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Newsome's bond stays the same

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A Floyd County social worker facing charges of theft by deception for allegedly withdrawing \$1,540 from a coworkers account saw his request for a lower bond denied in district court Friday.

Chris Newsome, 32, of Harold, was denied the request by Judge Eric Hall, who said that the charges have been referred to a grand jury and that the matter will have to be taken up with the circuit court.

The problem for Newsome is that circuit court will most likely wait until the grand jury hears the case before making any changes in the disposition of Newsome's bond.

Newsome posted the bond after he was charged with the crime in May. The bond, \$1,000 cash, constitutes two-thirds of what he is alleged to have stolen from Julie Morris, who also works for social services.

At his preliminary hearing two weeks ago, the charges were referred to a grand jury after Morris testified that she noticed debits attributed to her bank card that she hadn't recalled making. She said that she confronted Newsome about the charges and that he said he'd made them and would pay her back.

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Fletcher called before gr

by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Gov. Ernie Fletcher has been subpoenaed to appear before the special grand jury investigating the personnel practices of his administration, the attorney general's office confirmed

appear on Aug. 30, said spokeswoman Vicki Glass. She declined to say if Fletcher is required to produce documents at his appearance or provide any other details about the summons. Glass said the summons was received by James Deckard, Fletcher's general counsel, on the governor's behalf.

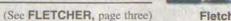
Fletcher's office declined to Fletcher has been summoned to comment on the subpoena.

Louisville, is out of the country, according to a voice mail at his

In previous statements, Fletcher declined to say if he would answer questions before the panel or invoke his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Thus far, nine current or former members of Fletcher's administra-

Fletcher's lawyer, Sheryl Snyder of tion have been indicted on a series of misdemeanor charges alleging violations of the Merit System personnel law. One person, dismissed former Transportation Cabinet commissioner Dan Druen, also has been named in 22 indictments for witness or evidence tampering. All those who have been arraigned





Fletcher



Southern rock fans will get a treat when Lynyrd Skynyrd plays the opening concert at the East Kentucky Exposition Center in Pikeville.

Lynryd Skynyrd to open East Ky. Expo Center

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE - The Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center will open it doors next month with a performance by the legendary Southern rock band, Lynyrd Skynyrd.

The band, which began initially in 1973, is the self-proclaimed "signature rock group of America's working people."

Lynyrd Skynyrd lost its footing when lead singer Ronnie

VanZant, guitarist Steve Gaines and vocalist Cassie Gaines died in a 1977 airplane crash. Guitarist Allen Collins, who survived the crash, later died after being paralyzed in an automobile accident. New members dealt with the death of bassist Leon Wilkeson (the "Mad Hatter") who died of natural causes in July 2001, during the making of the album "Vicious Cycle." Through adversity, the band forged on. They perform approximately 300 shows annually.

"It's the grand opening. What better way to open than with the group that people want to see?" said Shannon Deskins, special project coordinator with SMG Management Company. "Of any acts that we were stopped on the street about, the one that stands above all is, 'You gotta get Lynyrd Skynyrd.' Basically, above all and beyond, it's the one act that people were wanting us to get.'

(See CONCERT, page three)

Judge clears former cop's record on two counts, leaves another

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A former Martin police officer saw two misdemeanor charges he incurred, that were later dismissed, expunged from the record in district court Monday. He was also seeking expungement of a felony charge but was not awarded an expungement in that case though a grand jury returned a "no true bill" decision in that case.

Steven Toy was hoping to get the theft charge expunged but was denied in that a felony case is always open if it is not dismissed with prejudice. The charge relates to a computer from the city of

Martin that was in his possession when he was fired by Mayor Thomasine Robinson after it was alleged that he exposed himself to the patrons of the Amvets club in Martin. Toy later returned the computer.

Toy went to trial over the charge of indecent exposure in March and was found innocent by a Floyd County jury. Toy expressed after the trial that he would sue the city of Martin for dismissing him from his job without a hearing. He made good on that promise in July when he brought a suit against the Robinson, a city council member, the witness at his trial and County Attorney Keith Bartley.

Toy's suit argues that statements made to the media and the actions of everyone involved in the case have made it impossible for him to find employment.

Toy's current situation is not uncommon and Bartley informed the court that felony charges can be continually investigated and that he has seen case where a felony charge didn't lead to an indictment for 10 years.

Though no true bill was returned against Toy on the theft charge, it appears that it may hang over him indefinitely.

"A felony charge is always open," Judge James Allen said. "There is no statute of limitations

College mourns death of 20-year math professor

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG The flags at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College were flown at halfmast Friday, in remembrance of a 20-year veteran profes-

Hassan Saffari, 55, professor of math, math lab coordinator and cosponsor of Phi Theta Kappa and the Circle of Love, died at his home last Sunday.

"It's a terrible, terrible loss for the college," President George Edwards said. "When you have someone here for 20 years, he was such a part of the fabric of this institution. There is a void and it will take a long time before we can fill it. He was just a fine person, just a real gentleman.

Public relations director Linda Lyon said Saffari's neighbor and coworker, Gilbert Plants, found him in his home Sunday. Saffari, a marathon runner, had his running clothes on and appeared to have died in his sleep, she



Hassan Saffari

"This place is in shock, absolute shock," Lyon said.

Students and faculty participated in the memorial service, held in the Gearheart Auditorium Friday. The family was also in attendance. The service followed funeral services held Thursday at the Islamic Center of Eastern Kentucky in Abbott, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

You will be hard-pressed to find a single student who has negative things to say

(See SAFFARI, page three)

Court weighs potential lawsuit

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG The Floyd County Fiscal Court met in special session Friday to revisit the problem of running the county's gas company.

The court managed to sell

the gas company in May to Industrial Gas Services Inc., but that company can't begin to take over the system until it is approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. That process is set to be completed by the end of September, but in the meantime a problem has cropped up which may see

Kentucky Utilities. The exact nature of the pending legal action was only discussed in an closed session, with the court not wanting to reveal any legal strategies in lieu of possibly

litigation between the county

and former gas provider East

working out differences with the litigants.

The court did vote to allow East Kentucky Utilities to execute an operations agreement with Kentucky Frontier Gas in the interim. This agreement will stay in place until the sale of the gas company is finally approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. Both parties, the county and Kentucky Frontier Gas, can pull out of the arrangement by providing written notice 21 days prior to terminating the agreement.

The county has reserved the right, in the agreement, to terminate the agreement should the gas company fail to perform the duties and obligations expressed in the agreement, which include such items as operating the gas system, logging and responding to customer calls

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Odds and Ends

■ HOUMA, La. — A mail carrier got bitten - by a barking man, police said.

Mark D. Plumb, 20, of Butler, Mo., was arrested and charged with simple battery Wednesday after he ran barking from a house and bit the letter carrier on the shoulder, police spokesman Lt. Todd Duplantis

Plumb said he bit the carrier as a joke, and has no history of criminal activity or mental illness, police said.

Plumb was released from the Terrebonne Parish jail after posting \$165 bond.

■ SEATTLE — Elephant experts are getting ready to send an ill-tempered 38-year-old pachyderm to Tacoma, where she'll join two other females not known for their social graces.

The move is expected to ease tensions at Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo, where Bamboo's intolerance for younger elephants and their calves has forced handlers to separate the herd at times

At Tacoma's Point Defiance Zoo, Bamboo will live with two fellow Asian elephants, 39year-old Suki and 41-year-old Hanako.

She'll be shipped south in a special air-conditioned tractortrailer, probably arriving by Labor Day.

The Tacoma zoo is a national leader in handling elephants considered too dangerous to be kept and trained using traditional methods.

The Tacoma zoo's first "troubled" elephant, Cindy who died in 2002 - had a history of grabbing and biting peo-

Suki moved in after throwing a handler against the wall and trying to stomp him, and Hanako was sent from the Washington Park Zoo in Portland, Ore., because she was

unpredictable and moody. Officials believe Bamboo will be more comfortable at the Tacoma zoo, "with Asian elephants her age and disposition,"

Woodland Park curator Nancy Hawkes said.

Point Defiance elephant caretakers have been visiting Bamboo in Seattle, hoping she'll recognize them once she arrives in Tacoma.

Officials also have been swapping elephant droppings to get the future roommates accustomed to each others' scents smell is an elephant's most important sense.

RENO, Nev. — A man who long claimed to have played one of Willy Wonka's Ooompa Loompas in the original 1971 motion picture now admits he was lying.

Ezzy Dame, a high-fashion hairdresser and art enthusiast, confessed Tuesday in an interview with the Reno Gazette-Journal. He said the false claim seemed harmless at the time but grew into a beast of a deception.

"It was not for fame or glory," said Dame, 57, of Reno. "I never made a profit or earned a financial gain from this."

Dame said he was 23, 4 feet tall and weighed 90 pounds at the time. He was looking for an acting job in Los Angeles, but parts for little actors were rare. He said his agent told him to pad his resume with an acting credit from Mel Stuart's 1971 film "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.'

The movie was Dame's favorite. He watched it religiously, partly because it portrayed little actors in a positive way. And he needed to watch so he could embellish his story.

"There is something so special when a child looks at a little person and they're not scared or feel that they're looking at a freak. When you say you played that part, they look at you and smile. They see you as a human being," he told the newspaper.

"I never intended to harm anyone or my community by this little white lie. It was a little white lie that became my haunted nightmare."

Two stories were published in Reno newspapers in 2003 with Dame commenting on the role he played as an Oompa

A third story, published July 16 in the Reno Gazette-Journal, shined the spotlight brighter on Dame, as he watched and commented on Tim Burton's remake, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," and compared the two films from an Oompa Loompa's perspective.

That's when the claim came to the attention of Rusty Goffe, credited in Stuart's film as an original Oompa Loompa.

"There were only 10 original Oompa Loompas," Goffe of England wrote in an e-mail to the Gazette-Journal.

"Six English guys, one English girl, one Turkish, one Maltese and one German. Unfortunately, six of them are now dead. And the girl is in a retirement home here in England. She is very old and now blind so I do like to keep her privacy. All are in poor health. I hope you understand."

"I guess Ezzy is a nice guy," he wrote. "But we have to be loyal and truthful to the fans."

■ COLUMBUS, Miss. — It wasn't hard for police to track down the man they say robbed a Trustmark Bank this week the suspect apparently left his wallet and identification at the scene of the crime.

Terrell Green, 26, of Jackson, was charged with Wednesday's robbery.

Police Lt. Tom Thompson said a man walked into the bank wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and sunglasses, and handed the teller a note from his wallet demanding money.

When the teller asked what she should do with the money, the man handed her a white pillowcase into which she placed seven \$100 bills, 17 \$50 bills and numerous smaller bills and a dye pack, Thompson said.

The man took the pillowcase and left, authorities said.

Police set up checkpoints to search for the suspect but had to look no further than the bank counter, where the suspect's wallet was found with his identification inside.

Following information from the wallet, Thompson said investigators went to the suspect's mother's home and arrested Green as he was walking out the front door.

Thompson said Green was being held without bond pending an initial court appearance.

■ ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Two college-bound teenagers learned a lesson when they decided to sell a week of their time to the highest bidder. They hoped for fortune and adventure - and got neither.

Under the heading "Buy us for one week to do those tedious tasks you hate!" Chris Pullen and Chip Davis posted their pictures on eBay with a minimum bid of \$1. Bidding began on July 29.

When the auction closed Monday, the teens learned the winning bidder - a St. Joseph resident - had offered a mere \$246.50 for their services.

Davis has e-mailed the teens' future boss, but the details of the work arrangement haven't been reached. Because the teens are headed off to the University of Missouri at Columbia this weekend, the work week might be split up into seven one-day

"I don't think I'll do it again," Davis said of the experi-

■ INDIAN SHORES, Fla. - Humpty Dumpty doesn't sit on the wall. But thieves are to blame, instead of a fall.

A 3-foot bronze Humpty sculpture that has adorned the beachfront home of Hugh Smith and his wife, Diana Fuller, vanished last weekend. And they desperately want him back.

"He was kidnapped," Fuller said. "We're waiting for a ransom demand."

The couple ordered the piece two years ago from an artist who specializes in making sculptures of the nursery rhyme characters. They specified

Humpty's size, his expression and even the colors he should wear. They paid \$5,112 for the whimsical, 60-pound piece they bolted atop a pillar of a concrete

The couple is offering a reward for his safe return.

"We will not only bolt him, we will secure him back to his wall," Fuller said. "We will pen him up. There's always one bad egg who spoils it for everyone

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa - U.S. District Judge Linda Reade had a chance to see the courtroom from a different perspective — but she didn't make

Reade was called for jury duty on Monday in a criminal case in Linn County District

When prosecutor Jerry Vander Sanden asked jurors if any of them knew him, Reade replied that she did. He then asked Reade if she would have any problem sitting in judg-

"I do it every day," Reade

Although she was rejected

for the jury, Reade wasn't too disappointed: "One judge per courtroom is enough.

■ DES MOINES, Iowa — A man who police say warned another motorist about his driving was arrested for impersonating a police officer - and dri-

ving a stolen pickup truck. Jessie Joe Hill, 32, of Des Moines, was driving the stolen pickup on Sunday when he turned on a flashing yellow light on the dashboard and pulled over another driver who

ran a stop sign, police said. A police officer pulled up behind Hill and asked him what he was doing. Hill said he had pulled the driver over to caution

That didn't sit well with the officer, who arrested Hill.

Hill also was arrested for driving with a suspended license and second-degree theft.

The man Hill pulled over said he thought he might be an undercover officer.

"I saw the light flashing ... so I pulled over," Edin Beganovic said. "He said 'Can you slow down?' I said, 'Sure, no prob-

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The Associated Press

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139 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 14, 1945, President Truman announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending WWII.

On this date:

■ In 1848, the Oregon Territory was established.

■ In 1917, China declared war on Germany and Austria during World War I.

In 1935, the Social Security Act became law.

■ In 1947, Pakistan became independent of British rule. ■ In 1951, newspaper pub-

lisher William Randolph Hearst

died in Beverly Hills, Calif. In 1969, British troops arrived in Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman

Catholics. In 1973, the U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt.

In 1980, workers went on strike at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, Poland, in a job action that resulted in the creation of the Solidarity labor movement.

■ In 1980, President Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale were nominated for a second term at the Democratic national convention in New York.

■ In 2003, a huge blackout hit the northeastern United States and part of Canada; 50 million people lost power.

Ten years ago: Shannon Faulkner officially became the first female cadet in the history of The Citadel, South Carolina's

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(However, Faulkner quit the school less than a week later, citing the stress of her court fight, and her isolation among the male cadets.)

Five years ago: On the opening night of the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, President Clinton offered a triumphant review of his years in office, and exhorted delegates to propel Al Gore on the road to succeed him.

One year ago: A visibly weak Pope John Paul II joined thousands of other ailing pilgrims at a cliffside shrine in Lourdes, France, telling them he shares in their physical suffering and assuring them the burden is part of God's "wondrous plan." Nobel Prize-winning poet Czeslaw Milosz died in Krakow, Poland, at age 93. Fifteen-term congressman William D. Ford died in Ypsilanti Township, Michigan at age 77.

Birthdays: Today's Pulitzer Prize-winning author Russell Baker is 80. Singer Buddy Greco is 79. Actress Alice Ghostley is 79. Singer

college. Dash Crofts is 65. Rock singer David Crosby is 64. Country singer Connie Smith is 64. Susan Saint James is 59. 40. Actress Halle Berry is 39. Actress Catherine Bell is 37. Lalanya Masters is 33. Actress Mila Kunis is 22

Thought for Today: "The

Former jockey Robyn Smith Astaire is 61. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 60. Actress Singer-musician Larry Graham is 59. Actor Antonio Fargas is 59. Author Danielle Steel is 58. "Far Side" cartoonist Gary Larson is 55. Rock singer-musician Terry Adams (NRBQ) is 55. Film composer James Horner is 52. Actress Jackee Harry is 49. Actress Marcia Gay Harden is 46. Former basketball player Earvin "Magic" Johnson is 46. Singer Sarah Brightman is 44. Actress Susan Olsen is 44. Rock musician Keith Howland (Chicago) is 41. Actress Emmanuelle Beart is Rock musician Kevin Cadogan is 35. Actor Scott Michael Campbell is 34. Actress

old forget. The young don't know." — Japanese proverb.

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Daniel Boone to get back on the road

by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The boondoggle that accompanied the decision two years ago to replace the Daniel Boone Parkway name with that of a sitting Kentucky congressman will be laid to rest.

In a private ceremony in his office on Tuesday, Gov. Ernie Fletcher plans to sign documents that designate U.S. 25E in southeastern Kentucky the Daniel Boone-Cumberland Gap Wilderness Trail.

"This is a great day, not only for the Boone family, but also for everyone who appreciates the sacrifices and accomplishments of our pioneer ancestors who settled this great commonwealth and this great country," said Rochelle Cochran, president of the Boone Society, a national group of descendants of the explorer.

During a previous gubernatorial administration, the Daniel

Boone Parkway, which winds through the mountains of southeastern Kentucky, was renamed for U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, who has represented the area for more than two decades and, at the time, had managed to earmark \$13 million in federal funds that allowed tolls to be removed from the state road.

Rogers, who was not consulted about the name change in 2003, has stayed out of the fray for the most part. The gesture, though, did not sit well with Boone descendants and others who bemoaned the sacrifice of history for a few federal dollars.

"You may as well melt down the Liberty Bell." Cochran, who claims to be a long-removed niece of the explorer, said at the

Since then, several attempts have been made to restore Boone's name to the road, or find an alternative. At one point, the late Gov. Louie Nunn offered to have his name taken off a different toll road so Rogers could get the honor.

A proposal in the 2004 General Assembly to have Boone's name replaced failed.

Fletcher's office confirmed the change would take place on Tuesday but provided no other

In an e-mail to The Associated Press, Cochran said she planned to attend the signing in Fletcher's office along with at least two other Boone descendants.

Boone is the stuff of history and lore in Kentucky, credited with opening the west to exploration by crossing the Cumberland Gap and opening the Wilderness Road.

to 1820, has his name on towns, festivals, businesses and even a national forest. U.S. 25E goes from

Boone, who lived from 1734

Interstate 75 to the Cumberland Gap tunnel into Tennessee virtually at the point where the two states intersect with Virginia.

Coincidentally, the burial

Boone at the Frankfort cemetery Kentucky Capitol, where the place.

place of Daniel and Rebecca is on a bluff overlooking the signing ceremony will take

Stumbo investigating doctor

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced this week that his office has launched an investigation into an Eastern Kentucky doctor who is under suspicion of Medicaid fraud.

Dr. Rocky Carter, who owns several health clinics in Corbin, Manchester, Williamsburg and Knott County, saw his offices raided by agents of the Kentucky Bureau Investigation this week in a search for patient billing records which they believe will show proof that Carter routinely overbilled Medicaid for patient ser-

to 1999 and, in Stumbo's words, "cost the state more than \$200,000." Stumbo went on to note that stealing from Medicaid Louisiana. The legislation will is serious business and has an address issues such as training impact on everyone in the state, saying, "Every dollar stolen is a dollar that cannot aid an ill child or a senior citizen.'

Stumbo's office is also soliciting the public to help in the investigation. Anyone with information on Carter is asked to call the Attorney General's Office at (502) 696-5405.

Stumbo also announced this week that his office has drafted legislation that will protect consumers against crimes involving identity theft. The legislation, set to go before the General

The alleged crimes go back Assembly in January, is based on existing laws already enforced in Texas, North Carolina, California and law enforcement to investigate identity theft, requiring businesses to take precautions with sensitive information like Social Security numbers and will prohibit credit reporting agencies from providing information about customers to businesses except as permitted under the Fair Credit Act.

"We need strong laws to allow consumers to protect themselves and we need businesses to act responsibly with consumers' information," Stumbo said.

Fletcher

have pleaded not guilty.

The charges allege the officials routinely plotted to circumvent the law that requires personnel decisions be made on the merits of the candidate in favor of their political influence and support for Fletcher.

The special grand jury has previously summoned virtually all of Fletcher's top staff. Many of them have made only brief appearances in the grand jury room and have taken the Fifth.

But the subpoena to Fletcher is unusual in one regard because most of them have been served the weekend before an appearance has been demanded.

The nearly two-week lead time is unprecedented in the investigation and could give Fletcher time to try to quash the subpoena. There have been discussions among administration lawyers whether a governor can be subpoenaed.

been sharply critical of the special grand jury investigation being operated by the office of Democratic Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

Fletcher and others in the GOP have accused Stumbo of trying to further his own political ambitions, though Stumbo has recently denied an interest in challenging Fletcher in the 2007 election.

Criticism has also been lev-

Fletcher, a Republican, has eled by Fletcher and his allies Fletcher's deputy chief of staff at the grand jury for acting as a stooge for the prosecution; the Merit System personnel law for being vague and unmanageable; and even the Transportation Cabinet employee who first delivered the documents alleging political manipulation of the hiring system to prosecu-

> Lt. Gov. Steve Pence, a former federal prosecutor who has been especially vocal in his criticism of the conduct of the investigation, has not been subpoenaed, Glass said.

> far are Dick Murgatroyd,

and the former deputy secretary

of the Transportation Cabinet; acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert; Deputy Personnel Secretary Bob Wilson and Deputy Transportation Secretary Jim Adams. Kentucky Republican Party Chairman Darrell Brock, who formerly served as Fletcher's liaison to local government, is also under

Fletcher has said he reserves the right to consider granting pardons to those who have been charged, though he has refused to answer any more questions about the topic.

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about Hassan," said Phi Theta in this world." Kappa President Miranda Click, who opened the service.

Dr. Rahim Karimpour, Saffari's former advisor, said he left Iran after the revolution in 1984 and that Saffari greeted him and his son at the airport when he returned to the U.S. He described Saffari as a good, caring friend and teacher.

BSCTC instructor David Profitt addressed the family.

"We wanted you to know, above all things, we wanted the family to know that we love you and our hearts are broken with yours," he said. "You had a good husband, a good brother, a good relative and a good friend. He was a good man ... The strength of his goodness will go on. The strength of his faith will walk beside you and the message of his love will forever make it real

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bring all types of entertainment

and providing monthly reports

on Thursday, August 18. At the

conference, companies will

enter sealed bids for a PRIDE-

sponsored project to clean two

illegal dump sites in the county.

Morris also noted that she put

off filing a complaint against Newsome for several months

but that she made the decision to

see the county attorney after

Newsome failed to begin paying

her back after he allegedly said

he would do so at a rate of \$200

per paycheck until the debt was

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Plants read a poem he wrote about Saffari's friendship. He said Saffari gave him hope and taught him to do "all [he] could to improve the world.' "Look at your life and think

of the time it might end," he read. "See how it'd seems so final if you had not shared it with a friend.'

BCTCS student Frances Branham said Saffari was the only instructor who encouraged her to believe that she could excel in math.

"He always told me I was thinking too much," she said. "We'd be taking a test and he'd walk by and whisper, 'Are you all right?' I've honestly never had encouragement in math until I had him."

Former student Stacy Scudder, who worked closely

gospel," she said. "And we

won't be limited to just music.

We can do monster truck shows, rodeo shows, ice shows, the Ice

John Kidd dump, in Harold.

The meeting, which is sched-

the two sites in question, which

have generated complaints from

local residents and neighbors of

During Morris' testimony,

Newsome's attorney, Steve

Owens, produced an e-mail fac-

simile that Morris had allegedly

sent Newsome which he used to

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Deskins said the \$29 million rock-and-roll to country to

"We'll have everything from Capades. We even have a bas-

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The court also voted to uled to begin at 10 a.m., will be

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with Saffari in the math lab and with Phi Theta Kappa, says she 'owes everything" to Saffari. "I owe him so much," she

said. "He's the one who told me I could do it. He's the one that made me believe in myself."

Saffari immigrated from Sabzevar, Iran, in 1970 to the University of Oregon, where he completed his master's degree. He worked at Slippery Rock University before being recruited as a math instructor at the Prestonsburg college, where he taught for almost 20 years.

As customary in his religious tradition, Saffari's body was ritually washed and wrapped in linen before burial at the Islamic

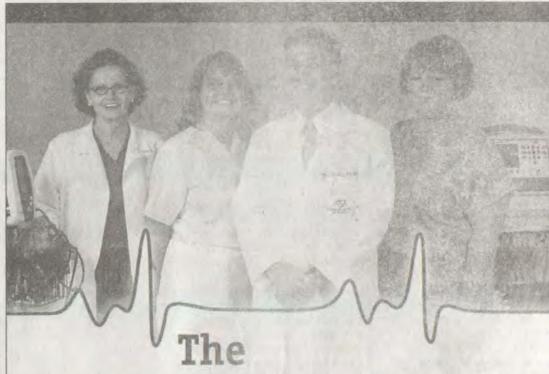
He is survived by his wife, Victa, and his children, Sara, 5, and Ali. 3.

Among those indicted thus

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ketball floor."

Former Judge-Executive Donna Damron began planning the construction of the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center in

Upon completion, the center is expected to contribute more than \$10 million to the local economy, with most proceeds from out-of-state coming

The 126,000 square foot facility has an arena floor of about 24,000 square feet and can seat 7,000 people. It also has an additional 5,000 square feet of ballroom space that overlooks the arena floor.

Tickets for the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert, priced at \$35 and \$45, went on sale Saturday at the center and through Ticketmaster.

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Guest View

Let allegations be heard by jury

ttorney General Greg Stumbo said he does not know if Gov. Ernie Fletcher is considering issuling blanket pardons to those indicted in connection with the current investigation of alleged violations of the state Merit System Law, but if the governor is considering such a move, the attorney general wants it known that he thinks it would be a terrible move.

We agree. Not only would blanket pardons short circuit the work of the special grand jury convened to hear evidence in the investigation, but mass pardons would deny those accused the chance to defend themselves in court.

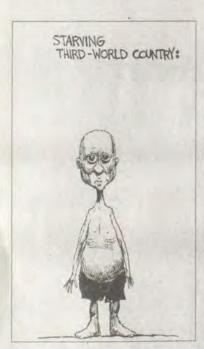
The Republican governor has criticized the investigation by the office of the state's highest ranking Democrat as little more than a politically motivated fishing expedition designed to curry support for Stumbo's 2007 gubernatorial bid. Only by having the evidence heard in open court will the people of Kentucky be able to determine for themselves whether the charges have merit or are little more than a result of partisan politics.

Issuing pardons also would be a disservice to those charged. Whether right or wrong, many people will assume the pardons mean those charged are guilty and would have been convicted if they had gone to trial. That's no way to quell a controversy.

To date, only former GOP gubernatorial candidate Larry Forgy has suggested that Fletcher pardon all indicted members of his administration. But then Forgy tried to have the investigation curtailed by challenging the constitutionality of the state Merit Law. That suit was thrown out of court.

If — as the governor contends — the charges against administration officials are without merit, then the best way to prove it is by gaining acquittals in court. That not only would vindicate the governor and his administration but also would seriously hamper the political ambitions of Stumbo. After all, two political careers are riding on the results of this investigation.

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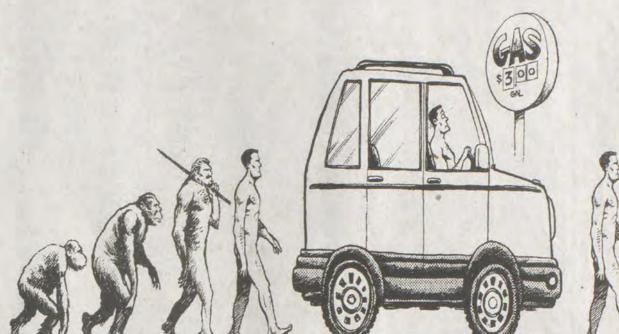
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-Rich ∫owry Column

Unleash Japan

Pacifism has never been so silly. In an East Asia that features both one of the world's most irrational states and a rising dictatorial power bent on changing

the region's strategic balance, a crucial ally of the United States labors under a constitution that could have written by Quakers.

Of course, it was an American team put together by Douglas MacArthur after World War II that wrote the Japanese Constitution, impos-

ing pacifism as state policy. That was understandable 50 years ago. Now the constraints of the Japanese Constitution - and the Japanese attitudes that have preserved them - are senseless anachronisms.

As part of her recent tour of Asia, restrictive postwar constraints. Secretary of State Condi Rice visited a Japan that is slowly emerging from its shell. It is one of the diplomatic triumphs of the Bush administration that it has helped accelerate this process. The ideal should be to make Japan as reliable a partner of the U.S. in Asia as Britain is

in Europe.

The alliance is a natural. Japan broadly shares our values. The U.S. is the world's No. 1 economy, and Japan is No. 2, a powerful combination. We want to check China, and Japan feels threatened by China. Japan provides the basing the U.S. needs at a time when we have lost

> our bases in the Philippines and our relationship with looks Korea shaky.

It is the rough neighborhood that has helped turn Japan away from its old pieties. North Korea is enough to shake anyone's pacifism,

and the Chinese have stupidly provoked Japan at every turn. Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi took office in April 2001 determined to strengthen the U.S. alliance and loosen the more

Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution is the main obstacle. The constitution and the interpretations and policies arising from it - bans a standing army, collective self-defense and arms exports. Japan has a military, but it's called a Self-Defense Force, and it's supposed to be limited to territorial defense.

For a long time, Japan denied itself refueling capacity for its F-4 fighters, since that was considered too "offensive." The prohibition on collective selfdefense means that Japan cannot come to the aid of an ally - i.e., the United States — when attacked.

But the restrictions have been loosening. After 9/11, legislation was passed authorizing the Self-Defense Force to stray beyond East Asia. Koizumi sent ships to the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea, where the Japanese supported the coalition efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq. And he deployed 600 ground troops to relatively peaceful southern Iraq.

In general, a strong Japan creates a balance of power in East Asia — of the sort that once existed in Europe - that makes any Chinese hegemonic ambitions more difficult to achieve.

Of course, any more assertive moves will revive the boogeyman of Japanese militarism. Other Asian countries have nightmarish memories of the Japanese

But it is a new Japanese government, with new norms, in a new time. The traditional restraints on it only serve to hobble what should be one of the world's significant players on the side of decency and civilization. Unleash Japan.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National

beyond the beltway

Struggling to hide the reasons for war

by DONALD KAUL MINUTEMAN MEDIA

There was a story in "The New York Times" last week that should disabuse you of any illusions you may still have about why we went to war in Iraq. (Hint: it wasn't weapons of mass destruction.)

The "Times" reported that a former CIA officer has filed suit against the agency, saying that prior

to the war he gave it information that Iraq had long since abandoned its nuclear weapons program and was selling off hardware.

The agency ignored the intelligence, he said, and when he complained it demoted him, then fired him.

The details of the suit are sketchy, largely because the CIA immediately classified it, along with the officer's name. The "Times" got the information through anonymous sources (thereby risking putting more of its staff in jail).

Why did the CIA ignore the report? Only the terminally naïve can ask that question seriously.

It has become obvious that this administration came into office aching to go to war with Iraq. It kept trying out reasons - Saddam was a threat to the peace of the region, he was pals with bin Laden and complicit in the 9/11 attacks, he was a cruel tyrant to his people until it hit upon one it could sell: weapons of mass destruction.

That one flew. From then on, neither the CIA nor any other government agency was interested in information that suggested that Saddam have didn't those weapons.

It's not much remembered now but throughout the '90s the consensus in the intelligence community was that Iraq had given up on its

nuclear weapons program.

In 2001, however, that assessment changed. Suddenly we had intelligence reports that Iraq was seeking highstrength aluminum tubes from China. Analysts concluded that they were to be used in a new uranium enrichment program that would yield nuclear weapons.

In case you've forgotten, George W. Bush became president in 2001. What a

coincidence. Not.

Of course analysts said Saddam was

rebuilding his nuclear program. If they hadn't they'd have been out on their ears like the guy who filed the suit.

How do you know this person who filed the suit is telling the truth? you might ask. A fair question.

Ask yourself this: Would you file a suit against the CIA, a powerful agency known for its vindictiveness, on false grounds? I don't think so. To mess with those boys you have to be monumentally ticked off at a monumental injustice.

The former officer's lawyer told the "Times" that he had asked the court to declassify his client's suit. The CIA responded by classifying his motion seeking declassification.

So the lawyer sent a letter to the director of the FBI requesting an investigation of the matter. The CIA promptly classified the letter.

If you can't put all of that together and come up with the reason we're in this miserable war, you are probably a devotee of the Rush Limbaugh show and what are you doing here anyway?

In any case, never fear, there are signs that the administration is getting ready to pull the plug on the Iraq opera-

The United States has put the arm on Iraqi leaders to stick to their original deadline for writing a constitution for their nation, despite the fact that there is no hope that the delegates can reach agreement on the most contentious issues facing them - the role of Islam,

(See BELTWAY, page eight)

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Ola Jean Crum Bartlett, 55, of Maysville, Georgia, formerly of Martin, died Sunday, August 7, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hansel S. Bradley, 74, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 6, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Lottie Honeycutt Bradley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Josephine Case, 64, of Honaker, died Sunday, August 7, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. She is survived by her husband, Edessell Case. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Margie Reeves, 81, of Melvin, died Tuesday, August 9, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Homer Reynolds, 82, of Catlettsburg, formerly of Allen, died Sunday, August 7, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 10, under the direction of Steen Funeral Home, Ashland.

Hassan Saffari, 55, a native of Iran, died Sunday, August 7. He is survived by his wife, Victa. A memorial service was held in the Gearheart Auditorium at the Prestonsburg Campus, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, at noon, on Friday, August 12.

■ Emma Sizemore, 66, of

Blue River, died Friday, August 5, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Edna Whitt, 92, of Oak Hill, Ohio, formerly of Betsy Layne, died Friday, August 5, at Heartland Nursing Home, in Oak Hill, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 9, under the direction f the Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Steven Matthew Brown, infant son of Steve and Schlonda Roberts Brown was stillborn, Friday, August 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, August 5, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Virgil Gordon Coleman, 66, of Draffin, died Wednesday, August 3, at UK Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Lyda Coleman. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Michael "Mikey" Earl Ellis, 49, of Joes Creek, died Friday, August 5, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Sue Canada Ellis. Funeral services were held Monday, August 8, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Opal Ward Good, 82, of Grapevine Road, Phyllis, died Monday, August 8, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, August 12, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home

■ Gwendolyn Hammonds,

86, of Ashcamp, died Thursday, August 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 7, under the direction of Bailey Funeral

Lucinda Janet Johnson, 59, of South Williamson, a native of Stone, died Friday, August 5, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 13, under direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel of Toler.

Jordan Austin Keene, six month old son of Ricky Keene and Ashley Kendrick of Greasy Creek, died Tuesday, August 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, August 12 under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Robert Howard Looney, a Pike County native, died August 8. Graveside services are to be announced. Snyder's Funeral Home, is in charge of arrangements.

Jettie Fern Newsome, 64, of Little Robinson Creek, died Thursday, August 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Lillian Lucille (May)
Ratliff, died Saturday, August 6,
at the Pikeville Medical Center.
Funeral services were held
Wednesday, August 10, under
the direction of Justice Funeral
Home.

■ Bertha Hall Scott, 81, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, August 9, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, August 12, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Hoyt Strunk, 83, of Batavia, Ohio, a Pike County native, died July 27, 2005 in Ft. Thomas. Funeral services were held July 30, at Moore Family Funeral Homes, Batavia, Ohio. Burial followed at Batavia Union Cemetery.

Christopher Earl Tackett, 40, of Belcher, formerly of Staffordsville, died Tuesday, August 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Louella Stewart Tackett. Funeral services were held Friday, August 12, under the direction of Jones & Preston Funeral Home.

Meretta Tibbs, 89, of Phelps, died Tuesday, August 9, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, August 12, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home of Phelps.

Jenna Walker, 34, of Shelbiana Road, Pikeville, died Tuesday, August 2, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 6, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Alice Dotson Wallace, 73, of Majestic, died Friday, August 5, at the Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center in Phelps. Funeral services were held Monday, August 8, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Betty Jo Elkins Wright, 72, of Dorton, died Tuesday, August 9, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, August 12 under direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Janetta Faye Meek Brewer, 65, of Catlettsburg, a native of Johnson County, died Thursday, August 4, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Robert A. Brewer. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 7, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mary Magdleon Branham Ratliff, 71, of River, died Monday, August 8, at Select

Speciality Hospital in Charleston, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Friday, August 12, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Paul Raymond Tackett, 79, of Hazard, formerly of Staffordsville, died Wednesday, August 3, at Hazard Area Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 6, the direction of the

Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Lenzie Webb, 89, of
Ashland, died Friday, August 5,
at King's Daughters Medical
Center in Ashland. Funeral services were held Monday,
August 8, under the direction of
the Paintsville Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Una Mae Vanover Reed,

92, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, August 2, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 5, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Darrell Ray Gibson, 55, of Mt. Sterling, a Magoffin County native, died Monday, August 1, at St. Joseph Hospice Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 4, under the direction of Herald and Stewart Home for Funerals.

Mary Selma May Salyer, 78, of Salyersville, died Monday, August 1, at St. Joseph East, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Grover Cleveland Salyer Jr. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 5, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home

"Special Thanks from the Family of Larry Allen McKinney"

We, the family of Larry Allen McKinney, and son, Michael Allen McKinney, wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who helped us during the tragic loss of our two precious loved ones, Larry and Michael.

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Barnes, and Deputy Robie Miles, for immediate service; Greg Nelson for bringing the news to us about the tragic accident on June 9th, 2005. Thanks to all who came to Larry's home to comfort his wife, Regina, and their three children, Zack, Summer and Corey, the night of the accident. Thanks to Brother Wendall Crager and Brother Ted Shannnon and singers, for their comforting words and beautiful songs. Special thanks to Mayor Thomasine Robinson for everything she did. Also a special thanks to Grace Flannery, who is like a grandmother to Larry. We would like to thank Brother Barry Spurlock and Bishop Ken Carrier, and Dr. Robert Marshall, and Attorney Stacy Marshall. A very special thanks to Roger and Sandra Nelson, and their sons, Greg and Roger, and all the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home staff, for all you did to comfort us in our time of grief. Also to Donnie and Charlene Nelson. Special thanks to Floyd County Sheriff, John K. Blackburn and staff, for your comforting words and special service. Thanks to everyone for the food and beautiful flowers. Thanks to everyone from both Prestonsburg Food City Stores and to all Dairy Queen employees, also John Austin McKinney's Little League team. Special thanks to Larry's employees of the Coal Country Cafe in Salyersville, KY, and employees of the former Family Inn Pizza & More at Garrett, KY. Special thanks to Judge Eric Hall for all his help to the family. Larry would have been so proud to see so many special friends visiting him. Also a special thanks to his cousin, Mickie McKinney; "You were very special to Larry." He will be greatly missed by all.

"So, son, if tears could build a stairway...and memories a lane...I'd walk right up to heaven...and bring you home again. But your life isn't over, it's just begun. Because you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called the two of you home. You were a very special son, husband, father, and brother. You were loved by all."

Sadly missed by your family
Your mother, Phyllis, and wife, Regina;
Your three children: Zachary, Summer and Corey
Brothers: Mark, Johnny, and Morgan; Sisters: Cathy Jean, and Artilou
Nephews: John Austin, and Kris Anthony

Written by Larry's mother, Phyllis McKinney

State gas prices setting records, hitting poor especially hard

That's not going to stop most

people from visiting Sea World

Catholic priest in Stanton, said

the gas prices may not seem so

harsh to people who can afford

Florida vacations, but they are

indeed burdensome to people

who have no hope of seeing

"Those who have resources,

Mickey Mouse in person.

The Rev. John Rausch, a

or Disney World,"

by ROGER ALFORD
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PIKEVILLE — Brenda
Gross has noticed that more
people are coming to the Eolia
Christian Community Outreach
Center in rural Letcher County
for free food, but they're arriving in fewer cars.

Rising gasoline prices have forced more impoverished Eastern Kentuckians to park their cars and ride with family or friends, said Gross, director of the eastern Kentucky charity.

"They're trying to conserve their gas by just not driving as much as they normally would," she said. "More families are car

pooling."

Blue Grass AAA reported a new state record of \$2.30 for a gallon of gasoline on Tuesday. Ann Belcher, spokeswoman for the automobile association's office in Lexington, said new records were reported Tuesday in several cities. Average prices per gallon reached \$2.40 in Louisville, \$2.38 in Ashland, \$2.34 in Lexington, and 2.23 in Owensboro.

Gross said those prices are hitting the poor especially hard.

"If they have to go to the doctor, they're trying to make their appointments at the same time so they can conserve gas by making the trip in one vehi-

cle," she said.

Belcher said people can save money by finding gas stations with lower prices.

"There are gas stations today selling gas for \$2.29 in Lexington," she said. "You can go a few streets over and you will be paying up to \$2.69 for the same regular gas. If that doesn't convince people to shop around, I don't know what will."

Belcher said the higher prices do hurt, but she said driving is still cost effective for most people. "If you look into taking a trip from Lexington to Orlando, Fla., you'll be paying \$29 more than you did last year.

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gas prices don't affect them,"
Rausch said. "They couldn't the top are imperviou he said. "If filling are just strapped. Every time gas prices go up they have to make to morrow big deal. If

care less. Low-income people are just strapped. Every time gas prices go up, they have to make unfortunate choices. Sometimes that may mean less food, or that they skip a treat, like ice-cream,

that could add flavor to their lives."

Rausch said people living comfortable middle- and upperclass lives may not understand what it's like for the poor to have to buy only \$5 worth of gas instead of filling their tanks because they don't have enough money.

"Those on the bottom have to

"Those on the bottom have to pay more and more of their limited incomes, whereas those on the top are impervious to this," he said. "If filling up your Hummer is \$40 today and \$60 tomorrow, big deal. But \$20 to people on limited budgets can represent some very austere choices."

In Memory of Goldie McKinney Spurlock

b. June 13, 1927 d. July 30, 1995

Mother, it's been 10 long years, and yes, we still wipe away the tears,
We had the greatest Mother, whom God gave rest that day.
In my heart I feel a void, and there's a

In life, you gave to the very end, and you were our best friend.

special place where fond memories will

And eternity you'll spend, as we endure to the end.

You gave life to eight great children, and

your roses never wilted, given in love to all who yielded to your sweet loving smile, As they simply stopped to stay awhile.

Please know how much I miss you, and I'm

Please know how much I miss you, and I'm sorry I let you down, because on your face several times I put a frown. I did what I did out of desperation, not inspiration, and now all I feel is separation from the people I love most, and now prison walls I do host.

If I could just bite into your combread, beans & taters, with lettuce and green onlons, and maybe a fried green tomato, I'd know I'd be home again.

Just to see your fingers peckin' on your table when you felt able.

Your grandchildren have special memories of "Mamaw," and each one worries about "Papaw," as your rockin' chair sits alone,
And all the children have gone home.

Please know you taught me well, and my faith has never falled, even in my darkest hours, I made it with the Savior's power. You left your living testimony that taught me to stop and pray, each night, and several times a day, that all would be OK.

Even though I made wrong choices, that I learned from, and learned it well, I'm so

very thankful I didn't send my soul to "heil."

As I repent, and justice pay, I'll do it well each day spent.

When I get home, I hope to show you and the Lord, that His sacrifice was for one accord. Please know in my heart you still live, and no one could ever be as you

were to all who sat upon your knee.

Mom, I hope every person who knew how dedicated your life was to church and to family. Because of your example, we'll always, the scriptures search. You sent sons, grandsons on missions, and I know the Lord gave your commission.

I'm sorry for all the pain you had to bear, but as you should remember, I was

always there. Sleeping on the floor or whever I could share.

I know that I'll pay for what I've done, it's been 17 long months, and yes, I know the "Father, and the "Son."

If angels were to speak to us, they'd tell your life story, and then they'd say, "Yes, she earned her celestial glory."

Doctors ridiculed you, and said you were not in pain, until the day you almost

died, and a bone scan proved who was sane.

She worked hard, raising children, raising gardens, canning, and giving to all. I'm so proud to call her mother, and yes, she met the "call."

Written by Cheryl Kinslow (daughter)



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This Town, That World

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

What is so rare as a day in August when the temperature is now 90?...The rains came Wednesday afternoon, and half the people have nothing to talk about today.

MUSIC'S MENACING MENAGERIE

(No alliteration intended) Seen Ed Music's "mongoose" yet?

Do so, and get the spring back into the old legs.

The mongoose, you will recall, is that vicious, ferret-like animal that kills the deadly cobra. It lashes out suddenly, with lightninglike speed and Br'er Mongoose's adversary is a cooked goose. All

this Mr. Music careful to warn visitors against, they peek into the box where the "animal" is



adagio, Spring Dance and Dying Swan in the matter of a split second, when the thing "got loose," as it usually does when visitors come around, lists other of the local gentry who went places, but fast, when the lid was opened, revealing the deadly, little killer. Among the more agile ones are Bill Goebel, Jr., Blaine Hall and Toodles Wells.

Norman Allen

But he reassures us. It's all in fun. Also he urges me, "Don't be chicken." I'm not-I just don't like mongooses.

REPORT FROM THE FRONT

My favorite soldier reports that his sergeant was mightily worried after he got caught in the Spam grinder, the other day, but that the old boy has simmered down somewhat after learning the machine can be repaired. He says to tell the kid brother he will send him some shrapnel as soon as they can pick it out of him.

YOUNG VICTIMS -

A NEW CROP If you would say a prayer, and we hope you will, don't forget the youngsters who leave for college soon. These are the ones who go, wide-eyed and innocent, to hear some scholarly atheist inflict his views on them. Pray that they will have more sense than such teachers...Strange that our people are so careful to ban the teachings of Christianity in the classroom but at the same time cheerfully pay taxes to pay the salaries of those who scoff at it.

(See ALLEN, page seven)



In the tradition of years gone by, when neighbors were more neighborly, and neighborhoods were more like communities of extended families, Lancer residents, Marty Hicks, Lonzo and Ramona Bowling, Ronald and Mousie Adams, Jack and Susan Kendrick, Jamie and Kristy Howell, and Bob and Vernie Tackett hosted their 3rd annual block party on

by BRENDA VANDERPOOL

Saturday, August 6th. During the first week of August for the past three years now, North Riverview Lane, is transformed into an island paradise complete with bright lights, palm trees, pink flamingos, umbrellas, beach towels and tiki torches. Neighbors dressed in festive attire, including Hawaiian "floweredy" shirts and grass skirts, arrive around dusk and are greeted by youngsters who present them with leis. An estimated 75 guests enjoyed this year's party. Scrumptious trays of food and drink are carried in for a luau to rival those found on Maui or Oahu. From the youngest guest, who is just beginning to walk, to the oldest who, let's just say, has been a senior citizen "for a few decades," enjoy the evening's fun and fellowship. Guests include neighbors who have lived in the

Lancer area for 40+ years to those who

have just moved in a few weeks ago. Young and old alike enjoy the lively music and participating in (or just watching) all the dancing from the limbo to the hokey pokey to the electric slide to the twist to the Macarena. Although the atmosphere is bright and lively and laughter and the squeals of delighted children fill the air, there is also a feeling of "slowing down," of returning to an easier, less hectic time when neighbors visited neighbors and spent an evening outdoors instead of plastered to a TV set, checking e-mail, or catching up on work brought home from

Amidst all the music, talking and laughter, there is also a peaceful quiet, almost an eerie calm, then you realize what it is....no cell phones are ringing, no pagers going off, not one child is playing with a hand-held video game, and, if you close your eyes and listen really, really close, you can almost swear that you can hear ocean waves beating against the shores of the Big Sandy!

Thank you, Lancer neighbors, for bringing back the tradition of a neighborhood block party. We'll be looking forward to next year!

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Dead Birds'

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

A team of bank robbers run afoul of ghosts when they choose a haunted house as a hideout in this chiller which went right to video and is solid proof that you can't trust Hollywood to discern the difference between moose snot and melted marshmal-

Once again a film that would have

entertained audiences at the multiplex has been forced onto video because the big wigs in L.A. think people will only fork over money for lame PG-13 horror sequels like "Ring 2" (which hit theaters the same week that this movie hit video



Tom Doty Staff Writer

shelves). Ironically, they were right and "Ring 2" made a killing, so what do I know?

This one starts off with a bang as five people execute a bloody bank heist which sees everyone in the building get executed as well as a few bystanders who witness the getaway. The group heads off to a hideout that will put them close enough to the Mexican border to reach safety the next day.

The group fails to observe that they are in a horror movie from the beginning. First they have chosen an abandoned plantation that was apparently the site of rampant brutality towards its slaves.

Second, the minute they step on the property, they observe a scarecrow which looks an awful lot like a corpse, but they shrug their shoulders and sol-

Third, halfway across the overgrown corn field that leads to the house, they shoot a critter they can't even recognize, though it could be a mountain lion which some brave soul decided to shave.

Lastly they start disappearing soon after they get to the house and one guy actually says, "Let's split up."

Eventually they put together that they are in a house that saw many horrors. Via flashback we learn that the plantation owner sold his soul to the devil and tried to use black magic to resurrect his wife. It is unclear if his spells worked, but he sure put a curse on the house.

The souls of his children, sacrificed to try and reanimate the wife, are trapped in the home and have a nasty habit of appearing to be helpless waifs until someone gets too close. Once a victim is near enough, they turn into wide-mouthed skeletal creatures with razor sharp teeth who scream like banshees before putting the bite on their new house guests.

The gang is already at each other's throats over the money, but greed takes a back seat to survival when everyone realizes they will need each other to survive till morning. What follows is one long night and a day that won't be getting much better.

(See LAGOON, page seven)

Friendship forever fondue

by SHARON CIVALLERI

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL COOKBOOK"

A good friend - what a treasure! I've had a good friend since the fourth grade (and that's a considerable piece of time, since we are now in our 50s). Joyce and I see each other only occasionally, but when we're together it's as if we just saw each other yesterday. Being with her is as beautiful as a colorful rainbow, a fresh box of crayons or a cool shower on a hot day - refreshing.

One of our favorite things to do play in the kitchen together. Lots of

problems can be solved while you're chopping and slicing. Sharing a recipe is sharing your life. Are those tears from the onion or from that memory? Does it matter? Because soon there is only laughter. There is always a sense of understanding, of peace and comfort, of feeling completely at home. Most of all, there is acceptance, no matter what we've done. There is unconditional love. Always.

Friends sharing joy, sorrow, laughter and tears. Through the good - wedhe he and success; the offbeat -TM, vegetarianism, yoga; the sad -

loss of a mother, loss of a child, loss of our youth ... we rage on together. We share beauty secrets - after all, we can't let gravity and the years show too much. That's how it is when you share time in the kitchen with a friend who will be a friend forever.

Friendship Forever Fondue

Makes 12 servings.

Serve this with 1-1/2-inch pieces of toasted French bread, a variety of fresh vegetables cut into bite-size pieces or tortilla chips.

■ 2 (10-3/4-ounce) cans of cheddar

cheese soup

■ 1 pound shredded Swiss cheese

■ 1 (8-ounce) can tomatoes, crushed

(or mild Mexican salsa) ■ 1 pound shredded cheddar cheese

■ 1 (7-ounce) can diced green chilies ■ 1/3 cup white wine (optional)

■ 1 small onion, minced 1. Combine all fondue ingredients in

a heavy saucepan. Stir over low heat until cheeses are melted and all is

2. Pour into a bowl and place in the center of a platter surrounded by bread. vegetables or chips for dipping.



Don't swim in perilous waters

face of the globe, I believe one of the senger lied and said he was driving, safest statements I could ever make is because he wanted to save his friend

that we live in a dangerous world. In my earlier days I used to love to go squirrel hunting, but going hunting back then in a forest filled with rattlesnakes, was child's play compared to everyday dangers we face today when we get out bed.

Just this past week, on the interstate that

runs by our community, we had a terrible auto accident that took the lives of two young men. A pickup crossed the median and hit another pickup head on, and then got entangled with an 18wheeler. As is normally the case, the driver of the 18-wheeler was not injured. What made this wreck even more significant is that the driver whose truck crossed the median did not have a valid driver's license.

The driver was killed, as was the

from getting a "no driver's license" ticket.

When people, especially young people, are irresponsible, it just makes you want to take them and shake them, but in the case of these two young men, it's too late. Now, their families are left to grieve for them.

What I am going to say next is personal and you can disagree with me if you choose to

do so. The first question that comes to my mind when I hear of a tragedy like this is, did these two young men know the Lord? In reality, we just never know when we get out of bed each morning, whether or not it will be our last day here on earth. We face enough dangers in our lives that are beyond our control. However, when our actions and behavior are irresponsible, and this places us in great peril, we should be

others.

In each of my columns I try to present an idea, a concept or a story with a moral or ethical principle that will help you. Because we are each unique, I know that we have different values, interests and ways of looking at things. That is the way it should be, and it's also one of many things that makes life so interesting. Obviously, I don't hit a home run every time, but my heart's desire is to help you. It's my desire that everyone becomes more successful and has the benefits of living and working in the greatest nation in the world. This is why our attitude should always be one of gratitude. We should appreciate the opportunities that are all around us.

A friend sent me a story the other day that will serve to illustrate what I have been trying to say. It begins, "Some years ago on a hot summer day in South Florida a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole behind the house. In a hurry to dive into the water, he ran out the back door, leaving behind shoes, socks and shirt as

In light of recent events all across the driver of the other pickup, but the pas- able to learn from the misfortune of he went. He flew into the water, not realizing that as he swam out toward the middle, an alligator was swimming toward him. His father, working in the yard, saw the two as they got closer

> In utter fear, he ran toward the water, yelling to his son as loudly as he could. Hearing his voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a u-turn to swim to his father. It was too late. Just as he reached his father, the alligator reached him. From the dock, the father grabbed his little boy by the arms just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the father, but the father was much too passionate to let go. A farmer happened to drive by, heard the screams, raced from his truck, took aim and shot the alligator.

Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital, the little boy survived. His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the great reptile. And on his arms were deep scratches where his father's fingernails dug into his flesh, in his effort to hang on to the son he loved. The newspaper reporter who interviewed the boy after the trauma asked if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his pants legs and then, with obvious pride said to the reporter, "But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too. I have them because my daddy wouldn't let go."

And here is the message that everyone who reads this column should think about. Most of us should be able to identify with this little boy because we have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, but the scars of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly and have caused us deep regret. But some of those wounds are there because God has refused to let us go. If you have had a painful past, you can take real comfort that in the midst of your struggle because He's been there for you. We all need to take responsibility for ourselves and be extra careful not to swim in perilous waters. Our own personal world would be a much safer place, if we made it a point to do that.

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Suggestions for 'finding a mechanic

CLICK & CLACK

Talk Cars

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

For the past 11 years I have lived overseas, and I will be returning to the states in about 18 months. My trusted mechanics have all been run out of business, the country or both, and now I return home to retire, a stranger in a strange land, so to speak. How would you guys go about determining who runs a good shop? I know nothing about cars and am at the mercy of the mechanic, except in rare instances. How would one go about identifying an skilled honest,

mechanic? Morgan

TOM: Word of mouth is really the best way to find good. someone And since "word of mouth" has now moved to the Internet, in the form of things like Craig's List, the Internet should be useful, too.

RAY: A few years ago, we started a referral place on our Web site

great mechanics to each other. And it's worked very well.

TOM: It's called the Mechan-X-Files. You put in your ZIP code, specify how many miles from that ZIP code you're willing to go, and it spits out a list of nearby shops that have been recommended by other readers of our column and listeners to our radio show.

RAY: You get customer ratings on a bunch of issues like honesty, price, how they treat female car owners, and how they respond when they make mistakes. Then you can read specific comments by their customers.

TOM: So try the Mechan-X-Files, Morgan. It's at the top left corner of our home page, www.cartalk.com. And if others out there have a mechanic they really love, tell us about him or her at the Mechan-X-Files.

Car with locking steering wheel cannot be driven

Dear Tom and Ray:

The steering wheel on my 2003 Acura RSX has locked on me while driving three times now. I took it in to the dealership, and they could not find anything wrong and thus were unable to fix it. I have to quickly stop the car and turn off the ignition, and then when I restart the car, the steering wheel unlocks. The last time, I almost hit a tree. Help before I kill myself or, even worse, somenone else. — Wyatt

TOM: Geez, Wyatt. I'm stunned. It's absolutely unconscionable of the Acura dealer to send you away without fixing this, or - at the very least - replacing the parts that are most likely to cause this kind of problem.

RAY: You can't drive this car, Wyatt. To get the dealership's attention, it sounds like you're going to have to engage the services of a lawyer. It's going to cost you a few bucks, but which is more important - your money or your life?

TOM: I'm thinking ... I'm think-

RAY: Have the car towed back to

the dealer, and have the lawyer send a certified letter to the general manager of the dealership, with a cc to American Honda (which owns Acura). The letter should say: "My client cannot drive this vehicle in its current condition because it is likely that his death and/or the deaths of other innocent drivers will result. Since this car is under warranty, we insist that you keep it until it is fixed, and provide alternative transportation for my client until an Acura factory representative certifies that the repairs have been suc-

cessfully complet-TOM: Then ask

for the names of anyone with an ownership stake in the dealership and a list of other properties they own, so that the transfer of ownership to your heirs will go more smoothly in the event of your death. That should at least get their attention.

RAY: The most likely problem is in the ignition and cylinder lock

where people could recommend assembly - that's the thing you put your key into. When you remove the key, there's a pin that's allowed to slide into one of several holes in the steering column. It's an antitheft measure. I'd have to guess that the pin is being allowed to slide in and lock the wheel at other times like when you're changing lanes on the highway!

TOM: That could be caused by a bad ignition lock; it could be the shift interlock mechanism in the transmission, which allows the wheel to lock when you're in Park; or it could be a problem with the steering column. If they can't figure it out, they should replace all of those things, because lives are at

RAY: I'm betting against the rack and pinion, because the wheel reliably unlocks when you turn off the ignition and then turn it back on. But it is a distant possibility, too.

TOM: Another thing for the dealer to consider is whether the car has ever been stolen or repossessed. If someone once tried to pop the ignition and start this car without the key, that might be how the ignition lock got damaged.

RAY: But - we're serious, Wyatt. You absolutely can't drive this car until you're certain it's fixed. In the meantime, report this problem to NHTSA's Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236. They keep track of safety-related complaints and have the power to issue recalls in case other RSX owners start reporting this problem, too. Let us know what happens.

Why do unmitigated cheapskates like Tom continue to buy nothing but old clunkers? Find out by ordering Tom and Ray's guide "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

Radio show to broadcast from Lynn homeplace

VAN LEAR - Big John Trimble will be doing his afternoon radio show on WCLM 1450 AM in Richmond, Va., and bigjohntrimble.com (world wide) from Loretta Lynn's front porch in Butcher Hollow 4 to 6 p.m. on Sept 2.

Big John will be appearing live in the atrium of the Carriage House Hotel located in Paintsville on Saturday afternoon Sept. 3. (3 to 5 p.m.) along with J.C. Blevins and Alan Burton in a big rock-and-roll reunion radio show, presented jointly on WKYH AM 600 in Paintsville and on WCLM.

Trimble's wife, Juke Box Jean Trimble, who hosts the "Lost in the Fifties" show on WCLM will also be on the broadcast.

Trimble, known then as "Jolly John," did his radio shows on WSIP in truckers several times.

Paintsville, WTIP in Charleston, W.Va., and WDOC in Prestonsburg from 1954 to 1960 as a teenager. Both shows will be free and open to the public.

Trimble started in radio at the ripe old age of 14, in his hometown of Paintsville. From those humble beginnings at 250-watt AM station WSIP; he has built a 50-year career that has culminated with a nomination to be included in the Country Music DJ Hall of Fame. He has also been nominated the past two years as the Radio Personality of the Year at the Golden Voice Awards in Nashville. In May of this year John was put into the Broadcaster Hall of Fame by the Richmond Broadcasters Association. He has been named the

nation's favorite radio personality by

Trimble, who has been known nationally since the 1970s has been featured on TV on the Today Show, Good Morning America and several other national shows and he has been featured in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The L.A Times, People Magazine and many other national and local publications. John has acted in the movies, "Behind the Scene" and "The Day Lincoln Was Shot He also currently has two comedy albums which are distributed nationally.

John will be one of the principal speakers at the Paintsville High School Alumni Association's annual banquet along with Jerry Potter, sportswriter for USA Today. Both are graduates of Paintsville High School.

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In New Haven, Conn., recently, a gentleman did a monumental work in the cause of simplified spelling. Haroutioun A. Aprahamian had his name changed to Haroutioun A. Abrahamian.

AD ABSURDUM

Not long ago yours truly sat in on a seminar whereat newspaper people and journalism instructors dwelt long on the dangers that lie in the printed word. When we got through, many wondered how we ever got out a newspaper and contrived at the same time to stay out of jail. It's consideration of matters like this that makes newsmen so cautious; some wouldn't say it rained yesterday unless they could attribute it to a higher

Apropos all this, this week we ran across what a newpaper wag submitted as a cautious re-write of the story that starts in the 37th chapter of Genesis. It follows, to-witless:

"A man known as Jacob, a sheep rancher, reported this morning that his youngest son, Joseph, is missing, the

The father reported that the youth had been sent to help his half-brothers herd sheep, the sheriff declared. The other young men allegedly returned home late yesterday afternoon, bringing with them a bloodstained coat of unusual design which Jacob is said to have identified as the property of the missing boy. The sheriff said the brothers claimed they had noticed nothing out of the ordinary during the day, except that while they were eating lunch, a camel pack train passed at a distance. The packers were believed to be Medianites, possibly on route to Egypt. Investigation of the case continues, the sheriff added:

Slow me down, Lord!

SLOW ME DOWN (An old Southern pastor's prayer) Ease the pounding of my heart by the

Continued from p6 quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time. Give me, amidst the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tension of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the magical restorative power of sleep. Teach me the art of taking minute vacations... of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pet a dog, to read a few lines from a good book.

Remind me each day of the fable of the hare and the tortoise, that I may know that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to life than increasing its speed. Let me look upward into the branches of the towering trees, and know that they grow tall because they grow slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values, that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.

Lagoon

Don't expect a happy ending, folks, but you are guaranteed a good time if you like your ghost stories with a side order of gore and just a dash of nihilism.

This one has a lot going for it. For one, thing the setting is perfect. The robbers are actually ex-Confederate soldiers and the payroll they rip off is sorely needed for the war effort, so there is a sense they are getting what they have coming to them from the beginning. The time period, 1863, is appropriate since the country was getting over its own wounds at the time. The period costumes and language are also authentic and add to the events that unfold rather than distract from them.

The actors are also in top form and led by Henry Thomas ("E.T.") as the group's leader. Thomas doesn't even flinch when he accidentally guns down a child who witnesses the robbery. That no effort is made to glamorize his character is a brave choice and his performance is solid.

Patrick Fugit ("Almost Famous") is well cast as Thomas' younger brother who catches a bullet in the heist and elicits a tad more sympathy.

The best roles though go to Mark Boone Jr. and Michael Shannon as two thugs who fully intend to murder the rest of the group in their sleep and take off with the loot. The real star here is the director. Alex

Turner does a fine job of staging all of

the action and mixing eerie elements,

flashbacks and an 1863 setting to pull

off a ghost story that packs a mean

punch. This one is rough and the opening bank robbery is probably one of the goriest you'll ever see, but stick it out and you'll note that Turner is just as good at building suspense and sustaining tension as he is at staging a gory shootout. The ending is a killer - not to

Best line: "Unless you all are fixing to eat it, then leave it alone."

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2004, Rated R.

This month's trivia contest is up and running with several correct responses already logged. If you want to get in on a chance to win the rare 1957 thriller "I Was a Teenage Werewolf' on VHS or a book on the films of Roger Corman then go to www.floydcountytimes.com and enter. Anyone needing a hint would be advised to check out www.imdb.com.



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Government vouchers will cover cost of treatment for drug addicts

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON - Government vouchers would pay for treatment for low-income addicts in drug-ravaged Eastern Kentucky under an initiative unveiled in London on Friday.

The vouchers, paid for with \$1.6 million in federal funds from the anti-drug organization UNITE, will be good in either

public or private treatment centers and can be used only by people who couldn't otherwise afford treatment, U.S. Rep. Harold Rogers said. The 5th District Republican has successfully pushed for congressional appropriations to help in the fight against drugs in the mountain region.

"It's no secret about the epidemic we face," Rogers said. "It's certainly the most devastating scourge that I've seen in my keep them from using drugs for addicts quicker access to treat-25 years in Congress."

Rogers created the federally funded UNITE organization with its own police force that, he said, has arrested about 1,500 street-level drug dealers during the past two years and confiscated \$4.5 million worth of drugs. To conquer the problem, however, treatment is vital, said Dale Morton, spokesman for UNITE.

"You can arrest people to

with election fraud. One of

those men, wealthy Pikeville

businessman Ross Harris, was

described by prosecutors as the

kingpin in a vote-buying con-

Newsome testified that

Harris and one of his associates,

Loren Glenn Turner, made ille-

gal cash contributions to his

campaign in 2002. Both men

spiracy.

were convicted.

a period of time," Morton said. "You can educate them and try to keep them from getting hooked on drugs. But to be able to help people who need treatment is a key component of

what UNITE is all about." The vouchers are especially important in the most impoverished communities of Eastern Kentucky where many people can't afford treatment and may not survive the waiting list to get into public treatment centers, said Joe Neikirk, executive director of Chad's Hope Center, a faith-based treatment center that is under construction in Manchester.

"It's going to give many folks an opportunity for rehabilitation that they didn't have before," Neikirk said of the voucher program.

Although the vouchers are only for people from Rogers' congressional district, they can be used at any treatment center that has an opening across the state, even out of state, to give

ment when they ask for help.

"I think it's tremendously important for indigent clients,' said Mike Sewell, regional director of substance abuse services for Cumberland River Comprehensive Care in Corbin. "It gives an awful lot of hope to people who previously had

UNITE was created two years ago to help combat the abuse of OxyContin, a narcotic considered important therapy for many patients suffering from chronic, moderate to severe pain from illnesses such as cancer.

The tablet, when swallowed whole, provides 12 hours of pain relief. But the drug can produce a quick and potentially lethal high if it is chewed, snorted or injected. It has been linked to more than 100 deaths and bears the government's strongest warning label, which says the drug may be as addictive as morphine.

Pharmacies in Eastern Kentucky have had to install security systems and vaults to protect their inventories of OxyContin and other prescription painkillers. The number of burglaries and robberies has increased with addicts trying to get money and drugs to feed their habits. Sewell said the effects also show up in the increased frequency of divorce, domestic violence, drugimpaired driving, suicides and homicides.

UNITE detectives along with other police agencies in the region have staged drug roundups that have netted from 20 to 200 street-level drug dealers in a single day.

The problem has even made its way into coal mines, where state inspectors have been trained to recognize drugimpaired coal miners. Marijuana was found in a Floyd County coal mine where one man was killed and another severely injured in a blasting accident two years ago. An employee told investigators that he saw two miners snorting crushed painkillers in the mine.

Knott judge-exec resigns

The Associated Press

HINDMAN - An Eastern Kentucky judge-executive who held onto the top county post while serving a 16-month prison sentence for federal vote fraud has resigned.

Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome was convicted nearly two years ago in the federal case that also netted a well-known Pikeville business-

In a letter to Gov. Ernie Fletcher, Newsome said he intends to leave office Sept. 30.

Meanwhile, Newsome said he and his deputy, Mac Combs, will "continue to the work of Knott County and to personally work with any successor appointed."

Newsome, 54, kept his \$65,000-a-year job despite serving prison time after his 2003 conviction for vote-buying in a 1998 Knott County Democratic primary.

State law allowed Newsome to hold on to the position until his appeals were exhausted. He resumed his official duties after being released from prison in January.

Newsome won his first appeal in a state appeals court. That ruling said a special judge erred when he declared

Newsome's office vacant in an election-contest lawsuit. But that decision was later trumped by a federal appeals court decision that upheld his original conviction.

Newsome's attorney, Steven Reed of Louisville, said Newsome could have asked the entire 6th Circuit Court of Appeals to review the threejudge panel's decision, or he could have taken his case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Out of respect for our legal system and the people of Knott County, Donnie's decided to move on," Reed said Thursday. "He loves his community, and he wants to let his community move on."

It was not clear who might be selected to replace

Reed said he does not know his client's plans now. "As far as he's concerned, this case is over with."

Newsome, a former twoterm legislator and coal operator, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

He was originally sentenced to two years and two months in prison on two counts of buying votes and one count of conspiracy to buy votes, but his time was reduced for testifying against two other men charged

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Johnson receives national certification

Karen S. Johnson, transportation director of Floyd County Schools, has completed the NAPT Professional Certification Program. The program was established in 1989 to recognize the achievements and expertise of individuals in various administrative positions within the pupil transportation field. As a candidate for national certification, Johnson participated in an objective peer review of the her education, career experience and achievements in the field of pupil transporta-



tion operations as well as a rigorous job-specific written examination that tested her knowledge of national standards for safe and efficient pupil transportation. Certification as a Director of Pupil Transportation (CDPT) is available to individuals who are qualified as the top administrator of a pupil transportation system. Candidates must demonstrate that they are capable of handling a position that involves establishing programs and policies, setting standards, developing materials, and providing leadership to achieve designated goals.

Ky. man charged with stealing mining equipment in W.Va.

The Associated Press

DINGESS, W.Va. - A former employee has been accused of stealing more than \$40,000 worth of mining equipment from a Mingo County coal company.

Larry Steven Fluty of Pilgrim, Ky., was charged earlier this week by State Police Trooper J.A. Pursley with two

counts of grand larceny.

Fluty is accused of stealing a pair of remotes, a generator, a transmitter, a receiver, celluloid and other items from Alpha & Omega Coal Company of Dingess, according to the State Police report.

The alleged thefts occurred on July 30 and July 31, according to the report.

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Kurdish autonomy and the Bush promises go. rights of women - in that time.

The administration wants an elected Iraqi government in place by the end of the year so that it can begin pulling our troops out in time for the American elections when we can reelect the clowns who got us into this mess in the first

place. It will be the first step in abandoning the Iraqis to the chaos that awaits them, and all the blah-blah about establishing a democracy that can serve as a beacon for the Middle East can be consigned to the file labeled "Never Mind," where most

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'JMU picked to repeat

Brown back for sophomore season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HARRISONBURG, Va. -Defending national champion James Madison is ranked No. 1 in The Sports Network's preseason Division I-AA football poll announced Monday.

The preseason poll was released just prior to the JMU

team receiving a visit from U.S. and one quarterback sack in Senator George Allen during its first practice in preparation for the 2005 season.

Paintsville High School graduate Ryan Brown is entering his sophomore season with the Dukes. Brown sat out and redshirted last season season after recording 20 total tackles

2003 as a freshman. He is expected in 2005 to play a large role along JMU's defensive line.

The JMU coaching staff includes former Lawrence County High School coach Phil Ratliff. A graduate of Marshall University, Ratliff coaches the JMU tight ends.

The Dukes, who compiled a 13-2 record a year ago while claiming their first NCAA title, received 49 of the 101 firstplace votes and 2,333 voting points from The Sports Network's panel of media and sports information directors. Furman, the team JMU beat in the second round of last season's playoffs, was second in the voting with 21 first-place votes and 2,251 overall points.

Also receiving first-place votes were No. 3 Montana (14), No. 4 Eastern Washington (11), No. 5 Southern Illinois (3), No. 9 William & Mary (1), No. 15

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For Morehead State coach, 'it's going to be OK' after son's death



by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOREHEA - Another football season is about to start, and Morehead State coach Matt Ballard is making a point to savor every moment of the experience - if only for the distraction, and the comfort, it might provide.

"It's got to help. It's got to," Ballard said, as players trickled into the Eagles' football office, preparing for the start of preseason practice. "It's like a breath of fresh air. Can we do this 24 hours a day? The down time, the quiet time, is kind of tough. It's hard to go to sleep at night."

Ballard is entering his 12th season as the head coach at Morehead State, a NCAA Division I-AA member that plays in the non-scholarship Pioneer Football League. From a football perspective, the Eagles have much to celebrate _ they've won three straight division titles and their next win will be the 100th of Ballard's coach-

But as the Eagles prepare for their season opener Sept. 3 at St. Francis (Pa.), Ballard is struggling with another, monumentally more challenging opponent.

Not just any kind of grief, but the kind known only by a parent who has lost a child. Ballard's only child, 21-year-old Matthew Ballard, died instantly July 12 when his motorcycle and a pickup truck collided just outside the small northeast Kentucky community of Olive Hill.

"We're going to miss the daylights out of him," Ballard said. "It hurts like crazy. I can't even explain the hurt and the heartache. But the Good Lord didn't promise us it was going to

(See COACH, page two).

Johnson native Osborne headed into WKU Athletic Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN - Five former Western Kentucky University athletes will be inducted as the 15th class into the WKU Athletic Hall of Fame in ceremonies set for Homecoming Weekend this fall.

The 2005 class includes Jeff Cesarone (football), Wayne Chapman (basketball), Johnson County native Charlie Osborne (basketball), Jim Richards (basketball, baseball, golf) and Porter Williams (football).

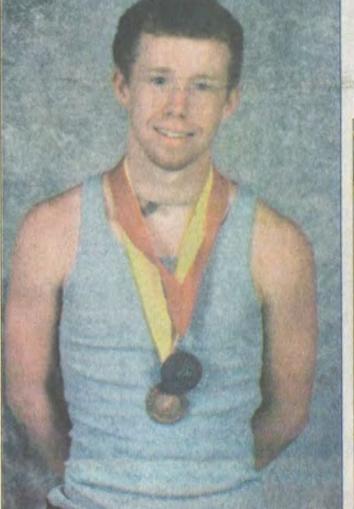
The induction of the 2005 class

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BLUEGRASS GAMES



photos courtesy of Bluegrass State Games The recently completed Bluegrass Summer Games included athletes from across the state. HAP (Harold-Allen-Prater) coach instructed a player during a game against the Harlan County Bear Cubs (pictured above). Left: Floyd County track and field athlete Brad Bond capturd three medals.





3,621 medals awarded during Bluegrass State Games Bond leads Floyd County with three medals won

TIMES STAFF REPORT

awarded 3,621 medals in the recently completed events. Final results, released Wednesday, show participants from 97 Kentucky counties took home gold, silver and

bronze medals. More than 13,000 Kentuckians participated in this year's Games.

Fayette County led the number of medals earned, with its participants having won 716 medals - 279 gold, 254 silver and 183 bronze. Jefferson County placed second with 443 medals; Woodford County placed third with 136; Franklin County came in fourth with 127 and Madison County fifth with 103.

Boone County came in sixth with 98; Scott County placed seventh with 89; Campbell County ranked eighth with 84, followed by Hardin County in ninth-place with 83. Bourbon and Jessamine counties tied for 10thplace with 82 medals each.

Floyd County athletes captured a total of five medals. Tim Branham won a bronze in the racquetball 40-and-over

competition. The Rage softball team, based out of Floyd County, took gold in the Class E tournament. Prestonsburg LEXINGTON - The 2005 Bluegrass Summer Games High School track and field athlete Brad Bond won two bronze medals and one silver. Bond took a silver medal in the men's 300-meter hurdles and

bronze in both the long jump and 110meter hurdle events. Pike County athletes, collectively, won 13 medals. Johnson County

athletes won six medals. Kellee Smith of Oldham County was the top medal winner with eight in shooting. Six participants tied for second-place with seven medals each. They were Edward Lucey of Jefferson County and Whit Whitaker of Fayette County, both in track and field. Gene Siler of Whitley County and Mary Smoot of Fayette County, both in swimming; Chuck Wright of Jefferson County in shooting, and Kelli Lynch of Fayette County in

equestrian. Final results, along with a photo gallery of the events, are available online at www.bgsg.org.

The Bluegrass State Games are designed to give Kentucky's amateur athletes an opportunity to participate in statewide competitions.

Gibbs releases Leffler from No. 11 Cup car driving duties





SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. - Joe Gibbs Racing has released driver Jason Leffler from his driving duties with the No. 11 car in the Nextel Cup Series.

Two-time Cup Series champion Terry Labonte will compete in several of the upcoming Cup races in the No. 11, beginning JGR also will turn to its Busch Series drivers

- J.J. Yeley and Denny Hamlin - to split driving duties in the No. 11 in the remaining Cup races where Labonte is not scheduled to drive. "This was a difficult decision," said J.D.

Gibbs, president of JGR. "Everyone at Joe Gibbs Racing had high hopes for Jason and the No. 11 team, but our performance wasn't meeting the expectations all of us set forth at the beginning of the year.

"It hasn't been for lack of effort, as Jason is a talented race car driver who worked

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Stewart-led NASCAR trio to race at Eldora

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio - Sunday's NASCAR duel at Indianapolis, between victor Tony Stewart and runner-up Kasey Kahne, undoubtedly has increased the drama level for Eldora Speedway's August 17 Old Spice Sprint Sizzler.

The duo, along with Dave Blaney, will be returning to their dirt-track Sprint Car roots to compete in a mid-week (Wednesday) National Racing Alliance (NRA) Sprint Invader program and Kahne has to be anxious.

For Kahne, Stewart and Blaney - the adrenaline flows and the drive for victory is there, regardless of the machine being driven.

Each of them has an extensive, as well as, illustrious Sprint Car background, but Kahne is the most recent graduate from those ranks and is banking on that to bolster his chances towards an Eldora victory - especially after Sunday's bittersweet loss to Stewart on Sunday.

Stewart, who purchased the Eldora speed plant from Earl Baltes late last year, will be making his second driving appearance on the steeply banked one-half mile clay oval this year. In June he participated in the Nextel sponsored Prelude to the Dream, along with several other NASCAR stars, in a charity driven event.

However, the tenacious Stewart outwardly stated "that race was for fun, this one is serious." And it will be serious for Kahne and

Blaney, as well. But there is another factor thrown into the

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Repeat

Massachusetts (1), and No. 19 Harvard (1). JMU beat Montana in last season's national championship game in Chattanooga, Tenn., and won at William & Mary in the playoffs' semifinals.

JMU's No. 1 position in the poll after winning last season's national crown is the only other time the Dukes have appeared at the top of The Sports Network poll. JMU is ranked in the top 25 in the preseason for the first time since 2000, and the Dukes are listed in Division I-AA top five during the preseason for the first time.

Allen, a former player at Virginia and the son of professional football hall of fame and Washington member Redskin, Chicago Bear and Los Angeles Ram coach George Allen, addressed the team during Monday's afternoon's practice. Allen later toured JMU's recently completed Robert and Frances Plecker Athletic Performance Center, a facility that houses various facets of the JMU's operation.

Allen saw JMU's national semifinal win over William & Mary last season in person, and he commended the Dukes on their efforts a year ago.

JMU a year ago compiled a 9-2 regular-season record and became the first Division I-AA team to win three straight road playoff games to reach the NCAA title game. The Dukes won at Lehigh (14-13), at Furman (14-13) and at William & Mary (48-34) before defeating Montana (31-21) for the national championship.

JMU is among six Atlantic 10 Conference teams listed in the preseason top 25. Joining the Dukes in the poll are No. 7 New Hampshire, No. 9 William & Mary, No. 10 Delaware, No. 15 Massachusetts, and No. 24 Hofstra. JMU, Delaware, and William & Mary tied for last season's Atlantic 10 title, and all

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three, along with league member New Hampshire, won firstround NCAA playoff games a year ago. The Dukes this season will play at Delaware, Hofstra, Massachusetts, and William & Mary. They will not play New Hampshire.

Atlantic 10 members Villanova, Northeastern, and Maine also received top-25 votes in the preseason poll. JMU will host Villanova and Maine.

JMU non-conference opponent Coastal Carolina also received votes. The Dukes play Sept. 10 at Coastal Carolina, a team that was 10-1 last season.

JMU began preseason drills Monday after its players reported to campus Sunday, Aug. 7.

Osborne

Western Kentucky athletes and coaches who have earned berths in the school's Athletic Hall of Fame since its founding in 1991.

The 2005 class will be inducted in ceremonies during the annual W-Club Homecoming Brunch, set for 11 a.m. (CDT), Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Hall of Champions in E.A. Diddle Arena on the WKU campus in Bowling Green. The event is free to W-Club members and their guests.

The inductees will also be honored in ceremonies during the annual Homecoming football game, set to kickoff at 4 p.m., later that day. Head coach David Elson will pit his Hilltoppers against Gateway Football Conference rival Missouri State (formerly Southwest Missouri) in that

brings to 101 the number of former contest at L.T. Smith Stadium/Jimmy Felix Field.

> Osborne, a basketball legend who played in college from 195961, came to Western Kentucky in 1958 from Flat Gap, and developed into a twotime all-OVC athlete for head Diddle's coach E.A. Hilltoppers. Osborne starred at Flat Gap High School. Now, 44 years after he left the Hill, Osborne still holds school records for free throws made (511), free throws attempted (638) and free throw percentage (80.1) in a three-year career. He completed his career with 1,359 points, the fourth highest total ever for a Topper at the time and still good enough to rank him 11th on the school's all-time leaders list. He also remains among

Western's all-time leaders in career scoring average (eighth at 17.0) and career rebounding (11th with 806). As a junior, he helped lead the Toppers to an NCAA Tournament berth, pacing the club in scoring (17.8 ppg), field goal percentage (51.2-percent) and free throw percentage (80.1-percent). He also led Western at the stripe both his sophomore (76.4-percent) and senior (83.4-percent) years. Following his career at WKU, Osborne was drafted by the Syracuse Nationals of the NBA and played one season of pro ball. He was killed in an automobile accident in 1979 at the age of 40. His widow, Norma and three children (son Gavin and daughters Carter and Mitchell) reside in the Louisville area.

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Coach

be easy. He did promise that, 'I'm going to be with you.""

So Matt Ballard, using his Christian faith as an anchor, delivered 45-minute eulogies at two services for his son, one in Kentucky, the other in the coach's native state of North Carolina. During visitation before the Kentucky service, Ballard and his wife, Brenda, greeted people - some who had stood in line for more than four hours - from 3:30 in the afternoon until almost midnight.

"It was tremendous, the outpouring," said Ron Gruber, the athletic director at Rowan County High School, where Brenda teaches English and Matthew was a graduate. "They took the time to talk to everyone who came through. It was amazing how strong they were to be able to carry on the conversation. It's amazing he had his wits about him.

"It is a real credit to carry on, because that is what Matthew would have wanted."

Morehead, a mountain town of about 7,500 people 65 miles east of Lexington, rallied around the family, as did other coaches and Ballard's former players. One coach drove from Louisiana to the visitation. T.C. McLish, who played for Ballard at Union College, a NAIA school in southeast Kentucky, is now a soldier serving in

Afghanistan, but called Ballard on a satellite phone.

On Tuesday - almost a month after the accident - a gift basket full of fruit and candy arrived at the Morehead State football office, leaving Ballard misty-eyed as he read the attached card.

"They knew it was the day players were reporting and that we could use something like this," he said.

When the Ballards created memorial scholarship funds at the university and the high school to honor their son's memory, enough money was initially contributed so that four Morehead State students could receive \$500 scholarships this year. Ballard said he hopes to be able to endow the scholarships, which at the university would require \$20,000 each in donations, to make them permanent.

"It's pretty inspiring to see how they have dealt with it," Morehead State athletic director Brian Hutchinson said. "You feel good when you walk out of his office.'

Matthew grew up around Morehead State and its football program, and pictures from his childhood adorn his father's office. Matthew, a senior sports management major, spent the last three years attending the university and working with the football team as a player and ■ Continued from p1

coach - time his father calls "the three greatest years of my coaching career.'

Matthew had a catchphrase, one his father said helps him through the tough times.

"He was constantly in my ear, saying, 'Dad, it's going to be OK.' I wish I had a dollar for every time that rascal said that," Ballard said. "If we had a bad practice, I'd hear, 'Dad, it's going to be OK.' Or, if it was a tough ball game, those were just always his words: 'Dad, it's going to be OK. Dad, it's going to be OK."

That attitude was, and is, contagious, said Morehead State senior cornerback Kwesi Williams.

"He's a really special coach," Williams said. "Even after everything happened, he's trying the best he can. I think the whole team, they hurt about his son, and that will give us extra motivation to try harder. I pretty much dedicate the season to his son. His son is pretty much with us all the time, helping us out, doing the best he can do."

Ballard said when he walked onto the football field at Jayne Stadium, he would do so with a smile on his face, in honor of his son.

"He wants me to coach as hard as I humanly, possibly can and have the time of my life," Ballard said. "Matthew wants this to be the best year I've ever had in my life coaching."

Carmody named to Groza Award Preseason Watch List

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. University of Louisville sophomore placekicker Art Carmody has been named to the 2005 Lou Groza Collegiate

Place-Kicker Award Preseason

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Watch List. As a redshirt freshman last season, Carmody ranked second in the nation amongst kickers for scoring. He set an NCAA regular season record for consecutive extra points made by drilling 77 in a row,

breaking the old mark of 71. Carmody was just as effective

but had two blocked. He buried a career-long kick of 42 yards against East Carolina last season.

The Preseason Watch List is comprised of the top 30 preliminary candidates for the 14th annual Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award, presented by the FedEx Orange Bowl. The award is presented during a ceremony on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott.

Among kickers named to the Lou Groza Award Preseason Watch List is a Lou Groza Award finalist from last year,

on field goals, drilling 12-of-15, Andrew Wellock of Eastern Michigan University.

Also making the list are the place-kickers from some of the top rated teams this season. They include Jesse Ainsworth, Arizona State University; John Vaughn, Auburn University; Kyle Schilcher, University of Iowa; Arthur Carmody, University of Louisville; Stephen Gostkowski, University of Memphis; Garrett Rivas, University of Michigan; Josh Cummings, University of Pittsburgh; Ben Jones, Purdue University; James Wilhoit, University of Tennessee; and Brandon Pace, Virginia Tech.

MU Football Women's Clinic set for Aug. 20

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -The Marshall University football coaching staff will conduct staff on the basic rules and funits annual women's clinic on damentals of football. Women Saturday, Aug. 20 at 4 p.m. in are encouraged to take part and the Joan C. Edwards Stadium Big Green Room.

The women's clinic, now in and several door prizes will be its 17th year, will feature instruction from the entire Marshall football coaching game. Beverages will be served email at gale@marshall.edu

given away. Cost is only \$10 per person with all proceeds going to benefit the Marshall Quarterback Club.

For more information or to register contact Mark Gale via phone at 304/696-2408 or via

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incredibly hard and was terrific with our sponsor.

"With an experienced veteran in Terry Labonte, the No. 11 will benefit from his 25 years of Nextel Cup racing and, ideally, climb higher in points," Gibbs said.

"In looking toward next year, J.J. Yeley and Denny Hamlin will get some valuable seat time at the Nextel Cup level that will allow us to build the No. 11 into a race-winning contender for 2006 and beyond."

Labonte's addition to JGR is a natural. Terry's younger brother Bobby is a 10-year veteran of JGR, having piloted the No. 18 Chevrolet since 1995.

The Labonte brothers are the only brothers in NASCAR history to win Cup championships. Terry won the title in 1984 and 1996, while Bobby won in 2000.

"We want to thank Hendrick Motorsports for allowing Terry to assist us with the No. 11 team," said Gibbs, whose team now features three Cup champions - Bobby, Terry and Tony Stewart (2002).

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"In planning the future of the No.11 team, we looked around the Cup and Busch series garages and decided that the two best talents were already driving for us. J.J. and Denny are exceptional race car drivers, and we felt it was important to give each of them a shot at Nextel

Eldora

mix. It will be a points race for the NRA regulars, and for them, it will be serious business as they continue their quest towards a championship.

Kahne's and Blaney's Eldora credentials include strong runs in 'winged' Sprint Cars, while Stewart's resume there was created through 'non-winged' Sprints. Another plus for Kahne, as the

NRA Sprints are 'winged', i.e. aerodynamic air foils mounted on top of the roll cage to create down force through the corners.

Undeniably, the multiple storylines will be chased throughout the night, Wednesday night, August 17 when pride and the desire to excel are heavily factored in.

The double header program

■ Continued from p1 that night will also highlight the

Eldora Stock Cars. Tickets for the event are

available online at www.eldoraspeedway.com or by calling the track ticket office at 937/338-3815.

The Eldora track is a favorite of many area Late Model drivers, including Brandon Kinzer and Chuckie May.

MSU volleyball picked sixth in preseason OVC poll

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOREHEAD The Morehead State volleyball team has been selected to finish sixth in the Ohio Valley Conference in 2005, while junior middle hitter Diana Zipp (Jeffersonville, Ind.) was tabbed as a preseason all-conference second-team pick, as announced by the OVC office this week.

The Eagles, who return seven letterwinners and four starters, garnered 57 total points in the vote by the league's head coaches. Defending co-regular season and tournament champion Eastern Kentucky received seven first place votes and 97

total points to be selected as repeat champions in 2005. Jacksonville State (91 points) was selected second, while Eastern Illinois (79) points), coregular season champs in 2004, Southeast Missouri (64 points) and Austin Peay (60 points) rounded out the top five.

Selected to finish behind Morehead State was Tennessee Tech (51 points), Tennessee-Martin (40 points), Samford (26 points), Murray State (25 points), and Tennessee State (14points).

Zipp returns as the Eagles' top offensive threat for 2005, ranking second on the team with 305 kills in 2004. She led the team with a .239 hitting percentage and ranked second on the Eagle squad with 69 blocks. She also posted 199 digs and tallied 374 total points. Brittany Nobilio and Kelly

Jennings (Eastern Kentucky), Anne Morrow (Tennessee Tech), Laura Wussow (Austin Peay) and Kathryn Sprague (Tennessee-Martin) joined Zipp as second team selections. Maren Crabtree and Megan Kennedy (Eastern Illinois) Shari Weyer and Abbey Breit (Jacksonville State), Liz Guard (Eastern Kentucky) and Jessica

(Southeast Missouri) were preseason first team choices.

Four SEC women named Preseason Wooden Award candidates

LOS ANGELES - After tallying the ballots of the National Advisory Board, the John R. Wooden Award has announced the top 30 preseason candidates for the 2005-06 Women's Wooden Award presented by Applied Materials The list is composed of 30 student athletes who, based on last year's individual performance and team records, are the early frontrunners for college basketball's most coveted trophy. The top 30 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 20 list and the National Ballot.

"The Committee had an incredibly difficult task in narrowing down the nation's top 30 women's players," said Mike Solum, director of the Wooden Award. "This list represents 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 basketball's player of the year."

Three of this season's preseason candidates were honored last year as members of the 2005 Women's Wooden Award All-American Team, including Wooden Award Winner Seimone Augustus (LSU), Monique Currie (Duke), and Jessica Davenport (Ohio State). In addition, six other preseason nominees were in the running for last year's Wooden Award and named to the official voting ballot, including Lindsay (Michigan State), Jackson (Texas). Tiffany Cappie Pondexter (Rutgers),

Khara Smith (DePaul), Candice Wiggins (Stanford), and Sophia Young (Baylor). Augustus, Pondexter and Smith all carry the distinction of being twotime Wooden Award national

ballot finalists.

Nine NCAA conferences are represented, including the ACC (seven players), Big East (six players), Pac 10 (four players), SEC (four players), Big Ten (three players), Big 12 (three players), Mountain West (one player), Western Athletic (one player), and Atlantic 10 (one player). Several schools had two players nominated, including UConn (Ann Strother and Turner), (Augustus and Sylvia Fowles), UCLA (Nikki Blue and Noelle Quinn), Duke (Currie and Mistie Williams), Maryland (Shay Doron and Crystal Langhorne), and Carolina (Erlana Larkins and Ivory Latta).

Three of last year's Final Four teams boast at least one representative on the preseason team including LSU (Augustus and Fowles), Michigan State (Bowen), and Sophia Young of the 2005 National Champion Baylor Lady Bears.

In mid-January, the Wooden Award Committee will release the Midseason Top 20 List, followed in March by the official voting ballot, consisting of approximately 15 top players who have proven to their universities that they are also making progress toward graduation and maintaining a cumulative 2.0 GPA. 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. The top five male and female finalists will be invited to Los Angeles for the Awards ceremony and will receive a contribution from the John R. Wooden Award Scholarship Fund in their name to their university's general scholarship fund.

The Wooden Award Scholarship Fund was established in 2002 by Applied Materials and corporate partners through the California Community Foundation (CCF) to honor Coach Wooden's dedication as an educator and mentor. The Scholarship Fund distributed \$10,000 last year to each university represented by a men's and women's Wooden Award All-American Team finalist (for a total of \$100,000). Additional donations to Applied Materials' John Wooden Scholarship Fund can be made by contacting the scholarship fund through the CCF (www.calfund.org).

About the John R. Wooden Award Created in 1976, the John R. Wooden Award is the most prestigious individual honor in college basketball. It is bestowed upon the nation's best player at an institution of higher education who has proven to his or her university that he or she is making progress toward graduation and maintaining a cumulative 2.0 GPA. Previous winners include such notables as Michael Jordan ('84), Larry Bird ('79), Tim Duncan ('97) and last year's recipient, Seimone Augustus ('05).



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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kendall wins one for A's on opportunstic dash to plate

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jason Kendall turned Francisco Rodriguez's moment of frustration into one of the most opportunistic dashes to the plate in baseball history.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth, Kendall alertly scored from third when Rodriguez upset by a non-strike call - nonchalantly reached out for a basic throw back from the catcher, and the ball glanced away and gave the Oakland Athletics a 5-4 victory over the Los Angeles on Thursday.

"I've never seen that in my life, but that stuff happens in baseball," Kendall said. "You learn early on that you're supposed to always follow the ball. I saw it rolling away, and I didn't think he'd get it back in time. Fortunately for us, I was right."

Teammate Bobby Crosby

ball, and by the time I looked at Kendall, he had already taken off. I was in shock. I was like, 'Are you kidding me?"

Kendall, the A's catcher, sprinted home and beat the throw, sending his teammates roaring from the dugout to celebrate their 20th win in 23 games. With the win, Oakland which trailed Los Angeles by 8 1/2 games on July 18 - moved into sole possession of first place in the AL West.

In other AL games it was: Toronto 2, Detroit 1; New York 9, Texas 8; Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 2 and Cleveland 4, Kansas

Chavez hit a tying three-run homer in the seventh for the A's, who rallied from a four-run deficit. They took two of three from their California rivals, but not even the freewheeling A's

lucky finish - and the Angels couldn't believe it either.

"A 5-year-old could have caught it," said Rodriguez, who was charged with an error. "I should have caught the ball. It's unfortunate that we lost the game like that, but what can you do?"

Scot Shields (7-8) blew a lead in Los Angeles' 4-3 loss Wednesday night, and squandered it again in the ninth Thursday, allowing two singles before Rodriguez took over.

All-Star Justin Duchscherer (6-2) pitched two hitless innings to win for the second straight

At Baltimore, the Orioles welcomed back Rafael Palmeiro, then beat the Devil Rays while he watched from the dugout.

Bruce Chen (9-6) pitched seven innings of three-hit ball,

was stunned: "I pointed at the could have predicted such a and Javy Lopez homered and scored twice to lead Baltimore to a three-game sweep.

It was the Orioles' first series sweep since June 13-15, when they took three from Houston. Baltimore is 5-2 under interim manager Sam Perlozzo, who took over for Lee Mazzilli three days after Palmeiro received a 10-day suspension from Major League Baseball for using steroids.

Palmeiro received a warm reception from his teammates upon his return, but Orioles manager Sam Perlozzo decided to keep the slugger on the bench because of the first baseman's inactivity during his suspension.

"I don't think he's done a whole lot so we'll take it a day at a time. He won't be in there today," Perlozzo said before the game. "We'll see what he looks like tomorrow. He might take a

couple of days, I think."

Blue Jays 2, Tigers 1 - At Toronto, Scott Downs and two relievers combined on a two-hitter and the Blue Jays handed Detroit its sixth loss in seven games.

Frank Catalanotto hit a tworun homer for the Blue Jays, who outhit the Tigers 4-2.

Downs (1-2) allowed one run on two hits. He struck out four and didn't walk a batter in seven-plus innings.

Starter Jeremy Bonderman (13-8) lost his third straight start despite pitching a four-hitter for his third complete game of the

Yankees 9, Rangers 8 - At New York, Derek Jeter hit a tiebreaking home run off James Baldwin (0-2) in the seventh inning after the Yankees' bullpen blew a strong spot start by Scott Proctor.

Proctor was making his first

big league start in place of Randy Johnson, who was skipped because of a bad back.

Tanyon Sturtze (4-1) gave up a tying three-run home run to Michael Young, Mariano Rivera got four outs for his 31st consecutive save.

Indians 4, Royals 2 - At Kansas City, Mo., Jeff Liefer hit a grand slam in the seventh inning to help Cleveland hand Kansas City its franchise-record 13th consecutive loss.

The Royals broke their team record of 12 straight losses set

The Indians, who have won 14 of their past 18, went 6-0 on a road trip for the first time since May 1-6, 2001.

Royals starter D.J. Carrasco (5-6) was the loser.

Kevin Millwood (6-9) held the Royals to eight hits and two runs in seven innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cameron hurt in scary face-to-face collision in outfield

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Cliff Floyd kept his distance after watching fellow Mets outfielders Mike Cameron and Carlos Beltran go down in a frightening face-to-face collision.

"I couldn't go over there, man," Floyd said. "Once I saw the blood. I'm not good with blood. ... It choked me up for a minute. We were laughing and giggling one minute, the next minute, a man's down on the ground, both of them."

Beltran and Cameron collided diving for David Ross' sinking liner in the seventh inning in New York's 2-1 loss in San Diego on Thursday.

"I don't remember anything of what happened," Beltran said. "I don't remember how it happened. I know we got hit. I feel like I got hit by a train."

Cameron, taken off the field on a stretcher, broke his nose, had multiple fractures of both cheekbones and a slight concussion, Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said. The right fielder spent the night at Mercy Hospital, and was placed on the disabled list.

Beltran had a sore left shoulder and a cut near his left temple. He was taken to Scripps Clinic, where he remained overnight for evaluation and tests.

"My shoulder feels sore, but I'll be fine," Beltran said.

First baseman Marlon Anderson was the first player to reach the fallen outfielders.

"I was like, 'Cam, can you hear me?"" Anderson said. "He mumbled, 'Yeah,' but he wasn't there. You could tell he wasn't right. ... I couldn't imagine being a paramedic going to the scene of a wreck. That's what that was, pretty much, a wreck.'

Cameron nor Neither Beltran caught the ball, which went for a triple. Shortstop Chris Woodward sprinted out to get the ball and throw it into the infield.

When play resumed after the collision, Eric Young grounded out to second before Joe Randa singled to center to bring in

Ross with the go-ahead run.

"There's always things that happen from time to time that put baseball into perspective for everybody, and this is certainly one of those instances," Mets starter Tom Glavine said. "The game, as much as you want to win it, it's kind of secondary to how those guys are doing, especially Cam.'

The Padres were shaken, too. "It was as scary a moment that you can have on the field," San Diego manager Bruce Bochy said. "Our thoughts are with them."

In other National League games, it was: Chicago 11. St. Louis 4; San Francisco 5. Atlanta 3; Houston 6, Washington 3; Los Angeles 5, Philadelphia 1; Pittsburgh 11. Colorado 3; and Arizona 3, Florida 1.

Diego's Woody San Williams (6-8) got his first win in four decisions. He went seven innings, allowing one run and six hits and striking out a season-high eight.

Glavine (8-10) also pitched seven innings, allowing two runs and nine hits. He had three hits, matching his career high.

Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his 30th save and the 423rd of his career, leaving him one shy of tying John Franco for second on the career list. Hoffman reached 30 saves for the 10th time in his career, tying Lee Smith's record.

Cubs 11, Cardinals 4 - At Chicago, Greg Maddux pitched his first complete game in more than a year, and Derrek Lee homered twice to help the Cubs snap an eight-game losing streak.

Maddux (9-9) allowed 12 hits in going the distance for the first time since July 22, 2004. He won his 314th game, tying Gaylord Perry for 16th place on the career list.

Lee hit his 34th and 35th homers to close within two of Atlanta's Andruw Jones for the major league lead. Albert Pujols hit his 32nd homer for St. Louis.

Mark Mulder (13-6) was the

Giants 5, Braves 3 - At Atlanta, Randy Winn hit a twoout, two-run homer off Tim Hudson (8-7) in the seventh inning and San Francisco avoided a sweep in Atlanta.

Jason Schmidt (9-6) was the winner, and Tyler Walker pitched the ninth for his 20th save. Atlanta's Marcus Giles stretched his career-best hitting streak to 15 games, falling a homer short of the cycle.

Astros 6, Nationals 3 - At Houston, Andy Pettitte (10-8) won for the sixth time in eight starts, and Brad Ausmus had a three-run double in the sixth for

Ryan Drese (3-6) lost his fifth straight start for the Nationals, who have dropped five of their last six to fall three games behind Houston in the NL wild-card race.

Dodgers 5, Phillies 1 - At Los Angeles, Odalis Perez pitched eight solid innings, and Jeff Kent provided the goahead runs with a two-run double for Los Angeles.

Perez (7-6) held the Phillies to one run on five hits and had a season-high eight strikeouts to help the Dodgers avoid a sweep in the three-game series.

Cory Lidle (9-10) took the loss. Pirates 11, Rockies 3' - At Denver, Jose Castillo had a two-run triple and two singles, and Jason Bay and Ryan

Doumit also had three hits for

Pittsburgh. Castillo drove in three runs, giving him eight RBIs in his last six games. Brad Eldred homered for the Pirates, and Todd Helton connected for

Colorado. Josh Fogg (6-7) was the winner, and Jeff Francis (11-8) took the loss.

Diamondbacks 3, Marlins 1 At Miami, Troy Glaus and Chad Tracy homered in Arizona's three-run eighth, and Brandon Webb (10-8) limited Florida to four hits and a walk in eight innings.

Jose Valverde pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Valerio de los Santos (1-2) was the loser.

Palmeiro returns to Orioles, but doesn't say much

by DAVID GINSBURG ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE - There was no apology, no mention of the s-word. Rafael Palmeiro returned from a 10-day suspension Thursday eager to play baseball for the Baltimore Orioles, yet unwilling to discuss the positive test for steroids that tarnished his name, perhaps forever.

"I want to say that I'm happy to be back. I'm anxious to get back on the field and playing the game that I love very much," he said. "It's been a tough time for me and my family over the last couple of weeks, and at this time I've been instructed by my attorneys not to comment on the situation. The time will come soon, hopefully, that I can explain my situation."

Palmeiro did not play Thursday night in the Orioles' 4-2 win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

After watching from the dugout, he said, "I haven't done anything in 10 days so I'll need a couple days to get back into it."

Palmeiro was suspended by Major League Baseball on Aug. 1 for failing a drug test. Information on the case has been forwarded to Congress; for that reason, he will not address his situation.

He did, however, position himself in the Baltimore dugout in front dozens of cameras, reporters and microphones to talk about his feelings and to speculate how he might be received by the home fans.

Palmeiro has said he has no idea how steroids got into his body, and promised to fully reveal his side of the story after the Congressional investigation is complete.

"Congress is going over all the stuff right now and I am just going to wait on that situation to be over with," he said. "I'm just taking it one day at a time."

Major League Baseball has told the House Government Reform Committee that it will turn over documents related to Palmeiro's case Friday.

"We'll begin reviewing them immediately. It's hard to say how long that review will take, because we don't know what's coming at us. We don't know how many documents, how detailed they'll be, what questions might arise," said Dave Marin, spokesman for committee chairman Tom Davis, R-Va. "I don't imagine this taking

weeks. The chairman should

have a conclusion sometime early next week," he said. At Davis' request, Palmeiro authorized baseball to turn over

information about his failed drug test. Davis wants to investigate whether the player might have committed perjury when he tes-

tified under oath to Congress

that he hadn't used steroids. Palmeiro's agent, Arn Tellem, said Wednesday that the star first baseman would not address his case for now.

"It would not be appropriate to comment while the House Committee on Government Reform is doing its work," Tellem said.

Asked about that stance, Marin said: "There's nothing related to this committee that would prevent Rafael from speaking to anybody."

Palmeiro said he bar any baseball-related activities during his suspension, is unsure when he will play and uncertain how he will be received by the fans in Baltimore.

Palmeiro received a standing ovation at Camden Yards on July 25, his first day back home after becoming the fourth player in major league history to get 3,000 hits and 500 home runs. There was supposed to be ceremony on his behalf of the Orioles' first baseman this Sunday, but the team canceled it at Palmeiro's request.

"I'm sure in the next couple of days I will get back out there on the field," he said. "As far as the fans, you know these are great fans. I've always enjoyed playing here. These are the best fans in the game and I hope they can understand my situation right now. I'll accept how they react."

While the Orioles took batting practice, Palmeiro signed autographs for fans behind the Baltimore dugout - something he does not usually do. A young girl carried a large orange sign that read, "Welcome Back Raffy."

Not all the fans were so forgiving. Four fans walked into the stadium together wearing orange jerseys with the words, "Hall of

Shame" in black letters on front with image of a syringe underneath. Palmeiro's No. 25 was on the back. "I don't feel good about the

fact he hasn't spoken out yet. I'd like to hear from him," said Garrett Liskey of Washington, D.C. "I think because he's a star and he did testify before Congress, he does need to speak to the fans and give his side of the story - the sooner the better.'

Liskey's friend, Michael Riordan, was adamant in his displeasure of Palmeiro's decision to avoid the issue.

"It's going to be resounding boos, and I'll be one of the loudest booers in the place," he said. "It's almost like he wants to just slip back on the field and kind of act like nothing happened. It just really smells bad.

Orioles interim manager Sam Perlozzo figured some fans would welcome back Palmeiro without compromise, and that ? others would express anger over his failed drug test.

"He's going to get mixed reviews, there's no question, said Perlozzo, who replaced fired manager Lee Mazzilli four days after Palmeiro's suspension began. "There's going to be a bunch of boos and we're hoping for a bunch of cheers. And that's going to happen everywhere. He's going to have to get through it, and so are we.'

When Palmeiro arrived at the Baltimore clubhouse Thursday, Perlozzo asked him if he wished to address the team.

"He said no, he'd rather go around individually," Perlozzo said. "Emotionally, he's been through a lot. He thought it would be better if he did that. He said he would tell everyone he was sorry about the distraction." Still, he was delighted to be

back in uniform again.

"I've been playing baseball now for 20 years and this is all that I have done. This is all I know," Palmeiro said. "It was tough being away. But it was good to see my teammates. They are happy that I am back. And they're anxious for me to get back on the field.'

AP Sports Writer Howard Fendrich in Washington contributed to this story.

Legends hammer West Virginia

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON - Lexington used the power game to defeat West Virginia on Thursday night. Drew Sutton belted two of the Legends season high five home runs in the 12-1 victory. The win moves the Legends to within four games of first place thanks to Delmarva's stumble in Asheville.

Frankie Caraballo went deep for the 22nd time this season with a solo shot in the eighth inning. The Legends outfielder has nine homers in his last 17 games. Lou Santangelo and Ryan Reed also cracked home runs.

Paul Estrada (4-7) earned wins by Lexington in 2004.

the win in relief of Felipe Paulino. Estrada authored three shutout innings allowing just one base hit. Paulino, in his first start of the season, gave up a run in four innings. Paulino struck out five batters. Raymar Diaz pitched two perfect innings.

Mitch Einertson continued his surge. Einertson rapped out three hits in four plate appearances while driving in three. Beau Torbert, Reed, Santangelo and Caraballo joined Einertson with three hit games. The Legends improved to 25-

20 in the second half and to a season-high 19 games over .500 at 67-48. The 67 wins equal the

Louisville 2, Norfolk 1

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NORFOLK, Va.- Josh Hancock pitched eight strong innings in Louisville's 2-1 win over Norfolk Thursday in the International League. Hancock (1-1) struck out 10,

walked two and allowed four hits and one run for the win. Chris Denorfia's single put

the Bats on the board in the first. Neal Musser (4-10) didn't allow another run until the sixth inning, when Jose Leon singled then scored off Eric Crozier's sacrifice fly. Musser struck out 10 and

gave up eight hits and two runs. The Tides' only run came off Brian Daubach's home run to lead off the seventh inning. Tom Shearn struck out three in one inning for his first save

Marty Brennaman set to host first Golf Classic Community Fund is dedicated to SPECIAL TO THE TIMES said Brennaman. "I love playing

CINCINNATI, Ohio - The Reds Community Fund today announced plans for the first Cincinnati Bell "Marty Brennaman Golf Classic ... and this one belongs to the Reds Community Fund" on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 18-19.

The Hall of Fame Reds broadcaster will host a Sunday night reception as well as a Monday morning golf scramble at The Links at Grand Victoria in Rising Sun, Ind. Cincinnati Bell and Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions is also hosting the two-day event.

"As passionate as I am about golf, it seemed natural to put something like this together,"

The Links at Grand Victoria, and I'm happy that the event will benefit the Reds Community Fund." Guests will enjoy a Sunday

reception and silent auction at Grand Victoria, as well as an overnight stay at the Hyatt resort. The 18-hole scramble follows on Monday morning and features a "Million Dollar Shot" fundraiser immediately following the golf tournament.

Each foursome will be teamed up with a celebrity, from a list that includes local sports personalities and former Reds players. Foursomes are \$2,000 and individual spots are available for \$550.

Established in 2001, the Reds

improving the lives of youth through baseball. It strives to create programming that connects at-risk children with baseball, while creating fundraising programs that connect baseball with the community. The signature outreach program of the Reds Community Fund is the "Reds Rookie Success League." Now in its third year, the program is a noncompetitive, coed, characterbuilding summer baseball program for at-risk kids ages 8-11. Find out more by visiting the

official Web site of the Reds Community Fund, www.redscommunityfund.com, or by contacting Executive Director Charley Frank at 513/765-7231

Eagles: Owens not going anywhere

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No matter how badly Terrell Owens wants a new contract with the Philadelphia Eagles, it won't be happening.

Team president Joe Banner reiterated Thursday that if Owens plays this season, it will be for the Eagles. The All-Pro wide receiver was sent home from training camp the previous day by coach Andy Reid, who doesn't want Owens back until they have a face-to-face meeting.

"Our hope, obviously, is that he comes back next week and is what he can be in every sense. whether that's how he contributes to the team on the field or off the field," Banner said. "We've been clear that the choices are to play under this contract or not. I'm not sure he still believes that, but we've said from Day 1 those were the choices on the table and he had to make a choice between one of the two things.

"That's not going to change." One day after a heated dispute caused Reid to boot Owens from training camp, Reid said he wanted to chat with Owens before welcoming him back

next Wednesday.

"I'll address him on Wednesday and that's between T.O. and myself," Reid said after Thursday's morning practice.

Owens, meanwhile, emerged periodically from his house in Moorestown, N.J., signing autographs to the delight of several dozen fans who passed the time throwing footballs and yelling Eagles chants in his suburban cul de sac. Owens said he had not spoken to the team.

"Why would I talk to them? They gave me a week off," he said. He claimed Reid told him to shut up during their spat on

Wednesday. "And I told him my name isn't Reid. My name is Owens. I'm not one of his kids. Don't tell me to shut up," Owens said.

The impression outside Philadelphia also appears to be that Owens won't be in another uniform this year.

"I know T.O. off the field is a good person. But I think the way he's been handling things, people are starting to think that he's a bad guy," Bills receiver Eric Moulds said. "But at the same time, he needs to come to the conclusion that he's going to be

a Philadelphia Eagle. They're Colbert started the next 15 games not going to change their ways. So he's just got to go out there and play."

Panthers - Wide receiver Keary Colbert returned to practice after sitting out a week with a strained hamstring, catching a long touchdown pass from Jake Delhomme. Colbert could still be held out of the preseason opener Saturday night against Washington because of his injury.

While Colbert was out, free agent Rod Gardner stepped in to work with the first-team offense and made a strong push for a starting spot.

But if he was worried about slipping on the depth chart, Colbert didn't let on.

"I feel pressure every year and every day regardless of who is here," Colbert said. "I want to be a certain type of player and to do that you have to work a certain way. That's not based on other people. It's based on pushing yourself to get better and ultimately help the team get better."

Colbert was deactivated before the first game last season because the Panthers had too many receivers. But when Steve Smith broke his leg in the opener, and set Carolina rookie records with 47 receptions, 754 yards receiving and five touchdowns.

Browns - Running back Reuben Droughns, sidelined the past week with a sore hamstring, is unlikely to play in Cleveland's exhibition season opener Saturday against the Giants.

Droughns is in a three-way battle with Lee Suggs and William Green for the starting job, and Droughns knows his chances of emerging as the winner lessen with every day he misses.

"I'm disappointed," he said. "I'm losing ground. I'm missing a lot of time and a chance to be the starting guy."

The team acquired Droughns in an offseason deal with Denver. Droughns, who began last season as the Broncos' fullback, rushed for 1,240 yards and six touchdowns.

The Browns haven't had a 1,000-yard runner since 1985.

Rams - First-round draft pick Alex Barron was a no-show at Thursday's practice, one day after agreeing to a five-year contract. Coach Mike Martz was not pleased.

"I have no idea where he is or

what he's doing or if he's coming in September or October or November, who knows?" Martz said. "I don't know what to expect. If the kid really wanted to be here, he'd be here. I'm upset with the whole thing."

Barron ended a two-week training camp holdout Wednesday. He was taken 19th overall in April by St. Louis.

Colts - Troy Walters and Aaron Moorehead welcome the attention they expect to get on Saturday from Peyton Manning and Jim Sorgi.

With slot receiver Brandon Stokley missing most of the preseason because of a dislocated left shoulder, Walters and Moorehead - the replacements now have bigger roles. They're catching more passes from the league's two-time MVP after practice, are working more frequently with the starters and will have more chances to demonstrate their skills during preseason games.

"You've got to step up and fill that void," Moorehead said. "All it is a little more work, a little more reps."

Stokley dislocated his left shoulder last Thursday in Tokyo and is expected to miss three to four weeks. Coach Tony Dungy hopes Stokley can return for the Colts' regular-season opener Sept. 11 at Baltimore. Until then, the Colts will rely on the Walters-Moorehead tandem to be their No. 3 option.

Walters sat out Thursday afternoon's practice with a hip flexor injury that could force him to miss Saturday's game against Buffalo.

Bills - Rookie wide receiver Roscoe Parrish, the team's second-round draft pick, is expected to miss Buffalo's preseason opener at Indianapolis because of an injured right wrist.

Parrish was not at practice Thursday, a day after he jammed his wrist as he fell to the ground while diving for a pass.

Coach Mike Mularkey said he doesn't know the extent of the injury. He said Parrish traveled to Buffalo - about a 90minute drive west of training camp in suburban Rochester to review test results with the team's medical director, Dr. John Marzo.

Parrish, taken 55th overall, has been impressive since the start of spring minicamps.

Former Heisman winner White gives up pro football

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Former Heisman Trophy winner Jason White ended his professional career Thursday, citing his weak knees.

White, who had been competing for third quarterback with the Tennessee Titans, said he has the head and heart to play in the NFL. He doesn't have the knees.

"It's always been a dream of mine, but certain things won't allow me to chase that dream," White said. "It's kind of out of my hands at this point."

White won the Heisman Trophy in 2003 and led Oklahoma to back-to-back BCS title games. He also won the Davey O'Brien award twice when practice wasn't every

Arm title and is Oklahoma's career passing leader with 7,922 yards and in touchdown passes with 81.

His career at Oklahoma lasted six years because of reconstructive surgery on each knee. He was redshirted after the first one in 1999, then earned a medical exemption for an extra year of eligibility after the second in 2002.

White joined the Titans in May as an undrafted rookie after an audition with the Kansas City Chiefs did not lead to a contract offer.

He said he was still feeling the effects of the knee surgeries.

"I always had trouble, even in the summer, dropping back

and the Johnny Unitas Golden day," he said. "Now that practice was every day it got to the point where one of my knees was super sore, so I started favoring it with the other one. Then the other one started hurting. I took a couple of days off this week and it hasn't really changed."

> He said he informed coach Jeff Fisher of his decision Wednesday night.

> "I stuck it out as long as I could," White said. "I just came to a point where it took me four seconds to drop back on a fivestep drop. By that time, I'm

> Fisher said White's numbers prove that he was able to move offenses and win games.

> "You don't necessarily, at that position, have to be the most athletic or the most gifted or

have the strongest arm. You have to move an offense and you have to have the intangibles, and that's what he's had, and that's what he's proven in a great college career," Fisher said.

White had split time equally Gino Guidugli of Cincinnati and Shane Boyd of Kentucky, but was held back in recent days when the pain in his knees increased.

He planned to return home to Tuttle, Okla., by Thursday night and plans to pursue jobs as a football coach next week.

"Sometimes I think that you have to swallow your pride a little bit and know when you're done," he said.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops found out about White's retirement following the Sooners'

morning practice Thursday.

"Jason knows what's best for him," Stoops said. "If that's what he has to do, he's had an incredible career here."

After his second knee surgery, White had to take days off between practices. But before last season, he was back to working out every day without problems. He then made it through the entire season without injury problems.

Stoops thinks White, who has a degree in sociology, will be a great coach.

"I'm sure possibly all the extra work probably could be bothersome to him healthwise, and he just decided he wants to move on," Stoops said. "Good for him. He'll have a successful career in whatever he does."

'McNabb tells Owens to stop talking about him

by DAN GELSTON ASSOCIATED PRESS

BETHLEHEM, Pa. Donovan McNabb insisted he wasn't stung by criticism from Terrell Owens, laughing off the banished wide receiver's remarks before turning serious and telling him to "keep my name out of your mouth."

While Owens left his home for the Bahamas, McNabb joked with reporters, tapped the mikes and rubbed his hands together before taking his seat inside a jammed media tent shortly after Philadelphia's

Friday practice. "Yeah! C'mon, bring it!" McNabb said to laughter.

Owens again blasted McNabb on two separate interviews with ESPN on Thursday, calling the quarterback a "hypocrite" and saying the two of them could not be successful together. Owens also said he had no desire to speak with McNabb.

"It's so funny to me how my name keeps getting thrown out there," McNabb said. "You've just got to have fun with it and that's exactly what we're doing."

Owens was told to go home

Wednesday after a heated dispute with coach Andy Reid and to stay there for a week. He's since lifted weights and shot hoops in front of the reporters camped outside his house and had harsh words for Reid and McNabb in TV interviews.

On Friday morning, Owens left his Moorestown, N.J., home with two suitcases and went to International Philadelphia Airport, where he told KYW-TV as he headed to a security gate: "I'm going to the Bahamas. I'm going to get a tan."

McNabb, light and smiling throughout his interview, agreed with Owens the two didn't necessarily have to speak to win.

"I still to this day see no reason for us to talk," McNabb said. "When we step on this field, it's all about business. We're professionals that line up and do the right thing."

This was the second time this year McNabb has warned Owens to stop talking about

After Owens complained that McNabb was tired in the Super Bowl, McNabb said "Just keep my name out of your mouth," during a mandatory

minicamp.

McNabb, who made a recruiting pitch to get Owens to Philadelphia before last season, was tired of hearing Owens complain.

"Now for my name to be thrown out again, this is the second time. Keep my name out of your mouth," he said. "Keep my family's name out of your mouth."

Owens called McNabb a "hypocrite" on Thursday because the quarterback said publicly that he did not want to meet with Owens, while T.O said McNabb did try to arrange a meeting.

McNabb said he didn't learn until Thursday that his brother did reach out to someone close to Owens to arrange a meeting where the two Eagles could possibly work out their differences.

McNabb was bothered that Owens brought his family into his televised rants.

"My family doesn't need to be involved in any of this. I don't need to be involved in any of this," he said. "Now when you bring my family into it, I have a problem."

Packers 10, Chargers 7

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GREEN BAY, Wis. - Brett Favre's offseason work paid immediate dividends Thursday night in the Green Bay Packers' 10-7 preseason victory over the San Diego Chargers.

Favre, who trained with a strength and conditioning coach in the offseason for the first time, completed 9 of 10 passes for 91 yards, a touchdown and no interceptions in 1 1/2 quarters of work.

He guided Green Bay on an 80-yard scoring drive in the second quarter in which he completed 7 of 8 passes for 64 yards, capping the series with a 23-yard strike to Donald Driver and then jumping into the arms of his center, Mike Flanagan, who missed most of last season following a knee operation.

"We accomplished one goal: we went down the field and scored," Favre said at halftime of the game that was played in a steady drizzle. "For the first preseason game, we played well and we should do well in certain areas. But we don't want to get too excited as we stall have a lot of work to do."

Favre's revamped offensive line that lost stalwarts Marco Rivera and Mike Wahle to free agency, protected him well but didn't open many holes for Ahman Green, who carried eight times for 16 yards and had two of his team's six fumbles in the rain. Three were recovered by San Diego.

The Chargers didn't fumble at all. Philip Rivers' 34-yard touchdown pass to Willie Quinnie early in the third quarter tied it at 7. Rivers completed 12 of 19 passes for 97 yards and no interceptions after replacing starter Drew Brees (2-for-5, 27 yards) to start the second quarter.

Nate Kaeding, who missed a 40-yard field goal attempt in overtime of the Chargers' playoff loss to the New York Jets last season, blew three chances to put the Chargers ahead in the

by ARNIE STAPLETON fourth quarter. He was wide left from 45 yards and then wide right from 44 and 46 in the closing minutes.

J.T. O'Sullivan then drove the Packers to the Chargers 35, and Ryan Longwell kicked a 53-yard field goal that barely cleared the crossbar with 33 seconds left.

Favre's only incompletion came on a quick crossing route to Robert Ferguson in which defensive end DeQuincy Scott injured a thigh and had to be carted off.

Rookie Aaron Rodgers replaced Favre and had a horrible debut with the secondteamers, completing 2 of 6 passes for 7 yards and getting sacked twice.

On San Diego's first possession, wide receiver Eric Parker bit on his own quarterback's fake and cut off his route, allowing rookie Nick Collins to easily intercept Brees' long pass in the end zone.

Favre had to play into the because second quarter Green's second fumble was recovered by linebacker Matt Wilhelm, ending the Packers' second series after just two plays. Green also fumbled his first carry in slippery conditions but recovered it himself.

Green's propensity for fumbling loomed large in the Packers' 4-5 run - including playoffs - at Lambeau Field last season, their first losing record at home since 1991. Among the Packers who

missed the game were cornerback Joey Thomas, linebacker Na'il Diggs and nose tackle Cletidus Hunt, preventing the Packers from getting a good look at their rebuilt defense under new coordinator Jim Bates.

San Diego played without injured linebackers Donnie Shawne and Edwards Merriman, its top draft pick.

Green Bay's B.J. Sander averaged 46 yards on seven punts, a far cry from his disastrous preseason a year ago that included a 5-yard punt. He also held perfectly on Longwell's

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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 N.Y. 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. Miami at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m. Jacksonville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m. Oakland at Houston, 8 p.m. Chicago at Indianapolis, 8 p.m. Carolina at N.Y. Giants, 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's Games

St. Louis at San Diego, 4 p.m.

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765 - Professionals

770 - Repair/Service

755 - Office

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790 - Travel

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810 - Auctions

815 - Lost & Found

Hurricane

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115 - ATV's 120 - Boats

130 - Cars 140 - 4x4's

150 - Miscellaneous

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170 - Parts 175 - SUV's

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190 - Vans 200 - EMPLOYMENT

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AUTOMOTIVE

130-Cars

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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 1100separately and 650-\$5800 \$4700. Reason for selling: Wanting to upgrade. Must see to appreciate. Call 606-297-1667.

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Wanted used full size pick-ups 1998 210 - Job Listings 220 - Help Wanted 230 - Information

250 - Miscellaneous 260 - Part Time 280 - Services

290 - Work Wanted 300 - FINANCIAL

310 - Business

Opportunity 330 - For Sale

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Interested candidates call M-F 8:00 - 5:00 606-889-0802 EOE

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MINERS: Are you interested in a good paying job? Are you interested in a job with great

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360 - Money To Lend

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475 - Household If this sounds like a 3690, WANDA - 285- M-F 9-7 606-886job you would be interested in, then International Coal Group (ICG) Hazard

you! We currently have miner positions Breathitt in the County area. If you are interested in completing an application, please give us a call

is the company for

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FABRICATOR/ WELDER Logan Corporation of Prestonsburg, KY is seeking qualified individuals for the

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Experience in brake press, shear, and pipe bending a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Benefits package included, EOE

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220-Help Wanted

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9486, or Terri -- 946- 1759. 2355 (after 5:00).

490 - Recreation

505 - Business

530 - Homes

550 - Land/Lots

510 - Commercial

495 - Wanted To Buy

500 - REAL ESTATE

Property

570 - Mobile Homes

580 - Miscellaneous

WANTED: Driver needed. 1 out of last 3 years verifiable endorsement. Clean driving record. Must be able to pass DOT physical and drug test. Leave message 606-358-9268.

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WANTED: Need employees to preswash heavy Must equipment. have valid driver's license and surface mining papers. Call

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The BOX 1187, Fairmont,

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590 - Sale or Lease

600 - RENTALS

610 - Apartments

Office Space

620 - Storage/

630 - Houses

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650 - Mobile Homes

660 - Miscellaneous

Property

670 - Commercial

WANTED: Experienced core wanted. Experience with Joy Ramrod II drilling unit and NQ-2 drill rods a plus. Primarily coal exploration with foundation investigation work on (800) 405-8157. occassion. Will consider training appropriate person, who has drill rig equipment experience.

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FINANCIAL

330- For Sale

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Three adjacent cemetery plots in the New Davidson section of Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, KY. Call 886-8452.

350-Miscellaneous

Need to repair your credit and move on? We provide low APRs, low monthly payments on all types of loans. 1st, 2nd, mortgage, business loans. Call 1

445-Furniture

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480- Misc.

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FOR SALE: Wurlitzer piano for sale. Contact 285-9704. Call after 5:00

FOR SALE: 12 pews, like new condi-

FOR LEASE

2 Commercial Buildings Former location of Steve's Tire Sales & Farm & Home Supply Located just off Rt. 80 on Hwy. 3188, Martin, Ky.

Contact: 886-6906 after 6 p.m.

(606) 886-3603

690 - Wanted To Rent

700 - SERVICES

705 - Construction

710 - Educational

713 - Child Care

715 - Electrician

735 - Legal

740 - Masonry

720 - Health & Beauty

730 - Lawn & Garden

745 - Miscellaneous

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Used

ate beauty. For more 8506 ask for Tonya or after 5:00 call 886-0048 and leave mes-

HOUSE FOR SALE: Owner Financing

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495-Want to Buy

- 7:30 pm

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WANT TO BUY: Fill building. Located at dirt needs to be delivered to the East Hueysville. Contact Point area. Call 367-1506 or 367-1934.

550- Land/Lots REAL ESTATE

530-Homes

4323

FOR SALE: Brick house, 3 BR 1.5 BA. \$125,000. Located between Allen & Prestonsburg. Owner will deduct for CH/A. New carpet and inlaid for kitchen and bathroom. Serious inquiry only. 606-874-2035.

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KY Realty at 606-Located at Price, KY. 297-4411 or 606-Asking price 886-0571, Priced to \$14,000. Fo more sell @ \$189,500. info, call 886-0010. Agent Owned.

1750

HOUSE FOR SALE: Allen, KY. Riley Hall Sub. 17 Cross Road. Main floor to BR. 1 BA. Upstairs 2 room 1/2 BA. Full basement. RI all appliances included. DW & W/D. Ramp to rear

734-997-7110. HOMES FOR SALE: A foreclosure!! 3 BR only \$14,900. For

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All Drywall, Dutch with 2x6 walls, and 5/12 roof pitch, ultimate kitchen package, glass block window, and many more extras, Set up for 3 BR HOUSE FOR viewing. For details call 606-353-6444 or toll free 577-353-6444

580- Misc.

CABIN FOR SALE: Wellington, KY. 3 full lots. City water, septic tank. \$30,000. Call 606-561-7757.

RENTALS

610-Apartments

PARK PLACE APARTMENTS-"LABOR DAY" Movespecial! First month's rent FREE with paid security Through September 5th. BR/\$309. 2 BR \$304-\$345. Prestonsburg. 886-0039

APT FOR RENT: 2 BR newly remodeled ground floor apt for rent. Located across from Garth Technical School on RT 122 at Martin, KY. Must have references. Call 285-9112

APT FOR RENT: 2 BR, fully carpeted, refrigerator/stove furnished. CH/A, fireplace, backyard, W/D hook-up, lots of storage space, covered parking. Located at Harold. 886-9158

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BR Furnished Apartment, Including Utilities. BR Unfurnished, and large 3 BR 2 BA unfurnished on RT Call 886-8366

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2 BR 1 1/2 bath bed room furnished or unfurnished located in Prestonsburg ,NO PETS call 606-886 8991

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620Storage/Office

FOR RENT: 3 Room office suite. \$600 month. Call 886-1020 ask for C.V.

For Rent: Office Suite New Construction. 900 ft. Ample Can be Parking, Convenient Location, New Office Behind Sav-A-Lot Call Prestonsburg. 886-1515 for info.

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FOR LEASE: New 30x60 Metal building 12 ft ceilings on RT 80 close to Martin 886-8366. \$500.00 month.

FOR RENT: 900 sq. ft. office/commercial space. Located next to Reflection's Beauty Salon 3/4 mile south or Martin on RT 122. Across from Garth Tech. School. Call 285-9112.

630-Houses

2 BR HOUSE FOR RENT: Located at Cow Creek. Call 874-9132.

2 BR HOUSE FOR FRENT: HUD accepted available, after Sept 6 located on HWY 80 across from Allen Central High School.

RENT: 2 porches, 2 BA, carport. Country home, very private. the home Call 886-9291

3 BR HOUSE FOR **RENT: 3 BR 1.5 BA,** kitchen, DR, heath pump, built in vacuum cleaner & deck. Located in Knott County. 438-6104

HOUSE FOR RENT: 3 BR, 1.5 BA, carport, large lot. Call 886-8366

640- Land/Lots

NEW TRAILER LOTS FOR RENT: 3 minutes Highlands Regional, minutes Porter School. Call 886-3959.

Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23 Prestonbetween sburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

Trailer Lot For Rent, Large Yard. Call 886-8366

For Rent : newly constructed Mobile Home Lots in new Allen, reference required call 606-874-2212

650- Mobile Homes

3BR MH FOR RENT: 3 BR, large lot. Call 886-8366.

MH FOR RENT: Located on RT 7 Salt Lick. Call 358-4524.

FOR RENT: 2 BR MH 16 x 72 like new. 2.5 miles from MAC ARTS on 114, private lot, 886-2896.

660- Miscellaneous

ROOM FOR RENT: in 1700 sq ft doublewide. Access to whole house including 2 full BA. Just asked to help with portion of rent. Cable, utilities, and furniture provided. Prefer female. BUSI-NESS ONLY, Call 285-3755

FOR RENT:

* 2 BR House * MH slip *Barn access 3 stalls 606-434-7507 Furnished 1 bed 8/10 mile Cow Creek

SERVICES

750-Construction

BUILDER AVAIL-ABLE: 25 years experience. New homes, additions garages, metal roofs. Call 606-358-

745- Misc.

WANTING TO CLEAN HOUSES: Local woman looking for house cleaning. Does good job, good references, & reasonable rates. Call 886-3528.

770-Repair/Services

CARPENTRY WORK all types. New construction or remodeling. Garages, decks, etc. Concrete work & siding. Free estimates. Call 886-8896.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE 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

thus declared dangerous and dilapidatbuildings. ed 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, 41653. If the owner of said property does not abate the nui-

sance or show just cause as to why they would not 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

(606) 886-0498. ADVERTISE-MENT FOR MANDATORY PRE-BID

CONFERENCE

addressed to the

Floyd County Code

Enforcement Officer

Bobby Carpenter, at

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will be accepting bids for clean-up of the illegal dumps, located at the lown 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.

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Suite

Prestonsburg, Kentucky (on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse) 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 County the

Courtroom, located on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, at 149 South Central Avenue, ested contractors are invited to attend.

Paul Thompson, Floyd County Judge/Executive

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2005 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PRESTONS-BURG, KENTUCKY, BY WHICH THE CITY **ANNEXES INTO**

THE CITY COR-**PORATE LIMITS CERTAIN REAL** PROPERTY LOCATED ON KENTUCKY ROUTE 3.

WHEREAS, Enrico Ascani, M.D., owner of property contained within that certain tract and boundary of unincorporated territory as more specifically described herein below, and as reflected by the Annexation Map hereto attached as Exhibit "A", have given prior consent in writing and petitioned the City for annexation and incorporation into the limits Prestonsburg said property; and

WHEREAS

area as hereinbelow particularly described. and reflected in Exhibit "A" hereto (Proposed Annexation Map) lies adjacent to or is contiguous to the City of Prestonsburg's current boundaries; and, WHEREAS, the Prestonsburg City Council having considered the matter and determined after due discussion and deliberation that it is in the best interest of the City and best interest of the property owners whose property is contained within the area proto

annexed; and, WHEREAS, City Council, through passage of this ordinance set forth hereinbelow, declares it desirable to annex into the corporate limits of the City of Prestonsburg that certain are more fully

described below; NOW. THERE-FORE, IT IS HERE-BY RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PRE-STONSBURG, KEN-TUCKY, AS FOL-

SECTION 1: The City of Prestonsburg does hereby annex into the municipal corporate limits the property described as follows:

CITY OF PRE-STONSBURG PROPOSED ANNEXATION For

Dr. Enrico Ascani A certain tract(s) or parcel(s) of property lying South of Ky. State Rt. 3 and being near John's Creek of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a

point and cemetery, point on the Eastern S 46º 56' 35" E, control access and right of way line of Ky. State Route 3 (Deed Book 328, Pg. 405) and being a coron ner of the United States of America Tract 904 (Book LP 15, Pg. 101), said point being 105' right of Ky. Rt. 3 centerline station 154+16.00; thence leaving the U.S.A. Tract 904, and with the right of way line of Ky. State Rt. 3, N 44º 39' 52" E, 272.26' to a Iron Pin/Cap Set in said Ky. State Rt. 3 right of way line and being corner to an Prestonsburg, access easement to Kentucky. All inter- the Lois Marshall property (Deed Book 180, Pg. 83), said Hunt point being 96.40' right of Ky. State Rt. 3 centerline station

156+90.40; thence

leaving Ky. Rt. 3 right crossing the point N certifies no ease- attached hereto as ADOPTED, this 8th of way line and 36° 48' 53" E, 66.24' ments above or Exhibit "A" reflects day of August, 2005. crossing a gravel to an Iron Pin/Cap underground. road, S 80° 50' 35" E, Set; thence N 52º 17' 34.85' to a P.K. Nail 39" W, 134.73' to an Set, referenced as unmonumented corner on the right of being in the Northern property line of way line of Ky. State Enrico and Helen Rt. 3, said corner Ascani (Deed Book being 193.28' right of 515, Pg. 108), said State Rt. 3 centerline property to be includstation 169+74.16; ed in this annexation; thence leaving Lois the Marshall line and the Northern line of the cemetery exclusion Enrico and Helen line, following the Ky. Ascani property and Rt. 3 right of way access line, N 77º 40' 31" E. easement, N 56º 51' 629.15' to a point in 05" E, 91.02' to an the right of way line, Iron Pin/Cap Set and said point being being a corner at the 260.00' right of Ky. West end of woven State Rt. 3 centerline wire fence and a station cemetary exclusion. thence N 74º 10' 32' said corner being E, 265.11' to a point common with Lois on the right of way Marshall and Enrico line, said point being 279.51' right of Ky. and Helen Ascani; thence leaving the State Rt. 3 centerline easement station 178+55.98 line and woven wire and being on the fence and with the cemetery exclusion Margie Morrison (Deed Book 310, Pg. line and the Ascani property, N 81º 14' 361); thence leaving 49" E, 17.98' to an the Ky. State Rt. 3 Iron Pin/Cap Set; right of way line and thence crossing a with the Morrison small drain and line, S 13º 33' 14" E, going up the hill, S 63.48' to a point, said point being on the to an Iron Pin/Cap xisting Set; thence S 34º 43' Prestonsburg 39" E, 75.85' to an Corporate Iron Pin/Cap Set (Ordinance No. 12-96) at 800' elevation; near the center of the drain; thence leaving thence leaving the the Enrico and Helen Margie Morrison line, Asconi and said Deed Book 515, Pg. Prestonsburg and going Corproate Limit Line S 44º 24' 09" W, around the side of the hill, N 48º 16' 40" 101.54' to a pont; E, 74.45' to an Iron thence S 529 46' 28' Pin/Cap Set: thence W. 618.02' to a point thence S 31º 05' 55' 22º 02' 01" W, W, 446.02' to a point; 156.59' to an Iron thence N 65º 37' 07' Pin/Cap Set near the W, 249.16' to a point; center of a ditch in thence S 40° 05' 34' said access W, 523.85' to a point; thence S 15º 46' 49' and woven wire fence; E. 875.08' to a point thence leaving the thence S 00" 01' 22' E 235.75' to a point, cemetery exclusion line, running with the said point being in access easement the line of said and wire fence, N 45° United States of America Tract 904; 30' 04" E, 254.55' to an Iron Pin/Cap Set, thence said iron pin being a Tract 904 U.S.A.,

corner in the Lois line, N 38º 28' 29" W, 1593.24' to the point leaving the access of beginning, containing 29.42 acres the wire fence and more or less. Note: The above line, N 76º 07' 25" E, described parcel is 359.04' to an Iron for annexation pur-Pin/Cap Set; thence poses only and not 64º 08' 24" E, intended for transfer 186.10' to an Iron or conveyance. The Pin/Cap Set; thence above description was based on but not limited to actual field Pin/Cap Set; thence surveys, information from the Property Valuation Office as well as areas previously annexed and surveys of others.

description

meets all criteria of

KRS 848.400 and

deeds are duly recorded in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk, Floyd as a part of hereof. County, Kentucky

Note: All Iron Pins above were either found or Prestonsburg referenced Deeds

SECTION II: The Annexation Map

All the descriptions as hereinabove stated and is incorporated herein by reference

SECTION III: Upon Clerk enactment of this and Caps or P.K. ordinance the territo-Nails described in ry shall become a description part of the City of accordance KRS 81A.412

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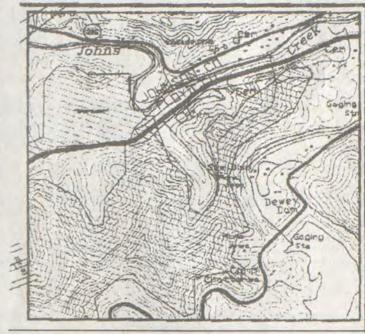
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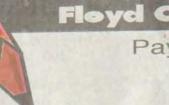
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