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briefs

Wheelwright to celebrate independence

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Floyd Countians who want a double dose of Fourth of July festivities can get a head start on the celebration Saturday evening in Wheelwright.

Festivities will kick off at the swimming pool at 7 p.m., with free hot dogs and drinks along with entertainment provided by an Elvis Presley impersonator.

Fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m.

Soldier's funeral set for Sunday

The Associated Press

PAINTSVILLE — The funeral service for an Eastern Kentucky soldier who died in Iraq will be this weekend.

Sgt. Joseph M. Tackett, 22, will be buried Sunday in the Tackett Family Cemetery in Whitehouse, said Preston Funeral Home, which is handling arrangements. Visitation will be Saturday at the Johnson County Middle School gymnasium, the funeral home said.

Military officials said Tackett died June 23 in Baghdad of non-combat

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Still no word on Otter Creek contract

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — The state has not awarded contracts that could reopen Otter Creek Correctional Center, which closed June 3 after Indiana inmates were returned to their out-of-state holding

cells. The tentative contract award date was Wednesday, June 29, but officials say the evaluation process will take some more time.

Finance and Revenue Department Spokesperson Jill Midkiff said yesterday that the state's procurement office

"hopes" to award contracts within two weeks.

A team of state evaluators are reviewing the submitted bids to determine who responded to the requests for proposals and who has offered the state the best deal for the female prisoners.

Midkiff couldn't give a specific date

for the completion of the evaluation process.

The bids collected by the June 15 deadline are valid for six months, Midkiff said. She would not disclose the number of bids received because doing so would

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photo by Prestonsburg firefighter Selina Thomas

A 4,000 gallon tanker truck hauling liquid nitrogen overturned on U.S. 23 Wednesday, closing all lanes to traffic for nearly six hours.

FROZEN HIGHWAY

Wreck and spill on U.S. 23 cause major headaches, but larger disaster averted

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

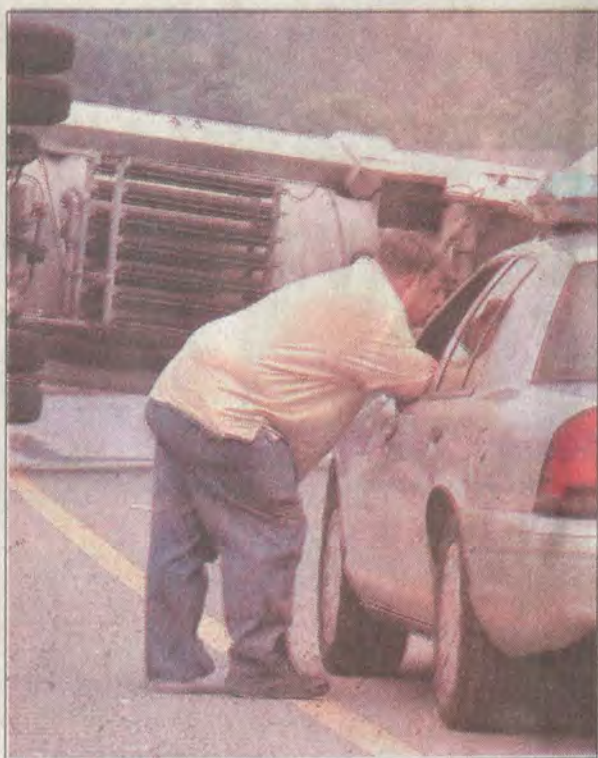


photo by Mary Music

Truck driver Gary Jackson, who received only minor injuries, spoke with Kentucky State Police Trooper Shaun Little, who is investigating the accident.

ALLEN — The possibilities of a major disaster were averted Wednesday after a 4,000 gallon tanker truck carrying liquid nitrogen overturned on U.S. 23 near marker mile 11 between Dwale and Allen.

The wreck occurred sometime after 3 p.m., the busiest time of day on the region's busiest highway. Allen Fire Department Lt. Jimmy Osborne said his team responded at 3:30 p.m. The Prestonsburg Fire Department and area police officials responded to calls at approximately 3:40 p.m., police reports say. The fire departments coordinated the incident command system and the Floyd County emergency operation plan.

A "liquid river of nitrogen" flowed out of the ruptured tanker and toward a concrete bridge and an underlying CSX railway, creating a "dense fog of nitrogen vapor that could be seen for blocks," Prestonsburg Fire Department Maj. Bobby Carpenter reported. The nitrogen dissipated into the air and the foggy mist covered all four lanes of traffic, making visibility impossible at times, as responders tended to business.

The incident blocked the north- and south-bound lanes for nearly six hours and closed the

(See WRECK, page three)

Guilty pleas net 31 years in sentences

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Nine people facing various drug- and alcohol-related charges pleaded guilty to their offenses in circuit court Thursday.

A total of 31 years in recommended sentences were offered to the defendants, with most of the charges stemming from drug roundups conducted by Operation UNITE.

The stiffest sentence was meted out to John Paul Miller, 25, who received five years in jail for two charges of drug trafficking and one count of being a persistent

felony offender.

Miller made a request to be sent to the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center rather than the Floyd County facility, saying through his attorney that a staff member at the jail had threatened him.

Judge John D. Caudill assured Miller that he will be taken care of in Floyd County and noted that no one who works at the jail is immune from the law and that they would receive equal justice if he was harassed.

Maria Lay Campbell, 38, was set to plead guilty in the same case but balked at the possibility of having to testi-

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Lt. Greg Clark stands guard over a growing mountain of cigarettes taken from defendants remanded to the jail after entering guilty pleas to drug-related offenses in circuit court Thursday.

photo by Tom Doty

Police investigate second local robbery this week

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

GRETHEL — Kentucky State Police are now investigating two robberies that occurred in Floyd County over a two-day time period.

An armed robber entered Tackett's Grocery on Branham Creek in Galveston at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, one day after a robbery took place at the Citizens National Bank in Allen.

Both cases currently remain unsolved.

Authorities say that the robber struck the clerk, store owner Brenda Tackett, in the head with a hard object and

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Another charge filed against suspect in theft ring case

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An investigation into a theft ring which specialized in ATVs and mining equipment by the Floyd County Sheriff's

Department resulted in more charges Wednesday for one of the suspects.

Kevin Hutchinson, 38, of Prestonsburg, was one of four men arrested when the investi-

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Brian Neal Delong

Delong sentenced to seven years in burned baby case

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Town Branch man convicted of two counts of criminal abuse last month for failing to seek aid for a toddler that was burned by scald-

ing bathtub water was sentenced to seven years in prison Wednesday.

Special Judge Ronald Johnson, who presided over the trial, was on hand to administer the sentence to Brian Neal Delong, 26, which was

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Odds & Ends

■ **FARMLAND, Ind.** — Seven women who usually gather to play cards are planning to show their neighbors exactly what they're made of.

They want to strip down and pose for a calendar as part of the fight against plans to tear down Randolph County's 128-year-old courthouse.

The women ranging in age from their early 70s to older than 90 will pose nude — with strategically placed miniature replicas of the courthouse in front of them — in the fundraiser for the Save the Courthouse Fund.

The Randolph County commissioners voted 2-1 on June

6 to demolish the courthouse in downtown Winchester, about 20 miles east of Muncie, and replace it with a new structure.

Organizers plan to sell the calendars beginning next month for \$12.95 each and hope to raise at least \$20,000. The calendar's models are

all members of the Farmland Bridge Club in the western Randolph County town.

"We just thought we have great bods so we thought we'd do it," 76-year-old Irida Davis-Leitch said.

■ **SYRACUSE, N.Y.** — The Rosamond Gifford Zoo's new Humboldt penguins weren't shy about coming out to meet the neighbors.

The zoo's newest animals made their much-awaited debut Wednesday with a dance, parade and a literal splash before more than 300 onlookers and dignitaries.

After spending almost three months out of view while adjusting to their new home, the 18 penguins helped show off the zoo's new \$3.7 million "Penguin Coast" exhibit.

"They were a little reluctant initially — but there's no holding them back now," said Nancy Porter, the zoo's aquarium collections manager. "Once they came out, they were quite comfortable."

Right on cue, when zoo officials pulled back the curtains to display the new exhibit, a dozen of the penguins dove into the water and began "porpoising" — a playful trait of diving in and out of the water while swimming.

To celebrate the debut, zoo staff and employees wore tuxedo T-shirts.

■ **EVERETT, Wash.** —

When a would-be bride called off her wedding 12 days before the big event, she threw a party anyway — and invited the homeless.

Residents of the Interfaith Family Shelter attended the bash thrown by Katie Hosking, 22, a medical assistant, and her parents.

"They had a DJ and really good music. It was a warm, friendly atmosphere. The food was delicious. It was a nice break with people not worrying about anything for one night," shelter manager Carol Oliva said.

One homeless woman got her son out of a wheelchair and danced with him. "It was a beautiful sight," said Susan Hosking, Katie's mother. "It was an eye-opener."

The almost-bride would not say what led to the breakup, only that it happened 12 days before the scheduled June 6 date of her nuptials. Her parents knew they'd be stuck with the bill.

More than 50 family members and close friends were joined by about 40 homeless people, shelter workers and volunteers. The shelter staff arranged rides to the venue, a country club.

Instead of a wedding cake, a strawberry shortcake was offered, topped off a menu that included baron of beef, salmon, shrimp cocktail, fettuccine and fruit.

"Oh my gosh, we had so

much fun," Katie Hosking said.

■ **SALT LAKE CITY** — For \$10,000, Kari Smith has gone ahead and had her forehead tattooed with the Web address of a gambling site.

Smith, 30, who sold her unusual advertising space on eBay, said the money will give her 11-year-old son a private education, which she believes he needs after falling behind in school.

"For the all the sacrifices everyone makes, this is a very small one," she said. "It's a small sacrifice to build a better future for my son," she said.

"To everyone else, it seems like a stupid thing to do. To me, \$10,000 is like \$1 million. I only live once, and I'm doing it for my son," she said.

Tattoo artist Don Brouse said he and his staff spent nearly seven hours Wednesday trying to talk Smith out of putting "GoldenPalace.com" above her face. When he did go through with it, he kept the inch-tall letters close to her hairline, where bangs or a hat could provide some cover.

Smith's eBay auction attracted more than 27,000 hits and 1,000 watchers. Bidding reached \$999.99 before Goldenpalace.com, an Internet gambling company in the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawake, Canada, met Smith's \$10,000 asking price.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 1, the 182nd day of 2005. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 1, 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

On this date:

■ In 1863, the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg began.

■ In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Theodore Roosevelt and his Rough Riders waged a victorious assault on San Juan Hill in Cuba.

■ In 1944, delegates from 44 countries began meeting at Bretton Woods, N.H., where they agreed to establish the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

■ In 1946, the United States exploded a 20-kiloton atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

■ In 1948, New York International Airport (now John F. Kennedy International Airport) at Idlewild was officially opened.

■ In 1948, the fare on New York City subways doubled from a nickel to 10 cents.

■ In 1961, Diana, the princess of Wales, was born near Sandringham, England. (She died in a 1997 car crash in

Paris at age 36.)

■ In 1968, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and 58 other nations signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

■ In 1980, "O Canada" was proclaimed the national anthem of Canada.

■ In 1997, Hong Kong reverted to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony.

Ten years ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin's government survived a critical no-confidence vote. Rock 'n' roll disc jockey Wolfman Jack died in Belvidere, N.C., at age 57.

Five years ago: Vermont's civil unions law, which granted gay couples most of the rights, benefits and responsibilities of marriage, went into effect. The Confederate flag was removed from atop South Carolina's Statehouse. Actor Walter Matthau died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 79.

One year ago: Saddam Hussein scoffed at charges of war crimes and mass killings, making a defiant first public appearance in an Iraqi court since being hunted down seven months earlier. Hundreds of thousands of people marched in Hong Kong to demand democratic rights from China. The Cassini spacecraft sent back photographs of Saturn's shimmering rings.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Olivia de Havilland is 89. Actor Farley Granger is 80.

Actress-dancer Leslie Caron is 74. Actress Jean Marsh is 71.

Movie director Sydney Pollack is 71. Movie producer-director Claude Berri is 71. Actor Jamie Farr is 71. Bluesman James Cotton is 70. Actor David Prowse is 70. Cookiemaker Wally Amos is 69. Singer-musician Delaney Bramlett is 66.

Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 64. Actress Karen Black is 63. Actress Genevieve Bujold is 63. Gospel singer Andre Crouch is 63. Rock singer-actress Deborah Harry is 60. Movie-TV producer-director Michael Pressman is 55. Rock singer Fred Schneider (B-52's) is 54. Actor Daryl Anderson is 54. Actor Trevor Eve is 54. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 53. Actor Alan Ruck is 49. Actress Lisa Blount is 48. Olympic gold medal track star Carl Lewis is 44. Country singer Michelle Wright is 44. Actor Andre Braugher is 43. Actress Pamela Anderson is 38. Rock musician Mark Pirro is 35. Rock musician Franny Griffiths (Space) is 35. Actor Henry Simmons is 35. Hip-hop artist Missy Elliott is 34. Actress Liv Tyler is 28. Actress Hilarie Burton is 23. Actress Lynsey Bartilson is 22. Actors Andrew and Stephen Cavarno are 13.

Thought for Today: "The more we learn the more we realize how little we know." - R. Buckminster Fuller (1895-1983).

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Martin council considers request to allow boxing

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Boxing in Martin?

The city of Martin is considering a proposal to bring boxing matches to the community center.

Prompted by a request made by two residents, Mayor Thomasine Robinson asked city attorney Stacy Marshall to look into liability issues for the sport.

Robinson told council members that boxing would draw tourists, but that she is worried about insurance coverage.

Robinson also must discuss the issue with the Housing Authority coordinator, who schedules all events at the community center.

Council member Charles Justice favors the move to include the sport to the list of community center events, but he, too, was concerned about liability concerns.

One of the men presenting the proposal — they did not leave their names with the mayor — wanted to use the city's insurance and, in return, pay the city \$200 monthly. Robinson said she wouldn't "go for that."

The man, she said, is willing to get his own insurance. All boxers would sign waivers before participating in the sport,

he told her.

Robinson was scheduled to meet with the men Wednesday.

The city is hosting a fireworks celebration on July 4. A flea market will be held in the IGA parking lot, council members said. Tables are available to the public for \$10. Wrestling begins at 6:30 p.m. at the community center.

In other news, representatives with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers gave a favorable report of the redevelopment project, which is currently ahead of schedule.

"Everything's going great. We've made a lot of progress. The streets look good and we've had no complaints since the workshop," project manager Demi Mack said.

Council members also:

- Approved the city's \$714,710.44 budget, which includes incoming revenues totaling \$200,000 from insurance taxes, \$17,7784 from occupational taxes and \$50,000 from the city's alcohol beverage tax. The city will spend \$358,917 for the general payroll, \$35,200 for Community Center payroll and \$30,564 for bank loans during the upcoming fiscal year. The budget also includes a water budget of \$143,100 and a sewer budget of \$237,210.
- Passed a resolution adopt-

ing the National Incident Management System. Cities that refuse to adopt this resolution will not receive Homeland Security funds.

■ Approved purchases. Council member Mahendra Varia questioned a bill for more than \$29,000. The mayor explained that the expense was for the city's liability insurance coverage.

■ Declined a request from current city auditor John T. Layne, who offered to submit an "MD&A letter" with the audit he is completing now for the city. Council members didn't understand what the letter was used for. They denied the request after Robinson said that most of the small cities she's discussed it with have not paid for the service.

"I can write a letter telling them what our strengths are and I can write a letter telling them our weaknesses. Why are we paying them to do the audit?" Robinson said.

■ Passed a motion to update Rita Whicker's grant-writing contract with the city.

■ The meeting ended with a complaint by Varia about a dog that is causing a nuisance in the city. The county dog catcher has had problems catching the animal, officials said.

Members Eulene Ratliff and Mark Judd were not present.

Pleas

fy against another defendant, even though it was part of her original plea bargain. The point was moot as the defendant she would have testified against also pleaded guilty following her appearance. She was granted a week to decide if she would still enter her plea.

Darrell Lonis Hall, 49, pleaded guilty to two counts of trafficking in controlled substances and received a three-year sentencing recommendation from the com-

monwealth.

Also entering guilty pleas were:

■ Patty Lynn Hitchcock, 46, who received two years for making a false statement to receive prescription drugs.

■ Sandra Lee Burchett, 29, two years for making a false statement to receive prescription drugs.

■ Jason Click, 22, who will serve six months of a four-year sentence for operating a vehicle

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under the influence and leading authorities on a high speed chase.

■ Nicholas Newsome, 28, was recommended five years for one count of trafficking.

■ James Poston was given two years for trafficking in marijuana within 1,000 yards of a school.

■ Patricia Doan, 27, will be probated for five years after pleading guilty to charges of drug possession.

Robbery

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knocked her unconscious before fleeing the store with an undetermined amount of money.

Tackett said she was sitting in a chair at her cash register watching a customer leave on an all-terrain vehicle when someone came through an unlocked door behind her and hit her in the back of the head. The doorway is usually only used by family members, Tackett said.

Tackett didn't know how long she was unconscious. She woke up on the floor behind the register and a female customer helped her get up.

Tackett did not seek medical attention and she did not have insurance to cover the monetary loss.

"My head's still hurting real

bad," she said yesterday.

A check that was in the cash drawer was located on the ground behind the store, Tackett said.

"I hope I get my money back," she said.

KSP Det. Byron Hansford, who is investigating the robbery, said there is currently no information on the suspect. It isn't known whether the perpetrator was male or female. No fingerprints were taken at the scene, Tackett said.

"There are no leads right now," Hansford said. "Hopefully something will come through from the general public."

KSP is still investigating the Citizens National Bank robbery

this week. A white male, described as being between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet tall, entered the bank at 9:18 a.m. Tuesday with a canvas bag over his head.

No weapon was seen in this robbery, but the man threatened the teller with a firearm.

The perpetrator left with an undetermined amount of cash. Authorities had no confirmation on the type of vehicle used in either robbery.

KSP Det. Rick Conn was not available to provide an update on the bank robbery investigation.

Anyone with information on either robbery is asked to contact KSP at (606) 433-7711.

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investigate the matter and have hinted that more charges are forthcoming.

Wreck

CSX railway in Dwale for approximately two hours. Traffic was routinely backed up along U.S. 23, at the Route 302 and Route 80 intersections, and on Route 1428, which was used as a relief exit.

Kentucky State Police, the Prestonsburg Police Department and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department handled traffic concerns. Lines of vehicles were four, five and even six miles long at one point.

Prestonsburg Police chief Mike Omerod gave the order opening traffic in one northbound lane of U.S. 23 at approximately 5:30 p.m. Traffic delays on the highway continued until after the tanker was removed at approximately 10 p.m. It took an hour after the road was reopened to clear out congested traffic.

Miraculously, no one was seriously injured.

Columbus, Ga., resident Gary W. Jackson, the driver of the truck belonging to Jack B. Kelly Inc., of Amarillo, Texas, was treated at the scene by Respond Ambulance EMTs. Jackson, who refused further medical treatment, was up and walking around — wearing only one shoe — with only minor cuts and abrasions. The cab of the truck was severely damaged.

Jackson would not talk to The Times, but he told Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officer Jamie Collins that he was changing lanes when he "felt his truck give way" before it overturned. Collins said Jackson could have been referring to the truck's suspension system, but a final determination of the cause of the accident has not been announced.

"He said he hit the concrete barrier and rode it out," Collins said.

The tail end of the overturned tanker skidded 900 feet atop the concrete barrier before the truck stopped. It remained on its side, covered in nitrogen fog, blocking both southbound lanes. The damaged cab landed near the shoulder in right southbound lane.

Had the barrier not been there, the truck would have entered the northbound lanes and the death and injury total

could have been enormous, officials said.

Liquid nitrogen froze the ground and the valves on the truck, prompting worry about a possible explosion.

Lon May, of the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, said tanker trucks hauling hazardous materials have "a tank within a tank" and that they are designed to vent. Both tanks in Jackson's truck ruptured on impact. Liquid nitrogen, with a surface temperature of -320.4 degrees, froze valves, which could have caused them to seal off and increase the pressure in the tank. An explosion — and evacuation of neighboring residences — would have occurred if that had happened.

When considering this problem, authorities called in another Jack B. Kelly supply truck, which parked nearby for easy access, to offload the nitrogen from the leaking tank to another tank.

After realizing the tank was not pressurized, the Floyd County offices of Homeland Security,

Emergency Management and commanding Lt. Osborne and Maj. Carpenter made the decision to allow the nitrogen to vent from the truck naturally. Responders waited during the venting process, which lasted a few hours after the initial impact. After most of the nitrogen vented, Adams Wrecker Service and Conley Wrecker Service spent two hours uprighting the tanker and tractor.

Carpenter said the major hazard for emergency responders was the "cryogenic nature" of the leaking liquid, which could freeze lungs if inhaled.

"We were dealing with frozen blacktop," Carpenter said. "You could literally ice skate on the blacktop in June. At one point when the incident was just about over, me and Lt. Osborne walked over to the wrecker driver and it was so cold, my shoes stuck to the pavement. I was sweating on top and frozen on the bottom."

Fire crews sprayed water every 20 minutes to thaw the ice.

One cubic foot of liquid nitrogen expands to 696 cubic

feet of gas, Carpenter reported.

Authorities were able to prevent extensive damage to a concrete bridge and an underlying CSX railroad track with the help of Department of Highways workers, who constructed an earthen dike to keep the liquid from coming in contact with the structures.

Fire crews used water to thaw the frozen roadway while highway inspectors evaluated possible damage to the bridge and highway. A major concern was that the nitrogen could freeze the steel of the bridge, which could have caused structural problems. Another concern was that the liquid could have destroyed a section of the underlying CSX railway. The earthen dike, however, was successful in trapping the nitrogen long enough for it to vaporize.

May said the leak had only "minimal" environmental problems. EPA officials were contacted, as required, but they did not physically investigate the scene because nitrogen is not substantially dangerous to the environment. It is a refrigerated liquid found naturally in the atmosphere and in industrial and well drilling operations. In a confined space, the gas displaces oxygen.

Other agencies that responded included CSX Railroad, safety officers from Jack B. Kelly Inc., Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and the American Red Cross, which provided food to responders.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation by the KSP, KVE and Jack B. Kelly safety officials.

Alcohol or drugs did not appear to be a contributing factor, but Floyd County sheriff's deputies did detain a passerby who was allegedly driving under the influence when he came to look at the accident. The driver was arrested by the Prestonsburg Police Department for DUI and no insurance. His car was impounded as emergency responders handled the accident.

"There's you a story," off-duty KVE officer Dennis Hutchinson said. "How stupid can someone be?"

Soldier

related injuries.

Born in Johnson County, Tackett was living in Hinesville, Ga., with his wife, Stephanie, when he died. Tackett was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery, 4th Brigade

Combat Team, of the 3rd Infantry Division, based at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Tackett was stationed in the Green Zone, which houses the American Embassy and the Iraqi government. Tackett's job was

to escort dignitaries through the heavily fortified area in Baghdad.

Besides his wife, Tackett is survived by his parents, Wendell and Kathy Tackett, a brother and a sister.

Charge

gation began. He had been charged with two counts of receiving stolen property but has since earned two more. He was charged Wednesday with a fifth count of receiving stolen goods.

The latest charge involves a diesel welder, valued at about \$20,000, which was stolen from a company that was using the welder to help build a bridge in Portsmouth, Ohio, that will span the Ohio River.

County attorney Keith Bartley noted that the machine still bore the company logo in giant glowing letters.

Hutchinson was arraigned Thursday in district court, where the case was scheduled for a preliminary hearing on July 5.

There are already four charges against Hutchinson for receiving various stolen goods

from the same case that are scheduled to go before the next grand jury.

The charges stem from an investigation led by Sgt. Gary Tackett and Deputy Delmas Johnson which involved six weeks of work before resulting in the first set of charges. Johnson and Tackett continue to

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Viewpoint

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Journal and Courier, Lafayette, Ind., on Ten Commandments ruling:

Years of hoping that the U.S. Supreme Court could lend a hand to settle the continually contentious debate over the Ten Commandments' place on government grounds apparently haven't been enough.

In a split decision, the justices decided: 1. You can't put it up. 2. But you can put it up. ...

In a clear-as-mud pair of rulings, it appears the justices looked at the establishment clause and put one foot in church, the other in state and called it a day. In other words, each time the Ten Commandments are posted on government property and then challenged, the legal battle could end up in the hands of the Supreme Court.

By essentially saying that the legality of posting the Ten Commandments is best decided on a case-by-case basis, the court has guaranteed that it will hear about this again soon.

The Press of Atlantic City (N.J.), on U.S. Supreme Court's eminent domain ruling:

The U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 decision allowing government broad power to seize homes and businesses for more lucrative redevelopment is disappointing — and frightening.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, in a stinging dissent, summed it up: "The government now has license to transfer property taken from those with fewer resources to those with more."

"Nothing," she continued, "is to prevent the state from replacing any Motel 6 with a Ritz-Carlton, any home with a shopping mall or any farm with a factory." ...

But just because such projects are now constitutional doesn't necessarily make them right. ...

The high court was quite clear that just because such takings are not prohibited by the U.S. Constitution, states are free to tighten their own restrictions on the use of eminent domain.

This is an issue that should be on the political radar during the upcoming campaign season. The public should demand to know where candidates stand on tightening the state's redevelopment law. Public pressure can be effective in limiting government's power.

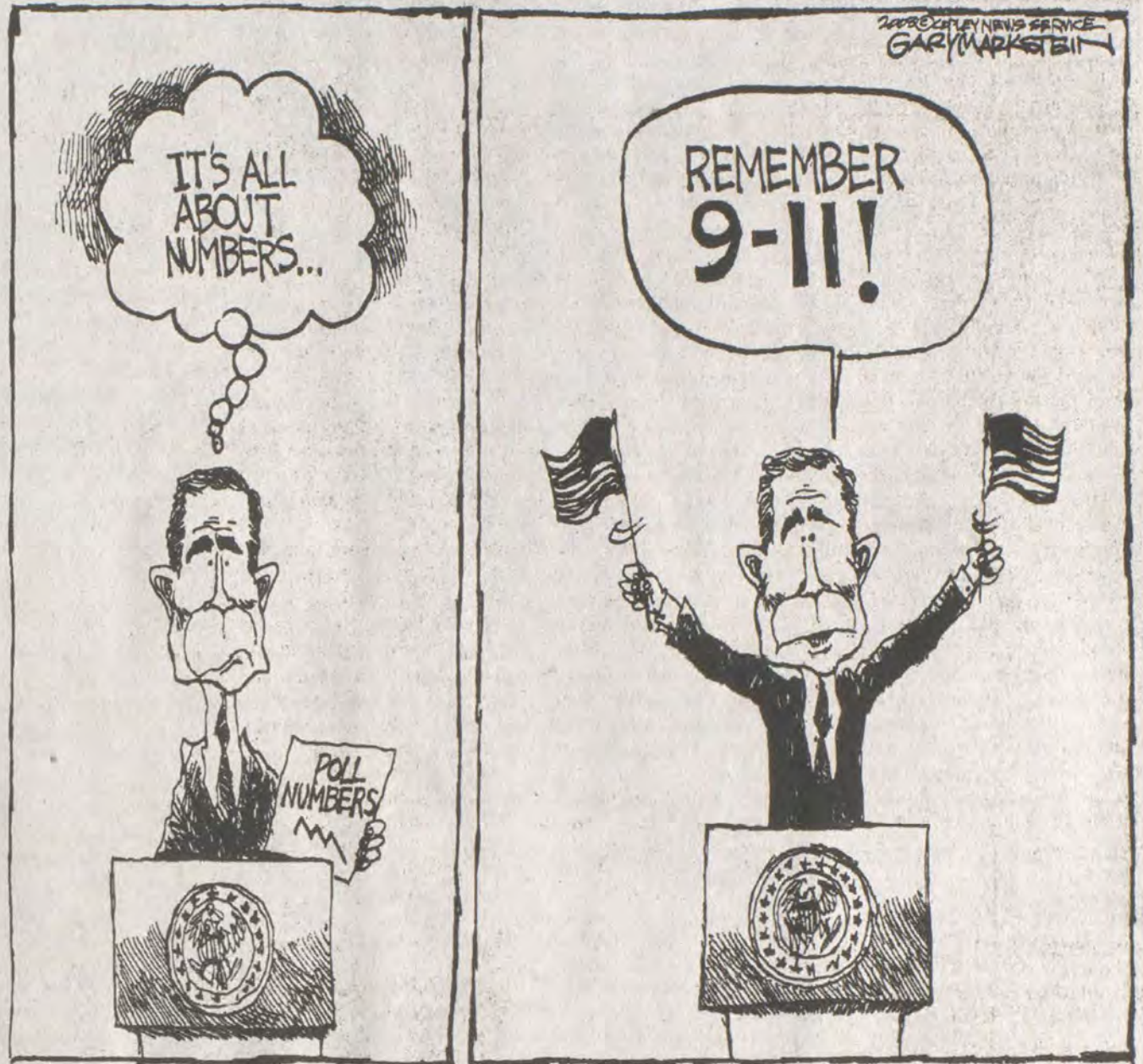
As Justice O'Connor warned: "The specter of condemnation hangs over all property." No one knows whose property might be next.

The Baltimore Sun, on President Bush's Iraq speech:

If only it were so. If only it were still 2003 and President Bush could plausibly argue that progress was on the march in Iraq. If only it made sense to contend that the war in Iraq was revenge for 9/11 and Madrid and Bali. If only it were somehow believable that the president sees a way to bring the conflict in Iraq to a peaceful and triumphant conclusion.

But it's not so. Bush addressed the nation Tuesday night in an attempt to rally support for his policy on Iraq, and instead it became disturbingly clear that the events of the past two years have barely made an impression on him.

He was right about one thing: that an abrupt U.S. withdrawal from Iraq would be a humiliating disaster. But nothing he said last night should lead anyone to suspect that he has a better idea. ...



Guest Column

Who cares about the income gap?

by SHELDON RICHMAN

I didn't wake up this morning wondering whether I had shrunk the income gap between me and Bill Gates or Warren Buffett. I have never wondered about that. But that's me. If I am to believe the New York Times and other major newspapers, lots of people are obsessed with the difference between their incomes and the incomes of richer people. Then again, maybe most people are more like me and don't give a darn. So why are those newspaper editors and reporters preoccupied with the matter?

I suspect it's because fundamentally they dislike liberal market society. Of course, they wouldn't put it that way. They would say simply that the phenomenon known as the "growing income gap" is newsworthy. And why is it newsworthy? Because it "says something" about our society. And what might that be? Most likely that "untrammeled capitalism" results in social injustice, which is why government can't stand on the sidelines but rather must engage in income redistribution. (As though we have anything resembling "untrammeled capitalism." Would that it were so.)

Now this is all nonsense.

It is nonsense at many levels. As Alan Reynolds of the Cato Institute has indefatigably shown, newspapers routinely torture income statistics from the IRS and Census Bureau to get preconceived results. For example, Reynolds explained recently that using income-tax information to measure income makes the rich look comparatively richer than they are because the bulk of the middle class's capital gains are in tax-deferred IRAs and 401(k)s — they don't show up on tax returns. He's also shown that the charge that the middle class is shrinking is true, but not in the way the newspapers (and the socialist think tanks) would have us believe. In fact, more people are rising out of the middle class than are falling out of it. The lower class is shrinking too. But those truths rarely get mentioned.

If you were to take these reports seriously, you'd think everyone in this society, with the exception of the few at the top, has been stagnating or getting poorer for decades. We are told this repeatedly, even as we watch multitudes of people, young and old, low-income and high-, walking down the street with ever-more-feature-rich cell phones and MP3 players. Something doesn't add up.

In fact, we live in an increasingly wealthy society, which would be far wealthier were the government not taxing people so much and consuming so many resources. As Dallas Fed economist W. Michael Cox and reporter Richard Alm document (in *Myths of Rich and Poor*), virtually everything has

been getting cheaper for years. They measure living standards by how many hours the average nonsupervisory manufacturing employee must work to buy various things and comparing this to the past. Today it costs us minutes and hours of work to afford what once took months and years. This is consistent with our everyday experience.

It is true that our society has a wide range of incomes, although even "poor" people (a relative term) have cable color television, microwaves, washers and dryers, and cars. I don't know whether the "income gap" is growing, but why should anyone care? It is perfectly consistent for the gap to grow even as the lowest-income people get richer. Don't confuse comparative with absolute position. I could be richer this year than last and still have lost ground to Bill Gates. Only someone consumed with envy would worry.

In a free society, there will be and should be differences in income. That's because some people are better at serving consumers than others — more innovative, more ambitious, more energetic, more intelligent. Why should they be denied their just rewards for making our lives better? And whom would we hurt most if we deny them? Mainly ourselves.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine.

Letters

Legalize it

In Mexico they call marijuana "loco weed." In the United States, they call marijuana controlled substances.

It is estimated that this controlled substance cost the American taxpayers about \$8.2 billion a year, just to jail and feed the abusers, plus \$6.3 billion for court costs, health and substance control.

It seems to me that if the gang in Washington wanted to play fair with the United States taxpayers, they would

make marijuana legal and put a tax on marijuana like they do with tobacco and whiskey.

Cliff Barker
Morehead

Sex Education

We used to get away with telling our children that they were delivered to us by a stork or that we found them in a cabbage patch or some such explanation. Not now. Now, we have to tell them the whole sordid story.

Bill Mitchell told me all about it

sometime before we started to school. Who is Bill Mitchell, you ask? Bill was a childhood playmate.

Our government (finding some weren't enlightened) demanded that all be taught the truth in our public schools. You have to wonder about this time, why they wanted the truth here when all else is a lie. Never mind that we had learned from Bill years before. Thus, this teaching brought about only coeducational giggling and laughter, with discussion and extracurricular activities after school.

Glenn Fraley
Prestonsburg

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Sci-fi, fantasy and horror return this fall to network television

by KATE O'HARE

From "The Twilight Zone" to "Star Trek" to "The X-Files" to "Lost," science fiction, fantasy and horror shows have captivated fans, sometimes holding them in thrall for years or even decades after they end.

Despite this, so-called "genre" shows and ratings-dependent network television have had an uneasy partnership. If one scans through the season-by-season top 30 show listings in "The Complete Directory to Prime Time Network and Cable TV Shows (1946-Present)," by Tim Brooks and Earle Marsh, only two genre dramas appear in the coveted Top 20.

The first is NBC's "Project UFO," producer Jack Webb's 1978-79 midseason procedural drama about Air Force officers investigating UFO sightings as part of Project Blue Book. Although it finished its debut run at No. 19, it only earned one more season.

Then in the fall of 1993, Fox premiered "The X-Files," a procedural drama about FBI agents investigating the paranormal, in particular UFOs and aliens. It took until the 1997-98 season to crack the Top 20, coming in at 19, but it managed to last for nine seasons, garnering critical acclaim and becoming a pop-culture phenomenon.

Unfortunately, no genre show since has duplicated the achievement of "X" as both an unqualified critical and commercial success. "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," which did five

seasons on The WB Network and two on UPN starting in 1997, was a critical darling but a commercial hit only by weblet standards. The same is true of the witch drama "Charmed," whose ratings were enough to earn it an eighth season on The WB but which never would have survived on ABC, CBS, NBC or Fox.

In the recently concluded 2004-05 season, glutted with the success of reality shows and such down-to-earth procedural franchises as "CSI" and "Law & Order," most of the broadcast nets shied away from new genre shows. Ultimately, it was struggling, downtrodden ABC that rolled the dice on a genre concept.

The result was "Lost," executive produced by J.J. Abrams (ABC's "Alias") and Damon Lindelof, a kinetic mix of "Robinson Crusoe," "The Island of Dr. Moreau," "Survivor" and hints of the supernatural. It became a pop-culture smash and finished its first season ranked No. 14 in total viewers. This convoluted, roller coaster-ride saga of plane-crash survivors on a seriously bizarre tropical island helped to put ABC back in business.

Then as if by magic, genre pilots popped up on the nets' schedules for this coming fall.

ABC has two: "Invasion," with executive producer Shaun Cassidy ("American Gothic"), is a Wednesday companion to "Lost" that looks at an alien invasion in a hurricane-ravaged Florida town. "The Night

Stalker," with executive producer Frank Spotnitz ("The X-Files"), is a reimagining of the 1970s ABC series about a reporter investigating the paranormal, which will air after "Alias" on Thursdays.

CBS has two airing back to back on Fridays: "Ghost Whisperer," about a pretty new-lywed who can commune with the dead, and "Threshold," with executive producers Brannon Braga ("Star Trek: Enterprise") and David Goyer ("Blade"), a sleek thriller about a team of experts dealing with an alien threat.

NBC has one: "Fathom," created by twins Josh and Jonas Pate ("G vs. E") and airing Mondays, about a possibly menacing new life form that suddenly appears in the world's oceans.

And The WB has one: "Supernatural," from executive producer McG ("Fastlane"), about two brothers seeking their missing father while investigating supernatural mysteries on America's back roads.

"Lost" is certainly an influence on some of the development," says Javier Grillo-Marxuach ("Boomtown," "Jake 2.0"), a supervising producer on the show, "but I think people are still hunting for the 'X-Files' grail, even though that show has been canceled for years now."

So what made "X" stand out? "My theory," Spotnitz says, "and I could be wrong, is that on network television, you start from reality. The premise needs to feel credible, like it could be happening in the world we all

live in. Without that, there are just too many people in the large, large tent that network television represents who aren't even willing to give it a try.

"You need to make it feel like a show they would watch, a mystery show, a police show, then introduce the far-out element."

As did "The X-Files," Grillo-Marxuach thinks "Lost" may be helping to change the perception that genre shows aren't for grown-ups.

"If we have helped genre television get to the adult table, that's great," he says. "Genre television has done a lot of growing up in the last few years. There's a willingness on the part of writers to approach it the way writers of literary science fiction do, which is to make it about things that are important to the audience, which is character and all that, and not think of it merely as a vessel for eye candy and cool stuff."

Fans may have enjoyed the alien-conspiracy subplot on "X-Files," but they loved Mulder and Scully. On "Lost," if we ever see the invisible menace, would we care if our beloved Jack, Sawyer, Hurley, Kate, Locke and the rest weren't in mortal danger? Special effects can't compensate for cardboard characters or hackneyed plots.

"At the end of the day," Grillo-Marxuach says, "it's not whether you're doing reality, genre or procedural, it's whether you're doing it really well and the audience responds to it."

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

New films were scarce again this week as most distributors chose to avoid going head to head with summer blockbuster season at the bijou. Seventies films were, once again, called on to fill the gap and there are some choice films that made their DVD debut this week.

"The Pacifier" — The week's only new release was this comedy from the folks at Walt Disney. Vin Diesel gets all "Kindergarten Cop" here as an ex-navy SEAL assigned to guard the family of a captured scientist. Critics didn't go crazy about this one but audiences were willing to take a chance on Diesel, who demonstrates some decent comedy chops here. The story may lack some luster but there are a few yucks here and a great turn by Brad Garrett ("Everybody Loves Raymond") as a school vice principal who reigns over his students like a crazed dictator.

"Revelations" — Bill Pullman ("Independence Day")

stars in this six hour mini-series which traces a father's search for the truth when his daughter is murdered in what appears to be a satanic sacrifice. His search soon reveals that the killing may herald the "end of days" and he must team with a nun to stop the cycle begun with his daughter's death. This one delivers the goods, which is no surprise as the story was developed by David Seltzer, who also wrote "The Omen."

"Eyewitness" — Modern take on the "film noir" genre popularized in the 1940s and '50s. William Hurt stars as a janitor who pretends to know more than he is telling about a murder case in order to cozy up to a female journalist played by Sigourney Weaver. Good supporting turns by Morgan Freeman, as a tough cop, and James Woods, as a prime suspect, enliven this 1980s effort.

"Race with the Devil" — Peter Fonda and Warren Oates costar in this 1970s action flick which also features a satanic motif. They play two men who take their wives on a road trip

to Aspen that quickly derails when they witness a human sacrifice. The film then morphs into a car chase epic, with the couples fleeing in their camper whilst pursued by the cultists. Good stuff with a whopper of an ending.

"Dirty Mary, Crazy Larry" — Peter Fonda is back for more car chases in this effort, which casts him as a race car driver who picks up a comely female hitchhiker while on the run from law enforcement. Terrible dialogue ensues but there are also some great action sequences and, once again, a great ending.

"Acacia" — Korean horror films continue to give Japanese imports a run for their money with this effort. Here you get a twisted ghost story that begins when an infertile couple adopts an orphaned boy. Things begin to spiral out of control almost immediately as the couple suddenly gets pregnant and horrendous accidents begin to befall them. Meanwhile their boy spends all of his time under a dead acacia tree in their back

yard which suddenly comes back to life. This one is heavy on atmosphere and definitely worth a look if you can find a store that stocks it.

Next week look for more chills with "Hide and Seek," in which Robert DeNiro plays a widower whose young daughter may be possessed, and watch Christina Ricci struggle with more personal demons in "Prozac Nation."

This week marked the passing of two fine actors known more for their voices. Paul Winchell and John Fiedler voiced the characters of Tigger and Piglet for Disney's Winnie the Pooh series since the 1960s. Fiedler also had a career in front of the camera and costarred in films like "12 Angry Men," "A Raisin in the Sun" and "True Grit." He also costarred in the 1970s hippie/vampire opus "Death Master" (which it just so happens is the subject of this Sunday's "Movies from the Black Lagoon" column). They passed within days of each other.

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recommended by the jury that heard the case in May.

Johnson told Delong that he didn't believe that Delong was a monster who deliberately burned the child but did chastise him for not reacting properly and seeking medical aid for the child. Johnson said that, as a parent, one must act in the best interest of a child and not be handicapped by fear.

Johnson also noted that the child's mother, who wasn't present, must learn a valuable lesson from this experience and must always be aware of what kind of care her child is getting when it is being left in the hands of others.

"I hope she will use better judgment in the future," the judge said.

Johnson credited Delong with 445 days of jail time already served and offered Delong some hope by saying, "You'll still be young when you get out. You have some education. You'll have to move on with your life and put this behind you."

Delong also entered a guilty plea to one charge of forgery that had been brought against him by his girlfriend, the baby's aunt, before he was indicted for the criminal abuse charges. Delong will receive two years for forging his girlfriend's signature on her income tax refund check. He received two years for that offense, which will run concurrently with his seven-year sentence.

Veterans upset over changes to state hiring practices

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Even though his administration is moving away from a hiring practice that gives a mathematical preference to candidates with military service, Gov. Ernie Fletcher said his administration will still favor them for jobs.

But during a hastily called press conference Thursday, Fletcher and others could provide little evidence that the new hiring rules include concrete preferences for veterans.

The Personnel Cabinet has reclassified 138 job categories in the Merit System since Fletcher took office so that applicants no longer have to be tested, scored and ranked in the top five to be considered. In the testing sys-

tem, veterans get 5 additional points on the 100-point scale and disabled veterans and their spouses get 10 points.

Instead, the state is moving toward a method by which any applicant who meets minimum qualifications may be hired.

"It saddens me that our governor, who is himself a veteran, fails to recognize the importance of honoring our veterans' service to their country with this one advantage — particularly when we're at war," said Don Dixon, the Veterans of Foreign Wars district commander for Central Kentucky and a retired 35-year state employee.

Fletcher and others who gathered for the press conference emphasized the administration's commitment to help-

ing veterans.

Fletcher also said accusations that his administration is taking benefits away from veterans are "outlandish and unfounded."

Administration officials said veterans could actually benefit under the new hiring system by receiving preferences they might not have achieved if their test scores were low.

But Personnel Secretary Erwin Roberts said he did not know if any of the written qualifications for the positions taken off the testing system include a preference for veterans. Les Beavers, the state's director of veterans affairs, said two jobs in his agency, that are no longer tested do include a requirement for military experience.

The uproar comes amid an

investigation by Attorney General Greg Stumbo's office. Stumbo is looking into allegations of political influence in merit hiring in Fletcher's administration.

While the revelations about the reclassifications came elsewhere, Fletcher said the reports about the changes are further evidence the investigation is politically motivated by Stumbo, a Democrat.

Democratic Party Chairman Jerry Lundergan did jump into the fray on Thursday, accusing the Fletcher administration of insensitivity to veterans.

"Maybe this administration needs to be indicted on ignorance because the common folk in Kentucky understand that there's no sense to this," Lundergan said.

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compromise the competitiveness of the contract negotiations.

Otter Creek laid off 42 employees during the closure, and several other employees transferred to other facilities operated by the prison's parent company, Corrections Corporation of America.

The closure has also caused

financial strain on the city of Wheelwright, which received 50 cents per day per prisoner, or approximately \$10,000 monthly, and payroll taxes from prison employees. Wheelwright businesses are also suffering because of the loss of the steady customer base from prison employees.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

Jenny Wiley Chapter AARP will conduct July meeting with P'burg Senior Citizens

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will hold their July meeting on Friday, July 15, with the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens, at the Senior Citizens Center, beginning with lunch at noon. All members and friends of the AARP chapter are encouraged to attend. The meeting will follow the luncheon.

Dwale Homecoming fund raiser, 2005

The Dwale Homecoming fund raiser, 2005 will be held July 8th, at the Dwale shelter, at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. Bring a pie and join the fun.

2nd Annual Mountain Homeplace Crafts Fair

Saturday, July 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring Appalachian crafters, quilters, shuck dolls, jewelry, paper creations and more. Various demonstrations throughout the day.

Music by bluegrass, gospel, country and folk bands.

Also, a children's "bounce house," face painting, and other activities.

Free parking and concessions will be available.

Mountain Homeplace is located at the Paintsville Lake State Park, in Staffordsville.

Rotary Club

Local Rotary Club holds meetings every Thursday, at noon, at the Student Grill, on the BSCTC campus. Open to business and professional men and women who live or work in Floyd County. More info., contact Mike Vance at 886-2075.

Adah Chap. No. 24, O.E.S., to hold ice cream social

The Adah Chapter No. 24, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold an ice cream social, following their regular meeting, on July 11. All members urged to attend.

Bradley Reunion

Descendants and associated families of William and Violet Row(e) Bradley, parents of Erve, Grace Ann, Sarah Jane, Oscar, John, Richard, and Green (all formerly of Prestonsburg) are invited to attend the Bradley Family Reunion, to be held Sunday, July 3, at 1 p.m., at the Rochester City Park, Shelter #10, in Rochester, IN. Bring a covered dish that will feed 8-10 people. Drinks and tableware provided. Games and contests for all ages. More info., contact John Bradley at 574-224-4120.

Indoor Flea Market/Craft Sale

To be held Friday, July 1, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, July 2, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Prestonsburg National Guard Armory. Proceeds from this event will be used for a welcome home ceremony for our troops on July 9. Sponsored by the Family Readiness Group for Charlie Co., 206th En Bn, Kentucky Army National Guard.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Kid's Summer Camp

Sewing Camp - July 18-22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; learn to make your own purse.

Fee: \$10; most supplies and a snack provided.

More info., call 886-0709.

Camp for ages over 8; limit 12 per class.

Also, FREE GED classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; may work with computers during this time.

Call for more info.

Jarrell Family Reunion

Will be held Sunday, July 3, at the Mountain Christian Academy School gym, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend. Please bring own drinks.

Goble Family Reunion

To be held July 9, at the Pines Bldg., Jenny Wiley StatePark. For the families of Mary and Ike Wells Goble and Lon and Ruann Goble Music. Please bring a covered dish, pop and ice, paper plates and cups. Will be asking for donations to help pay for rental of building and take-out chicken. Come early, stay late. Lots of family pictures and history on the Goble family will be presented.

Lindsey Wilson College to hold open registration

Lindsey Wilson College Extended Programs, located on the BSCTC campus, will be holding open registration for new students from now throughout August. Earn a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services or a Masters with a specialization in Mental Health Counseling. Contact Shelia Wallen at 606-454-8834 or wallens@lindsey.edu for further details.

Floyd County area Veteran's History Book to be published

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

Donations needed

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

HRMC Community Calendar

July 21 - "Living Well with Diabetes" Support Group will present "Red, White and Blue: Your Blood and You." Learn what all those blood test numbers really mean. Meet in the Floyd Room, in the hospital basement, 5-6 p.m. Free of charge.

For more info., contact Food & Nutrition Services at 886-8511, ext. 7353.

PHS class of '95

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

ACHS Class of '95

It's been ten years, classmates! And a reunion is being planned for the weekend of August 13. Please email the planning committee at: rebelsclassof1995@hotmail.com or, contact Amy Adams Osborne at 358-2947 or Misty Lynn (Bush) Isaac at 358-9184 if you are interested in attending or have questions or ideas to share.

PHS Class of '84

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1984 is seeking members of the class for a 20/21st year reunion, scheduled to be held this coming July. If you are, or if you know of, a former classmate, please email to: phs_class_of_1984@yahoo.com, or call 606-638-3941.

Neighborhood Watch

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

Little Mud Comm. Center

Will hold their 2nd annual 4th of July celebration on July 2, beginning at 11 a.m. Live entertainment, lots of fun and games for the whole family. Concessions will be available. For more info., call 478-1477 or 478-2479.

*The Little Mud Community Center Board of Directors are

currently in the process of locating photos of old historic sites of the area. The pictures are to be added to the center's historic wall. If you have any such pictures, or are interested in more information concerning this project, call 478-1477 or 478-2479.

Attention: BLHS Class of '85

It's been 20 years! Reunion

is being planned. If you are a classmate, or if you know of a classmate's whereabouts, please email addresses to Debbie Hall Parsons or Gwen Cecil at: dochallparsons@charter.net.

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Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30,

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Handwritten note on grant letter says Fletcher adviser OK'd

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A grant award letter containing a handwritten note noting approval of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's political appointments adviser has gotten the attention of state Auditor Crit Luallen.

The May 13 letter to Anderson County Judge-Executive Anthony Stratton, a Democrat, was written by Keith A. Hall, the state's former homeland security director who resigned June 10.

The letter, announcing a \$26,150 grant, contains this handwritten note at the bottom: "Dave Disponett indicated his support (sic) for this request. — KAH"

Because of Hall's handwritten note and recent departure, Luallen said, her office wants to know how the state homeland security office scored grant applications and distributed the money.

"This letter certainly raises questions that need to be addressed as part of the (grant distribution) process, and we will be looking to see if there was any political interference in that process," said Luallen, a Democrat.

Luallen's action comes as the attorney general's office reviews a folder labeled "Grants" that it seized last week from the state Office of Homeland Security.

Disponett is an Anderson County resident, treasurer of the state Republican Party and a volunteer adviser to Fletcher. Until recently, he had an office in the state Capitol.

Such grants to counties often are used for emergency response operations and equipment.

Alecia Webb-Edgington, acting director of the state homeland security office, defended the distribution of grants, including Anderson County's.

Webb-Edgington said in a statement the office has no record of Disponett supporting a particular homeland security grant. She said that the grants are awarded "through a highly competitive process and all homeland security grant applications were scored based on their merits."

"Homeland security grants undergo a meticulous evaluation process that includes being scored by an independent panel of judges and a thorough assessment by a blue-ribbon panel," the statement said.

It was unclear why Disponett supported the grant and whether Hall considered

his consent necessary before notifying Stratton of the award.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo's office is investigating allegations that Fletcher's administration illegally filled rank-and-file state jobs based on politics, not qualifications. Stumbo's office has refused to say why investigators took the grant information or whether they are aware of Hall's letter to Anderson County.

Hall could not be reached. His lawyer, Scott C. Cox, said he had not seen the letter and couldn't comment.

Fletcher, a Republican, has said the attorney general's investigation is politically motivated and no laws were broken.

In an interview, Disponett acknowledged talking to Hall about the Anderson County grant.

"He asked me about it and I said: 'Yes.' That's it," Disponett said Wednesday, declining to answer additional questions.

Stratton called Hall's letter

"unusual" because of the reference to Disponett.

"It's the first one I ever received like that, with a handwritten note. But we were glad to get it," said Stratton, who has been Anderson's judge-executive for seven years.

Jason Keller, a spokesman for the homeland security office, said the office has received \$31 million in federal funding this year.

Stratton said he has consulted with Disponett and Terry Ammerman, the Bluegrass regional representative in Fletcher's Local Initiatives for a New Kentucky office, about pending grant applications. That's a normal part of government service, said Stratton, who added that previous governors had similar staff members available to handle constituent contacts.

Stratton also said that the grant was far less than the county's original request of about \$230,000.

Rural Development names acting director, hires employee

PRESTONSBURG — USDA Rural Development State Director Kenneth Stone has named Peggy T. Meade as Acting Rural Development Manager of the USDA Rural Development Prestonsburg Local Office effective June 6. This came about after the June 3 retirement of Thomas W. Keeth from that office.



Peggy T. Meade



Darwin E. "Eddie" McGuire

Meade has worked with the USDA Rural Development for 32 years assisting families and individuals in eastern Kentucky to improve their housing conditions. She will continue making loans to individuals and families with very-low to moderate income purchasing homes and/or repairing their home.

The office also welcomed a new employee to assist with the mission of providing assis-

tance to families in four rural Eastern Kentucky counties. Darwin E. "Eddie" McGuire, was named Rural Development Specialist, and joined the Prestonsburg Rural Development office staff on May 16.

McGuire is very familiar with the counties this office serves. He had worked with the London Area Office as a construction inspector for two years prior to coming to the

Prestonsburg Office.

McGuire will be assisting families in the Floyd, Pike, Johnson and Martin County areas to either repair their dwelling or to buy or build a new home.

The local USDA Rural Development Office in Prestonsburg serves families in Floyd, Johnson, Pike and Martin Counties. The local office is located at 214 S. Central Avenue, Suite 101, Prestonsburg, KY, telephone 606/886-9545, ext 4. You may also visit the website to obtain information regarding USDA Rural Development programs at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

Obituaries

Thelma Coburn

Thelma Coburn, age 87, of Prestonsburg, widow of B.L. Coburn, passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

She was born October 23, 1917, in Hellier, the daughter of the late James David Compton and Elizabeth Bowe Compton. She was a homemaker, and a member of the First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg.

Survivors include one daughter, Carol Thomas of Hindman; two granddaughters: Jill Stapleton and Chrissy Stapleton, both of Lexington; one great-grandchild, Bailey Lynn Neal of Lexington; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Thelma Coburn will be conducted, Saturday, July 2, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Dr. Floyd Price officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 6 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Jack Joseph Scott

Jack Joseph Scott, age 68, of



Hamilton, Ohio, passed away at his residence on Tuesday, June 28, 2005.

Born in Martin, on August 24, 1936, he was the son of the late Silas and Dorothy Lee (Dye) Scott. On December 20, 1982, in Warsaw, Indiana, Jack married Nancy Wilcox. He was employed as a certified aid with Greenwood Manor Nursing Home for 15 years. He attended West Side Baptist Church.

Jack is survived by his wife, Nancy Scott; his children Debra Jarrell of Auxier, Jackalee and DeWayne Scott of Allen, Christopher Blevins of Canton, OH, and Neil Blevins of Hamilton; two grandsons, Mitchell Jarrell and Timothy Ferguson; five granddaughters, Elizabeth Jarrell, Sureka Scott, Kayei, Zoe and Tori Blevins; three great-grandchildren, Tyler and Michia Jarrell and Blake Labor; sisters and brothers, Edna Hale of Martin, Delores Collett of Garrett, Leo Scott of Amhurst, OH, James Scott of Prestonsburg, Patricia Martin of McDowell, Henrietta Boyd of Martin, and Bessie Jenkins of Martin.

In addition to his parents, Jack was also preceded in death by his son Phil Scott; granddaughter Whitney Scott; and brothers, Glen, Julius and Silas Scott Jr.

Funeral services will be held at Webb Noonan Funeral Home, Ross Avenue at South 'D' Street, Hamilton, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, July 2, 2005, with Pastor Michael J. Holmes officiating. Interment will follow at Millville Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 5-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice of Cincinnati, Inc., P.O. Box 710784, Cincinnati, OH 45271-0784.

(Paid obituary)

Margaret "Peggy" Blackburn Bailey

Margaret "Peggy" Blackburn Bailey, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, June 27, 2005, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Born on January 2, 1948, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of the late Vernon Blackburn and Margaret Owens Blackburn Wells. She was a former city clerk for the City of Prestonsburg.

Survivors include one daughter, Ashley Grey Bailey of Lexington; one brother, Thomas "Tombo" Blackburn of Prestonsburg; her stepfather, Lloyd Wells of Auxier; an aunt, Ann Castner of Louisville; and an uncle, Adrian "A-Bo" Blackburn of Prestonsburg; and two nephews and one niece.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 30, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Larry Adams officiating.

Interment was in the May Family Cemetery, at Allen.

Contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 4338 13th Street, Ashland, Ky. 41102.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers: Members of the Prestonsburg Fire and Police Department.

Honorary pallbearers: Devin Clifton, Tim Blackburn, and Mike Blackburn.

(Paid obituary)

Dems: paid vote hauling should be replaced with public transit

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Paid vote hauling, long a loophole for campaign shenanigans, should be replaced with public transportation for those who cannot otherwise make it to the polls to vote, a Kentucky Democratic Party operative said Tuesday.

Vote hauling is the practice of paying people to drive themselves or others to the polls. In

some areas, it has long been seen as a way to pay people for their votes.

Dale Emmons, a political consultant and ally of party Chairman Jerry Lundergan, told a Registry of Election Finance meeting that vote-hauling should be outlawed, according to a press release from the party.

Emmons also said that vote hauling complaints are a disguise for what amounts to

"class warfare" on poor voters.

Prosecution of people for vote hauling has been selective and "lent itself to the intimidation of honest civic minded election workers and voters," Emmons said. "Why should someone be impugned for simply seeking a ride to cast her vote?"

In a press release from the party, Lundergan said public transportation should be provided to voters.

Calendar

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'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

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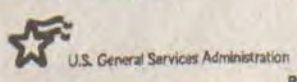
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Marriage Licenses

Tara Rebecca Newman, 26, of Pikeville, to Matthew Bruce Trusty, 26, of Prestonsburg.
 Toni Renee Little, 21, to Jonathan Brett Thornsberry, 21, both of Pikeville.
 Melinda Gail Short, 25, of Martin, to Glen Ramey, 41, of Garrett.
 Jessica Lynn Powers, 22, of Lexington, to Michael Bryan Allen, 25, of Martin.
 Shawna Lee Coburn, 27, of Hindman, to Paul Matthew Hagans, 25, of Pikeville.
 Shannon Diann Slone, 20, of Prestonsburg, to Henry Brennan Napier, 22, of Martin.
 Tammy Dian Potter, 37, of Grundy, Va., to Danny Hatfield, 47, of Williamson, W.Va.
 Polly Francine Varney, 22, of Martin, to Glenn Derrick Blackburn, 19, of Pikeville.
 Mary Lee Burke, 50, of Salyersville, to Gregory Lynn Wert, 56, of Kendallville, Ind.

Civil Suits Filed

Hudson & Keyse LLC vs. Edward Sazabo; complaint.
 Palisades Collection LLC vs. Tammy Carroll; complaint.
 Albert and Vickie Bloomfield vs. Ernie Carter and National Fire Insurance; complaint.
 Dianna Meade vs. Terry Billiter; complaint.
 Carmel Financial Corporation vs. Laura Goble; complaint.
 Michael, Connie, and Corey Parsons vs. Jimmy D. Tackett and Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company; complaint.
 Michael McGuire vs. Interstate Diagnostics Inc.; complaint.
 Oliphant Financial Corporation vs. Mearion D. Banks; complaint.
 Housing Oriented Ministries vs. Lanny P. and Debbie Hall; complaint.
 Discover Bank vs. Brian J. Howell; complaint for breach of contract.
 Discover Bank vs. Gary McCoy; complaint for breach of contract.
 Lansing Buckley Jr. vs. Gertrude Pack; complaint.
 Green Tree Servicing LLC vs. Brian D. Tackett, Gary Tackett and Loretta Tackett; complaint to enforce security interest.
 Gary Brown vs. Sandra Tackett; complaint.
 Vernas Hamilton vs. Amy N. Haney and Marietta S. Adams; complaint.

Small Claims Filings

Chanel Music vs. Kenneth Music; complaint about money taken from a savings account.
 Cash Express vs. Jeffrey C. Young; debt collection.
 Cash Express vs. Jeffrey Roop; debt collection.
 Cash Express vs. Tracie L. Layne; debt collection.
 Melinda S. Brown vs. Tawana Nelson; unreturned property.
 Jack R. Burchett vs. Jonathan D. Shepherd; unpaid rent.

Charges Filed

Kevin Hall, 20, Prestonsburg; two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment of police officers, first-degree fleeing or evading, driving under the influence, driving on a suspended or revoked license, six counts of failure to wear seat belts, failure to register transfer of a vehicle, five counts of second-degree wanton endangerment, possession of marijuana, no insurance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon.
 Jimmy Dale Ray, 21, Virgie; second-degree burglary, forgery (altering a registration form), misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking.
 Delores A. Kidd, 50, Honaker; fugitive.

Kevin R. Hutchinson, 36, Teaberry; receiving stolen property valued under \$300.
 Mark Dotson, 39, Pikeville; fugitive.
 Charles S. Burke, 33, Prestonsburg; custodial interference.
 Vicky Handshoe, 50, Hueysville; fourth-degree assault.
 Benjamin R. Davis, 22, Banner; public intoxication of a controlled substance, disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal trespass, domestic violence and abuse: duties of law.
 Cody S. Roberts, 21, Harold; possession of marijuana, first-degree criminal trespass.

Rhoda May, 33, Kimper; trafficking marijuana under 8 ounces, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription no in original container, public intoxication.
 Crystal Hunter, 23, Printer; fourth-degree assault.
 Joey Wright, 28, Martin; failure to operate boat at idle speed in harbor or congested area.

Garrett Adams, 58, Harold; public intoxication.
 Anna L. Little, 23, Weeksbury; misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking.
 Amy E. Combs, 33, Prestonsburg; third-degree criminal trespass.
 Ellis Brown, 61, Langley; third-degree terroristic threatening.

Barron C. Allen, 33, Langley; threatening, endangering the welfare of a minor.
 Steve Burchett, 33, Prestonsburg; third-degree terroristic threatening.
 Jack S. Burchett, 34, Prestonsburg; second-degree wanton endangerment.
 Michael P. Butler, 35, Drift; first-degree criminal trespass.
 Everett Gayheart, 36, McDowell; third-degree terroristic threatening.
 Tim Bradley, 28, Banner; drinking in public.

Joseph Compton, 42, Price; failure to display registration.
 Wesley Halbert, 37, Martin; failure to wear personal floatation device, child under 12.
 Douglas Allen, 42, Wayland; shoplifting.
 Ray Dorton, 30, McDowell; three counts of misdemeanor theft by deception.

James D. Elkins, 21, Prestonsburg; violation of an emergency protective order or domestic violence order.
 Carolyn J. Tackett, 30, Honaker; public intoxication, public intoxication, failure to surrender revoked license.
 James K. Rister, 29, Garrett; fourth-degree assault, second-degree fleeing or evading, resisting arrest.
 James R. Lewis, 21, Betsy Layne; misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking.

Christopher Shawn Howell, 27, Betsy Layne; fourth-degree assault.
 Loretta H. Newsome, 38, Harold; public intoxication, fourth-degree assault.
 Dustin Allan Robinson, 25, David; public intoxication of a controlled substance.
 Cory R. Robinson, 23, Pikeville; public intoxication; third-degree criminal mischief.
 Gregory Martin, 39, Eastern; fourth-degree assault.

Cari Hamilton, 23, Grand Blanc, Mich.; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.
 Lucas Boyd, 27, Holly, Mich.; disorderly conduct, public intoxication, third-degree criminal mischief.
 Tonya R. Walters, 24, Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.
 Stephanie Hunt, 27, Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.
 Stephanie W. Hall, 28, McDowell; misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking.
 Rita Thornsberry, 42, Allen; terroristic threatening.
 Bill D. Barnett, 27, Martin; third-degree criminal trespass.

Connie Hall, 52, Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.
 Ann Mayo, 55,

Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Avery Lowe, 60, Prestonsburg; sale of fireworks except for public display.

Jimmy Dale Ray, 21, Virgie; second-degree forgery (altering a registration form), misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking.

Julian Fields, no age listed, Ivel; felony theft by failure to make appropriate disposition of property.

Manis Risner Jr., 46, Martin; fourth-degree assault, terroristic threatening, first-degree wanton endangerment.

Inspections

Papa John's Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: No chemical test strips at three-compartment

sink, pizza boxes stored on floor, no towels at hand wash sink. Score: 96.

Hillbilly Market, prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all coolers have thermometers, food items stored on floor of walk-in cooler, proper hair restraints not in use, no test strips at three-compartment sink, single-service items stored on floor, ceilings of food prep area not in compliance, clothing item observed stored on food equipment. Score: Food 94, Retail 96.

El Azule Grande, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, walk-in freezer door in disrepair, wiping cloth use unrestricted, scrub sink faucet leaking, part of food prep floor is carpeted, cleaning equipment improperly stored. Score: 89.

Property Transfers

Doris Faye Bradford to Albert B. Robinson, property located at Middle Creek.

Eliza Dotson to Albert B. Robinson, property located at Middle Creek.

Danny Hall to Dwayne and Tammy Hall, property located at Left Beaver.

Marie and Paul Damron, Emojean Marshall, Revis Akers, Vernon Akers, and Brenda Akers to Joey Akers, property located at Gunnell Branch.

Big Branch Development Company to Rodney Nelson, property located at Abbott Creek.

Henton and Loretta Newman to Michael Akers, property located at Left Beaver.

Randy Wayne Reynolds, Ronnie Reynolds, Tom and

Melissa Reynolds to Rex Reynolds, property located at Brandykeg Creek.

Jack Stumbo to Yvonne S. Jones, property located at the Richmond subdivision.

Diane Lozano to Albert B. Robinson, property located at Middle Creek.

Larry and Sue Tackett to Sonny and Mable Johnson, property location undisclosed.

Edith R. Roberts to James E. Nichols, property location undisclosed.

Gregory and Mary Karen Stumbo to Henry and Diane Vanderpool, property location undisclosed.

Steven and Paula Halm to Taylor G. Justice, property located at Levisa Fork.

Janice and Denzil Allen, David Patrick Allen to Sherry R. Allen Dauer, property location undisclosed.

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Martin eyes move to professional golf

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Prestonsburg High School graduate Ryan Martin will be the first to admit that he was nervous during the opening round of the 2005 Bell South Men's State Amateur Championship. Playing on the same StoneCrest Golf Course in which he has won three club championships, Martin knew a lot would be expected of him.

"I felt a lot of pressure early on at StoneCrest during the State Am," Martin said Wednesday evening, looking back on the state golf champi-

onship's opening round. "There were some nervous feelings – I tried to keep it in. After the first round, I settled down."

Martin, who went on to finish fourth in the State Am, has spent the past few years playing golf for Morehead State University. While at Morehead, Martin got the opportunity to travel and play in places like Arizona, South Carolina and Florida. He was a strong member of the MSU golf team. Martin, who plans to turn pro later on this summer, gained a great deal of experience from the MSU golf program and knowledge from Dr. Rex Chaney, who for nearly 30 years has guided the Eagle golf program.

"Rex is a great guy and a great coach," Martin said. "He was good to all of us. I enjoyed playing for him."

Martin, who cut his golfing teeth at courses in Floyd County, has also drawn a lot from Paintsville Country Club Head Professional Larry (L.G.) Ward.

"L.G. has helped me a lot with my game," Martin admitted.

This past weekend, Martin traveled to Lexington and took top honors in the Nicholasville Invitational, finishing 14 under. He shot a 67 and 63, topping a talented field that included Universi-

(See MARTIN, page two)



NOTEBOOK:

NBA Draft comes, goes

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Notes colored red and white to cheer up the blue:

■ Before we get into the NBA draft highlights, here is how good

Dontrelle Willis has been this season. On Tuesday night, the Braves rocked his world. En route to their 10th win in 12 games, they blasted the Marlins ace with 11 hits,

five runs, all earned, while drawing one walk and striking out only three times in seven innings.

That raised his earned-run average all the way up to 2.04.

■ Before we get to the NBA draft, what little interest I had in Wimbledon went completely out the window last weekend when Serena Williams was bounced in the third round.

I hate to be this way, but I don't care for men's tennis and can't get overly excited about Venus or Maria Sharapova. With no Serena, I have no desire to watch.

■ Before we get to the NBA draft, a correction from last week.

I got my Pikeville College legends mixed up when talking about my buddy Chuck Damron and his son-in-law. Of course, Chuck's daughter Taryn is married to Bart Williams, the all-time leading scorer, and not Jody Thompson, who is fifth on that list.

My apologies to Bart and Taryn and Jody and Kari and anyone else I offended with that.

Now, on to the draft ...

■ You have to wonder about the poor people who get drafted by Portland, the single most troubled franchise in all of sports. These guys are what the Raiders used to dream of being, and now, for the third consecutive year, they've tabbed a high-school prospect.

This year's poor sap is Seattle native Martell Webster. Now this kid could be a great player for all I know, but you have to wonder about him. Who's going to provide leadership, guidance

(See BENTLEY, page two)

READY TO PLAY BALL



photo by Jamie Howell

The District 7 tournament will get its start Saturday morning in Paintsville. The Prestonsburg 9-10-year-old All-Stars were out practicing Wednesday evening.

P'burg All-Stars continue preparations for district tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – The Prestonsburg 11-12-year-old All-Stars will begin play in the District 7 tournament in Paintsville when they open up Saturday against East Ridge in an 8 p.m. nightcap. Prestonsburg Manager Ned Pillersdorf announced that Prestonsburg Little League most valuable player Tyler Hall will get the starting nod in the game against East Ridge.

This week found all of the Prestonsburg Little League All-Stars busy with preparations. Floyd County all-star teams from HAP

(Harold-Allen-Prater) and Beaver Creek have also busied themselves with practices in preparation for this year's district tournament.

Prestonsburg's 11-12-year-old team will be one of four teams in the tournament and was placed in what is quite possibly the most competitive bracket. Other teams in the bracket are defending champion Belfry as well as host Paintsville and Beaver Creek. The two teams with the best records from the pools will advance to the final round, which is a single-elimination round. The Prestonsburg 11-12-year-olds have been practicing at the Dewey Dam field. The P'burg

11-12-year-olds include Kyle Chaffin (P/1B), Alex Griffith (C/P/SS), Jaden Spurlock (3B), Kevin Roman (P/SS), Joseph Jamerson (2B/OF), Caleb Petry (CF), Nathan Fraley (2B), Wil Allen (OF), Lucas Stewart (OF) and Matthew Crisp (OF).

The Prestonsburg 11-12s will play their second game on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. against Belfry. Tyler Hall is expected to start Friday's game against Paintsville. The Prestonsburg-Paintsville game is set for a 4:30 p.m. start. Pillersdorf indicated that the other pitchers will be Kevin Roman, Kyle Chaffin and Alex Griffith.

BK Motorsports wins at Cherokee Speedway



TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN – Brandon Kinzer took his Barry Wright racecar to two Southern Allstars- East (SAS-E) shows over the weekend, producing one victory.

The first of the two races was held at Thunder Valley Speedway in Lawndale, N.C. The SAS-E event paid \$4,000 to the race winner. Kinzer posted sixth-fastest time in qualifying which meant an outside third row starting spot. Kinzer was running in the eighth position on lap nine when he lost control of the car and spun out. As a result of the spin, Kinzer was forced to the tail of the event and managed to scrape his way back up to 13th place.

The next evening, Saturday, Brandon Kinzer Motorsports and pulled into Cherokee Super Speedway. This event was also sanctioned by SAS-E and paid

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Blevins earns second Late Model win of season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COEBURN, Va. – Brian Blevins had a better day than his grandfather at Lonesome Pine Raceway Saturday night. While Paul "Mountain Man" Shull spent most of Saturday replacing bad motor that locked up in practice, it was smooth sailing for Blevins as he led flag to flag to take his second Late Model victory of the season at LPR. Shull only managed one lap in the 75-lap Late Model event before parking the car.

Wayne Hale earned his sixth pole of

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UK has best all-sports ranking since '98

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON – The University of Kentucky made its best showing in seven years in the final 2004-05 Directors' Cup all-sports standings sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, the United States Sports Academy, and USA Today.

The Wildcats rank No. 35 nation-

ally, tops for the school since a No. 28 showing in the 1997-98 athletic year. Kentucky rates eighth this year among Southeastern Conference teams, matching 2001-02 for the best finish since '98, when the Cats were seventh among league teams.

Schools are awarded points for each team reaching NCAA Tournament play, with higher finishes earning more points. In 2004-05, Kentucky earned

points in these sports, with the final national finish in parentheses:

- Men's basketball (fifth nationally)
- Women's tennis (fifth)
- Rifle (sixth)
- Men's golf (seventh)
- Men's swimming (12th)
- Men's tennis (17th)
- Women's swimming (18th)
- Gymnastics (20th)

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The Prestonsburg Little League Rockies, a team made up of 9- and 10-year-olds, finished the regular-season undefeated with a 15-0 record. The team recently celebrated its perfect season with a pool party. The team is pictured above. Front row: Bradley Hall, Trey Stapleton, Keith Kidd and Seaton Hall. Second row: Aaron Griffith, Adam Griffith, Terry Adams, Shane Hall, Kaleb Rodebaugh. Coaches: Brian Griffith, Les Stapleton (Manager), Brad Hall and Dwayne Rodebaugh. Not pictured: Johnathan Ball, Josh Stambaugh, Josh Carrier.

Bentley

and direction for him? Sebastian Telfair? Bo Outlaw? Their head coach ... oh wait a minute, they don't have one of them!

It's one thing for free agents to have to deal with signing there, but when these kids come straight out of high school and are basically on their own, that's akin to cruel and unusual punishment.

After Hakim Warrick was taken with the 19th pick by Memphis, ESPN ran this note: Warrick fifth first-round pick from Syracuse since 1992.

Meanwhile, North Carolina had four of the top 14 picks this year.

In my estimation, Charlotte made out like bandits when it got both Raymond Felton and Sean May in the first round.

What's not to like? They were national champs, teammates and will stay in-state where they will guarantee high ticket sales. My only question is will May and last year's top pick Emeka Okafor share the same position? Somehow I think

they'll work it out.

I'm sure many of you checked in today expecting me to scoff at Randolph Morris, who thought he'd be a first-round pick yet didn't hear his name called on draft night.

Let me say this: Not only was Morris not a serious contender for a first-round (and guaranteed-money) pick, he didn't even crack Jay Bilas' Top 20 available prospects until after the 21st pick Tuesday night.

Also, this stat which I picked up from Dick Vitale a few weeks ago: Morris finished his only season in Lexington with 59 rebounds and 56 personal fouls.

Sound like a first-rounder with you?

My two favorite moments which happen on an annual basis at the NBA Draft are, in no certain order:

When the host throws to the Commish for the next pick, only he isn't there. Love that uncomfortable silence on national tele-

vision.

And then there's the end of the first round, when David Stern announces the second round will be handled by Assistant Godfather Russ Granik, which is always, every single time, greeted with a unanimous chorus of boos.

This year Granik actually trumped them when he sprang from the back with the following words: "Thank you and welcome to the second round. It's good to be in New York with all my close, personal friends in the stands ..."

A classic draft moment. Maybe not as good as Charles Barkley's analysis of San Antonio's 2001 pick of Tony Parker: "I don't know that much about him, but they got him in the first round, so he must be a good player," but a classic nonetheless.

Among my favorite lines from this year's draft came when Stern announced Golden State's Ike Diogo with the ninth pick: "He is not here," he said, well, sternly.

The "thank God" was understood.

Louisville's Francisco Garcia was one of the luckiest players taken in the first round, being picked by Sacramento.

It's a perfect fit for the lanky New York native. Put him on the court and teach him to blow kisses to his wife at every opportunity and Kings fans won't even notice Doug Christie is gone.

I'm always interested in what the so-called experts have to say about these picks, including what the network chooses as points of interest to put on their graphics. My alltime favorite came in 1997 when the Mavs picked Kelvin Cato. As if the name wasn't bad enough, TNT informed us of two things: "Never played high school basketball" and "Owns a nine-foot Burmese python snake."

On Tuesday, my favorite was probably something Motor City fans couldn't have been terribly excited to see. After the Pistons made Cincinnati's Jason Maxiell their top pick, the graphic read: "Must Improve: Skill level."

Geez. What were the positives, "Doesn't own a nine-foot Burmese python"?

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Kinzer

\$4,000 to the race winner. Similar to the night before, Kinzer qualified for the third row, but this time on the inside, placing fifth. He was up to second place by lap nine and competing with Ray Cook for the lead. The two battled it out lap after lap and on lap 29 Cook broke, giving the lead to Kinzer. The Floyd

County native never looked back and went on to win the \$4,000 first-place purse.

"I just hate it for Ray, we had a real good run going with the two of us," said Kinzer. "I just wish that he wouldn't of broke. He is a great friend and I hate to win a race that way."

This weekend the Kinzer team

tentatively plans on racing at 201 Speedway on Saturday night in the Battle of the Bluegrass sanctioned event. The team will take Sunday off and compete at Smokey Mountain Speedway on July 4 in a non-sanctioned \$5,000-to-win event.

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Martin

ty of Kentucky golfers Cale Barr and Andrew Stephens along with several other notable players. Lately, the Prestonsburg golfer has spent a lot of time playing courses in the Lexington area. This week, he'll be back out on the links in Campbellsville for a tournament that is set to include NCAA All-American golfer John Holmes. One of the top University of Kentucky golfers of all-time, Holmes captured

the 2004 Men's State Am title.

Continuing to chase professional golf prominence, Martin said he will mostly likely turn professional with this year's Paintsville tournament. Upon turning pro, Martin has said he'll most likely move south where more golfing opportunities, thanks in part to the better year-round weather, become available.

Through his travels - from youth golf to high school to college and now beyond - Pre-

stonsburg's top golfer at the moment has had the support of many. His parents - Tim and Jennifer Martin - continue to be his biggest supporters and fans.

"My mom and dad have been so supportive," said Martin. "They support my decision to turn pro and have always been supportive of me."

Whether in the amateur or professional ranks, look for Ryan Martin at the top of a leaderboard near you.

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Blevins

the season in seven events, but drew a four for the inversion and never could make it back to the front. Last week's winner Brad Housewright started on the point thanks to the inversion but it was Blevins starting beside him who jumped out to the lead on the start. The only caution period of the race occurred on the second lap as Zeke Shell spun in turn one. From then on it was all green - and all Brian Blevins - as his lead over Housewright grew steadily lap after lap to about a half a straightaway by the end of the race. After the win Blevins gave Shull the credit for his success. "This man right here taught me everything I know and if it wasn't for him I wouldn't be where I'm at today," said Blevins who continues to hold the Late Model points lead over Housewright at the halfway point of the season.

Housewright finished second ahead of David Hopkins, Wayne Hale and Buddy Talbert in fifth.

"We were a little bit off tonight," Housewright said. "No big deal. We'll get it back."

After going two races in a two caution free, the Pure 4

division made up for lost time Saturday as close racing in the front of the pack resulted in several spins, yellow flags and hurt feelings. A fight after the race sent one person to the hospital and left track officials contemplating what disciplinary action to take.

But it all happened behind Gate City driver Linton Perry who jumped out to a quick lead and stayed ahead of the troubles as he earned his second win of the season.

Veteran driver Tom Hodges who mainly builds and crew chiefs cars these day finished second in one of his rare starts ahead of Greg Clevinger earning his career best finish, Steve Skeens and points leader Carl Lawson in fifth.

After breaking into the 18.0 lap range in Mod 4 qualifying for the first time ever, Freddie Taylor Jr., grabbed the lead at the start of the 30 lap race and held it for the duration two win his third race of the season and third of the year. Jody Bostic finished second ahead of Rocky Yates Brad Ball and Dave Watson.

Chris Tunnell grabbed the top spot quickly from the out-

side of the front row to start the 35 lap Street Stock race, but could only hold it for 10 laps as Tony Vance charged forward to take the lead and the win. It took pole winner Roger Neece 22 laps to get past Tunnell and take second place after drawing a four for the inversion. The only caution flag flew on lap 30 after Rob Austin, who had been racing side by side with Jason McCaully for fifth place for about 25 laps in a row, apparently blew a radiator hose and spun in his own water. That set up a five lap shootout, but Vance held off a charge by Neece to take his second win of the season. Neece finished second ahead of Tunnell, Josh Hale and McCaully in fifth.

With several LPR newcomers traveling from Richmond and New Jersey to compete in the Legends division Saturday it wasn't a cake walk for Travis Watson, but he did manage to win his seventh consecutive race. His streak of six straight poles was broken, however, by Richmond driver Kevin Yeatts.

Sara Looney won her second Ladies Pure 4 race of the season while Brandon Jessee grabbed the win in the Hornets division.

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UK

Men's outdoor track (37th) Kentucky set a school record with four conference championships in 2004-05, including SEC regular-season titles in men's basketball and women's tennis, the SEC Tournament title in men's golf, and the Mid-

American Conference regular-season crown in men's soccer.

This year's tally represents a continued upward trend for the Wildcats, who finished 50th nationally in 2002-03 and 45th overall last year.

"I'm extremely proud of the many hours of preparation and

the successes achieved by our student-athletes and coaches," said Mitch Barnhart, UK Director of Athletics. "Our goal continues to be to compete for championships in all sports and build a broad-based program of which all Kentucky fans can be proud."

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New attitude overcoming frustrating start for Stewart

by MIKE HARRIS
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Tony Stewart has been noticeably quieter and calmer this season despite a series of frustrations that in other years might have set off NASCAR's sometimes bad boy.

After finally breaking through last Sunday in Sonoma, Calif., for his first win since last August, Stewart acknowledged he is disappointed in the way things have gone in 2005 despite the fact that he is fourth in the season points heading into Saturday night's Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway.

The difference: a soul-cleansing team meeting at the end of last season.

"That's the best thing that happened, that I sat down with my race team and let them vent for a day, and it was one of the most productive meetings as a race team that we've had since I've been there," said Stewart, who has driven the No. 20 entry for Joe Gibbs Racing since arriving in the Cup series in 1999.

"We got a lot of things out in the air," he added. "From the start of the season we've had fun racing as a team and, even the days where we've had problems, it's made it easier to go back to the shop and stick together as a team and not get down."

"When you have a team effort like that and a support group like that, if one person gets down it's easy to have that

many guys that are on your side to help pick you up."

Stewart never has enjoyed the baggage that comes along with being a Nextel Cup star. Media obligations, sponsor appearances and testing all put a strain on the top drivers.

That team meeting, and new attitudes, have made a difference.

"We've simplified it," Stewart said. "This series is so complicated... it's hard to have a life, so it's hard to keep a positive attitude. We find more things to do as a team now than we've ever done before, whether it's playing cards or going to watch a movie or whatever it is."

Stewart's 2005 season, which he characterizes as "probably one of the worst seasons

we've had up until this point," has had its ups and downs. In the 15 races before last Sunday, Stewart offset three second-place finishes and a third with five finishes of 30th or worse. Three times he led the most laps in a race and failed to win.

He acknowledges it has been frustrating and, at times, even maddening.

"But, at the same time, the attitude of the team is better than it's been since 1999," Stewart said. "Even though it isn't the season that we've wanted, it's made it more acceptable."

"And that doesn't mean we're being complacent. It just makes it to where we're all on the same page and we're all working toward the same goal.

We're all there to pick each other up and we're having fun with it."

"We were all down at San Francisco the other day after the media day and I found a shop that had a flag that said, 'The beatings will continue until morale improves.' And everybody that's come in that trailer has laughed their butt off that's seen that. So, you know, that's just the kind of thing we're doing. Having fun, picking on each other."

Stewart always has credited crew chief Greg Zipadelli — with Stewart since his rookie year — as being the real leader of the team. But Zipadelli said Stewart has had a big hand in the change of atmosphere around the No. 20 team.

"Well, Tony is a big part of this team," Zipadelli said. "A lot of his attitude and the way he shows up, like myself, if I show up and I'm in a bad mood and I'm taking it out on the guys, then you've kind of set the tone for the weekend."

"We have a lot of responsibilities, but I think one of them is being the best leaders we can. Be their friends, be people. It's important that Tony and myself set that tone. You ask a lot of those guys, and we need to give that back to them."

Stewart, sitting next to Zipadelli, nodded.

"We've done it together and we're having fun," Stewart said. "even though the results haven't shown this year."

Elderly couple turns garage into Richard Petty shrine

by TIM BOOTH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONROE, Wash. — The recreation room in Chuck and Gloria Etter's two-story house already was overflowing with boxes of die-cast cars, autographed pictures, bumper stickers and tires — all testimony to the couple's NASCAR obsession.

And then, when they bought a 1995 Pontiac STP from Richard Petty — a car that Bobby Hamilton had driven twice that season — things got totally out of control.

So Chuck Etter built a 1,200-square-foot garage, which a decade later has become an unofficial shrine to Petty and other stock-car racers.

"I put 10-foot walls in here, cause I knew we needed a lot of wall space," Etter said while proudly showing off what has morphed into a mini-museum, a shrine to Richard Petty and other stock-car stars.

Petty's prowess on the track and his signature black cowboy hat and dark shades have inspired many tributes — decorated rooms, elaborate Web sites, even a site maintained by Petty's personal pilot.

But few could give fans a true history lesson like this couple of 76-year-olds, married since 1953, who live thousands of miles from most of the tracks where NASCAR races are contested.

"Our fans are different than fans of other sports, by and large," Petty said in an e-mail interview with The Associated Press. "They aren't just somebody sitting in the grandstands. They are part of us. They are part of the family."

The garage walls are plastered with photos, posters and car parts, accompanied by stories that speak to the grassroots accessibility of the sport

before its recent explosion in popularity. The Etters have seen races at Rockingham, Bristol and Talladega — to name a few tracks — adding to their collection along the way.

The couple first met Petty in 1988 while on an East Coast vacation. Their first race was the 1983 Daytona 500, but a trip to Level Cross, N.C. — where they met Petty and his brother, Maurice — changed their connection with the sport forever.

"They were just so gracious," said Chuck Etter, his glasses sporting the tiny "STP" sticker Richard wears on his sunglasses. "They were just nice people."

And, there, the relationship began. The couple started making yearly trips to North Carolina, bringing with them pictures they had taken of Petty while attending races at Atlanta, Charlotte or whatever track they ventured to.

Their garage is full of pictures with Petty's family, including his wife and son.

They were invited to Petty's 60th birthday party, and Chuck Etter got three laps with the legend around Charlotte Motor Speedway after contributing to his campaign for secretary of state in North Carolina.

"Now that was pretty hairy with him driving," he said.

Petty graciously signed nearly anything the couple presented. Eventually, they started collecting actual race items.

There is one of the gas cans from Petty's 200th victory in the 1984 Firecracker 400 at Daytona, and a signed tire from Petty's last race in Atlanta in 1992.

Etter asked about buying a car from Petty. One of the No. 43s Petty drove cost far too much, but Petty parted with the No. 43 Hamilton drove in 1995 for Petty's race team on road courses

in New York and California.

Etter, who is retired after decades working for the company that makes Scott paper towels, said he has invested about \$35,000 in the car — which has the legendary powder-blue paint scheme and STP logos, as well as melted tire rubber still caked to the underside of the hood.

"Our whole sport is built on the fans," Petty said. "As long as we appreciate their loyalty to our sport and we give that loyalty back to them, everything will be just fine."

The Petters aren't the only ones on the Etters' Christmas card list.

One year in Atlanta, the couple went to dinner at a "Po Folks" restaurant. While there, they recognized driver Morgan Shepherd dining and struck up a conversation.

They dined together the next night, and began a ritual of meeting for dinner the night before and after each race in Atlanta the Etters attended.

"It just got to be a habit off the first year," Etter said, pointing out Shepherd's wall of the garage, including the dented rear fender and front bumper from one of his cars.

The surge in NASCAR's popularity — and the rising ticket prices that went with it — has limited their travels. The Daytona 500 is now their only trip — a treat during the middle of a typically gray Northwest winter.

They get the same seats at the finish line every year — except for the 2004 race, when they moved one spot because a member of President Bush's Secret Service detail had one of their seats.

"He said he got his ticket on the Internet and I said, 'That's funny, because that's been my spot for years,'" Etter said. "But he was a real nice young man."

Kimmel quickest in Kentucky testing

ARCA RE/MAX SERIES TEST RESULTS
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NO	DRIVER/HOMETOWN	TEAM & CAR	TIME	SPEED
1.	46 Frank Kimmel/Clarksville Ind.	Advance Auto Parts-Pork Ford	31.890	169.332
2.	9 Joey Miller/Farmington Minn.	County Joe Racing-Eagle Creek Aviation Dodge	32.250	167.442
3.	32 Danny O'Quinn/Coeburn, Va.	Race to GED Ford	32.440	166.461
4.	69 Steve Blackburn/Prestonsburg	Safeguard-Community Bank Trust-Ride	32.690	165.188
5.	Ryan Hackett		32.790	164.684
6.	Dawayne Bryan	Dodge	32.900	164.134
7.	20 Ken Weaver/Dallas Texas	1-800-4-A-Phone Chevrolet	32.930	163.984
8.	64 Matt Hagans/Brownsburg Ind.	Dave Allison Motorsports Dodge	33.250	162.406
9.	25 Billy Venturini/Chicago Ill.	Central Merchant Services-ReadyHostin	33.400	161.677
10.	8 Howard Bixman/Holly MI	Bixman Motorsports Ford	33.440	161.483
11.	Erik Darnell/Beach Park Ill.	Roulo Brothers-Reliance-Simply Wow Ford	33.730	160.095
12.	54 Frank Kapfhammer/Louisville	Long John Silver's Chevrolet	34.000	158.824
13.	Chevy White/Columbia Tenn.	ST Motorsports Dodge	34.140	158.172
14.	Kim Krieb	Pontiac	34.310	157.389
15.	Bernie Evans/Knoxville, Tenn.	Bernie Evans Dodge	35.560	151.856



Members of Roush Racing were on hand during the recent Kentucky Speedway test session. photo courtesy of Kentucky Speedway

NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series gears up for Kentucky Speedway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series drivers Rick Crawford, Robert Huffman and Brian Keselowski visited Kentucky Speedway today along with Roush Racing owner Jack Roush to preview the July 9 "Built Ford Tough 225 Presented by The Greater Cincinnati Ford Dealers."

The series, which helped open the \$152-million facility in June 2000, is celebrating its 10th Anniversary season and making its sixth Kentucky appearance in 2005.

Nine-year series veteran Rick Crawford, who begins the week 13th in the series standings after driving to one top-five and four top-10 finishes through 11 starts this season, said taking the 2005 Kentucky Speedway title will be a taller task than ever before thanks to an influx of new driving talent and strong manufacturer commitment to the series.

"This series started out by attracting some of the NEXTEL Cup and Busch Series drivers who were either stagnate in, or at the close of their careers. They still wanted to have some fun racing, so they came to the 'senior tour,'" Crawford said. "Then, along with Chevy, Dodge and Ford, we added a new manufacturer with Toyota. They've taken racing very seriously, the same way as Ford,

and that made the other manufacturers step to the plate.

"Now, the competition level is very, very high. When you bring in a prize bunch of drivers, great trucks and good teams together, you have a great race. I'm sure that's what we'll have when we come back to Kentucky Speedway next week."

Huffman, who finished 10th in the 2004 Kentucky Speedway race, enters this week's race at Kansas Speedway 22nd in the series standings after collecting just two top-10 finishes in 11 races with Darrell Waltrip Motorsports this season.

He hopes to improve on his team's current average finish of 24.5 on a track where he drove to DASH Series win in 2001.

"We've had an up and down season so far," Huffman said. "This is a great facility. I won a DASH race here so I look forward to getting our program turned around and getting our Tundra upfront in 'The Built Ford Tough 225 Presented by The Greater Cincinnati Ford Dealers.'"

Roush arrived at Kentucky Speedway as part of "The Great Race," a cross-country vintage car odyssey during which drivers and navigators are timed through designated race segments.

He shared part of the secret behind his NASCAR NEXTEL Cup, Busch and Craftsman Truck Series success that helped

him pick up Craftsman Truck Series wins at Kentucky Speedway with Greg Biffle (2000) and Carl Edwards (2003).

"There are a lot of different ways to organize any hotly-contested, competitive effort, especially with all the business metrics associated with stock car racing today," Roush said. "We have our template set. We have a model for how many people should be on a race team, what the skill sets should be, and the economics to go along with that."

"We believe in ourselves and make our decisions by process of debate and democracy. We try to draw the strength from the people with the technical, strategic and operational expertise. We have that working right now."

The two-time NEXTEL Cup Series championship owner who lists Covington, Ky., and Manchester, Ohio as his childhood homes, added that he would like to see NASCAR's marquee series turn competitive laps at Kentucky Speedway.

"It would be a dream come true to have a Cup race come here and to be able to draw from Cincinnati, Lexington and Louisville, Ky.," Roush said. "It would be wonderful. There are a lot of strong race fans that I see at Bristol, Tenn., Martinsville, Va., and other places that keep asking me (about Cup racing at Kentucky Speedway)."

The July race weekend at the

speedway begins when gates open at 4:30 p.m., on July 8. Fans will be able to see ARCA RE/MAX Series "Channel 5 150" qualifying, a 90-minute NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series practice and "The Channel 5 150" race that begins at 8:00 p.m. Gates open at noon on Saturday, July 9. The full day of activity includes the final NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series practice, USAC Ford Focus Midget Racing on the paved quarter-mile track, NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series qualifying, a pre-race concert with artist Billy Ray Cyrus and "The Built Ford Tough 225 Presented by the Greater Cincinnati Ford Dealers" at 8 p.m.

PLANNING ON GOING?

Tickets for both events are available and can be reserved by phone at 888-652-RACE (7223), online at <http://www.kentuckyspeedway.com> and <http://www.tickets.com>, through Tickets.com outlets including Meijer stores and at Kentucky Speedway ticket offices at 2216 Dixie Hwy., Ste. 200, in Ft. Mitchell, Ky., and the speedway Fan Center outside the track in Sparta, Ky. Visit the track Web site for the complete schedule."

2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup schedule and standings

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

Driver Standings

1. Greg Biffle, 2,250	10. Jamie McMurray, 1,923
2. Jimmie Johnson, 2,228	11. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,902
3. Elliott Sadler, 2,073	12. Dale Jarrett, 1,870
4. Tony Stewart, 2,052	13. Kevin Harvick, 1,855
5. Mark Martin, 2,022	14. Jeff Gordon, 1,836
6. Rusty Wallace, 2,013	15. Michael Waltrip, 1,827
7. Ryan Newman, 1,994	16. Jeff Burton, 1,761
8. Kurt Busch, 1,978	17. Joe Nemecek, 1,722
9. Carl Edwards, 1,963	18. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., 1,707
	19. Kyle Busch, 1,695
	20. Matt Kenseth, 1,652

Bogut goes first, Tar Heels go often in NBA draft

by RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Fourteen picks into the NBA draft, it was clear to see why North Carolina won an NCAA championship last season.

And why Andrew Bogut was the college player of the year.

The Milwaukee Bucks made Bogut the first player with U.S. college experience to be drafted No. 1 overall in five years, and four Tar Heels were taken in the first round Tuesday night — matching a record for one school.

Milwaukee had been debating whether to take the Utah center or North Carolina's Marvin Williams with the franchise's first overall No. 1 pick since 1994. In the end, the lure of a versatile, athletic 7-footer was too much to pass up.

"I was confident, but I wasn't 100 percent," Bogut said. "Now that I'm here, it's a great honor."

The Atlanta Hawks chose Williams second, and the 19-year-old player flashed a bright smile while shaking hands with commissioner David Stern.

"It's a great honor to get picked, and I wish the best for all the guys," Williams said.

It couldn't have worked out much better.

Not long after the Tar Heels' 6-foot-9 sixth-man was selected, three starters off UNC's fourth national title got to make that same joyful walk to the podium at Madison Square Garden.

Point guard Raymond Felton was next, going to the Charlotte Bobcats with the fifth pick.

"I am close to my hometown and to Chapel Hill, so that prob-

ably played a big role in it," said Felton, who's from South Carolina. "At the same time, I think I can bring a lot to the Bobcats."

Eight picks later, the Bobcats again looked close to home and took North Carolina forward Sean May.

"Ray told me yesterday he thought there may be a chance it would happen. Me being the person that I am, I thought my luck would never be that good," May said.

Next up, the Minnesota Timberwolves used the last lottery pick — No. 14 overall — to complete the Tar Heels grand slam by selecting shooting guard Rashad McCants.

That allowed North Carolina to match Duke as the only school to have four first-rounders in one draft. The Blue Devils did it in 1999 with Elton Brand, Corey Maggette, William Avery and Trajan Langdon.

Tar Heels coach Roy Williams was in New York to enjoy the moment with his former players, and called it a "big-time thrill."

"It's also a relief. I'd have been really mad if they had gone pro and none of them got drafted," he said with a smile.

The University of Utah also distinguished itself on this night, becoming the first school to have players picked first in the NBA and NFL drafts in the same year. Quarterback Alex Smith was drafted No. 1 by the San Francisco 49ers in April.

Point guards were also in vogue early. Felton was the third of three straight to go in the top five.

Illinois junior point guard

Deron Williams went third to the Jazz, who sent three first-round picks — Nos. 6 and 27 in this year's draft, plus a 2006 first-round pick — to the Trail Blazers earlier Tuesday.

New Orleans selected fourth and chose Wake Forest sophomore Chris Paul. It marked the first time since 1999 that three point guards were picked among the top 10.

The Portland trade was one of the few completed on a day that usually keeps the league office busy.

The other big deal had been in the works for days.

New York sent center Kurt Thomas and the No. 54 overall pick to Phoenix for shooting guard Quentin Richardson and point guard Nate Robinson of Washington, who was selected 21st. The Knicks also drafted Florida forward David Lee 30th, giving them three first-round picks.

High school senior Martell Webster of Seattle Prep went No. 6 to Portland, making him the first prep player taken in a draft notable for its historical significance. It likely marked the final time high school players would be eligible to jump directly to the pros — the route chosen by Kevin Garnett, Kobe Bryant, Tracy McGrady, LeBron James, Jermaine O'Neal among others.

Under terms of the new six-year collective bargaining agreement to take effect in July, high school players will have to wait one year after their class graduates to become draft eligible.

Connecticut sophomore forward Charlie Villanueva was chosen seventh by the Toronto

Raptors, and the Knicks addressed their need for a big man by taking Arizona center Channing Frye — the first college senior selected — with the No. 8 pick.

Arizona State junior Ike Diogu went ninth to Golden State, and 7-foot high school senior Andrew Bynum of St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, N.J., went 10th to the Los Angeles Lakers.

"Wow, man, I get to play with Kobe Bryant and get coached by Phil Jackson!" said Bynum, who was seated in the stands at Madison Square Garden rather than in the so-called green room near the main stage where most top prospects waited to hear their names called. "I'm looking forward to palm trees and Jack Nicholson."

Gerald Green — projected in most mock drafts to be the first high schooler taken — went to Boston at No. 18. Green was the last of three high school players taken in the first round. Six more went in the second.

Denver selected N.C. State guard Julius Hodge at No. 20, then picked Georgia Tech point guard Jarrett Jack two spots later and traded him to Portland for the 27th and 35th picks.

The NBA champion San Antonio Spurs selected French forward Ian Mahinmi at No. 28. He was one of seven international players to be chosen in the first round.

"Basketball is a global game, just like soccer is a global game," Bogut said. "You see the Manu Ginobili and Yao Mings of the world. We can play the game in every country."

2005 NBA DRAFT

ROUND 1

NO.	TEAM	SELECTION
1	Milwaukee Bucks	Andrew Bogut, Utah
2	Atlanta Hawks	Marvin Williams, North Carolina
3	Utah Jazz	Deron Williams, Illinois
4	New Orleans Hornets	Chris Paul, Wake Forest
5	Charlotte Bobcats	Raymond Felton, North Carolina
6	Portland Trail Blazers	Martell Webster, Seattle Prep IIS
7	Toronto Raptors	Charlie Villanueva, Connecticut
8	New York Knicks	Channing Frye, Arizona
9	Golden State Warriors	Ike Diogu, Arizona State
10	LA Lakers	Andrew Bynum, St. Joseph (NJ) HS
11	Orlando Magic	Fran Vazquez, Spain
12	LA Clippers	Yaroslav Korolev, CSKA Moscow
13	Charlotte Bobcats	Sean May, North Carolina
14	Minnesota Timberwolves	Rashad McCants, North Carolina
15	New Jersey Nets	Antoine Wright, Texas A&M
16	Toronto Raptors	Joey Graham, Oklahoma State
17	Indiana Pacers	Danny Granger, New Mexico
18	Boston Celtics	Gerald Green, Gulf Shores Acad. (TX)
19	Memphis Grizzlies	Hakim Warrick, Syracuse
20	Denver Nuggets	Julius Hodge, North Carolina State
21	Phoenix Suns (to New York)	Nate Robinson, Washington
22	Denver Nuggets (to Portland)	Jarrett Jack, Georgia Tech
23	Sacramento Kings	Francisco Garcia, Louisville
24	Houston Rockets	Luther Head, Illinois
25	Seattle SuperSonics	Johan Petro, France
26	Detroit Pistons	Jason Maxiell, Cincinnati
27	Portland Trail Blazers (to Denver)	Linas Kleiza, Missouri
28	San Antonio Spurs	Ian Mahinmi, STB Le Havre (France)
29	Miami Heat	Wayne Simien, Kansas
30	New York Knicks	David Lee, Florida

ROUND 2

NO.	TEAM	SELECTION
31	Atlanta Hawks	Salim Stoudamire, Arizona
32	LA Clippers	Daniel Ewing, Duke
33	New Orleans Hornets	Brandon Bass, LSU
34	Utah Jazz	C.J. Miles, Skyline H.S. (Tex)
35	Portland Trail Blazers (to Denver)	Ricky Sanchez, IMG Academy
36	Milwaukee Bucks	Ersan Ilyasova, Ulker Istanbul
37	LA Lakers	Ronny Turiaf, Gonzaga
38	Orlando Magic	Travis Diener, Marquette
39	LA Lakers	Von Wafer, Florida State
40	Golden State Warriors	Monta Ellis, Lanier H.S. (Miss.)
41	Toronto Raptors	Roko Ujic, KK Split (Croatia)
42	Golden State Warriors	Chris Taft, Pittsburgh
43	New Jersey Nets	Mile Ilic, BC Reflex (Serbia & Montenegro)
44	Orlando Magic (to Cleveland)	Martynas Andriuskevicius, Zalgiris (Lithuania)
45	Philadelphia 76ers	Louis Williams, South Gwinnett HS (Ga.)
46	Indiana Pacers	Erazem Lorbek, Olimpia Bologna (Italy)
47	Minnesota Timberwolves	Bracey Wright, Indiana
48	Seattle SuperSonics	Mickael Gelabale, Real Madrid (Spain)
49	Washington Wizards	Andray Blatche, South Kent Prep (Conn.)
50	Boston Celtics	Ryan Gomes, Providence
51	Utah Jazz	Robert Whaley, Walsh University
52	Denver Nuggets	Axel Hervelle, Real Madrid (Spain)
53	Boston Celtics	Orien Green, La-Lafayette
54	New York Knicks (to Phoenix)	Dijon Thompson, UCLA
55	Seattle SuperSonics (to Memphis)	Lawrence Roberts, Mississippi State
56	Detroit Pistons	Amir Johnson, Westchester H.S. (Calif.)
57	Phoenix Suns (to Orlando)	Uros Gortat, RheinEnergie Köln (Germany)
58	Toronto Raptors	Marc Stokar, Snaidero Udine (Italy)
59	Atlanta Hawks	Cenk Akyol, Efes Pilsen (Turkey)
60	Detroit Pistons	Alex Acker, Eisenhower HS (Calif.)

Bengals waive rookie, get down to four QBs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
CINCINNATI — The Bengals got down to four quarterbacks on Tuesday by waiving rookie

Josh Haldi, an undrafted free agent from Northern Illinois. The Bengals signed Haldi on April 28, and he was the only quarterback at the team's rookie minicamp. He

became expendable when the Bengals claimed former Ohio State quarterback Craig Krenzel off waivers from the Chicago Bears on June 20. Carson Palmer is heading

into his second season as the starting quarterback, backed up by Jon Kitna. Krenzel and second-year pro Casey Bramlet will compete for the No. 3 job.

Garcia believes he will fit right in with Kings



Francisco Garcia

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Francisco Garcia has watched the Sacramento Kings play enough to know that his long-range shooting and versatility will fit in well with his new team.

"It goes right with my style of play," Garcia said Tuesday after being selected with the 23rd pick in the NBA draft. "They do a lot of pick-and-rolls, shooting 3s, and stuff like that."

Garcia, a 6-foot-7, 195-pound swingman who bypassed his senior year at Louisville, can play both guard positions and small forward. With an abundance of skills to use at three positions, Garcia said he is up for the task to do whatever the Kings ask him to

do on the court — including playing defense.

"Whatever they want me to do, I'll do it," he said. "It doesn't really matter. I will bring whatever they want me to bring to the table, and I will work hard every day to get better."

Garcia, a native of the Dominican Republic who now lives in New York, averaged 15.7 points, 4.2 rebounds, 3.9 assists, and 1.7 steals per game during his junior year. He shot 88 percent from the foul line.

"(Garcia) is a multidimensional player," said Geoff Petrie, the Kings president of basketball operations.

Garcia scored at least 20 points in three of Louisville's five NCAA tournament games, averaging 17.6 points and four assists per game as he led the Cardinals to the Final Four.

Garcia suffered through tragedy when his brother was shot and killed in December 2003. The death led Garcia to reassess his own life.

"I just want to be more dedicated," Garcia said, "and take

things more seriously because you never know what's going to happen tomorrow."

The selection of Garcia may have come at the right time for the Kings since shooting guard Cuttino Mobley exercised his option Monday to become a free agent July 1.

"He's still an important player for us," Petrie said of Mobley. "We all know that free agency is treacherous, and we are going to enter into that over the next three weeks. There are other things that we would like to continue to do with the team, if the opportunities present themselves. But again I think Garcia is a good addition because of his versatility, length, and size."

Garcia, who was named to the honor roll twice at Louisville, said he still plans to get his degree in communications.

"Oh, I will finish," Garcia said. "I will go back during the summer and take computer classes when I'm not doing anything."

McDOWELL BASEBALL



Above: Landon Frazier, coach of the Braves, pitched during the McDowell league game between the Braves and Marlins. Below, left: Lucas Frazier fielded the ball for the Braves. Below, right: Jess Osborne of the Marlins stood in at the plate.



Russian president gets Super gift from Patriots owner

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft says he likes the way Vladimir Putin is quarterbacking Russia — and that's why he gave him his diamond-encrusted 2005 Super Bowl ring.

Kraft was among a group of U.S. business executives who met with the Russian president Saturday at Konstantinovskiy Palace near St. Petersburg. Near the end of the meeting, Kraft took off the ring and handed it to Putin. Putin tried it on, put it in his pocket and left, according to Russian news reports.

"I showed the president my most recent Super Bowl ring," Kraft said in a statement Wednesday. The Russian president "was clearly taken with its uniqueness," Kraft said.

"At that point, I decided to give him the ring as a symbol of the respect and admiration that I have for the Russian people and the leadership of President Putin," Kraft said.

According to Patriots spokesman Stacey James, the ring — which is encrusted with 124 diamonds — has a value of "substantially more" than \$15,000.

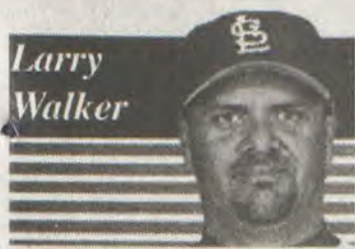
Before Kraft issued his state-

ment, reports in the U.S. media — first by The New York Sun and then by The Boston Globe and The Associated Press — had questioned whether the Patriots owner had intended to give the ring to Putin as a present.

A senior Kremlin official, Dmitry Peskov, told The Associated Press that Putin had given the ring to the Kremlin library where other foreign gifts are kept.

Kraft's business interests include paper and packaging companies and venture capital investments. He handed out Super Bowl rings to players and coaches at his home two weeks ago.

Cardinals 11, Reds 3



Larry Walker
by R.B. FALLSTROM
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ST. LOUIS — Larry Walker dreaded the cortisone shot to his ailing neck, the long needle drilling into his spine from a spot near the collarbone.

He loved the results.

Fortified by the shot two days earlier, Walker returned to the St. Louis Cardinals' lineup after a five-game absence Wednesday night and hit two-run homers his first two times up in an 11-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

"It was just good to be back in the lineup after sitting and

watching a lot of the games," Walker said. "I was happy to be out there and was just fortunate to be able to contribute."

Matt Morris worked seven sharp innings, rebounding from his only loss of the year after an 8-0 start, to help the Cardinals win for the fourth time in five games. The NL Central leaders, who also got homers from Reggie Sanders and Jim Edmonds, are 21-8 against the Reds since the start of 2004.

At 49-28, they're 21 games above .500 for the second time this season.

"It was very frustrating and boring sitting on the bench watching," Walker said. "The bright side, which I always try to look for, is this is a pretty amazing team."

Cincinnati's Wily Mo Pena hit a home run estimated at 492 feet, the 10th-longest at Busch

Stadium since measuring began in 1988 and the longest by an opponent. Of the nine longest long balls, Mark McGwire hit seven and J.D. Drew two.

The Reds have lost four straight after winning their first three under interim manager Jerry Narron. They've dropped 16 of 18 on the road.

Shortstop Felipe Lopez committed two errors in the Cardinals' four-run second, contributing to two unearned runs. In a span of three batters, Lopez had a wild throw to first on Scott Rolen's grounder and flipped wide of second base on a would-be forceout on Yadier Molina's grounder, giving him seven errors in 63 games.

"Felipe has done a great job for us all year," Narron said. "He'll probably play the rest of his career for us, do an outstanding job, and never have an inning like that."

Walker, a former NL MVP and three-time batting champion, had missed the previous five starts with a herniated disc in his neck that has bothered him much of the year. He had the 30th multi-homer game of his career and second this season, with both homers coming off Ramon Ortiz (3-6). Walker had no plays in right field before leaving for a pinch hitter in the seventh.

"If he gets it going, you're talking about a lot of damage added to our lineup," manager Tony La Russa said. "Watching him swing yesterday in batting practice you could tell that shot did him some good."

Entering the game, Walker had been 1-for-6 against Ortiz with three strikeouts.

Morris (9-1) gave up two runs and five hits. He had lasted a season-low three innings in his previous start, against the Pirates.

Morris has made 17 career appearances against the Reds, all but two at home. The only scoring off him was Pena's 10th homer, a two-run drive off the center-field backdrop in the second.

An extra day off allowed Morris to throw a bullpen session and get back to basics.

"I made a conscious effort to get my sinker going," Morris said. "I was just trying to extend and get good action on my sinker and let it work for me, and not try to cut the ball too much. Get back to my old power game."

For the third time in 13 starts, Ortiz failed to get an out in the third inning. After beating the Cardinals in his previous outing in Cincinnati with seven strong innings, Ortiz gave up six runs — four earned — and four hits in a two-inning stint that matched his shortest this season.

Sanders hit his 17th homer in

the fifth off Ricky Stone, and Edmonds hit his 15th, a three-run shot in the sixth.

Adam Dunn had a ninth-inning sacrifice fly, his first since July 22, 2003, against Milwaukee, a string of 1,086 plate appearances and 66 opportunities with a runner on third and less than two outs.

"It was better than any home run I've ever hit," a relieved Dunn said.

Notes: Cardinals starters lead the major leagues with 44 victories. ... Albert Pujols was 1-for-5, and is 17-for-42 (.405). ... Sanders also doubled and is batting .389 (28-for-72) in his last 20 starts with seven homers and 17 RBIs. He has five homers and 13 RBIs against the Reds. ... The Cardinals have outscored the opposition 114-74 in the first two innings. ... Pena's homer was his first since June 17. ... Of Morris' 96 pitches, 71 were strikes.

Biggio breaks modern hit-by-pitch record



Craig Biggio
by JOHN MARSHALL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Craig Biggio's name is going into the record books, his arm guard to Cooperstown.

As for baseball's most-hit bulls-eye, he's headed for another ice pack.

Biggio broke the modern record for getting hit by pitches on Wednesday when Colorado's Byung-Hyun Kim plunked him on the left elbow in Houston's 7-1 victory over the Rockies. It was the 268th time Biggio has been hit, moving him one past Don Baylor's post-1900 record.

"It's a lot of times," said Biggio, who also hit his 10th homer. "Anybody that's been hit that many times, you have no understanding about how many times that is and how painful it is over the years."

Biggio has been baseball's version of a carnival throwing game in his 18-year career, only the ball seems to miss the hole and hit the batter every time. He's been hit everywhere from the cheek to the shins, most times shaking it off and trotting to first.

The record-breaker was no different. Biggio simply tossed his bat, jogged to first and peeled off his protective arm

guard. He did ask someone to fetch the ball so he could give it to his kids, but other than that, it looked like most of the other 267 times he's been hit.

"It just shows you've been a tough guy for a long time if you've been hit 268 times. That's something," Astros manager Phil Garner said.

And painful. Biggio has been lucky in that none of his plunkings led to serious injuries — he's never gone on the DL because of being hit by a pitch — though there have been some close calls.

He's been hit in the head four times and took a 90 mph fastball from Jeremi Gonzalez in the cheek late in the 1997 season. But in typical fashion, Biggio responded to the Gonzalez beaning by dusting himself off and groggily trotting to first so he could celebrate Houston's first postseason berth in 11 years.

"You have to have a serious pain tolerance," Biggio said.

No doubt. But don't think Biggio goes up there trying to get hit. He may not be able to get out of the way every time, but he's no masochist.

"It's kind of out of your control. I'm not trying to get hit by the baseball when I walk up to the plate," Biggio said. "I want to get a hit, but I understand it's going to happen. It's not like I can jump out in front of the ball and let it hit you. I don't know."

Biggio is still 19 plunkings from tying the all-time record set by Hall of Famer Hughie Jen-

nings in the late 1800s. Whether he gets that record or not won't matter to Garner. The Astros skipper believes Biggio should join his arm band in the Hall of Fame.

The numbers seem to back him up.

Biggio is a seven-time All-Star and is one of four players in baseball history with at least 400 steals, 225 home runs, 500 doubles, 1,500 runs, 1,000 walks, and 2,500 hits. He had two hits against the Rockies to move into 52nd place with 2,718 and is hitting .285 with 34 RBIs this season at age 39.

"When you look at where he stands (with) offensive numbers, he's pretty impressive," Garner said. "The guys that are ahead of him are baseball icons that live forever. The guys that he's passed and he continues to pass are baseball icons, too. So he's in high cotton — he deserves to be there."

Notes: Roy Oswalt (10-7) pitched seven scoreless inning to earn his fourth straight victory. He allowed six hits and struck out six in allowing two earned runs or less for the ninth time in 10 starts. ... Kim (2-7) gave up three runs — two earned — despite walking three, hitting two and allowing 11 baserunners in five innings. ... Houston's Morgan Ensberg hit his 20th homer and Jason Lane added his 13th. Lance Berkman had three hits to extend his hitting streak to nine games. ... Houston had six stolen bases against J.D. Closser, three by Chris Burke.

Rogers shoves cameramen, throws camera to ground in angry tirade

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kenny Rogers' angry close-up with a couple of television cameramen put one of them in the hospital and could result in a suspension for the Texas Rangers' ace.

Rogers shoved two cameramen before the Rangers' game against Los Angeles on Wednesday in a videotaped tirade that included throwing a camera to the ground and threatening to break more.

"Kenny is having anger issues right now," Rangers general manager John Hart said. "I don't know what's going on inside. We're responding to something that's very unusual."

Rogers, who missed his last start with a broken pinkie he sustained during an outburst earlier this month, lashed out at the cameramen as they filmed him walking to the field for pregame stretching. He wasn't scheduled to pitch and was sent home by the club following the incidents.

The Rangers held a clubhouse meeting before the game to address the situation. After the game, a 7-6 victory over the Angels in 11 innings, they lent their support to Rogers.

"It's something we're going to keep in-house," said Gary Matthews Jr., who hit a two-run homer for the Rangers. "It's going to be between Kenny and the front office."

Hart said late Wednesday that the team contacted Major League Baseball, and wouldn't say whether the team would suspend Rogers.

Hart said he had talked to Rogers and "Kenny obviously real-

izes his actions were incorrect."

"His comment to me was, 'I didn't handle this right. I'm frustrated. My integrity and toughness is being called into question,'" Hart said.

The 40-year-old left-hander first shoved Fox Sports Net Southwest photographer David Mammeli, telling him: "I told you to get those cameras out of my face."

Rogers then approached a second cameraman. He wrestled the camera from Larry Rodriguez of Dallas-Fort Worth television station KDFW, threw it to the ground and kicked it.

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound pitcher saw two other cameramen who were recording from the Rangers' dugout and walked toward them. He did not make contact with the men, who were backing away.

"I'll break every ... one of them," Rogers said before he was escorted to the clubhouse by catcher Rod Barajas.

The Rangers sent Rogers home about an hour later.

KDFW news director Maria Barrs said paramedics took Rodriguez to an Arlington hospital.

"He does have quite a bit of pain, in his shoulder and his arm and his leg," Barrs said. Rodriguez was treated and released.

Fox Sports Net Southwest spokesman Ramon Alvarez said Mammeli wasn't injured.

Footage shot by Dallas-Fort Worth station KTVT shows Rogers pushing Rodriguez's camera, which goes over the photographer's head and falls to the ground. As Rodriguez puts the camera back on his shoulder, Rogers approaches again, pushing the lens away

and having words with the photographer.

As players begin to inter-vene, Rogers pulls the camera to the ground and kicks it before walking away.

Rodriguez said that when he picked up the camera the second time, his intentions were to keep getting footage of Rogers.

"I figured since now he vented that he was all good, but the second time was just a little bit too much," he said in an interview on KDFW.

"There's no question he was upset. I don't understand why we were the ... I don't know if we were the stem of the problem or what," he said. "I don't think we did anything wrong."

Texas lost eight of nine entering Wednesday night's game.

"I think it demonstrated an appalling lack of control," Barrs said. "The team doing poorly is no excuse for assaulting a guy who's just doing his job."

Arlington police spokeswoman Christy Gilfour said the department was investigating. No charges had been filed, she said.

"What Kenny did was wrong and we won't condone it," Rangers owner Tom Hicks said. "It will be handled internally."

Rogers, who leads the team with nine wins, has refused to talk to reporters all season. He has also boycotted most media since a report before spring training that he threatened to retire if he wasn't given a contract extension.

"Kenny has had a short fuse dealing with the media," Hicks said. "I've heard stories about what may or may not have happened. He has issues. It's directed at the media and I don't know why."

Rochester 4, Louisville 1

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — J.D. Durbin pitched out of trouble and allowed one run in five innings to lead the Rochester Red Wings 4-1 over the Louisville Bats in International League baseball Wednesday.

Durbin (3-4) gave up four hits and two walks. The Bats left two runners on base in the first and third innings and the bases loaded in the fourth, when they

scored their run.

Three Red Wings pitchers held Louisville scoreless for the final four innings, with Travis Bowyer earning his league-leading 17th save.

Rochester (41-39) went ahead 1-0 in the first inning on a sacrifice fly by Jason Bartlett. The Red Wings stretched their lead to 3-0 in the second inning against losing pitcher Elizardo Ramirez (4-2). Kevin West led off with his ninth home run this

season, and Luis Maza singled to drive in another run.

Louisville (39-41) moved within 3-1 in the fourth inning. Santiago Perez led off with a double and scored on an error by second baseman Nick Punto, making his first appearance for Rochester on an injury-rehab assignment from the Minnesota Twins. Punto was 0-for-4 at bat.

The Red Wings scored in the fifth on a throwing error by Bats second baseman Santiago Perez

Phillies 6, Mets 3

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At New York Wednesday, Chase Utley hit a three-run homer and Philadelphia snapped its five-game losing streak by capitalizing on Kazuhisa Ishii's wildness for its second win in 10 games.

Cory Lidle (7-6) tossed seven solid innings and Billy Wagner got three outs for his 19th save.

Ishii (2-7) walked three straight starting the fourth. After Jim Thome struck out, David Bell delivered a two-run single and Utley then homered.

Marlins 6, Braves 5, 13 innings: At Miami, Juan Encarnacion's single to right field

with two outs in the 13th drove home Miguel Cabrera with the winning run.

Florida strung together four straight singles off Chris Reitsma in the ninth to tie it.

Adam Bernero (4-3), the ninth Atlanta pitcher, was the loser.

Andruw Jones hit his major league-leading 25th homer to lead off the 13th against John Riedling (4-1).

Giants 4, Diamondbacks 2: At Phoenix, Moises Alou and Omar Vizquel each had three hits and combined for three RBIs, helping San Francisco win two in a row for the first time in 11 games.

Giants reliever Jason Chris-

tiansen (4-1) came in with the bases loaded and no outs in the sixth, and gave up only a sacrifice fly that tied it at 2.

Arizona starter Brandon Webb (8-4) allowed three runs in seven innings.

Nationals 3, Pirates 2: At Washington, Jose Guillen hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the eighth, lifting the Nationals over Pittsburgh in a game delayed by rain for 2 hours, 8 minutes.

Luis Ayala (7-4) pitched the eighth for the victory. Chad Cordero pitched the ninth for his 27th save.

Salomon Torres (2-3) was the loser.



The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball program hosted its annual boys' basketball last week. The camp included players from Knott, Floyd and several other surrounding counties.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Friday's Games

Washington (L.Hernandez 11-2) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 5-1), 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Smoltz 8-5) at Philadelphia (Padilla 3-7), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (A.J. Burnett 5-5) at N.Y. Mets (Giovane 5-7), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Petitte 4-7) at Cincinnati (Hudson 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Redman 4-6) at Milwaukee (Ohka 5-4), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Kennedy 4-7) at St. Louis (Carpenter 11-4), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Undecided) at San Diego (Peavy 7-2), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Vazquez 7-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Penny 3-5), 10:40 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Friday's Games

Toronto (Lilly 5-8) at Boston (Clement 9-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (R.Johnson 7-5) at Detroit (Bonderman 9-5), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 5-4) at Baltimore (Lopez 7-3), 7:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Fossum 3-6) at Minnesota (J.Santana 7-4), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Byrd 7-5) at Kansas City (R.Hernandez 5-8), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (Park 7-2) at Seattle (Sele 6-6), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Contreras 3-4) at Oakland (Harden 4-3), 10:05 p.m.

Hall of Fame pitcher Bunning offers bill to curtail steroid use

by HILARY ROXE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — As a major league pitcher, U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning said he wasn't afraid to send a "brush-back pitch" to hitters crowding the plate.

On Wednesday, he tossed out a proposal to stiffen penalties against the use of steroids in professional sports, hoping to send a similar signal to the leagues.

"Professional sports have been crowding the plate on this issue for too long, and it's time to send the message," he said.

Bunning's bill would impose harsh penalties on players caught using steroids — a two-year suspension for the first offense, and a lifetime ban for the second. The Federal Trade Commission would oversee the leagues' compliance, he said.

"I wish Congress didn't have to get involved in this, but I don't see any other choice.

Something needs to be done to strike out drugs in sports. I just don't think the leagues are doing enough yet," he said.

Congressional panels held a series of high-profile hearings this year, calling in witnesses ranging from Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig to the parents of children who committed suicide after using steroids.

House committees have approved two steroids bills this year. The Clean Sports Act, sponsored by Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., also uses Olympic standards, imposing similar penalties on athletes in the NBA, NHL, NFL and Major League Baseball. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., offered a version of that bill in the Senate.

The Drug Free Sports Act, sponsored by Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., calls for an athlete in the four leagues to be suspended for half a season for

the first offense and a full season for the second and banned for life for the third.

Bunning's bill takes a broader approach than other proposals, applying also to minor league baseball, arena football, women's basketball and Major League Soccer.

Bunning, who played in the major leagues for 17 years, said he would also encourage leagues to invalidate any records set by athletes who used performance-enhancing drugs.

"History is an important part of any sport, and records should mean something. As a member of the Hall of Fame, I think I understand this better than anyone else," he said.

Sens. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, and John Rockefeller, D-W.V., co-sponsored the bill, according to Bunning's office.

The bill, S. 1334, is available at: <http://thomas.loc.gov>

Daly back to grip it and rip it at Western Open

by NANCY ARMOUR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEMONT, Ill. — Whether he's on the golf course or pulling his big motorhome up to a promotional appearance, someone's always wanting to shake John Daly's hand.

Those booming drives and two major titles aside, fans look at him and see themselves. He struggles with personal problems just like they do, and he doesn't exactly have a typical athlete's physique.

"They just can't believe an overweight, out-of-shape guy like me can walk 18 holes," Daly said with a laugh after his pro-am round at the Western Open on Wednesday.

Daly has been the people's favorite since 1991, when, as the ninth alternate, he drove through the night to play the PGA Championship at Crooked Stick and wound up winning the whole thing. His drinking problems and marital woes only endeared him more to fans, all of whom know someone — a neighbor, friend, maybe even a brother or sister — just like him.

Back at Cog Hill Golf Club for the first time since 1996, Daly was trailed by some of the biggest galleries of the day Wednesday.

"The fans have been through thick and thin with me," he said, "and it's nice to play decent golf for them."

Daly has quietly resurrected

his career the last two seasons, winning last year's Buick Invitational for his first PGA Tour victory since the 1995 British Open. He had four other top-10 finishes and ended the year ranked 21st, his best showing since 1991.

This year, he lost the Shell Houston Open in a playoff with Vijay Singh, the second-best player in the world. He also tied for 17th at both the Mercedes Championships and the Match Play Championship, and is currently ranked 50th.

But he's also missed four cuts. At Bay Hill, he shot an 80 in the final round thanks to an 11 on the 18th hole. His best finish in the last five tournaments is a tie for 48th at the Byron Nelson, where he shot 64-73-71-69.

"You never know what... I'm going to do, so I'm not putting myself as a favorite," Daly said when asked who to watch this week. "I'm just going to be here and try my best, and whatever happens happens."

Daly has only played the Western five times, with his best finish a tie for 15th in 1991. He missed the cut the next two years, then tied for 47th in 1996, his last appearance here.

"Usually this falls on an overseas trip or a week that I'm with my daughter," he said. "I had them last week... so it just kind of fit in this year."

The course is longer than Daly remembered it, and the long, patchy rough will wreak havoc on anyone who strays

from the fairway. Asked if he's been hitting it straight, Daly grinned.

"Sometimes I do," he drawled, "sometimes I don't."

While Daly might be the sentimental favorite, he's hardly the only big name in the field. Singh and Tiger Woods, who have been trading the No. 1 ranking since last September, are both here. So are former Masters champ Mike Weir, 2003 U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk and hometown favorite Luke Donald.

Woods would seem to be the player to beat. He's already won three times this year, including his fourth Masters title, and was a runner-up at the U.S. Open. He's a three-time champion at the Western, and hasn't finished lower than 23rd since he turned pro.

But Singh has also won three times this year, and has 11 top-10 finishes.

A 1-2 showdown on Sunday would be thrilling for fans — not to mention what it would do for the TV ratings — but Woods and Singh said they have other concerns.

"You're trying to win the golf tournament, and you're going to have to beat everybody in the field," Woods said. "... You can't approach it like, 'I just have to beat him and I'll win the tournament,' because you'll probably be blown by by everybody else."

Added Singh, "I'm here to win the golf tournament. If I can win the golf tournament, I don't care what I'm ranked after this week."

Six will be inducted to U of L Athletic Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — Six outstanding individuals will be inducted into the University of Louisville Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Sept. 30 at the Louisville Downtown Marriott Ballroom.

The list includes Michelle Borgert Ihmels, who won six Metro Conference titles as a distance runner at U of L; Julie Guess Helmy, who won an unmatched 20 or more tennis matches in four seasons with the Cardinals; Dan Kopriva, who earned All-America honors in 1992 when he ranked third in the nation in hitting

with a .488 batting average; Howard Schnellenberger, the second-winningest football coach in U of L history; Jamil Shalash, U of L's career leader in soccer goals and points; and Billy Thompson, starting forward on U of L's 1986 NCAA Championship team and the Cards' No. 11 all-time scorer.

The event will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and the induction ceremony to follow. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be obtained by calling U of L Athletics at (502) 852-2473.

The inductees will also be recognized at the Cardinals' Oct. 1

home football game against Florida Atlantic. Previously organized by the U of L Alumni Association, this is the third year that the Athletic Hall of Fame has come under the auspices of the Cardinals' athletic department with revamped criteria for inclusion.

"It's a treat to have the opportunity to honor an exceptional group of individuals who have each contributed so much to the tradition of Cardinal Athletics," said U of L Director of Athletics Tom Jurich. "It will be a special evening as we pay tribute to some outstanding people who have represented our university with great distinction."

NCAA rule would allow Morris to return to Kentucky

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Randolph Morris, who declared himself eligible for the NBA draft but wasn't selected, could return to play basketball at Kentucky thanks to a little-used NCAA eligibility rule.

Morris, who gave up his remaining three seasons of college eligibility, could get those seasons back if he pays for all the expenses of any NBA workouts in which he participated, he sends a letter to Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart within 30 days of the draft asking for reinstatement and the school agrees to take him back.

The rule could be applied only if Morris did not hire an agent. It

was unclear Thursday whether he had. SFX, a sports agency, released a statement from Morris on June 21 about his intentions to remain in the draft. But Morris' father, Ralph, said that as of Monday, his son had not hired an agent.

Attempts to reach Morris' high school coach, Bryan Bartley, on Thursday morning were unsuccessful.

The deadline for the 6-foot-10 center to send a letter to Barnhart requesting reinstatement would be July 28.

UK athletic department spokesman Scott Stricklin said the university has had only "sporadic conversations" with Morris' parents since May, when Morris left the campus to

return to his hometown of Atlanta. Those conversations ended about 10 days ago.

Morris sent a fax to Kentucky coach Tubby Smith in early May informing Smith of his intentions to enter the draft.

Sandy Bell, UK's NCAA compliance officer, said Morris' parents were aware of the rule that would allow Morris to return to Kentucky.

The rule has been successfully used once. In 2001, California-Irvine guard Jerry Green declared himself eligible for the draft following his junior season but was not selected. He did not hire an agent and was able to return to play for the Anteaters because of the rule.

Hilltoppers receive preseason accolades

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BOWLING GREEN — Highlighted by Erik Losey's selection as a first-team preseason All-American by Lindy's, the Western Kentucky football team has already begun to receive recognition prior to the start of the 2005 campaign.

Both Lindy's and Street & Smith's have the Hilltoppers ranked 10th in their preseason polls, while Antonio Thomas was chosen by both publications as the preseason Gateway Football Conference Defensive

Player of the Year.

Numerous Toppers have also been recognized by The Sports Network in the organization's annual preseason ranking of the top returning players in NCAA Division I-AA football. Thomas was the top ranked cornerback and Losey was ranked second among the top five returning centers, with three other WKU players making TSN's top 20 returning players — Lerron Moore was 11th at running back, Brandon Smith was 18th at linebacker and Justin Haddix (Breathitt

County) 19th among the top 20 quarterbacks.

Additionally, the organization rated Moore, Brian Porter and Stephen Willis as the second-best running back tandem, and Chris Jackson was considered one of five Division I-A transfers of impact at wide receiver.

The Hilltoppers are coming off a 9-3 campaign that saw Western earn its fifth consecutive NCAA I-AA playoff appearance while finishing 11th in the final national polls. WKU was 6-1 in Gateway play, finishing second.

First Football Choose-A-Seat Day scheduled for July 9

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Marshall University Ticket Office is hosting its first "Choose a Seat" day on Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Available seat locations will be marked and on sale to the general public. In addition, ticket office and marketing

staff will be on hand to assist fans with any questions.

The Thundering Herd will embark on its inaugural season in Conference USA and face a six-game home schedule that is the most exciting in school history. A variety of ticket options are available and by purchasing season tickets, fans can save 25

percent on RedZone, 10 percent on Sideline and 10 percent on HerdZone seats.

Two more "Choose a Seat" days are scheduled for fans to select and purchase season tickets — July 23 and August 13. For more information contact the Marshall University Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800-THE-HERD

Legge challenging Patrick as racing's first lady

by TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Katherine Legge plants her foot on the gas pedal of the modified Ford pickup truck she climbed into for the first time minutes earlier, spins the rear tires and shifts gear.

Barreling down the straightaway at more than 120 mph, Legge (pronounced "leg") seems oblivious to a rapidly approaching tirewall when — VROOM! — she slams down the shift, sending the truck into a turbulent sideways slide through the turn.

"I'm going to get into trouble for this!" she screams above the test truck's roaring engine and screeching rubber. "This really kills the tires, but it's the most fun!"

In her first season driving in the U.S., the carefree and confident Englishwoman is having more fun than even she could have imagined.

While Danica Patrick has become racing's darling following her historic rookie run at the Indy 500, Legge already has done something that Patrick couldn't in two years driving in the Toyota Atlantic Series: She's won.

On April 10 at Long Beach, Calif., Legge, who crashed during qualifying and damaged her car in the first few laps, became the first woman to win an open-wheel race in North America.

Patrick may be the one appearing on David Letterman and the cover of Sports Illustrated, but Legge could be gaining on her.

"I'm in her shadow," said Legge, quickly casting one of her own.

The bubbly 24-year-old, whose first exposure to racing came as a 9-year-old when she got behind the wheel of a go-kart while on vacation in Spain, currently is in fifth place in the overall standings in Toyota Atlantic, Champ Car's pipeline program.

A relative novice to pro racing, Legge is getting better every time out of the pits. Her hope is to one day drive in

Champ Car or in the Indy Racing League with Patrick.

"If I can learn everything I need to learn, win a few more races and compete for the championship this year," she said. "Then there is no reason why I shouldn't move on to something else. All I need is experience."

Legge has passion and drive — lots of it.

"I've never had anything handed to me on a platter," explains the native of Northampton, England.

After competing in a Renault Series last season, Legge wanted to try IRL and paid her own way to Texas for a team test drive. Although she was one of the fastest drivers among a group of men, she was turned down.

Determined to advance her dream, she found out that Champ Car co-owner Kevin Kalkhoven was coming to England to do business at Cosworth, which builds engines for the series. When Kalkhoven arrived at Cosworth, Legge was waiting in the lobby, resume in hand.

"I told him I wanted to drive and that I was as good as any driver he had," she said.

How did she know that? "That's what he said," Legge recalls with a laugh. "But I had been racing against people in Europe and I always knew that I could do it."

Kalkhoven put her in touch with Pam and Jim Griffith, owners of Polestar Racing, based in Chardon, Ohio. Upon their first meeting with her, the Griffiths were taken by Legge's charm.

Her talent soon caught their eyes, too.

"She's a delight," Jim Griffith said. "When it's 4 in the morning and you're working on a car, you don't mind because it's for Katherine. Everyone loves having her around."

On Kalkhoven's urging, the Griffiths set up a test drive for Legge, who didn't need long to show she could handle the car.

"We actually had to tell her to slow down a little bit," Grif-

fith said. "Within 10 or 15 minutes you could tell how comfortable she was, even though she had a very limited car racing background."

The Griffiths sent a glowing review to Kalkhoven, who agreed to sponsor Legge for the first six races this season. Then, at Long Beach, Legge drove beyond anyone's expectations. Anyone, that is, but hers.

"I thought she would show well," Griffith said. "She went into it with the idea that she would win."

Legge's strong showing this season has been helped in part because she is one of 12 rookies in the series — but the only woman. Her feistiness is gaining Legge fans on and off the track.

"She's a strong competitor," said Al Unser III, who recently returned to Toyota Atlantic. "As far as whether she belongs, sex is not an issue in a race car. We both have two feet, two hands and everyone can see out of the front of the car. But I'm sure some guys are gunning for her because she's a girl."

Legge was there at Indy in May when Patrick made history by leading the race for a few laps before finishing fourth. She was one of the few who didn't groan when Dan Wheldon passed Patrick, though.

"C'mon," she said. "I was cheering the fellow Brit."

Legge is cheering for Patrick, too, although she wants to make it clear that she isn't drafting off her fame.

"What Danica has done is great," Legge said. "She showed she could race with the big boys."

Legge is following Patrick. However, she plans to take her own path to the top of her male-dominated sport. Legge says she won't follow Patrick's lead and pose in her bikini for a men's magazine.

"It might be very important for Danica to be seen as a sex symbol," Legge said. "But it's more important for me to be seen as a winner."

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THROUGH MY EYES

A most special afternoon

I fought back tears, bit my lip and got goose bumps all over. I'm talking about the experience I had last Sunday afternoon at the Mountain Arts Center when I was one of the lucky ones witnessing a phenomenal performance by the legendary Jean Ritchie.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

I first saw Ms. Ritchie perform when I was a student at Berea College, at one of the weekly convocations we were required to attend. If you were a student at Berea, you know what I'm talking about. If not, then allow me to explain that convocations were held weekly, if memory serves me correct, on Thursday afternoons at 3 p.m. Convocations were little mini-enrichment programs that sometimes were nothing more than a huge yawn, but at other times, were chocked full of powerfully moving moments.

Seeing Jean Ritchie, of course, falls into the latter category.

Older now, 82, I believe, to be exact, Jean Ritchie is still a beautiful figure with a beautifully

(See EYES, page two)

POSTSCRIPT

Getting out

I've got to get out more. Over the last several years, I've noted that my life has been divided into primarily two segments: work and home.



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

I have given the lion's share of my energy, creativity and time to my job. That's been a requirement of public radio in these tough economic (and political) times.

(Of course, I did the same thing when I worked for the Times, which is obviously a for-profit entity.)

My home has become my retreat, my sanctuary. I have escaped there and hidden myself away from the rest of the population, except for family and a very few other obligations.

I've passed up countless outings for the ease and comfort of my front porch and my flowering yard.

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Parsons named National Collegiate Award winner

Jenny Parsons, the daughter of Johnny and Janice Parsons, of Beaver, has been named a United States National Collegiate Award winner in the area of Biology by the United States Achievement Academy (USAA). This award is a prestigious honor that very few students can ever hope to attain. Fewer than ten percent of all American college students are so honored.

Jenny, who recently graduated Cum

Laude at Pikeville College with a degree in Biology, was nominated for this award by Tracy Soltesz, a professor at the college.

She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook, a national publication.

The Academy selects winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of professors, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection as set

forth by the Academy. Criteria for selection include: academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and dependability.

Jenny is the granddaughter of Kathryn and A.J. Parsons, of Toler, and Ornell and Geraldine Bentley, of Beaver. She plans to pursue a career in Physician Assistant Studies at the University of Kentucky.



Jenny Parsons

BSCTC professor publishes book of poetry



PAUL DOUGLAS THOMPSON



Big Sandy Community and Technical College professor, Dr. Paul Thompson, has published his first book of poetry, "Wheat Rippling in the Sunlight."

By Linda Lyon, Director of Public Relations, BSCTC

Dr. Paul D. Thompson, chemistry professor at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, recently published his first book of poetry, *Wheat Rippling in the Sunlight*. The book is a chronological lifetime collection of poems that record events, exhibit love of place and honor people Paul Douglas Thompson has known.

The book is illustrated by western artist, Andrew W. Lewis. Thompson is a self described vagabond, chemist, line dance instructor, rock hound, fan of Ralph Stanley and lover of mountains. He hitch-hiked and rode the freight trains for three years until the need for money led him to a diploma in truck mechanics. Since that time

he has earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry, worked as a semiconductor engineer in Idaho and earned a Ph.D. in materials science and inorganic chemistry at Oregon State University. In addition to teaching chemistry at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, he helps monitor local streams for pollution. Thompson lives with his

wife, Brenda, and daughter, Tara, near Prestonsburg.

You may order a copy of "Wheat Rippling in the Sunlight" by calling Megan Tarbett at Rose-Dog Books 1-800-834-1803 or order online at <http://www.rose-dogbookstore.com/>

Wheat Rippling in the Sunlight, ISBN 0-8059-9687-7.

THINGS TO PONDER

about with great passion. Then, the other side of the story might be told by an observer that wonders why in the world someone would act in such a manner BUT, imagine how you might feel after you made the necessary appropriate changes.

Even though humans, like most every other organism, are "creatures of habits," things change, whether we like it or not. A major contributing factor in how you adjust to change is time. The faster you or others try to push you to change, the more difficult it becomes for you to do so and the more difficult you are likely to be with others. Besides, since habits are hard to change, there are concerns when a change occurs quickly, such as whether or not the change has "staying power." With regards to time and making significant adjustments, you need to accept that completing

major life changes, such as retirement, bereavement, or marriage break-up, are likely to take from two to five years.

Similar to any other source of distress, your first priority is to recognize your need to make changes, plus recognizing your natural resistance to do so. It is thought that you are not likely to change much, if it were not for the changes in life that you cannot control. However, with each adaptation, there is the "opportunity to grow and make reasonable changes." You also need to keep in mind that change for change's sake is foolish, doing different because that is what others are doing, such as with fashion and bureaucracies. When you have that inner feeling that you just cannot face adjusting to change and you dig in your heels into being resistant consider the following four questions: (1) Is my resistance

partly a normal resistance of not liking change? (2) What are my subjective (personal) feelings and emotions about the change? (3) What are the objective facts about the change? (4) What are the possible advantages and gains from the change?

As discussed above, adjusting to changes takes time. It has been found that people typically adjust to change in stages, similar to how they cope with death or other losses in life. The first reaction to change frequently is fear, which is viewed as a "good thing" in that the fear increases alertness and forces you to think more clearly. Then, the other stages follow, such as resistance, compliance, acceptance, and eventually support for the change.

Now, that you know that you HAVE to

(See PONDER, page three)

Adjusting to change

Change. Change of habits. Change of routines. "Can't do it the usual way anymore, it has to be done this way. Starting now!" People are such creatures of habit. Once you become set in doing something one way, you tend to resist changing to another way. In addition, it is not unusual for reason to be overpowered by emotional resistance sometimes. You might end up defending what you are doing and thinking



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Postscript

Last Sunday I let down my guard and agreed to go to KET's premiere of the series The Appalachians at the Mountain Arts Center.

I'd already seen the series in May on West Virginia Public TV, but I was intrigued by the opportunity to hear Jean Ritchie one more time.

She performed at Appalshop's Seedtime on the Cumberland Festival in early June, and I was amazed at the clarity, strength and youthfulness of her 80-year-old voice.

How much longer will we have this treasure among us? And how many more times will she be able to travel back to her home in the mountains to help connect us with our rich cultural heritage?

I was not disappointed by her performance, and I was impressed with the teaser segments of the three-part series which starts next week on KET.

But what really made the trip

off my front porch worthwhile was seeing old friends I hadn't seen in a good while.

I was especially pleased to see June Rice, retired librarian at Paintsville High School. She was one of the most important influences in my young life. She's nearly 80, looks 50 and is undaunted by knee surgery and various other ailments.

I also ran into former schoolmate Dr. Roger Castle. I'll spare both Roger and me the embarrassment of telling how long it's been since we were in school together.

I saw Emma Lou Martin, who always has an extra smile and good word to share, as well as an update on the critters she and Clarence are privileged to love and be loved by.

Then there were John and Jean Rosenberg who are always a joy to encounter. How is it they get younger and more energetic while the rest of us age?

Rev. Johnnie Ross was there, still wearing his clerical collar from church. He was tanned and looking fine in his closely cropped hairdo.

It was good to renew these and other old acquaintances.

I even ran into some folks from Letcher County, as well as several talented musicians who are familiar around Appalshop. They formed the old-time band that played mountain music on stage before Jean Ritchie's performance and at the reception afterward.

Most of them were fresh from teaching at the Cowan Creek Mountain Music School, an annual event that attracts fiddlers, banjoists and wannabe pickers and grinders from all over.

I was so glad to take part in this event. I thank my friend Dorothy Carlson of Pikeville for encouraging me to get off the porch.

I really do need to get out more.

Eyes

powerful voice; strong and clear, she sings of the struggle, the beauty and the wellspring of hope that encompasses the Appalachian region.

On stage in her modest dress - long skirt and sensible shoes - with long, silver hair held back off her face with a hairband, she brought back sweet memories of my grandmothers with their Old Regular Baptist clothing and mannerisms.

The afternoon was a complete joy and I wish Ms. Ritchie's voice had held out a bit longer because I could have listened to her all afternoon. Somehow, as she sang, I could feel soft June breezes on my skin and smell the fresh grasses on my grandfather's farm. Memories of soft hands, warm hugs, delicious meals, fresh garden

produce and baby chicks galore flooded my mind. I also paused to recall the times I accompanied my Grandma "Laurie" (Laura) to church. I was quite young, but still, I could identify with the sing-song voices of which Ms. Ritchie spoke during her recent performance.

It was a delightful time. I enjoyed seeing Miss Rossi Clark again and taking note that her musical abilities grow stronger and more refined each time I hear her perform. Rossi, too, is a very special talent.

And, like Pam Shingler, I, too, enjoyed seeing friends and acquaintances like "Brother Russell" Rice, his daughter, Sharon Watkins, Sue and Charlie Schaffer, Sisters Aileen and "Kath-a-leen," and of course, as Pam also shares, that sun-

kissed and healthy looking good-lookin' Rev. Johnnie Ross. (Are you blushin', John? "Why, heck no," I can just hear you sayin'.) And, of course Mrs. Johnnie (Kay) Ross who greatly appreciate having been so kind as to mind my door prize tickets. (Kay, you didn't call, so I presume, as is I recall always, that I didn't win anything - again. And, oh, just for the record, you're awfully "purty," too!)

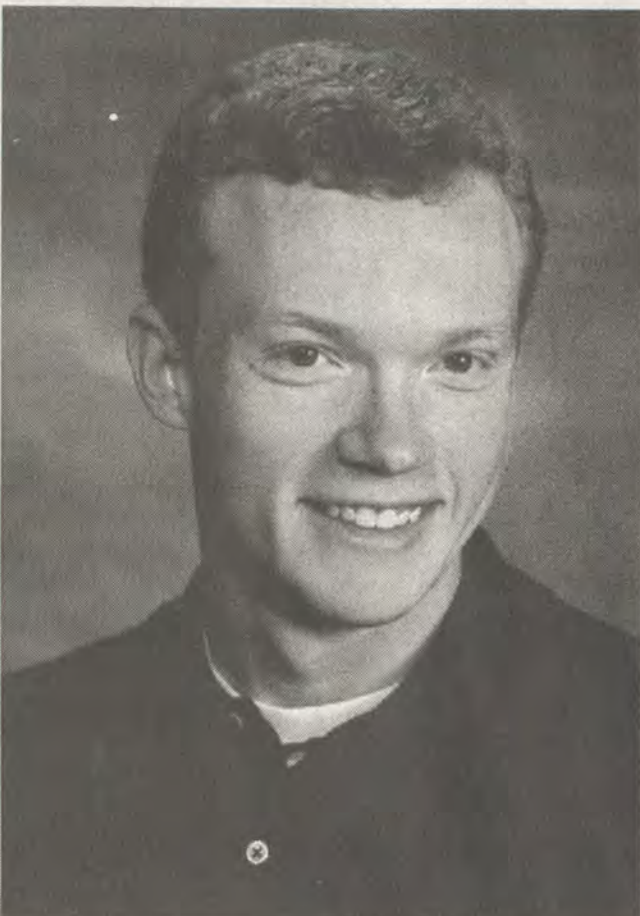
Anyway, folks, I hope you too, were there and if you weren't then I know you had to have had a great time.

I'm really looking forward to seeing "The Appalachians," in its entirety, beginning this Sunday evening, on KET.

I'd highly recommend anyone giving it a "look-see."

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Gearheart named University Scholar



Ryan Blake Gearheart

Ryan Blake Gearheart was recently named a University Scholar at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia. The University Scholar's program is a highly competitive program that brings together a small number of gifted students from around the world. He will be awarded a four-year tuition

scholarship of \$24,000 - the largest merit-based award the University awards its undergraduate students. He will major in biology with plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Biodefense. Ryan is the son of Dr. Galen and Kathy Gearheart, of Purcellville, Virginia, formerly of Hueysville.



From left to right, are members of the BLES Science Olympiad team: Charla Hamilton, Taylor Spurlock, Courtney Curry, Brandon Pascarella, Janie Boyd, Casey Ross, Sarah Spears, Alex Salisbury, Kristen Rogers, Nathan Ross, Brandy Wallen, Rebecca Ratliff, Breann Akers, Jacob Stratton, Kim Tipton, Adam Adkins, and Lakeisha Lantz.

BLES students place in state science competition

The Betsy Layne Elementary Science Olympiad team competed and placed second in regional competition on March 12, 2005, in Prestonsburg, earn-

ing them the chance to compete on the state level on the Western Kentucky University campus in April. While at state competition,

Casey Ross and Nathan Ross placed second with their "Storm the Castle" entry. Nathan Ross and Breann Akers placed third in Bridge.

Jamie Boyd, Brandy Wallen and Rebecca Ratliff placed third in Experimental Design. The families, teachers and principals are very proud of the team.

School Happenings

****"Back to School Health Fair will be held July 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Allen Central High School. FREE for all Floyd County students. School physicals, drawings for free haircut, child I.D.'s, school supplies, and more.****

****Athletic Physicals will be provided at Our Lady of the Way Hospital's Wheelwright Clinic, on July 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for students enrolled at McDowell Elementary, Osborne Elementary and South Floyd High and Middle Schools. Parents must accompany children for services and also must stop by the Family Resource Center offices to pick up physical form to take along.****

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 ■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley; Assistant - Sheila Allen.

Allen Central Middle School
 ■ If your child has left any article of clothing at school, please contact the Youth Service Center office.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Central High School
 ■ July 8 - Free athletic physicals for ACHS area will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Martin Family Health Center, located beside the Martin Post Office.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center
 ■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary
 ■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary
 ■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

Duff Elementary
 ■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact per-

sons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary
 ■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ The FRC will host summer activities at the school that will be offered FREE of charge to all students enrolled at McDowell Elementary. A listing follows:

■ July 11-15 - Physical and Health Activities Camp. Children will participate in physical and health education programs. Offered in collaboration with McDowell ARH.

■ July 18-22 - Nutrition Camp. Children will learn the importance of how to eat healthy and be active. Children will prepare nutritious, easy to prepare snacks each day; also, they will learn how to make healthy versions of old favorites. Students will also learn about the basic food groups. Camp offered in collaboration with Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

■ July 25-26 - Environmental Camp, offered in collaboration with Floyd County 4-H program, UK Cooperative Extension Service. Students will learn about environmental issues with "hands-on" activities.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy
 ■ Now accepting applications for

enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ School athletic physicals will be available early in summer. Ask your sport coach for information. Watch for advertisement and flyers with date and location.

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ Walking track open to public.

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

■ FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristram Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

■ July 14 - 4-H Day Camp. Grade K-6, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Grace way Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (located between Allen Central High School and Save-a-Lot, on Route 80. Event takes place on same day as Back to School Health Fair at ACHS.)

■ July 27 - Free clothing give-away (clothing for all ages, toys, household items, etc.). 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Grace way Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

■ Lost & Found: Throughout the school year, the center receives items that are left on school buses, in the gym, classrooms, etc. We encourage parents to visit the center if their child has lost a coat, bookbag, or any such item. Lost items are checked for identification, however, if unable to locate owner, and items are not claimed within 2 weeks, they then become the property of the Family Resource Center.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or later by appointment. The center provides services for all families within the community, regardless of income. If you would like more information about programs/services the center offers, please call 452-4553; ask for Cissy or Karen. The center is located inside the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Parents and community members are welcome to visit.

■ For more information about camps/programs/events the Resource Center will be sponsoring or hosting during the summer, keep watch on the School Happenings calendar.

Wesley Christian School

■ Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Family Medicine



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Sparklers can be dangerous fireworks, especially for children

Question: Last year on the 4th of July weekend, my 7-year-old daughter's best friend was taken to the emergency room with a bad burn on her hand from a sparkler. Most people think of these as "safe fireworks." Please tell your readers about the possible dangers. Thanks.

Answer: You are absolutely right that parents and other adults need to be very cautious about letting young children use any kind of fireworks — even sparklers, smoke bombs and snakes. In fact, according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control,

sparklers are the cause of about 11 percent of all fireworks injuries and the most common cause of firework injury to children under 5.

Even though sparklers don't go "BOOM," the wire inside gets very hot as the sparkler burns. The wire stays hot long after the sparkler has burned out, but young children often don't realize this until they grab that hot wire and burn their hand. This can also happen to older children or adults who are careless.

In terms of overall fireworks injuries, a 2004 study found that in the previous year 9,300 people were treated in emergency departments for fire-

works-related injuries. About 5 percent of these injuries required hospitalization. The same study revealed that children ages 5 to 9 have the highest injury rate and that about two thirds of those injured are male.

Statistically, firecrackers are the most dangerous firework. They account for about a 24 percent of fireworks injuries, followed closely by bottle rockets at 11 percent. It's important to remember that firecrackers contain gunpowder. They can explode with great force. While small firecrackers will only cause a burn if they go off in the hand, larger firecrackers will blow fingers to pieces. If a firecracker is lit on a gravel driveway, it will send gravel shrapnel flying in every direction when it goes off. That's why it's important to place firecrackers on a safe surface, like a concrete driveway, when lighting them.

Eye injuries are especially common

with bottle rockets. These small, rocket-like projectiles get their name because they are often launched from pop bottles. Bottle rockets and other fireworks can also hit objects like cars or buildings and ricochet in unpredictable ways.

Most states allow some form of fireworks to be sold. But just because the products are legal does not mean they are safe. Even in states like Ohio that limit fireworks use to the so-called "safer fireworks," injuries can and do occur.

If you want to celebrate this year's Independence Day holiday with fireworks, I suggest you go to a professionally presented fireworks display. These kinds of shows are far more entertaining than what you can put on in your back yard, and they're also much safer.

If it's legal in your state and you insist on shooting off fireworks yourself, use common sense. Find an area

free of obstructions or combustible objects. Light the fireworks with long matches and then run away before they explode, spew forth fireballs, or take off. Supervise children carefully, and never, ever shoot fireworks off toward other people.

Have a happy and safe 4th of July!

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Ponder

make a change, whether or not you want to, and you have a personal aversion to change, a suggestion was that you are more likely to become comfortable with change by taking "baby steps." Examples might be sitting in a different seat at the dinner table or driving to or from work by a different route. Change within the workplace is apt to result in stress, anger, and low morale. During the time needed for adaptation, employees also need a safe place to express themselves. Remember that feelings of anger need to be expressed or they linger and result in other problems.

An author (Maureen Burns, Run with Your Dreams and Forgiveness—A Gift You Give Yourself) referred to four ways individuals can use to cope with change. (1) Attitude — this is when you maintain an open mind, being prepared to "stretch" (do something different). We can all do more than we think we can if we stretch. Individuals tend to be most successful with the process of change when they expect the best, lead by example, and have faith in themselves, thus creating a the positive attitude. (2) Self — Remind yourself of the previous crises that you dealt with successfully, when you feel insecure about upcoming changes. Typically, we tend to not give ourselves enough credit. (3) Supportive people — Since negative people and negative thinking is prone to bring your feelings down, enclose yourself with supportive people and avoid the negative others. (4) Stress reducers — Take charge of your life and increase those qualities that are more apt

to reduce stress, such as routine exercise, reasonable nutrition, relaxation, and adequate sleep.

There are also other coping strategies that are helpful in adding to the probability of making successful adjustment to change, with the goal being increased problem solving skills and a healthy expression of emotions. Lower your expectations of the situation. Try to be flexible in your view of the state of affairs and attempt to see more than one side. Identify any self-beliefs that might be harmful, such as "asking for help is a weakness," and make an effort to change them. Learn to perceive crises as a chance to learn and grow. Perceive setbacks as temporary instead of permanent. Utilize spiritual or religious values to provide meaning and context. By all means, learn to see the humor in situations and to laugh at yourself. Express any distressing emotions to a supportive person or by writing a journal.

Finally, do not forget that adjustment to change is a process and you are not going to take care of all the details overnight. Expect the changes to take time and patience, especially for major life ones. If you just cannot shake the disruptive feelings created by the need to change, seek professional psychological services. Sometimes there are other issues that are interfering with you getting on with the show.

Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist in private practice, New Perspective Psychological Services, in Prestonsburg that serves all ages, with individual, family, and marital sessions.

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Family reunion?

Share your family news. If your family is having a reunion, the Times will publish a picture, along with basic information, about the happy gathering. Stop by the Times office, located on 263 South Central Avenue (across from Ray Howard Furniture), or send info. to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com



Weddings



Akers-White exchange vows

Michelle (Akers) White and Brian White were united in marriage on Saturday, June 18, 2005, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon. The wedding was held outdoors at the groom's residence. Several family members and friends were in attendance. The couple, who spent their honeymoon vacationing at Nag's Head Beach and Mount Airy, North Carolina, reside at Harold.

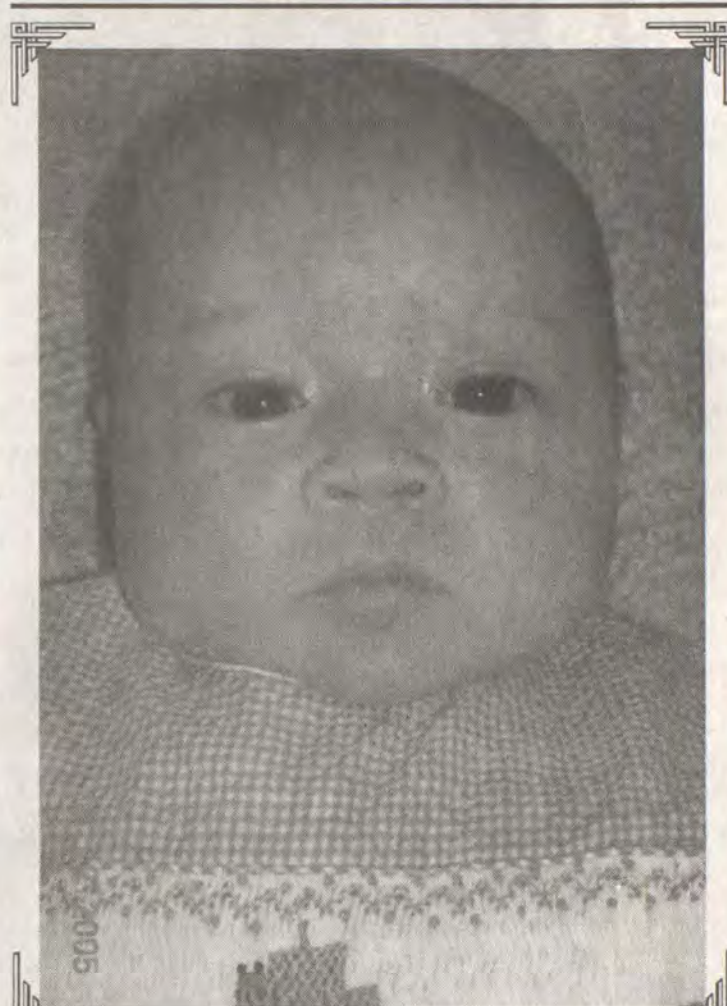
Engagements



Slone-Napier

Palmer and Cheryl Slone, of David, are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Shannon Diann, to Henry Brennan Napier, the son of John and Mona Dean, and the late Henry Napier, of Martin. The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, and a student at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. She is the granddaughter of the late Elmer and Irene Slone, formerly of David, and Jim and Melva Henson, of Pontiac, Michigan. The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Allen Central High School. He is currently employed with Kentucky Wholesale. He is the grandson of Roxie Crum and the late Tommy Crum, of Martin, and Judy Lemaster, and the late Henry Durham Napier II, of Springfield, Ohio. The couple will wed on Saturday, July 9, 2005, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

Births



New Arrival

Luke Joseph Seow was born April 29, 2005, at Baptist Hospital East, in Louisville, to proud parents Dr. Albert and Dr. Jennifer Seow, of Glen Oaks Subdivision, in Prospect. Luke is the maternal grandson of John and Jane Herald, of Hagerhill. His paternal grandparents are Joseph Seow, of Maple, Ontario, Canada, and the late Yvonne Seow.

Birthdays



Look who's one!

Madison Grace Little turned one year old on June 22, 2005. She celebrated her first birthday with a "Care Bears" theme party. Madison is the daughter of Sherry and Derek Little, and the granddaughter of Pam and Keith Tackett, Ron Johnson, and Elsie and Jesse Little.

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Floyd County Devotional Page

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.
In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.
New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner. Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.
Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on

1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Expt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.

First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Brancham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jack's Creek Baptist, Bevinville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Truisty.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter

Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First-Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Cnsp, Minister.

Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancoer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Pleasant Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, Tinker Fork; Meeting time 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month, 3rd Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.; Moderator, Gary Compton; Assist. Moderator, Jimmy Conley.

Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor, Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.
Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

Return to your Bible

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

ROMANS 12:17



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Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley, Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLV (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Rolland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lamaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neely St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Proffitt.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John 'Jay' Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m., Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister; 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church, Dwale; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m. **First Presbyterian**, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

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OTHER

Pastor Altha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the **CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY**, Sunday school, 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.

Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. **Grace Fellowship** Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

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Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister.

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Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Lavinne Lafferty, Minister.

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Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Conley Fork of Spurlock, Prestonsburg; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

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The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

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Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Jeff Kinslow, Pastor

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428, Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Greg Akers, 3116 Ky. Route 979, Harold, Ky. 41635, and Saul Akers, 3125 Ky. Route 979, Harold, Ky. 41635, own property located at Harold, Kentucky 41635, and has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.5 miles southwest of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with U.S. Route 23, near the communities of Harold and Amba, on Mud Creek, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE APPLICATION NO. 836-5410

AMENDMENT #2
In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Sly Branch Energy, Inc., 6166 Kentucky Route 114, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 0.45 mile northwest of the community of Emma, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 8.20 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 1238.04 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.85 mile northeast of Ky. Route 1428's junction with 23, and located 0.03 mile due west of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37d 38m 27s. The longitude is 82d 43m 50s. The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by T.J. Leslie Heirs. The operation will use the underground method of mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2, Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0314

(1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, Inc., 25 Clydean Drive, Leburn, Kentucky 41831, has applied for a surface area, Mountaintop, contour, surface re-mining, and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.22 miles southwest of Grethel in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 695.37 acres, and will underlie 219.77 acres (of which 206.64 acres underlie permitted surface acreage, and will not be added to the total permit area), the total area within the permit boundary will be 708.50 acres.

(2) The proposed operation area is approximately 0.75 mile southwest from Frasure Branch County Road's junction with State Route 979, and is located along Little Mud Creek.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elkhorn Coal Corporation, Walker and Ella Hall, Johnny and Annetta Hamilton, Iva Howell, Donald Ray and Vivian Newsome, William Hall Heirs, and Estaline Rathburn. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elkhorn Coal

Corporation, Walker and Ella Hall, Johnny and Annetta Hamilton, Iva Howell, Donald Ray and Vivian Newsome, William Hall Heirs, and Estaline Rathburn. The operation will use the contour, area, mountaintop, re-mining and auger methods of mining. (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office,

3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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