at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 14, under direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Ballard Osborne, 88, of Dorton, died Wednesday, June 15, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ota Wright Osborne. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 18, under the direction of Jones Funeral Home.

■ Stacie Lee Pennix, 82, of Chicago, Illinois, formerly of McVeigh, died Tuesday, June 7, in Chicago. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 14 under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Easter Perry, 69, of Hellier, died Tuesday, June 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Granville Perry. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 16, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Sophia Zemo Shockey, 82, of Lexington, formerly of Pike County, died Tuesday, June 14. She is survived by her husband, Charles Shockey. Funeral services were held Friday, June 17, under the direction of Milward

Funeral Home, Lexington.

■ Phyllis Wright Smallwood, 67, of Dorton, died Friday, June 10, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Herbert Smallwood. Funeral services were held Monday, June 13 under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Myrtle Stiltner, 85, of Belcher, died Sunday, June 12, at Mt. View Health Care. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 15, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ George Ray Stiltner, 34, of Clearfield, formerly of Phyllis, died Friday, May 27, in Morehead. He is survived by his wife, Jessica Lester Stiltner. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 31, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Vanis Tackett, 58, of Little Robinson Creek, died Wednesday, June 15, at University of Kentucky Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Janet Tackett. Funeral services will be held Sunday, June 19, at 11 a.m., at the Bethel Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Carl "Domer" Wolford, 74, of Freeburn, died Sunday, June 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 15, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Martha Hollon Callahan, 51, of Van Lear, died Tuesday, June 7, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 10, under the direction of Porter & Son Funeral Home.

■ Sandra Hall, 52, of Staffordsville, died Wednesday, June 15, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 18, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Fred L. Holbrook, 79, of Springfield, Tennessee, a Johnson County native, died Monday, June 13, at Sumner Hospice Care Center in Gallatin, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Skaggs Holbrook. Funeral services were held Friday, June 17, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ David Jones, 67, of Flat Gap, died Monday, June 13, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 16, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Harold Kestner, 94, of West Van Lear, died Tuesday, June 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Margie Ratliff Kestner. Funeral services were held Friday, June 17, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Barbara Jean Litteral Laney, 45, of West Van Lear, died Saturday, June 11, in Lexington. She is survived by

her husband, Hobert Laney. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 14, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Enola May Webb, 93, of West Van Lear, died Saturday, June 11, in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 14, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Janice Wright, 67, of Stambaugh, died Wednesday, June 1, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 4, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Sheldon Horn, 72, of Inez, died Wednesday, June 8, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Hester Music Horn. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 10, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Sylvia Blackburn McGinnis, 65, of Inez, died Monday, June 13, at the Select Specialty Hospital in Charleston, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Clarence McGinnis. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 16, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Oscar Allen Jr., 56, of Falcon, died Thursday, June 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Glenda Allen. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 13, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Reva Howard Salyer, 89, of Lexington, formerly of Salyersville, died Thursday, June 9, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 11, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Berley Brown

Berley Brown, 78, of Langley, died Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at his residence.

Born April 23, 1927, in Garth, he was the son of the late Tommy and Lula Ousley Brown. He was a disabled coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Faye Stephens Brown.

Survivors include three sons: Rondall Brown, Charles Brown, and Gorman Brown, all of Langley; one daughter, Pauline Johnson of Langley; one brother, Edgar Brown of Martin; one sister, Mary Lou Robinson of Martin; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Leroy Brown; five brothers: Clifford Brown, Clarence Brown, Lawrence Brown, Tommy Brown Jr., and Delmas Brown; three sisters: Pauline Brown, Virginia Brown and Pearl Moore; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 17, 10 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Chuck Hall, Ronnie Halbert, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the P.D. Allen Cemetery, at Warco, Langley.

Visitation was at the funeral home, where services were conducted on Thursday evening.

(Paid obituary)

Odds

place.

Williams got the aces with the same ball. He said he didn't think about putting it away after the first. After almost losing it a couple of times, he had it in his pocket.

"I don't think I'll use it again," he said.

■ DUNBAR, W.Va. — Larry Gaynor and his brother had to cut their latest fishing trip short after a black bear ate their food and guzzled their beer.

Gaynor, 67, and his brother, Billy Bob Gaynor, 53, were camping at Summit Lake near Richwood on Friday when the bear wandered into their campsite. Hearing a noise, they looked outside their tent and saw the bear with its mouth clamped on their cooler.

Larry Gaynor said the bear dragged the cooler 30 yards into the woods and flung it against a tree, scattering a case of Coors Light.

"He only drank three cans," he said. "He would've drank all of them if it would've been Budweiser."

Billy Bob Gaynor said the bear ate all of their food so they returned to Dunbar the next day.

"Either relocate them or let

me eat them," he said.

■ SHREVEPORT, La. — It turned pretty ugly for an armed robber who tried to rip off a group of beauty school students.

The man entered Blalock's Beauty College on Tuesday, brandishing a gun, and told the women there to lie down on the floor, according to manager Dianne Mitchell.

After collecting the money, the robber ran toward the front door and Mitchell tripped him. As he fell, the would-be robber dropped his gun and Abram Bishop, the lone male employee in the college, jumped on his back, pinning him down.

Seizing the opportunity, Mitchell rallied her students, who descended on the suspect after arming themselves with curling irons, chairs and a wooden table leg.

Jared Gipson, 24, of Shreveport, was charged with armed robbery, police said. He will be booked into the city jail once he is released from the hospital.

The gun, police learned later, was not loaded. But that didn't matter to the students.

"He got what he deserved," student Renae Collier, 26, said.

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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.

A few more days like the last three or four, and at least one eastern Kentucky town is going to be introduced to the old Spanish custom known as the siesta.

Suggested reading for weather such as this: "Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates," some of the Jack London tales of the north, or Curwood's, with the snow up to here. Or the Bible, especially for us who find the heat too, too much and would avoid it.

If things aren't hot enough to suit you, we recommend a meeting of the City Council as a good spot to warm up.



Norman Allen

Every time we print a story such as that of Ken Howard, the near-blind youngster from Gunlock who showed those with perfect eyesight, but unsound vision, he could do as much or more than they, we wonder how many fine minds and potentially great people have lived out blighted lives in this area. It's then that we think of eastern Kentucky as one great, sprawling "Country Churchyard."

This is what, in other days, was known as "shirt tail weather." Reminds us of the story the late Irvin Cobb liked to tell of the scene down in the Deep South as he looked from a train window at daybreak, one morning. Alongside the tracks at a whistle stop was a party of men, mounted on tall foxhunters, looking like a posse in search of a criminal. As he wondered what was up, an elderly gentleman of the community boarded the train and came into the crowded coach, finally finding a seat alongside the Kentuckian.

"Why the posse?" inquired Cobb. "Are they looking for somebody to lynch?"

"Nope," replied the oldtimer. "Hiram Jones' boy Ed, is 18 today, and they're tryin' to ketch him to put briches on him."

I am not—I will not—mention that certain sport that I have a weakness for. No, not this week. It is too hot. It is too disgusting. Now, say that this column has degenerated into a—column!

Moving Forward

Maytown Center volunteers, staff revitalize community

The Maytown Center, founded by Father Ralph Beiting and directed by Dan and Beth Chauncey, is helping rejuvenate the Langley and Maytown communities with seasonal activities and year-round learning programs.

A quick update provided by Dan Chauncey informs that the main building of the old Maytown School, built in 1939, has recently been newly roofed; plans are being made to re-roof the gymnasium; and the community has been thrilled with the construction of a new "Friendship Garden" on the site.

Through a combination of grants and donations, the old Maytown School campus has come alive again with a new park, walking track, and various activities taking place each day at the "Gathering Place," formerly known as the old school cafeteria.

Upcoming activities at Maytown Center

- June 22: Swimming pool trip for third-through sixth-graders.
- June 24: Friday Night Live barbecue and square dance, 6 p.m., a free event.
- June 29: Swimming pool trip for sixth-through 12th-graders.
- July 6: Pool trip, third through sixth grades.
- July 11: Community lunch.
- July 12: Game Night, 7:30 p.m., grades 3 and up.
- July 13: Mountain bike trip.
- July 18: Community supper.
- July 29: Friday Night Live talent show action.

grades, on the 6th; a community lunch on the 11th; Game Night on July 12, at 7:30 p.m., grades 3 and up; mountain bike trip on the 13th; a community supper on the 18th; and Friday Night Live talent show action again on the 29th.

For more information about any of these activities, or to inquire about renting the Gathering Place or picnic shelter for your next family reunion or get-together, call 285-0539. To learn more about the Maytown Center, you may also visit www.maytowncenter.org.

"Our hope is that all of us will be moved closer to God through the experiences offered this summer," said Dan Chauncey.



The Maytown Center's Friendship Garden is near completion.



Mexican Fiesta night at the center offered some opportunities to help crack open the piñata.



A few members of one of the center's summer work crews. Hmm, doesn't seem to be too much "work" going on in this photo!



A volunteer helps with some painting and redecorating.



A volunteer group from Christ Presbyterian Church, Largo, Florida, worked hard this past spring on various projects at the center. Before leaving, they helped put together a Mexican Fiesta night - complete with homemade fajitas and piñatas!

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Night Train to Terror'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Two old men, one representing God and the other Satan, meet on a train to discuss the fate of three characters. The train they are riding in will crash in hours, but these two don't seem bothered as the audience is treated to three short films detailing the stories of the three people in question.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

The first one is about a guy named Harry. He crashes his car on his wedding night and wakes up in an ethically challenged hospital. Here the idea is to hypnotize the patients so that they will go out and spike people's drinks. The unconscious bodies are then brought to the hospital and molested by hulking orderly Otto before being having their organs sold to the highest bidder.

Eventually Harry gets hip to what is happening and begins dumping his medication until he is well enough to take on Otto in a poorly staged fight sequence.

The next story focuses on a woman named Gretta who meets a strange guy, Youngmeyer, at a carnival. They begin dating, which turns out to be a bad decision for Gretta, who finds herself hooked on drugs, starring in adult movies shot in seedy motel rooms and enrolled in a secret club which meets every so often to place themselves in life-threatening situations.

The club is made up of people who have survived near-death experiences and apparently need to periodically relieve their brushes with the grim reaper. A typical evening for the group is to gather round a table and then release a killer insect and see who it bites. On this occasion they leave a window open, to give everyone a sporting chance, and the mutant bug flies outside and puts the bite on an unsuspecting smoocher who promptly explodes all over his date.

The third tale follows Claire Hansen. On the surface she appears fortunate. Her husband is a best-selling novelist, she's a respected heart surgeon, and they live on the beach in southern California. Unfortunately, her husband's latest book has drawn intense criticism for challenging the existence of God.

Things get bad when Claire goes to confession and gets an unexpected set of orders from the priest, who tells her that she is actually an emissary of

(See LAGOON, page seven)

You can do anything

by TINA KARRATTI

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE FATHER'S SOUL"

Many years ago, my dad was diagnosed with a terminal heart condition. He was put on permanent disability and was unable to work at a steady job. He would be fine for quite a while, but would then fall suddenly ill and have to be admitted to the hospital.

He wanted to do something to keep himself busy, so he decided to volunteer at the local children's hospital. My dad loved kids. It was the perfect job for him. He ended up working with the terminally and critically ill children.

He would talk to them and play with them and do arts and crafts with them. Sometimes he would lose one of his kids. In certain instances, he would tell the grieving parents of these children that he would soon be with their child in heaven and that he would take care of them until they got there. He would ask the parents if there was a message they would like to send with him for their child.

My dad's assurances seemed to help parents with their grieving. One of his kids was a girl who had been admitted with a rare disease that paralyzed her from the neck down. I don't know the name of the disease or what the prognosis

usually is, but I do know that it was very sad for a girl around 8 or 9 years old. She couldn't do anything, and she was very depressed. My dad decided to try to help her. He started visiting her in her room, bringing paints, brushes and paper. He stood the paper up against a backing, put the paintbrush in his mouth and began to paint. He didn't use his hands at all. Only his head would move. He would visit her whenever he could and paint for her. All the while he would tell her, "See, you can do anything you set your mind to."

Eventually, she began to paint using her mouth, and she and my dad became friends. Soon after, the little girl was discharged because the doctors felt there was nothing else they could do for her. My dad also left the chil-

dren's hospital for a little while because he became ill. Some time later, after my dad had recovered and returned to work, he was at the volunteer counter in the lobby of the hospital. He noticed the front doors open. In came the little girl who had been paralyzed, only this time she was walking. She ran straight over to my dad and hugged him really tight. She gave my dad a picture she had done using her hands. At the bottom it read, "Thank you for helping me walk."

My dad would cry every time he told us this story, and so would we. He would say sometimes love is more powerful than doctors, and my dad — who died just a few months after the girl gave him the picture — loved every single child in that hospital.



Jim Davidson

Some good, old-fashioned advice

Here is a question I would like to invite you to ponder with me for a few minutes today. What is the best advice you have ever received?

This question reminds me of a humorous story I heard one time about this truck driver who had been on the road for hours, was dead tired, and stopped at this all-night diner for something to eat. After taking a seat, a waitress came over to take his order and he said, "I would like to have two scrambled eggs, a sausage patty, some biscuits and gravy and some kind words."

After a few minutes the waitress came back, set his order in front of him and turned to leave. He said, "Wait a minute, ma'am. What about those kind words?"

At this point she leaned over and whispered where no one else could hear and said, "Don't

eat them eggs." Now, I don't know whether or not he took her advice, but it sounds like he would have been better off if he had. Believe it or not, this last statement contains the essence of what advice is all about.



The dictionary says, advice is "counsel given to encourage or dissuade." When we seek someone's advice or whether we are the one giving it, the end result is to encourage someone to do something or to discourage them from doing it.

Some examples of what I am saying might include advice as to whether or not to get married to a particular person, advice on making a dangerous trip, advice about taking a particular job that

involves a lot of travel or moving your family to a strange city or town and so forth.

When we ask a person for advice, we are simply asking them to suggest the best course of action for us to take. This is not to say that we will allow this person to make the decision for us, but that we want more input before making the final decision ourselves.

Obviously, the character and integrity of the people we seek out to ask for advice, along with their knowledge and experience, will go a long way in helping us become a happy, well adjusted and successful human being.

As I look back over the years of my life, I am grateful for the people who were there to counsel me, guide me and to help me make wise choices. In a general sense, the times I would not listen to sound advice is when I really made a mess of things.

Here is another question that may be worth thinking about: Have there been times in your

life when you wished you had listened when someone who loves you and had your best interests at heart tried to give you some good advice? In the final analysis, the choices we make are what determine our success or failure as a human being.

What brought these thoughts to mind is a document my good friend Charles Rosson sent me the other day titled, "Good Old Fashioned Advice." This document contains 21 concise statements that can serve as good advice — advice that will help any of us make better choices — choices that will serve us well in the years to come.

Read these carefully and think about each one and see if you don't agree.

No. 1. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.

No. 2. Marry a man/woman you love to talk to.

No. 3. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.

No. 4. When you say, "I love you," mean it.

No. 5. When you say, "I'm sorry," look the person in the eye.

No. 6. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.

No. 7. Believe in love at first sight.

No. 8. Never laugh at anyone's dreams. People who don't have dreams don't have much.

No. 9. Love deeply and passionately.

No. 10. In disagreements, fight fairly.

No. 11. Don't judge people by their relatives.

No. 12. Talk slowly but think quickly.

No. 13. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"

No. 14. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.

No. 15. Say, "Bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.

No. 16. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.

No. 17. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect

for others; and Responsibility for all your actions.

No. 18. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.

No. 19. When you realize you have made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.

No. 20. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.

No. 21. Spend time alone with God every day.

The English poet and philosopher Samuel Taylor Coleridge once said, "Advice is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into, the mind."

Every once in a while I hear someone say, "That person is as solid as a rock." This means this person has refused to let pride stand in the way along the path of life and has taken some "good, old-fashioned advice." Hope there is something here you can use.

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

Some safer sports-car options

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a 1992 Mazda Miata. I'm the original owner and have driven 80,000-plus miles without a repair, if you don't count the electronic antenna getting stuck. I love my Miata. However, out here in Southern California, I figure I am living on borrowed time and will soon get squished by one of the many Hummers, Expeditions and oversized

Ford trucks that everyone seems to drive around here (clearly necessary to navigate the daily commute on the freeways!). My family and friends say: Get a safer car! I think they've finally worn me down — but I'm completely stuck, as the Miata is still my idea of the ideal car. Can you suggest a car that's sporty and has good gas mileage, but is MUCH safer? And is it possible to have a safe sports car/convertible? Thanks — I bet I'm not the only one out there with this question. — Vanessa

RAY: You need a monster Miata, Vanessa. Go down to La Cienega Boulevard, and get someone to put some 6-foot tires on that baby. You'll have those sissies in their Hummers running for cover, kid.

TOM: The Miata is a wonderful car. It's great fun to drive, and it puts a smile on your face every time you toss back the convertible top. But because it's so small and close to the ground, it IS scary on the highway.

RAY: Whenever I drive one on the highway, and I look to my left and see the wheel hubs of an 18-wheeler at my eye level, I try to remember whether all of my affairs are in order.

TOM: It's a great "second" car, or a car for around town or the countryside. But we agree with your friends and relatives — it's too easy to get squashed in a Miata if you're doing a regular highway commute amid SUVs and trucks.

RAY: So, what are the alternatives? Well, anything meaningfully safer is going to be bigger. Therefore, it won't have the same driving dynamics as the Miata. But as they say in the car business, tough. You're going to have to go up a couple of sizes.

TOM: If you go up one size, you get to the Mini Cooper convertible. That's taller than a Miata, so it probably doesn't feel quite as vulnerable, but I don't think it's enough of a step up if your primary goal is safety.

RAY: The next step up would probably be the Volkswagen Beetle convertible. That's a reasonably safe car, with more mass around it than either the Miata or a Mini. You can get it with a stick shift, and a 1.8-liter, turbocharged engine, which makes it kind of fun to drive. It's also a playful-looking car. So that's a decent option.

TOM: At the next level up in size and price, you'll find a couple of American or American-style convertibles. There's the Chrysler Sebring convertible and the

Toyota Solara convertible. They're both midsize, reasonably safe cars. But you'll find them both bland and boring to drive if you like the way your Miata handles.

RAY: So, if you want both "fun to drive" and "really safe," you have to move up to something like the BMW 325i convertible, the Saab 900 convertible or the Audi A4 convertible. All are extremely nice cars, all handle like sports cars (albeit bigger sports cars), and all are priced in the \$30,000-\$40,000 range. I know — that's a lot more than a Miata!

TOM: But if your friends and family are so concerned about your safety, hey, tell 'em to pony up!

Which type of tire-pressure gauge actually works?

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have three different tire gauges, all of which give me different readings. They are all the old-style "pencil type" gauges, and all are made in China, if that makes a difference. How do I find one that can be trusted? — Jerry

RAY: Well, the pencil-type tire gauges, with the pop-up plastic readouts, are notoriously inaccurate. You could buy five more of them, and you'd probably get eight different readings.

TOM: And the dial-up gauges used on air pumps at gas stations are even worse. You set it for 32 psi, you hear "ding-ding, ding-ding, ding-ding," and you drive away with 80 pounds of air in your tires, with your head bouncing off the ceiling.

RAY: We use a very precise dial gauge at the garage that cost us about 100 bucks, and it's a beautiful instrument. We keep it under lock and key, because if we didn't, my brother would use it as a hammer to free up stuck brake calipers, or to crack chestnuts.

TOM: But I'll tell you what. We got some samples of some inexpensive, battery-powered plastic gauges with digital readouts. Surprisingly, they were extremely accurate. You can get them at almost any auto-parts store now. They cost 15 or 20 bucks, and they use replaceable batteries.

RAY: Yeah. The batteries cost 14 bucks.

TOM: Nah, they're watch batteries; 3 or 4 bucks a pop. In any case, whoever makes these gauges (and I'm sure at least some of them are made in China), this style seems to be far more accurate than pencil-style gauges. So, that's what we'd recommend for you, Jerry.

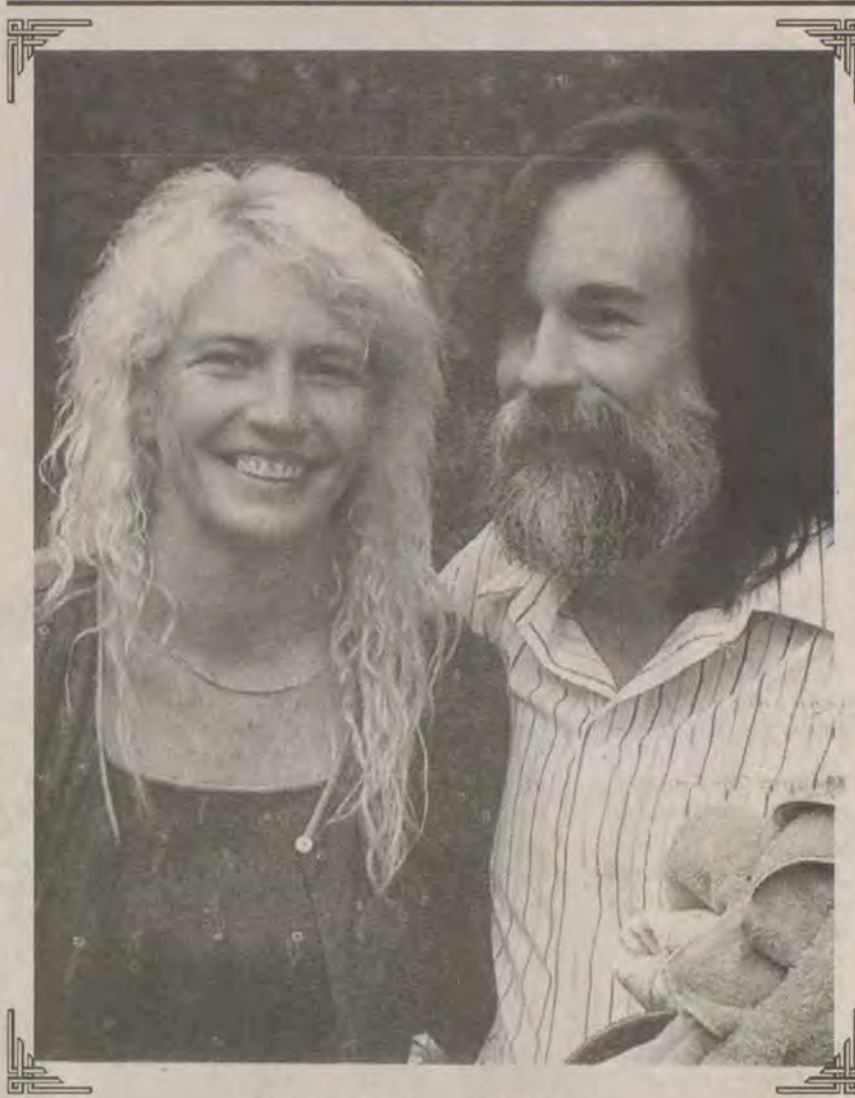
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Engagement



Rodebaugh-Hall

David Lee Hall, of Van Lear, and Geisella Sue Rodebaugh, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce their forthcoming marriage. The couple will wed on Saturday, June 25, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., at the Old Log Church, located two miles on the right past Thunder Ridge Raceway. The bride-elect is the daughter of the late John and Wanda Rodebaugh, formerly of Prestonsburg. She is a graduate of Prestonsburg Community College and is a homemaker. David is the son of Albert Lee Hall, formerly of Auxier, and Georgia Richmond Hall, of Brunswick, Ohio, formerly of Van Lear. He is a graduate of Brunswick High School. He is owner and operator of Mountain Radio & Electronics, of Allen. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. A reception will be held immediately after.

Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Annette Kidd, of Drift, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on June 21, 2005. They plan to celebrate the day in the company of their children and grandchildren.

Lagoon

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the church who has been chosen to fight the devil's servant on Earth. Instead of saying a few "Our Fathers," she is ordered to seek out a box made from the cross that Christ was crucified on. She is to then operate on the devil's disciple and remove its heart, which is to go in the box.

Hansen, surprisingly, jumps at the plan and targets the demon. The bad guy turns out to be a Nazi commandant who hasn't aged a day since he ran a concentration camp. He is easily found as he likes to dress like an 18th century fop and hang out with his entourage at discos. Claire opts to run him over with her car and then whisk him off to the hospital where she can commence to cutting his heart out.

Suffice to say that this plan has disastrous consequences and will surely add to her malpractice premiums.



In between the tales, we are treated to shots of a disco on board the train, where an awful band sings the same song throughout the movie, and a bunch of extras cavort around in spandex and gyrate like spastic circus monkeys. If these kids are there to represent the free world, then it looks like Satan has won this round, folks.

This isn't a movie so much as cinematic surgery. The bits featuring the train were shot for this film but the three stories are culled from two full-length films that were barely released and one film that was never even completed. For purists the suicide club scenes are from "The Death Wish Club" and the story about the demon is from "The Nightmare Never Ends," a.k.a. "Cataclysm." The story about Harry is from an unfinished film called "Scream Your Head Off."

This one is a real time saver. It turns four hours of film into a lean 90 minutes, though it is a bit choppy. That said, the special effects range from intense gore to incredibly goofy clay-mation, as in the killer bug scene where the insect looks like something a bored 10-year-old might construct out of Play-Doh. It may not be pretty but this one is never boring.

"Night Court" fans will spot Richard Moll, who played the brainless bailiff Bull, in two roles. He appears in story one as Otto the ornery orderly and in story three as Claire's unpopular husband who tells Satan that he doesn't believe in him either and is punished by being converted into a clay doll which then explodes.

Best line: "It is by self-forgetting that one remembers."

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AG asks to search ex-Homeland Security chief's office

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The state attorney general's office is asking to search the office and computer of Keith Hall, who abruptly left his post last week as director of homeland security for Kentucky.

The request is part of the attorney general's investigation into the hiring practices of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration.

"Pursuant to information gathered during our investigation, we have probable cause to believe that there is evidence of criminal activity contained within Keith Hall's office and the computer devices used by Keith Hall," Assistant Attorney General Scott Crawford-Sutherland wrote in a letter

Monday to Lt. Gov. Steve Pence. Pence also serves as Justice Cabinet secretary and oversees the Office of Homeland Security.

The general counsel for the Justice Cabinet wrote back Tuesday to Crawford-Sutherland, saying the cabinet wanted more information about evidence of illegal activities before granting access.

"To my knowledge, there is no evidence that suggests Mr. Hall has done anything improper, nor do I have any information that evidence of wrongdoing exists in his office," Luke Morgan, the cabinet's general counsel, said in the letter.

Two hours before he resigned Friday, Hall was issued a subpoena to

testify before the special grand jury that is investigating allegations of improper administration hiring.

Pence said Tuesday he was aware of the subpoena before Hall resigned. But he wouldn't say that played a part in the decision for Hall to leave state government.

Pence has denied that Hall was involved in anything illegal. But administration officials have refused to disclose the reasons for his departure. Hall has not returned phone calls.

Morgan said the administration will not voluntarily allow the search requested by Crawford-Sutherland. He said the cabinet has not been served with a search warrant for Hall's office.

"If they have probable cause to

obtain the search warrant, then why haven't they obtained the warrant?" Morgan said. "The attorney general's office needs to follow the law, just as any other organization, in conducting an investigation."

Morgan said he's concerned about protecting sensitive documents that may be in Hall's former office and computer.

Stumbo spokeswoman Vicki Glass said access to the office would not harm security efforts, because attorneys general around the country are entitled to view homeland security material as the states' top law enforcement officers.

"The main point would be that we are not interested in homeland security

information," Glass said. "We are only interested in matters and evidence relating to this merit hiring investigation."

Hall's lawyer, Scott Cox of Louisville, called Crawford-Sutherland's letter "a routine letter that is sent out by prosecutors in the course of a broad investigation where they frankly don't know where they're going."

"I can assure you Keith Hall's not been associated with any criminal activity," Cox said. "He's been nothing but an honorable public servant during his entire tenure working for the governor."

Fletcher has said that no laws have been broken and that the investigation is politically motivated.

Personnel board asks Stumbo to continue hiring probe

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Personnel Board asked the attorney general's office on Friday to continue its investigation of hiring practices in Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration and decided to continue its own probe.

Any possible criminal violations the agency finds would be passed along to the attorney general's office for prosecution, the personnel board said.

"They recognize the legitimacy of the attorney general's investigation," Attorney General Greg Stumbo's spokeswoman Vicki Glass said. "We're very pleased with that."

Stumbo's office and the state Personnel Board have been investigating allegations that some Fletcher administration hirings have been based on political ties instead of candidates' qualifications. The Merit Law system, which was created in 1960, is supposed to protect employees from political influence.

Fletcher has lambasted Attorney General Greg Stumbo's investigation, saying it's politically motivated. He's accused Stumbo, a Democrat, of having launched the investigation with an eye toward the 2007 governor's race.

Fletcher spokeswoman Carla Blanton said the administration has not disputed that the allegations should not be investigated. But, Blanton said, there has seemed to be a "political slant" to the investigation so far.

"There's always been legiti-

macy to reviewing the materials," Blanton said. "We've been supportive of that review. What we're concerned about is just the motivation behind some of the tactics in the review."

Earlier this week, acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert, Deputy Secretary Jim Adams and Commissioner Dan Druen were each indicted on three misdemeanor charges they conspired to fire an employee for political reasons, a violation of the merit law.

The board on Friday also declined the Transportation Cabinet's request to interpret the Merit System law. Attorney Robert Roark, who was hired by the cabinet, said the law was vague and needed clarification.

In related developments, attorneys for various agencies and the attorney general's office continued their dispute over computer files and hard-copy records that have been subpoenaed by the grand jury or sought under search warrants.

Attorneys told Franklin County Circuit Judge William Graham that Gov. Ernie Fletcher's office, the Transportation Cabinet and the Personnel Cabinet have turned over nearly 100,000 pages of documents.

Also Friday, Fletcher's office said it discovered a compact disc containing 590 pages of job recommendations made from 1996 to 1998, which would have been during the Gov. Paul Patton administration, and turned it over to the attorney general's office.

Fletcher has maintained that his practice in taking recommendations for job applicants is no different than his predecessors as

governor and no one else has been prosecuted.

Prosecutors say recommendations are not prohibited, only

making personnel decisions for rank-and-file state workers solely for political reasons.

The Merit System allegations

now under investigation are by and large misdemeanor charges and have a one-year statute of limitations.

Law restricting access to cold medicine takes effect Monday

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Buying some cold medicines will become a bit tougher Monday around Kentucky.

A new law takes effect requiring pharmacies to get a photo ID and signature from anyone wanting medication with pseudoephedrine, a key ingredient in methamphetamine.

The new law, aimed at curbing increased meth abuse in Kentucky, is one of 158 state laws approved in this year's legislative session of the General Assembly. The law requires that cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine be kept behind pharmacy counters and that only pharmacists or pharmacy technicians dispense them.

"It's probably the most major change to pharmacy practices in the state I've seen in a long time," said Joel Thornbury, president of the Kentucky

Pharmacists Association. "But it's a beneficial change."

To purchase the medicine, people will have to show a photo ID and enter their name, address, date of birth and signature in a log.

The law prohibits anyone from buying more than 9 grams of pseudoephedrine — about 300 tablets — a month. Liquid and gel forms will not be limited because they cannot be used for making meth.

Thornbury said police, not pharmacists, will be responsible for checking the logs and may do so without a warrant.

"If somebody goes next door (to buy more tablets), I won't know it," Thornbury said.

According to statistics from the state Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, police found 579 meth labs in Kentucky last year, up from 19 in 1998.

In Oklahoma, officials said the number of meth raids decreased 80 percent after that state passed a similar law.

P.H.S. Parents SBDM Parent Nominations & Elections

Additional nominations will be taken for Parent Representatives through Monday, June 20, 2005, until 5:00 p.m., at Prestonsburg High School.

Prestonsburg High School School Based Decision Making Council Parent Representative Elections will be held Tuesday June 21, 2005, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 p.m., in the school's cafeteria.

Diane Fish, PTO President

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Chaffin included in incoming Centre recruiting class

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DANVILLE — Twenty-two high school senior student-athletes from five different states have decided to attend Centre College in the fall of 2005 and play football for the Colonels.

Five linebackers, three defensive backs and two defensive linemen will be added to the defense. Three quarterbacks, five offensive linemen, two receivers and two running backs will provide depth and competition on

the offensive side. He is projected to play on the defensive side in college.

One of the incoming freshmen is Prestonsburg High School graduate Jesse Chaffin. A two-sport star who also excelled in basketball, Chaffin is one of the most versatile players in Centre's incoming first-year class. In high school, he proved valuable on both sides of the football. "This year's recruiting class has a lot of potential. It is a small incoming class for freshmen, but is marked with

some talent," head coach Andy Frye said.

Bryan Coxon, an offensive lineman from Trinity High School, was selected to participate in the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star game played Friday at Papa John's Stadium, in Louisville.

Tyler Hinkel, a wide receiver from Lexington Catholic High School was an all-city selection and will bring depth and speed to the Centre receiving corps.

The Colonels will also welcome three quarterbacks to

camp. All three are very good athletes that can contribute in other ways and will look to compete for playing time.

Linebackers Adam Hay, from Archbishop McNicholas High School (Ohio), Jacob Vaughn from Sycamore High School (Tenn.) and Neil Murphy from Shelby County High School, round out a competitive linebacking corps.

"Overall, this is a quality class that will enhance the 67 returning varsity team members for the 2005 fall season," Frye said.

Centre finished the 2004 season with a 4-6 overall record and a 2-4 Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference record. The Colonels will open its 2005 campaign Saturday, Sept. 3, when they host Bluffton University at Farris Stadium.

The Centre College football team concluded its spring season with a 21-6 win in an exhibition game against the Great Britain Lions, Saturday, May 28, at the Crystal Palace

(See CHAFFIN, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg High School graduate Jesse Chaffin is set to enter the Centre College football program.

Combs signs with Alice Lloyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball program recently signed six-foot-one shooting guard Daniel Combs from Perry Central High School. With 1,825 points, Combs is the all-time leading scorer for the Perry County Central boys' basketball program. He averaged 21 points, seven rebounds and nearly five assists per game during his senior year. His team advanced to the State Tournament this year where he scored 30 points in a first round game against Elizabethtown.

Combs joins several other players who have committed to play for the Eagles next year. The newcomers include the following players:

Rodney Mitchell, a six-foot-seven forward from Clay County High School. Mitchell finished his career with 1669 points and 719 rebounds. He shot 67 percent from the field this year and led the state in field goal percentage last season.

Jordan Noble, a six-foot-three guard from Corbin High School. Noble averaged 21 points, four rebounds and three assists per game this past season on a team that advanced to the State Tournament and won a game.

Preston Simon, a six-foot-three guard from Betsy Layne High School. Simon averaged 17.5 ppg game during his senior season while claiming 58th District top individual player honors.

Eric Mullins, a six-foot-four forward from Hazard High School. Mullins was a member of Hazard's ALL-A State Tournament championship team. He attended Georgetown College this past year as a redshirt freshman. Mullins still has four years of eligibility left.

Tyler Eisenman, a seven-foot center who attended Jenkins High School. Eisenman has been at Morehead State University the past two years and has three years of eligibility remaining.

Wil Dillard, a five-foot-seven redshirt point guard from Beckley, W.Va. Dillard helped lead Woodrow Wilson (W.Va.) to the Class AAA State Championship during the 2003-04 season.

Corey Hariston, a six-foot-two redshirt forward/guard. Hariston was a high school teammate of Dillard's on the West Virginia Class AAA State Championship team.

Alice Lloyd College head coach Gary Gibson is pleased with the latest recruiting class. Gibson has said he "believes that this group of recruits and the return of several key, experienced players will make the Eagles a much improved team next year."

Night time is right time for trout on



photo by Steve LeMaster

A loyal fisherman braved the heat this past Wednesday, fishing on Paintsville Lake.

Laurel, Paintsville lakes



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FRANKFORT — The thunderstorms, hurricanes and tropical storms that occurred over the last couple of summers dumped high amounts of rain on Kentucky. This is a good thing for farmers, but a bad thing for night trout anglers on Laurel River, Paintsville, Greenbo, Wood Creek and Cannon Creek Lakes who got used to getting a limit of tasty trout in less than an hour.

"All of the rain we've had over the last two years flushed the winter stored water out of the lake," said Jim Axon, assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) who oversees Kentucky's trout program. "The warm winters we've had for the past few years greatly limited the amount of cold water in the lake to being with, but the rains drastically reduced the amount of winter stored, oxygenated water that trout need to survive summer."

When the trout that live in highland, infertile impoundments like Laurel River Lake or Greenbo Lake are squeezed into a tight band of habitat, they get stressed and don't eat much. This makes

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Go light for post-spawn summertime bass

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — The first real sweat inducing, can't walk across asphalt barefoot, feel like you are on a broiler heat of the year is here. The lines of the horizon grow fuzzy by 9 a.m. as the heat and humidity turn the air into an uncomfortable, steamy sweater that covers everything and makes it hard to breathe.

The bass we chase feel similar summertime doldrums. As surface water temperatures climb above

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Jacobs to be honored at Eldora

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio — Kenny Jacobs, who announced earlier this season that this would be his final year behind the wheel of a race car, will be honored Saturday night, June 25 at Eldora Speedway when the All Star Sprints invade the one-half mile clay oval.

Jacobs has enjoyed immense All Star success on the legendary Eldora high-banks, with 21 visits to victory lane out of the 116 total All Star appearances to date. The popular Holmesville, Ohio chauffeur, cleverly nicknamed "The Mouse", captured his first All Star win on June 2, 1984 and recorded at least one All Star win in 13 different years, with his most recent triumph coming August 2, 2001.

But it hasn't just been the All Stars that has seen the Jacobs resume improve.

His most shining moment came in 1994 when he captured \$100,000 and a victory in the 2nd annual Historical Big One (HBO).

He has been equally competitive in the fabled Kings Royal, with 18 starts to date in that lucrative event. His best finish came in 1991 when he finished runner-up to Steve Kinser, and over the years has racked up 6 top ten finishes in the Kings Royal.

The versatile veteran also has two World of Outlaw (WoO) feature wins at Eldora, dating back to 1994 when he captured back to back WoO wins en route to his stellar HBO conquest.

Non-winged USAC (United States Auto Club) Sprint and Dirt Champ Car racing has been included within Jacobs' Eldora diet, but the checkered flag eluded him in those forms of competition.

Jacobs will be honored prior to the start of the evening's All Star activity in special pre-race ceremonies. Joining the All Stars in the tripleheader program will be the United Midwestern Promoters (UMP) Modifieds and Eldora Stocks, with an 8 p.m. race start time.

ELDORA RESCHEDULES FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Eldora Speedway's 2005 schedule of events has been adjusted to reflect a 'make-up' of the May 14 Family Fun Night. That event, popular among the 'local' population surrounding Eldora, will feature the United Midwestern Promoters (UMP) Modifieds and Eldora Stocks, and be staged on Saturday, July 23.

While many facets of the event will remain intact, including the pre-race autograph ses-

(See ELDORA, page two)

UK-IU game time set

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The start of another college football season is just around the corner.

The Kentucky at Indiana football game on Saturday, Sept. 17 in Bloomington, Ind., will be at 6:45 p.m. ET in Memorial Stadium. The game will be televised live by ESPN Classic as announced by the Hoosiers' league office today. Indiana's television schedule is dictated by the Big Ten Conference, as ABC, ESPN and ESPN-Plus own the league's television rights.

This will be the eighth year that the game will be on live national or regional television. The game has been carried by an ESPN affiliate in 1991, 1999, and

2000 in addition to the upcoming contest. This will be UK's first game on ESPN Classic.

UK will meet the Hoosiers for the 36th time in school history and for the 19th straight time dating back to 1987. The series is tied a 17-17-1 and the Wildcats have won nine of the last 10 meetings and three consecutive.

Two of UK's first three games have been selected by an ESPN affiliate. UK and intrastate rival Louisville kick off the season on ESPN Sunday, Sept. 4 at 3:30 p.m. ET in Commonwealth Stadium. Other TV dates are expected to be announced in 12-day advance windows. Kentucky participates in the Southeastern Conference television contracts with CBS, ESPN, ESPN2, and Jefferson-Pilot.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Alex Hammonds drove in for a layup Thursday morning during the Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp held at Allen Central High School.

Chaffin

National Sports Centre in London, England. Centre's defense limited the Lions to only 134 total yards

and did not allow an offensive score. Great Britain's lone score came off a 32-yard interception return midway through

the fourth quarter. Former Johnson Central High School principal Tom Swartz coaches the Centre running backs.

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Eldora

sions and the 'Dash for Cash' in each division, the performances by area high school marching bands could not be arranged due to the 'summer recess'.

Says promoter Larry Kemp, "the Family Fun Night promotion is great for the area, as it showcases our Modified and Stock divisions and creates some

fantastic interaction amongst the teams and the fans. It is an important date on the Eldora schedule and we feel a strong need to have it completed."

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Bass

the 80-degree mark, bass fishing during the day can get pretty tough, especially on clearer lakes like Lake Cumberland, Laurel River Lake, Dale Hollow Lake, Herrington Lake and Green River Lake.

On bright muggy days in summer, bass either burrow into deep cover and wait for an easy meal to happen by or they suspend over drop-offs and pick off baitfish dumb enough to swim close to them. They won't chase bait until night time, a light rain shower or a dark, cloudy day gives them an advantage over the baitfish. Low light conditions and unstable weather disorients baitfish and bass take advantage.

Other than those types of days, summer bass are tough bass to catch during the day. They selectively feed on easy prey and don't expend much energy in doing it. The way to entice these wary, neutral bass to strike is to go light.

Use the lightest possible jig or soft plastic bait you can get away with throwing for bass in the summer heat. Sometimes, using no weight at all is the best presentation. Lighter lures fall slower and stay in the strike zone longer and appeal to idle, neutral bass. Lighter lures also look more like natural baitfish because they react to wind currents or deep currents produced by releasing water from a reservoir.

Bass in summer ignore a crankbait that zips quickly by

or a 5/8ths ounce jig that rocks to the bottom and sits there like an anchor. There are times these presentations out produce anything, but summer is not one of those times.

Take a 1/16-ounce lead head and shave some of the lead off with a pocket knife to about half its former size. Pair this with a 3-inch grub, a 4-inch worm or a 4-inch lizard and work the edges of weed beds, drop-offs and along the edge of creek channels to appeal to bass that won't strike anything else.

A slow moving lizard that slowly tumbles and glides along while probing the holes, cuts and pockets along the edge of the weed bed will often get inhaled by a large bass lurking deep in a pocket of the weed bed. One flex of their gills is enough to inhale light soft plastic baits. Good colors for this time of year are natural subdued hues such as smoke, natural blue, plain watermelon (no black flakes), motor oil and grape.

The new four-inch soft plastic stick baits like the Senko are excellent for this type of fishing. Rig the Senko type bait weightless on 2/0 or 3/0 wide gap worm hook and toss it pockets in weedbeds or down bluff walls. Targeting bluff walls in an overlooked and deadly summer time technique for catching suspended fish.

Bass in the heat of day will suspend among the shelves, cuts, cracks, pockets and overhangs common to rocky bluffs.

A weightless soft plastic bait that shimmies its way down a bluff wall will be picked off by the bass suspended in hides along the bluff. This is an excellent technique for smallmouths in the lower ends of lakes that have them.

Bass also like to suspend in summer away from the bank. They often suspend four to six feet deep over a drop-off that falls from 25 to 40 feet into the old river channel that is 100 feet deep or more. The way to catch these fish is to use your electronics to find bass and baitfish suspended over the channel and count down your lure to get them. This is the technique to try when all else fails.

After you find fish arcs on your electronics or balls of baitfish relating to these channel drops, throw out marker buoys to show the drop-off. Cast a 4-inch straight tailed worm and count down to four and reel in a rhythmic manner. Count "one-thousand, two-thousand" for each turn of the reel to insure a good rhythm on the retrieve. Keep counting down deeper with each cast until you feel pecks and pulls from baby bass and baitfish. Slow down a little more and watch your line intently. A gentle tap followed by line moving left or right, getting suddenly slack or tightening means a bass is on the line.

For more information about summer fishing opportunities, go online to fw.ky.gov.

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Lakes

for poor night trout fishing.

The dryer weather this year is turning the trout back on again at night. Recent fishing reports from anglers indicate the bite is back on at Laurel River Lake where an angler used to get mad if it took longer than a half an hour to get half a limit.

These fish won't jump into the boat while you sip coffee and stare at the stars, however. Anglers must use the proper techniques in the right areas to catch these lake dwelling rainbow and brown trout.

The main areas of these lakes for trout are the deep river and creek channels near the dam. During the day trout in these lakes move to very deep water sometimes as deep as 75 feet or more. They feed very little.

However, when the sun goes down, they rise from the depths and bite willingly in shallower water.

The key to catching these trout is using lights. Lights must be floated in the water or lanterns hung over the side of the boat to cast a light onto the surface. The lights attract baitfish and insects that attract trout.

Successful anglers must find the right depth in which the

trout are holding that night. The depth of the fish will change from night to night, sometimes hour to hour. A good way of finding the proper depth is the countdown method. Disengage the bail of your reel and allow the line to free spool. Count as your offering sinks. Stop your bait at the 15 count and fish. If you don't receive any strikes, fish progressively deeper until you find trout.

Remember how many counts it took to reach the trout. They may be as shallow as 12 feet or as deep as 30 feet depending on the mood of the fish and the moon phase. Once the proper depth is found, an angler may encounter some of the best fishing of the year.

The best baits for night trout fishing are corn, chartreuse or pink Power bait paste or Power nuggets, small minnows or night-crawlers. Live bait is preferred because it offers a chance to catch a bonus walleye as well as trout.

The rigging for this type of fishing is simple. Attach a few small split shot sinkers about 18 inches above a size 10 or 12 hook. It is important to use a tiny hook because these trout are tal-

ented nibblers. They will quickly clean a hook that is too big.

Most anglers use short stiff ultralight spinning rods for maximum sensitivity. A buggy whip ultralight pole or too powerful a pole will not allow the sensitivity needed to detect strikes. These trout bite lightly and it is easy to miss strikes. Don't use line heavier than 4-pound test.

Employ the tactics of catfish angler and watch the tip of your rod. If you see a slight tap or pull down, pick up the rod and gently lift up to the 11 o'clock position to set the hook. Do not "cross their eyes" on the hook-set like bass fishing with plastic worms or you will set the hook on a lot of water.

Most of the fish caught using this method will be from 10 to 15 inches long, but there is always a chance a big holdover trout will take your offering. Night trout fishing is an easy and relaxing way to fish and is a great way to introduce a spouse or youngster to the delights of fishing. When they are "on" and biting willingly, the action is constant until you run out of bait or time.

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RUNNIN' REBEL CAMP



The annual Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp concluded Friday evening. Camp participants are pictured above. Below: Chelsie Tuttle (left), winner of Hot Shot and Free Throw Contest. Zach Hall (right), one-on-one winner.



Source: Timberwolves hire Sonics assistant Casey

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves hired longtime Seattle assistant Dwane Casey as their new coach, a team source told The Associated Press on Friday. Casey was to be introduced at an afternoon news conference, according to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Casey will be charged with turning around a team that failed to make the playoffs this season after reaching the Western Conference finals in

2004. It's the first NBA head coaching job for Casey, who served on the Seattle bench for the past 11 seasons and was promoted to associate head coach when Nate McMillan took over in 2000. He replaces Kevin McHale, who served as interim coach for 31 games after firing Flip Saunders in February. McHale, the team's vice president of basketball operations, always maintained that his coaching stint would be brief. McHale also interviewed San Antonio assistant P.J.

Carlesimo, former coach John Lucas and Wolves assistants Randy Wittman, Sidney Lowe and Jerry Sichting, among others. The 48-year-old Casey's coaching resume includes a stint in Japan and assistant jobs under Clem Haskins at Western Kentucky and Eddie Sutton at Kentucky. Casey left Kentucky in 1989 after an envelope, with Casey's name on it, containing \$1,000 in cash was sent to recruit Chris Mills. Casey coached in Japan before coming to the Sonics in 1994 to join George Karl's staff.

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THURSDAY'S GAME: Braves 5, Reds 2

by JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — John Smoltz has topped 100 innings in mid-June, one of the mileposts for his return to the rotation. He's closing in on a more important goal.

Each time out, Smoltz looks a little more invincible.

The right-hander won for the third time in his last four starts, striking out nine Cincinnati Reds in another throwback performance, and homers by Rafael Furcal and Marcus Giles sparked the Atlanta Braves to a 5-2 victory Thursday night.

"I said it in spring training after the first game: I want to get back to where when I'm on the field, they feel we're going to win," said Smoltz (6-5), who lowered his ERA to 3.14. "That

takes re-earning. That doesn't just come back because I was a decent closer."

After four years and 154 saves as Atlanta's closer, the 38-year-old Smoltz returned to the role that helped him become one of the majors' best. In his last few starts, it seemed like old times.

"We feel like we're going to win every time he goes out there," said Chris Reitsma, who pitched the ninth for his fifth save in seven chances. "It's a good feeling for him but also for the team."

Smoltz threw his first complete game last Saturday, a five-hitter for a 5-3 win over Oakland. His nasty slider baffled the Reds, who had only four batters reach safely.

Smoltz gave up four hits in eight innings, including solo homers by Joe Randa and Adam

Dunn. Dunn's 17th homer in the seventh inning landed on top of the batter's eye, an estimated 455 feet away.

For the third straight game, Smoltz didn't walk a batter.

In other words, it was vintage Smoltz.

"He's pitched like that his whole life," manager Bobby Cox said. "He doesn't get off track much."

The Braves won for only the fifth time in their last 14 games, a slump that dropped them to fourth in the NL East and gave Smoltz extra motivation. Injuries are a big factor — starters John Thomson, Mike Hampton and Tim Hudson are sidelined by injury.

"I don't approach many games like it's the playoffs," Smoltz said. "It's just hard to do that every time out. But the last

couple I have approached like a playoff because the wins aren't coming the way they should and we need to start pouring them on there."

The Reds lost their fourth straight, unable to get anything out of a free-swinging offense that relies on homers. They were outscored 23-4 during a three-game sweep in Boston, and were topped by a Braves offense that ranks second-to-last in the NL.

The loss dropped the last-place Reds back to their season-low point — 14 games under .500 (26-40) and 15 1/2 games out in the NL Central.

"We've run into guys who've been throwing the ball well," Dunn said. "The last four days, when we've been struggling offensively, each of those guys have been on their games."

Furcal opened the game with

his fifth homer off left-hander Brandon Claussen (3-4). Giles, who is 4-for-5 in his career against Claussen, led off the fifth with an opposite-field homer.

Reds pitchers have given up 94 homers this season, by far the most in the majors. They set franchise records for homers allowed each of the last two seasons.

Braves first baseman Julio Franco showed he can still run at age 46, especially when he's overlooked by the pitcher. Franco, who already holds the distinction as the oldest major leaguer to steal a base, stole second and third in the seventh inning off reliever Matt Belisle — his first two-steal game since 1994.

"Stealing second is one thing," Reds manager Dave Miley said. "Stealing third is a

whole other thing. We fell asleep. We looked at the advance reports and we were even yelling 'Heads up' at him."

Johnny Estrada doubled home Franco, and Brian Jordan added an RBI single that made it 5-1.

Smoltz had two singles, the 21st two-hit game of his career and first since Sept. 26, 1999.

Notes: Smoltz is 18-11 with one save against the Reds in 35 starts and seven relief appearances. It was his first win over Cincinnati since Aug. 24, 1999, before reconstructive elbow surgery led to his mid-career role change. ... It was the 12th time Furcal led off a game with a homer. The last time was Sept. 12 against Montreal. ... Franco has four steals this season. His last two-steal game was July 17, 1994, against Cleveland. Franco has 24 two-steal games in his career.

REDS NOTEBOOK: Aurilia better

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI: Cincinnati infielder Rich Aurilia was better Thursday and available to pinch-hit.

Aurilia jammed his right hip while diving for a ball Tuesday in Boston. He was scratched from the lineup on Wednesday.

"There's a little tenderness, but it's a lot better than it was yesterday," Aurilia said Thursday. "It's 80 to 90 percent better today, and that's a good sign."

First baseman Sean Casey is expected back on Friday. Casey missed games Wednesday and Thursday to attend a relative's

funeral.

BROWER BACK IN CINCINNATI: Reliever Jim Brower returned to Cincinnati on Thursday with a new team.

The Atlanta Braves signed him for their bullpen on Wednesday, two days after he was released by San Francisco. Brower pitched for the Reds in 2001-02, and called former teammate Chris Reitsma "now in the Braves' bullpen — for advice in picking a team."

Brower said about 15 teams showed an interest in signing him to a minor-league or major-league deal. "It was a blessing," he said.

"When I got released, there was a little self-doubt. The response I had from other organizations was humbling."

Brower appeared in 89 games for the Giants last year, a franchise record. He was 2-1 with a save and a 6.53 ERA in 32 games when he was released. Opponents had not scored off him in eight of his last 13 games, and Brower felt he was emerging from his slump.

"It just kind of went sour for myself and the team," Brower said. "I didn't start off the way I wanted to, and they didn't start off the way they wanted to."

Durham 10, Louisville 5

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DURHAM, N.C. — Pete LaForest and Jeff Deardorff each hit a pair of home runs as the Bulls downed the Louisville Bats 10-5 on Thursday night.

The Bulls took a 4-0 lead in the first inning as Deardorff and LaForest each hit two-run home runs.

Louisville responded with

three runs in the second inning and two in the third to take a 5-4 lead, but LaForest put the Bulls on top for good with his second two-run shot of the game in the bottom of the third inning to make it 6-5.

The Bulls got another run that inning on Michael Curry's RBI single, then got two more runs in the fourth inning on

Deardorff's second homer and Tim Laker's RBI double.

An RBI ground out in the seventh by Luis Ordoz got the Bulls another run.

Jason Roach (5-5) picked up the victory in relief, pitching three innings and allowing no runs on three hits. Brian Rose (2-4), took the loss allowing seven runs on 11 hits in three innings of work.

Legends lose game, keep lead

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Legends stumbled Thursday night against the Lake Captains but maintained their one game lead in the Northern Division. The Captains scored five runs in the seventh inning in route to a 12-5 win over the Legends.

Lexington stays in first thanks to West Virginia's 10-3

win over Hagerstown. The Suns and Captains are now tied for second place, one game back, with three games to play.

Ronnie Martinez (4-4) was knocked out of the game in the fifth inning after being rattled for nine hits and five runs. Reid Santos (3-3) got the win for the Legends after lasting six innings. Santos surrendered three earned runs on ten hits.

The Legends had five play-

ers with multi hit games. Mitch Einertson, Ole Sheldon, Ben Zobrist, Chris Clark and Drew Sutton each had two hits. Sutton and Clark had two RBI apiece.

Lexington placed Lou Santangelo on the disabled list on Thursday. Catcher, J.R. Towles was promoted to Lexington from extended spring training to take Santangelo's place on the active roster.

Whited turns perfect run into \$10,000 payoff

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Chasing an elusive feat and placing your name in the history books is one of many reasons why bracket racers visit Thunder Valley for the Sunoco Bracket Series. Last weekend, that dream became a reality for one competitor.

Todd Whited of Richlands, Va., picked up a \$10,000 check courtesy of Bristol Dragway for completing a perfect run during bracket action Saturday.

A perfect run consists of three components that the driver must accomplish to receive a big payday. The first aspect is to nail down a perfect reaction time. This means that the driver must come off the line at the exact moment that the light on the tree turns green. (0.000 seconds). Next the driver must match his dial in time down to the thousandth of a second. The driver also has to win the heat. All of this has to be achieved during an elimination run to receive the bonus.

Bracket racers understand the difficulty involved in achieving the perfect run and Whited says that "everybody talks about it and shoots for it but we think it's elusive."

Whited has been chasing the near impossible for 17 years and had it within his grasp two years ago. "I was .002 of a second off on the tree but everything else was perfect. After coming that close it made me want it even more."

When Whited pulled his 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass up to the start line he didn't feel any different than any other race.

"I was just trying to hit my marks and advance to the next round," said Whited.

The Richlands, Va. native didn't even notice what he had done

until he turned his time slip over. "When I figured out what happened I got so nervous that I couldn't hold my time slip. Everyone was running towards me yelling 'you did it, you did it!'"

Whited still hasn't come down from cloud nine since his memorable run.

"It still hasn't completely sunk in yet," he said. "It is starting to sink in now as I am holding the check but it will take a while to realize what happened."

The \$10,000 question is what will Whited do with his prize money? "I'll probably build a spare engine with the money. I blew up my other one here last year so it needs to be replaced."

Now that the elusive feat has been achieved, what will continue to drive the pilot of the Cutlass in his racing ventures at Thunder Valley?

"I come down here to compete and try to improve as a driver," Whited said. "I also want

to try to do it again."

In seasons past the prestigious award was only dished out once a year, which normally wouldn't be a problem since the perfect run has been awarded only two times in the past nine years. This year the next perfect run recipient will be awarded \$5,000.

The Sunoco Bracket Series is a 16-race series at Bristol Dragway featuring more than 300 weekly racers among the six divisions of Super Pro, Pro, Sportsman, Pro Bike, Junior Dragster Division 1 and Junior Dragster Division 2.

Gates open for this weekend's doubleheader at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday with eliminations beginning at 5 p.m. and noon, respectively. Spectator admission is \$10 for adults while children ages 12 and under are free.

For more information, go online to www.bristoldragway.com or call 423/764-DRAG.



Todd Whited

Shelby Named First-Team All-Region

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Kentucky sophomore John Shelby has been named the first-team All-South Region second baseman by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

The Lexington native proved to be one of the biggest offensive weapons in the Southeastern Conference. He batted .344 overall, while leading the team with 10 home runs and 52 RBIs. He also stole a team-best 23 bases and was one of just three SEC players with at least 10 homer and 10 steals.

Shelby became the fifth player in Kentucky history to hit at least 10 home runs and

steal 20 bases. Two of the previous four, Terry Shumpert and Chad Green, played major league baseball.

Shelby is the first all-region award winner from Kentucky since Joe Blanton in 2002, who was a first-round pick that year and now pitches for the Oakland A's. With the honor, Shelby is now eligible for ABCA All-America honors which will be announced next week.

The South Region is among the best in college baseball with the SEC schools as well as other southern powerhouses. The region features three of this year's eight teams in the College World Series.

Audit: NYRA 'poster child' for mismanagement, corruption

by MICHAEL GORMLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, N.Y. — The New York Racing Association gave a no-bid contract worth \$797,913 to its ex-CEO's daughter and son-in-law, issued another no-bid contract that paid a public relations firm \$1.6 million, and "squandered" at least \$400,000 a year on trophies, according to an audit released Wednesday by state Comptroller Alan Hevesi.

"The New York Racing Association is the poster child for mismanagement and corruption," said the Democratic comptroller whose audit covered January 2002 to December 2004.

"If they don't reform themselves in a dramatic way ... NYRA will go out of existence and be replaced by someone else," he added.

Though some of the practices continued briefly under the scandal-plagued private organization's new management, Hevesi said NYRA's current leadership isn't responsible for the problems.

NYRA operates state horse racing tracks on a lucrative state franchise that ends in 2007, when the organization could again seek the franchise in a competitive bid.

NYRA is now under the close watch of a court-ordered monitor following a federal indictment for tax evasion. Its new management has corrected or attempted to correct every problem cited by the federal monitor, Hevesi said. The monitor is a private law firm paid by NYRA under a federal directive that ends June 30.

Hevesi said the monitor has been effective and he thinks the firm should be retained longer. But Hevesi also credited NYRA's new leadership, even though some of the key figures during the agency's years of

mismanagement remain on the board of directors — including former chief executive officer and ex-NYRA chairman Barry Schwartz.

"We ... agree in principle with your assessments and recommendations," stated NYRA President and CEO Charles Hayward. "NYRA instituted a rigorous program of procurement scrutiny and control." He also said the new management's efforts reduced operating expenses by \$7.45 million in 2004.

Today, "NYRA is committed to conducting its operations in full compliance of all laws, rules, and regulations, and in an open and transparent manner utilizing only the best corporate business practices," Hayward said. "We have created a new corporate culture to ensure that such problems can never occur again."

Hevesi's findings include:

— NYRA gave a \$797,913 contract for Internet services to a firm owned by Michael Ferdman and his wife, Stephanie Leigh Schwartz, daughter of ex-CEO Barry Schwartz. That contract continues, but is scheduled to be bid soon. Ferdman, contacted at his Firstborn Multimedia company, refused comment. Ferdman is also a race horse owner.

— The organization issued a no-bid \$1.6 million contract to the public relations company Ed Lewi Associates, a well-known company based near Albany. A contract has since been drawn at hundreds of thousands of dollars less, Hevesi's auditors said. Lewi said the spending covered three years and included promotion, publicity, advertising, media relations and public relations goods and services, as well as reimbursements for promotions. The company has worked for NYRA since the 1970s, but didn't handle "crisis" public

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Game No. 8 - Winners of game 3 & 4 6:00 pm (CST) ESPN

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relations over recent years as state and federal investigations were undertaken, Lewi said.

— Paid two horse transporters \$384,244 to move horses between the Belmont, Aqueduct and Saratoga tracks operated by NYRA. Some of the free transportation was for horses owned by NYRA board members.

"I sense NYRA's turned the corner under this new management," said Assemblyman Richard Brodsky, a Westchester Democrat who has investigated many state authorities. "They've learned and they're changing."

Hevesi estimates NYRA owes state taxpayers \$15.3 million because of mismanagement for 2001-02. He's now calculating additional years' lost revenue. NYRA is required to provide revenue to the state from its profit under the franchise.

Gov. George Pataki appoints six of NYRA's 25 board members, while the Senate and Assembly each appoint one member. The others are chosen by the NYRA board.

"At first blush, the findings are troubling," said Pataki spokesman Kevin Quim. "The governor has advanced a comprehensive plan to reform the state's racing and gaming laws, and that includes creation of a new NYRA oversight board to oversee and monitor its finances and operations. We urge the Legislature to act on that."

On the Net:

NBA FINALS: Pistons 102, Spurs 71

by CHRIS SHERIDAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Tayshaun Prince looked down upon Manu Ginobili, faked him out with a quick move and darted to the basket for a resounding dunk.

It was easy, really. Almost too easy.

The same could be said for the rest of Game 4 of the NBA Finals, a 102-71 victory by the Detroit Pistons on Thursday night that evened their series with the San Antonio Spurs at two games apiece.

Once again, it was a lopsided final result — the fourth straight in as many games.

But what was different this time was the degree of dominance shown by the defending champions, a mix of suffocating defense and varied offense that left the Spurs looking befud-

dled, bewildered and beaten.

Game 5 in Detroit will be Sunday night when one of these teams will emerge one victory away from the title. Games 6 will be played on the Spurs' home court Tuesday night, and Game 7, if necessary, will be next Thursday.

The home team has won every game in the series thus far.

Prince's drive and dunk came as the Pistons were taking control with a 14-0 run bridging the first and second quarters, and it was never close the rest of the way. When the Spurs tried to force the ball inside, a swarm of defenders and a collection of long arms was there to swat at them, bother them and break them.

Duncan had the best stat line of the night with 16 points and 16 rebounds, but if there was ever a misleading set of numbers, that was it. The two-time

finals MVP was never able to get into any kind of an offensive rhythm against the defense of the two Wallaces, Ben and Rasheed, and no one stepped up to take on a bigger share of the offensive load.

Contrast that with the Pistons, who received big boosts off the bench from Lindsey Hunter (17 points) and Antonio McDyess (13 points) in support of Chauncey Billups' 17 points, Rasheed Wallace's 14, Prince's 13 and Richard Hamilton's 10.

Detroit had a 22-10 edge in fast-break points and a 13-1 edge in steals, led by Ben Wallace's three.

The Pistons took the first double-digit lead of the game early in the second quarter by pressing rookie backup point guard Beno Udrih. A midcourt trap by Rasheed Wallace and Hunter resulted in a steal, and

Prince scored on the ensuing fast break to make it 27-17.

A turnover by Ginobili off another trap led to a layup by Hunter for a 14-point lead, which was followed by an offensive foul on Duncan and a three-point play by Antonio McDyess that made it 34-17.

The big lead held for the rest of the first half, the Pistons calmly walking to their locker room at intermission with a 51-36 lead after getting at least eight points from four starters — Billups, Prince and both Wallaces, while Hamilton made up for his lack of scoring (four points) with five defensive rebounds. As a team, Detroit had 16 assists and just one turnover.

The Spurs came out for the third quarter looking to take the ball to the basket, and their first two possessions ended with driving layups.

But the difficulty of trying to sustain that type of an offense against the Pistons' swarming, smothering defense was established over the past two seasons, and they immediately showed why. San Antonio's next two possessions ended with blocked shots by each of the Wallaces, and Duncan then was left open at the top of the key but couldn't knock down a wide open look.

A steal led to a fast-break layup by Prince, and another blocked shot by Rasheed Wallace on the Spurs' next possession led to yet another break-away layup by Prince to make it 59-42.

The Pistons had four blocks and two steals in the first 6 minutes of the third quarter, and then they started getting some offensive from an unusual source — Hunter. The 11-year veteran averaging just 3.3 points in the postseason hit a pair of

jumpers from the corner and another jumper from the lane, and McDyess added back-to-back baskets late in the quarter to help Detroit to a 74-57 lead entering the fourth.

The lead grew as high as 31 from there, and Duncan and Ginobili were rendered spectators for the final 5 minutes as the Pistons finished off the job.

Notes: the win was the 99th career coaching victory for Brown in the NBA playoffs, tying him with Red Auerbach for third in league history behind Phil Jackson and Pat Riley. ... Despite having to be back in New York for a collective bargaining meeting Friday, commissioner David Stern and deputy commissioner Russ Granik attended the game. ... Carrie Underwood of "American Idol" fame sang the national anthem and received an enthusiastic applause.

WNBA: Fever 60, Sting 57

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tamika Catchings scored 12 points, including two free throws with 1.1 seconds left, to lead the Indiana Fever to a 60-57 win over the Charlotte Sting on Thursday night.

Trailing by one with 4.3 seconds left, the Sting's Dawn Staley inbounded the ball to Tangela Smith, who dribbled it off her foot. Catchings picked it up, was fouled, and hit both free throws.

Charlotte (1-8) had a final chance to tie, but Tully Bevilacqua stole Staley's inbound pass, preserving the Fever's third straight win.

Rookie Tan White added 10 points and Natalie Williams had nine points and 10 rebounds for Indiana (7-3), which improved to 5-0 against the Eastern Conference and moved with a half-game of East-leading Connecticut.

Allison Feaster was 4-of-5 on 3-pointers and scored 14 points, while Smith and Sheri Sam added 11 apiece for the Sting, who were outrebounded 32-21 in losing their fifth straight.

Charlotte, 8-0 all-time against Indiana at home entering the game, made just 10 of 17 free throws.

After falling behind 8-2,

Indiana held Charlotte scoreless for the final 3:36 of the half to build a 29-22 lead.

Feaster hit a 3-pointer in a 7-0 run to start the second half that tied the game. The lead changed hands seven times after that, before Bevilacqua's 3-pointer put Indiana ahead to stay at 56-53 with 3:23 left.

The game featured the top two picks from this year's WNBA draft. Janel McCarville, the top overall pick, had two points and two rebounds on 0-of-4 shooting. White, the league's leading rookie scorer and early candidate for Rookie of the Year, was 3-of-7 from the field and hit both of her 3-point attempts.

Big Green/Quarterback Club informational meeting set for Ashland

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University Head Football Coach Mark Snyder and other Thundering Herd athletics officials will be in Ashland on Wednesday for a Big Green Foundation and Marshall Quarterback Club informational

meeting at the Elks Lodge on the 900 Block of Carter Avenue. The event is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

Big Green membership materials will be available at the meeting and representatives will be on hand to answer any questions concerning the Big Green Scholarship Foundation and the MU Quarterback Club.

Complimentary food and beverages will also be served.

The event is being sponsored by Superior Chrysler Dodge, the Texas Roadhouse, Casey Hill of Eagle Distributing, and Mark George of Pepsi Bottling.

For more information please contact Allan Thacker at 606/329-8616.

Kansas State-Marshall game time set

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — ESPN, Inc., announced Thursday that the Kansas State at Marshall football game scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, at Joan C. Edwards Stadium will be played at 10:30 a.m. (EDT) to accommodate a national television broadcast by ESPN2.

The contest will mark the first time that a team from the

Big '12 Conference will visit Marshall's Joan C. Edwards Stadium. In the only meeting between the two schools to date, the Thundering Herd defeated the then sixth-ranked Wildcats, 27-20, on September 20, 2003 in Manhattan, Kansas. Marshall's win that day, broadcast nationally by Fox Sports Net, was the Thundering Herd's first win ever over an opponent ranked in the Associated Press

Poll's Top 10.

The Thundering Herd will make at least four national television appearances this season. In addition to the Kansas State game, Marshall's November 8 meeting with Conference USA rival Southern Miss will also be televised by ESPN2. College Sports Television is scheduled to carry the Thundering Herd's games at UAB (Oct. 15) and UTEP (Oct. 22).

Federer could face Hewitt in semis, Williams sisters in same half as Sharapova

by KRYSZYNA RUDZKI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WIMBLEDON, England — Two-time defending champion Roger Federer could face 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt in the Wimbledon semifinals.

The third-seeded Hewitt was placed in No. 1 Federer's top half of the draw Thursday at the All England Club.

French Open champion Rafael Nadal, seeded fourth, was drawn in the bottom half, where he could meet No. 2 Andy Roddick in the semifinals.

On the women's side, Serena Williams could face sister Venus in the fourth round after both were drawn in the bottom half.

The winner of that match could face Belgium's Justin Henin-Hardenne in the quarterfinals — with defending champion Maria Sharapova potentially waiting in the semifinals.

Top-seeded Lindsay Davenport has an easier time in the top half of the draw, with her toughest projected match against Kim Clijsters not until the quarterfinals.

Federer will begin his bid for a third consecutive title on Centre Court against Frenchman Paul-Henri Mathieu. Roddick faces Jiri Vanek of the Czech Republic.

Federer has a relatively easy run to the quarterfinals, poten-

tially facing seeded players Nicolas Kiefer, Juan Carlos Ferrero, Nikolay Davydenko or grass-court specialist Jonas Bjorkman.

Hewitt plays Christophe Rochus of Belgium in the first round. He could face a tough match against fifth-seeded Russian Marat Safin or Mario Ancic, a semifinalist last year, in the quarterfinals.

Roddick could face Ivo Karlovic of Croatia in the second round. The two met in Sunday's final of the Queen's Club tournament, with Roddick beating the 6-foot-10 Karlovic in two tiebreakers. Karlovic plays a qualifier in the first round.

If he gets past Karlovic, Roddick's toughest potential opponents to reach the quarterfinals would be Xavier Malisse and Ivan Ljubicic. In the quarters, Roddick could face four-time semifinalist Tim Henman or Sebastien Grosjean, who was bumped up 17 places from his world ranking to the ninth seed.

Roddick could meet Nadal, 2002 finalist David Nalbandian or Thomas Johansson in the semifinal.

Mark Philippoussis of Australia, the 2003 runner-up who is a wild card in this tournament, opens against Karol Beck of Slovakia and could face Safin in the second round.

Safin plays Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand in the first round.

Nadal opens against Vince Spadea.

Davenport plays Russia's Alina Jidkova in her opening match, and could face U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova in the quarterfinals and third-seeded Amelie Mauresmo in the semis.

Sharapova opens against Nuria Vives Llagostera of Spain and could then face 15-year-old Sesil Karatancheva, who beat Venus Williams in the third round of the French Open, or talented teenager Tatiana Golovin of France.

Fourth-seeded Serena Williams, who won Wimbledon in 2002 and 2003, drew American Angela Haynes in the first round, while Venus Williams was paired against a qualifier. Venus won Wimbledon in 2000 and 2001 but was seeded only 14th this year.

Serena leads Venus 7-6 in overall meetings, eight of them in finals, including three at Wimbledon. Venus won their last meeting, at the Nasdaq-100 tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla., on March 29, winning 6-1, 7-6 (8) in the quarterfinals.

French Open champion Henin-Hardenne will play Greece's Eleni Daniilidou in the first round, with Mauresmo facing Paola Suarez of Argentina.

Amendments to exotic wildlife regulation protect public health and native wildlife

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) recently proposed amendments to the exotic wildlife regulation (301 KAR 2:082) to add inherently dangerous wildlife to the list of species prohibited in Kentucky.

"This proposed regulation allows people who are legally holding inherently dangerous wildlife to retain those animals through a grandfather clause," said Jim Lane, Wildlife Program Coordinator for the KDFWR who oversees captive wildlife in Kentucky. "It is not the intent of the KDFWR to confiscate animals being legally held in Kentucky, but rather to stop future private individuals from getting

these animals."

The list of animals on the proposed list of inherently dangerous wildlife includes poisonous snakes such as vipers, adders, cobras, mambas and coral snakes. The proposed list also includes dangerous feline species such as lions, tigers, leopards (including the snow leopard), jaguars and cheetahs along with non-human primates, alligators, crocodiles, caimans, elephants and rhinoceroses.

"The amendments add specific groups of wildlife that are considered inherently dangerous to the list of prohibited species," said Dr. Jon Gasset, Interim Commission of the KDFWR. "The amendments are an important step in stemming the burgeoning exotic pet trade in

Kentucky and have been applauded by professional institutions and experts from across the nation as being proactive and protective of animal health and welfare."

The proposed amendment to the exotic wildlife regulation does not prohibit a veterinarian from treating legally held exotic animals, but those animals may not be sold to other people in Kentucky, bred or replaced upon death. "The proposed list was developed through extensive consultation with public health and wildlife experts from around the country and includes wildlife that pose serious risks to the general public through potential disease transmission and physical injury," Lane said.

If this regulation is passed as filed, it should become law by mid-August.

KDFWR to conduct public opinion survey on expansion of crossbow Deer, wild turkey season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) will initiate a scientific study to determine public opinion on expanding the use of crossbows for deer and wild turkey hunting for the entire fall archery season.

The agency proposed this change last March to the Kentucky General Assembly, which reviews all fish and wildlife-related laws for passage into law. However, some opposition occurred through the public hearing process.

Based on the responses received, the proposal was subsequently removed from the 2005-06 regulation submitted to the legislative review committee that reviews and approves hunting, fishing and boating laws before those laws become final.

Agency officials maintain there would be no negative impact on deer and wild turkey resources should crossbows be permitted for use throughout the fall hunting season. Numerous other states have expanded crossbow hunting in a similar manner. They report deer and turkey populations

have not been placed in jeopardy.

However, the KDFWR wants to scientifically and officially register public opinion on both sides via an independent polling source prior to addressing the issue again in future agency commission meetings. Officials say accurate representation of public sentiment when clearly dealing with a social impact issue, rather than a biological impact issue, is crucial in addressing the needs of the majority of constituents. They believe this survey will provide additionally desired information on which a decision can be made.

Dewey's Trick wins Churchill feature

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Dewey's Trick took an early lead and held off Tika's Best for a three-quarter-length win in a \$55,800 allowance optional claiming feature Thursday for fillies and mares, 3 years old

and up, at Churchill Downs.

Dewey's Trick, with Corey Lanerie aboard, led wire to wire and covered the 7 1/2 furlongs in 1:29.82 to pay \$10, \$5.60 and \$4. Tika's Best closed from last to place and returned \$5.60 and \$3.80, while Plumlake Lady fin-

ished third and paid \$3.40.

Owned by Richard O'Neill, Dewey's Trick collected her second win in five starts this season and earned \$34,920 for a career total of \$140,690. It was the fourth career win in 13 starts for the 4-year-old daughter of Mazel Trick.

Last 3 quarantined horses are cleared at Churchill

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The last three horses remaining in quarantine at Churchill Downs because of an equine herpes outbreak have been cleared, the track said Thursday.

Test results show all traces of the virus are gone from their systems, the track said in a statement.

The horses, trained by Steve

Asmussen, will be allowed to return to training with the general horse population and resume racing, the statement said.

An earlier round of blood scans detected traces of the virus, and the horses were ordered Saturday to remain in quarantine in the track's detention barn. Most of Asmussen's stable was cleared from quarantine that day and returned to regular training

and racing on Sunday.

The quarantine was imposed in mid-May when the contagious equine respiratory virus was confirmed. Asmussen's barn was the last of three to be cleared from the quarantine.

Two horses — unranked 2-year-olds trained by Bill Cesare and Ronny Werner — were euthanized after displaying severe neurological symptoms of the virus.

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FOR RENT: 2 BR trailer for rent near Clark School. 606-478-9993.

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TRAILER FOR RENT: 2-3 BR trailer at Hueysville, new carpet, city water, nice yard, HUD approved. Deposit & references required. Call 358-3392.

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NOTICES

815- Lost & Found

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

LEGALS

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

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that DFM, Inc., P.O. Box 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, Tonie 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.

NOTICE OF PERMIT CONFERENCE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0315 NW

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that a permit conference is scheduled for June 29, 2005, at 10 a.m., at the Prestonsburg Regional Office for the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, concerning the above application filed by Motts Branch Coal Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 205.7 acres, and will underlie an additional 14.4 acres, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Sattlick Creek, and Grassy Creek of Licking River. The proposed operation is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour strip, area mining, and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Carl Reed, Jimmy & Carl

Reed, I. Richmond-Heirs, Dosie Bailey, et al., Delphia M. Hale & Carol S. Wireman, and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Dosie Bailey, et al., and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Ste. 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Any person whose interest may be adversely affected by the issuance of the proposed permit may present information relevant to the permit, in oral or written form, at the time of the conference.

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ORDINANCE NO. 9-2005
 An Ordinance Adopting the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year, July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, by estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriated Funds for the Operation of City Government

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications.

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, is hereby adopted as follows:

REVENUES	2004-2005
Licenses/Permits	\$1,500,000.00
Building Permits	37,597.00
Insurance License Fees	575,000.00
Monthly Parking	5,000.00
Fire District Tax	155,000.00
Grant	20,000.00
Current Property Tax	400,000.00
Prior Property Tax	58,000.00
Loan Proceeds	142,000.00
Interest	2,000.00
Beer/Liquor	75,000.00
Rental Income	7,800.00
Sanitation	525,000.00
Court Revenue	13,500.00
Franchise	37,000.00
P.I.L.O.T.	13,000.00
Recycling	15,000.00
Miscellaneous	25,000.00
Municipal Road Aid	100,000.00
Police Incentive	48,640.00
Fire Incentive	43,400.00
LGEA	80,000.00
911	95,000.00
City Utilities	6,134,350.00
Mountain Arts	1,432,700.00
Stonecrest Golf	694,800.00
Tourism	630,000.00
Archer Park	349,560.00
Prestonsburg Development Project	250,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$13,464,347.00

GRAND TOTAL REVENUES	2005-2006
Mayor	\$101,224.52
Dispatch	317,002.01
Code Enforcement	74,537.16
Administration	1,276,428.18
Police	762,714.92
Public Works	983,079.59
Fire	578,512.89
Landscaping	118,637.73
City Council	10,800.00
City Utilities	4,764,235.00
Archer Park	348,960.00
Tourism	630,000.00
Mountain Arts	1,432,700.00
Stonecrest Golf	691,300.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$12,090,132.00
City Utilities Contingency	\$1,370,115.00
Archer Park Contingency	600.00
Stonecrest Golf Contingency	3,500.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$13,464,347.00

SECTION 2: Action by a court of competent jurisdiction declaring any section, sub-section or portion of this ordinance to be invalid shall not affect the remaining sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: That any section or sub-section of any ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4: The salary of Mayor is based on full-time employment with the City.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

Adopted this 23rd day of May, 2005.
 JERRY FANNIN, Mayor
 SHARON SCHOOLCRAFT, City Clerk
 First Reading: 5/9/05
 Second Reading: 5/23/05
 Publication date: 6/3/05

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