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briefs

1 killed in Johnson wreck

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

VOLGA — A single-vehicle accident left a woman injured and her son killed Wednesday in Johnson County.

Tina Miller was traveling on Route 172, at Volga, late Wednesday morning when she lost control of her vehicle and left the road. Her 1995 Toyota Paseo went down an embankment and overturned. Miller was ejected from the vehicle and later treated at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington.

Miller's 29-year-old son, Dolphia M. Kelly, was trapped in the vehicle. Johnson County Deputy Coroner J.R. Frisby pronounced him dead at the scene.

The accident is currently under investigation by Kentucky State Police Trooper Todd Wheeler, who was assisted at the scene by the Johnson County Sheriff's Department, First Response Ambulance, Johnson County Fire and Rescue, the flat Gap Fire Department and the Wittensville Fire Department.

Van Lear man gets 1 year for selling drugs

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Van Lear man was sentenced to one year in prison Tuesday after he entered a blind plea to charges of selling marijuana to an undercover police officer in Prestonsburg last year.

Joey Lynn Hunter, 35, was arrested

Sept. 19 as part of The Floyd County Drug Task Force's efforts, which also led to several drug roundups in 2004. The task force was shut down to make room for the federally-funded Operation UNITE.

Hunter had indicated that he wanted a court trial date at his pretrial conference but changed his mind on the morning of the trial and opted to enter a blind plea

instead.

Judge Eric Hall honored the defendant's request, giving Hunter the maximum sentence of one year in prison after reviewing the case file, which included video and audio evidence of the transaction which occurred at the Prestonsburg Tiger Mart on Jan. 29, 2004.

The file included a detailed report by Sgt. Bryan Hall that began with a confi-

dential informant informing Hall that he had arranged a marijuana buy from Hunter, who was awaiting a phone call to set up the sale.

Hall had the informant set up the sale in Prestonsburg which was okay with Hunter who then asked for an additional \$15 for gas money to make the trip from

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Charles Whitaker, also known as "The Can Man," says his work is a labor of love. He is shown above using a sledge hammer to crush one of the more than 1.5 million cans he has collected over the last 10 years.

Not satisfied with 1 million, 'Can Man' sets sights on two

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

STAFFORDSVILLE — They say his mind is like a calculator, and it'd just about have to be, in order for him to continue his 10-year charitable project.

To some he's known as Charles Whitaker, a seemingly ordinary retiree who lives in Staffordsville. To others, he's simply "The Can Man," a man who exceeds the ordinary in an effort to make a difference with his life.

The latter distinction stems from Whitaker's commitment to the Johnson County Christian School in Wittensville, a school operated by the Johnson County Free Will Baptist Church.

Since January 1996, Whitaker has raised \$23,398.10 for the school by collecting, smashing and recycling soda cans.

"Last Friday, a week ago, I turned in 11,100 and got \$185," he said. "And they say there's no money in it."

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Charles "The Can Man" Whitaker

Police prepare another 'blitz'

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prepare to be blitzed, again.

Police officials from surrounding counties, nearing the end of the "100 Days of Summer Heat," are organizing their efforts to dampen the desire for some to drive while impaired.

The law enforcement's "Labor Day 2005 Campaign," with increased patrols and safety checkpoints, will begin Aug. 19 and end on Sept. 5.

The campaign, sponsored by the Governor's Highway Safety Program, focuses on keeping the highways safer during the upcoming holiday.

Authorities from Floyd, Pike, Magoffin and Martin counties attended a meeting Thursday to increase their awareness of the problem.

"Your part is really, really key in supporting this program statewide," Law Enforcement Liaison Bob Criswell said to attending officials. "We need everybody working together during this time to get impaired drivers off the road ... Obviously, your investment can help turn these numbers around and save lives and prevent injuries in your communities."

Criswell said statistics regarding alcohol-related crashes are no shock to law enforcement officials, who deal with the problem on a routine basis. Kentucky State Police information officer Scott Hopkins agreed, saying his cruiser was hit by someone driving under the influence.

Alcohol-related traffic fatalities in Kentucky are among the lowest in the nation, but alcohol is one of the top contributing factors in fatal collisions in the state. In 2004, 21 percent of all traffic fatalities in Kentucky were alcohol-related.

Kentucky officials reported 5,645 alcohol-related crashes, with 199 deaths and 3,476 injuries — a 12 percent increase in fatalities and a 3 percent decrease in injuries last year.

Jefferson County carried the state's highest number of alcohol- and drug-related fatalities between 2002 and 2004 with a total of 85. Pike County, having 24 alcohol-related crash fatalities during the same time period, reported that

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Sobering Facts

The National Highway Traffic Safety Board reports that alcohol was a factor in 7 percent of all crashes and 40 percent of more than 17,000 fatal crashes that occurred in America in 2003.

In America, someone dies in an alcohol-related crash every 31 minutes. Injuries occur every two minutes.

Three-out-of-10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash during their lifetime. 21- to 24-year-olds make up the largest share of drunk drivers in fatal crashes.

The most common blood-alcohol level among drinking drivers in fatal crashes was 0.14.

Motorcycle operators involved in fatal crashes comprise the highest percentage of drivers who are meet or exceed the legal limit.

Drunk drivers are more likely to wear their seat belts, and more likely to have been involved in the deadliest kind of crash — a rollover crash, in which people are five times more likely to be hurt or killed.

In 2003, 30 percent of all fatal crashes during the week and 53 percent during the weekends were alcohol-related.

In 2003, 1.4 million people were arrested for drunk driving. Authorities say that only one arrest is made, however, for every 772 instances of driving while impaired. That means a person can drive impaired on several occasions before he or she is actually caught. In some instances, "caught" means death.

Nationwide, approximately 30 percent of all drivers arrested for DUI have had previous arrests or sanctions for DUI.

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Drivers reminded about school

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — AAA visited Prestonsburg Wednesday to distribute materials for the police department aimed at increasing safety awareness for area drivers now that school is back in session.

AAA reported that the most dangerous moment for students riding school buses is when they step on or off the bus and the promotion includes reminders of traffic congestion which arise from

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AAA representative Autumn Osborne presented the Prestonsburg Police Department, represented by officer Gerald Clark, with safety awareness materials aimed at cautioning drivers to observe extra safety measures with area schools reopening.

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Odds & Ends

■ **CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla.** — Maybe, just maybe, the third time's a charm for Mo the manatee.

Twice before, state wildlife officials have tried to release the mighty creature back into the wild. And twice before, they've failed. On Tuesday, they went for No. 3.

Mo was originally captured as an orphan in 1994 and was hand raised, which can make it more difficult to prepare an animal for release because they have learned little about living in the wild.

Mo's first attempt at being wild was in 1998. He was released again in February 2002. But just before spending a year in the wild, he was found in Sulfur Springs in Hillsborough County, emaciated and injured from a boat strike.

Mo is well known throughout the state for having lived at nearly every Florida manatee-rehabilitation center at one time or another.

The Miami Seaquarium has been Mo's home for most of the

past year. There, animal keepers worked to teach him what he needs to survive in the wild. One of his problems has been that he was not used to life in saltwater and didn't recognize foods that were available in saltwater.

"The reason he is significant is that this is the third time he is being released and we've never done this with any other animal," said Nicole Adimey of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Jacksonville office.

■ **GREEN BAY, Wis.** — The Packalope will have to leave his antlers at home.

Green Bay Packers fan Larry Primeau will be barred from wearing his trademark '60s-era Packers helmet mounted with a 10-point deer rack at home games under security rules announced Wednesday.

Primeau, who in 1999 was enshrined in the Visa Hall of Fame at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, said he can't believe new security regulations will bar his Packalope helmet.

The rule was not aimed specifically at Primeau, as other fans have attached antlers to everything from hardhats to Cheesheads. Green Bay Police Cmdr. Ken Brodhagen said umbrellas have been included, too.

Primeau said the rule will not crimp his style too much: "I can't wear the thing for three hours straight because my neck isn't strong enough."

■ **SIMI VALLEY, Calif.** — A man annoyed by a noisy car alarm fired at least three bullets into a Toyota Camry, silencing the alarm but getting arrested in the process.

David Owen Rye, 48, was booked for investigation of reckless discharge of a firearm and felony vandalism, Sgt. John Adamczyk said. He allegedly told officers he grabbed his handgun and went out to stop the alarm.

The car's owner was visiting a friend when he heard the gunfire at about 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Police were called to the Yosemite Avenue apartment

building and Rye was ordered out of his apartment by an officer with a bullhorn. A Los Angeles Police Department helicopter also responded.

Neighbor Ken Davis said he heard gunshots and looked outside to see Rye holding a gun.

"It was little scary," Davis said. "I didn't know what kind of mood he was in. I didn't want to say anything to him."

■ **EVERETT, Wash.** — Just in case, a shovel was at the ready for a ceremony to install the biggest deputies on the Snohomish County sheriff's force.

But it went unused Tuesday as three well-groomed horses — Slick, Rocky and Wynona — each raised a hoof, patiently waited for it to be inked and set it down on paper to "sign" documents commissioning the county's mounted patrol.

"We're going to swear them in, but I don't speak horse," Sheriff Rick Bart joked.

The ceremony was serious business for those who made the program a reality.

Slick's rider, Reserve Deputy Ken Shefveland, proposed the patrol about four years ago. A year later he was joined by Detective Barb Taylor, who

rides Wynona, and Reserve Deputy Kurt McGowan, rider of Rocky, for training by Seattle police mounted officers.

The three-member unit now patrols county parks and trails, visits various neighborhoods and is being assigned to the Evergreen State Fair later this month.

The three volunteer their time, own the horses and pay for feed and care out of their own pockets. Donations for uniforms and equipment also come from a program called Pennies for Puppies and Ponies.

"No tax dollars are going for hay," Bart said.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 12, the 224th day of 2005. There are 141 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 12, 1944, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

On this date:

■ In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

■ In 1898, the peace protocol ending the Spanish-American War was signed.

■ In 1898, Hawaii was formally annexed to the United States.

■ In 1915, the novel "Of Human Bondage," by William Somerset Maugham, was first published.

■ In 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

■ In 1960, the first balloon satellite — the Echo 1 — was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

■ In 1962, one day after launching Andrian Nikolayev into orbit, the Soviet Union also sent up cosmonaut Pavel Popovich; both men landed safely Aug. 15.

■ In 1972, the last American combat ground troops left Vietnam.

■ In 1978, Pope Paul VI, who had died Aug. 6 at age 80, was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

■ In 1985, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people.

Ten years ago: In a methodical, daylong procession, Republican presidential candidates courted Ross Perot's followers at a United We Stand America conference in Dallas.

Five years ago: The Russian nuclear submarine

Kursk and its 118-man crew were lost during naval exercises in the Barents Sea. Evander Holyfield won a 12-round unanimous decision over John Ruiz in Las Vegas for the vacant WBA heavyweight title. Actress Loretta Young died at age 87.

One year ago: In a stunning declaration, New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey announced his resignation and acknowledged that he had had an extramarital affair with another man. The California Supreme Court voided the nearly 4,000 same-sex marriages sanctioned in San Francisco between Feb. 12 and March 11, 2004.

Today's Birthdays: Choreographer Michael Kidd is 86. Former Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., is 80. Country singer Porter Wagoner is 78. Singer-musician Buck Owens is 76. Actor George Hamilton is 66. Actress Jennifer Warren is 64. Rock singer-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 56. Singer Kid Creole is 55. Jazz musician Pat Metheny is 51. Actor Sam J. Jones is 51. Actor Bruce Greenwood is 49. Country singer Danny Shirley is 49. Pop musician Roy Hay (Culture Club) is 44. Rapper Sir Mix-A-Lot is 42. Actor Peter Krause is 40. Tennis player Pete Sampras is 34. Actor Michael Ian Black ("Ed") is 34. Actress Rebecca Gayheart is 33. Actor Casey Affleck is 30. Rock musician Bill Uechi (Save Ferris) is 30. Actress Dominique Swain is 25.

Thought for Today: "Wisdom is born, stupidity is learned." — Russian proverb.

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alcohol was involved in 30 percent of all fatal crashes. Floyd County, with 18 fatalities, came in 10th, with 35 percent of its fatal crashes being alcohol-related. Johnson, 34th, reported that 35 percent of fatal crashes are alcohol-related. Martin County, 66th, reported 57 percent. Magoffin County, 67th, reported 47 percent.

"If it was some of their family members and they saw it, it'd make them change their mind," said Prestonsburg Police Officer Gerald Clark, when asked for a reaction about alcohol-related fatalities that he has witnessed during his 24-year employment.

Inez Police Chief Mitchell Williamson said the toughest part about working alcohol-related fatality crashes in small communities is that officials are more likely to know the families involved. He estimated that three out of five DUI arrests made by his department are second and third offenses.

KSP Captain Jim Booth reported that the Memorial Day blitz, targeting seat belt usage, was successful this year. Kentucky is one of the bottom five states in regards to seat belt usage. This year, officers cited more than 6,000 people for not wearing seat belts during that campaign. They also caught 1,422 people driving under the influence, 21,645 people speed-

ing, 1,289 people for drug possession and 1,405 people driving without insurance coverage.

Booth congratulated and thanked officers for their service.

"Fatalities statewide are down," he said. "We're 23 below where we were this time last year. In the [five-county KSP Post 9] area, as of Monday, we were 11 lower than we were this time last year. With 23 less statewide, and about half of that coming from our post, that's shows that we're doing something."

During the meeting, Eric Walker, commander of the Governor's Highway Safety Program, presented Pike County District Judge Daryll Mullins with a plaque in appreciation of his support of the child passenger safety diversion program.

"We have to get the message here," Mullins said, pointing to his head. "Cause if we get it here, the behavior will change."

The program, coordinated by Suetta Clevenger of the Pike County Health Department, focuses on educating parents who fail to use child restraints. Those cited find costs and fines waived in Mullins' court, but only if they attend a safety training class, hosted by Clevenger and Hopkins.

Clevenger said between 62

and 65 individuals have participated in the class, funded by grants from the Governor's Highway Safety Program, during the past two years. Upon completion, participants are given a free child car seat.

"There's no excuse the second time around," Hopkins said. "They are educated, supplied with a car seat, and told why it's important that they don't get caught again. There is no excuse."

Clevenger read a letter during the meeting from one moth-

er who said the program helped saved her daughter's life because she didn't realize she was putting her child in danger when she used an undersized car seat.

"Programs like this secure our future. Our youth, our children are our future," Lt. Walker said.

Violators facing Mullins are given diverted sentences if they promise not to make the same mistake for a year. If they do, fines are imposed from both cases.

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neighboring Johnson County.

They arranged to meet at the Tiger Mart and Hall arrived early with an audiotape recorder on his person as well as video surveillance from a vehicle across the street that contained another officer.

Hunter arrived on time with another man who went straight into the Tiger Mart and did not participate in the transaction. Hunter opted to retrieve the drugs from his vehicle and pass them through Hall's window rather than get in the car. He explained to the officer that the vehicle parked across the street, containing the other officer and

video camera, looked suspicious.

Hunter then passed Hall two plastic bags containing 23 grams of marijuana each and complained that he preferred to do business at the Taco Bell lot but that he had been having trouble with them.

Hall then gave Hunter \$265 for the two ounces of marijuana, with \$15 going for gas, and asked Hunter how he could get up with him in the future. Hunter responded by giving Hall several phone numbers which were then used to make the final arrest when the task force conducted its roundup later in the year.

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Can Man

Whitaker, who keeps everything distinctly catalogued in a gray Mercedes-Benz Trucks binder, says he's picked up 1,599,155 soda cans since he started raising money for the school.

This year, he's collected 87,000 cans, some of which he picks up on roadways himself, and others that are donated by people in surrounding counties.

"I've got to have something to do. I'm a young man," said Whitaker, 85. "If you don't have something to do, you get into trouble, you know."

Whitaker barter with the owner of Brown's fruit market stand at the Paintsville Stockyard for workspace (and garage space) throughout the week. He cleans up the mess left over from Saturday's sale for this accommodation. Area residents leave cans there for him occasionally, but he does remind them not to leave them during Saturday business hours.

Wednesday, Whitaker began at 7 a.m. on a truckload of cans he picked up Tuesday. He says he has to work in the morning because the bees "run him out" in the afternoons. He counts the cans as he places them in a cardboard box. Using a 12-pound sledgehammer, he then smashes each individual can and places them into a 5-pound bucket. This way, he says, he can carry more cans with each truckload.

By 10 a.m. Wednesday, he had two bags filled with 500 cans each.

"I'm working for the Lord. You can put that down, period. What would I do if I didn't have this to do, Miss? When you get old, nobody won't give you a job. I had a job at Wal-Mart, but I didn't like it, so I quit."

Whitaker, who grew up in Whitehouse, says he doesn't like the company's commercial stronghold in America. He isn't particularly fond, either, of the

recent boost in plastic drink container sales.

In 1996, he recycled 122,445 cans, bringing in almost \$1,900. In 1999, he collected more than 200,000 cans and donated almost \$3,000. Last year, more than 180,000 cans brought in \$3,050 for the school.

He's worried that the number of cans will steadily decline with increased sales in plastic drink bottles. He wants to collect 2 million cans by July 2008.

"I've never been able to get one single person to help me. They say they can't fool with it. It's too dirty," he said, smashing cans. "That's all right. I'll get it done, I believe. By July 2008, I'll have my 2 million, providing the good Lord lets me stick around that long. If he takes me home, I'm gone. I'm waiting for a phone call."

Linda Daniels, secretary of the school, described Whitaker as a "very religious, compassionate" man who loves children and "giving" to people. He visits the school several times a year and hands out candy and cookies to the students.

The school places all the money he collects (which includes spare change he finds while walking around) into a scholarship fund, named in his honor.

Daniels said the school, which is solely funded by tuition proceeds and donations, hosted a big to-do when "The Can Man" collected his millionth can on April 24, 2002.

"We were all outside with big signs up cheering him on," she said. "We wanted to make it special."

The millionth can, tagged, is on display in a glass box at the school.

"When I go to that school, you'd think I was somebody great," Whitaker said. "They all know me. They started calling me 'The Can Man.'"

Whitaker says he owes his life to God and he feels its his duty to give what he can give for the betterment of others. His truck is decorated with religious messages. His back window is decorated with "Trucking for Jesus" and "Free Road Map To Heaven" stickers.

Whitaker donates to several churches in Kentucky and out of the state. He even donates to one that his friends, Bill and Linda Galliger, attend in Ohio.

Whitaker moved to Ohio after he left the Air Force, where he worked as a supply technician during World War II and, afterwards, as an "informer" with the "special service." ("I guess that's what you call it," he said.)

Whitaker befriended Linda Galliger when he worked for a detective agency in Ohio some 27 years ago. He walked her to her car every night and she eventually taught him about her Christian beliefs.

"I doubt I'd be living if I hadn't become a Christian," he said. "I was pretty mean."

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The couple divorced because of Whitaker's commitment to the armed forces. His ex-wife didn't want to live in America while he worked on overseas missions. He never remarried.

When he left the armed forces, Whitaker refused a job in Argentina because he didn't want to wear "plain clothes." He returned to Kentucky from Dayton, Ohio, in 1985. He's been retired for 40 years now.

To date, every cent from the recycling goes directly to the school. Whitaker says he does-

n't even take out money for gas or supplies. He also saves soda can tabs for hospital donations.

"If you give somebody something, you can't give it with strings attached to it or you're not really giving it," he said. "You have to give it with a free heart."

He regularly attends Tom's Freewill Baptist Church in Paintsville.

Community soda can donations can be left in front of the fruit stand at the Paintsville Stockyard. Whitaker will also pick up donated cans if called at (606) 297-8722. Daniels can provide more information about the "special service." ("I guess that's what you call it," he said.)

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Mullins said he routinely talks to offenders who come into his courtroom, a means of educating them about the importance of seat belt usage. Mullins said some violators who come to his court are given community service detail. One man, he said, was sentenced to washing 10 KSP cruisers for his offenses. One high school student, he said, was forced to give a 15-minute speech on highway safe-

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The nicest State Trooper Shearer for being so kind and reassuring, and a young man in a black car who drove me to the ambulance. I don't know your name, but I will always be grateful to you.

Thanks to Cabell Hunting-ton Hospital and their many doctors, nurses, and staff.

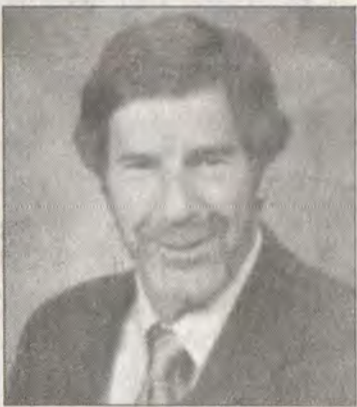
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To the pallbearers for traveling so far: Dewey Camron, Tim Clark, Mike Rondal Cunningham, Brian Ratliff, Roland Wright, Mike Halfhill, and Danny Branson.

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Times Union of Albany, N.Y., on campaign finance reform:

When the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill was signed into law three years ago, cynics warned that it wouldn't be long before both political parties found ways to get around the new restrictions on soft money. Yet the 2004 elections largely proved such warnings unfounded. ...

But by and large, most observers agree that McCain-Feingold worked as intended. It brought to an end the era when soft money ruled the day as corporations, unions and wealthy individual donors sought to buy influence with those in office.

Yet the cynics might just turn out to be right after all, and not because some lawyers have discovered a loophole to be exploited. No, in this case, the group working to undermine McCain-Feingold is none other than the Federal Election Commission, which is charged with upholding that law. ...

Both a federal district judge and a federal appeals court have reprimanded the FEC over a proposed regulation that would define the word "solicit" to mean only an explicit request for donations. ...

The appeals court rightly found that the FEC's definition would open the doors to a flood of soft money. In the world of politics, one needn't make a direct request for money. There are any number of ways for a political candidate to get the message across to contributors that if they want access, they have to pay. A wink and a nod can be as effective a shakedown as a direct appeal for contributions ...

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, on bungling at the FBI:

Bureaucratic bungling of a requested wiretap shows there are still communication problems, or much worse, within the FBI. ...

FBI chief Robert Mueller concedes that a mix-up delayed for four months an immigration official's request for a wiretap. The tap, which had the support of prosecutors and FBI agents, was needed to build a case against a Houston man suspected of raising money for al-Qaida.

But when the wiretap application reached FBI headquarters in Washington, it slipped out of sight. ...

As a result, several hundred communications involving a suspected nexus of terrorism weren't intercepted, according to an immigration official.

Mueller called the incident an exception. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff says cooperation with the FBI is just dandy. ...

It was stubborn disregard among federal agencies that allowed terrorists to plot and orchestrate the worst attack on U.S. soil since Pearl Harbor.

With this enemy, there is no room for unexplained exceptions.

Chicago Tribune, on the discovery of an object orbiting the sun larger than Pluto:

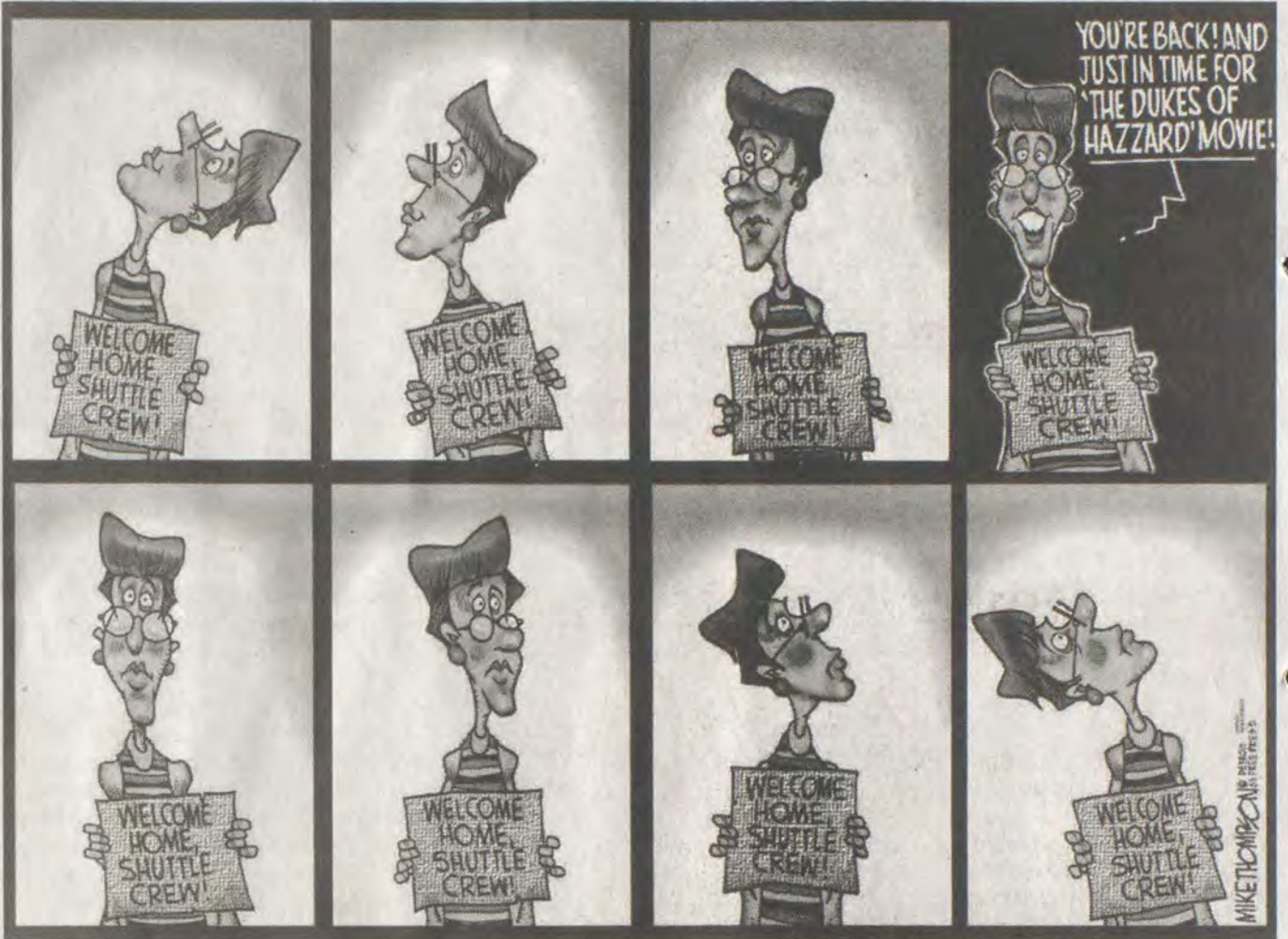
School kids for 75 years have been taught that our solar system has nine planets - Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Before Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto in 1930, they had been taught there were only eight. ...

Astronomers have announced the discovery of an object orbiting the sun that is larger than Pluto. ...

For the moment, this new object has been named 2003UB313. ...

This discovery raises again the recurring question about whether Pluto deserves to be called a planet. Other planets in the outer solar system are giant and gaseous - think Jupiter. Pluto, the smallest planet, is solid. It's less than half the size of the next largest, Mercury. It's smaller even than seven of the solar system's moons, including our own. ...

The IAU (International Astronomical Union) still qualifies Pluto as a planet, but it's studying the matter. In short, Pluto's on the bubble. If Pluto had been discovered today instead of 75 years ago, it probably never would have been granted planetary status ...



Guest Column

IBM's baleful plans for the middle class

by JIM HIGHTOWER
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

The internal memo is dated April 2005 and tagged: "IBM Confidential."

The reason for the hush-hush treatment is that this document is written confirmation of corporate America's intention to offshore our nation's middle-class future, shipping out the jobs in engineering and other sciences that require advanced degrees and pay top wages. IBM, the world's largest infor-

mation technology corporation, has become the leading practitioner of shopping the globe for the cheapest high-tech workers, knocking down the wage floor to the lowest common denominator.

Because of the wrenching economic, social, and political impacts this will have on U. S. society, IBM has not wanted to concede publicly that undermining middle-class opportunities is a corporate goal. This leaked memo, however, confirms that while the top honchos are cutting 13,000 of these high-tech jobs in America and Europe this year, it will add 14,000 in the low-wage tech centers of India.

Experienced software programmers in our country earn maybe \$75,000 a year, creating a sound middle-class base for our economy and communities. But the hell with such democratic notions of the Common Good, say the profiteers—we can replace American programmers with ones from India who'll do the work for \$15,000 a year. That's \$60,000 per

job, per year, that the corporate and investor elites can take out of the middle class and put in their own pockets.

Adding insult to injury, a top IBM executive says that the corporate rush to India is not merely a chase for the cheapest workers, but "It's mostly about skills." He then proceeds to lecture America's high-tech workers: "You are no longer competing just with the guy down the street, but also with people around the world."

And there you have a sparkling clear statement of what corporate America thinks of you and has in store for you. How do they think they'll hold a society together when they knock down all of our wages to \$15,000 a year?

Jim Hightower is the best-selling author of "Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back."

Guest Column

Zen and the art of Iraqi regime change

by SHELDON RICHMAN

What does it mean to overemphasize the presence of what is absent? That Zen-like question arises from an interview the Associated Press recently published with Douglas Feith, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's departing chief policy advisor. Feith told the AP the Bush administration "overemphasized" the matter of weapons of mass destruction as the rationale for invading Iraq and overthrowing the government of Saddam Hussein.

That has to be the understatement not only of the young century, but of the last several centuries.

Reality to Mr. Feith: There were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Feith seems to have a clue to the problem: "Anything we said at all about stockpiles was overemphasis, given that we didn't find them." Yes, at the risk of sound Zen-like again, any emphasis would have been overemphasis.

He added, "Our intelligence community made, apparently, an error, as to the stockpiles." Considering that we taxpayers pay a good bit of change for that intelligence "community," the mind boggles at the idea that it could have made such an "error" innocently. Isn't it more likely that it was accommodating the higher-ups who were spoiling for war even before 9/11? This suspicion is hardly undercut by the fact that other

countries' intelligence agencies and even the Clinton administration thought Saddam had WMDs.

In his interview with the AP, Feith said, "It would have been better had we done a better job of communicating in all of its breadth the strategic rationale for the war." Which was what? According to the AP summary, "The broader rationale, Feith said, included the danger posed by Iraq's potential to resume building chemical, biological and possibly nuclear weapons — know-how that the Iraqi regime developed before the 1991 Gulf War."

It is doubtful the American people would have supported an invasion of Iraq on the grounds that Saddam might some day try to develop weapons. Why should he use them against the United States? Without provocation he'd have no reason to commit personal and national suicide.

The administration realized that people had to be panicked into supporting the war. That's why, as former defense official Paul Wolfowitz conceded, the various parts of the administration agreed to build its case on the alleged WMDs rather than other issues. That case was spiced up with hints that Saddam had something to do with 9/11, though he did not. Feith approved this strategy: "Had Saddam Hussein not been a supporter of terrorism and a guy who developed and used WMD, I don't think that simply saying he's a tyrant and we have a chance to replace a tyrant would have motivated the war."

But Saddam had no record of supporting terrorism against the United States. His efforts were confined to helping Palestinians who are under occupa-

tion. (Not that this excuses his encouraging the murder of innocents.) As for Saddam's development and use of WMDs (i.e., poison gas), that occurred during Iraq's war with Iran, when he was a U.S. ally. Memories are fleeting: The Reagan administration supplied Saddam with WMD materials back then. Rumsfeld was a special envoy in the effort.

Feith told the AP he is annoyed that people think the lack of weapons means there was no reason to go to war. According to the AP, such people "ignore the broader reasoning, he said, which included the dangers posed by Saddam's record of aggression against Kuwait, hostility toward the United States, a 'rhetorical and financial support' for terrorism and a weakening of the world's resolve to contain his ambitions."

But how could these have been good reasons for the American people to be forced into a war of conquest, which, as predicted, has spawned violence not only in Iraq but in Spain and England, with the United States perhaps next? America cannot be a prosperous and peaceful place if its government insists on policing the world. Empire is expensive. Protecting far-flung "interests" costs money and, inevitably, lives. Do you want to know the price of empire? It's random searches of subway passengers in New York City. And that's just the beginning.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
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The second week of August was short on releases but the films and television series that were released were of high quality.

"Because of Winn-Dixie" — Hollywood doesn't make enough quality family fare, but this film breaks that mold and manages to give roles to some of the industry's best talents. This one focuses on a young girl who has moved to a new town and is anxious to fit in. Her situation changes when she meets a stray dog in the title store. The dog manages to involve her in the lives of some of the town's assorted characters. Director Wayne Wang ("The Joy Luck Club") manages to keep the saccharine level low while delivering a film that should appeal to most members of the family. Supporting turns by Cicely Tyson, Eva Marie Saint and Jeff Daniels help round out the story.

"Kung-Fu Hustle" — Stephen Chow ("Shaolin Soccer") stars and directs this high energy farce that centers on a criminal group (The Axe Gang) which tries to take over a Hong Kong ghetto, called Pig Sty Alley, and runs afoul of three kung-fu masters who have taken refuge there. The martial arts sequences are some of the best captured on film and were choreographed by Yuen Woo Ping, who handled similar chores on "The Matrix."

"Intruder" — The good folks at Anchor Bay Video continued to resurrect horror films on DVD with this release of a slasher film from the people who brought you the "Evil Dead" series. The action takes place on the last night of business for a grocery store but no one is going to get to cash that severance check when a sadistic killer strikes. This one may have a low body count for this kind of fare but compensates for that by

plotting elaborate and ultra gory finales for each character. Look for a cameo appearance by "Evil Dead" star Bruce Campbell.

"The Muppet Show" — The first full season of this classic series posits what would happen if Jim Henson's creations produced their own show every week. The jokes are a bit dated, but this series is perfect viewing for the whole family and every episode features talented turns by celebrity guest stars like Sylvester Stallone, Madeline Kahn and Steve Martin.

"Profit" — The Fox network canceled this show after only airing a few episodes, but Anchor Bay Home video has rescued it from the dust pile and includes the whole series here, which includes four episodes that never made it to air. Adrian Pasdar stars as a cutthroat executive who joins a mega-corporation and proceeds to kill his way up the corporate ladder. Black humor laces every episode,

charting Profit's rise to power which was, unfortunately, halted by poor ratings. The two-hour pilot episode alone sparked a ton of hate mail for the network. Definitely ahead of its time and the only show on television to offer up absolutely no redeeming characters every week.

Next week look for "Sin City," which was adapted by Frank Miller from his intense series of graphic novels, and the controversial film "The Brown Bunny" from actor/director Vincent Gallo ("Buffalo 66").

A young actor who was starting to make a name for himself in movies died Thursday. Matthew McGrory had gotten juicy roles in "Big Fish" and "House of 1,000 Corpses" (as well as the sequel, "The Devil's Rejects") due to his seven-foot frame. He had landed his biggest role yet, as wrestling legend Andre The Giant, when he was felled by a massive heart attack.

At the Movies: 'Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo'

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP MOVIE CRITIC

Trashing "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo" seems pointless, even a bit cliched.

Film critics clearly aren't the target audience for this sequel, as we weren't for its predecessor, "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo." What we say won't matter now, as it didn't matter then. (The first movie made about \$65 million, which probably doesn't sound like a major box-office haul, but it was a lot more money back in 1999.)

Then again, "European Gigolo" itself is pointless, and more than a bit cliched. It is a nearly rote remake of the original movie, with the gross-out adventures taking place in Amsterdam instead of Malibu. And though it sounds impossible, it's even cruder and less coherent than the first. But what else would you expect? You don't walk into A Happy Madison Production for the intellectual stimulation.

The movie has an episodic, sketch-comedy nature that renders the jokes and gags hit-or-miss, with a vast majority falling into the latter category. Of course, that was also true of the original "Deuce Bigalow," but at least earlier effort provided an unexpected guilty plea-



"Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo," is rated R for pervasive strong, crude and sexual humor, language, nudity and drug content.

Running time: 77 minutes.

One star out of four.

sure now and then. With this sequel — directed by Mike Bigalow (no relation) and written by star Rob Schneider with David Garrett and Jason Ward — we've already seen it all.

As hapless, clueless aquarium cleaner Deuce Bigalow, "Saturday Night Live" alum Schneider again must reluctantly squire a series of circus-freak caliber women to get out of a jam. This time, he's trying to help prove that his old friend and pimp, T.J. Hicks' (Eddie Griffin in blue-headed cornrows), did not murder a series of famous European gigolos, or "man-whores," he's accused of killing.

Deuce, who gave up the business after marrying the perky, blond Kate from the first film (whose death in a shark attack during their honeymoon is played for uncomfortable laughs), returns to man-whoring to meet the dead gigolos' clients

and collect clues. He also finds time to woo the exceedingly cute Eva, a painter with obsessive-compulsive disorder played by Cheryl Tiegs look-alike Hanna Verboom.

As in "Male Gigolo," Deuce's dates include a frighteningly tall woman, but there's also a lady with a hunchback, another with enormous ears, another who speaks with a microphone through a hole in her trachea. The humor is supposed to be outrageous but instead falls flat.

The most crass of all is a Russian woman whose mother was exposed to nuclear radiation at Chernobyl while she was pregnant. The daughter has male genitalia in the place of a nose, which she covers by wearing a veil; let's just say that when she sneezes, that's not snot flying across the restaurant and into people's food.

The bit is not offensive —

it's just plain yucky. Far more disturbing is the homophobic vibe that permeates the whole picture. Making fun of homosexuality seems to be the one area of humor that has yet to be ruled off-limits by political correctness; such jokes also appeared in the far superior "Wedding Crashers" earlier this summer.

Here, T.J. the pimp grows increasingly agitated with the assumption that he is gay, based on the fact that he keeps getting caught in compromising positions with the dead gigolos. A newspaper headline blares: "Man-whore killer at large, extremely gay." A TV news report states that the latest killing is his gayest yet, etc.

T.J. repeatedly exclaims, "I ain't gay!" or some variation thereof. It's not funny the first time, it's not funny the 20th time — it's just stupid, small-minded screenwriting.

School

school arrival and departure times.

Chief Mike Omerod noted that it is especially important this year for drivers to consider alternate routes around Adams Middle School, which this year is also hosting students from the former Clark Elementary. Omerod foresees plenty of tie ups around the school at the peak times of early morning and midafternoon.

"If people have an alternate route they can use it will save them a lot of time," Omerod said. Motorists on Route 1428 can expect delays this year because, as Omerod observed, "There is no place to put the traffic."

AAA director Lilla S. Mason added, "Children are always at a high risk for pedestrian injury, especially now with school going back into session."

AAA has condensed important driving tips to minimize any chances of a tragic mishap and those materials will be distributed throughout the city by the Prestonsburg Police Department.

Important back to school safety tips include:

- Allow for extra travel time if your schedule has you on the road at school opening and closing times.
- Always stop for buses which are loading or unloading passengers.
- Reduce speed when driving in school zones.
- Look out for indicators which tell drivers that children are nearby, such as signs for school crossings and children at play, crossing guards, playgrounds and bicycles.

AAA also has tips for what parents should tell children,

ways before crossing roads.

- Cross at corners and never in the middle of the block.
- Listen to and obey instructions from crossing guards.
- Always walk and never run

across streets.

- Look for traffic when entering or exiting the school bus.
- Never try to pick up any items dropped in a school bus's "Danger Zone."

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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 Crisp, Minister.

home phone 285-3385

Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; 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.

CATHOLIC

St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Damron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Hamon, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.

Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

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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.

Weeksby 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.

St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.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.; WKLW (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 Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley 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 Profit.

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, Weeksby; 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.; Malcom Slone, 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.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Gary Shephard, Minister.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Prethhood/Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Mtg., 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Ken Carriere, Bishop.

OTHER

Pastor Atha 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.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

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.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

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 pm.; Laverne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

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.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month.; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

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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Marriage Licenses

Maria Layne Campbell, 38, of Lexington, to John Paul Miller, 25, of Prestonsburg.
 Kristin Kay Raines, 22, to James Drake Hatfield, 23, both of Prestonsburg.
 Temptra Jean Collins, 46, of Ashland, to James Vernon Collins, 38, of East Point.
 Maranda Lynn Sturgill, 22, to Daniel Ray Goble, 26, both of Pikeville.
 Heather Michelle Watkins, 21, of Pikeville, to Joey Chad Samons, 22, of Martin.
 Debra Lynn Fugate, 45, of Johnson County, to Randy Ray Hamilton, 52, of Prestonsburg.
 Rita A. Ousley, 49, of McDowell, to Karl A. Scheurmann, 50, of Dayton, Ohio.

Civil Suits Filed

Jerry Bentley vs. Bank One; credit card fraud complaints (wants refund).
 Homecomings Financial Network Inc. vs. John King, his spouse, Juanita King, her spouse, Floyd County, and the spouse of Ralph Dingess in January 1992; complaint with notice under the fair debt collections practices act.
 Worldwide Asset Purchasing vs. David and Sheila Johnson; debt complaint.
 Rhonda Norman vs. Michael Norman; divorce.
 Kimberly Folz vs. Charles Folz; divorce.
 Pricilla and Rondel Rater vs. Tammy Hamilton, Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance, Mutual Insurance Company; auto accident complaint.
 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company vs. Jeremy Jewell; auto accident complaint.
 Great Seneca Financial Corporation vs. David Slone; debt complaint.
 Amber Rennie vs. Robert Rennie; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Mandy Jordan vs. Bradley Seery; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Sheila Click vs. Derek Click; petition for health care insurance.
 Nicholas Evans vs. Amanda Evans; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Bank One vs. Ralph Lafferty, Rebecca Gline, Larry Gline, Mortgage Electronic Recovery Systems; IN-REM complaint for foreclosure with notice under the fair debt collections practices act.
 Progressive Insurance vs. Jackie Terry; accident complaint.
 Methodist Hospital of Kentucky Inc., doing business as Pikeville Medical Center vs. Lennix Colaray Akers; debt complaint.
 Great Seneca Financial Corp., vs. Terry Crager; debt complaint.
 Susan Coleman vs. James Coleman; divorce.
 Shawda Lewis vs. Kevin S. Hall; petition for health care insurance.

Small Claims Filings

Butler's Auto Sales Inc. vs. Bobbie Potter; alleged debt.

Charges Filed

James J. Griffith, 36, Martin; disregarding a stop sign, no or expired registration plate, no or expired registration receipt, failure to maintain required insurance, failure to wear seat belts, improper registration plate, driving on a DUI suspended license.
 Wendy Hall, 20, Mousie; second-degree burglary, felony theft by unlawful taking.
 Christopher Mitchell, 42, Grethel; flagrant non support.
 Michael Todd McCoy, 34, Raccoon; first-degree stalking, first-degree wanton endangerment, violation of an emergency protective order.
 William Brandon Click, 22, Hueysville; controlled substance not in original container, possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication, second-degree burglary, third-degree criminal trespass.
 Michael Shannon Frasure, 25, Grethel; driving on a DUI-suspended license, improper registration plate, failure to maintain required insurance.
 Shawn Wilcox, 32, Kite; two counts of controlled substance not in original container, felony theft by unlawful taking.
 Jordan Bixler Jr., 22, Allen; reckless driving, no or expired

registration plate, no or expired registration receipt, transfer fails to execute proper assignment and warranty title, failure to wear seat belts, theft of motor vehicle registration renewal decal.
 M. Kenneth Sprigg, 24, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, third-degree criminal mischief.
 Sherman Poston, 46, McDowell; third-degree criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, public intoxication.
 Sidney Cline III, 23, Stanville; fourth-degree assault.
 Jamie Meade, 23, Printer; public intoxication.
 Cheryl A. Rogers, 29, Betsy Layne; selling alcohol to a minor.
 Robert S. Miller, 41, Martin; third-degree criminal trespass.
 Curt L. Jarvis Jr., 33, Allen; no or improper personal floatation device, failure to wear personal floatation device, riding on a bow, etc., while motorboat underway.
 Charles J. Porter, 26, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Larry B. Hicks, 25, Blue River; failure to illuminate head lamps, two counts of failure to wear seat belts, driving on a suspended or revoked license, failure to maintain required insurance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.
 Shaun D. Brown, 23, Garrett; fourth-degree assault.
 Jacqlyn R. Osborne, 22, Warfield; public intoxication.
 Bradford Martin, 52, Langley; failure to operate boat at idle speed when in a harbor or congested area.
 David Wayne Fannin, 35, Van Lear; failure to operate boat at idle speed when in a harbor or congested area.
 Misty K. Jarvis, 22, Banner; failure to operate boat at idle speed when in a harbor or congested area.
 Angela Ferris, 23, Lenore, W.Va.; drinking in public.
 Marsha L. Ferris, 26, Lenore, W.Va.; drinking in public.
 Ricky Ferris Jr., 27, Lenore,

W.Va.; drinking in public.
 Adam Caldwell, 26, Prestonsburg; operating a motor boat in a reckless manner.
 Shawn P. Francis, 32, Garrett; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, two counts of terroristic threatening.
 Lisa Thompson, 35, Kite; public intoxication, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, shoplifting.
 Jeremy Kilburn, 23, Dwale; public intoxication, terroristic threatening, controlled substance not in original container, disorderly conduct.
 Curtis R. Slone, 31, Hindman; three counts of failure to wear seat belts, improper start from a parked position, failure to maintain required insurance, driving under the influence, controlled substance not in original container, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Lori Ann Stone, 34, Printer; public intoxication, three counts of third-degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container.
 Clifford L. Brown, 32, Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.
 Ronda R. Greene, 31, Martin; public intoxication.
 Millis D. Hall Jr., 32, Prestonsburg; failure to wear seat belts, driving under the influence, two counts of carrying a concealed deadly weapon, controlled substance not in original container, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct.
 Johnny R. Collins, 54, Honaker; public intoxication.
 Christopher Hardy, 34, Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.

Inspections

Green's Dairy Bar, Bevsinsville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Shelves and countertops in need of minor repairs, floor tile in some disrepair. Score: 91.
 Prestonsburg Foodland, regular inspection. Violations noted: Potentially hazardous foods being held below the required temperature, not all freezer and cooler units have conspicuous thermometers. food items

observed stored in direct contact with floor, proper hair restraints not in use, food contact surface in disrepair, wall and ceilings in disrepair, lights not properly shielded in walk-in cooler. Score: Food 91, Retail 94.
 Food City, University Drive, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all refrigerator and freezer units have conspicuous thermometers, meat product observed on floor of walk-in, garbage containers in food prep area without proper covers, clothing item observed stored on food equipment. Score: Food 89, Retail 96.
 Taco Bell, Prestonsburg, complaint investigation. Responded to complaint of ice bags being busted up on floor before being used to serve public. Supervised emptying machine, sanitizing it, and instructed manager about breaking up ice in sink. No follow up required.
 Hank's Famous Burgers, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Plastic bottle in food prep area not labeled, proper hair restraints not in use, chemical test strips not readily available at three-compartment sink, wiping cloth use unrestricted, no soap at hand wash sink in food prep area, wall in utility room in disrepair, freezer in back area lacks conspicuous thermometer. Score: 92.
 Stone Crest Grill, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Improper ice utensil being used, proper hair restraints not in use, part of food prep floor is carpeted, several clothing items observed stored near food equipment. Score: 96.
 Little Y Stop and Shop, Melvin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometers in some units used to maintain product temp, carpet in sales area in some disrepair. Score: 98.
 Jan and Ben's, Bevsinsville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometers in units used to maintain product temp, proper hair restraints not in use, restroom missing paper towels at handsink, restroom doors not self-closing. Score: 90.
 Slone's Market, Bevsinsville,

regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometers in units used to maintain product temperature, canned items on sales floor found to have slight dust build up, areas of floor in some disrepair, lights in reach in cooler not properly shielded. Score: 92.
 Compton's Quick Stop, Weeksbury, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to find thermometers used to maintain product temperature, some food items not stored six inches from floor, some reach in units lack shielded lights. Score: Food 96, Retail 97.
Property Transfers
 Costain Coal Inc. to Appalachian Land Company, property location undisclosed.
 Ann Davis to Thursa and William Sloan, property location undisclosed.
 Ralph B. Davis to Thursa and William Sloan, property location undisclosed.
 Industrial Fuels Minerals Co. to Appalachian Land Co., property location undisclosed.
 Lodestar Energy Inc. to Appalachian Land Co., property location undisclosed.
 Deanna Clara May to BTU Gas Company, property location undisclosed.
 Merle May to BTU Gas Company, property location undisclosed.
 Kent Rose to Johnny and Patricia Johnson, property location undisclosed.
 Janelle Samons to Lowell Samons, property location undisclosed.
 Lowell Samons to Jacqueline Samons, property location undisclosed.
 Mary Samons to Janelle Samons, property location undisclosed.
 Mary Samons to Jacqueline Samons, property location undisclosed.
Clarification
 In the "For the Record" section on July 15, Douglas Crace, 37, of Emma, was cited with one count of third-degree criminal trespass. He requested it be made known that this charge was dismissed against him under the condition that he stay off of the property for one year.

Obituaries

Georgia Ann Vanover Newman

Georgia Ann Vanover Newman, 64, of Versailles, wife of Harold G. Newman, died of a heart attack, Tuesday morning, August 9, 2005.
 Mrs. Newman was a retired teacher of 32 1/2 years in the Floyd and Letcher county school systems.
 She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Clara Vanover, and an infant sister, Tama Sue.
 In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Tyra Lynn Newman Evans; her son-in-law, Jeff Evans; and her two grandchildren: Brandon Chase Evans and Caleigh Brooke Evans, all of Versailles.
 She is also survived by four sisters: Bobbie (the late Paul) Stewart of Cromona, Carol (Billy) Lewis of Fleming-Neon, Sharon (Jimmy) Slone of Cremona, Rhonda (Roy) Boggs of Prestonsburg; two brothers: Kermit (Marsha) Vanover of Lexington, and Buddy Vanover of Cremona; five sisters-in-law: Veronica (Arnold) Harmon of Beavercreek, Ohio, Phyllis (the late Charles) Rackley of Ashland, Neil (Troy) Stidham of Circleville, Ohio, Glenda (Berlin) Johnson of Versailles, and Sarah (David) Hall of Hi Hat; three brothers-in-law: Ramon (Emma) Newman of Wartburg, Tennessee, James Dewey (Elva) Newman of Lexington, and Willis D. Newman of Hi Hat.
 She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and other extended family.
 Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, August 13, at 10 a.m., at Hall Funeral Home in Martin.
 Visitation will be Thursday and Friday, August 11 and 12, starting at 5 p.m., at the funeral home.

A graveside service will be held after the funeral at Rosecrest Cemetery in Versailles, at 4 p.m.
 Pallbearers will be: Brian Lewis (nephew), John Slone (nephew), Jody Lewis (nephew), Rod Chervus (nephew), Greg Rackley (nephew), Tad Newman (nephew), Brian Hall (nephew), Eric Johnson (nephew), and Tyler Newman (nephew).
 (Paid obituary)

Merrilyn (Meril) Hurd

Merrilyn (Meril) Hurd, 53, of Banner, died Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin, following a brief illness.
 Born November 3, 1951, in Floyd County, he was the son of Augusta Mulkey Hurd of Allen, and the late Isaac Lee Hurd. He was a disabled coal truck driver.
 He is survived by his wife,

Regina Holbrook Hurd.
 In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by one son, Jason Hurd of Banner; two daughters: Jeanette Mullins of Hippo, and Brittany Hurd of Banner; one brother, Charles Hurd of North Judson, Indiana; four sisters: Daisy Lewis of Tram, Leona Samons of Allen, Thelma Crum of Prestonsburg, and Dovie Stacy of Culber, Indiana; and one grandson, Brhett Tylor Moore.
 In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Ernest Hurd and James Hurd; and one sister, Judy Johnson.
 Funeral services will be conducted Friday, August 12, at 12 noon, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jim Smith officiating.
 Burial will be in the Jones Family Cemetery, at Shortwood, Allen, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.
 Visitation is at the funeral home.
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Records disclosed in Nighbert trial show more job talk

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Records disclosed in the case against acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert show a lot of time and effort went into ensuring the proper candidates were chosen to hire and promote in state jobs.

A 4-inch stack of documents was released Monday by Franklin County District Judge Thomas Wingate. The documents are evidence compiled by investigators and the special grand jury that is examining personnel practices in Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration.

Not disclosed were transcripts of

grand jury testimony by several current or former administration officials who were present at various meetings when plans were hatched to systematically fill state jobs with those favorable to the Fletcher cause, according to other court documents.

Nighbert, Deputy Secretary Jim Adams and former commissioner Dan Druen are charged with conspiring to improperly dismiss the Transportation Cabinet's deputy inspector general, Mike Duncan.

Defense lawyers say Duncan could be fired for virtually any reason because he was a probationary employee who had not yet gained the protections of the state Merit System. A pro-

secutor said the Merit System prohibits anyone from being fired for their political beliefs, just like their race, religion or disability.

The three were the first charged by the special grand jury. Six others have subsequently been charged with personnel law violations, all misdemeanors. Druen also faces 22 felony charges he tried to intimidate a witness or tamper with evidence, as well as more than a dozen other misdemeanors related to personnel laws.

The documents released Wednesday were more e-mails, memoranda, handwritten notes and other materials. Many contain recommendations for jobs from people outside the govern-

ment, which prosecutors have said is entirely proper.

Former Franklin County Judge-Executive Teresa Barton, a Democrat who supported Fletcher and has subsequently been given a post in the administration, was particularly active in passing along personnel recommendations.

But among those in the administration, a handwritten note from Druen may be the kind of evidence prosecutors count on in future cases.

In a note to Basil Turbyfill, Fletcher's director of personnel and efficiency, Druen says a job candidate in Transportation was selected even though the individual "supported

Chandler and Patton," an apparent reference to former Gov. Paul Patton and Ben Chandler, whom Fletcher defeated in 2003. An overlooked candidate and his family, "clearly supported Gov. Fletcher," Druen said.

Druen said he sent the job selection back to the local office. "This is a clear example of what we're curbing," Druen told Turbyfill, who is also charged with a misdemeanor personnel violation.

Turbyfill is the architect of the "personnel initiative" that prosecutor Scott Crawford-Sutherland has termed a "corrupt political machine" designed to circumvent personnel laws to install Republicans in state jobs.

Congress approves \$2.8 billion for building Appalachian highways

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ELKHORN CITY — Traveling salesmen are scarce in this out-of-the-way Appalachian town accessible only by curvy mountain roads that can make driving not only slow but also dangerous.

"I literally have zero representatives coming into my store and laying stuff down on the counter and saying, 'Let me show you this,'" said Bobby Slone, a retailer of sports supplies. "They're on a time schedule, and it takes up too much time for them to drive to Elkhorn City."

That could be changing. Congress has approved a massive transportation bill that will pump \$2.8 billion into new Appalachian highways over the next six years, including \$480 million for two eastern Kentucky roads, one of which will be built to within a mile of Elkhorn City.

Kentucky's portion of the funds will be used to straighten and widen two roads — U.S. 460 in Pike County and U.S. 119 in Letcher County — making it easier for people in some of the most remote central Appalachian communities to commute to jobs, schools, even grocery stores.

"Quality of life benefits will be almost immeasurable," said Doug Hogan, spokesman for the

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. "You'll be able to get where you need to go much faster and much safer."

For merchants like Slone, an improved U.S. 460 is expected to be a boon for business, creating new jobs and giving residents better access to workplaces in Pikeville.

"We need that in this area," Slone said, recalling the morning exodus of commuters heading for other towns.

Building roads in the steep terrain is costly. The Appalachian Regional Commission, along with state transportation departments, expects to spend an additional \$8.5 billion to build 610 miles of modern roads in the mountains. In the case of Elkhorn City, the cost will be about \$30 million a mile to build an 18-mile stretch of U.S. 460.

The highways yet to be built in the mountain region will cost nearly as much as the 2,480 miles of highway already constructed under the Appalachian Development Highway System. But local leaders say finishing the final portion of the roadwork authorized by Congress in 1965 is critically important.

Sara George, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in Pikeville, said the

mountainous terrain makes road building difficult in the state's eastern region.

The Kentucky Scenic Byway signs that motorists have seen for years up and down U.S. 23 in Kentucky are gone. They were replaced recently by National Scenic Byway signs, according to Dan Hall, chief district engineer, Highway District 12. "Country Music Highway was designated a national scenic byway in 2002, along with two other Kentucky byways," Hall explained. The national designation for U.S. 23 runs through Kentucky from Greenup County to Letcher County and includes Boyd, Lawrence, Johnson, Floyd and Pike. All of these counties except Greenup and Boyd are in District 12, which is headquartered in Pikeville. The latter two are in District 9, which is headquartered in Flemingsburg.

ated what's called the Appalachian Development Highway System to develop



"We have normally very steep terrain," she said. "Many of the roads were built back in the '20s, '30s, '40s and '50s and were built parallel to a creek or a river, and therefore, there isn't room to widen those roads. All of this combines to make the engineering and design of the roads challenging and the construction expensive compared to other parts of the country that don't have the geological challenges that we do."

Louis Segesvary, spokesman for the Appalachian Regional Commission, said Congress cre-

ated modern highways in the mountain region in place of "winding, two-lane roads that snake through narrow valleys and over steep mountains."

Segesvary said the lack of modern roads was an impediment to economic development, especially in the more isolated towns, and were a danger to the residents. That meant places like Elkhorn City had less access to national and international markets and less opportunity to prosper economically.

"If you look at those winding, two-lane roads, you can't compare those in terms of safety to the modern four-lane roads that you see throughout the region now," he said.

George said many of the existing roads are simply inadequate.

"Roads that were created decades ago were designed with different kinds of traffic in mind than what we find on our roads today,"

she said. "We didn't have such things as recreational vehicles and SUVs. Commercial vehicles were much smaller. The weight that these vehicles can

carry is more than these roads were designed to accommodate over a long period of time."

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., said improving transportation "is critical to boosting economic development" and will also "open up our communities to businesses, tourists and new opportunities."

For Slone and other merchants who want to keep their inventories up to date, that could mean salesmen who now go no further than Pikeville might decide to continue on into Elkhorn City with the drive cut to 15 minutes on a modern highway compared with the current 35 minutes on a winding two-lane.

"Roads mean everything," he said.

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Floyd County Youth Soccer will hold signups Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Prestonsburg McDonalds.



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High school football, we need you

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Come swiftly, high school football. I'm tired of these stories of summer. I'm tired of athletes taking themselves too seriously, be them pro athletes or those who cannot wait their turn to be pro athletes. I long for those who play because they have a desire and a will to, for the ones who play hard because that's the way the game is to be played and not because it benefits their contract status. Come quickly, high school football. In Kentucky, the biggest story of the summer has been the goings on surrounding Randolph Morris and his will-he-or-won't-he status in Big Blue Nation. Forget about the fact that three of his former teammates - Rajon Rondo, Patrick Sparks and Ravi Moss - are excelling in international play this summer. Our attention is paid only to Morris.

I truly hope the NCAA does us all a huge favor and declares him ineligible. If not, this will be a black cloud over the Cats all season long. If - and this is a long shot, but if - Morris has a few good games and somebody's NBA center gets hurt or struggles, our colleagues in Lexington will spend their time focusing not on the upcoming SEC season but on whether Morris will make a mid-season jump to the pros.

And if he's done nothing else, he has surely let the world know he doesn't care what's going on in Lexington. If the opportunity arises, he's going to go.

Come rapidly, high school football. Baseball, the game of summer, has its own dark cloud hovering over it this summer in the form of steroids. Eight major leaguers have spent time on the sidelines thanks to strike one in this policy, and more are surely to follow.

Last night was supposed to have seen the return of Rafael Palmeiro, the sports' finger-wagging would-be Hall of Famer who last week told us he was right when he spoke to congress at the now-famous St. Patrick's Day Massacre, but there was a word that was apparently silent or at best supposed to be "understood" in that talk.

Palmeiro went from saying, "I have never taken steroids. Period," to "I have never (ital) knowingly (ital) taken steroids."

There's a big difference there, Raffy. How big? Maybe big enough to keep you on the outside of Cooperstown looking in, my friend.

Come hurriedly, high school football. And for the love of Pete, don't get me started on Kenny Rogers. This paper and its Web site aren't large enough for me to get on that soapbox.

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Floyd County native Keathley named ABA White Division Coach of the Year

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

INDIANAPOLIS - For Floyd County native Kevin Keathley, coaching basketball has consumed a big part of his life for the past seven years. Keathley, 27, has coached on both the collegiate and professional levels. Keathley continues to coach on the professional level. The Floyd County native continues to coach pro basketball and his successful efforts aren't going unnoticed.

The revived American Basketball Association (ABA) recently handed out its 2004-05 awards and Keathley, head coach of the Kentucky Colonels, received the White Division Coach of the Year award.

The ABA continues to grow and Kevin Keathley and the Kentucky Colonels are a key part of the growing process.

Keathley began the 2004-05 season as the top assistant for the Colonels but ultimately

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Floyd County native Kevin Keathley was honored recently when he was named the ABA White Division Coach of the Year.



The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation recently held its Fourth Annual Jakes Day. Twenty-five children ages six through 17 turned out and participated in the event.

Floyd NWTFF Chapter holds Jakes Day

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Fourth Annual Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation Jakes Day held on June 11 was one of the local chapter's best yet with 25 boys and girls ages six through 17 registered and over 50 adults participating. The event serves as a way to teach young people that safety, ethics, and sportsmanship in the outdoors is not only the right thing to do but contributes greatly to the enjoyment of

the outdoor experience.

The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Floyd County Hunter Education Organization, Kentucky Hunter Education Association, Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club, and The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources sponsored the outdoor event.

The participants were separated into four age groups for the day's activities (canoe rides, air rifles, archery, and turkey calling). All

who participated in the turkey-calling seminar received a Primos Ol' Betsy slate turkey call.

The highlight of the day was the Grand Slam Turkey Dinner. All four of the continental United States species of wild turkey (Florida, Easter, Rio Grande, and Merriam's) were served - deep-fried to a golden brown by the group's number one deep-fry cook - Jakes Chairman Gerald Jones. Not alone in the cooking duties, Jones had

(See FLOYD, page two)

AC volleyball squad opens victorious

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Allen Central High School volleyball coach Larry Maynard knew his team was in for a battle in Tuesday's season-opener against visiting Letcher County Central High School. Letcher County High, which consolidated volleyball powers Whitesburg and Letcher, along with Fleming-Neon, found the goings quite tough Tuesday, playing on the road against the host Rebels. Allen Central defended its home court in fine fashion, winning 2-0 (25-17, 25-17).

Courtney Martin led the Rebel offense with four kills while teammates Elizabeth Mosley added three each. Amanda Mills set up six kills and Brittany Hodge placed two. Mills, Mosley and Hodge each aced the Cougars on serve. Defensively, Christina Blevins dug up 23 Letcher County attempts, Yumekia Hunter returned 21 and Hodge returned an additional 20. Mosley blocked two attacks while Hodge and Martin each stopped one apiece.

The Rebel junior varsity team battled, but came up short as the Cougar B team prevailed, winning 2-1 (21-14, 19-21, 21-15). The Rebel freshman team lost in two straight games.

Media Day set for PC football program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Media Day for the 2005 Pikeville College football team will be Monday at 3 p.m. at the Pikeville College Gym. All players and coaches will be available for one-on-one interviews.

Pikeville College had its best season ever last fall in its fourth year as a varsity team. Second-year head coach Jerry Mynatt doubled his win total from the 2004 season as the Bears finished 8-3 overall. The eight-win season easily surpassed the school's previous high for wins in a season of six in 2002.

Pikeville finished the league 8-2.

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Sisters Allyson (left) and Alexis DeRossett spent part of their summer in Knoxville, Tenn., attending University of Tennessee head women's basketball coach Pat Summitt's annual camp. The girls are the daughters of John and Linda DeRossett of Bullcreek. Grandparents are Gerald DeRossett and Clara Whitten.



UK, U of L sign four-year deal to renew series

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Kentucky and Louisville have agreed to a four-year contract to continue their annual football rivalry, the universities announced Wednesday.

But the Governor's Cup game will not be the season opener when it is played at Kentucky, a change that Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart had pushed for.

Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich and the Cardinals' coach, Bobby Petrino, wanted to keep the game as the season opener, which it has been for

nine of the 10 years since the series was renewed in 1994 after a 70-year hiatus. But Barnhart and Kentucky coach Rich Brooks argued that it would be better from their perspective to play the game later in the season.

Louisville has won five of the last six games against Kentucky and likely will be heavily favored when the teams meet in Lexington for the season opener on Sept. 4.

Under the new contract, on Sept. 2, 2006 and Aug. 30, 2008, when the game is in

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Bentley

But now, however, there is a villain bigger than Rogers. Some arbitrator with more power than sense shortened his suspension from 20 games to 12, and therefore Rogers was allowed to pitch on Wednesday night.

His numbers? Five innings, seven hits, five runs, all earned in a 16-5 loss to Boston.

Hey Kenny: Which camera-man was responsible for that line? Come instantly, high school football.

And NASCAR fans, you aren't immune here either. However, it isn't the drivers who are at fault as much as it is the media covering the sport.

Instead of focusing on the drivers who will be involved in the 10-race chase for the cup, they are instead focused on two who aren't: More specifically, Dale Junior and Jeff Gordon.

Hey guys, how about a little spotlight on the ones who deserve it?

Come promptly, high school football.

Then there's hockey. Here's a sport in need of some good ol' positive publicity, but instead of cashing in on a new collective bargaining agreement, a teenage top-draft pick who is, by all accounts, a stud, or the return to the league of the greatest player of them all, the news this week is about the reinstatement of the biggest thug in all of sports, Vancouver's Todd Bertuzzi.

This guy should have been shown the door. Sports, even hockey, has no room for a thug of this magnitude. And it's not like this had never happened before - in junior hockey, whatever that is, he kicked an opponent in the head with his skate!

But just in case it isn't totally unanimous that Gary Bettman is the most inept commissioner in the history of organized sports, we've welcomed

him back with open arms.

I'm getting a headache here. Come hurriedly, high school football.

It was about here that we thought the return of football would make for some honest-to-goodness sports action, but the sports' most infamous player and his agent has seen to it that the shenanigans continue into the fall as well.

Only Terrell Owens could keep me from writing two graphs about Ricky Williams and his crash course with the injured list. Is there anyone who doubts Williams' goal is to come back long enough to tweak something and end up on the season-ending injury list? This way he's back playing and therefore doesn't owe Miami his signing bonus back but doesn't really have to play football each week.

But no, the focus is on TO and his me-centered lifestyle. After coming into camp on time and giving media-types a couple of days to write their "maybe he's not such a bad guy after all" pieces, Owens became "injured" and therefore wasn't really in camp, and then on Wednesday Andy Reid had seen enough and personally made sure he wasn't there in any way, shape or form when he gave him the boot and put him in TO - as in time out - for a week.

It's been a wild, crazy, painful summer for sports fans. And before I commit suicide or change the channel from ESPN for the first time in decades, all me to say, from the depths of my heart ...

Come swiftly, high school football.

We've never needed your more.

Keathley

moved up into the top position. After the Colonels got out to a 2-5 start, Keathley replaced Henry Bacon as the team's head coach. Keathley went on to guide the Kentucky team to a 19-12 overall record. The Colonels finished 17-12 in ABA competition. Personally,

Keathley finished with a 17-7 record as the Colonels advanced to the Elite Eight of the ABA Playoffs before losing to the eventual ABA Champion Arkansas Rimrockers.

"We just stuck together and got things turned around," Keathley said, reflecting on the

2004-05 season. "Our fan support was great, too."

Keathley has a book out entitled *Hardwood Constitution: A Blueprint to Coaching Success*.

The Kentucky Colonels and the rest of the ABA are already busy preparing for the 2005-06 season.

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using its 24-7 win over Campbellsville in a regular-season finale to claim sole possession of second place in the conference. However, only regular-season unbeaten Georgetown made it into the NAIA Playoffs.

The Bears opened the 2004 season with five straight wins, knocking off Cumberland College in the opener and then beating Bethel before closing out September with shutouts of Kentucky Wesleyan and Cumberland University.

The Mid-South Conference earlier this month released its preseason football poll.

In preseason voting, coaches picked Pikeville College to finish third in the Mid-South Conference's East Division.

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Louisville, it will remain the season opener. In 2007, when the game is at Kentucky, it will be played on Sept. 15. In 2009 in Lexington, it will be played on either Sept. 12 or Sept. 19, according to a statement released by both universities.

Louisville coach Bobby Petrino, who guided Louisville to an 11-1 record and a No. 6 ranking last season, said he had wanted the game to remain as the season opener.

"I'm disappointed that we're not playing the game as our opener every season," Petrino said in a statement. "We enjoy playing this game as the opener. It's great for football in the state."

Barnhart said in a statement that the annual matchup is a "big game to the teams and the fans of the Commonwealth" and will draw significant interest whenever it is played.

"We appreciate U of L's willingness to be flexible in the schedule as we strive to do what we believe is best for our program," Barnhart said.

Jurich said the top priority was keeping the series alive, though he acknowledged in a statement that "it was certainly our preference to always keep this the first game of the season."

State Rep. Denver Butler, D-Louisville, has prefiled a bill in the General Assembly that would make it a state law for the schools to play each other the first game of every season. It would be up to the schools to decide where they play.

Asked about what would happen if that bill becomes law, UK athletic department spokesman Tony Neely said Wednesday that "we'll deal with it at that time."

During Kentucky's annual

Media Day on Saturday, Brooks made an impassioned case for moving the game to a later date in the season and argued the series was young enough that no hard-and-fast tradition had been set concerning its place on the schedule.

"It's beyond my comprehension that if we don't play Louisville the first game of the year, then it's not going to be a rivalry," Brooks said. "It is still going to be a rivalry."

C.M. Newton, who was Kentucky's athletic director when the series was resumed, said last week the original intent was to have the game play as the season opener.

"It's put football in the forefront, the limelight in the spring and in the summer, which is good for not only UK and U of L football, but for high school football in the state," Newton said.

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help with Doug Howard, Dora Salyers, and Mike Robinson preparing hamburgers and hot dogs - plus all of the trimmings. Shawn Davis, Joanie Davis supplied vegetables and fruits while Nan Robinson came through with numerous sweet treats.

Several youngsters participated in a turkey-calling contest with six winners receiving Strutting Gobbler trophies (first and second place for the three age groups).

"I think every youngster received a door prize," Floyd County NWTF officer Paul Robinson noted. "Pocketknives, T-shirts and shotguns were given away. It was hard to tell who was having more fun,

the youngsters or their parents.

"We want to thank all the volunteers who make all the events possible - Conservation Officer Amburgey and Glenn Spears on Archery, Rick Crider and Conservation Officer Whitely on canoes, Hunter Education Training Officer and President of Little Shepherd Chapter NWTF: Will Connelly and Justin Robinson on air rifles, and Robin Crider for taking care of registration and group assignment, and Joe Bolton as the event coordinator."

In addition, Robinson put on a turkey hunting seminar.

Donors for the annual event include Owen Wright and the

Camp Shawnee staff, Conley General Store, Salyersville; Family Dollar Store, Salyersville; Flowers Baking Company, Prestonsburg; Food City, Prestonsburg; Food Lyon, Prestonsburg; Kentuckiana; Joe R. Bolton, Royalton; Hall's Funeral Home, Martin; KFC, Prestonsburg; Lawrence County Chapter of the NWTF, Ed Kegley, Louisa; Mark Preston, East Point; Monogramming and More, Paintsville; Shawn & Joanie Davis, Hippo; T & B Grocery, Hippo; Save-A-Lot, Prestonsburg; The Shirt Gallery, Martin; T & K Produce, Martin; and Wal-Mart, Prestonsburg.

BENGALS ROSTER MOVES

The Bengals Wednesday made the following roster moves: Signed K Carter Warley, a rookie free agent from Virginia Tech. Warley (6-0, 195) was at Virginia Tech for five seasons, concluding his career in 2003. His only prior pro experience

was a brief stint earlier this year with the Manchester (N.H.) Wolves of AF2.

Waived WR Jeremiah Cockheran, a first-year player from Hawaii. Cockheran was a Bengals college free agent signee in 2004 and spent part of '04 on

the Bengals practice squad.

Placed rookie OT Adam Kieft on the Reserve/Injured list, ending his playing eligibility for 2005. Kieft suffered a major knee injury during the team's Aug. 6 Mock Game at training camp.

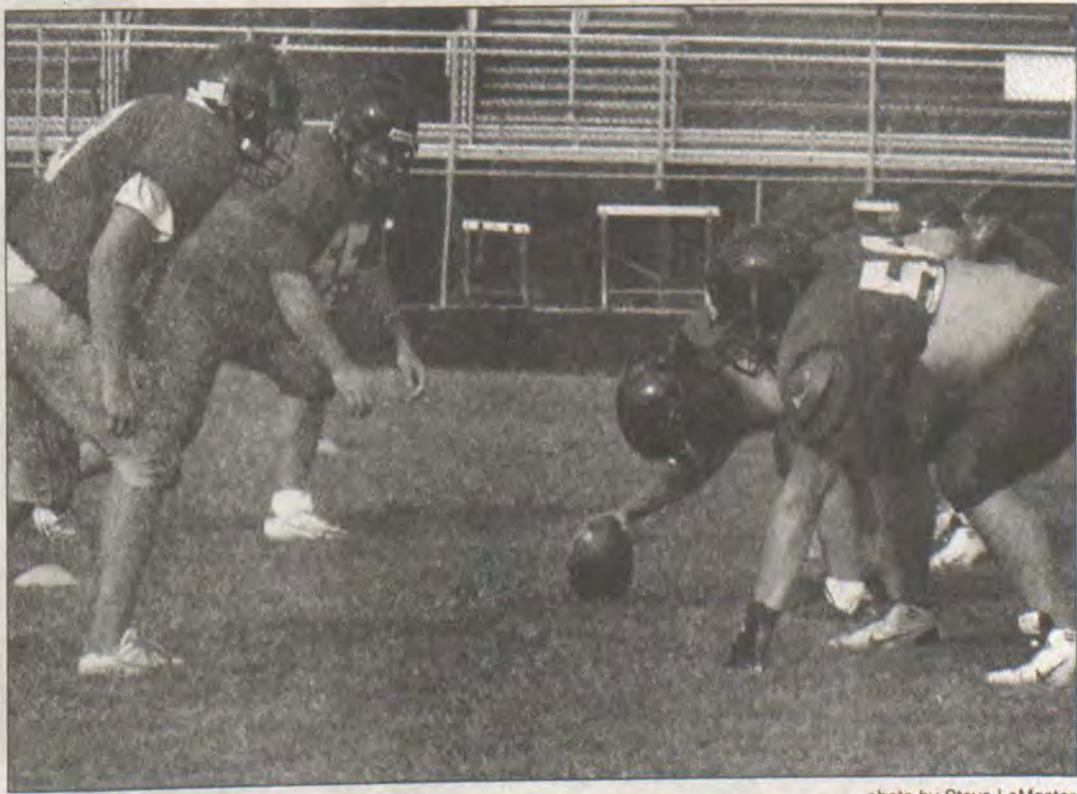


photo by Steve LeMaster
Prestonsburg High School linemen and the rest of the Blackcat football team will return to game action Saturday night at Morehead State University against Pulaski County. Start time for the Prestonsburg-Pulaski County scrimmage is 8 p.m.

National League: Reds 8, Cubs 2



by ANDREW SELIGMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Eric Milton gets sick to his stomach when he thinks about the Cincinnati Reds' miserable first half.

The Chicago Cubs know all too well how he feels.

Milton allowed one run over seven innings to help the Reds rout the Cubs 8-2 on Wednesday, sweeping a three-game set at Wrigley Field and sending Chicago to its eighth straight loss.

"I've been frustrated," Milton said. "I would say I'm the biggest reason we struggled in the first half. I really struggled. It was something I hadn't experienced before."

There were no such problems on Wednesday. Ryan Freel homered on the game's first pitch and the Reds scored seven in the fourth to back a strong performance by Milton and win their eighth straight road game — their

longest such streak since they won nine in a row in April 2001.

Milton, who signed a \$25.5 million, three-year contract in December, has spent most of the season with an ERA hovering around 7.00. But he shut down the Cubs, who may be even more of a disappointment this year.

Chicago, at 54-60, fell six games under .500 for the first time this season. The Cubs also lost eight in a row approaching the All-Star break — they have not dropped nine straight since May 2002.

Meanwhile, the Reds have quietly played quality ball of late. They're 25-19 since June 22, while the Cubs are 18-26 over the same stretch.

Freel was 2-for-3, driving in three runs and scoring two before leaving with a strained right quadriceps. He sent the first pitch from Rich Hill (0-2) beyond the left-field bleachers for his third homer of the season and first leadoff shot of his career. He added a two-run single in the fourth.

Ken Griffey Jr. singled and doubled for the Reds.

Cincinnati broke it open in the fourth and tied a season high for runs in an inning. Freel hit a two-run single and his teammates

drew three bases-loaded walks.

Milton (6-12) allowed four hits, striking out three and walking one. After Michael Barrett's solo homer in the second, he retired the next 15 batters.

"He looked like he was keeping hitters off balance," said Freel, who is day to day. "The numbers don't really show what kind of pitcher he is. He ran into a few bad games, which skyrocketed his ERA."

"Seven runs in the fourth — that can relax anybody," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "There is nothing worse than facing a relaxed pitcher. His ball is moving, he is getting strike one, he can throw any pitch at any count."

After reaching the seventh inning for the third time in four starts, Milton has a 6.48 ERA. He only threw 98 pitches, but manager Jerry Narron said going for the complete game wasn't an option.

"I just really thought that with the day he had ... it was best to get him out of there," he said. "I just thought he pitched so well, I (would rather not) mess it up on my part."

Kerry Wood pitched a scoreless ninth for the Cubs in his third relief appearance this season.

Poor control doomed the Cubs, who walked 10 batters — two below their season-high.

Hill allowed six runs on four hits and four walks in three-plus innings. He left after walking in two runs with no outs in the fourth.

After allowing singles to Adam Dunn and Austin Kearns, Hill walked Jason LaRue, Edwin Encarnacion and Milton to give the Reds a 3-1 lead. Michael Wuertz relieved, and the runs and walks continued to mount.

Freel greeted him with a single and Griffey hit an RBI double with one out. With two outs, LaRue drew a bases-loaded walk for an 8-1 lead.

In his last two starts, Hill has allowed 13 runs and 11 hits in 4 1-3 innings. That includes a seven-run outing in 1 1-3 innings against the New York Mets on Friday.

Barrett tied it in the second when he hit his 12th homer, but that was it.

Notes: Recent Hall of Fame inductee Wade Boggs threw out the first pitch to Cubs Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg, then impersonated late broadcaster Harry Caray while singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the seventh-

inning stretch. Boggs wore black-rimmed glasses and gestured like Caray as he sang the tune. ... The Reds' Rich Aurilia went 0-for-5, ending his six-game hitting streak. ... Griffey Jr. was 6-for-15 with two homers in the series. ... The seven runs tied the Reds' season high set in the ninth inning May 30 at Houston.

Reds announce Active Military Appreciation Night scheduled for Sept. 6

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds chief executive officer Carl H. Lindner today announced Active Military Family Appreciation Night at Great American Ball Park.

For their 7:10 p.m. game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday, Sept. 6, the Reds will make complimentary tickets available to the families of active military personnel deployed in the theaters of operation in Iraq and Afghanistan in appreciation for their contributions and sacrifices to our

nation's causes overseas.

Tickets to the game can be picked up at the Crosley Terrace ticket windows beginning at 5 p.m. ET on Sept. 6 by active members of the military or their families by showing current military identification. The offer also is open to veterans of the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The complimentary tickets will not be available prior to 5 p.m. the night of the game, and all transactions are subject to availability. Tickets are limited to 1 per immediate family member.

For information on the program, call the marketing hotline at 513/765-7104.

For the past two seasons, the Reds have provided active military personnel with complimentary tickets on the day of games played Monday through Thursday.

In addition to that program, chief operating officer John Allen, a Vietnam veteran, annually sponsors a ticket program that allows veterans from the Veteran's Medical Center to enjoy Reds games during selected Business Day specials.

For the past several seasons, the Reds have distributed baseball cards as part of its Disabled American Veterans Day.

Howard powers Phillies past Dodgers in Thome's absence

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the night Jim Thome's season officially ended, Ryan Howard made it quite clear that the Philadelphia Phillies have a capable backup.

The young first baseman did his best impression of the Phillies' injured slugger by hitting a grand slam in the ninth inning to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 9-5 Wednesday night.

Thome, who has been hurt all year, will have season-ending surgery on his problematic right elbow next week.

"It's definitely a bummer, being without Thome," Phillies pitcher Brett Myers said. "But the way Ryan Howard's playing right now, I think that we'll be OK."

Last season, it looked like Howard's talent might go to waste behind Thome. The youngster hit 46 homers in the minors — almost one every 10 at-bats — but the Phillies had invested \$85 million in first base a year earlier.

While Thome will still collect his \$13.2 million this season, Howard finally has a chance to cash in on his potential.

"You never want to see anybody hurt, but for me, it's basically going out there and trying to do the same thing every night and just keep playing," Howard said after his second home run in as many nights.

In other NL games, it was: Florida 10, Arizona 5; Atlanta 5, San Francisco 4, 12 innings; Houston 7, Washington 6; New York 9, San Diego 1; Cincinnati 8, Chicago 2; St. Louis 3, Milwaukee 0; and Colorado 6, Pittsburgh 5, 10 innings.

Howard, who earlier had an RBI grounder, drove the first pitch he saw from rookie closer Yhency Brazoban 453 feet into

the seats in right-center at Dodger Stadium. He also hit a two-run shot off Brazoban — also on the first pitch — in the 10th inning at Philadelphia on July 19 to give the Phillies a 5-4 win.

Brazoban (2-7) gave up four runs without retiring a batter, while Ugueth Urbina (2-0) pitched a hitless eighth inning for the win.

Myers allowed four hits and five walks in seven innings. He struck out eight, and gave up home runs to Jeff Kent and Milton Bradley.

The Dodgers' Derek Lowe gave up five runs, three earned, and seven hits in six innings.

Marlins 10, Diamondbacks 5 — At Miami, Mike Lowell and the Marlins used the hidden-ball trick to stem a Diamondbacks rally, and Florida scored four runs in the eighth to rout Arizona.

With the Diamondbacks trailing 6-5, Luis Tterero took a lead off third base in the eighth before Marlins closer Todd Jones stepped on the mound. Lowell quickly tagged out the stunned baserunner.

Miguel Cabrera hit his 26th homer for Florida and rookie Jason Vargas (3-0) pitched five solid innings. Brad Halsey (8-8) allowed six runs and eight hits in the loss.

Braves 5, Giants 4, 12 innings — At Atlanta, Andruw Jones hit two homers, and Marcus Giles' RBI single gave the Braves the victory after they squandered a three-run lead in the ninth.

Giles extended his hitting streak to 14 games with two outs and two runners on in the 12th with a single off Brian Cooper (0-1).

Blaine Boyer (1-1) earned his first major league win with two scoreless innings.

Jones homered in the sixth

and eighth innings to up his season total to 37.

Astros 7, Nationals 6 — At Houston, Morgan Ensberg and Orlando Palmeiro doubled with the bases loaded for the Astros.

Craig Biggio also had a run-scoring double and four hits.

Jose Vidro and pitcher Livan Hernandez (13-5) homered for the Nationals, who have not strung together back-to-back wins on the road since July 3. Wandy Rodriguez (7-5) lasted five innings for the win.

Mets 9, Padres 1 — At San Diego, Kris Benson took a one-hit shutout into the ninth inning and David Wright tied career highs with four hits and six RBIs for New York.

Benson (8-4) allowed one run and three hits in 8 1-3 innings, striking out six and walking one. Brian Lawrence (6-12) lost for the sixth time in seven decisions.

Cardinals 3, Brewers 0 — At Milwaukee, Jeff Suppan (11-8) allowed four hits and four walks over seven innings to outduel Ben Sheets.

Sheets (8-8) gave up two earned runs and five hits in his second complete game of the season. He struck out nine and didn't walk a batter.

Rockies 6, Pirates 5, 10 innings — At Denver, Matt Holliday hit a run-scoring single in the 10th inning and had a three-run homer, and Todd Helton had a pair of doubles in his first game off the disabled list.

Helton finished 2-for-5 and drove in a run after missing 14 games with a strained calf, and Holliday was 2-for-4 to help Colorado to its eighth win in 12 games.

Rick White (3-4) gave up the winning hit, making a winner of David Cortes (2-0).

Louisville 5, Indianapolis 3

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Eric Crozier hit a two-run home run and finished with three RBIs as the Louisville Bats beat Indianapolis 5-3 Wednesday night in the International League.

Crozier's home run in the second inning gave the Bats a 3-

1 lead. Later in the inning, William Bergolla hit a single to right field to score Aaron Holbert to give Louisville a 4-1 lead.

Louisville starter Elizardo Ramirez (7-4) lasted six innings, surrendering three runs on eight hits for the win.

The Indians pulled to within 4-3 in the fifth inning when Ty

Wigginton drove in Nate McLouth on a one-out single. Wigginton finished with two hits and two RBIs.

Indians starter Cory Stewart (7-10) lasted 5 1/3 innings but gave up all five of Louisville's runs.

Chris Booker came on in the ninth inning to earn his 18th save of the season for Louisville.

Barthmaier named BC Powder Pitcher of the Week

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Jimmy Barthmaier earned BC Powder South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Week honors by compiling a 2-0 record with a 0.90 ERA in his 2 games started this past

week. Barthmaier pitched a total of 10.0 innings allowing five hits and one earned run, walked six and struck out 16 batters.

Jimmy had home victories over Kannapolis on Aug. 2 and over Hagerstown on Aug. 7. He raised his record to 9-5 on the

season and currently ranks third in the South Atlantic League in ERA (2.53) and third in the South Atlantic League in strikeouts (127).

This is the second time that Jimmy has won the award. Barthmaier was selected on June 13.

Rogers roughed up in return to mound at Fenway

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kenny Rogers fared much better with the arbitrator than he did against the Boston Red Sox.

Rushed into the rotation when his suspension for shoving two cameramen was cut from 20 games to 13, Rogers was roughed up at Fenway Park in his return to the mound Wednesday night. He gave up Manny Ramirez's long homer during a five-run fourth inning, and Boston beat the Texas Rangers 16-5.

Rogers (11-5) allowed five runs and seven hits in five innings, walking one and striking out five in his first loss since July 3. He took a line drive off his right forearm in the first but stayed in the game and retired the first eight Boston batters. X-rays were negative, and he was not available for comment after the game.

"Kenny was pitching well until he got hit by that line drive and he battled his way through five innings," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said.

Asked if he thought the lay-off affected Rogers, Showalter said, "I think what he got affected by was the line drive by David Ortiz."

The Red Sox scored nine times off Texas' bullpen in the eighth. They won their fourth straight game and their 12th in 14 to move 5 1/2 games in front of the New York Yankees in the AL East — Boston's biggest lead in the division since the end of the 1995 season.

"It's good to have a little cushion," outfielder Gabe Kapler said. "But it's not going to be easy."

In other AL games, it was: Oakland 4, Los Angeles 3; Chicago 2, New York 1 in 10 innings; Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 5; Toronto 4, Detroit 3; Cleveland 6, Kansas City 1; and Minnesota 7, Seattle 3 in 14 innings.

Bronson Arroyo (10-7) allowed four runs and seven hits in 7 1-3 innings. The Red Sox scored 35 runs in their three-game sweep of Texas.

"We struggled," Showalter said. "A lot of people struggle in Boston."

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Legends captured a series win over Hagerstown. The Legends received solid pitching and timely hitting in route to a 5-4 win on Tuesday night. The victory returned the Legends to 18 games over .500 at 66-48.

The Legends broke from the gates quickly, sticking four runs on Jose Sanchez. Clint McGill singled with one out. McGill stole second, advanced to third base on a throwing error by Sanchez. Ole Sheldon singled to

right scoring McGill. Lexington loaded the bases and Ryan Reed singled in Drew Sutton. Mitch Einertson singled to left scoring two to give the Legends a four run advantage.

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NFL PRESEASON: Jamal Lewis enters Ravens camp

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Star running back Jamal Lewis had his first practice in pads following an offseason of legal turmoil.

Lewis reported to training camp Monday. On Wednesday, he took part in a few team drills, but didn't participate in full-contact practice.

"He looked fresh, which is what you would expect after not being here for the first week," Ravens coach Brian Billick said of Lewis, limited to a career-low 1,006 yards last season as he dealt with his legal problems and injuries. "We'll just continue to push him through it, put him through his paces and see if we can get him to that next level of conditioning."

The 2003 NFL Offensive Player of the Year served four months in federal prison and two months in a halfway house after pleading guilty to using a cell phone to arrange a cocaine deal.

Dolphins - Junior Seau's frustrating journey back from injuries finally might be over.

Seau was back on the Miami Dolphins' practice field, apparently recovered from a calf injury that kept him sidelined for the first 2 1/2 weeks of training camp.

The 36-year-old linebacker, with whom the Dolphins will be

cautious, took part in the team's only full-pads workout of the week, one that will be capped Saturday night in a preseason game at Jacksonville. Seau hurt the calf while conditioning in San Diego on July 22.

"He did well, actually better than I thought he would," Dolphins coach Nick Saban said. "We did not want him to go the whole practice because we didn't want him to get in an overuse situation where he might fatigue that particular injury and have additional problems."

Browns - Rookie wide receiver Braylon Edwards agreed to terms on a five-year contract late Wednesday night, ending his holdout and a bizarre day of negotiations.

Edwards, the No. 3 overall pick, will sign his contract on Thursday and practice with the Browns for the first time, a league source told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity. The source asked to remain unidentified due to the sensitivity of the negotiations between the Browns and agent Lamont Smith.

It appeared Edwards would sign his deal hours earlier after arriving at the team's headquarters, but things took a strange turn as he and Smith bolted after negotiations with the Browns hit a snag.

The pair, along with Edwards' parents and other family members, drove away in a three-car caravan without finishing a deal that looked all but done.

"You don't have a deal until you have a deal," Smith, sitting in the passenger seat of an SUV driven by Edwards' father, Stan, said at about 6:30 p.m. "We're leaving Cleveland."

They didn't get far. Smith stayed in touch with the club and was able to complete a deal that could pay Edwards nearly \$20 million in guaranteed money.

Jaguars - Cornerback David Richardson missed his second straight day of practice with a right ankle sprain and is out indefinitely. Richardson, listed as the starter opposite Rashean Mathis, was on crutches and wearing a protective boot over his ankle at practice.

Richardson was injured Monday night when he came down awkwardly on his ankle while defending Ernest Wilford on a fade pattern.

Without Richardson, Kenny Wright and third-round pick Scott Starks are splitting time with the first team defense.

Rookie wide receiver Matt Jones had a new hairdo for the second straight day. The standout quarterback at Arkansas who

switched positions and was a first-round draft pick by the Jaguars, had a wide strip of his long, dirty-blond hair shaved as part of a hazing ritual Tuesday. The haircut was courtesy of defensive tackle John Henderson.

But after spending a day with the new 'do, Jones decided to have his head shaved bald.

"It's just a haircut," Jones said. "It's something that happens to every rookie, so it's no big deal. It will grow back."

But Jones kept his scraggly beard, creating an even odder look. Bills - Tight end Kevin Everett, the Bills' third-round draft pick, signed, although it's not clear when the injured player will be cleared for practice.

Everett has been rehabbing in Orchard Park, N.Y., since he had surgery in May to repair a torn left knee ligament he hurt during the team's first day of minicamp.

Everett's agent, Brian Overstreet, expects the Bills to place his client on the physically unable-to-perform list and that he'll probably miss at least the start of the season while he continues working out on his own.

Buffalo also placed backup offensive lineman Lawrence Smith on injured reserve with a torn right quadriceps tendon.

Panthers - Carolina claimed second-year cornerback Dwight

Anderson off waivers from the St. Louis Rams. The defensive back out of South Dakota played in 12 games last season. He was competing for the team's nickel back spot during training camp before being released Monday for curfew violations.

To make room on the roster, the team released cornerback Shannon Fitzhugh.

Cardinals - Top draft pick Antrel Rolle's first practice with Arizona went well.

A day after the cornerback signed a six-year, \$43 million contract that includes \$13.6 million in guaranteed money, coach Dennis Green said Rolle would play Saturday in the exhibition opener against Dallas - possibly in more formations than at first anticipated.

After spending the first hour of practice in a skull session with secondary coach Richard Solomon, Rolle got some repetitions with the second-string base defense, as well as in nickel coverages, where Green said he would be slotted for the game.

Steelers - Linebacker Joey Porter underwent surgery Wednesday to remove loose cartilage from his knee and is expected to miss four weeks.

If Porter sits out for the full four weeks, he'll miss the Steelers' four preseason games, but will be back in time for Pitts-

burgh's Sept. 11 season opener against the Tennessee Titans at Heinz Field.

"We expect to have him for the opener," coach Bill Cowher said.

Bills - Rookie receiver Roscoe Parrish grimaced in pain as he was led off the field after he hurt his right hand.

The extent of the injury was not immediately known, but it could be a blow for the Bills, who had been impressed by the second-round draft pick's performance since camp opened July 30.

It happened about an hour into Buffalo's scheduled two-hour practice, when Parrish was running step-for-step with cornerback Jabari Greer up the right hash mark. Diving headfirst for a 40-yard pass thrown by Kelly Holcomb, Parrish missed the overthrown ball and seemed to land awkwardly on his wrist.

Rams - First-round pick Alex Barron ended a two-week training camp holdout and signed a five-year contract.

As a senior at Florida State, Barron was one of three finalists for the Outland Trophy, which recognizes the country's top college offensive lineman. He was taken 19th overall in April by St. Louis.

Barron signed only two days before the Rams' preseason opener at home against the Chicago Bears.

Bengals demote holdout draft pick to third string

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGETOWN - Rookie David Pollack had been expected to be the Cincinnati Bengals' starting strong-side linebacker.

But with the first-round draft pick from Georgia continuing his contract holdout, coach Marvin Lewis has demoted Pollack to third on the depth chart.

"We focus on the guys we've got, and at some point (Pollack and his agents) have to come to a decision and realize that it's time to play football," Lewis said after Pollack had missed his 14th practice of camp on Monday.

As of Tuesday, the holdout reached 12 days, and Pollack had dropped behind Landon Johnson and Marcus Wilkens.

Rookie Odell Thurman, Pollack's teammate at Georgia, was still listed as the starting middle linebacker.

Pollack was the 17th overall pick in the NFL draft and was being asked to make the conversion to linebacker from the defensive tackle and end positions he played in college.

Despite his absence, Pollack remains big in the Bengals' plans.

"He's our guy. We like him. We drafted him," Lewis said. "When he gets here, we'll coach him up."

But it could take some time to get up to speed as a starter.

"I think we're going to do everything we can to win football games, so we're not going to jeopardize our football team if he's not up to speed in certain areas," Lewis said.

"It's going to be hard for him to come in and be a starter on a football team. ... And I can't subject the other 52 players and our coaches to that."

Until Pollack regains the upper hand, Johnson will be the starter. He led the defense with 133 tackles last year as a rookie.

"We knew Landon would play, and had we not drafted David where we did, Landon would be playing where he is now," Lewis said. "It was always the plan to get the best players on the field as much as possible."

In a roster move Tuesday, the Bengals signed linebacker Derek Curry, free agent from Notre Dame, for two years. Curry was signed by Miami as a free agent in April and was released Friday.

Owens leaves camps after argument with Reid

by DAN GELSTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BETHLEHEM, Pa. - Terrell Owens has some unexpected time off to plot the next twist in his colorful and controversial career.

TO has been TKO'd - as in Totally Kicked Out - of training camp. The playmaking, showboating wide receiver was asked to leave Eagles camp Wednesday after a heated exchange with coach Andy Reid.

"I got sent home until Wednesday for whatever reason," Owens told Comcast SportsNet from his home in Moorestown, N.J. "It was just a difference of opinion. I was defending myself."

Defending himself from what, it's not exactly clear.

Owens refused to say what the argument was about, and the Eagles issued only a brief statement saying Owens was not expected to return to the team until next Wednesday.

Suddenly, pulling a Sharpie from his sock or posing on the Cowboys' star seems downright tame.

But this was the risk the Eagles were willing to take last year when they traded for Owens because they thought he could help them win a Super Bowl.

Now comes this.

For the fifth time in six days, Owens did not practice Wednesday because of a groin injury suffered last week. Instead, he worked out with the assistant trainer for about 20 minutes, catching balls from a machine and doing some light running. He did not speak to reporters or acknowledge the fans who chanted his name.

Between sessions - the Eagles had a special teams practice Wednesday afternoon that Owens was not required to attend - Owens and Reid started arguing during a meeting.

Reid asked the injured Owens to leave after their discussion, according to Owens' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, and his publicist, Kim Etheredge.

Owens then got his belongings and cleared out of training camp at Lehigh University.

"If the truth needs to be told, then that's what I'll do," Owens said. "If he (Reid) wants me to be a man about it and have me really go on the air and really tell the people what happened, then I can. It was a difference of opinion."

With reporters camped on his lawn and helicopters hovering overhead while Owens

played basketball and lifted weights, the circus scene only magnified the distraction Owens has become to the NFC champions. While Owens was an instant fan favorite last year for helping the Eagles reach the Super Bowl, he's caused constant headaches for management because of his demand for a new contract.

He also damaged his relationship with Donovan McNabb when he took a shot at the quarterback "who got tired in the Super Bowl."

Owens is unhappy the Eagles have refused to redo his contract as he enters the second season of a seven-year, \$48.97 million deal. He hired Rosenhaus and threatened to skip camp completely. Instead, Owens reported, then injured his groin last Thursday.

He was day to day and the injury wasn't considered serious.

Owens also skipped a scheduled autograph session with the rest of the Eagles' receivers after Wednesday's practice.

"He was unable to attend because he was injured," Etheredge said.

The Eagles still won't show Owens the money he desperately wants. They have, however, shown the All-Pro wide receiver the door.

Since arriving at Lehigh, Owens has been distant on the field with his teammates. After signing autographs and slapping hands with fans on a nearly daily basis last year, Owens has jogged on and off the practice field, barely acknowledging their chants and screams.

"Just because I don't talk to everybody, that's up to me," Owens said. "Everybody needs to understand the situation is all business, it's nothing personal. The situation is between me and management. They know what's going on."

"I think some people are kind of ticked off because I haven't really said much. They don't pay me to go in there and talk to everybody and be friendly to everybody. They paid me to play and they paid me to perform. That's what I've been going in there and doing."

Last season, Owens had 77 receptions for 1,200 yards and a franchise-record 14 touchdowns before severely injuring his ankle late in the season. He missed the final two regular-season games and the first two playoff games before returning for the Super Bowl, in which he had nine receptions for 122 yards.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	1	0	.000	24	27

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	21	27

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0

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Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	27	21
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Thursday's Game
San Diego at Green Bay, (Score unavailable)

Friday's Games
Detroit at N.Y. Jets, 7 p.m.
New England at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
Seattle at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Baltimore at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 10 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 10 p.m.

Monday's Game
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 18
New Orleans at New England, 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 19
Tennessee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at New York Jets, 8 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 20
Cleveland at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at New York Giants, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
Oakland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Baltimore, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Denver, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 21
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 22
Dallas at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Waived by Bears, Krenzel hopes to catch on with Bengals

by TERRY KINNEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGETOWN - Former Ohio State quarterback Craig Krenzel, waived by Chicago after starting five games for the Bears last year, still sees himself as a starter in the NFL.

Right now, he's battling for the No. 3 spot on the Cincinnati Bengals' depth chart behind Carson Palmer and Jon Kitna and just hopes to be around next year for a shot at becoming Palmer's backup.

"I definitely think this can be a great fit for me in terms of career development," Krenzel said Wednesday. "Being able to watch Carson do this thing, it will be a great opportunity to sit back and learn and continue to work on fundamentals and develop and mature in the game."

Casey Bramlet is the other candidate for the third quarterback spot. Coach Marvin Lewis said Wednesday he would not keep a fourth, even though the league allows two more players on each team's practice squad this year.

Bramlet, a second-year player from Wyoming, spent most of last year on the Bengals' inactive list as the designated third quarterback. He was allocated by the Bengals to the Hamburg

Sea Devils for the 2005 NFL Europe League, where he got valuable playing time.

"I gained a lot of experience just playing," Bramlet said. "You can get a lot better when you're actually in there playing instead of just watching tape and looking at a chalkboard."

The time he spent in Europe, and last year in the Bengals' system, could give him an edge over Krenzel.

"I have a much better feel of the offense than last year," Bramlet said. "You can be a little more relaxed and comfortable when you go in there, when you know what you need to do."

Krenzel, who led Ohio State to a 14-0 season and the national championship as a junior in 2002, won his first three starts with the Bears last season but injured an ankle in his fifth start, on Thanksgiving Day at Dallas, and missed the rest of the season.

Then Chicago drafted Purdue standout Kyle Orton in the fourth round this spring.

"When I got hurt, that set me back a little bit. Then when they took Kyle in the fourth round, they just felt like he was a better fit for their system," Krenzel said. "That's the business side of it. They go one way, it leaves me trying to go

another way. That's life.

"Life goes on. You move on, you get better, and here I am in Cincinnati competing. It's a great situation for me."

Orton made the Bears' decision look good in a 27-24 victory over Miami in the Hall of Fame game Monday night, getting his career off to a fast start by going 7-for-11 for 175 yards.

Krenzel was 14-of-24 for 175 yards in his best game for Chicago, his fourth start, against the Indianapolis Colts. But he thinks he can return to a starting role with some team, even if it means spending a couple years backing up Palmer.

"That's my goal," Krenzel said. "But it takes time. I'm working right now, competing, trying to contribute what I can to this team this year and, hopefully, be around (next year) and get that chance to learn and develop."

Notes: The Bengals made three player moves Wednesday. They signed kicker Carter Warley, a rookie free agent from Virginia Tech; waived wide receiver Jeremiah Cockheran, a first-year player from Hawaii; and placed offensive tackle Adam Kieft, the club's fifth-round draft pick from Central Michigan, on injured reserve following knee surgery.

USA slips past Slovenia 82-79

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MAR DE PLATA, Argentina — After falling behind by 13 points in the first quarter the 2005 USA U21 World Championship Team (5-0) fought back to nip Slovenia (2-3) 82-79 at the 2005 FIBA U21 World Championship on Wednesday afternoon in Mar del Plata, Argentina. Curtis Withers (Charlotte/Charlotte, N.C.) and Terrence Roberts (Syracuse/Jersey City, N.J.) came up big on the inside with 15 and 14 points, respectively, after shooting woes held the USA to just 13.6 percent (3-33 3pt FGs) from 3-point land.

The USA advances to quarterfinals play at the top of Group B and will face Canada this evening at 8 p.m. (EDT and subject to change).

"No matter where you play basketball, whether it be professional, international or in college, sometimes the team that plays better doesn't always win," said USA and Saint Joseph's University (Pa.) head coach Phil Martelli. "And today that happened. The team that played bet-

ter didn't win. I salute Slovenia for their efforts and I agree with their coach in that players we did not anticipate playing significant minutes did a terrific job tonight. I wish them well in the rest of the tournament."

"We had two early chances to get ready for the medal round, we had (the Global Games in) Texas and then pool play," said Withers. "So we have to take what we have and what we learned from these games, as well as how to better warm up, how to be consistent and what we need to do to win. It starts with defense and we also have to be one team."

Unlike in previous contests for the USA, this one went down to the wire as an off-balanced 3-point attempt by Slovenia's Miha Fon at the buzzer kept it from going into extra periods. With 6.6 seconds showing on the clock, and an infraction to give before sending the U.S. to the line, Marcus Williams (Connecticut/Los Angeles, Calif.) was fouled on an inbounds pass. On the next inbounds play, it was J.J. Redick (Duke/Roanoke, Va.) who was

fouled and sent to the line. Ranked second in the NCAA during the past season for his 93.8 percent accuracy from the stripe, Redick uncharacteristically missed his first attempt, but swished the next and Slovenia had 4.9 seconds to get the ball up the court. Slovenia got the ball in, Fon received a pass and finally broke free from his defender, but it was too late and he wasn't able to get off a good shot as the U.S. came away with the close win.

Shooting 28.6 percent (6-21 FGs) in the first quarter, while allowing Slovenia, which made good on 64.3 percent (9-14 FGs), several uncontested layups, the result was a wake-up call. In addition to the poor shooting, which included 0-of-5 from beyond the arc, the United States amassed four turnovers and had just a pair of assists in the first 10 minutes.

Slovenia stomped out to an early 7-0 lead after the U.S. wasn't able to convert on its first three possessions, and by the 5:01 mark the lead was up to 15-4. By the time the buzzer sounded the teams to their

benches for the break, the USA had dug itself a 26-13 hole.

"I don't think we prepared mentally for this game," said Redick. "We weren't sharp, even in warm-ups, and it carried over to the first quarter. It took us almost the whole entire first half to get it up to an even level of effort, to focus our energy on Slovenia. When you do that to a team and give them confidence, they're going to hang around the whole game and that's what happened."

The U.S. came to life in the second quarter and made 50 percent from the field (14-28 FGs), while also registering 14 steals. Rajon Rondo (Kentucky/Louisville, Ky.), who finished with five steals, started the comeback with a put-back at 9:09 (26-15). Following a Slovenian layup at 8:34 (28-15), the United States sprinted out on a 16-2 run that gave the Americans a slim lead, 31-30, with 5:29 to go in the half. During the run the red, white and blue received points from seven different players and notched three steals. Slovenia retook the lead on a jumper by Sasa Zagorac at 4:45, but the U.S. returned to the

top on its first 3-pointer of the game by Rudy Gay (Connecticut/Baltimore, Md.) 10 seconds later. Slovenia tied the score at 34-all on a pair of free throws at 4:09, but an Allan Ray (Villanova/Bronx, N.Y.) steal and layup at 3:47 gave the USA a lead it would never relinquish, 36-34. Roberts collected a pair of steals and notched four points late in the half on consecutive Slovenian possessions and with 2:33 showing on the clock the Americans were starting to pull away, 42-36. However, every time the U.S. tried to make a run Slovenia stabbed back and by the mid-way buzzer the lead was 49-44.

Following a sluggish third quarter start, the USA got six points off steals from three different players, as well as a block by Withers that sent the ball into the stands, and with 16:38 to play in the game, the U.S. led 56-48. After pulling away by 10 points, 66-56, late in the third stanza, the U.S. was outscored 5-0 in the final 1:37 and the period ended with a 66-61 U.S. edge.

Roberts grabbed an offensive board and scored at 3:43 to put the USA up by nine, 79-70, and

then its offense went cold. Slovenia strung together seven straight points on a traditional 3-point play and four more from the line and at 1:06, the game closed to 79-77. Rondo ended the USA's scoring drought after swiping the ball from Slovenia and running the court for a layup to give the U.S. an 81-77 pad with 25.9 seconds to go. Blaz Cresnar was fouled with the clock running down and scored his team's final points from the line with 6.6 seconds to go in the game.

In addition to the combined 29 points from Roberts and Withers, Ray scored 12 and notched five steals, while Gay had 10 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Zagorac scored a game-high 15 points for Slovenia.

The United States pulled out the win despite shooting just 40.5 percent (34-84 FGs) from the field and a frigid 13.6 percent (3-22 3pt FGs) from 3-point. Outbounding Slovenia 39-31, the United States had a USA U21 record 25 steals and forced a total of 30 turnovers, but had 17 turnovers themselves.

Formal complaint in Wildcat Lodge case signed

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A woman who has alleged she was raped by a former University of Kentucky basketball player signed an affidavit Tuesday morning attesting to that, according to her attorney.

Also, Fayette County Attorney Margaret Kannensohn expects to complete her review of the case "within the week" and then will submit her recommendation as to probable cause in the case to a Fayette County District Court judge, according to a statement from her office.

The judge will determine whether there is probable cause to proceed.

The woman filed a criminal complaint with the county attorney's office July 6. Kannensohn sent a letter to attorneys for both sides nine days later, saying she wanted more time to review the woman's allegations.

Matthew Boyd of Lexington, an attorney for the accuser, said the delay has been due in some part to the time taken by Lexington police in transcrib-

ing their July 6 interview with the woman. Boyd estimated the transcription ran from 200 to 300 pages. What the woman signed Tuesday was basically a synopsis of that transcription, he said.

He said his client is anxious for the case to proceed.

"The sooner the better for us," Boyd said. "It's mental anguish and torment for us to have this thing linger out there. It needs to proceed. These are serious charges. These are crimes that, if committed, the person shouldn't be a part of society for some time."

Kannensohn acknowledged in her statement the concern of Boyd and his client.

"I understand how deeply affected the parties feel about my recommendation," she said in a statement, "but I will not be pressured in any way, shape, or form to accelerate that recommendation."

The statement said Kannensohn would have no further comment about her recommendation until after a judicial review.

Police have never publicly identified the suspect named by the accuser, but Bill Duffy, a

sports agent for former Kentucky player Chuck Hayes, has said Hayes was notified of the investigation and said the rape allegation was false.

Assistant Chief Ken Hall has said the suspect told police that he and the woman had consensual sex.

Jim Lowry of Lexington, Hayes' attorney, did not return a phone call left Tuesday afternoon at his office by The Associated Press.

The signing of the formal complaint of first-degree rape was the latest twist in the high-profile case, which began April 22, when the woman filed a complaint with police, saying she had been drugged and raped at Wildcat Lodge — best known as the home of Kentucky basketball players — between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on April 20.

The woman at first didn't cooperate with police, and they announced May 4 that they were dropping the case "by exception," meaning it could be reviewed later. But the woman changed her mind and began cooperating in early July, offering police other information.

Rondo named Preseason Wooden Award candidate

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky sophomore Rajon Rondo named one of the top 50 preseason candidates for the Men's 2005-06 Wooden Award All-American Team Tuesday. The list is composed of 50 student athletes who, based on last year's individual performance and team records, are the early frontrunners for college basketball's most coveted trophy.

This marks the eighth consecutive year that Kentucky has been represented on the Wooden Award's initial watch list. Last season, Chuck Hayes was named to the preseason list, while Gerald Fitch made the list in 2003. Keith Bogans was a player to watch in 2002 and both Bogans and Tayshaun Prince were among the top 50 in 2001. Bogans also made the list as a sophomore in 2000, while

Scott Padgett was on the list in 1998 and 1999, when only 25 candidates were named.

The top 50 candidates are comprised of returning players, although transfers, freshmen and other players who excel throughout the season will be evaluated and considered for both the Midseason top 30 list and the National Ballot.

"With so many players jumping to the next level and so many standout athletes from last year, the committee had a tough time nominating these candidates from such a wide selection of tremendous players," said Duke Llewellyn, Wooden Award chairman. "These preseason selections represent the elite of college basketball, and our entire team at the Wooden Award is excited to see the best players in the nation prove their case as college basketball's player of the year."

Four SEC players were named to the watch list this year, including LSU's Glen Davis, Arkansas' Ronnie Brewer and Alabama's Chuck Davis. Louisville's Taquan Dean was also named to the list. For the complete list of preseason candidates, visit www.woodenaward.com.

In mid-January, the Wooden Award committee will release the midseason top 30 on CBS Sports, and on Tuesday, March 28, the 10-player Wooden Award All-American Team will be announced. The 2006 Award ceremony, which will include the presentation of the Men's and Women's Wooden Award, the Wooden Award All-American Teams and the Legends of Coaching Award, will be held at The Los Angeles Athletic Club on April 8, 2006, and will be broadcast live on a national CBS telecast.

SEC tops all conferences in year-end athletic success survey

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Southeastern Conference, propelled by at least one of its member institutions placing in the national top four in 16 of 20 sponsored sports, placed first in a survey of all NCAA Division I-A conferences, comparing athletics success in the 2004-05 academic year.

The survey, compiled by the Big 12 Media Relations Office, gives 20 points for a member institution placing first nationally, 19th for second place, 18th for third and down to one point for 20th place. The survey takes into account the 20 sports that are sponsored by the SEC.

The SEC placed first with 973.5 points followed by the Pac-10 with 868 points, the Big

12 with 603.5 points, Big Ten with 481 points, ACC with 453 points and the Mountain West was sixth with 193.5 points.

The SEC placed first among all conferences in its nine men's sponsored sports with 451 points compared to the Pac-10's 367 points and the Big 12's 267 points. The SEC has accumulated the most men's sports in each of the last seven years and 13 of the last 14 years.

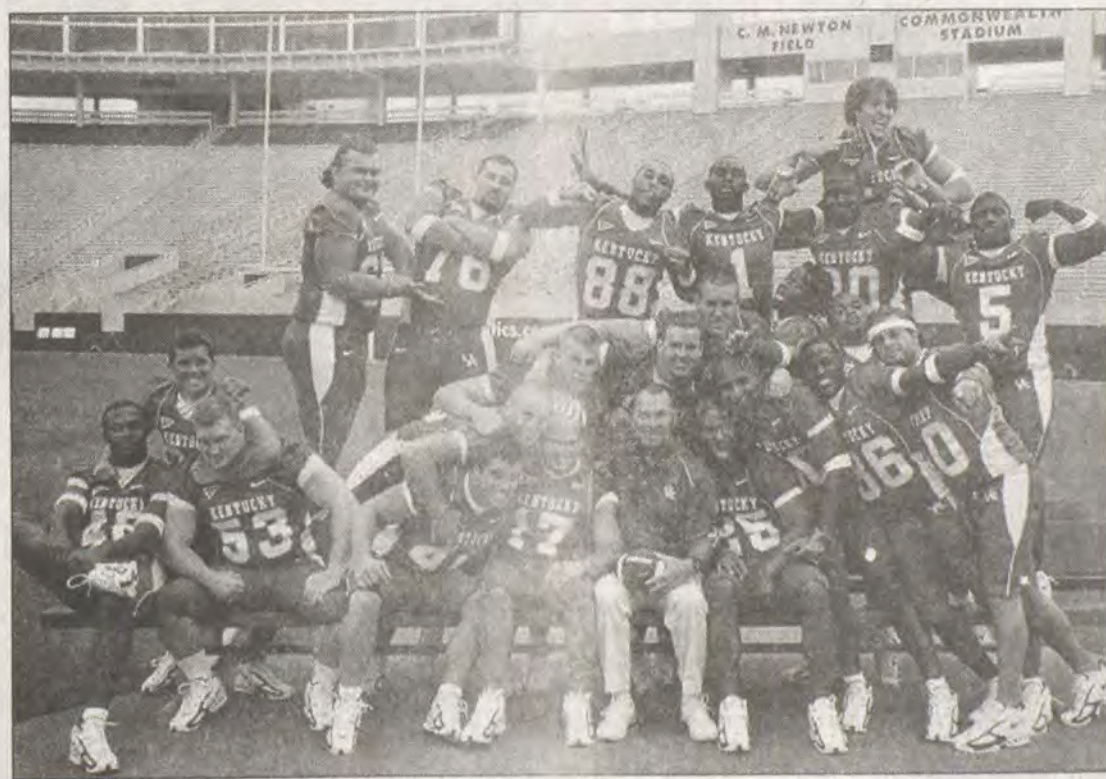
The SEC also placed first among all conferences in its 11 women's sponsored sports with 522.5 points compared to the Pac-10's 501 points and the Big 12's 336.5 points. The SEC broke an eight-year string by the Pac-10 as the highest women's point total. Since 1986-87, the Pac-10 has claimed the top spot each year

with the exception of 1990-91 (SEC), 1995-96 (SEC) and last season (SEC).

The SEC won seven team national championships during the 2004-05 season — men's golf (Georgia), gymnastics (Georgia), men's swimming & diving (Auburn), women's swimming & diving (Georgia), men's indoor track & field (Arkansas), women's indoor track & field (Tennessee) and men's outdoor track & field (Arkansas).

For the 2004-05 academic year, the SEC had 160 teams participate in NCAA post-season competition among the 20 league-sponsored sports, an average of eight teams per sport. The SEC also had 554 first-team All-Americans in its 20 team sponsored sports, including 72 individual national champions.

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL



photos courtesy of UK Athletics

University of Kentucky football players were in good spirits during the program's recent Media Day. Below: Players caught head coach Rich Brooks.



'Kentucky Football Fans' Day set for Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The annual Kentucky Football Fans' Day will be held Saturday, Aug. 13, at Commonwealth Stadium.

Activities begin outside the stadium at 9 a.m. with the "Wildcat Refuge" children's play area.

Gate 4 and Gate 9 of the stadium open at 10 a.m., when posters, Wildcat gift envelopes, and prize tickets will be given away. Schedule cards, schedule magnets, meal tickets, and

other goodies will be in the gift envelopes. Meal tickets can be redeemed for free hot dogs and Pepsi while supplies last.

Coach Rich Brooks and the team will be introduced at 11 a.m., followed by an autograph session with the Wildcat coaches and players. During the autograph session, there will be drawings for grand prizes, such as football season tickets, airfare and tickets to away football games, women's basketball season tickets, Kroger gift cards, and

other items.

Fans also can get an up-close look at special elements of Wildcat football. An equipment stand will be set up in the east end zone and fans can try on UK helmets and shoulder pads. UK athletic trainers also will have a station in the east end zone, demonstrating ankle taping and other activities.

The autograph session ends at 12:45 p.m. Fans are invited to remain at the stadium and observe practice, which will begin at 1:20 p.m.

Reigning Cup champion Kurt Busch leaving Roush Racing for Penske



Kurt Busch
by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reigning Nextel Cup champion Kurt Busch is changing teams, moving from Roush Racing to Penske Racing South. The only question is when. Busch signed a multiyear contract to drive for Penske starting in 2007 and asked to be released from his current contract with Roush Racing, apparently in hopes of replacing retiring Rusty Wallace next season. In a statement, Roush said the team will wait for "an indefinite period" before making a decision on Busch's request to leave after this season. "Yeah, we have signed him

up for 2007," Penske team president Don Miller told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "As for anything else, the lawyers tell us we can't really comment. We'll just have to see how things shake out."

"Kurt Busch is a great driver and Ryan (Newman) said he is looking forward to having him as a teammate and working with him."

Newman is the current teammate of Wallace, the 1989 series champion, who is retiring at the end of the 2005 season, leaving a vacant seat in the No. 2 Dodge.

Busch attended the Cubs-Reds baseball game Tuesday at Wrigley Field in Chicago and initially fended off questions about the move, saying, "It's just baseball today."

But, after throwing out the first pitch and leading the crowd in singing "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" during the seventh inning stretch, he did talk about his future.

"There's still so much more

work to be done in the meantime. I've got an opportunity to win a championship in 2005, as well as 2006, for whomever I drive for," Busch said. "Roush Racing has given me the best equipment to go and do so, and I'm for the opportunity of what these next five races mean, which is to get into the playoffs and of course, the Chase."

"There's times for change and then there's times for staying put," he added. "I haven't made my 2006 plans very clear yet."

Roush said there were "sponsor and team considerations" to take into account before making a decision regarding Busch for next season. The team said it would have no additional comment on the split.

Roush is in much the same situation as the Penske team, with Jamie McMurray, currently driving for Chip Ganassi Racing, signed for 2007 to replace Mark Martin, who is planning to retire at the end of this season.

"This does not change any-

thing with us and Jamie. He will still be driving for us in 2006," Ganassi, who has an option on McMurray's services for next year, told the AP.

That leaves the No. 6 Ford without a driver for 2006, although Martin has said he would consider staying an extra year if Jack Roush, his longtime boss, needs him.

But Wallace has said repeatedly this will be his final year in the driver's seat. There was no word from Penske on who would drive the No. 2 next season if Busch does not become available.

Roush came to NASCAR's top stock car series in 1988 with one driver, Martin, and has turned the team into a five-car juggernaut with Busch, Martin, Greg Biffle, Matt Kenseth and Carl Edwards. The team has won two straight championships and leads everyone this season with nine victories in the first 21 races, including two by Busch.

Roush went 16 years before

Kenseth gave him his first Cup title in 2003. Busch then won it in 2004, the first year of NASCAR's 10-race, playoff-style Chase for the Championship.

Busch, who turned 27 last week, stands fifth in this year's points race, 277 points behind leader Tony Stewart. After a slow start to his Cup defense, he has finished in the top 10 in four of his past six races, but slipped to an 18th-place finish Sunday in the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard in Indianapolis.

With victories this season at Pocono and Phoenix, Busch seems a solid bet to be among the top 10 drivers in the points standings when NASCAR resets the field for the Chase following the Sept. 10 race in Richmond, Va.

Roush first hired the virtually unknown Busch in 2000 to drive in the Craftsman Truck Series.

He won four races that year and finished second in the points standings, leading Roush to move him straight to

NASCAR's top series without the traditional intermediate stop on the second-tier Busch Series.

He won his first Cup race in 2002 and had four wins that season. For his Cup career, Busch has 13 wins in 171 starts.

Busch, then 26, was the third-youngest champion in NASCAR history when he won the title last season.

He recently said he felt his team was poised to make a run for back-to-back titles, something no one has done since Jeff Gordon in 1997 and 1998.

Busch has a history of feuds with rival drivers — Jimmy Spencer punched him in the nose in 2003 — and run-ins with NASCAR officials.

Earlier this year, after a tantrum at Darlington that included expletives directed at NASCAR officials over his in-car radio, Busch was placed on unofficial probation by NASCAR and given notice that the sanctioning body would tolerate no more bad behavior.

Auto racing glance: NASCAR

by BRIAN KACHARABA
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NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

Site: Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Schedule: Saturday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 11:10 a.m.); Sunday, race (NBC, 1 p.m.).

Track: Watkins Glen International (permanent road course, 2.45 miles, 11 turns).

Race distance: 220.5 miles, 90 laps.

Last race: Tony Stewart continued his recent hot stretch, winning for the fourth time in six races after taking the Allstate 400 at Indianapolis.

Last year: Plagued by an upset stomach, Stewart fought through the pain to win the Sirius at the Glen for the second time in three years. Stewart led 46 of the 90 laps on the 11-turn layout, going to the front for the final time by passing Casey Mears on lap 76.

Fast facts: Jimmie Johnson was hospitalized after crashing late in last week's race. He dropped to second in the standings, 75 points behind Stewart. ... Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s frustrating season continued at Indianapolis when he was sent into the wall by Mike Skinner during a restart. He has just one win and eight top-10 finishes in 21 starts this season. ... Reigning champion

Kurt Busch has signed a contract to drive for Penske Racing South in 2007 and has asked to be released from his current contract with Roush Racing. ... Jason Leffler was fired Monday as driver for the No. 11 Chevrolet at Joe Gibbs Racing. Terry Labonte will race in the car this weekend.

Next race: GFS Marketplace 400, Aug. 21, Brooklyn, Mich.

On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

NASCAR BUSCH

Site: Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Schedule: Saturday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 9 a.m.),

race (NBC, 2 p.m.).

Track: Watkins Glen International (permanent road course, 2.45 miles, 11 turns).

Race distance: 200.9 miles, 82 laps.

Last race: Martin Truex Jr. recorded his sixth victory of the season, holding off Clint Bowyer on a final two-lap shootout to win the rain-interrupted Kroger 200 at Indianapolis. Truex increased his lead to 85 points over Bowyer in the series standings.

Last year: Inaugural race.

Fast facts: This is the first Busch race at Watkins Glen since 2001. Ron Fellows recorded his second straight win at the track during that year's event. ... This is the second road-course event of the season. Truex won

at Mexico City on March 6.

Next race: Michigan 250, Aug. 20, Brooklyn, Mich.

On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

NASCAR CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

Site: Gladeville, Tenn.

Schedule: Saturday, qualifying,

Noon, race (Speed Channel, 5 p.m.).

Track: Nashville Superspeedway (tri-oval 1.33 miles,

14 degrees banking in turns).

Race distance: 199.95 miles, 150 laps.

Last race: Dennis Setzer led

177 of the 200 laps and won the

Power Stroke Diesel 200 at

Indianapolis for his fourth victory

of the season.

Last year: Bobby Hamilton used a high pass to get around David Starr with eight laps remaining to win the Toyota Tundra 200. Hamilton started 15th and won by 0.795 seconds, about three truck-lengths.

Fast facts: The victory extended Setzer's lead in the standings to 227 points, the largest by a leader since 2000. ... There have been no repeat winners through the first four truck races at Nashville Superspeedway. ... The polesitter has won this event twice.

Next race: O'Reilly 200,

Aug. 24, Bristol, Tenn.

On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

Robby Gordon struggles to improve his Cup team

by TOM GARDNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

So far this season, the twisty track at Infineon Raceway has been the high point of a challenging season for Robby Gordon as he struggles to develop a team, woo sponsors and work out the quirks in an engine new to NASCAR.

This weekend, Gordon — one of a handful of Nextel Cup regulars who's as comfortable turning right as left — heads to Upstate New York and Watkins Glen International, the only other road course on the Cup tour. He'll warm up in the Busch race Saturday.

"We could very easily win both races this weekend," he said. "We've got some good cars and we're definitely getting competitive. The driver definitely shows up more on road courses. The driver can come into play and make the difference."

Watkins Glen is where he took his last checkered flag two years ago, just two months after his victory at Infineon.

But that was when he was driving for Richard Childress Racing. Hovering around 40th in the standings with his own team this season, Gordon has not been able to break into the top 35 in car owner points, which would guarantee making the lineup at each race. Instead, he has had to make every race on speed or go home and has failed to qualify for four events this year.

Problems with his new Menard engines — one failed inspection and the replacement that lacked enough punch to qualify — kept him out of the season opener at Daytona.

That was followed by three engine failures at California, Las Vegas and Atlanta, then he

failed to qualify at Bristol, Talladega and Darlington.

So Gordon shook things up by bringing in a new crew chief and team manager. He has finished every race since, including his 24th place finish last weekend in Indianapolis in an ill-handling car. It was his best finish since he was 16th at Infineon in June.

"The team's a building process. The engine's a building process, the driver and crew chief and car chief — we're all working together," he said. "We're getting better every week. You've got to crawl before you walk and walk before you run."

Gordon is no stranger to the owner-driver role, having fielded his own Cup team in 2000. Although he was strong on the road courses, he ended that season 43rd in the standings.

He has brought a lot of experience to the current project.

Before moving to NASCAR, Gordon took six off-road championships and five victories in the GTO series along with a Trans-Am win. That was followed by success in CART, now Champ Car, and a pair of seconds in the International Race of Champions. In Indy Car racing, he was leading the 1999 Indianapolis 500 when he ran out of gas on the final lap and finished fourth.

Gordon passed on an offer to spend a fourth season with Childress this year to launch his own team and pair with engine builder John Menard, who is highly regarded in open-wheel but a newcomer to NASCAR.

Childress, who had a trio of top fives and 55 top 10s driving his No. 3 car before turning it over to Dale Earnhardt in 1981, agreed that Gordon is shouldering a big challenge.

"I was fortunate enough to

survive those years as a driver-owner, and it was tough," he said. "I knew if I kept trying to do it myself, that sooner or later I would be out of business because of the big guys and the money and the technology and everything that's out there."

"It's tough, but Robby's a determined person. I'm sure he'll do well."

At 36, Gordon knows his years as a driver are limited, but says he's looking forward to a career in ownership.

"The next Rick Hendrick, Richard Childress, Joe Gibbs has to come from somewhere. It's something I want to do for sure," he said.

Ricky Rudd, an owner-driver who has since dropped the ownership role, said he spread himself too thin.

"We did it for six years, won six races, won the Brickyard ... I spent my time in the technical aspect of it — I wanted to learn how to do every job on that team."

"It took me about five years to learn them, but I neglected some of the things like going out and looking for sponsorship dollars. I did not have a fall back when the main sponsor pulled out."

Gordon has found a somewhat unique way of getting sponsorship for his new venture. Instead of finding one sponsor to spend the kind of money needed to be competitive in Cup — \$12-\$15 million — Gordon Racing has three rotating primary sponsors who all put up part a portion of the money.

"This is the most competitive form of motorsports in America today and it's because you race every weekend," he said. "It is a gamble every weekend and it was a gamble doing this."

Busch and McMurray signings spotlight NASCAR's free-agent free-for-all

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When Jamie McMurray signed a contract to drive for Roush Racing in 2007, it put his current team in an awkward position.

McMurray is signed with Chip Ganassi Racing through next season, and the team has no intention of letting him leave before then. But in the five weeks since announcing his intent, the Ganassi team has been scrutinized and criticized for holding McMurray to his original contract.

In a shocking case of what goes around, comes around, Roush now finds himself in the same uncomfortable position: Defending Nextel Cup champion Kurt Busch said Tuesday he is leaving for Penske Racing South in 2007, and he wants out of his contract next year to speed up the move.

With the tables turned on Roush, outsiders are getting a clearer picture of NASCAR's cut-throat free agent signing process.

"What I've been telling people is, when you conduct your business from the weeds, sooner or later the weed-eater will run over you," said Felix Sabates, a co-owner of McMurray's car at Ganassi.

With no union or policing organization, there is very little car owners can do to prevent the competition from trying to lure its drivers away. There is usually some sort of gentlemen's agreement that prohibits teams from talking to drivers under contract. And if the conversations do

occur, it is typically with permission from the rival owner.

So when Roush swooped in and signed McMurray more than a year before his current contract expired, many NASCAR insiders viewed it as a sneaky back-room deal. McMurray and Roush have declined to discuss the specifics of their negotiations, and Ganassi has refrained from voicing his opinion.

But the practice is becoming increasingly common. With several high-profile rides opening up next season, teams are desperate to secure replacement drivers. And for the first time in years, it's a sellers market.

Bill Elliott and Terry Labonte both recently stepped down from full-time racing, and Mark Martin and Rusty Wallace have both said this season will be their last. It's created a driver shortage with just a handful of top name talent out there.

With much of the available talent already under contract, car owners are scrambling to grab what's left.

"I think it is as tough as it ever been with drivers," said Richie Gilmore, vice president of Dale Earnhardt Inc. "Right now the market is really tough. I think you look at before, a driver would have to win Busch championships or contend for them before you were brought up."

"I think now you have to take a chance and it works out or it doesn't."

Gilmore admitted last weekend to speaking to 2003 series champion Matt Kenseth about

driving one of DEI's cars. But with one year left on his contract with Roush, Kenseth declined to make an early deal that would have teamed him with Dale Earnhardt Jr.

"He has always been on DEI's short list. He was one of (Dale Earnhardt's) favorite drivers, and if we could ever get Matt, he would probably be our first choice for a teammate for Junior," Gilmore said. "But he indicated to us he was going to try to work something out where he is."

With Kenseth out of the picture, it leaves DEI with just a handful of options to fill the No. 15 Chevrolet being vacated by Michael Waltrip.

Off the list is Ryan Newman, who said last weekend he had reached a new deal to remain at Penske. His contract extension comes three months after a newspaper report said Newman was spotted leaving a meeting with all five of Roush's Nextel Cup drivers, with the implication that the team was trying to woo him to join their stable.

Kasey Kahne was taken off the market when Ray Evernham announced a long-term contract extension last weekend. And Casey Mears, while denying he had been approached by Penske and DEI, said he was trying to work out a deal to stay with Ganassi.

Waltrip and Sterling Marlin are among the drivers who are looking for work, but neither fits the current casting requirements. Teams now want young, marketable drivers and are overlooking on-track success to get them.

Consider: The battle for

McMurray is a fight for a driver with just one Nextel Cup victory — and that came in 2002 when he was driving as an injury replacement for Marlin. And Mears was pursued by top teams despite having never won at any of NASCAR's levels.

Marlin, meanwhile, has two Daytona 500 titles among his 10 career victories but has seemingly been shut out of current negotiations. Same goes for Ward Burton, another former Daytona 500 winner who has sat out this entire season, unable to land a ride.

Neither of them should bother applying for the open ride at DEI. In a sign of the times, Gilmore laid out his criteria for the open seat by saying any applicant must be under 30 years old and able to get along with Earnhardt Jr. and Martin Truex Jr., two of NASCAR's most eligible bachelors.

"Junior wants to be the oldest driver at DEI. That's kind of one of the things he wants," Gilmore said. "I think the main thing we're looking for is a good teammate for Junior and Martin."

Crafton loses 25 points after IRP infraction

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR announced that penalties have been issued to a Craftsman Truck Series driver, owner and crew chief resulting from a rule violation during post-race inspection at Indianapolis Raceway Park on Aug. 5.

Matt Crafton, driver of the No. 88 Chevrolet, was fined 25 NASCAR Craftsman Truck driver points for violating Sections 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) and 12-

4-Q, any determination by NASCAR officials that the truck, truck parts, components and/or equipment used the event do not conform to NASCAR rules — an unapproved right front spring.

Rhonda Thorson, the No. 88 truck's owner, was fined 25 NASCAR Craftsman Truck owner points under the above sections of the Rule Book.

Crew chief Vance Haeefe, crew chief for the No. 88 truck, was fined \$5,000 for violating the above sections of the Rule Book.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Never too much fun

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR



A water park in Prestonsburg? Sounds like a "cool" idea to me, I thought as I read Mary Music's recent report in Wednesday's paper. I've been a water-dog all my life, though I have to admit that time constraints and a busy schedule in recent years have put my love for swimming on the back burner. I've managed to get in the water only once, so far, this summer. That's one more than last summer and, believe me, my tense old muscles are quite aware of the situation.

Yep, I started my swimming days on a sandy beach at Dewey Lake (anyone besides me remember that sandy beach?), then moved on to Archer Park, my favorite hangout as an elementary student, and on to the Lake Pool as a high schooler. High school days were also punctuated with

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POSTSCRIPT

Midsummer musings

One of my favorite of the PBS Mystery series is Midsummer Murders (or something to that effect). To us Yanks, the natural assumption is that the word "midsummer" means the crimes must take place this time of year, fevered by the passion of hot days and humid nights.

Turns out, Midsummer is the name of a village where our detective hero lives. It's an intriguing place with far more murders than any village should realistically experience. Midsummer is a literal hotbed of crime.

Anyway, this is, indeed, midsummer. I think I've read somewhere that the crime rate goes up in August, especially in the South. Apparently, the heat causes tempers to flare, patience to thin.

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Self-injuring behaviors

(A mother of teenagers suggested the topic of self-injuring behaviors by adolescents, because "a lot of our young people are doing IT now." The following is a repeat of a previous article on the topic. A recommendation is that parents observe for indicators that their teens are displaying these behaviors, check it out, and follow through by obtaining professional help. It is better to be wrong rather than take the chance of being right with the attitude "Oh! It's just copy cat behaviors." By the way, sugges-

tions for topics are greatly appreciated.)

Recently, I ran across a "saved" newsletter (The Prevention Researcher, Nov. 2000) written by a non-profit research and education corporation specializing in substance abuse prevention and human performance. Their major group of interest is teenagers. The particular article that caught my eye had to do with "a serious and pervasive problem, especially among a growing number of teens... Self Injury, specifically cutting, burning, and otherwise harming one's body through self-inflicted wounds." Although this type of topic just does not seem to be too appealing or "fun," it is happening "out there" in our communities. It is not unusual for clients, who practice such activities, to be shocked that other

people do it too. It would not be a big surprise to me, if you knew somebody who had injured himself on purpose, but not for the purpose of committing suicide.

Even if you cannot think of someone doing such things, psychologists have been studying self-mutilation for over 65 years. Self-mutilation has come to mean "a direct, socially unacceptable, repetitive behavior that causes minor to moderate physical injury." The definition of pathological self-mutilation includes several issues: (1) directness - the behavior is direct as compared to indirect self-harm such as drunk driving; (2) social acceptability - even within most social subcultures, pathological self-mutilation is socially unacceptable versus more socially acceptable bodily harm like ear piercing or tattooing; (3) frequency and degree of

damage - pathological self-mutilation is often done repetitively and the outcome is minor or moderate harm. Extremely damaging, self-imposed behaviors usually occur only one time, are definitely severe, and typically are related to some form of psychosis; (4) intent - there is not the intent of suicide, but the purpose is based on how the person perceives the event, the reported reason for the behavior, and its associated features; and (5) psychological state - this pathological behavior occurs when the person is in a significantly emotionally distressed state, but not wanting to commit suicide. It is not related to cognitive impairment, such as mental retardation or autistic disorders.

Similar to other behaviors associated

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Floyd native to perform Saturday at MAC

Floyd County native, Samantha Dawn, will perform on Saturday, August 13, at 8 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center in the U.S. 23 Showcase. Currently residing in Ashland, Samantha has performed in many regional fairs and festivals including Poage Landing Days, Rib Fest, Catlettsburg Labor Day celebration and the Summer Motion event. She has also been a special guest on the Highway 23 Jamboree, where she sang a duet with Paul Pace. Later, she opened for Paul at the 2005 Summer Motion event.

Samantha has also been successful at garnering some attention in Nashville, where she was noticed by two talent scouts who arranged for her to perform at the renowned Tootsie's Orchid Lounge. In addition to Tootsie's, Samantha has also performed in several other Nashville clubs, among them being, Second Fiddle, Crossroads, Legends on the Corner and Rippy's. Now, when Samantha visits Nashville, those who have come to know and recognize her god-naturally refer to her as "Kentucky"!

Samantha, who began performing publicly at the age of 12, has shared the stage with such artists as Brian McComas, Blue Country, Jeff Carson, and Craig Morgan.

Samantha is always quick to share, with pride, that she is from Floyd County, Kentucky and says that it is her Floyd County family, and roots, that keep her focused and grounded. The "little girl from Cushaw Holler" hopes that her Floyd County family and friends all turn out to greet her Saturday night at the MAC.



Samantha Dawn Moore

New porch, home repairs - and a playhouse, too



photo by Mary Music

Volunteers from Louisville worked hard to complete repairs on a McDowell home Wednesday afternoon before heading back to the city that evening. The group was in Prestonsburg for a week, working on the flood damaged mobile home. After meeting the family and becoming friends with the children, some young women from the group decided to embark on a project of their own - building a playhouse for the kids.

Louisville volunteers aid McDowell family

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MCDOWELL—The last group of volunteer missionaries pulled out of Floyd County Wednesday evening, after completing work on a flood damaged home in McDowell.

Andrew Dinsmore, chairman of the Red Cross' long term recovery committee and Director of Habitat

for Humanities, said that at least 25 volunteer mission groups have worked on about 50 homes in Floyd, Martin, Magoffin, and Pike counties this summer.

The volunteers, armed with hammers and enthusiasm, came from churches and charitable organizations from all over the country to help victims of last year's flood get back on their feet.

Dinsmore said many of those

assisted by these groups would not have had an opportunity to complete the work or obtain the resources themselves.

"What they have given the communities and families that they affected is a sense of hope, a new start," Dinsmore said. "A lot of families really thought they were bound to live in their current situations and there were no resources available to help them get out of it.

Some need a little more help, some can do it themselves, but they all need a kind of emotional uplifting by seeing that someone does care about them. And some, of course, need materials and money to get back on their feet."

A mission group from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Louisville, one of only two Ken-

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THINGS TO PONDER

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Postscript

Me, it just makes lazy. I find I work hard at the office where the air conditioning belies the reality of the outside world. When I go out into that world, my energy seems to evaporate. I want to use as little as possible, and I do. The only thing satisfying on these days is to fix a tall glass of ice water, sit on the porch, read and nod off, off and on. *** One couple in my neighborhood doesn't seem to have this problem. Jack and Judy Music are among the most energetic retirees I've ever met. I'm both envious and in awe. They walk, they mow, they garden, they look after pets, they tend to family members, they

take part in community activities, and they're always there to help out anyone who's in need. Even they, however, appeared a bit bedraggled after a recent week that was brimming over with activity. Their beautiful daughter Jessica recently married Doug Gambill on a coastal beach in Mexico — meaning not many friends and family from around here could take part. But after they returned from their honeymoon, Judy and Jack hosted a reception for the newlyweds at our own backyard park — Jenny Wiley. A very conservative estimate puts those who were well fed and greeted at several hundred. In addition to the food,

everyone received favors of boxed candy, molded as seashells, and shell necklaces. Truly grand. The next morning, the Musics fed lunch to close to 50 visitors at their home in Auxier and helped with other events on Sunday. Before they could recuperate, Judy provided a good bit of food for her Price family reunion the next weekend. This was, of course, a rather special week. But these folks are consummate hosts and just good people to know (especially if you like good food). They wear me out, and I love them. *Thanks, neighbors.*

Eyes

weekend trips to the far side of the Dewey shore on Bob and Greta Music's boat (parents of best friend, Sherry, who was usually my waterdoggin' partner back in those days). In college, I took swimming to fill a physical education requirement, and learned, for the first time, how to correctly take a plunge from atop the high dive. In merrier days, one of the things that probably most lead to me eventually falling in love with the man who became the father of my children is that we often spent long, lazy summer afternoons swimming from the near, to the far, shore of Dewey Lake along a favorite point. I swam when I was pregnant and each of my three children could swim before they could walk. (I can hear my poor mother now, "You took those little babies where? You're going to drown them little things!") My kids and I have spent days at water parks afar, and nearby, at Fugate's, in Hazard — a very fun place for the money — sort of helps make a little mini-vacation, of sorts, out of any given summertime day.

So, a water park right here at home sounds like a great idea to me. I would only hope, though, that the opening of such would not eventually lead to the closing of others of which I have so many fond and happy memories. *** A YMCA located smack dab in the middle of town, on the old Prestonsburg Elementary site, is another great idea that was thrown out at this week's city council meeting. For as long as I can remember, kids in this town have had nothing much more to do than cruise around on their bikes and skateboards, ending up gathered together in one of the local parking lots. A YMCA sounds like just what the doctor ordered. And, might the possibility exist that it would include an indoor pool so old tired waterdogs could swim in the winter, as well as in the summer? Sounds like lots of fun stuff in the makin', huh? *** And speaking of fun stuff, I'm excited about the upcoming East Kentucky State Fair that will be taking place later

this month, August 30 thru September 5. Floyd County Extension Agent Chuck Stamper says that things are rolling along smoothly and the fair is shaping up to be a wonderful event. There will be a carnival, animal exhibits, food and craft vendors, senior citizen center exhibits and 4-H/Youth project exhibits. Again showing my age (referring to that line about Dewey Lake's sandy beach), I also have logged in my memory paying a couple of visits to the Floyd County Fair, held annually for some time at Archer Park. There were old-fashioned baked goods contests, as well as canned goods judging; locally grown produce and even some chickens, goats and pigs to be seen. Along with a carnival, cotton candy and all the trimmings. Both Stamper and Judge-Executive Thompson say that this is exactly the sort of atmosphere that will be recreated later this month at the Thunder Ridge Racing and Entertainment Complex. Can't wait, can you?

Ponder

with psychological problems, the survey numbers referring to self-mutilation are probably an under-estimation of its actual occurrence. The police and medical reports were thought to represent the most serious cases. With a United States population of approximately 260 million, a range of between 36,400 and 1,560,000 people were predicted to engage in self-mutilation each year. Rates seem to be higher in adolescents and young adults, maybe 1,800 per 100,000 in teens/young adults from 15 to 30 years of age to a high of 12 percent in a general college student population. In my clinical experience, teens as young as 13 years old have admitted that they have self-mutilated themselves while significantly emotionally upset. The personal accounts I have heard of why individuals mutilate themselves are not unlike the authors'. The self-mutilators are likely to report that they feel extremely tense, anxious, angry or fearful right before they "do it." Often their intense need to behave in such a pathological manner occurs when the individuals think they have had an overwhelming loss having to do with another person; i.e., an argument with someone so the person is upset or disappointed with them. It is not unusual for the person to isolate himself from other people before the actual act of self-mutilation; no one else is there to observe or question the pathological deed. Since the person's purpose is not to commit suicide, the self-mutilating is usually quite controlled. As shown in research, my experience of these clients has also been that self-cutting is the most common type of self-mutilation, such as razor blades with the most frequent sites being the wrists and the forearms. I know a young male college student who usually cuts himself around the shins of his legs so his pants legs will cover what he wanted so desperately to do. The girls also do their self-mutilating in areas where

the results are not likely to be noticed. Believe it or not, but usually the client will be profound about there not being any pain during the actual mutilation. The clients who have described their experience to me most often report feeling relief, release, calm, or satisfaction immediately. Usually the self-mutilating activity brings to an end their intense feelings of anger, tension, and etc. "It just lets the anger out." As with characteristics of other psychological dysfunctioning, specific ones for self-mutilators are likely to vary, but there are some similarities within the group. Many of the individuals are single and female, but as I said before, I have known young men who cut themselves. The first time a person self-mutilates is usually in middle-to-late adolescence and are usually first seen in treatment during these ages. Some of the diagnoses associated with self-mutilation include: clinical depression; minor depression; manic-depressive disorders; some identity disorders; obsessive-compulsive disorders; alcoholism and other substance abuse; eating disorders; schizophrenia; and anxiety disorders. Various other psychological symptoms have been associated with self-mutilation, such as antisocial behavior, increased suicidal ideation, increased past suicide attempts, anger, anxiety, and symptoms of depression. My experience has been that the person most often describes an extreme level of angry feelings for whatever reason and the cutting gives them such a feeling of relief, "until it builds up again." A part of the accumulation of angry feeling might relate to the self-mutilators' difficulty verbalizing emotions and distancing themselves from feelings. Like so many other things in life, we look for the "cause" and "why." In regards to developmental issues and family background, self-mutilators are more likely to come from a family characterized by divorce,

neglect, or deprivation of parental care. Sometimes the emotional loss is the experience of partial parental loss due to emotional distancing from parents and inconsistent parental warmth. Others who self-mutilate themselves have a history of childhood sexual or physical abuse. Another one of my experiences has been that the cutting is done by individuals who are having a high level of emotional turmoil related to an imbalance within the nervous system. Whatever may be the "exact" basis, self-mutilation is thought to be used to communicate the intensity of individuals' pain and create physical evidence of their emotional injury so they may feel that their emotions are real, justified, or able to be tolerated. If you think a young person you know is self-mutilating himself, please remember that it is a pathological behavior and that the person needs professional psychological help.

'Just in Time' Announcements

Following is a listing of community activities and events:

- This week (Aug. 8 thru 12), the Church of God of Prophecy, located on the corner of Main and Harkins, West Prestonsburg, is hosting a revival, 6 p.m., nightly. Minister Keith Creech, of Burdine, will preside. All are invited and encouraged to attend. For more info., call Pastor Glenn Hayes at 259-4006.
- The Piarist School, located at Martin, on the hill behind Mountain Christian Academy, will host a "Back to School Give-Away" on Friday, August 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the school gym. For more info., contact Tasha Collins at 285-3950.
- The East Point Masonic Lodge #657 will confer the Master Mason Degree on August 13, at 7 p.m. Bring a covered dish. All Master Masons welcome.

New Porch

tucky groups that provided volunteer support this year, finished up flood recovery improvements on a trailer belonging to Jody Hancock, 32, of McDowell, Wednesday. The volunteers were one of 6 missionary groups participating in the "Mission in the Mountains" program at St. James Episcopal Church in Prestonsburg. The St. James Episcopal Church in Prestonsburg took the Hancock family "under their wing," Dinsmore said, by ensuring that all 6 groups concentrated on this McDowell family home. The Rev. Canon Johnny Ross said the program began 5 years ago as a means to help those in need. Ross, with help from pastoral assistant Joann Waters, spends the winter months searching for homes that need repaired and the summer months organizing the volunteers, who stay at the church and use shower facilities at Prestonsburg High School. Ross said he holds a special place in his heart for the Mission in the Mountains program because missionaries changed his life when he was growing up in Left Beaver. "I grew up very poor in Left Beaver," he said. "One summer, a youth group came to town to do Vacation Bible School. During that time, one of them bought me a pair of shoes. That seemed to be just a tiny gift, but because of their generosity, I had new shoes to wear to school for the first time in a while. I don't remember who it was that came, I don't

remember their name, and I don't remember much about it, but I know that little gift changed my life." Hancock, who recently underwent surgery for colon cancer, lived in the flood damaged trailer with his girlfriend, Tracy Lemaster, and four children, Sebastian Lemaster, Xavier Greer, Shearae Mullins, and Madison Jonika Hancock. "Thank God," Hancock said. "They've done miracles, God bless 'em. Whoever don't believe in God, that's crazy. God works in mysterious ways. Everybody gets tired of trying so hard and they give up, but God, he only puts so much on you. If it wasn't for these people, I don't know what I would have done this winter. It was so cold here with no underpinning. I can't thank enough people." The mobile home was damaged in last year's flood and water leaks with the plumbing caused even further damage to the floors, Hancock said. As a preventive measure, volunteers dug ditches to divert water from the home, replaced all the flooring, flood damaged walls, insulation, cabinets, and underpinning. They also washed the home down and painted during their stay. Volunteers on hand Wednesday were placing linoleum, building a back porch, and constructing a play house for the children. They even took the liberty of hanging a tire swing for the kids to play on. The Rev. Ben Maas, leading

the group along with Joann Waters, said that they volunteered to help because there's "plenty to do in our own backyard." The church regularly assists in missionary work. "In our church, we feel like when you do mission work, you're being the hands and face of Christ," Suzanne Warner said. "It's the only way Christ has work in this world. His grace, our hands. Hammer and nails can show more of Christ's love than a hug sometimes." Lindsey Kibbler, 15, of Louisville, said the mission experience has taught her how to appreciate the things that she used to take for granted. She said she was surprised that the Hancock children were so happy, despite their current circumstances. "When I signed up for this, I signed up thinking that it was more of a social thing, you know, going out and being with my friends," said Eille Nolen, 14, also of Louisville. "Once I got here and started working, the more I realized how much I appreciate being able to come." Approximately 25 families still need assistance in repairing their flood damaged homes, Dinsmore said. "Unfortunately, mission group season is coming to an end," he said. "It will be a bit sporadic. There may be a few coming in the fall, but it's hard to get groups to come in the fall." Funds are not currently available to help the 25 remaining families, he said.

School Happenings

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. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley; Assistant - Sheila Allen.

Allen Central Middle School
 Aug. 15 - Advisory Council meeting, 8:15 a.m. Meeting open to public.
 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 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.
 The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

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 persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary
 Aug. 25 - Family Resource Advisory Council will hold meeting at 4 p.m., in school library. Open to public. All invited.
 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
 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
 Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.
 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 will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.
 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. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
 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 commu-

nity 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
 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.

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.
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Family Medicine

OHIO UNIVERSITY
College of Osteopathic Medicine

Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.
Associate Professor of Family Medicine

Son's varicocele should prompt evaluation of testicular growth

Question: When my son had his high school sports physical, he was told he had a varicocele, but not to worry about it. Of course, I am concerned. Exactly what is this? Can it cause problems, like cancer? Does it need to be treated?

Answer: A varicocele occurs when varicose veins develop in the scrotum along the spermatic cord. About 15 percent of males between the ages of 15 and 25 experience this condition. A varicocele develops because the testicles grow rapidly during puberty, and the veins in that area are not able to handle the increased blood flow. Veins have

valves in them to keep the blood flowing in the right direction. The increased blood volume can cause the valves to fail, allowing blood to back up and lead to swelling, or dilation, in the veins. This is the same as the development of varicose veins in your legs — failure of the vein valves. Varicoceles are more common on the left side, and seldom occur on both sides.

Usually there are no symptoms of this problem, and it is commonly found on a routine physical, as with your son. Some people can have some dull aching in the scrotum with prolonged standing or sitting. The testicle on the affected side is often smaller than the non-affected side.

While many men with a varicocele do not have fertility problems, it is one of the most common causes of male infertility. In fact, about 30 percent of infertile men have a varicocele. Most cases of varicocele require no treatment. However, when a man has fertility problems or chronic discomfort attributable to the varicocele, various treatment options are available.

Varicoceles may be managed with a scrotal support. If this is insufficient, other possible treatments include open surgical removal, laparoscopic removal, and catheter embolization.

Both open and laparoscopic varicocelectomy — the surgical correction of a varicocele — are performed on an outpatient basis. The cut is usually made in the lower abdomen, although various techniques can be used. Ice packs should be kept to the area for the first 24 hours after surgery to reduce swelling. In catheter ablation — also done as an outpatient procedure — a small puncture is made at the crease

where the leg joins the body.

After surgery, the patient will be advised to use ice and to wear a scrotal support. Possible complications include blood clot formation, infection or injury to the scrotal tissue or structures. In addition, injury to the artery that supplies the testicle may occur.

Your son may need additional evaluation to determine if his testicular growth is normal. The American Urological Association says that "Adolescents who have a varicocele and objective evidence of reduced testicular size [on that same side] should be offered varicocele repair."

Also, in a young man, persistent or frequent pain in the testicle should be evaluated.

If a varicocele develops suddenly in an older man, it should be promptly evaluated as it can signal major medical problems. To date, there has been no correlation established between having a varicocele and the development of testicular cancer. All that being said,

most men do not require this surgery and learn to live with the problem.

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Anniversaries

Weddings

Births



40th Wedding Anniversary Invitation

The children of Mert and Ada DePoy invite their family and friends to attend their parents' 40th wedding anniversary celebration, to be held on Saturday, August 20, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Woodmen of the World building, on U.S. 23, at Dwale. Mert and Ada are the former owners of Mert's Guns & Ammo, in Allen. They owned and operated the business for 25 years. They now reside in Walkersville, West Virginia and are looking forward to seeing all their old friends again. To aid in the planning of this event, please call Blaine at Blaine's Guns & Bows, at (606) 874-9997, if you plan to attend.



50th Wedding Anniversary

Henry and Matifern Wright, of Minnie, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 23, 2005, with a party attended by family and friends and hosted by their children. The Wrights were married on July 28, 1955, in Martin. They have three children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Hunt-Hunter

Mr. and Mrs. John Earl Hunt, of Allen, are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Rebekah Renee, to Brian Lee Hunter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hunter, of Printer. Rebekah is the maternal granddaughter of Dewey and Madge Greer, of Prestonsburg. She is the paternal granddaughter of Arco and Hettie Hunt, also of Prestonsburg. Her paternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Fannie Garrett, of Banner, and the late Earl Garrett. Brian is the maternal grandson of Mrs. Minnie Akers, of Harold, and the late Walter Akers. He is the paternal grandson of Caner and Betty Hunter, of Printer. Rebekah is a 1997 graduate of Betsy Layne High School and a 2001 graduate of the University of Kentucky. She is presently completing a master's degree in Occupational Therapy at Eastern Kentucky University. Brian is a 1994 graduate of Betsy Layne High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. He completed a master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Kentucky in 2003. He is currently employed as a Physician's Assistant in the Highlands Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room. The couple will be united in marriage on August 13, 2005, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at Allen Baptist Church. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



Slone-Stephens

Barbara Carroll and Frank Slone are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jamie Leigh Ann Slone, to Donnie Stephens, the son of Monroe and Sandra Stephens, of Bull Creek. Jamie, a 2003 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, is currently enrolled at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. She is the granddaughter of Charlie and Ruth Nelson, of David, and Earnest Ray and the late Pauline Slone, of Prestonsburg. Donnie is employed with J.E. Allen Construction. He is the grandson of Delila and the late Green Stephens, of Bull Creek, and Adam and Marie Arnett, of Roann, Indiana. The couple will wed on Saturday, August 20, 2005, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Dotson Pentecostal Church, located on the Mountain Parkway, in Prestonsburg. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. A reception will immediately follow.



New Arrival

Dean and Karen Cecil, of Portland, Tennessee, formerly of Stanville, were recently blessed with the arrival of their first child, Hannah Grace Cecil, born June 23, 2005, at Sumner Regional Medical Center, in Gallatin, Tennessee. She weighed 8 lbs., 10.6 oz., and measured 22 inches in length. She is the maternal granddaughter of Gary and Gail Elliott, of Portland, formerly of Allen. Her paternal grandparents are Georgean Cecil, of Stanville, and the late Hillard Cecil. She is the great-granddaughter of Linden and Gertrude Elliott, of Prestonsburg; the late J.D. and Alice Osborne, formerly of Allen; the late Bert and Bessie Cecil, formerly of Allen; and the late Jack and Rasha Sellards, formerly of Stanville.



New Arrival

Reece Kathryn Patton was born on June 16, 2005, to proud parents Rory "Reese" and Karen Patton, of Pikeville, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She was delivered by Dr. Angela Maggard and weighed in at 6 lbs., 14 oz. She was 20 inches in length. She is the maternal granddaughter of Paul and Sandy Wallen, of Hueysville, and the paternal granddaughter of Robert and LaDonna Patton, of Martin. Her maternal great-grandparents are Paul and Juanita Prater, of Hueysville, and Russell and Nova Wallen, of Garrett. Her paternal great-grandparents are Merle and Deanna May, of Martin, and the late Nazareth and Love Patton, formerly of Martin. Reece Kathryn's father is employed by Gearheart Communications and her mother is a third year medical student at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine.

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130-Cars

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150- Miscellaneous

The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids for a new 2006 20 cubic yard rear loader garbage truck with cart tipper. Contact Sharon Schoolcraft at 886-2335 for the bid spec sheets. Sealed bids must be returned by 4:00 pm Wednesday August 31, 2005. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

160-Motorcycles

FOR SALE: Two fully loaded Yamaha V-Star Classic Bikes. 03 650 Indigo Blue 370 miles, '02 1100 Titanium Silver 1980 miles. Priced together \$10,500. Sold separately 1100-\$5800 and 650-\$4700. Reason for selling: Wanting to upgrade. Must see to appreciate. Call 606-297-1667.

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180-Trucks

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205- Bus. Opp.

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220-Help Wanted

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350-Miscellaneous

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PLEASANT RIDGE HORSEBACK RIDING opening Friday May 6 at Yatesville Lake. Call 606-673-1165. Directions: US 23 to Louisa/Blaine exit turn on Highway 32 toward Blaine, turn right on Highway 3215 toward the campground and golf course. Tu-Su 10 am - 7:30 pm

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580- Misc.

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NOTICES

815- Lost & Found

OWNER OFFERING REWARD to anyone with information about a lost cat. Lost in West Minister area July 22. The cat is a 2 yr old neutered male red tabby, striped, slender in build. If cat is returned, no questions asked. Call 886-1100 or 886-2694.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 898-0721 AMENDMENT NO. 1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CAM-KENTUCKY, LLC, P.O. Box 901, 116 Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has filed an application for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 1.10 mile northwest of McCombs, in Pike and Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 272.9 surface acres, and will underlie an additional 0.00 acres, making the total area within the permit boundary 537.48 acres.

The amendment area is approximately 1.06 mile southwest from Brushy Fork Road's junction with State Route 194, and located at Bevins Branch. The latitude is 37°39'59". The longitude is 82°35'48".

The proposed amendment is located on the Thomas U.S.G.S. 7.5 min. quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour, area, and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by DFM, Inc., Beaully Land Corporation, and Alma Land Company.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5382

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501, has filed an application for renewal of an underground mining operation, located 1.5 mile southeast of Printer, in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 8.07 surface acres, and underlies 278.33 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary is 286.40 acres.

The facility is approximately .2 mile southeast from KY 2030's junction with Big Branch-Honaker Rd., and located adjacent to Spurlock Creek. The latitude is 37-31-17, and the longitude is 82-43-27.

The facility is located on the Harold USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is

owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation. The permit underlies land owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation, Keathy Heirs, Chattie Dingus, Tramble Mitchell, Rasser Salisbury and Adam Sizemore Estate, Martin Halbert, Tandy Spurlock, Ronald Spurlock, Ray Spurlock, Henrietta Mckinley, Velma Miller, Howard Meade, and Gail Parsons Estate.

The operation will affect an area within 100 ft. of a public road, KY 2030. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5471

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Powell Branch Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 1514, Martin, KY 41649, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1.0 mile east of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.74 surface acres, and will underlie 236.90 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 240.64 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 mile east of KY 194's junction with the KY 1428, and is located 0.02 mile south of Cow Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer, and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by James Sanford Burchett. The mineral is owned by James Sanford Burchett and White Cloud Mining Company, Inc. The operation will underlie property owned by Wm. & Pauline Foley, Paul Foley, Floyd & Pam Collins, Charles Wright Heirs, Larry & Gail Blackburn, James Sanford Burchett, Dale & Tylina Mullins, Ed Burchett, Paul Aken, and James Hunter.

The surface mining application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky., 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference

must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 880-7010 RENEWAL

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214, has applied for renewal of a coal haul road permit affecting 332.339 surface acres, located 1.25 mile north of Davella, in Martin, Johnson, and Floyd Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.25 mile southwest from KY Route 3's junction with Middle Fork of Rockcastle Creek Road, and located 1 mile west of Middle Fork of Rockcastle Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Ofutt, Thomas, Lancer, and Inez U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by A.E. Reitz Heirs, George Harless Heirs, and Pocahontas Development Corporation.

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. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PERMIT APPLICATION 836-5468

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel, Inc., 14305 Old US Route 23, Catlettsburg, KY 41129, has applied for a permit for an underground and surface coal mining operation, located 2.0 miles southeast of East McDowell, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 9.0 acres and underlie 935.0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 944.0 acres.

The proposed operation is located just west of KY 1929's junction with Neds Fork Road, and located just west of Frasure Creek. The latitude is 37°25'28". The longitude is 82°42'28".

The proposed operation is on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk

Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by Nicholas Cooley, Kennel Dye, Billy McCoy & Delphine Prater, Melvin R. Hall, Mary Jane Anderson, Nellie Caudill, Kelly & Alma Dye, Rex & Ada Lynn Gayheart, Richard & Beatrice Conn, Anita Stumbo, Curtis Sword, Rengie Dye, Basel Moore, Edd Ray Moore, Polly Howell Estate, Olvin Howard, Abe Howell, Progress Land Co., Elkhorn Coal Company, LLC, German Stumbo, Edd Ray Moore Est., Day Gayheart, Ivan Moore, Diane Moore, Prophet Moore Est., Jessica Moore, Willard Moore Est., Jake Cooley, Bertha Short, Donald Howell, Interstate Natural Gas, Tracy Frasure, Green & Hellen Gayheart, and Bert Newman.

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, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Whereas certain property located at Bypro, Kentucky, further described as the Old Bypro Post Office, including the apartments adjacent to the same. This property has been inspected by the Floyd County Fiscal Court division of Homeland Security office of code enforcement and thus declared dangerous and dilapidated buildings. Therefore the owner of this property is hereby ordered to abate this nuisance within 5 days or appear for a hearing before the Floyd County Fiscal Court on August 19th, at 10 a.m., in the official court room on the second floor, of the Floyd County Courthouse, 141 South Central Ave., Prestonsburg, KY

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PERMIT APPLICATION 836-5468

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Beech Fork Processing, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1.1 mile southeast of Odds in Johnson and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 59.81 surface acres, and will underlie 3,059.39 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be

3,199.20 acres. 2) The proposed operation is approximately 1 mile south-east from Right Fork of Daniels Creek road's junction with old Rt. 3, and located along Sycamore Creek. The latitude is 37°44'46". The longitude is 82°40'36". 3) The proposed operation is located on the Ofutt and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Sally Turner Heirs, Molly Spears Heirs, and Consolidation Coal Co. The operation will underlie land owned by Sally Turner Heirs, Consolidation Coal Co., 1, Richmond Heirs/Harkins Heirs, Pocahontas Development Corporation, Robert Burke, G.M. Wells Est., Carl Collins, Rufus Keel, and Sam Richmond.

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, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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41653. If the owner of said property does not abate the nuisance or show just cause as to why they would not be required, the county will proceed in abatement of premises in question to include demolition of the structure with all costs incurred by the county to be paid by owner within 60 days or a lien upon said premises will be invoked pursuant to KRS 381.770 and Floyd County Ordinance #04-002. Questions may be addressed to the Enforcement Officer Bobby Carpenter, at (606) 886-0498.

ADVERTISE- MENT FOR MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will be accepting bids for clean-up of the illegal dumps, located at the Town Branch Bridge, near Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and the John Kidd Dump, located near Harold, both in Floyd County, Kentucky, through funding from the PRIDE Community Grant Program. In order to participate in the bid process, all interested contractors must participate in a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference for these two (2) projects, as proven by the signatures of their authorized representatives on the sign-in sheet at the Conference.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will conduct the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference for these two (2) projects at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, located at 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky (on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse) on Thursday, August 18, 2005, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. Bids for these projects will be opened at the August 19, 2005, meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the County Courthouse, located on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, at 149 South Central Avenue.

Prestonsburg, Kentucky. All interested contractors are invited to attend. Paul Hunt Thompson, Floyd County Judge/Executive

ADVERTISE- MENT FOR BID

The Floyd County Board of Health is accepting bids on the following for the new Floyd County Health Department, located on Goble St., in Prestonsburg, KY. Bid Package 1 Successful bidder will review prints and bid to supply all materials, labor, and connections for Cat V data wiring for computer and network services, computer battery backup. Bidder will have to coordinate with IT

Frankfort IT for capability of interfacing with KY Internet Highway Bridge System. Bid Package 2 Successful bidder will supply phone system designed for up to 40 extensions and 12 phone lines. Specific number of phones and required phone system features may be obtained at the site but shall include auto dialer, paging, voice mail, and other required features.

Bid Package 3 Successful bidder will supply all equipment, wiring, supplies etc., necessary to provide building security. Bid shall include 1 year monitoring service with package.

Print copies and/or specification requirements may be picked up at the Project Manager trailer, located at the job site Monday-Friday from 9-3. Questions must be directed to Matt Mills, Project Manager. All installations must meet all code and system requirements. Successful bidder must be willing to work with project manager on times for installation to avoid any delays to traders on contractors.

Sealed bids must be addressed to the Floyd County Board of Health, and must be delivered by COB August 19, 2005. Bids will be opened and awarded at the next Board meeting. Bidders must be bonded.

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ORDINANCE NO. 12-2005
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, ESTABLISHING A CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE OF CITY ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, it is the intent of KRS 65.8801 to 65.8839 to protect, promote, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens residing within the City by authorizing the creation of an administrative board with the authority to issue remedial orders and impose fines in order to provide an equitable, expeditious, effective, and inexpensive method of ensuring compliance with the ordinances in force within the City; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to utilize the authority granted in KRS 65.8801 to 65.8839 by creating a City of Prestonsburg Code Enforcement Board

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Prestonsburg, as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them, in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Code Enforcement Board shall mean an administrative body, created and acting, under the authority of the Local Government Code Enforcement Board Act.

Code Enforcement Officer shall mean a city police officer, safety officer, citation officer, or other public law enforcement officer with the authority to issue a citation.

Ordinance shall mean an official action of local government body, which is a regulation of a general and permanent nature and enforceable as a local law and shall include any provision of a code of ordinances adopted by the city legislative body which embodies all or part of an ordinance.

SECTION 2. Creation and Membership. There is hereby created pursuant to KRS 66.8801 to KRS 65.8839 within the city, a code enforcement board which shall be composed of five members, all of whom shall be residents of the city for a period of at least one (1) year prior to the creation of the board and shall reside there throughout the term in office.

SECTION 3. Powers.

a) The code enforcement board shall have the power to issue remedial orders and impose civil fines as a method of enforcing city ordinances when a violation of the ordinance has been classified as a civil offense.

b) The code enforcement board shall not have the authority to enforce any ordinance the violation of which constitutes an offense under any provision of Kentucky Revised Statutes, including specifically, any provision of the Kentucky Penal Code and any moving motor vehicle offense.

SECTION 4. Appointment of members, terms of office; removal from office, oath; and compensation.

a) Members of the code enforcement boards shall be appointed by the executive authority of the city, subject to the approval of the legislature body.

b) The initial appointment to the code enforcement board shall be as follows:

1. One (1) member appointed to a one (1) year term.
2. Two (2) members appointed to a two (2) year term.
3. Two (2) members appointed to a three (3) year term.

All subsequent appointments shall be for a term of three (3) years. A member may be reappointed subject to the approval of the legislative body.

c) The executive authority may appoint, subject to the approval of the legislative body, two (2) alternate members to serve on the code enforcement board in the absence of regular members. Alternate members shall meet all of the qualifications and shall be subject to all of the requirements that apply to members of the code enforcement board.

d) Any vacancy on the board shall be filled by the executive authority, subject to approval of the legislative body within sixty (60) days of the vacancy. If the vacancy is not filled within that time period, the remaining code board members shall fill the vacancy.

e) A code board member may be removed from office by the executive authority for misconduct, inefficiency, or willful neglect of duty. The executive authority must submit a written statement to the member and the legislative body setting forth the reasons for removal.

f) All members of the code enforcement boards must before entering upon the duties of their office, take the oath of office prescribed by Section 228 of the Kentucky Constitution.

g) No member of the code enforcement board may hold any elected or non-elected office, paid or unpaid or any position of employment with the city.

SECTION 5. Organization of Board; Meetings Quorum; and Alternate Board Members.

a) The board shall annually elect a chair from among its members. The chairman shall be the presiding officer and a full voting member of the board.

b) Regular meeting of the code enforcement board shall be held on the 1st Thursday of every month. Meetings other than those regularly scheduled shall be special meetings held in accordance with the requirements of the Kentucky Open Meetings Act.

c) All meetings and hearings of the code enforcement board shall be held in accordance with requirements of KRS 65.88:5(5) and the Kentucky Open Meetings Act.

d) The affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the board shall be necessary for any official action to be taken.

e) Minutes shall be kept for all proceedings of the code enforcement board and the vote of each member on any issue decided by the board shall be recorded in the minutes.

SECTION 6. Conflict of Interest. Any member of the code enforcement board who has any direct or indirect financial or personal interest in any matter to be decided, shall disclose the nature of the interest and shall disqualify himself from voting on the matter in which he has an interest and shall not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum.

SECTION 7. Jurisdiction. The code enforcement board shall have jurisdiction to enforce and shall enforce those city ordinances and code provisions which specifically provide for code board enforcement.

SECTION 8. Powers of the Code Enforcement Board.

The City of Prestonsburg Code Enforcement Board shall have the following powers and duties:

a) To adopt rules and regulations to govern its operations and the conduct of its hearings.

b) To conduct hearings to determine if there has been a violation of an ordinance over which it has jurisdiction.

c) To subpoena alleged violators, witnesses and evidence to its hearings. Subpoenas issued by the code enforcement board may be served by any code enforcement officer, or police officer.

d) To take testimony under oath. The chairman shall have the authority to administer oaths for the purpose of taking testimony.

e) To make findings of fact and issue orders, necessary to remedy any violation of a city ordinance or code provision which the board is authorized to enforce.

f) To impose civil fines, as authorized, on any person found to have violated an ordinance over which the board has jurisdiction.

SECTION 9. Enforcement Proceedings.

The following requirements shall govern all enforcement proceedings before the board.

a) Enforcement proceedings before the code enforcement boards shall only be initiated by the issuance of a citation by a code enforcement officer or police officer.

b) Except as provided in subsection (c) below, if a code enforcement officer believes, based on his personal observation or investigation, that a person has violated a city ordinance he shall issue a Notice of Violation to the offender allowing the offender a specified period of time to remedy the violation without fine. If the offender fails or refuses to remedy the violation within the time specified, the code enforcement officer is authorized to issue a citation.

(c) Nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit the city from taking immediate action to remedy a violation of its ordinance when there is reason to believe that the violation presents a serious threat to the public health, safety, and welfare, or if in the absence of immediate action, the effects of the violation will be irreparable or irreversible.

d) The citation issued by the code enforcement officer shall contain the following information:

1. The date and time of issuance;

2. The name and address of the person to whom the citation is issued;
3. The date and time the offense was committed;
4. The facts constituting the offense.
5. The section of the code or the number of the ordinance violated;
6. The name of the code enforcement officer.
7. The civil fine that will be imposed for the violation if the person does not contest the citation.
8. The maximum civil fine that may be imposed if the person elects to contest the citation.
9. The procedure for the person to follow in order to pay the civil fine or to contest the citation and
10. A statement that if the person fails to pay the civil fine set forth in the citation, or contest the citation within the time allowed, the person shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing before the code enforcement board to contest the citation and that the determination that the violation was committed shall be final.

SECTION 10. Hearing; Notice; and Final Order.

a) When a hearing has been requested, the code enforcement board shall schedule a hearing.

b) Not less than seven (7) days before the date of the hearing, the code enforcement board shall notify the requester of the date, time, and place of the hearing. The notice may be given by certified mail, return receipt requested; by personal delivery; or by leaving the notice at the person's usual place of residence with any individual residing therein who is eighteen years (18) of age or older and who is informed of the contents of the notice.

c) Any person requesting a hearing before the code enforcement board who fails to appear at the time and place set for the hearing shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing to contest the citation and the determination that a violation was committed, shall be final. The code enforcement board shall enter a final order determining the violation was committed and shall impose the civil fine set forth in the citation. A copy of the final order shall be served upon the person guilty of the violation.

d) All testimony shall be taken under oath and recorded. Testimony shall be taken from the code enforcement officer, the alleged violator, and any witnesses to the violation offered by the code enforcement officer or alleged violator. Formal rules of evidence shall not apply, but fundamental due process shall be observed, and shall govern the proceedings.

e) The code enforcement board shall, based on the evidence, determine whether a violation was committed. If it determines that no violation, was committed, an order dismissing the citation shall be entered. If it determines that a violation was committed, an order shall be issued upholding the citation and either imposing a fine up to the maximum authorized by this or other ordinance or requiring the offender to remedy a continuing violation, or both.

f) Every final order of the code enforcement board shall be reduced to writing, which shall include the date the order was issued. A copy shall be furnished to the person named in the citation. If the person named in the citation is not present when the final order is issued, the order shall be delivered in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection (b) above.

SECTION 11. Presentation of Cases. Each case before the code enforcement board shall be presented by an attorney selected by the city or by a code enforcement officer for the city. The city attorney may either be counsel to the code enforcement board, or may present cases before the code enforcement board, but in no case, serve in both capacities.

SECTION 12. Appeals; Final Judgment.

a) An appeal from any final order of the code enforcement board may be made to the Floyd County district court within thirty (30) days of the date the order is issued. The appeal shall be initiated by the filing of a complaint and a copy of the code enforcement board's order in the same manner as any civil action under the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure.

b) If no appeal from a final order of the code enforcement board is filed within the time period set in subsection (a) above, the code enforcement board's shall be deemed final for all purposes.

SECTION 13. Ordinance Fine Schedule. Violations of ordinances that are enforced by the city code enforcement board shall be subject to the following schedule of civil fines.

c) If a citation for a violation of an ordinance is not contested by the person charged with the violation, the penalties set forth in this subsection shall apply, however, the board may waive all or any portion of a penalty for an uncontested violation, if in its discretion, the board determines that such waiver will promote compliance with the ordinance in issue.

Violation	1st Offense	2nd Offense	All Others
Animals	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Unsafe & Unfit			
Structure Code	\$100	\$125.00	\$150.00
Garbage	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Occupational License	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
Weeds	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$50.00

d) If the citation is contested and a hearing before the code board is required, the following maximum penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the code board:

Violation	1st Offense	2nd Offense	All Others
Animals	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
Building and			
Construction Codes	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
Garbage	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
Occupational License	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
Weeds	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00

SECTION 14. Lien, Fines, Charges, and Fees.

a) The city shall possess a lien on property, owned by the person found by a final, nonappealable order of the code enforcement board, or by a final judgment of the court, to have committed a violation of a city ordinance for all fines assessed for the violation and for all charges and fees incurred by the city in connection with the enforcement of the ordinance.

b) The lien shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk. The lien shall be notice to all persons from the time of its recording and shall bear interest until paid.

c) The lien shall take precedence over all other subsequent liens, except state, county, school board, and city taxes, and may be enforced by judicial proceedings.

d) In addition to the remedy prescribed in subsection (a) the person found to have committed the violation shall be personally responsible for the amount of all fines assessed for the violation and for all charges and fees incurred by the city in connection with the enforcement of the ordinance. The city may bring a civil action against the person and shall have the same remedies as provided for the recovery of a debt.

ADOPTED THIS THE 8th DAY OF AUGUST, 2005.

JERRY FANNIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sharon Schoolcraft, City Clerk