

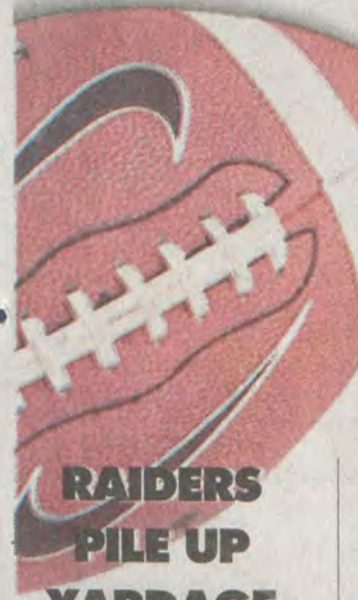
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briefs

Magoffin trucker killed in wreck

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Route 80 was the scene of a deadly accident Friday evening, when two trucks collided, leaving one man dead and the road blocked off for several hours.

Kentucky State Police Det. Eddie Crum is still investigating the incident, which saw a Freight Liner tractor-trailer enter Route 80 in the path of a Mack truck that was hauling asphalt. The Mack truck struck the Freight Liner and left the roadway, where it came to rest in a creek and caught fire.

The Mack driver, Billy R. Lykins, 54, of Salyersville, was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

Crum was assisted at the scene by the Martin Police and Fire Departments, Floyd County Emergency Management, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department,

City to look at figures for water park this week

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The city council is continuing to weigh the possibility of constructing a water park at Stonecrest.

Mayor Jerry Fannin made the proposal during a city council meeting August 8 and asked the finance and revenue committee to analyze the economic feasibility of project. At that time he discussed the

Council to discuss HRMC annexation today

possibility of the city taking out a long-term bond to fund the construction and using proceeds gained from the park or from the proposed annexation of Highlands Regional Medical Center to fund the bond payment.

He reported Monday that committee members have met with consultants, who

provided estimates of how much it would cost the city to use their services to begin the project. Members will "go over" those figures this week, Fannin said.

The council adopted a resolution to file an application for a community economic growth grant up to \$232,981, with the Government Office of Local

Development, Kentucky Community Development Office, to complete the Stonecrest Mountaintop project.

Fannin was appointed as the authorized correspondent in this action.

In other news, the council passed a motion to allow the Floyd County Board of Education to place playground equipment left behind at the soon-to-be demol-

(See COUNCIL, page three)



Two cars collided on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg Monday afternoon, tying up southbound traffic for 30 minutes. One passenger was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center for possible whiplash, but no one sustained serious injuries.

photo by Tom Doty

Police arrest rape suspect in Garrett

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — A Prestonsburg man accused of first-degree rape was apprehended Tuesday by the sheriff's department after two months of eluding authorities.

Christopher Jason "Sleepy" Hall, 27, was arrested in Garrett and jailed in the Floyd County Detention Center for the offense, which allegedly took place on June 25.

A criminal complaint was lodged against Hall after the June incident, charging him with rape, menacing, terroristic threatening, unlawful imprisonment, assault and sodomy.

The criminal complaint states that Hall allegedly restrained the victim by using his 6 foot, 6 inch tall,

258-pound frame to hold her down and twist her arms while sexually assaulting her. He is also charged with threatening to kill the alleged victim and received the unlawful imprisonment charge for using his size to pin his victim and keep her from escaping.



Christopher Hall

Hall has a history of domestic violence charges and was thought to be hiding out with a relative in Knott County. He was arrested near the Knott County line by Deputy Brian Walker.

Hall has been scheduled for a preliminary hearing date Aug. 29 and was placed under a \$50,000 cash bond by District Judge Eric Hall. He has also been ordered to cease any and all contact with the alleged victim.

Two locals could get Purple Hearts

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

A recent dispatch from Iraq reported that two Floyd County soldiers serving with the 916th Military Police Company have received wounds this summer and have been entered for consideration for the Purple Heart award,

which is routinely given for wounds sustained in the line of duty for armed forces personnel.

Sgt. David Hall, of Martin, a third squad leader, was struck by an IED (or Improvised Explosive Device) while on a convoy mission on April 14. Hall was the convoy commander for the mission and the team leader for his vehicle,

which was destroyed in the attack that left Hall with various bruises and lacerations. They completed their mission.

SPC Timothy Parsons, of Dana, was wounded on a later mission when another IED detonated near him in May and caused lacerations

(See SOLDIERS, page three)

Stumbo comes home to work local office

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Attorney General Greg Stumbo spent the day at his Prestonsburg office Monday and helped his staff there in the day-to-day operations of the office, which acts as an extension of his main office in Frankfort.

Stumbo remarked that his satellite offices are a first for the attorney general's office and a perfect tool for targeting the most victimized groups in the state, which include senior citizens and teens.

The office, situated on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, used to house the Tourism Commission and was donated to the Stumbo's

office by the Floyd County Fiscal Court. Stumbo noted that it was the generosity of county governments that have allowed him to set up five such offices, with the other four in Benton, Maysville, London and Shively.

Stumbo spends a full day at

(See STUMBO, page seven)

Pike teen drowns after rescue fails

The Associated Press

PRESTONSBURG — A Pike County Central High School student drowned in Dewey Lake at Prestonsburg despite a friend's effort to rescue him, officials said.

Jordan Smith, 17, had just eaten with several companions late Sunday after-

noon when they began swimming at the lake, according to Floyd County Deputy Coroner Greg Nelson.

"He started hollering for help and they were trying to get him to calm down and not panic," Nelson said.

"One of the boys that was

(See DROWNING, page seven)

Board gives parents limited time to switch children's schools

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

McDOWELL — The Floyd County Board of Education met in regular session Monday evening at McDowell Elementary School.

Included among the topics discussed and acted upon was

a decision to allow parents, for a limited time (five professional days, beginning August 23), to withdraw their children from schools in which they are currently enrolled in order to enroll them in a new school of their choosing.

Primarily, the decision was made to appease those unhap-

py with "traffic problems and consolidation problems," as referred to by board member Mickey McGuire, in regard to the temporary housing of former Clark Elementary School students at Prestonsburg's Adams Middle School.

(See SCHOOLS, page three)



The Floyd County Board of Education met in regular session Monday evening, at McDowell Elementary School. The meeting was held in the school's newly decorated cafeteria.

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Kathy J. Prater

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Odds & Ends

■ **INDIAN HEIGHTS, Ind.** — Terry Johnson didn't expect her house to become a drive-thru as she changed her daughter's diaper in one of her bedrooms.

Johnson said she was shocked Monday when a van came crashing through the front brick wall of her home, ran over a couch and tore through the bedroom wall where she was changing 2-year-old Alana.

"I hadn't even gotten her diaper on when the dresser came tumbling down," she said. "I started screaming and I picked up Alana and got into the bed where my other daughter was. All I could see was the smoke and the turn signal of the van."

Johnson was treated at a hospital for an injured right arm. Her three children weren't hurt.

"Thank God my babies are OK," she said. "We can replace our things, but you can't replace a child."

Nicole Harrah, 28, told police that her van's brakes failed. She went through an intersection, striking a vehicle, then traveled another 150 feet into the Johnson home. She was treated for back pain.

■ **TOKYO** — Two Japanese companies have the answer for people worried about leaving

their homes empty while they go on vacation: a house-sitter robot armed with a digital camera, infrared sensors and a videophone.

Stores across Japan started taking orders earlier this month for the Roborior — a watermelon-sized eyeball on wheels that glows purple, blue and orange and can sense break-ins using infrared sensors and notify homeowners by calling their cell phones and sending video from its digital camera.

The machines, developed by Japanese robot maker Tmsuk Co. Ltd. and electronics company Sanyo Electric Co. Ltd., sell for about \$2,600 each.

Tmsuk has also produced a four-legged security robot called Banryu, which is about the size of a large dog and sells for \$18,000.

■ **WEIPPE, Idaho** — It's a big issue in this small town: Should Weippe bring back the gorilla?

Members of the City Council recently split on whether to repaint the gorilla caricature that for decades had been on the side of the 76-foot-tall water tank in the town. It was the council's first divided vote since the 1980s.

The gorilla was the mascot of

the old Weippe High School before it was combined with neighboring Timberline High School in 1970. It was painted over three years ago.

Maxine Johnstun, 83, has led the charge to repaint the gorilla. Johnstun wears a gorilla T-shirt to council meetings and has helped collect \$1,300 in donations to pay for a new paint job.

But some residents argue the town should paint the mascot of Timberline High — the mighty Spartans — on the water tank.

"This is Spartan country now," said Bob Hartig, a coach at the high school.

Debate over the gorilla has overshadowed other issues. At a recent council meeting, virtually everyone attending stood up and left when council members deadlocked over the gorilla. Council members on both sides say it's gotten a little ugly.

"Personally, I feel like I've been intimidated," says council member Ronnie Larson, who cast his vote in favor of the gorilla.

The gorilla is back on the agenda for the council's Sept. 12 meeting.

■ **TRURO, England** — A man who raided bedrooms and washing lines on the remote Isles of Scilly to amass a collection of women's underwear has been banned from the islands for seven years.

Andrew Stephan, 42, was also barred from entering a house without invitation for seven years and ordered to serve 150 hours of community service.

Police said the father of two stole 160 pairs of panties and various sex toys from homes on the island of St. Mary's off the coast of England's southwestern tip.

Stashes of women's underwear and sex toys were found in the house that he once shared with his estranged wife when her new boyfriend pried apart floorboards looking for water pipes. Underwear continued to turn up around the house and in the garden shed over the next few months.

Judge Paul Darlow said Stephan had broken the long-standing trust unique to small communities such as St. Mary's, where crime is uncommon.

Defense attorney Llewellyn Sellick said Stephan felt "deeply ashamed" of what he had done.

■ **NEWPORT, Ore.** — This is a story that should be told in reverse, so here's the ending: Jim Peterson is readjusting to life on land and his deckhand is

getting free drinks.

Peterson, a 61-year-old fisherman, was 80 miles off the coast of Newport last week when the reverse gear on his 38-foot boat seized up on him. After some frustration, he managed to get the boat to shift into reverse.

But only reverse.

Far from his home port of Coos Bay, Peterson and deckhand Jeremy Welsh considered their options: Wait hours for a Coast Guard tow, wait for help from other fishermen or drive the boat all the way back in reverse.

Peterson wasn't waiting. "It was odd, watching the wake roll out the front windows; like watching a movie in reverse," Peterson told The Register-Guard of Eugene.

Stranger still was trying to

(See **ODDS**, page ten)

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2005. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 24, 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing record damage; 55 deaths in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas were blamed on the storm.

On this date:
■ In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

■ In 1572, the slaughter of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris.

■ In 1814, British forces invaded Washington D.C., setting fire to the Capitol and the White House.

■ In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly non-stop across the United States, traveling from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in just over 19 hours.

■ In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty went into effect.

■ In 1954, the Communist Control Act went into effect, virtually outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

■ In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific.

■ In 1970, a bomb planted by anti-war extremists exploded at the University of Wisconsin's Army Math Research Center in Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fassnacht.

■ In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for slaying rock star John Lennon.

■ In 1989, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti banned Pete Rose from the game for gambling.

Ten years ago: China expelled Chinese-American human rights activist Harry Wu, hours after convicting him of spying. Microsoft Corp. began selling its highly publicized Windows 95 personal computer software.

Five years ago: Mexican President-elect Vicente Fox met with Vice President Al Gore and President Clinton in Washington, a day before he met with Texas Gov. George W. Bush in Dallas.

One year ago: An independent commission said the blame for abuses at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison lay mainly with the American soldiers who ran the jail, but said senior commanders and top-level Pentagon officials could also be faulted for failed leadership and oversight. Osama bin Laden's chauffeur was arraigned at first U.S. military commission hearing since World War II. Chechen separatists set off bombs aboard

two Russian airliners that crashed after taking off from the same Moscow airport, killing a total of 90 people. Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, who famously theorized that terminally ill patients go through five stages of grief, died in Scottsdale, Ariz., at age 78.

Today's Birthdays:

Former education secretary Shirley Hufstедler is 80. Actor Kenny Baker ("Star Wars") is 71. Composer-musician Mason Williams is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marshall Thompson (The Chi-Lites) is 63. Rock musician Ken Hensley (Uriah Heep) is 60. Actor Joe Regalbutto is 56. Actor-writer Stephen Fry is 48. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 47. Baseball star Cal Ripken Jr. is 45. Talk show host Craig Kilborn is 43. Rock singer John Bush is 42. Actress Marlee Matlin is 40. Country singer Kristyn Osborn (SheDaisy) is 35. Actor-comedian Dave Chappelle is 32. Actor Carmine Giovinazzo is 32. Actor Chad Michael Murray is 24. Actor Rupert Grint ("Harry Potter" films) is 17.

Thought for Today: "No one knows his true character until he has run out of gas, purchased something on the installment plan and raised an adolescent." — Marcelene Cox, American writer.

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High school principals to observe top schools

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

McDOWELL — School board member Mickey McGuire made two proposals following Monday evening's return from executive session that he hopes will prove to better the county's schools and students, both academically and physically.

In one move, McGuire proposed that each of the district's four high

school principals be required to "spend a week each in a high-performing high school, as an observer." McGuire hopes that by doing such, the principals would be able to return to their respective schools with new ideas for improvement in their own hallways.

"Let them see firsthand the operations of other schools," he said. "I don't know if it'll help, but it seems like it's worth a try."

McGuire's fellow board members

agreed, thereby approving the motion and granting Supt. Paul Fanning the leeway to make arrangements for the visits. The four principals (Prestonsburg High School, South Floyd High School, Allen Central High School and Betsy Layne High School) will visit on separate occasions on separate dates. Any expenses from the trips will be paid by the school board.

The county's four high schools have been noted in previous months as

needing improvement by the board. In a separate motion, McGuire also proposed that the district "go a step farther" in creating healthy lunchroom choices for students. McGuire noted that although the district now meets federal guidelines with meal choices and food items, "we have not gone one step further than what's required (of us) ... I think we can go just a little farther."

Again, his fellow board members

agreed, passing a motion to attempt to make improvements along the line of offering a greater variety of healthy food choices for students.

In other business, the board voted to receive, for review, a second report on the use of substitute teachers in the district, and also opted to table considerations of property and motor vehicle tax rates. A special meeting will be scheduled, in the month of September, for consideration of the tax rates.

Council

ished Charles F. Clark Elementary School on Middle Creek at the community park near Adams Middle School.

Council member Kay Ross requested the action, saying that Clark Elementary students now attending classes at the middle school "don't have any place to play."

Members favored the motion, which passed under the condition that the school board accepts liability and maintenance of the playground. City attorney Jimmy Webb said the council would have to sign an agreement to that effect with the school board.

In other news, the council also passed a resolution adopting an interlocal jurisdictional agreement between the Prestonsburg Police Department, the Paintsville Police Department and the Johnson County and Martin County sher-

iff's offices.

Police Chief Mike Omerod said the agreement was primarily set up for the East Kentucky State Fair, which is scheduled to begin on Aug. 30. Omerod said the agreement would continue through the duration of the fair. Fanning said the agreement also allows officers to work together during emergencies.

The reading of an ordinance to annex Highlands Regional Medical Center and Consolidated Health Systems properties was postponed during the meeting. Council members called a special meeting today to hold the reading.

Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh is currently considering a petition to place the annexation on the ballot. His deadline on deciding whether to include the annexation on the ballot is August 2006.

Soldiers

to his face and neck.

The second platoon of the company saw plenty of action while on convoy duty and was engaged by the enemy on over 50 occasions. To date, the company has been engaged by hostile forces who have employed small arms fire, rocket propelled grenades, improvised explosive devices and mortars.

The 916th Company has been assigned to offroad work of late which has lessened its chances of engagement after several months of the most dangerous duty in Iraq, convoy security. A separate unit doing the same

assignment that the 916th performed received 30 wounded soldiers while on assignment, which demonstrated the danger of such duty and has made the 916th grateful that they pulled through the assignments with comparatively small numbers of wounded.

The company's next assignment will be to provide security at Abu Ghraib prison beginning Sept. 1. The prison came to prominence last year when reports of prisoner abuse surfaced and pictures of prisoners being abused by staff at the facility surfaced.

Prosecutors against changes to repeat offender law

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Commonwealth's attorneys and county attorneys descended on Frankfort yesterday to unite in sending a message to a subcommittee of the Commission on Sentencing which will be meeting to consider recommendations that would take the teeth out of felony statutes which punish criminals for committing more than one felony within a five-year period.

The commission on sentencing, which is spearheaded by Lt. Gov. Steve Pence and University of Kentucky law professor Robert Lawson, is considering several options which are aimed at cutting down on the number of inmates housed in Kentucky prisons. Chiefly they will be recommending that persistent felony offender laws be changed to such a degree that only armed robbery, murder and first-degree crimes could be tracked and used to enhance sentencing on future offenses.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo was in Prestonsburg on Monday and commented on the issue, saying, "This is one of those rare instances where Democrats and Republicans will agree on an issue." Stumbo noted that less than 4 percent of the state's budget goes to prisons and suggested that tobacco tax increases would be a better avenue for supporting the penal system.

Stumbo hosted the annual prosecutors convention in Louisville last month and said that the commission's recommendations were "a hot issue." Prosecutors would be hand-

cuffed by such a law from obtaining guilty pleas from defendants who commit a second felony within five years of a felony conviction.

In fact, most prosecutors don't prosecute persistent felony offenders, preferring to use the law to obtain pleas. The proposed change, they say, could lessen their bargaining powers with criminal defendants should the measure be passed by the legislature.

Stumbo added that under the proposed change in PFO law, burglars, drug traffickers and anyone charged with a second-degree crime could conceivably commit the same crime 101 times and still receive a probation sentence.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner added, "It would be a huge blow to our office and other felony prosecutors in terms of our ability to protect the public from career criminals."

Turner went on to note that voters should feel free to contact their government representatives about the issue and let them know, "We don't want dangerous criminals on the street."

Stumbo, who serves on the commission, noted that some of its points are valid and said he would endorse a recommendation to start felony theft at \$500 rather than the current \$300 due to inflation. He also declared that he was amenable to measures that would limit jail time for nonviolent offenders but confessed that he could not countenance revising of PFO statutes and cited that statistics

have borne out that increased incarceration and laws that enhance sentences for habitual offenders have resulted in a lower national crime rate.

Everyone interviewed about the commission's meeting does-

n't expect the issue ever getting to a vote. The general feeling amongst prosecutors and law enforcement is that politicians wouldn't want to risk offending voters by softening their stance on crime.

Schools

However, a few isolated incidents elsewhere in the county also prompted the board to approve the motion allowing the change.

In some cases, the situations involved children who reside on the borders of two separate districts and might wish to attend one school but are being compelled to enroll in another as determined by transportation department boundary alignments.

Parents who attended Monday's meeting informed the board that buses transporting students to both schools traveled past their homes, but drivers had been allowed only to pick up certain students, as outlined by district routing boundaries. In one case, a bus allegedly used the driveway of one family's home to turn around, but was unable to pick up the family's children for transport to the school in which that bus was traveling due to district routing boundaries.

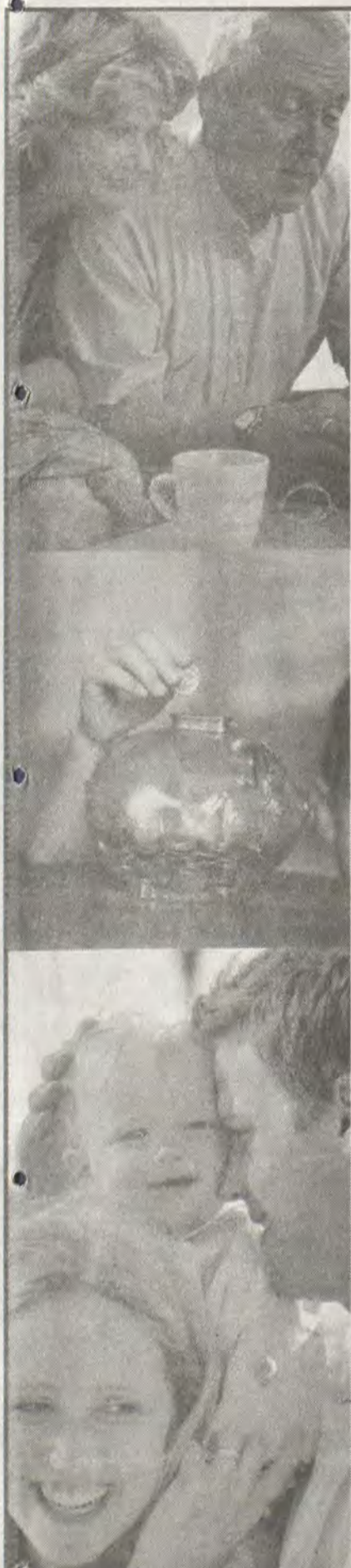
In response to the various situations, Assistant Superintendent Pete Grigsby told the board, "We can adjust the transportation system, but we don't want to get into a

chaotic situation." Grigsby also said that often more than one bus might travel the same roadway, but that they were picking up different classifications of students. "We have our regular buses, our special needs buses and our Head Start/preschool buses," he said.

After some discussion of options, the board voted to approve the motion allowing parents to switch their children's schools, with Clark Elementary School students being allowed "liberal transport" privileges due to the special circumstances of temporary displacement due to the ongoing construction of their new school facility.

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Viewpoint

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

Worth Repeating ...

"Speak out in acts; the time for words has passed, and only deeds will suffice."

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest View

Time to wake up to meth problem

A belated and ineffectual response by the Bush administration to the methamphetamine scourge sweeping the country is evidence of the myopia afflicting the nation's capital.

Too often it seems that if a problem hasn't hit the media centers of the Northeast, it doesn't exist. Never mind that 58 percent of the nation's county-level law enforcement officials say meth is their biggest problem.

Administration officials appear to have suddenly caught a whiff of that problem. They have proposed \$16.2 million for meth treatment programs in seven states and \$1 million for an anti-meth ad campaign. They're also giving lip service to limiting pseudoephedrine, a key ingredient used in meth-making, in over-the-counter cold remedy sales.

Yet, as Indiana Rep. Mark Souder, Republican chairman of a House Government Reform subcommittee that oversees drug control legislation, aptly remarked, "We're looking for a scream, not a peep."

Worse, White House opposition to moving cold remedies used in meth-making behind prescription counters could pre-empt state laws, such as Indiana's, that have helped reduce the number of meth labs.

The federal government's help is most needed in fighting international trafficking of meth and drugs used to make meth.

While meth lab seizures have dropped 90 percent in Oklahoma, the first state to restrict over-the-counter cold remedies, seizures of smokeable meth smuggled from Mexico have increased five-fold in that state. The trend is expected to hit Indiana.

Mexico imports about 224 tons of bulk pseudoephedrine powder, even though only 90 to 130 tons are needed for legitimate use. The rest is converted by Mexican drug cartels into methamphetamine, which accounts for two-thirds of the meth used in this country.

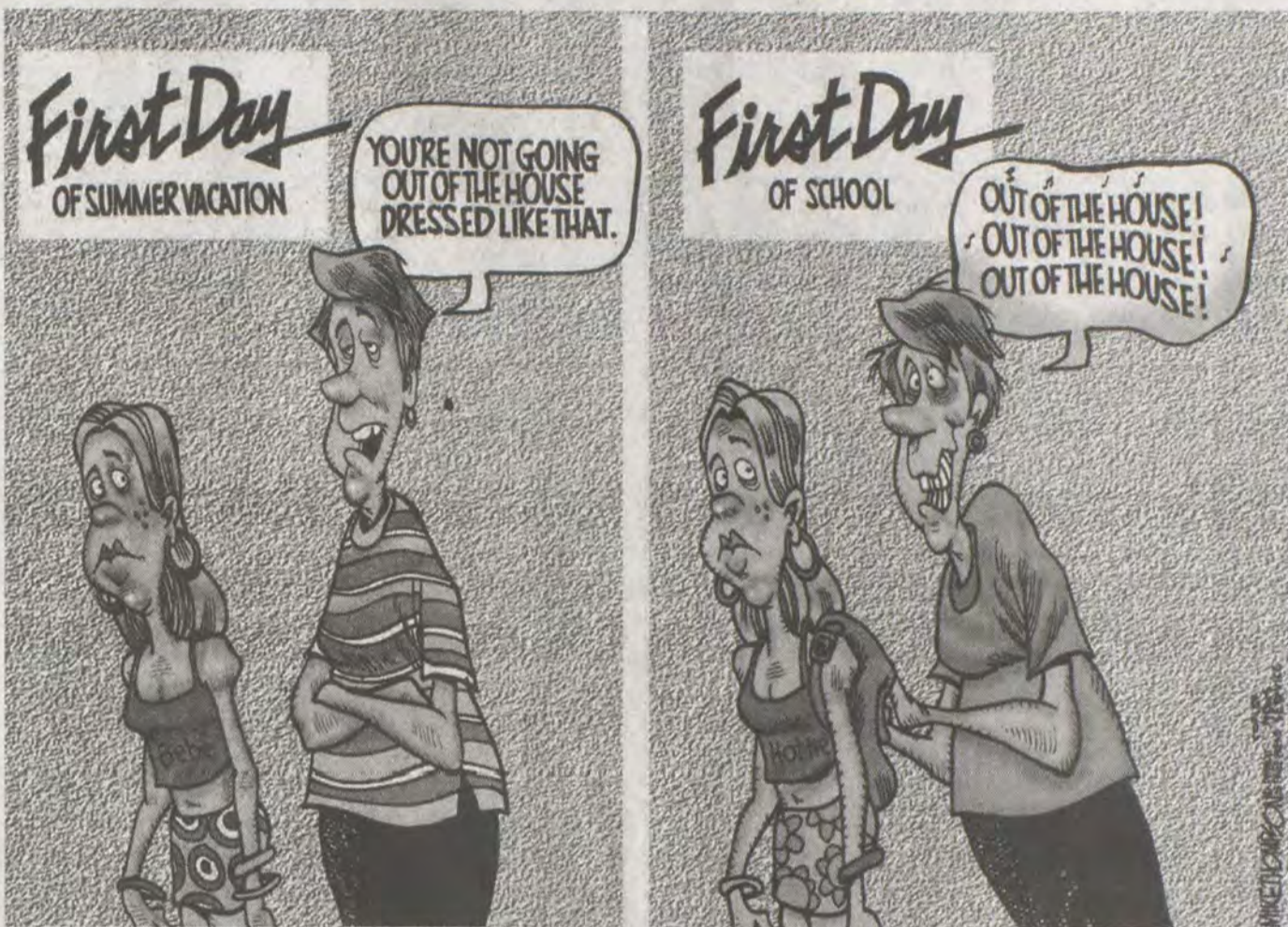
Meanwhile, well-organized Hispanic gangs are becoming increasingly involved in a meth trade that eventually will hit the East Coast.

When it comes to meth, the White House needs to listen to its friends like Souder and Missouri Sen. Jim Talent, another Republican whose state has been pummeled by the drug. As the congressional leaders make clear, a much tougher stand is needed.

The Indianapolis Star



GETTING BOTH BARRELS



Capitol Ideas

More than 4,000 offices up for election in 2006

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — From county surveyor to Supreme Court, there will be an unprecedented number of offices on the ballot next year and election officials are trying to prepare for the avalanche of paperwork and headaches that may accompany the 2006 cavalcade of candidates.

A curious confluence will pack the ballot with every county and city office, virtually all judicial seats, most of the General Assembly and Congress. In fact, only 30 elected offices in Kentucky will not be on the ballot next year.

That leaves 4,231 offices to be filled, according to estimates by the Registry of Election Finance. The number could change depending on changes in government forms and other factors.

And, according to the registry's rule of thumb of roughly two candidates for every office, there could be more than 9,000 candidates.

"It'll be the largest election we've ever had," said Oldham County Clerk Ann Brown.

Candidates for only 431 of the offices will have to file paperwork with the secretary of state's office. The others are the hodgepodge of local offices, from magistrate to property valuation administrator and city council.

Secretary of State Trey Grayson, whose office helps direct elections, said the large numbers raise questions as varied as having polling places accessible to handicapped people to having enough space on a voting machine for all the names.

Grayson said the large fields may influence voter participation, negatively and positively. The local election year in the four-year electoral cycle usually brings out the second largest percentage of voters behind presidential election years.

With so many candidates, voters will get roundly encouraged to cast ballots. But the crowded ballot may dissuade people from spending the time to get all the way through to the races at the bottom of the pages.

"It's not so much whether it fits as how many voters will take the time to go through all the ballot," Grayson said. "It's our hope that will be offset by all the people asking you to vote," Grayson said.

For example, Grayson said there will be 43 judicial races in Jefferson County alone.

Training sessions for county clerks will be held to make sure candidates fill out their filing papers properly. But Grayson also acknowledged that failure

to properly fill out the relatively simple forms may have the effect of keeping candidates off the ballot who maybe shouldn't be there anyway.

"The burden is not that high. If you don't get your paperwork right, I think that's fair to knock you off the ballot," Grayson said.

More daunting for candidates is the paperwork required by the registry, which keeps track of campaign spending.

There are basically three levels — a candidate who's going to spend less than \$1,000, who basically has to file only a piece of paper promising not to exceed that limit; spending from \$1,000 to \$3,000, which requires an accounting after the election; and candidates who spend more than \$3,000, who have to file periodic reports on receipts and expenditures.

In 2002, the last comparable election year, the registry had 7,343 candidates in the primary; 4,106 spent less than \$1,000 and 2,019 spent more than \$3,000. The general election had 7,440 candidates, with a larger percentage spending under the reporting limit.

Registry director Sarah Jackson said the agency will have forums for potential candidates, treasurers and interested parties in February next year. The 207-page booklet for candidate spending rules will be available.

"The rooms will be fuller than usual," Jackson predicted.

Mark R. Chellgren is the Frankfort correspondent for The Associated Press.

Guest Column

Merit for examining state system

by GOV. ERNIE FLETCHER

A young man with a college degree in hand hits the street looking for his first full time job. This young man walks into a state government agency and is told that in order to be considered for employment he must change his political party affiliation.

It sounds strange, but it's true. How do I know? Because that young man was me.

In 1974, I had just graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in engineering and sought a job with the Transportation Cabinet. I was told in order to get a job I would have to change my political party affiliation.

I wasn't hired. But that story got me thinking ... how many qualified people have been turned

away from working in state government because of their political affiliation?

When my administration took office, we vowed to level the playing field so the best qualified people could be considered for employment in state government, whether they are Republican, Democrat or Independent.

The first thing we did was eliminate a political patronage system that had been in place for years whose primary purpose was to have a "party boss" in each county decide who would get jobs in state government based on their party affiliation.

When we eliminated the political patronage system of the past, it created a vacuum that is causing us to learn many lessons and explore ways on how we can improve the merit employment system in our commonwealth.

To know what we needed to do we first had to look at the merit law itself. The merit system itself was created in

1960 at a time when a gallon of gas cost 24 cents, the price of bread was 20 cents a loaf and families were tuning in each week to watch a new program about a sheriff in North Carolina — "The Andy Griffith Show".



Gov. Fletcher

Our state, our country and our world have seen many major changes since 1960 — except in the merit law.

The needs of our citizens and how state government serves them have changed. The available workforce has changed. But our merit law has not kept up with the changing

times. The antiquation of our merit system was first looked at 33 years after its creation when, in 1993, then Governor Brereton Jones established a task force to study Kentucky's merit law and employment system.

Among other things, the task force determined that the merit law was obso-

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Health Extra

Today's teen, women's magazines now featuring females of all shapes and sizes

by COLLEEN LONG
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NEW YORK — Mixed among the pages of dazzling celebrities and rail-thin models that dominate fashion and teen magazines is a surprising sight: young women with thick thighs and flabby abs.

In Seventeen, Teen People, CosmoGirl! and Teen Vogue are bathing suit sections partly illustrated by less-than-perfect figures and tips on maximizing assets and minimizing defects.

Editors say they are using more average women and fewer models to reflect changing body types and to help self-conscious teens see that not everyone is perfect.

"It's not going to help my reader if we only show girls who are size 6's," said Atoosa Rubenstein, editor of Seventeen magazine. "Everyone is beautiful, it's just a matter of confidence, and we try to show that."

Teen People recently featured a story about Brittany Harper, a plus-sized 20-year-old who has competed in and won several beauty pageants against average-sized girls in North Carolina and currently holds the USA Eastern Miss title. Harper, from Goldsboro, N.C., said she's pleased to see more overweight women in magazines.

"I think maybe seeing someone like me in a magazine makes you realize that you don't have to be skinny to be pretty," she said. "People see skinny girls in magazines and they think that's what normal is when it's not the case."

Harper said she started entering the pageants because she was shy and self-conscious but now she's happy with her body.

In May 2004, Glamour Magazine broke a barrier of sorts by putting the sizable

Queen Latifah on the cover. It outsold the May 2003 cover which featured svelte actresses Halle Berry and Rebecca Romijn.

Rubenstein, who joined the magazine two years ago after launching CosmoGirl!, said her priority has been to reflect the population. She said most of the girls in the style and beauty sections are not models, and variety helps illustrate cosmetics for different body and skin types. The magazine shows five skin tones now to reflect different ethnic groups.

"If you were a South Asian girl, you would have thought you didn't exist in this country if you looked at magazines," Rubenstein said. "Indian girls, girls from all over were just being neglected."

Seventeen's casting director chooses girls in malls, on the street, and anywhere she can find them for beauty and fitness sections. The magazine has increased newsstand sales by 17 percent in the past two years.

"It doesn't make good business sense to stay the same," Rubenstein said. "Girls today have so many different role models they wouldn't stand for it if they only saw the same thing every time they looked at Seventeen."

Jane Keltner, fashion news editor at Teen Vogue, said it's inspirational for girls to see how their peers are dressing.

"We try to use all shapes and sizes, but we're especially interested in their sense of personal expression and style," Keltner said.

Teen Vogue picks non-models for snapshot portraits highlighting individual styles, and also showcases cool bedrooms. The back-to-school issues followed girls in Boston and Dallas as they shopped for clothes and

school supplies.

Emily Weiss, 20, was chosen to go thrift shopping with the magazine in her hometown of Wilton, Conn. She is thin and pretty, but said she was chosen because of her individual style.

"Women's magazines are fantastical and highly stylized," she said. "For a magazine to incorporate real fashion from real people off the street is important."

Experts are lauding the shift, but say the industry still puts too much pressure on girls to be thin and conventionally beautiful.

And there's no question magazines are still putting thin, beautiful celebrities on their covers.

Mary Pipher, author of a book about teen girls and body image, "Reviving Ophelia," says anything that shows realistic women is a step in the right direction to help girls gain self-esteem. She argues in her books that teens are defined and pressured by the need to be beautiful.

"Presenting a broader range of beauty, even if it's under the guise of selling cosmetics, gives girls more permission to think they too are attractive," she said. "The ideal message is you're great just the way you are and you don't have to spend any money, but of course they need to sell magazines."

Jean Kilbourne, creator of the "Killing Us Softly" educational film series shown in schools, has been tracking the influence of media on women for the past 30 years. She says the pressure has never been worse.

"The ideal is more impossible than ever before," she said. "Technology now makes it possible to take a human being and make her flawless by using digital alteration, whittling down her thighs, whatever needs to be

done."

Kilbourne said the international obsession with celebrities also adds to the pressure, making girls believe they should be able to look like Jennifer Aniston or Julia Roberts.

"Showing real girls is just great sociologically," she said. "Not only does it make more sense to show how a bathing suit will transform a person's body by using a real body, but it makes women feel like they aren't alone out there, that they are beautiful too."

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To The Citizens of Floyd County: Come Back To Martin And Trade With Us!

The Business Community of Martin appreciates your support in the past, and we now need it more desperately than ever.

Several of our businesses have been run out of town because of the deplorable conditions that now exist, which are devaluating our property and businesses. We are trying to rectify the situation, even if we must go the courts.

The Army Corps of Engineers, Mayor, and City Council continue to haul dirt and debris through town and also not allow parking on the streets. This is totally unacceptable to us and it's causing our customers to by-pass Martin and go elsewhere to trade!

Recently, Country Village, 4-Seasons and Mountain Methodist Mission Store have moved, and other businesses have closed.

Martin, because of this inhumane treatment, and unjustifiable action by the City Fathers, has become on most instances a DUST BOWL or MUD HOLE which is unsafe and unhealthy for its inhabitants and businesses. Homes and businesses have already been damaged by thousands of dollars.

Please help us by continuing to trade with us. You can help us win this fight. We will not stop until those conditions are rectified!!

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Harrison-Innis Reunion

A reunion of the Harrison-Innis families will be held on Sept. 3, at Allen Park, beginning at 11 a.m.

Mead Family Reunion

For the descendants of H.F. Mead. To be held August 27, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., at the Pines Building, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Bring own picnic lunch. Lunch will be served at noon, dinner at 5 p.m.

30 year Class Reunion

Allen Central High School Class of 1975 will hold a class reunion on September 3, 2005, from 6-12; 6-7. Registration is at 7:30 and dinner will be at the Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg.

Hale Family Reunion

The John M. Hale Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Greenwich Coon Hunter's Club, in Greenwich, Ohio, beginning at noon.

Please bring a covered dish. Tableware and drinks will be provided. For more info., call Alma Hopkins at 419-752-6906.

Thornsberry-Mullins Reunion

Will be held for descendants of Alamander and Lucy (Mullins) Thornsberry, on Aug. 27, at the Dewey Dam, Shelter #2. Lunch to be served at 12:30

p.m. Covered dishes and soft drinks welcome. For more info., call Joyce Blackburn at 874-9919, Flotean Caudill at 447-2861, Clara Slone at 447-2863, or Nadean Thornsberry at 447-2966.

Floyd County Retired Teachers

Will host a meeting at the East Kentucky Science Center, located on the campus of the Big Sandy Comm. and Tech. College, on Sept. 1, at 10 a.m.

East KY State Fair - 4-H Projects

Any Floyd County student who completed a 4-H project in 2005 may submit the project to the East Kentucky State Fair, to be held Aug. 30 thru Sept. 5, at the Thunder Ridge Complex. Call 886-2668 or visit: www.eastkystatefair.com for entry details.

Open Animal Exhibits will also be conducted and any student who has an animal (dog, rabbit, chicken or goat) may exhibit the animal at the fair.

Also, any Floyd County student, grades 3-12, may compete in the Talent Show to be held at the fair.

You may contact Floyd County Extension Agent for 4-H, Chuck Stamper, for more details.

"Creation Seminar Sunday"

Event to be held Sept. 11, at Prater Creek Baptist Church, Banner. Mike Riddle, of the "Answers in Genesis" organization, will conduct seminars on Biblical Creationism. For more info., call Pastor J.B. Hall at 874-3222; email to: pcb@pcbaptist.org.

Hill Country Dancers

FREE square and line dance classes for the month of Sept., beginning Sept. 8, in Pikeville, at Hambley Athletic Center, across from Pikeville High School. For more info., call Linda Frasure at 285-3994; Novella Froman at 432-5834; or Don Schul at 789-5712.

WHS Class of '59

The Wayland High School Class of 1959 will hold their 46th year reunion on Sept. 3, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. For further information, email to: pslone@charter.net.

2005 Martin County Harvest Festival Cuties & Beauties Pageant

To be held Oct. 6, at 6 p.m., at the Roy F. Collier Community Center, Inez. Ages 0-11 mos. up to "Mrs." (anyone married or with children), females; Ages 0-11 mos. up to 6 years, males.

Contestants will receive gift bags, t-shirts, participation crowns and awards. More info., call 298-0020 or 298-4850. Call now for details on how to enter free! Sponsored by the Inez Volunteer Fire Department.

Jenny Wiley Bike Tours

Held every Saturday morning, 8 a.m. Meet at the flags in front of the Jenny Wiley Convention Center/Marina. Group will ride to spillway where a \$6.95 breakfast buffet will be available. Fun ride at a relaxed pace. Make sure bikes are in good working condition and be ready to ride by 8:30 a.m. Others may also arrive at the Spillway site to enjoy breakfast or to pick up riders who do not wish to ride back to the starting point.

More information, call 886-8604 or email: profitnessctr@bellsouth.net. You may also visit www.multisports to view and print a map of area cycling routes.

Parsons Family Reunion

Reunion for the descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons will be held on Sept. 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch, off Rt. 979. Please bring a covered dish; meal will be served at 1 p.m. All family and friends welcome. For more info., call E. J. Parsons at 865-426-7585.

UNITE meeting announcement

The Floyd County Coalition of UNITE has changed its monthly meeting time and place. The group now meets the first Thursday of every month on the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus, room 153 of the Johnson Building. The entire community is invited and encouraged to attend.

Rotary Club

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

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

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

Joy Services - Christ United Methodist Church of Allen

Special musical services: Aug. 28 - Billie, Betty & Linda, 6 p.m.

HRMC Community Calendar

Aug. 25 - "Living Well with Diabetes" support group meeting, 5-6 p.m., Meeting Place A & B, medical office bldg.

Sept. 10 - Child Birth classes, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Meeting Place A & B.

Sept. 13 - Sr. Advantage, 10:11:30 a.m., Prestonsburg Senior Citizen Center.

Sept. 17 - "Living Well with Diabetes," 9-11:30 a.m., Meeting Place A & B.

For more info., contact Highlands Educational Services Dept. at 886-7424.

Hughes Family Reunion

For the families of Mathias Hughes, Linda E. and Jake Marsillett, Mary Darcus and John Wright, Sally and James Marsillett, John Malcom and Sally Hughes, Jim Henry and Ida Hughes. Reunion will be held on Sept. 4, at the home of Delmer Holbrook, located at 143 Holbrook Hollow Rd., in Prestonsburg. For more info., call 886-8481.

Neighborhood Watch

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

Little Mud Comm. Center

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

Attention: BLHS Class of '85

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1985 will host a reunion to be held Sept. 10, 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., at the Landmark Inn, Pikeville. \$50 per cou-

ple/\$25 for single. For more info., contact Debbie Hall at 304-757-2918 or Doehallparsons@charter.net

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Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

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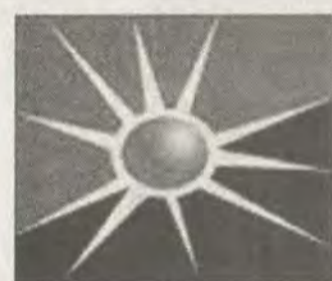
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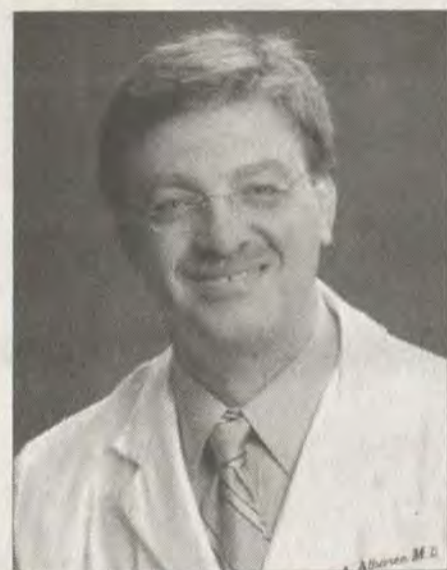
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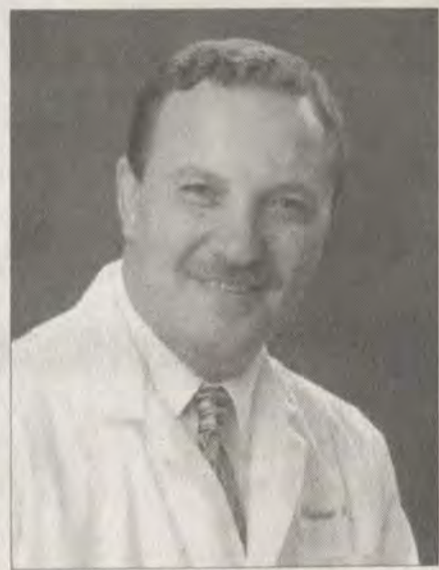
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Host, Hacker appear before grand jury

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
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FRANKFORT — Two of the highest-profile members of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration appeared Tuesday before the special grand jury that is investigating state government personnel practices.

Commerce Secretary Jim Host and Ralph Hacker, the former radio voice of University of Kentucky athletics, were in the grand jury room only briefly and apparently took their lawyer's advice to not answer questions.

Host, a former Republican candidate for lieutenant governor in 1971, spent some time as Fletcher's de facto communications director. He has been a public face on the administration and has been the prime mover behind the "Unbridled Spirit" campaign to put a "brand" on Kentucky's various marketing efforts.

Host also appears periodically in the stacks of e-mails that have been filed as evidence in the investigation as recommending someone for a job or as a contact.

Hacker, who is a part-time executive assistant to Fletcher, is also mentioned periodically in

the e-mails.

"Neither has been told he is a target," said Lexington attorney Joe Terry, who represents both men.

Also appearing Tuesday was Greg Meredith, the district highways engineer for the Transportation Cabinet in Bowling Green. Meredith, who made a previous appearance before the grand jury, opposed a hiring in his district office that was completed over his objection.

According to court documents, Marjorie Ann Stewart was hired as an administrative manager in September 2005. Stewart was identified as the

chairwoman of the Edmonson County Republican Party. Her initial salary of \$43,401 was increased to \$57,499 shortly after her hiring, "as this is what she was purportedly promised by an administration official," the documents said.

Meredith said Stewart should not be retained permanently because her job performance, "particularly lack of computer skills," the court records said.

State Highway Engineer Marc Williams ordered that Stewart should get a permanent position over Meredith's objection. Williams apparently told investigators he made the promotion decision, "to avoid a front page story about the Stewart matter and to avoid a possible lawsuit by Stewart," the court records said.

In a related development

Tuesday, motions to dismiss some of the 19 misdemeanor charges against Fletcher's deputy chief of staff, Richard Murgatroyd, were delayed in Franklin County District Court.

Murgatroyd's lawyer, Jack Smith of Louisville, said he has been given some 300,000 documents by prosecutors in response to his discovery motion. "It's good for any

defense attorney to get a blueprint of the prosecution's case," Smith said.

Smith said the charges against Murgatroyd, who was deputy secretary of the Transportation Cabinet, will be hard to prove to a jury.

"We are prepared to meet our burden of proof in this case," said prosecutor Scott Crawford-Sutherland said.

Governor

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lete and ineffective; programs were not reflective of modern practices; statutes and regulations were confusing and rigid, thus impeding the ability of our government to recruit, develop and retain a competent and motivated work force.

Twelve years have passed since that report and yet these very problems still exist today — 45 years after the merit system was created.

Because many in my administration lacked the knowledge and expertise to manage in our out-of-date merit system, I acknowledge that some mistakes were made. I myself have learned a lot about the merit system and know more about the system now than I did when I took office.

We provided our management team instruction on the merit system and how it worked.

Recently we developed a centralized referral system within our Personnel Cabinet to ensure the large amount of recommendations could be reviewed and directed to the appropriate agency.

And, I appointed a bi-partisan task force to review the merit system as it currently stands, address the 1993 study and make any recommended changes and implementation that are needed to the merit law.

Recent events have put the spotlight on Kentucky's merit system but I've stated my belief many times that the overwhelming majority of state workers, both merit and non-merit, are hard working, well intended and want to do a good job.

That is why for the sake of protecting our merit employees and improving how we serve the commonwealth, it's time for us to take a hard look on how we can improve Kentucky's merit system.

Otherwise, like that show about the sheriff in Mayberry, the current problems with the merit system will be constantly in re-runs.

Stumbo

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each office once a month and said that they are serving their purpose.

"We do a lot of outreach to seniors," Stumbo said. "They are the group most targeted by scammers who use phone calls and the internet to purport scams aimed at taking their life savings."

Stumbo related that his staff at each office travel to senior centers and let groups know about the latest scams and what they should, in general, be on the look out for.

Stumbo also has several Kentucky Bureau of Investigation operatives spread throughout the offices and they have proven vital in investigat-

ing drug cases with an eye towards shutting down methods of abusing prescription drugs, such as internet pharmacies and doctors who indiscriminately prescribe narcotics.

Stumbo also noted that the office was put here for better access to the "blue collar" community his office wishes to serve.

"We stay busy here," Stumbo said.

Stumbo encouraged anyone who has been targeted by scammers to visit his office, adding that they can expect results.

"They can come here and we will get on the case and get them some relief," Stumbo said.

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Obituaries

James Edward Adkins

James Edward Adkins, age 66, of Martin, husband of Pat Cochran Adkins, passed away Monday, August 22, 2005, at his residence.

He was born July 6, 1939, in Harold, the son of the late Garfield Adkins and Flora Tackett Adkins Conn. He was a retired sales representative for Rus Rental Corporation, and a present employee of Hall Funeral Home, in Martin. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Martin, and an U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Pat; one daughter, Debbie Lynn (Gary) Wells; two grandsons: Austin James Wells and Jared Lee Wells, all of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; four brothers: John (Nova) Adkins of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Richard Conn of Prestonsburg, Jerry Garfield (Jean) Adkins of Regina, and Roger Greer of Pikeville; four sisters: Janice (Norris) Salisbury of Warsaw, Indiana, Kathy (Ernie) Dudleson of Stanton, Beth Ann (Ben) Mullins of Printer, Shirley Adkins (Kenny) Buck of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and sister and brother-in-law, Aggie and Dave Goodrich of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Larry Adkins and Phillip Conn.

Funeral services for James Edward Adkins will be conducted Thursday, August 25, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergyman Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will follow in the Salisbury Cemetery, in Hunter, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Hazel Campbell

Hazel Campbell, age 91, of Wiggins, Mississippi, formerly of Martin, went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ, Saturday, August 20, 2005, at the Stone County Hospital, Wiggins, Mississippi, following an extended illness.

She was preceded in death, in 1975, by Wesley Campbell, her husband of 44 years. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Mrs. Campbell was born February 7, 1914, at Dock, the daughter of the late George and Nettie Pitts Wright of Bucks Branch, in Martin.

She is survived by her son, Julian V. Campbell and wife, Billie, of Wiggins, Mississippi; three granddaughters: Kimberly Toney and husband, Gray, of Petal, Mississippi, Vonnie Werth and husband, Fritz, of Cocoa, Florida, and Tracy Dee Magouirk and husband, Jimmy, of Houston, Texas; 11 great-grandchildren: William Toney and wife, Lora, Alison Toney, Stormie Cardwell, Forest Cardwell, Mistie Cardwell, LCPL James Lee Magouirk, US Marine Corps, Julie Ann Magouirk, Jenny Marie Magouirk, Joshua Magouirk, Jonathan Magouirk, and Jason Magouirk; one great-great-granddaughter, Kaiyenna Cardwell; four sisters: Edna Bradley of Harold, Myrtle Johnson of Indianapolis, Indiana, Daisy Barnett of Bucks Branch, Martin, and Mae Johnson of Marion, Indiana; one brother, Bill Buck Wright of Warsaw, Indiana; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Bob (Tessie) Campbell of Garrett; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers: Edward Wright and Eugene Wright; and one sister, Lura Wright Hubbard.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, on Saturday, August 27, at 1 o'clock p.m.

Burial will be at the Davidson Memorial Cemetery in Ivel, beside her husband, Wesley Campbell.

Visitation services were held at the Moore Funeral Home in Wiggins, Mississippi, on Monday, August 22, for friends and family members. Visitation services will be held at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, on Friday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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Lucille Osborn Davis

Lucille Osborn Davis, 95, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, August 19, 2005, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center.

Born June 30, 1910, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late William Osborn and Nora Allen Osborn. She was a homemaker, and was formerly employed by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, Martin Rexall Drug Store, and I. Richmond Company. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg, and a member of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard "Dick" Davis.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty Davis Francis of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Mary Margaret Hyden Clark of Prestonsburg, and Gertrude Hyden Branham of Allen; one brother, Allen Lee Hyden of Milton, West Virginia; two granddaughters: Helen Ann Vickers (Garry) of Lancaster, and Carol Susan Martin (Bill) of Versailles; four great-grandchildren: Sarah Ousley (Shawn), Paul P. Burchett Jr. (Erin), Brad Burchett (Jenny), and Brooke Burch (Brian); and one great-granddaughter-in-law, Tiffany M. Vickers; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters: Sylvia Helen Davis and Nora Ann Long; and three brothers: Dr. Joe Taylor Hyden, Thomas Kit Hyden, and John R. Hyden; one grandchild, Rickey Davis; and one great-grandchild, Shadrick Vickers.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 22, at 1 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg, with Dr. Floyd Price officiating.

Interment was at the Davis Family Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Contribution suggested to the First Presbyterian Church, 1430 N. Lake Dr., Prestonsburg.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers: Paul Burchett Jr., Brad Burchett, Shawn Ousley, Eddie Clark, Taylor Clark, Joey Hyden, Johnny Burke Jr., Tyler Burke, and Josh Hyden.

Honorary: Bill Martin, Garry Vickers, Allen Lee Hyden, Ed Clark, Harold Cooley, Robert Marshall, Stacy Marshall, Alan Jo Hyden, Steve Allen, James Porter, Frankie Porter, Kevin Porter, Jack Wysong, Trent Owens, Jerry Osborn, Ricky Osborn, Steve Osborn, Mike Osborn, Tommy Hyden, Ted Osborn, Isaac Fitzpatrick, Jack Hyden, Ralph Davis and Floyd Green. (Paid obituary)

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Delcie S. Hamilton

Delcie S. Hamilton, age 96, of Harold, widow of Millard F. Hamilton, passed away Friday, August 19, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born November 4, 1908, in Harold, the daughter of the late Lack Salisbury and Cassie King Salisbury. She was

a homemaker, and a member of the Lower Toler Church of Christ, in Harold.

Survivors include two daughters: Eula H. Scott of Kissimmee, Florida, and Peggy A. (Lowell) Steele of Pikeville; two sisters: Zella Mae Salisbury of Ivel, and Berniece S. Spears of Boldman; one grandson, Joe H. Steele of Stanville; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Cellavell Hamilton; two brothers: Dewey Salisbury and Thomas S. Salisbury; and one sister, Gracie S. Hunt.

Funeral services for Delcie S. Hamilton were conducted Sunday, August 21, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Willie Meade and Joe Meade officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Donald Mack Ratliff

Donald Mack Ratliff, age 82, of Printer, passed from this life on Monday morning, August 22, 2005, in the Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born on February 23, 1923, in Pike County, the son of the late Nelse and Addie Adkins Ratliff Hunt.

He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Allen Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel Ernestine Cole Ratliff; one son, Terry Douglas Ratliff of Hunter; two daughters: Judith Sharon Music of Hager Hill and Karen Lynn Ratliff Smith of Banner; daughters-in-law: Lula Ratliff, Nancy Ratliff, and Dorothy Ratliff; grandchildren: Cheryl, Terry, Mike, James, Darwin, April, Crystal, Nick, Elizabeth, and Ellen; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two sons: Jack D. Ratliff and Gary Darwin Ratliff; one brother, Ehrman Ratliff; two sisters: Lillian Troxler and Daryl Barrett.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, August 24, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel. (Paid obituary)

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Marjorie Vance Sammons

Marjorie Vance Sammons, 87, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away at her home following a period of declining health.

Born April 12, 1918, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of German and Mary Beverly Vance.

She is survived by a daughter

and son-in-law, Mary Beth and Jay Henthorne, Wooster, Ohio, a son John Phillip Sammons of Prestonsburg; and three grandsons, whom she adored: Jason Fitzgerald Henthorne, Jonathan Vance Henthorne, and Jesse Vance Sammons, and a granddaughter-in-law, Heather K. Henthorne.

Marge was preceded in death by her husband, John P., who died, June 3, 2005; and two brothers, Joe B. Vance and James E. Vance.

In her younger years, Marge had an active social calendar, loved to dance, especially the jitterbug. She was a cheerleader at Pikeville College in 1937, and in later years continued her education, and graduated from Pikeville College in 1963.

Marge was an avid reader, and imparted her love of books to her children, grandchildren, and countless "new readers," whom she introduced to the world through her gift of books. She was a founding member of the "Ladies of the Club" book club of Floyd County. She revealed in her love of books, history, and especially her beloved Mountains. Marge drew her strength from the mountains, and the culture and traditions of Eastern Kentucky. She embodied these traditions in her own life, and passed on her love of storytelling, quilting, and mountain crafts to all she knew.

Marge and John P. were married 65 years, and lived in Martin for 53 of those years.

Marge taught 4th grade at Martin Elementary for more than 20 years. She loved children and was passionate about education. She was a member of the Retired Floyd County Teachers Association, The Maytown Homemakers Club, and was a Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, Adah Chapter 24. Marge was also an active and beloved member of the Martin Church of Christ.

Visitation was Saturday, August 20th, from 5:00 till 9:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Funeral services were Sunday, August 21, at 2:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, with Gary W. Mitchell officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice, or to the Martin Church of Christ Building Fund, Box 724, Martin, Ky. 41649.

Pallbearers: Jimmy Blackburn, Johnny Heinze, Jimmy Ray Key, Mitchell Williams, Tommy Hale, Steve Walters, and Rick Moore.

(Paid obituary)

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Brenda Kaye Casebolt Stewart

Brenda Kaye Casebolt Stewart, 52, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, August 20, 2005, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born August 12, 1953, in Larkslane, (Knott County), she was the daughter of Della Hall Casebolt of Mousie, and the late Dallas Casebolt. She was a cook at McDowell ARH; and a member of the Pine Grove Baptist Church at Hi Hat.

She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Stewart.

Other survivors include a daughter, Tracie Renee Stewart (Jeremy) of Hi Hat; a grandson, Joshua Craig May; a brother, Rickey Casebolt of Somerset; four sisters: Geneva Casebolt of Pikeville, Wilma Terwilliger of Seattle, Washington, Harriet Campbell of Mousie, and Irene West of Newport News, Virginia.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a son, Ronald Craig Stewart; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 23, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rodney Mosley officiating.

Burial was in the Stewart Family Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with nightly services at 7 p.m.

Active pallbearers: Micheal Stewart, Matthew Stewart, Jeffrey Mullins, Barry Casebolt, Mike Casebolt, Ricky Stegall, Eric Casebolt, and James Tackett.

Honorary pallbearers: Josh May, Jeremy May, Jacob Hamilton, Harry Stewart, Randall Stewart, Jerry May, Fred Luxmore, Ricky Casebolt, Ernie Casebolt and Rod Foley. (Paid obituary)

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Linda Gail Tackett

Linda Gail Tackett, 55, of Beaver, died Thursday, August 18, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Born December 5, 1949, in Pike County, she was the daughter

of the late Alvin and Liza Bryant Flannery. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Emmanuel Full Gospel Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George D. Tackett. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Scott and Tammy Tackett of Craynor; and two grandchildren: Amby and Dustin Tackett.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Marsha Tackett; two brothers: Leon Flannery and Eugene Flannery; and two sisters: Christine Hall and Dayphne Flannery.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 21, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Larry Tackett officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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I'm safely home in Heaven, where eternal peace is mine. And where, when God has called you, too; I'll be forever Thine.

We love and miss you, Clark, Tony, Bish, Karln, Karla, and family

Card of Thanks

The family of Sadie P. Shepherd would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends and neighbors who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. A special thanks to Clergyman Ronnie Chaffins for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.

THE FAMILY OF SADIE P. SHEPHERD

Card of Thanks

The family of Georgia Ann Vanover Newman would like to acknowledge, with heartfelt appreciation, all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thank you all so much for the food, flowers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. We especially want to thank Clergyman Bobby Isaac for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home, for providing dignified and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGIA ANN VANOVER NEWMAN

Calendar

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Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

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

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

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

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Looking For a Support Group?

Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 6 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265, or Jane Bond at FCHD. NOTE: Group will NOT MEET in July or August.

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

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

Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha

Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

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

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Nov. 17 - Holiday Celebration. Questions or concerns? Call 487-8360.

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Center for Rural Development holds regional forum in P'burg

The Center for Rural Development held a regional forum at Big Sandy Area Development District on August 17. The Prestonsburg event was the second of four planned across the region to determine how The Center can be of greater assistance in its 42-county service area.

Elected officials and other community representatives were invited to attend and discuss how The Center can help improve the quality of life for citizens in their communities. A presentation on Center facilities and services was given by The Center President and CEO, Lonnie Lawson. In addition, Emily Fox, a community liaison for The Center, gave an enthusiastic presentation as she recalled her experience as a Rogers Scholar, a key youth leadership program initiated by The Center.

Some items of discussion included how The Center can be beneficial in helping communities improve education opportunities, utilize preventative medicines for diseases prevalent to Southern and Eastern Kentucky, and provide models and training for effective leadership. Center staff will follow each forum with discussions to determine priority issues established by the group and outline proposals to address those issues.

Anyone who was unable to attend, but would like to submit questions or comments, can do so by logging on to The Center website at www.centertech.com and clicking on "contact us."

Counties included in this forum region were: Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Perry, and Pike.

The Center for Rural

Development in Somerset, Kentucky is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable economic development solutions and a better way of life in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. In its 42-county service region, The Center provides innovative programs in leadership development, advanced telecommunications technology, public safety and a variety of performing arts and cultural events. For more information about The Center, its programs and a calendar of events, visit www.centertech.com.

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Bariatric Surgery at Three Rivers Medical Center

The program is guided by a fellowship trained bariatric surgeon, Dr. Laura Velcu. Patients seeking treatment receive extensive pre-operative education and undergo a complete screening process, including a psychological evaluation, to help determine whether the surgery is appropriate for them. Patients are also required to attend support group meetings, where they receive vital information about what to expect following surgery, nutritional guidance, and other important aspects of the surgery and follow-up care.

As with any surgical procedure, weight loss surgery may present risks. Ask your referring physician or a bariatric surgeon if weight loss surgery is right for you.

About the surgeon

Dr. Laura Velcu, M.D. is fellowship trained in bariatric surgery, an intervention for weight loss to control morbid obesity. She received her medical degree from Carol Davila School of Medicine and Pharmacy. Dr. Velcu completed her surgical residency at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, New York. She also completed a surgical fellowship in complex and minimally-invasive surgery at University of Pittsburgh, Magee Women's Hospital, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Velcu is certified by the American Board of Surgery and a member of the American Society for Bariatric Surgery. She is actively involved with research in the field of bariatric surgery.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

Expectations weight loss surgery group meetings are being planned on a monthly basis. Please watch for additional details and forthcoming announcements about the support groups in the future.

For information, call Bariatric Surgery Program Coordinator Robin Barker, R.N. at 606-638-3813.



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Prosecutors outline case against Fletcher administration official

by JOE BIESK
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FRANKFORT — Prosecutors who have alleged that hiring practices in the administration of Gov. Ernie Fletcher ran afoul of the Merit System spelled out elements of their case against a Fletcher aide in documents filed with the Franklin County District Court.

Richard "Dick" Murgatroyd, Fletcher's deputy chief of staff, participated in a conspiracy to circumvent the state's merit laws, according to the court filing Monday. Prosecutors filed the document, called a "bill of particulars," in response to a motion filed on Murgatroyd's behalf, said Vicki Glass, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

Stumbo's office has been investigating the personnel practices of Fletcher's administration since May, when a former state employee gained whistleblower protection and gave prosecutors documents alleging state Merit System improprieties. Kentucky law says employment decisions for rank-and-file state employees are supposed to be based on candidates' qualifications, not their political connections.

A Franklin County special grand jury has indicted nine cur-

rent or former administration officials with misdemeanor charges stemming from the investigation. One of the nine, former Transportation Cabinet official Dan Druen, is also facing multiple felony charges including alleged witness tampering.

"This conspiracy has been ongoing since early 2004 and has continued uninterrupted until at least May 2005," according to documents filed Monday.

Murgatroyd's attorney, Jack Smith, said he asked the court to eliminate three charges against his client because he felt the statute of limitations had expired. The bill of particulars, filed by prosecutor Scott Crawford-Sutherland, elaborated on the indictments, Smith said.

It was unusual for prosecutors to outline their case this far before a trial, Smith said.

"I asked for a drink of water, but I got the Mississippi River," Smith said in a telephone interview.

Murgatroyd was indicted July 6 on 19 misdemeanor charges for alleged political discrimination, conspiracy and violating state employees' rights. However, Monday's court filing marked the first time prosecutors publicly detailed their broad

allegations against Murgatroyd.

A hearing was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon on Smith's motion on the charges. Also Tuesday, the grand jury was to resume meeting.

The documents claim, among other things, that when Murgatroyd was the Transportation Cabinet deputy secretary, he helped find a merit job for state Republican Party Treasurer Dave Disponett's nephew, Tony Disponett. When a position was not immediately available, one was created for him, according to the documents.

Dave Disponett was an unpaid volunteer for the Fletcher administration and had an office and secretary in the state Capitol, down the hall from the governor's office.

According to the document, Tony Disponett was eventually hired as a highway superintendent, where he still works.

Prosecutors also claimed Murgatroyd, a former judge-executive in Kenton County, helped land a state transportation job for Marjorie Ann Stewart, who had been a top official with the Edmonson County Republican Party. She was hired for a \$43,000-per-year job, but soon was given a raise to nearly \$57,500, according to the record.

Murgatroyd, according to the document, also helped get state jobs for other politically connected applicants including: William Smallwood, Billy Montgomery, Desta Lyons and James Gray.

Fletcher spokeswoman Jodi Whitaker declined comment, because the documents were related to the grand jury investigation.

Meanwhile, a Franklin County Circuit Court judge on Monday released documents prosecutors obtained from a search last week of computer servers in the governor's office.

The user files included those for Disponett and Fletcher's chief of staff, Stan Cave, according to the search warrant.

Included in Monday's thick stack of documents was e-mail correspondence between Druen and Murgatroyd. In one exchange, dated Feb. 2, Murgatroyd said he only wanted to "do what is right for our cabinet to assure that we have the best and most qualified work force."

There is also a brief e-mail exchange between Murgatroyd and "Sadie," which is an e-mail address name for Fletcher. In the exchange, Murgatroyd asked if Fletcher had a chance to speak with Senate President David Williams "regarding a

personnel issue." Fletcher replied, "Yes."

There was no indication whether it was a reference to a merit or non-merit matter.

Also Monday, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission sought to prevent the attorney

general's access to its personnel investigation records.

Ethics Commission Director Jill LeMaster said the commission has not confirmed whether it is conducting its own investigation into the matter. A hearing was scheduled for Thursday.

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"I've talked to some old-timers," said Peterson, who said he's been getting free drinks from the bar from people he doesn't simply for having been on the boat. "Nobody's ever heard of anybody doing that before."

■ BROWNSVILLE, Ore. — It could have happened to anyone: Charles Gastorf and his wife, Cheryl, forgot to pay the \$10 tab for 10 bags of steer manure during a recent shopping trip to their local Wal-Mart.

The two say that in the confusion of shopping on that March day they simply forgot to add in the cost of the manure. When the Gastorfs explained their forgetfulness to Lebanon City Attorney Tom McHill, he dropped shoplifting charges against them.

That could have been the end of the story — except for the letter from the world's largest retailer that soon arrived in their mailbox, demanding \$175 in civil damages.

That's when the Gastorfs learned about a little-known Oregon law that allows retailers to pursue civil penalties regardless of whether a person is found guilty or innocent of theft.

The Gastorfs — who live in a manufactured home and are retired — spoke to an attorney, who told them that challenging the action in court could cost them several thousand dollars, much more than the \$175 civil claim.

So the Gastorfs paid Wal-Mart the money.

"We wouldn't want to embark on a life of crime at our ages and become manure thieves. I mean, if you were going to steal something, would you steal manure?" Gastorf said.

But Shardon Weber, a spokeswoman for Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart, told The Albany Democrat Herald that the company has decided to refund the Gastorfs' \$175.

"It simply seems like the right thing to do," she said.

■ HOPKINSVILLE — Peter Davenport has received more phone calls than he cares to count that start with the unusual opening: "Please believe me, I'm not crazy."

For Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, it's part of the job.

Davenport spoke Sunday at the Little Green Men Festival in Hopkinsville about what he believes are some of the more fascinating, provable cases reported. The festival commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Aug. 21, 1955, report of an alien invasion at Kelly.

After a lifetime of studying what many brush off as science fiction, Davenport says he's cer-

tain that UFOs exist and have been witnessed on Earth. He believes the government has known about them for decades.

"I have not just a mountain of data, perhaps a mountain range of data," Davenport told the Kentucky New Era in an interview.

Davenport has spent 11 years filing accounts and eyewitness reports of UFO sightings from a reporting center that consists of one phone, one fax and one Web master. The center is almost completely privately funded by Davenport and donations.

■ SNOHOMISH, Wash. — Melani Dino was walking on air — a couple of hundred feet off the ground — when she received Brandon Harding's marriage proposal.

As soon as she got back on land, she said yes.

Harding, 22, arranged to have an 8-by-15-foot black banner with white tape reading, "Will you marry me, Melani?" spread on the ground as the couple floated down from a sky dive Sunday.

The jump was the second for each but the first they had done together. "I thought he was a little more nervous than he should have been," Dino said.

Harding was the second to last in a group of people to hit the ground, followed by his fiancée.

After Dino landed, he approached and got down on one knee. They kissed, he put a ring on her finger and they stood up and kissed again.

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About 10 people in the two families were present, all in the know — except Dino, 23.

"I had no idea," she said.

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Food City awards educational tools and equipment to area schools

ABINGDON, Va. — Food City is well-known for their numerous community-related events and activities. One of their largest benefit programs is their Apples for the Students program.

The program allows students to collect specially marked Food City register receipt tapes in exchange for computers, software, audio/visual and other educational materials. Over the last 15 years, Food City has awarded more than \$9.2 million in much-needed educational equipment to over 700 participating area schools.

"We're committed to giving back to the communities we operate in and what better sector to invest in than the education of our youth," said Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer. "Our Apples for the Students Program provides a simple means for area schools to gain the additional educational equipment and tools they need".

Bruce Boyd, vice president of Service Marketing Group (the national Apples for the Students founding organization) recently presented Food City officials with the prestigious Golden Apple Educational

Award. The award recognizes Food City for their continued efforts to improve the educational opportunities for the children of their Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia market area and for their contributions to the public, private and parochial schools in excess of 9.2 million dollars over their 15 years of program participation.

"We work hard to educate and inform our area schools about the availability of our Apples for the Students program and the great benefits they can reap from participating," said Tom Hembree, Food City senior vice president of marketing. "Last school year alone, we contributed \$817,741 in supplies to participating schools."

Food City first initiated their Apples for the Students program during the 1990-91 school year. Since that time, Kentucky area public and private schools have received \$1,372,217 in equipment. Last school year, participating counties received \$133,329 in program contributions.

Of that total, Floyd County schools have received \$234,342 in total contributions — \$17,791 of which was received



Bruce Boyd, left, vice president of Service Marketing Group, Donna Lowery, center, Food City Apples for the Students coordinator, and Tom Hembree, Food City senior vice president marketing.

last school year.

The 2005-2006 Apples for the Students program will begin Sept. 11 and continue through March 11, 2006. By program end, Food City hopes to reach the 10 million mark in donations.

For more information about this program or how to participate, please contact your local

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"DirectLink e-Services is a safe, secure and convenient method for customers to manage

their accounts online," said Columbia Gas of Kentucky President Joseph W. Kelly. "We believe our customers will find tremendous value in these new online features."

To utilize DirectLink e-Services, a customer must first click on "New User" and create a user profile for the site. To register an account, a customer should have an account number, as well as the primary account holder's date of birth and Social Security number. There's no charge to register an account.

DirectLink e-Services also includes information such as:

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Columbia Gas of Kentucky's DirectLink e-Services — which uses state of the art software, including firewalls, encryption and authentication procedures to protect customer information — can be found at the top of the home page on Columbia Gas of Kentucky's web site — www.columbiagasky.com.

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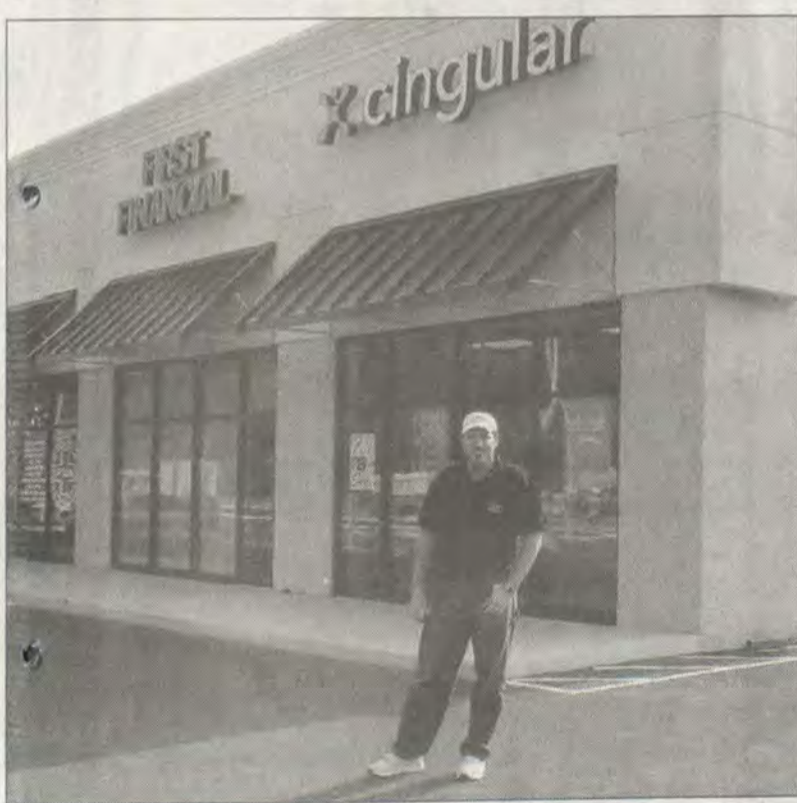
College to host miner training information day

PAINTSVILLE — Big Sandy Community and Technical College has entered into a consortium agreement with Booth Enterprises, Excel Mining and Martin County Coal to provide training for persons who want a career in the coal industry.

The first "Information Day" will be from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 7, at the Mayo Campus Auditorium. At this event, prospective students-employees will be interviewed and evaluated for the first class.

Each coal company will select 10 students to sponsor. Those students will be "hired" on a co-op basis by the coal company that is their sponsor. Students will be paid while they train.

For more information, call David Pelphrey at 606-788-2844 or call any of the campus numbers and use ext. 82844. Outside Floyd, Johnson and Pike counties call (888) 641-4132 ext. 82844.



A.B. Wireless, owned and operated by Prestonsburg resident H. Allen Bolling, will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. today to celebrate its grand opening. Located on University Drive in Prestonsburg in the new Food City shopping center, A.B. Wireless is an agent for Cingular Wireless, Ram-Page Paging and XM Satellite Radio.

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Appalachian Regional Healthcare declines move to Appalachia

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Government leaders in Hazard have offered free rent to Appalachian Regional Healthcare in an attempt to lure the hospital chain's corporate headquarters to Appalachia.

Mayor Bill Gorman said he believes any company serving Appalachia should have its headquarters in the mountains of Appalachia, not in the flatlands of the bluegrass region.

"The whole idea is this," he said. "Would it be proper for us to organize a Bluegrass Regional Healthcare System and have its headquarters in Hazard so we could serve the Bluegrass more effectively?"

Gorman said he had hoped that the offer of free use of a \$1 million building, large enough to provide offices for about 100 people, would entice the company to make the move.

However the company, which operates nine hospitals in Appalachia, declined the invitation,

saying it would cost more than \$10 million to make the move.

Spokeswoman Melissa Cornett said the company would rather spend money on projects that relate directly to patient care, like a planned \$17 million worth of expansions at the Hazard hospital. The proposed move "would simply not be in the best economic interest" of the company or the communities it serves, she said.

Appalachian Regional Healthcare President and Chief Executive Officer Jerry W. Haynes said in a statement that the company has created or relocated 90 jobs in Hazard over the past four years and is committed to providing medical services to the region.

Haynes met with Gorman and Perry County Judge-Executive Denny Ray Noble last week to discuss the issue. Noble said Monday he will no longer push for the move. Gorman said it seems clear that the company's top executives don't want to live in Appalachia.

"We just backed off," he said.

Hazard and Perry County gave Appalachian Regional Healthcare \$5.3 million in coal severance tax funds in 2001 to help pay for relocating some offices from Lexington to Hazard. As of June, the company said it had more than 150 corporate employees in Hazard, including two vice presidents, 14 corporate directors and administrators.

Haynes said the company places employees and managers based on the needs of patients and is committed to expanding the medical services and work force in Appalachia.

Appalachian Regional Healthcare is a not-for-profit company that operates hospitals and clinics, home health agencies, and pharmacies in Kentucky and West Virginia. It is the largest private employer in southeastern Kentucky, and the third largest private employer in southern West Virginia with some 4,400 full-time employees.

Kenny Smith is recipient of scholarship from Acordia

PIKEVILLE — Acordia Inc., a Wells Fargo company, has named Kenny Smith a recipient of the Acordia Scholarship Program, designed for the children of team members who best exemplify qualities the organization admires and desires to foster.

The Acordia Scholarship Program, established in 1999, encourages and helps fund the costs of higher education of the children of Acordia team members. The four-year scholarship provides money that can be used for tuition, room and board, and related expenses.

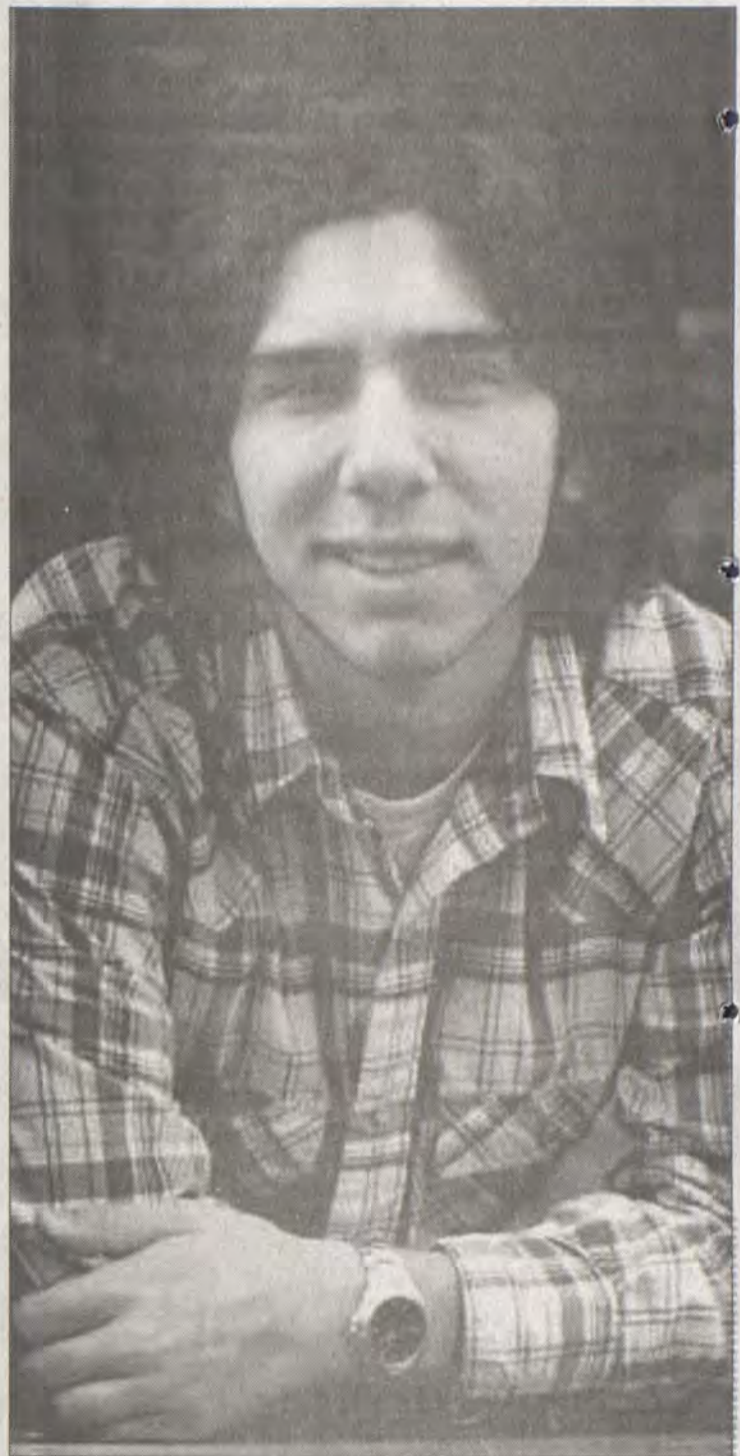
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In order to compete for the scholarship, Smith submitted an essay titled, "What Education Means to Me," along with an application, recommendation letters and school transcripts. After applying, he went through an interview process with the Acordia Mid-Atlantic region and then competed on a national level by interviewing with a representative of the Acordia corporate office in Chicago. Kenny was one of seven applicants in the nation chosen by the selection committee to receive a scholarship.

Smith is the 18-year-old son of Kathy Lambros, of Pikeville, and Kenny Smith, of Brandy Keg in Prestonsburg. He is the grandson of Dolly Ratliff of Pikeville, Thomas Lambros of Chicago, and the late Vicie and Luther Smith of Phelps. Kathy Lambros is a Customer Account Manager with four years service at Acordia of Kentucky, in Pikeville.

While attending Pikeville High School, Smith was a member of the varsity soccer team, cross-country team, academic team, mock-trial team, and had stage performances in the productions of Larceny and Old Lace, Annie, and Harvey. He served as Secretary of The Speech and Drama Club and was President of the Pikeville High Democrats Club.

Smith was selected as a participant in the charter class of the Pikeville College Booth Scholars and completed the four-year program. He was also honored by a panel of community leaders and respected professionals in being selected for a Pike County Chamber of Commerce Work Ethic Award and the Pikeville High School Senior Salute Award. A member of the National Honor Society, he was on the National Honor



Kenny Smith

Roll for four years, and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Smith has demonstrated his strong sense of community service and volunteerism by being a volunteer at Pikeville Medical Center, volunteer referee for the Pike County Youth Soccer Association, and a volunteer mathematics tutor at Pikeville High School. In addition to his studies, extra-curricular activities, and volunteer work, he has worked a part-time job for almost two years and has been employed by Riverfill 10 Theatre and J.C. Penney Company. He enjoys recreational soccer, music, reading and writing, traveling, movies and drama, politics and histo-

ry, and boating with his Uncle Mike.

Smith graduated Cum Laude from Pikeville High School. After spending a portion of his summer touring England and France with the Pikeville College Booth Scholars, Kenny will attend Centre College in the fall with plans to major in psychology or biology and dramatic arts. He will be a member of Centre Players and Centre Democrats.

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Mars email a hoax

by RAY SHUBINSKI
EAST KENTUCKY SCIENCE CENTER

A recent email has been making the rounds which adds a new chapter in urban legends. According to the email, the planet Mars will appear as big as the full moon on Aug. 27. The e-mail goes on to claim that Mars will be closer to the earth on this date than it has been in the last 60,000 years, and that it will appear as big as the full moon!

Under no conditions can Mars ever appear as large as the full moon as seen from earth. To look

as large as the full moon, Mars would need to be about 1 million miles from earth. Mars and earth will be at their closest on Nov. 7, when they will be a little more than 40 million miles apart. On that night, Mars will look 40 times smaller than the full moon.

The information about the distance and the date used in this erroneous email was true for the close approach of Mars on Aug. 27, 2003. Even on that date, Mars still appeared simply as a bright reddish star in the evening star.

What adds a bit of fun to all

of this is Halloween. Mars will be at its brightest from Oct. 31 to Nov. 10. On Halloween night, Mars will hang due south in our skies at midnight.

The East Kentucky Science Center and Planetarium will offer special observing sessions with powerful telescopes for the public during this time. The Planetarium will also be showing "Return to Mars" in the star theater from Oct. 8 to Nov. 13.

The staff of the Science Center is always happy to provide information on any current science events.

Arts grants opportunities available to Eastern Kentucky

SOMERSET — In light of national trends that favor interdisciplinary projects and collaborations in grant funding, Pat Bradley, arts and culture outreach coordinator for The Center for Rural Development will participate in a day-long workshop and planning session being hosted by Morehead State University on Thursday, Sept. 29, to help identify grant opportunities for arts and humanities programs.

"Grant Opportunities for Strategic Collaborations in the Arts and Humanities" will be offered in the Commonwealth Room of the Adron Doran University Center. Slated to begin at 8 a.m. with breakfast and greetings, the workshop will include presentations from the Kentucky Humanities Council and the Kentucky Arts Council, roundtable discussions and networking opportunities.

Sponsored by a grant from the MSU Campus Partnership Fund, the event will bring together K-12 educators, community college faculty, members of non-profit organizations in East Kentucky and MSU faculty members in the Caudill College of Humanities.

Together, they will identify mutual goals and work toward enhancing the region's competitiveness in obtaining federal, state and private funding.

Staff from KHC and KAC will discuss strategic approaches to successful grant writing geared toward programs appropriate for collaborations involving colleges and universities, non-profit arts and humanities organizations and local schools. Workshop participants will be teamed together by topic area and matched with interested MSU faculty who will help identify and develop project ideas.

Other representatives assisting in this project will be Dr. Dale Duvall, associate dean of university and community partnerships, staff members from The Center for Rural Development, Arts Kentucky, MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) and Office of Research, Grants and Contracts, who will contribute to team project development and to identify specific collaboration strategies. Methods of finding suitable funding sources will be discussed for project ideas that are well developed and partner roles

clearly defined.

Lunch will be provided. Those who would like to participate in the workshop may send their name and the name of the organization which they represent, along with their mailing address, e-mail, phone number and project ideas to Mary Jerde, grants resource coordinator, at 901 Ginger Hall, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY 40351.

Additional information is available by calling Jerde at (606) 783-2545, or by e-mail at m.jerde@moreheadstate.edu.

The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Kentucky is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable economic development solutions and a better way of life in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. In its 42-county service region, The Center provides innovative programs in leadership development, advanced telecommunications technology, public safety and a variety of performing arts and cultural events. For more information about The Center, its programs and a calendar of events, visit www.centertech.com

Spencer completes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Anthony R. Spencer, grandson of Armeta Spencer of Martin, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Spencer completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval

customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet.

"Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior

attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Spencer is a 1994 graduate of Olentangy Local High School of Lewis Center, Ohio.

ParentInfo provides information, resources

FRANKFORT — Parents of school-age children can receive helpful information related to education and child development from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Twice a month, the department sends out a free electronic newsletter called ParentInfo that

includes brief features on school testing, child health, help with homework and other topics.

Recent issues included information on post-high school planning, reminders about school bus safety, student testing details and training for school-based decision making council members.

To receive ParentInfo, parents may register by visiting the department's website at www.education.ky.gov. Enter "parentinfo" in the keyword/search box, then click Search. This will take you to the subscription page for ParentInfo, where you also may view archived issues.

Toddler drowns in Pike Co. pond

The Associated Press

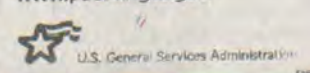
FREEBURN — A toddler has drowned in a landscaping pond at her grandmother's home in Pike County.

Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts said 16-month-old Shakira Marie Justice of Freeburn drowned in 18 inches of water. She was found about 1 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, and was taken to South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Kentucky State Police are investigating the drowning.

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KDFWR releases names drawn for 2005 Quota Elk Hunts

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) has released the names of those who have been randomly selected for elk permits for the 2005 quota elk hunt seasons in southeast Kentucky.

With exception of one individual, the KDFWR was able to

identify 99 of 100 successful applicants.

The one person drawn who the agency continues to attempt to identify entered the drawing by purchasing a permit at the Johnson BP and Sporting Goods Store in Manchester on July 30. The permit number is 0260021073005103423.

Over 16,000 people applied for elk hunts this year, com-

pared to 8,700 last year. Ten of the selected hunters were non-residents.

Funds from the sale of elk hunt application permits help fund ongoing research and management of Kentucky's elk herd, which now numbers about 5,300 animals," said Dr. Jon Gassett, KDFWR Commissioner.

"We hope interest continues

to increase in elk hunting opportunity as the number of permits available also increases into the future," Gassett said.

Quota bull elk hunts this year run Oct. 1-7, and cow hunts from Dec. 3-9. In-state hunters drawn must purchase a \$25 elk hunt permit, in addition to their license. Out-of-state hunters are required to purchase a \$300 nonresident elk hunt permit, in

addition to their license.

Persons drawn for this year's hunts will be contacted by the KDFWR with instructions about their hunts.

Names of those drawn for 2005 quota hunt elk permits: Patrick Amburgey, Leburn, (Knott Co.); Leslie Anderson, Glasgow (Barren Co.); Christopher Arlinghaus, Edgewood (Kenton Co.);

Timothy Baldwin, Adairville (Logan Co.); Mark Bennett, Fairplay (Adair Co.); Timothy Bickert, Wilmore (Jessamine Co.); Daniel Bloemer, Kuttawa, (Lyon Co.); Janie Boggs, Yeaddiss, (Leslie Co.); Brian Bowman, Lawrenceburg, (Anderson Co.); Purvill Chaney, Louisville, (Jefferson Co.);

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Redmond win Late Model feature on Fan Appreciation Night

by CHRIS BELCHER
201 SPEEDWAY TRACK
WRITER

SITKA — For over 20 years, dirt track racing fans have filled the stands at 201 Speedway. On Saturday night, 201 Speedway officials rewarded the many loyal fans who have kept the gates open for so long with an opportunity to meet their favorite drivers while parked on the front stretch of the red clay racing surface. Due to the recent heat wave, Fan Appreciation ceremonies were held after the heat races and consolation events for Late Models and Open Wheel Modifieds. Following a 30-minute meet and greet for drivers and fans, the Late Model feature was the first race of the night.

In qualifying, only three of 25 Late Models in attendance broke into the 13-second range. Chris Combs and Chuckie May both qualified in the 15.90's, but it would be the 28R of West Virginia's Harold Redmond Jr. besting the field of 25 with a best-run of 13.84 in his T & H Racing Engines-powered Snap on Tools-sponsored No. 04 Swartz Grand Prix. Salyersville's Brandon Johnson earned his fifth pole of the season in Open Wheel Modified qualifying, turning a 15.30 in the Forestry & Land Reclamation, Ranger Contracting, West Liberty Auto Parts-sponsored Lighting Chassis. Former Champion Scott McCloud set fast time in Limited Late Model qualifying in the Highland Drywall, Dino the Tool Man-sponsored 1998 Swartz, and two drivers made identical qualifying efforts in Super Bomber time trials with Falcon's Michael Paul Howard and Martin's Jake Miller both going 15.87 to share the front row of the Super Bomber Heat.

Raymond Nichols and Redmond led the Late Model charge to the green flag, with

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photo by Steve LeMaster
South Floyd Coach Donnie Daniels talked with Ryan Little (59) and Brock Slone Friday night during a timeout. South Floyd will play its second straight home game Friday, hosting Shelby Valley.

South Floyd piles up over 400 yards of offense in opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — South Floyd appears to have picked up right where it left off last season. Last year's South Floyd High football team could score in bunches and pile up offensive yards. The Raiders returned to the gridiron this past Friday night and put up 40 points in a 40-14 win over visiting Magoffin County. South Floyd had over 400 yards of offense in the opener.

"We were pleased with what we were able to get done offensively," said South Floyd Coach Donnie Daniels. "I thought we executed real well. Compared to how we played in the scrimmages against Morgan (County) and Powell (County), our kids have improved a lot."

Throughout the preseason, Daniels touted the athleticism and versatility of senior Justin Slone. The do-it-all senior accounted for over half of South Floyd's offense in the season-opening win.

"We want to get the football in Justin's hands," Daniels acknowledged. "He is a big, big part of our offense."

Slone took six carries and rushed for 178 yards and one touchdown in the win over Magoffin County. He hauled in two catches for an additional 54

yards. Slone tacked two more points on for South Floyd when he hauled in a pass on a two-point conversion.

While being a big part of the Raider offense, Slone wasn't alone in his efforts.

Junior halfback Ethan Johnson had eight carries for 52 yards and one touchdown. Senior fullback Kyle Hall had five carries for 22 yards and also scored a touchdown.

Quarterback Ryan Johnson and halfback Anthony Barker also carried the football for positive yardage in South Floyd's opener.

Ryan Johnson completed seven-of-12 passes for 120 yards.

Daniels admits he'll mix up his team's offensive scheme of things from time to time this season.

"We'll have some different people get involved on offense," Daniels said, "and that's always good."

Ethan Johnson caught two passes for 60 yards and a touchdown. Brock Slone also hauled in a Ryan Johnson-thrown football and caught a two-point conversion pass.

Defensively, Justin Slone had an interception and Barker had a pair of fumble recoveries.

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H.S. FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Friday's scores

Allen Central 32, Betsy Layne 6
Ashland Blazer 44, Raceland 7
Bellevue 53, Harrodsburg 35
George Rogers Clark 42, Lex. Tates Creek 7
Greenup Co. 21, East Carter 3
Harlan 28, Cawood 0
Hazard 38, Perry Co. Central 20
Highlands 35, Dixie Heights 0
Knott Co. Central 34, Jenkins 20
Knox Central 40, Everts 12
Knoxville Central, Tenn. 30, Bell Co. 15
Lawrence Co. 28, Sheldon Clark 6
Leslie Co. 44, Lynn Camp 18
Lewis Co. 19, Nicholas Co. 8
Lincoln Co. 19, Pulaski Co. 15
Madison Southern 50, Lex. Bryan Sta. 0
Morgan Co. 20, Rowan Co. 14
North Laurel 16, Holmes 6
Paintsville 28, Fairview 12
Pendleton Co. 33, Paris 12
Pineville 17, McCreary Central 12
South Floyd 40, Magoffin Co. 14
Wayne Co. 24, Clay Co. 7
West Carter 32, Bath Co. 6
Whitley Co. 27, Middlesboro 26
Woodford Co. 28, Anderson Co. 3

Saturday's scores

Danville 34, Rockcastle Co. 0
Frankfort 55, North Oldham 20
Franklin Co. 58, Breathitt Co. 7
Lex. Henry Clay 43, Belfry 14
Lex. Paul Dunbar 57, Lone Oak 6
Lou. Western 25, Harrison Co. 21
Madison Cent. 21, Lex. Lafayette 14
Pulaski Southwestern 16, Corbin 3
West Jessamine 14, Mason Co. 13

Runyon gets win in debut

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ASHLAND — First-year Paintsville High School head football coach Bill Mike Runyon took his team out on the road Friday night, during the first week of the 2005 regular-season. The Tigers were successful in Friday night's season-opener, beating rival Fairview 28-12.

Runyon, Paintsville High's longtime boys' basketball coach, was able to record the victory in his debut as the school's head football coach. He accepted the football job in spring after David LeMaster resigned and stepped down from the post.

Paintsville junior quarterback Daniel Pugh showed his versatility in the opener, passing for two touchdowns and rushing for another. Pugh, a three-sport athlete for the Tigers, began calling the lead signals for the Tiger football team as a freshman and has now started over 20 games under center.

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Sandy Valley Preseason Grid set for Saturday

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The 2005 Sandy Valley Conference Preseason Grid will be held Saturday at Johnson Central High School. Nine games are a part of this year's preseason middle school football event.

The first game of the scrimmage will pit Pikeville against Inez. Kickoff for the opener is scheduled for 10 a.m. The second game will feature Breathitt County and Johnson County Eighth and is scheduled for an 11 a.m. kickoff.

At 1 p.m., Adams is slated to take on Morgan County. Following the Adams-Morgan County game, a scrimmage game with a 2 p.m. start time will pit Warfield against Leslie County. After a short break, the scrimmage will resume play at 4 p.m. with a Floyd County matchup composed of South Floyd and Allen. Johnson County Seventh and Allen Central are scheduled to play at 5 p.m. followed by Magoffin County and Belfry Seventh at 6 p.m. The nightcap at 7 p.m. will pit Betsy Layne versus Belfry Eighth.

The Sandy Valley Conference was

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Robinson cleared to play

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg High senior Charles Robinson has been cleared to play football after being out of action the past couple of weeks while nursing an injured knee. Robinson, who last season rushed for over 1,000 yards for Allen Central, went down when Prestonsburg scrimmaged Lawrence County, its first of two preseason opponents. A scan turned up negative, showing Robinson only had a severe bruise. Robinson has returned to practice and is expected to see

his first regular-season action as a member of the Prestonsburg High football Friday evening when the Blackcats travel to Hazard to take on the host Bulldogs in the Pride of the Mountains Gridiron Classic.

"Charles has returned to practice and we're glad to have him back," said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett. "We wanted to take our time with his injury. He has returned to practice and is ready to go."

Robinson will work within a deep Prestonsburg backfield that also includes senior quarterback David Shaffer, senior halfback Brandon Peters, senior

fullback Brenton Hamilton and junior halfback Lincoln Slone. Freshmen Blake Meade and Seth Setser are among others who could also take carries out of the Blackcat varsity unit's offensive backfield.

"We are fortunate to have some depth at the running back position," DeRossett acknowledged. "We've got depth at the position in each of the four classes."

Prestonsburg enjoyed an open date this past Friday and will get its first test of the season this Friday night against Hazard. The Bulldogs opened their sea-

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photo by Jamie Howell
Charles Robinson has been cleared to play for Prestonsburg and will be available for Friday night's season-opener against Hazard.

WYMT

Mountain Top 10

1. Rockcastle County
2. Bell County
3. Belfry
4. Leslie County
5. South Laurel
6. Prestonsburg
7. Somerset
8. Breathitt County
9. Knox Central
10. Hazard

Grid

introduced in the early 1990s by Dr. Don Chaffin. The conference has since been taken over by Dip Stafford and Ronnie

Wells. The conference has grown from six to 19 teams and continues to experience growth and attract more and more inter-

est each season. The conference season is scheduled to run Aug. 27-Oct. 29.

Redmond

Redmond setting his car up to the outside groove of the race-track in the turns, while Nichols chose the shorter, inside line. After three laps, the outside cushion would take Redmond to a four-car length lead over Nichols, who had fell into the clutches of Anthony Adams. Adams took the second position, diving underneath Nichols in the middle of turn two, setting up a wheel to wheel battle, which ended with the No. 8 of Adams finally completing the pass for second as they raced for the first turn. Nichols continued to run right up against the outside wall of the fourth turn, then bobbled just enough to allow Adams to close the gap on the fourth lap, then take the lead by the flag stand on the next lap. On the following circuit, off the fourth turn, both Adams and Redmond appeared as one image by the start finish line. Adams then pulled back down to the bottom of the track in the corners, with Redmond staying with the farthest line to the outside that he could take without tagging the outside wall.

Lap six had Redmond and Adams side by side in front of the grandstands, but after several laps of clean side by side racing, Redmond would clear Adams off the second turn, and re-take the point. Redmond entered lap traffic by the 13th lap, but running the rim of the racetrack played to the advantage of Redmond as he cleared the lapped machines to the outside. On the last two restarts, Adams looked to dive to the inside of Redmond but after getting up to the numbers on the leader. When Redmond's car came in, he would extend his advantage and go on to record his second win of the season, in the T & H Racing Engines-powered-Tyler Mountain Go Cart Track, Snap On Tools, Advance Auto Parts-sponsored 2004 Audie Swartz Grand Prix. Adams raced to the finish line in second, followed by Nichols. Last year's champion, Robert "Taco" Fletcher, made a fourth-place finish by less than half-a-carlength in front of Willard's Terry Hicks, current points leader David Plowers, and Tate Begley.

Salyersville's Brandon Johnson and Clint Shutts brought a field of 20 Open Wheel Modifieds to the start of Saturday night's 20-lap feature. Johnson and Shutts rounded the 3/8ths of a mile side by side for the first circuit as another wheel to wheel war waged for the second position early in the race between the No. 38 of Marty Meade and the No. 12 of Kevin Copher. Shutts would win the first lap race to the start-finish, with Johnson in second. Copher found an opening to the inside of Johnson in the center of the second turn on the second lap to take over the second position, behind leader, Shutts. By the fourth lap, Meade looked to run in the third racing groove in the turners as had been the case in the earlier Late Model Feature, but Darren Muncy made the second lane on the inside of Meade, slightly quicker and Muncy would hold on to third.

With Shutts and Copher at the front, Johnson felt the pressure of the No. 55 of Muncy on the next lap by the flag stand, then Muncy won the race into the first turn to nail down the

third spot for the moment. On lap before the halfway point, it was still Shutts, rim riding the outside lane off the fourth turn, Copher close in second, and still one of the closest races on the track between Muncy and Johnson. Johnson drove his Lightning to the bottom side of one and two at the halfway point of the race to re-take the third spot. Shutts went on to overtake Copher with three laps to go, taking the Open Wheel Modified checkers for the fourth time this season in the L & T Racing Engines-powered, Carolina Construction, Impact Signs & Graphics, Gobel Transport-sponsored 2004 Lightning of the 2003 Open Wheel Champion, finishing ahead of Johnson, Copher and Muncy, points leader Randy Fouts in Mayabb, and Davey Warnock.

Scott McCloud of Stambaugh and Hazard's Rodney Davis shared the front row of the Limited Late Model feature. On the start, both would round the first set of turns, and race for the third turn, with only inches separating the two. Davis, in only his first appearance of the 2005 season after spending half of last year in the Late Model division, and even leading the points at one time last season would lead the first lap over Scott McCloud, who had been dominate over the past several weeks at 201. On the third lap, McCloud's car skated up the hill just a little in the center of turn two, ending what had been three laps of wheel to wheel racing to that point. Davis managed to extend his advantage with the slight bobble by McCloud. However, McCloud would take only one lap to run the leader back down, finding the back bumper of the leader in the center of the third and fourth turn. As they saw the halfway flags Lexington's Larry Grey, had narrowed the margin between he and McCloud, and began sticking the nose of his No. 12 to the inside of Scott, trying to take the second position. With both racing hard for the second spot, McCloud tagged the outside wall off the fourth turn, and despite a hard shot to the right side of his No. 5M, McCloud remained in the second spot. On the 13th lap, Grey beat McCloud through the center of turns three and four, but McCloud got to the start finish line ahead of Grey to hang on to second. Grey would finally complete the pass for second on the 14th lap in the second turn. When they passed the flag stand for the final time, the Limited Late Model checkers would fly over the No. 06 2003 B & B Construction, Southeast Kentucky Overhead Door, Bryant's Body & Frame-sponsored machine of Davis. Larry Grey Jr. of Lexington brought the No. 12 to a solid runner up finish ahead of McCloud, Chris Prater and Al Madden.

Michael Paul Howard of Falcon had the inside pole of Saturday night's Super Bomber feature, with the No. A85 of Current points leader, Allen Turner on the outside. Howard would get the better of the field on the start, Turner went to the outside groove off the second turn, up next to the cushion, after an early side by side battle with the No. XX of Jake Miller. Defending champion Glen

Patton of Pikeville used the bottom of turn four to take the second spot from current points leader, Allen Turner.

At the halfway point of the 20 lap feature, Howard and Patton had pulled away to a seven-car length lead over Turner. With three to go, Patton made a challenge to the inside of Howard. Despite a late race charge, at the Super Bomber checkers it would be the Anaconda Drilling, J.D. Carty Resources-sponsored 2004 Grand Prix of Howard taking the win, by half-a-car length. Patton crossed the finish line as the runner up followed to the stripe by the No. 74 of Ulysses's Beadie Blackburn. Turner of Minnie was fourth with the No. 69 of Ronnie Conley completing the top-five.

Salyersville's Jimmy Arnett had the outside pole of Saturday night's Claim Bomber feature, with the No. U2 of Nathan Grimm to the inside. When the race got the green flag, Arnett would respond to the green light start the quickest, diving to the bottom of the first turn to take the lead off turn two and down the backstretch with an early side by side race for second between Grimm and the No. 25 of Albert Butcher. Arnett led the field to the first recorded lap, with Butcher taking second when Grimm got loose in the fourth turn, then Nathan had to chase his car up the hill in the center of turn two, leaving an opening for the No. 18 of John Fitzpatrick, and sending the former points leader to fourth. On the sixth lap, Butcher would have to leave the track with a flat, and return one lap down, putting Fitzpatrick in the second spot behind the leader, Arnett.

On the re-start, John looked to the inside of Arnett in the center of turns one and two. Arnett slipped just enough for the No. 18 of Fitzpatrick to take the lead down the backstretch. But a caution would return the running order to the last recorded lap. Lap 10 had Fitzpatrick with the lead again, and from there to the Claim Bomber checkers, John Fitzpatrick would claim the Bomber checkers in the George Caldwell racing engines powered 23 Welding, Tom's Pizza, Cash Doctor Sponsored No. 18. After leading the first eight laps, Jimmy Arnett finished second, followed by points leader, Pete Castle of Martin, A.J. Stambaugh, Don Risner, and Flat Gap's Dean Pennington.

Eighteen-year-old Jacob Ross added to his points advantage in the Modified Four Cylinder feature with another win in the High Tech Engines, D & B Tire-sponsored 1995 Grand Am. Isom's Kelly Neace took the No. 2 Mustang to a runner up finish after he and Ross exchanged the lead nearly every lap of the feature. Jeremy Hayes finished third.

Shawn Ousley led all 12 laps of the regular stock four cylinder feature to take the win in the Mosley's Video Plus, Wayland Quick Mart No. 18S. Early race leader Erwin Vance of Mud creek finished second, followed by points leader, Shawn Henson, Alerd "Junebug" Newsome, Jamie Hamilton, and Falcon's Ryan Litteral.

The races slated for Saturday, Aug. 27 will wrap up the season's points championship with regular races scheduled for all seven classes.

Robinson

son Friday night with a 38-20 win over rival Perry County Central.

"When we roll into Hazard, we want to firing on all cylinders," said DeRossett. "These

games here in the first half of the season will get us ready for district play."

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Joseph Clark, Cambellsburg, (Henry Co.); Kenneth Clouse, Owensboro, (Daviess Co.); Samuel Coblentz, Crab Orchard, (Lincoln Co.); William Cook, Jr., Royalton, (Magoffin Co.); Jeremy Coomes; Scottsburg, Ind.; Buddy Cornett, Greenup, (Greenup Co.); Jeffrey Cornett, Pippa Passes, (Knott Co.); Paul Cummins, Mount Vernon, (Rockcastle Co.); Matthew Dalcin, Versailles, (Woodford Co.); Johnny Davis, Lancaster, (Garrard Co.); Marty Denney, Paris, (Bourbon Co.); John Diamond, Jamestown, (Russell Co.); Walter A. Downey, Rising Sun, Ind.; Eddie Endicott, Glasgow, (Barren Co.); Timothy Fields, Pikeville, (Pike Co.); Steven Flynt, Sadieville, (Scott Co.); James Freye II, Rockport, (Ohio Co.); Richard Gonzales, Somerset, (Pulaski Co.); Denver Hacker, Warsaw, (Gallatin Co.); Matthew Hall, Middlesboro, (Bell Co.); William Hasken, Fairdale, (Jefferson Co.); Roger Hilbert, Versailles, (Woodford Co.); Elihu Hoagland, Island, (McLean Co.); Tyler Hooker, Fisherville, (Jefferson Co.); Ethan House, Nashville; David Justus, Oakland, (Warren Co.); Steven Keffer, Upper Sandusky, Ohio; Allen Keim, West Union, Ohio; Michael E. Koerber, Sellersburg, Ind.; Harold Lafene, Danville, (Boyle Co.); Thomas Lilley, Augusta, (Bracken Co.); Robert Loebig,

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In the win over Fairview, Pugh found senior tight end Kevin Williams on one touchdown pass and senior receiver T.J. Freno on another. Senior running back Hans Doderer rushed for another

Paintsville touchdown. Paintsville grabbed an early lead and took a 28-6 lead into halftime before settling for the two-touchdown-plus win. Paintsville (1-0) will travel to Floyd County this

Friday evening for a game against host Allen Central (1-0), a 32-6 winner over Betsy Layne in its season-opener. Kickoff for the Paintsville-Allen Central game is set at 7:30 p.m.

Opener

South Floyd dealt with hot temperatures and an hour-plus lightening delay en route to the win over Magoffin County. Now, the Raiders must get ready to host Shelby Valley.

"Shelby Valley has a bunch of strong kids," said Daniels. "We've had the chance to watch them on film and they look to be real strong. It's hard to tell how good they are this early in the season, but they look to be a good ballclub. They had the late

coaching change and I don't know how much of an effect that has had on them."

Before coaching his first game as the Shelby Valley High School football coach, Ben Howard, 25, resigned. Anthony Hampton took over the helm of the Wildcat football program and coached Shelby Valley to a 14-6 Class 2A, District 8 win over East Ridge Friday night in a game played as part of the Pike County Bowl.

Kickoff for the Shelby Valley-South Floyd game is set for 7:30 p.m.

RAIDER NOTES:
■ T.J. Hall has settled in as an interior offensive lineman. Offensively, Hall played last season at tight end for the Raiders. Hall also doubles up and plays defensive end.
■ South Floyd will play four of its first five regular-season games at home.



photo by Steve LeMaster
Senior quarterback Ryan Johnson got an offensive play from South Floyd Coach Donnie Daniels in between scores Friday night in the game against Magoffin County. South Floyd posted an 8-3 record last season.



photos by Jamie Howell
The Allen Central offense scored 32 points Friday night en route to a 32-6 win over Floyd County rival Betsy Layne. Freshman Josh Prater quarterbacks the Rebels.

USA Men win gold at World University Games

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The 2005 USA Men's World University Games Team completed a dominant showing at the World University Games with a gold medal-winning 85-70 victory over the Ukraine on Sunday afternoon.

Craig Smith (Boston College / Los Angeles, Calif.) led six players in double figures for the USA with 16 points, with all his points coming in the first half. Shelden Williams (Duke / Forest Park, Okla.) added 15, Gerry McNamara (Syracuse / Scranton, Pa.), 13, Randy Foye (Villanova / Newark, N.J.), 12, Chris Hernandez (Stanford / Fresno, Calif.), 11, and Vincent Grier (Minnesota / Charlotte, N.C.) 10. Williams also pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds.

In winning gold for the 13th time in Games history, the USA went 8-0, winning each game by an average margin of 29.9

points per game. The Americans treated every opponent the same, scoring double-digit wins over Iran, Slovakia, Germany, China, Czech Republic, Australia, Russia and Ukraine. The closest contest was a 10-point win over the Germans.

"I thought Randy Foye, Shelden Williams and Vincent Grier, who played most of the minutes for us in the tournament, were exhausted today," said USA and Villanova University (Pa.) head coach Jay Wright. "It showed what kind of team we have. They played tired and everyone else stepped it up. Craig Smith had 16 in the first half, he gets hurt, and so many other players stepped up. It was truly a team effort."

The USA trailed early in the first quarter by a 12-8 count, before closing on a 10-2 run to lead 24-17 after the first period. Smith provided the spark with 12 first quarter points on a variety of moves around the basket

as well as short jump shots.

The USA led 46-33 at halftime as the 3-point shot was key for the Americans in the second quarter. The U.S. totaled five in the period, with McNamara connecting on three, while Hernandez and Matt Haryasz (Stanford / Page, Ariz.) had the others.

Smith had 16 first half points before he limped off the court with a strained right calf muscle late in the second quarter. Smith was evaluated by Gloria Beim, M.D., Chief Medical Officer for the 2005 U.S. Summer World University Games, and did not return. It was an injury that Smith had been playing with for the last four weeks.

"I felt good coming out and I felt it pop a little bit (in the second quarter)," said Smith, who made eight of his nine shots. "It (gold medal) means a lot as far as me and the whole United States, the guys and my family. It is a tremendous, once-in-a-

lifetime opportunity."

McNamara had 12 of his points in the opening 20 minutes, with four 3-pointers to his credit.

The Ukraine, which was led by Igor Kryvykh with 19 points, never made a serious run at the U.S. in the second half.

Leading 58-44, the Americans scored the next eight points to lead 66-44 after a Foye bank shot with 2:13 remaining in the third quarter. With Foye and Grier scoring seven points apiece in the third quarter, the U.S. led 69-49.

"We gave it all we had, this was the last game and we had to finish on top," said Foye, who connected on five of 13 field goal attempts. "Our goal was not to just win a gold medal but be the best team possible. Everyone stuck together and tried to do things that coach was teaching us."

The Americans put an exclamation on the victory in the fourth quarter when first Grier, then

Williams scored on consecutive plays with dunk shots over Ukrainian center Oleksiy Pecmerov, giving the Americans an 80-60 lead Williams had seven fourth quarter points for the USA.

The Ukrainians could get no closer than the final score.

"It's a great feeling," Williams said. "We came out here and have been together for the last three weeks. We jelled at the right time. Everyone knew their role and it was a great feeling seeing everybody playing like they can play. We reaped the benefits from it."

The USA has now won nine straight World University Games and 55 of the last 56. They have an overall mark of 127-17, and have now medaled in all 18 Games in which they have participated.

"This whole experience has been about a group of twelve stars giving up of themselves to be a team," Wright said. "As

coaches we knew we had very talented players, but the thing we are most proud of is the fact that these guys really wanted to be part of a USA Basketball team. They didn't care who was the leading scorer or who played. That is really something special to be part of and is unique these days."

The gold medal was the first for the U.S. since 1999. The USA had won the bronze in 2001 and did not send a team to the 2003 Games in Daegu, South Korea. The double gold's scored by the USA men's and women's basketball teams is the first since 1997.

"We are very proud of that," Wright said. "We take the responsibility of representing United States basketball very seriously, and I think these players did. They took great pride in winning the gold medal for the men, because the women were great here too."

STONECREST TOURNEY: Ailes wins pro division; McDonald takes amateur division

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The weather was hot and so was the golf this past weekend as the Stonecrest Invitational Tournament was held Saturday and Sunday.

The Professional Division was won by Timmy Ailes, who closed with the low round of the tournament on Sunday, a 5 under par 67. Coupled with his first round score of 1 under 71, he ended up at 138 to win by 4 shots over defending champion Jeremy Langley and Eric Frishette, the first round leader. Langley closed with a round of 70 after opening up with a 72, while Frishette had a 74 on Sunday, after shooting 68 Saturday.

Fourth-place went to Brandon Brown with a score of 143, and local pro Ryan Martin ended up fifth with a score of 145 after rounds of 73 and 72.

The amateur championship

went to Greg McDonald, who posted rounds of 72 and 75 for a 147 total. McDonald finished two shots over Kevin Auton, while Larry Brown took the first flight with a score of 159 from the championship tees.

Competition was close in each of the flights with the highlight of the tournament being a five-way tie for first in the third flight with John Cecil, Danny Hamilton, Jimmy Simpson, Mike Brescoach and Greg Stumbo each finishing at 164. After a four-hole playoff, Stumbo claimed the win over Simpson, with Brescoach ending up third.

Other flight winners were Vincent Vaughn claiming the second flight with a score of 152; Eddie Sheppard taking the fourth flight with a score of 172, Danny Lowe finishing fifth with a 177 and Mike Conley claiming sixth with a score of 189.

The Gold title sponsor for the event was Perry Distributing. The Silver Sponsor was Highlands Regional Medical Center. Bronze sponsors were Citizens National Bank, East Kentucky Beverage, Wal-Mart and Reno's, Corporate sponsors were ICC Technology Partners, Reed Engineering, Music-Carter, Food City and First Commonwealth Bank.

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Louisville set to host 2005 Field Hockey Championship

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville has been selected as the host site for the 2005 NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship which will take place November 18 and 20 at Trager Stadium. This marks second time in four years that the University of Louisville has hosted the NCAA field hockey championship - Trager Stadium was also the site of the event in 2002. Aside from field hockey, the only other national championship that U of L has hosted was the 1969 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four which was held at Freedom Hall.

"The University of Louisville and the field hockey program are

so proud to be hosting the NCAA field hockey championship again," said U of L head coach Pam Bustin. "Being chosen to host such a coveted event is a great compliment which reflects the dedication and passion from not only the people of our athletic department, but also from the entire Louisville community. The University of Louisville takes pride in providing a first rate event for those student-athletes who dedicate and sacrifice so much to represent the sport, their universities and themselves. We look forward to a thrilling national championship tournament."

The semifinal games will take place on Friday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with the final game slated for Sunday,

Nov. 20 at 12:30 p.m. Sunday's championship game will be televised by CSTV. Single game tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with a valid student I.D. Tournament passes are priced at \$15 for adults and \$7 for students. For more ticket information, contact the U of L ticket office at 502-852-5151.

In addition to the NCAA tournament games, the National Field Hockey Coaches Association North/South Senior All-Star Games will take place on Nov. 19. The NFHCA contests will showcase the top field hockey seniors in NCAA Divisions I and II. The NFHCA Division I and II North/South All-Star games will take place Saturday, Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

'There are freaks of nature, but not enough to fill an NFL roster'

by JIM LITKE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Common sense and science have been warning for some time that we're pushing athletes toward the limits of size, speed and toughness without regard for how they get there, or stay there. Even so, there remains no shortage of kids willing to risk everything for the opportunity.

By most accounts, 23-year-old Thomas Herrion was one of those.

He hung on with the Dallas Cowboys until the final cuts at training camp last fall, played in NFL Europe earlier this year, spent much of the summer working out in the sweltering East Texas heat and was chasing a spot on San Francisco's roster when he collapsed and died just a few minutes after walking off the field after a preseason game in Denver late Saturday night. The reason Herrion worked so hard to stick with the 49ers, he told pals, was so he could buy a house for his mother.

The cause of Herrion's death won't be determined until toxicology tests are completed, usually about three to six weeks. He was listed as a 6-foot-3, 310-pound guard, but estimates of his playing weight by teammates and coaches at some of Herrion's stops often added between 10 and 30 pounds.

That sounds big - too big to be healthy, according to some medical experts - but it's just about average for NFL lineman these days. The story of how that came to be could haunt the league for years to come.

Twenty years ago, some of those same experts were warning that super-sizing pro football was a recipe for disaster, explaining how so many

by Jose Canseco, football had Lyle Alzado. He played a different sport in an earlier era, but Alzado, who similarly admitted steroid use after his career was over, was just as provocative and just as certain that players on every side of him played juiced, too.

"There are freaks of nature," he liked to say, "but not enough to fill an NFL roster."

It's even more true today. By every measure, steroid use is down, there still aren't enough "freaks of nature" to go around and yet players are bigger than ever.

When Alzado ran riot with the Broncos, Browns and Raiders in the late 1970s and early 1980s, the NFL didn't test for steroids and there were no more than two dozen 300-pounders. Two seasons ago, the offensive linemen on all but three teams averaged 300 pounds. According to this season's rosters, as many as 350 players have already tipped the scale at that weight.

When Vikings All-Pro lineman Corey Stringer died four years ago of complications from heat stroke, it forced the NFL to rethink the strategy of brutal practices in brutal weather. But left unexamined were the underlying dangers - how a heart set up to support someone who should weigh 220 pounds would hold up in someone at 320.

"Pick any of the body's systems - skeletal, muscular, circulatory - the same is true across the board," Bob Goldman, a prominent steroids researcher and sports medicine expert, said at the time.

A few years earlier, Goldman finished a study on the evolution of linemen in college from 1950 through 1990. Over that time, they added, on average, 50 pounds. Goldman did not consider steroid use, other

than to say he suspected it was higher than what drug tests turned up.

But he also believed most of the new generation came by their bulk honestly.

"Money is a powerful incentive. If you can develop a lineman who's 6-8 and 330 with the same speed and agility of guy who's 250, who's more dangerous?"

The NFL began answering the question with a rule change in the mid-1970s. Stuck with a spate of low-scoring games, the league's competition committee decided to allow offensive linemen to extend their arms to block, and stopped cornerbacks from jamming receivers at the line of scrimmage. Those changes resulted in smaller, quicker, even lighter cornerbacks and receivers. Lineman, on the other hand, just got bigger and bigger.

All those warnings from experts like Goldman went largely unheeded. Lineman didn't grow to 300-plus pounds in the NFL, they began arriving that way. Not only that, many of them were not just big, they were agile - despite having 25 to 30 percent body fat, meaning they were carrying as much as 90 extra pounds.

But agility was not the only thing that increased with size.

So did the risk factor for strokes, high blood pressure, traumatic joint injuries and cardiovascular problems. As unsettled as we should be by what happened to Herrion - "a sad thing," Cowboys coach Bill Parcells called it, "He kind of came in as one of those underdog kind of kids and hung in there," - it's a little late in the game to be surprised.

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This time, Woods closes out the victory

by DOUG FERGUSON
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AKRON, Ohio — A birdie on the 16th hole that dove into the cup at the last second gave Tiger Woods the lead. All that remained were two holes to secure a victory and avoid a playoff with Chris DiMarco.

Unlike the Masters, Woods got the job done in regulation Sunday in the NEC Invitational.

He left some drama at the end with a tee shot that leaked just enough to the right that he was blocked by trees. Woods punched a 9-iron through two trees, and the ball bounded up to the green about 20 feet away on the collar, setting up a two-putt par and another World Golf Championship.

DiMarco, who played four groups ahead, watched the ending from the clubhouse dining room at Firestone.

"If you're hoping for him to make bogey, you didn't do what you needed to do out there," DiMarco said.

Woods did just enough. Unable to make a putt — he missed five of them from inside 8 feet — he delivered with an 18-foot birdie on the 16th hole that broke sharply to the left over the last 12 inches, then finished with two pars for a 1-over 71.

"I've had that putt for three

or four years, and I miss it low every time," Woods said. "I made sure I threw the ball out there a little bit more ... and it just snapped at the end. I thought it was going to lip out, which was how my whole day was going. But it lipped in, which was sweet."

It was only the fifth time in 45 career victories on the PGA Tour that Woods shot over par in the final round, and the first time since the 2003 American Express Championship — another WGC event — outside Atlanta. And it continued his staggering success in the events designed to bring together the best from all over the world.

Since the World Golf Championships began in 1999, Woods has won at least one of them every year. His now has won nine of 18, and his combined earnings of official WGC events — about \$11.6 million — make up more than 20 percent of his career earnings.

"You started these too late," he said.

Woods finished at 6-under 274 and earned \$1.3 million for his PGA Tour-leading fifth victory of the season.

But he has rarely had to work this hard at Firestone, a course where he has won four times the last six tries.

Woods shot 71 in the final

round in 1999 to hold off a late charge by Phil Mickelson, although Woods bogeyed the 18th hole to make it closer than it was. He also went seven play-off holes against Jim Furyk in 2001, after a final round in which both played well.

But with stiff breezes swirling through the tree-lined fairways, the NEC Invitational was a matter of hanging on.

Kentucky native Kenny Perry, tied with Woods at 7 under par going into the last round, built a two-shot lead at the turn when Woods' putter faltered and was poised to win until he started missing fairways, making five bogeys in a six-hole stretch.

"There really isn't much to say other than I played lousy," Perry said after a 74.

Paul McGinley of Ireland was one behind after three rounds and among four players who had at least a share of the lead Sunday. He was still tied until going from the left rough to the right rough on the 17th hole and making bogey, sending him to a 72 to tie for third at 276 with Vijay Singh (67) and Ryan Palmer (69).

Sergio Garcia and Stuart Appleby were two behind, and both came undone. Garcia slashed out of the rough, first at his ball, then in disgust, on his

way to a 74. Appleby was penalized two shots when he tried to take a drop from the cart path. His ball bounced back onto the path, but his caddie picked it up before it stopped rolling. He shot 74.

DiMarco, in contention for the first time since the Masters, birdied three of the first six holes to get into the mix, and he rebounded from consecutive bogeys on the back nine to reach 6 under, alone atop the leaderboard.

But from the 17th fairway, he went at the back pin and fired too far, landing in deep grass behind the green. His chip went 15 feet by the hole and he made bogey.

"Should have hit a softer 7-iron," DiMarco said.

Woods heard the groan of the crowd from the 14th tee not far away, and it gave him life.

He was coming off another short miss — 5 feet for birdie at No. 13 that would have given him a tie for the lead — and he was so angry that he banged his driver off the cart path as he walked to the next tee, slamming it hard into the turf when he got off the concrete.

Before long, he saw DiMarco had finished at 5 under.

Woods figured birdie chances would be rare because of the tucked pins on the 15th and 17th, and because No. 18 is difficult to find the fairway.

"My realistic chance was 16," he said.

He didn't make it easy on himself with a drive so far right into the trees that the best he could do was punch out into the fairway, 189 yards from the hole, the flag located just behind the water.

Woods had been there Sunday morning when he finished his third round, and hit 6-iron from 185 to 20 feet for a safe par. This time he went with 7-iron, and the ball landed safely behind the cup, 18 feet away.

"I just trying to make some birdies somewhere, and luckily I made that putt on 16," Woods said.

It felt like the only putt he made all day. Ultimately, it was the only that mattered.

World Golf Championships-NEC Invitational Scores

Tiger Woods,	\$1,300,000 66-70-67-71-274
Chris DiMarco,	\$750,000 67-70-70-68-275
Vijay Singh,	\$353,666.67 66-71-72-67-276
Ryan Palmer,	\$353,666.66 72-68-67-69-276
Paul McGinley,	\$353,666.66 71-66-67-72-276
Luke Donald,	\$200,000 69-67-74-67-277

David Howell,	\$200,000 70-68-70-69-277
Kenny Perry,	\$200,000 70-69-64-74-277
Colin Montgomerie,	\$135,000 70-72-68-68-278
Zach Johnson,	\$135,000 70-70-69-69-278
David Toms,	\$135,000 71-67-69-71-278
Jose Maria Olazabal,	\$135,000 72-68-66-72-278
Rod Pampling,	\$94,400 70-71-67-279
Henrik Stenson,	\$94,400 66-71-72-70-279
Davis Love III,	\$94,400 67-73-69-70-279
Stuart Appleby,	\$94,400 68-70-67-74-279
Sergio Garcia,	\$94,400 68-70-67-74-279
Thomas Bjorn,	\$83,000 70-67-72-71-280
Trevor Immelman,	\$77,000 73-71-71-66-281
Kenneth Ferrie,	\$77,000 71-70-73-67-281
Jay Haas,	\$77,000 76-69-67-69-281
Paul Casey,	\$77,000 65-68-67-71-281
Justin Leonard,	\$77,000 72-66-71-72-281
Jim Furyk,	\$69,000 72-73-68-69-282
Padraig Harrington,	\$69,000 75-68-69-70-282
Lee Westwood,	\$69,000 73-72-63-74-282

Vaughn Taylor wins second straight Reno-Tahoe Open in record fashion

by SCOTT SONNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RENO, Nev. — Vaughn Taylor became the third player on the PGA Tour to successfully defend a title this year, breaking the Reno-Tahoe Open scoring record Sunday in a three-stroke victory over Jonathan Kaye.

Taylor, in his second year on tour, closed with an even-par 72 to join Vijay Singh and Stuart Appleby as the only repeat champions this year and also became the fifth wire-to-wire winner of the season.

Taylor opened with rounds of 64, 67 and 64 en route to a 21-under 267 total, four better than the previous tournament record set by Kirk Triplett in 2003. The winner also broke the tournament's 36- and 54-hole marks.

"Today was a pretty boring, uneventful round of golf, but I'm thrilled," Taylor said. "I never felt like it was mine. You never know what's going to happen. I'm glad it's over. I'm really proud to have won here twice."

Kaye shot a 67 Sunday — his fourth round in the 60s — but missed three birdie putts from within 15 feet on the last three holes to finish at 18 under on the 7,472-yard Montreux Golf and Country Club on the edge of the Sierra Nevada. He started the day at 13-under.

"Eight shots is a lot to make up on this course, on any course when someone is playing as great as Vaughn was," Kaye said.

Todd Fischer, who lives next to the course, had a 70 to finish third at 17 under. J.J. Henry (66), J.P. Hayes (69) and Aaron Baddeley (70) followed at 15 under. Jesper Parnevik started the day seven strokes back, but shot a 74 to finish at 12 under.

Taylor, who grew up in Augusta, Ga., and whose goal is to play in the Masters, averaged 300 yards a drive this week and was sharp with his irons the first three rounds. He made eight birdie putts Saturday — all from inside 10 feet — to open up a six-stroke lead over Fischer at 21 under.

On Sunday, Taylor's biggest putts were par saves, including a 5-footer on the opening hole where he drove into a fairway bunker. He made a 4-footer to save bogey after it took him two shots to get out of a green-side bunker on the 439-yard, par-4 sixth.

"That was a clutch putt. I

didn't want to make double there," Taylor said.

The bogey dropped him back to 20 under, three strokes ahead of Baddeley, who birdied four of the first six holes to get to 17 under, but bogeyed three holes on the back nine.

Taylor got back to 21 under when he drove 336 yards then hit a 280 approach to the left edge of the 616-yard, par-5 ninth and two putted from 50-feet for his only birdie in the final round after carding 24 over the first three days.

"That 3-iron I hit from the fairway was the best shot I hit all day. It was right where I aimed it. That was a big 2-putt," he said.

Kaye chipped in from 45 feet for his third birdie of the day on the par-3 seventh, but took a bogey on No. 9 when he drove left into the sage brush and missed a 21-footer to save par. He birdied Nos. 11, 12 and 14 — all from 8 feet or shorter — to get to 18-under, but missed a 12-footer on the par-3 16th. He hit his second shot 300 yards to the back fringe of the 636-yard, par-5 17th and putted within 3 feet but rolled his birdie attempt 3 feet past and came away with another par.

"If I can make an eagle there (on 17) and then birdie 18, he's going to feel some heat. You've got to make those when you're in contention," said Kaye, who also finished as the runner-up in 2002. "But I was injured (elbow inflammation) and didn't even know if I was going to play so I'm happy with my performance."

Fischer, who had four bogeys and two birdies Sunday, had mixed feelings about his play.

"I hung in there as good as I could and made a couple of birdies on the back then just fizzed out," Fischer said. "I feel I could have done better, but I did make a move on the Top 125" on the money list, which would maintain his tour card next year.

Taylor's victories at Reno are his only two on tour. He also won the Knoxville Open on the Nationwide Tour in 2003 and was a four-time winner on the Hooters Tour.

Taylor arrived at Reno this year ranked 86th on the money list with \$664,228. The \$540,000 winner's check pushes him past the \$1 million mark for the second consecutive year.

"My goal is to play in the Masters next year," said Taylor,

who would have to finish in the Top 40 to make it.

"I'm sure I'm not there yet, but close. This week was huge," he said. He lives just 10 minutes from the course and has played it before, but never in the tourney.

He finished 67th on the money list with \$1.1 million last year — one of four rookies to surpass \$1 million — and used part of his winnings to help build his parents a new home outside Augusta.

"They're still building, so they may come and ask me for a swimming pool," he said.

Reno-Tahoe Open Scores

Vaughn Taylor,	\$540,000 64-67-64-72-267
Jonathan Kaye,	\$324,000 69-66-68-67-270
Todd Fischer,	\$204,000 65-67-69-70-271
J.J. Henry,	\$124,000 70-67-70-66-273
J.P. Hayes,	\$124,000 71-66-67-69-273
Aaron Baddeley,	\$124,000 67-70-66-70-273
Tag Ridings,	\$100,500 69-69-69-67-274
Fredrik Jacobson,	\$93,000 65-70-68-72-275
Spike McRoy,	\$78,000 69-69-70-68-276
Steve Allan,	\$78,000 70-67-70-69-276
Dean Wilson,	\$78,000 71-69-66-70-276
Jesper Parnevik,	\$78,000 67-68-67-74-276
Doug Barron,	\$60,000 73-70-69-65-277
Duffy Waldorf,	\$60,000 67-70-70-70-277
Darron Stiles,	\$51,000 72-68-70-68-278
Craig Barlow,	\$51,000 68-68-71-71-278
Justin Rose,	\$51,000 70-70-65-71-278
D.J. Brigman,	\$39,120 76-67-71-65-279
Rich Beem,	\$39,120 74-65-72-68-279
Kevin Na,	\$39,120 69-70-71-69-279
Bill Glasson,	\$39,120 72-62-73-72-279
Harrison Frazar,	\$39,120 74-66-67-72-279
David Peoples,	\$27,600 71-70-72-67-280
Carl Pettersson,	\$27,600 70-72-70-68-280
Joe Ogilvie,	\$27,600 69-70-71-70-280
Kevin Sutherland,	\$27,600 70-69-71-70-280

Xerox Classic: Price captures first Nationwide Tour title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Rick Price won his first Nationwide Tour title, shooting a 1-over 71 for a one-stroke victory over Monday qualifier Andrew Pratt in the Xerox Classic.

The 37-year-old Price earned \$99,000 to jump from 117th to

26th on the money list with \$121,250. The top 20 at the end of the season will earn 2006 PGA Tour cards.

The former Methodist College player, tied for the lead with Todd Pinneo after three rounds, finished with an 11-under 269 total on the Donald Ross-designed Irondequoit Country Club course.

Pratt also shot a 71. David McKenzie (68), Jeff Quinney (70) and Scott Gardiner (71) finished two strokes back at 9 under, Ahmad Bateman (65) was 8 under, and Pinneo (75) was another stroke back along with Brent Schwarzrock (71), Kim Felton (71) and Eric Axley (73).

Kentucky course receives US Women's Amateur Public Links Championship

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The USGA has awarded the 2007 United States Women's Amateur Public Links Championship to Kearney Hill Golf Links in Lexington. Kearney Hill hosted the 1997 United States Amateur Public Links Championship, and will have the unique distinction of having hosted both the men's and women's versions of these USGA Championships. The 2007 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship will take place June 17-24,

with many top female amateur golfers from across the world expected to participate. Past champions include junior golf phenom Michelle Wie (2003), and LPGA Tour stars Candie Kung (2001), Jill McGill (1994), Danielle Ammaccapane (1985), and the late Heather Farr (1984).

Kearney Hill Golf Links was designed by Pete and P.B. Dye and has hosted a number of prominent golf competitions. Earlier this month, the course will host the 5/3 Bank-Callaway Golf Kentucky Open Championship

Larry Gilbert KGA Public Links Championship canceled

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The 2005 Larry Gilbert KGA Public Links Championship has been canceled. The tournament, scheduled for Aug. 29-30 at Weissinger Hills Golf Course, has had limited participation

for the past two years and again this year. The KGA Board of Directors will address the situation during the off-season and make a decision concerning the championships' future.

If you have entered this event, you will receive a notice and refund information in the mail.

New fall junior golf series set to launch

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Section PGA have announced the launch of a new series of junior golf events in the fall — The Aqua Fina Junior Fall Series. The series will begin this year with two events — Sunday, Sept. 25 at Avon Golf Course in Lexington and Sunday, Oct. 2 at Cherokee Golf Course in Louisville, with both events scheduled for shotgun starts in the afternoon.

The Aqua Fina Junior Fall Series will feature nine-hole events, with each event limited to junior golfers age 12 and under. Plans call for expansion of the series if successful this first year.

The Aqua Fina Junior Fall Series will become the latest junior golf offering from the Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Section PGA, which also conducts the Pepsi Junior Golf Tour, the Generation Next Junior Golf Tour, and the Mountain Dew Spring Series.

The Kentucky Golf Association thanks long-time junior golf partner Pepsi for their continued support of junior golf in Kentucky. Over the years, thousands of junior golfers from across Kentucky have participated in events on the Pepsi Junior Golf Tour, Generation Next Junior Golf Tour, and the Mountain Dew Spring Series.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Reds 13, Diamondbacks 6

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Wily Mo Pena knows he needs to make the most of his chances.

Pena hit a pair of three-run homers to set a career high with six RBIs and lead the Cincinnati Reds over the Arizona Diamondbacks 13-6 Sunday.

"It felt great," Pena said. "I just want to keep it going. I don't feel pressure. I just want to do the best I can and play the game hard."

Pena and Edwin Encarnacion hit three-run homers off Brad Halsey in a seven-run fourth inning, and Austin Kearns, Felipe Lopez and Sean Casey also homered for Cincinnati. Pena hit his second homer in the eighth off Brandon Lyon, when

Casey followed to make it consecutive homers.

Pena has three homers in his last seven plate appearances and 16 homers this season. He is fighting for playing time in an outfield that includes Ken Griffey Jr., Kearns and Adam Dunn.

"I know he wants to play, but with the way Dunn is playing and the way Griffey is playing and the way Kearns plays right field ... It's tough to take Kearns out, the way he plays defense," Reds interim manager Jerry Narron said. "Everybody knows we have a fly ball pitching staff, and it's tough to take him out."

Cincinnati took two of three from the Diamondbacks to win a home series for the first time since July 22-24 against

Milwaukee, when the Reds also won two of three.

Eric Milton (7-12) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings, and didn't allow a home run for only the sixth time in 27 starts this season. Milton has allowed a major league-high 35 homers.

"I could've gone further," Milton said. "Everything was good. You put up a seven-run inning early, it really puts you at ease. It helps you relax and focus on what you have to do."

Halsey (8-10) gave up seven runs and eight hits in four innings, losing his third straight start after going 4-0 in his previous six. Arizona went 4-8 on a season-high 12-game trip.

After facing just one batter over the minimum nine through

the first three innings, Halsey walked Rich Aurilia leading off the fourth, then gave up a single to Griffey and a 437-foot homer on a 1-2 pitch to Pena that bounced off the batter's eye in center field.

Casey singled, Kearns doubled and Encarnacion lined a homer into the left-field seats. Lopez added an opposite-field solo homer that bounced off the top of the fence in front of the visitors' bullpen down the right-field line. Melvin got the final out before manager Bob Melvin sent up a pinch-hitter for him in the fifth.

"Everything was going fine," Halsey said. "Then I walked the leadoff batter, and that's never good. I still felt like I was getting ahead of the hitters, but I

just didn't make good pitches with two strikes."

Melvin was ejected for the fourth time, arguing that Kearns' homer hit the top of the wall and stayed in play.

Arizona scored two runs in the sixth on Troy Glaus' sacrifice fly and Luis Terrero's single. Tony Clark hit a two-run single off Brian Shackelford in the seventh, but Kearns homered in the bottom half against Greg Aquino. Kearns has three homers in three games and 12 this season.

Alex Cintron hit a two-run homer off Kent Mercker in the eighth, the second pinch-hit homer of his career.

"We haven't played well on this road trip," Melvin said.

"After Cintron's home run, I thought we had a chance — if we could stop them."

Notes: Cincinnati has scored six or more runs in an inning three times in its last three games. ... Arizona 2B Craig Counsell turned 35 Sunday. ... Diamondbacks rookie Conor Jackson walked as a pinch hitter in the seventh and remained hitless in 17 straight at-bats. ... Quinton McCracken is hitless in his last 12 at-bats after striking out as a pinch hitter in the fifth. ... SS Royce Clayton was 0-for-5 to snap his season-high hitting streak at nine games. He had reached base at least once in 19 consecutive games.

REDS ON THE RADIO:
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Big Unit allows four homers in one inning in loss to White Sox

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Randy Johnson could not believe he allowed a home run to Chris Widger on a pitch he threw where he wanted.

Maybe Johnson shouldn't have been so surprised. After all, three other Chicago players had already homered off him — in that inning.

Johnson allowed home runs to three consecutive batters for the first time in his major league career and four in all during the fourth inning, and the Chicago White Sox beat the New York Yankees 6-2 Sunday to stop a seven-game losing streak.

The White Sox had scored only two runs in their previous three games. They tripled that total on only 16 pitches in the fourth against Johnson (11-8).

Tadahito Iguchi, Aaron Rowand and Paul Konerko hit solo homers with one out. After singles by Jermaine Dye and Juan Uribe, Widger hit a three-run shot on a high 1-2 pitch that Johnson wanted him to chase.

"How do you explain something like that?" Johnson said. "It's the one thing that I'll walk away from this game not really understanding."

Just as puzzling is how the Big Unit has gone from being one of baseball's most dominant pitchers to the easiest one to homer off of in the American League.

Johnson has allowed 29 homers, most in the AL and second in the majors behind Cincinnati's Eric Milton (35). The most Johnson has allowed in a season was 30 with Arizona in 1999.

In other AL games, it was: Boston 5, the Los Angeles Angels 1; Kansas City 5, Oakland 4 in 12 innings; Cleveland 5, Baltimore 1; Tampa Bay 6, Texas 3; Minnesota 8, Seattle 3; and Detroit 17, Toronto 6.

Johnson retired nine in a row before Chicago's homer outburst. Konerko's drive came in his return to the lineup after he missed the first two games of the series with a strained lower back.

"I knew we'd eventually bust

out," Konerko said. "You just never know when it's going to happen. We were taking good swings before that, there was good energy on the bench. We just stayed aggressive and kept swinging."

Johnson also has had back problems, and was forced to miss a start earlier this month. He allowed 10 hits Sunday, but struck out eight and walked none in a complete game, and both he and manager Joe Torre were pleased with the results — except for the fourth inning.

"I felt very comfortable watching Randy pitch," Torre said. "The first three innings it looked like he was having an easy time locating the ball. But that inning, it seemed like the more pitches he tried to make, the less success he had trying to locate them."

Former Yankee Jose Contreras (8-7) allowed two runs — one earned — and 11 hits, and matched his career high by pitching eight innings.

Royals 5, Athletics 4, 12 innings: At Oakland, Calif., Kansas City won its second straight game following a 19-game losing streak, with Emil Brown hitting a go-ahead single off Kiko Calero (2-1) in the 12th inning.

The Royals came back from three runs down in the eighth inning and won consecutive games for the first time since July 26-27 against the White Sox. Jimmy Gobble (1-0) pitched three hitless innings.

Red Sox 5, Angels 1: Edgar Renteria hit a three-run homer and Manny Ramirez added a two-run shot as visiting Boston earned a split of a four-game series between division leaders.

Mike Timlin (5-2) pitched two hitless innings for the victory, which extended Boston's AL East lead over the Yankees to four games. Curt Schilling pitched the ninth but will rejoin the starting rotation Thursday.

Paul Byrd (9-8) remained winless in six starts.

Indians 5, Orioles 1: Travis Hafner drove in four runs to help C.C. Sabathia (10-9) win

his fourth straight start, and host Cleveland won its fourth straight to move within a half-game of Oakland in the wild-card race.

The Orioles fell to 13-23 since the All-Star break and lost for the 26th time in 36 road games. Bruce Chen (10-7) took the loss.

Twins 8, Mariners 3: At Minneapolis, Lew Ford homered for the third straight game, hitting a three-run drive and helping Minnesota win for the ninth time in 11 games.

Matthew LeCroy drove in two runs, Joe Mauer reached base five times and Shannon Stewart had three hits for Minnesota. Brad Radke (8-10) surrendered only four hits in seven solid innings.

Joel Pineiro (5-8) gave up 13 hits and eight runs in 5 2-3 innings.

Devil Rays 6, Rangers 3: Kenny Rogers (11-7) lost his third straight start since serving a 13-game suspension and Jonny Gomes homered and drove in two runs as Tampa Bay completed a three-game sweep.

Texas completed a season-high 13-game road trip with only one win. It's the most losses on any road trip in franchise history.

Casey Fossum (7-10) allowed three runs and seven hits in five innings, and Danys Baez pitched the ninth for his 29th save. Tampa Bay has won five straight and is 23-12 since the All-Star break.

Tigers 17, Blue Jays 6: At Detroit, Carlos Pena hit a three-run homer in a seven-run first inning, and Detroit extended its winning streak to four.

It was the most runs for the Tigers since a 17-3 win over Cleveland on April 23, 2004. Detroit, which has won seven of eight, won three straight over Toronto for its first sweep since taking three games from San Diego from June 14-16.

Dustin McGowan (1-1) allowed 12 runs — 10 earned — nine hits, three hit batters and two walked in 4 1-3 innings. His ERA rose from 5.95 to 8.63.

Lafayette rallies to win again in Little League World Series

by GENARO C. ARMAS ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Call them the comeback kids.

Andrew Stevenson reached base on a bunt single with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning, then scored from third on a throwing error to help Lafayette, La., overcome a seven-run deficit in a 9-8 victory over Owensboro Southern on Sunday in the Little League World Series.

On Saturday against Westbrook, Maine, Lafayette (2-0) scored three times in the sixth to overcome a 2-0 deficit and win 3-2. Connor Toups, one of the smallest players on Lafayette at 4-foot-10 and 78 pounds, drove in the winning run in the sixth.

On Sunday, Lafayette manager Mike Conrad said he called for Stevenson, who is the same height but is five pounds heavier, to bunt to take advantage of his speed.

"Today I told him to just get

set, make sure the ball is down and then take off," Conrad said.

Stevenson then advanced to third and scored on a throwing error after teammate Andreas Duplantis hit a grounder to short. Stevenson also had two hits.

"He may be the fastest player up here," Conrad said.

In another early contest on the five-game schedule, West Oahu of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, downed Davenport (Iowa) Northwest, 7-3.

Owensboro (0-2), the Great Lakes region winner, raced out to an 8-1 lead by the bottom of the third inning on Dalton West's two-run homer down the left-field line and Luke Daugherty's three-run shot.

Lafayette, the Southwest champion, took over from there. Down 8-4 in the fifth, Lafayette tied the game on Alex Miller's single.

West Oahu 7, Davenport (Iowa) Northwest 3

West Oahu (2-0), the Northwest champion, used early homers to jump out to a 7-

0 lead, then held off a late rally to defeat Davenport (0-2), the Midwest winner.

Vonn Fe'ao and Quentin Guevara hit back-to-back solo shots that easily cleared the left-field fence 205 feet away from home plate.

After each blast, the ball rolled down a short grassy hill and fans chased after the souvenirs. Davenport coach Ed Grothus said his pitcher, Kyle Franklin, pitched well overall but lost command of his breaking balls on the home runs.

"My grandmother, if she were still alive, could probably hit a ball that far, God bless her soul," said Davenport coach Ed Grothus.

Davenport scored in top of the sixth off a Spencer Mallonee homer and two runs off an error and a wild pitch, but Fe'ao came in on relief to strike out Ryan Cartee to end the game.

ONLINE:
www.littleleague.org

Legends hold on, win 6-5

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Legends held on for a 6-5 win on Sunday night, beating visiting Hickory. Hickory rallied for three runs in the ninth inning and had the tying runner at third when the game ended on a fielder's choice.

For the second straight night, the third inning was charm for the Lexington Legends offense. Saturday night, Lexington pushed across

six runs in the third in a 6-3 win. On Sunday evening, the Legends nailed five runs to the line score of Hickory starting pitcher Romulo Sanchez (3-3).

The Legends failed to gain any ground on first place Delmarva. The Shorebirds hammered Lakewood to the tune of 12-0. The Legends remain five games back with sole possession of second place.

Jimmy Barthmaier (11-5) earned his eleventh win with six solid frames. The eleven

wins are the second most in the SAL trailing Rome's James Parr with twelve.

Mitch Einertson collected three hits and an RBI. Lou Santangelo connected on a home run that landed on top of the right field wall and bounced over. J.R. Towles singled in two runners. The Hickory pitching staff hit four Lexington batters in the game.

ONLINE:
www.lexingtonlegends.com

Braves finish 6-6 homestand with 3 1/2-game NL East lead

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Atlanta Braves finished a disappointing 6-6 homestand 3 1/2 games ahead in the NL East.

"Maybe some people in here thought we were going to glide into the playoffs, but it ain't going to happen," Chipper Jones said after the Braves' 6-2 win over the San Diego Padres on Sunday night. "There are too many good teams in the league. We led an opportunity slide in this homestand."

Atlanta scored five runs in the eighth, helped by two errors. San Diego took a 2-1 lead on pinch-hitter Mark Sweeney's two-run single off John Smoltz in the seventh, but Akinori Otsuka (1-5) and the Padres' bullpen couldn't hold the lead, and the Braves stopped a three-game losing streak.

San Diego leads second-place Arizona by four games in the NL West despite a 61-62 record.

"We broke down in the eighth inning," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said.

In other games Sunday it was Houston 8, Milwaukee 3; Florida 7, Los Angeles 1; Washington 7, New York 4; Cincinnati 13, Arizona 6; Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3; San Francisco 4, St. Louis 2; and Colorado 9, Chicago 7.

At Atlanta, Marcus Giles led off the eighth with a single off

Otsuka, moved to third on Jones' double and scored when shortstop Damian Jackson bobbled Andrew Jones' grounder for an error.

Adam LaRoche's flyout advanced the runners, Jeff Francoeur was intentionally walked and Ryan Langerhans drove in the go-ahead run with a grounder to that first baseman Mark Sweeney threw wildly to home as Andrew Jones scored for a 4-2 lead.

Jorge Sosa (8-2) earned the win in relief.

Astros 8, Brewers 3: Andy Pettitte (11-9) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings, improving to 8-2 in his last 12 starts.

Chris Burke hit a three-run homer and doubled twice. Houston, which went 6-7 on the homestand, remained a half-game behind Philadelphia in the NL wild-card race. The Astros have the most home wins in the major leagues, going 42-22 in Houston.

Victor Santos (4-12) gave up seven runs and nine hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Marlins 7, Dodgers 1: Jason Vargas (4-1) pitched a six-hitter for his first major league complete game and hit a two-run single for his first major league RBIs as Florida won for the fourth time in five games.

Vargas struck out seven, tying his season high, and walked one in his fifth major

league start.

Derek Lowe (8-12) allowed six runs and seven hits in 3 2-3 innings for visiting Los Angeles and is 0-2 in three starts since beating Pittsburgh on Aug. 5.

Nationals 7, Mets 4: Ryan Church doubled and singled in a six-run first, and Cristian Guzman doubled twice and drove in two runs for the Nationals, who avoided a three-game sweep at New York.

Esteban Loaiza (8-9) was handed a 6-0 lead before he threw a pitch.

Washington got seven straight hits with two outs in the first off Kris Benson (9-5), who managed only two outs in the shortest outing of his seven-year career, allowing eight hits.

Mike Jacobs hit a three-run homer in his first major league at-bat, becoming the fourth Mets player to accomplish the feat. The Mets lost for only fifth time in 19 home games.

Intimidators drain Power

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. — The Kannapolis Intimidators wasted no time getting started against the West Virginia Power, scoring four runs in the first inning of Sunday afternoon's game as they went on to beat the Power 9-2, sending the Power to their sixth straight loss.

Tom Brice drove in the first run in the first inning on a Sac Fly RBI. Bernie Gonzalez was hit by a pitch with the bases

loaded to plate the second run of the inning and Ryan McCarthy knocked in the final two runs on a single. Kannapolis struck again, scoring four times in the bottom of the third. McCarthy knocked in two more runs on a double and Jose De Los Santos drove in the final two on a triple. The Intimidators added to their lead on a solo homerun from Josh Hansen in the bottom of the fourth inning to make it a 9-0 game. In the top of the ninth inning, Hasan Rasheed hit his

second homer of the year, a solo shot to make it 9-1, and Brendan Katin knocked in Ryan Braun on an RBI single but it was too little and too late for the Power.

Adam Russell (8-6) earned the victory, and Derek DeCarlo (6-4) obtained the loss. The Power are 26-27 in the second half after the loss and the Intimidators move to 30-20 with the win.

ONLINE:
www.wvpower.com

Columbus 6, Louisville 3, 10 innings

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Mitch Jones cracked a three-run homer in the 10th inning to lift the Columbus Clippers to a 6-3 win over Louisville on Sunday night in the International League.

Columbus scored first in the fifth inning when Caonabo

Cosme hit his sixth home run of the season. The Bats scored three runs in the sixth, but Jones started the Clippers' rally with an RBI double in the seventh.

Jones then hit his league-leading 27th homer off Louisville reliever Jeriome Robertson in the extra inning. Jason Anderson shut out the

Bats in the bottom of the 10th to earn his eighth save.

Columbus reliever Peter Munro (10-7) earned the win, blanking the Bats in 2 1/3 innings with one strikeout.

Robertson (5-11) took the loss, allowing three hits, including Jones' game-winning home run.

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Caragher turns to more experienced running backs



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The last two years the Wildcats have taken the field with young running backs looking for experience.

This season, those young backs have become seasoned veterans, giving running backs coach Ron Caragher his most experienced unit during his three-year tenure.

"I'm really excited about our running back corps this year," Caragher said. "This is the first year that we have a lot of experience coming back at the running back positions and hopefully it pays dividends with our seniors Arliss Beach, Alexis Bwenge, Draak Davis, and Justin Sprowles."

This deep and now experienced group has the ability to showcase a variety of different skills this season.

Senior Arliss Beach looks for a return to full health and to be the complete multi-threat back he has shown throughout fall camp.

"Arliss Beach, while he has the ability to make big plays, is the most solid and consistent of

the backs," Caragher said. "He also pass protects the quarterback really well and can release out of the backfield to catch balls."

Beach, an Ashland native, while being known for his consistency, has taken great pride in being a player the coaching staff can count on to suit up come game days regardless of how nicked up he may be. He has played with several injuries during his career, especially over the past two seasons.

"I want to be out on the field playing," said Beach, who has appeared in 33 games with seven starts in three years. "If I'm hurting, I want to be out there being a part of the game

with my teammates. I want to be out there shedding blood and tears with the guys who I know would do the same for me."

Fellow senior fullback Alexis Bwenge also returns to provide versatility and leadership. Caragher says Bwenge, who has 478 career rushing yards, has shown excellent vision and pass catching skills in practice. Bwenge has impressed the coaching staff with ability to be able to carry the ball from the tailback spot when the team has had injuries.

Bwenge will be joined at the fullback spot by another senior, Justin Sprowles. The Charlotte, N. C., product has shown great blocking skills this fall and will

provide the needed depth at the position.

Also returning this year is sophomore running back Rafael Little. Little started the final three games of last season and led the team in rushing with 265 yards and yards per carry with a 5.0 average.

Little will be counted on to impact the game with his exciting playmaking skills.

"I know I really can contribute speed from the running back position," Little said. "I'm working on my power, but I know I can add speed. I'm looking to make big plays on field."

One experienced tailback the staff was looking forward to utilizing because of his speed and

breakaway ability was sophomore Tony Dixon. Dixon, who rushed for 244 yards last season, suffered an ankle injury in camp that will keep him out until next season.

The loss of Dixon will open playing time for newcomers that include junior college transfer Terrell Bankhead and freshman Alfonso Smith.

Bankhead and Smith are physical runners who will bring a tremendous change of pace to the quicker running backs like Little, Beach, and Draak Davis.

With the desired experience a coaching staff looks for and the promising young backs in camp, the Wildcat backfield looks to make the push for an improved running game in 2005.

Wildcats hold second major scrimmage

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football team held its second major scrimmage of fall practice Saturday afternoon at Commonwealth Stadium.

Here are some notes and quotes from Coach Rich Brooks following the scrimmage, which featured the first-team offense and defense against the second-team offense and defense:

"Andre Woodson did a good job throwing the ball and managing the offense. He threw a couple of nice touchdown passes," Brooks said. "The offense is making more plays than they did early in fall camp."

"The first defense did a very, very good job," Brooks said. "Other than a couple of 10- to 15-yard runs, they shut down the second offense. The defense is still flying around and making plays."

UK's top three tailbacks, Rafael Little, Arliss Beach, and

Draak Davis were held out of the scrimmage as they recover from injuries. Alexis Bwenge, Terrell Bankhead, and Alfonso Smith handled the tailback duties.

"I think we have to get Alexis some 'touches' in the games," Brooks said. "He has been really productive carrying the ball last spring and this fall."

(Regarding the freshmen) "We have to start making definite decisions about who is going to play, who is definitely going to redshirt, and there will be a couple on the bubble," Brooks said.

"(True freshman) Myron Pryor and Ventrell Jenkins are getting a lot of reps (at defensive tackle)," Brooks said. "Braxton Kelley continues to do a lot of positive things (at middle linebacker). We'll get (middle linebacker) Joe Schuler back tomorrow." Schuler has been out with an injury.

"We integrated the kicking game into the scrimmage," Brooks said. "(Kicker) Taylor Begley is having a great camp. Jacob

Tamme is really doing well as the holder. Jason Dickerson is doing well as the snapper."

(Regarding kick returns) "John Logan took one back today (for a touchdown)," Brooks said. "We'll get Keenan Burton back this week. David Jones returned a punt very well today. Dicky Lyons hasn't been out there because of hamstring strains in both legs. We can also use Rafael Little and Keenan Burton on punt returns. DeMoreo Ford is still in the mix."

"(Freshman quarterback) Curtis Pulley has made significant progress," Brooks said. "He's grasping the offense and is into it."

Brooks reported two injuries in the scrimmage. Sophomore defensive tackle Ricky Abren sustained a dislocated bone in his wrist. He will have surgery and be out indefinitely. Freshman linebacker Mikhail Mabry sustained a knee injury, the extent of which will be known more fully in the next 24-48 hours.

Green beats White in Herd's final preseason scrimmage

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Ahmad Bradshaw and Jimmy Skinner played together well, again Saturday, leading the Green team to a 23-0 win over the White in the Marshall University football team's final preseason scrimmage.

Bradshaw provided 65 yards of total offense (35 rush, 30 rec.) and Skinner threw for 72 yards on 7-of-10 passing with a touchdown and an interception.

"We accomplished what we wanted to today," head coach Mark Snyder said. "We got out here healthy and we got to go through our pre-game ritual and familiarize everyone."

Hiram Moore led all receivers with five catches for 64 yards.

"Hiram has had a very good camp," Snyder said. "I have been very impressed with him and he honestly is right up there as one of our MVPs."

Green's Chris Hawkins returned the opening kickoff 15 yards to the 16-yard line. Bradshaw contributed to the Green team's first five plays of the drive, including a pair of six-yard runs and a 12-yard pass from Bernie Morris.

Once Green entered White territory, the offense stalled and was forced to punt.

After a Marty Biagi punt, White quarterback Derek Devine threw an interception to Donte Newsome on his team's third play of the drive.

Green started on the White 11-yard line, but turned the ball over on downs after Bradshaw was stopped for a one-yard loss at the White two-yard line.

With White on its own three-yard line, Green capitalized, when Dennis Thornton tackled Paco Jones in the end zone for a safety.

Green would add to its lead seconds later as Hawkins returned the ensuing kickoff 86 yards for a touchdown. After an Ian O'Connor point-after attempt, Green took a 9-0 lead.

In the second quarter, neither team seemed to be able to start its offense. The White team, however, recovered a muffed Chris Royal punt return inside Green's 30-yard line. But, a false start penalty, followed by a run of no gain and two incomplete passes left White with a 50-yard field goal attempt for true freshman David DeFatta that sailed wide right of the post.

Bradshaw tallied 44 total yards in the first half (17 rush, 27 rec.), while Moore caught two Morris passes for 19 yards.

After completing his first three passes of the half, Morris threw

four straight incompletions. Morris was 3-of-7 for 31 yards.

In the second half, Green took its only drive of the third quarter 50 yards to take a 16-0 lead, capped off by a Skinner nine-yard touchdown pass to Wilbur Hargrove.

On its next drive, Green marched 75 yards down the field for its second touchdown of the half, which increased its lead to 23-0.

Devine, who worked with the Green team in the second half, completed four passes, including a 17-yard hookup with Shawn Lauzon and a 14-yard pass to Moore. Chubb Small later pounded in from the one-yard line to give Green an insurmountable 23-point lead.

GAME STATISTICS
Rushing: Green — Bradshaw 9-35; Small 3-15; Albin 1-3.
White — Cabarrus 2-11; G. Williams 3-3; Echols 1-0; Derek Devine 1-(-7); Paco Jones 6-(-8).

Passing: Green — Skinner 7-10-1-72; Devine 4-5-0-46; Morris 3-7-0-31. White — Beardain 1-5-0-29; Devine 2-6-1-1; Barnard 0-5-0-0.

Receiving: Green — Moore 5-64; Bradshaw 3-30; Lauzon 2-21; Parkhurst 1-10; Shope 1-10; Hargrove 1-9 TD; Small 1-5. White — Filer 1-29; Cabarrus 1-2; Paco Jones 1-(-1).

Trojans start quest for three-peat as

No. 1 Texas is No. 2, Tennessee No. 3

by RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's why Southern California is No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason poll:

Every player who scored a touchdown in the Trojans' 55-19 victory over Oklahoma in last season's Orange Bowl is still playing for USC. And so is Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart, who threw five TD passes.

Leinart, Reggie Bush and the rest of Pete Carroll's crew provided a scary glimpse of what was to come in 2005 when they wrapped up their second straight national title on that warm January night in Miami.

This year's goal is three in a row, something that's never been done.

"It's always good to be on top, but at the same time we're focused and coach Carroll always reminds us, 'Don't worry about who's No. 1 or No. 2. Just stay focused,'" said sophomore receiver Dwayne Jarrett, who finished off a big freshman year with 115 yards and a touchdown in the Orange Bowl.

USC (1,619 points) received 60 out of a possible 65 first-place votes in the media poll released Saturday, grabbing the top spot in the preseason for the fifth time in school history.

"My statement on that is what I always say: It's a reflection of what's happened in the past and the respect that people show our program, so in that sense it's a really nice recognition," Carroll said, "but it doesn't amount to much until we do something about it and prove that we're worthy of that. And it's a long ways before that."

No. 2 Texas (1,500 points), coming off an 11-1 season and a Rose Bowl win, got four first-place votes. Tennessee is No. 3 and Michigan and LSU round out the top five. No. 12 Louisville received the other first-place vote.

Joe Giglio of The News & Observer of Raleigh, N.C., voted Louisville No. 1 after examining the schedules for all BCS conference teams. The Cardinals moved to the Big East this season.

"Louisville was the only one that I came up with as going undefeated," he said.

Ohio State is No. 6, one point ahead of Oklahoma and star tailback Adrian Peterson. The Sooners have lost the last two Bowl Championship Series title games, and have to replace 11 NFL draft picks and 2003 Heisman winner Jason White this season.

Defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion Virginia Tech is No. 8. The Hokies have a new Vick at quarterback, Mike's little brother, Marcus.

Miami is No. 9 and No. 10 Florida, with new coach Urban Meyer, gives the

Southeastern Conference three teams in the top 10.

"It says we have a lot of experience. We have a returning quarterback and some returning players on defense. It doesn't say anything about the coaches," said Meyer, who guided Utah to an undefeated record last season.

USC's AP championship repeat was the 10th, and first since Nebraska did it in 1994-95.

The Cornhuskers were preseason No. 1 in 1996, but lost 19-0 at Arizona State in their second game of the season to snap a 26-game winning streak. Nebraska finished the season 11-2.

"The odds are always against you no matter what your previous history is," former Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said recently. "You have to overcome the tendency to relax."

USC has won 22 straight games and has one huge advantage over that '96 Nebraska team: Leinart is a three-year starter at quarterback.

"When you get your quarterback back, now that's a big deal," Osborne said. "USC, because of that factor, if you had to pick a team, they'd be the favorite."

Many figured Leinart's college career was over after his record-breaking Orange Bowl. He stood a good chance at being the first pick in the NFL draft, but instead decided to return for his senior year and a shot at a second Heisman. Ohio State running back Archie Griffin is the only two-time Heisman winner.

B.G. Brooks of the Rocky Mountain News of Denver was one of four voters to put Texas No. 1.

"I thought USC had lost too much, particularly in the coaching staff," he said.

The Trojans have only five returning starters on defense and had to replace four assistants, including offensive coordinator Norm Chow.

USC now has been ranked No. 1 in 19 straight AP polls, the second-best streak since the preseason rankings started in 1950.

"We like it because it makes us push and work harder every day just to stay on top," Jarrett said. "Being No. 1 is just going to make us push each other and compete at the highest level out here and just work as a team."

Miami's 21-week run at No. 1 during its 34-game winning streak a few years ago is the longest consecutive stay atop the AP rankings.

USC has been No. 1 since the final regular-season poll of the 2003 season, when the Trojans won the AP title but were left out of the BCS title game for LSU and Oklahoma.

Last season, the Trojans were the second team to be a wire-to-wire No. 1, joining the 1999 Florida State team. And they didn't have to share the national crown.

No. 11 Iowa starts the second

10, followed by Louisville, Georgia, Florida State and Purdue.

Auburn, which finished last season 13-0 and No. 2 in the country after being left out of the BCS title game, is No. 16. The Tigers must replace three first-round draft picks from their backfield alone in running backs Cornell Williams and Ronnie Brown and quarterback Jason Campbell.

No. 17 is Texas A&M, Boise State is ranked 18th, California is 19th and Arizona State is No. 20.

The final five are Texas Tech, Boston College, Pittsburgh, Fresno State and Virginia.

Missing from the poll is Utah, last year's BCS buster from the Mountain West Conference.

The Utes went 12-0 and finished fourth in the final AP rankings. But Utah lost Meyer to the Gators and quarterback Alex Smith left after his junior year to become the first overall pick in the NFL draft by the San Francisco 49ers.

The last team to finish that high and go unranked in the following preseason poll was Arizona State, which was No. 4 to end the 1996 season.

AP TOP 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2004 records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and final ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Southern Cal (60)	13-0	1,619	1
2. Texas (4)	11-1	1,500	5
3. Tennessee	10-3	1,376	13
4. Michigan	9-3	1,329	14
5. LSU	9-3	1,291	16
6. Ohio St.	8-4	1,205	20
7. Oklahoma	12-1	1,204	3
8. Virginia Tech	10-3	1,184	10
9. Miami	9-3	1,142	11
10. Florida	7-5	1,080	-
11. Iowa	10-2	1,011	8
12. Louisville (1)	11-1	892	6
13. Georgia	10-2	869	7
14. Florida St.	9-3	764	15
15. Purdue	7-5	711	-
16. Auburn	13-0	650	2
17. Texas A&M	7-5	576	-
18. Boise St.	11-1	375	12
19. California	10-2	358	9
20. Arizona St.	9-3	313	19
21. Texas Tech	8-4	256	18
22. Boston Co.	9-3	232	21
23. Pittsburgh	8-4	211	25
24. Fresno St.	9-3	196	22
25. Virginia	8-4	153	23

Others receiving votes: Alabama 121, Oregon 97, Utah 77, Georgia Tech 62, Bowling Green 57, N.C. State 57, Colorado 38, UCLA 19, Iowa St. 18, Minnesota 18, Miami (Ohio) 15, Penn St. 11, UTEP 10, Oregon St. 8, Wisconsin 5, Clemson 3, Memphis 3, Nebraska 3, Colorado St. 1, Notre Dame 1, Southern Miss. 1, Toledo 1, West Virginia 1, Wyoming 1.

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Mayfield wins race with fuel strategy



by MIKE HARRIS
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BROOKLYN, Mich. — Jeremy Mayfield came out on top of a chaotic race Sunday, running the last 52 laps on a single tank of fuel and winning his first NASCAR Nextel Cup race of the season.

Mayfield, whose most recent win came last September in Richmond, was never close to the lead earlier in the race. But one by one, the leaders were forced to pit for fuel — and Mayfield inherited the top spot with six laps to go in the 200-lap event at Michigan International Speedway.

“Man, we had a 20th-place car and we robbed the bank,” said Mayfield’s gleeful crew chief Slugger Labbe.

Nearly every team in the 43-car field had problems with cut tires or engines that overheated when windblown garbage collected on grills, cutting off air to radiators. Mayfield’s Everham Motorsports Dodge was no exception.

“Our motor was running 270

(degrees) today,” Labbe said. “It was cooked, but we made it.”

“They took a big chance running all the way (to the end) under green, and it’s pretty cool winning a race like that,” said Mayfield, who earned his fifth career win and solidified his hold on a top 10 spot in the points and a position in the upcoming Chase for the Championship.

Scott Riggs, fighting to keep his ride, also stretched his gas to the end and finished a career-high second, followed by Matt Kenseth and Carl Edwards, who had been battling for the lead prior to the late pit stops.

Kenseth, who made his final

stop on lap 181, charged hard to get back into contention but came up well short of Mayfield and Riggs, who finished about five car-lengths apart.

Kenseth said his crew chief, Robby Reiser, “wanted me to go after Mayfield and I couldn’t even see him. We were just hoping he’d run out of gas.”

“I always like the fastest car to win, even if it’s not me. But they took the big gamble when they could afford to take it and it paid off for them.”

Edwards, who made his Cup debut here a year ago and is now a championship contender, appeared happy with his fourth-place finish.

“That was just a blast,” he said. “I had a good time. To be that close to victory and have it go on pit strategy, I just have to congratulate Jeremy. That’s just awesome.”

Series points leader Tony Stewart — who came into the race as the hottest driver in stock car racing with five wins in seven starts — never led on Sunday but finished fifth for his eight consecutive top-seven.

Reigning Cup champion Kurt Busch, who dominated during the middle part of the race, wound up seventh, while pole-starter Joe Nemechek, who dropped far back into the pack after a flat tire, came back to finish eighth.

Mayfield jumped from seven

to sixth, moving ahead of Busch in the season points with just three races remaining before the 10-race NASCAR playoffs begin.

Behind them, plenty of questions remained: Just 129 points separate eighth-place Ryan Newman, who finished 12th on Sunday, from Jeff Gordon, who somehow managed a 15th-place finish with a terrible car and moved from 13th to 12th in the season points.

Going into next Saturday night’s race at Bristol, Edwards is ninth and Jamie McMurray 10th, followed by Dale Jarrett, just 51 points out of the final spot in the Chase, and Gordon, another seven points back.

McCall wins UARA STARS race at Lonesome Pine

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COEBURN, Va. — Matt McCall (Denver, N.C.) got revenge Saturday night at Lonesome Pine Speedway in the Red Rose Hosiery 150. Earlier this season McCall dominated the race until late when mechanical problems forced him out of the race.

Problems would not stop McCall this night. McCall set on the Sunoco Pole and led all 150 laps of the event. McCall also became the first driver to win three races in 2005. Jamie Caudill is the only other repeat winner with two victories.

Caudill and McCall came into the race with only two points separating them. With the points structure McCall received five points for the pole and Caudill received three points for the outside pole. The two drivers would start the race side by side and in the point’s standings.

Caudill got the jump but McCall battled back to lead the first lap. Caudill settled in second until lap eighteen when a hard charging Danny O’Quinn made his move on the outside of Caudill to take over second place. The line up would stay the same until lap 70 when Caudill dropped to the inside and fell out of the race with mechanical trouble and ending

the night with a twentieth place finish.

Holley Performance Performer of the race Tony Grady was making his way to the front and took over third when Caudill fell out. Grady was able to get by O’Quinn and pull up to the bumper of McCall but the car got tight late and ended the night with a strong third place finish.

RH2 Way Rookie contender Kyle Grissom back his Anderson win with a strong top five run but also faded late to finish eighth earning him the Rookie of the race. RA Brown

collected another East Tennessee Trailers Hard Charger of the Race gaining the most spot for the night and finishing ninth.

Following McCall across the line was O’Quinn in second, Grady in third, Jamie Yelton fourth and Robert Elliott rounding out the top five.

The next event for the UARA STARS series is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3 at Southern National Speedway in Kenly, N.C. For more information, contact the UARA STARS office at 828/692-3833 or online at www.uara-stars.com



photo courtesy of UARA STARS
Matt McCall handled the Lonesome Pine Raceway pavement well, racing to a win in Saturday’s UARA STARS feature race.

Stars shine in Old Spice Spring Sizzler

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ROSSBURG, Ohio — Wednesday night’s headlining Old Spice Sprint Sizzler nearly had ‘storybook finish’ written all over it; but a lap nine incident changed the complexion drastically, as Darren Long cruised to victory in the National Racing Alliance (NRA) Sprint Invader special event. Completing the mid-week doubleheader were Eldora’s Stock Cars, with local favorite Mike Dirksen copping the coins.

NASCAR stars Tony Stewart, Kasey Kahne and Dave Blaney took advantage of an ‘off night’ in their rigorous schedules to return to their roots and hop behind the wheel of winged sprint cars. And the large crowd on hand, couldn’t have been happier with the results.

The trio re-adjusted themselves to the open wheeled confines admirably.

As the night unfolded early on, Stewart, who now owns the famed Eldora speed plant, was holding down quick time honors during the qualifying rounds until Blaney came out with just a few cars remaining and knocked Stewart off the top rung with a clocking of 14.011 seconds (129 MPH) around the one-half mile clay oval. Stewart’s time of 14.152 seconds eventually placed him fourth in the final qualifying run-down, while Kahne clocked in 8th quickest of the 39 cars on hand with a timed lap of 14.375 seconds.

Blaney easily captured his heat race, while Stewart finished second in his preliminary heat and Kahne crossed the line fourth.

NRA’s inversion method for lining up the main event found Stewart sitting in pole position, while Blaney was lined up fourth and Kahne sixth.

As the race unfolded, Stewart shot ahead of

Tim Hunter to take the initial lead, with Blaney in third after one lap and Kahne up to fourth.

It was as if the Old Spice folks had designed a promotional script of genius proportion.

Stewart, who over the years had numerous non-winged Sprint Car runs, was in his first-ever winged Sprint Car start at Eldora, and comfortably out front, with his NASCAR cohorts in tow, trying to upset the NRA fraternity at their own game.

By the time two laps were complete the crowd was in a frenzy as Blaney moved past Hunter and was reeling in Stewart. Kahne meanwhile, hand his hands full trying to set up Hunter for a pass.

As six laps were recorded, Blaney had caught up to Stewart and with lapped traffic approaching, the fans rose to their feet in anticipation.

Stewart ducked through the slower cars for two laps and just as nine laps were scored, he performed one of the infamous Eldora ‘slide jobs’ going into turn one, by shooting down the track as low as he could, to use that momentum to slide back up in front of the field.

Blaney meanwhile held a steady line at the top of the track.

The ‘slide job’ was working to perfection and as Stewart slid ahead of the lapped cars and into Blaney’s path, the right front hub broke, sending Stewart hard into the outside concrete wall. With nowhere to go, Blaney clipped Stewart and did a slow rollover, while third place runner Hunter was also heavily involved.

There were no injuries, bringing a collective sigh of relief from the crowd, but all three machines were damaged beyond repair.

The storyline was being rewritten as Kahne became the

However, a self-described “lagging motor” wouldn’t give Kahne the momentum he needed to hold off a fast-charging Long.

Despite two additional restarts for accidents, Kahne was unable to stay in the same league with Long and had to settle for runner-up honors, while, Dwain Leiber, Tim Allison and Mike Miller completed the top five.

The Stock Cars had their own drama as well.

It was leg number one of a two-night series with neighboring Limaland Motorsports Park, with points from each night’s racing used to determine a ‘Double Play’ champion.

As the race unfolded the Limaland invaders were ruling supreme by holding down the top six spots for much of the early going.

A 12-car invert for lining up the 22 car, 15-lap nightcapper didn’t help Dirksen out much at the start.

By virtue of his heat one victory, he was lined up 12 and 15 laps weren’t very many with the caliber of talent lined up in front of him.

Several caution periods and misfortunes among the front runners found Dirksen lined up in fourth with three laps to go, behind Limaland regulars Kevin Gossard, Jeff Babcock and Tony Anderson.

Babcock was the first to suffer, as an overheating engine retired him to the pits on lap 13, and then Anderson fell prey to first Dirksen and then Barney Craig to fall to fourth.

After the field received the white flag to indicate one more racing lap, Gossard’s left rear tire went flat and Dirksen’s charge to the front was complete as he crossed the line first. Craig came home second, while Anderson advanced to third and Gossard dropped to fourth.

Kimmel takes Springfield race

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPRINGFIELD Ill. — Experience is often the best teacher, and Frank Kimmel had plenty of students Sunday afternoon at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, Illinois where the savvy veteran handily won the Best Western-Allen Crowe Memorial 100 before a near-capacity crowd.

“It was just another solid effort from the Advance Auto Parts-Pork Ford crew,” said Kimmel. “The car was on a rail; it could do no wrong. We’ve always handled well here, but that may have been the best we’ve ever been here. These wins on the mile-dirts really mean a lot to us. We get really keyed up for the fairgrounds races. There’s nothing like it. I hope ARCA never gives them up.”

The victory represented a record fifth win for Kimmel on the Springfield mile-dirt and added a comfortable buffer to his current lead in the 2005 National Championship standings. The six-time and defending series champion now leads rookie Joey Miller by 370 marks with five events remaining on the 2005 schedule.

Miller, in the no. 9 Country Joe Homes-Eagle Creek Aviation Dodge, finished eleventh after struggling with handling problems all day and running out of gas on the last lap.

A hard-charging Justin Allgaier, the local favorite and no stranger to the Springfield mile-dirt, finished second, making his way up through the field from as low as 30th after pitting out of sequence. Allgaier crossed the finish line .515 seconds behind the leader after

earning the Pork Pole award during qualifying with a new track record.

“I just wish we could have won the race,” said Allgaier. “It’s a shame. We had a great car.”

And, as a tribute to the experience factor on the often-tough Illinois State Fairgrounds mile-dirt, the top five finishers included some very seasoned dirt-track veterans.

Centralia, Illinois’ Joe Cooksey, for example, made the visit to his hometown state a productive one, finishing third in the no. 23 Cool Blue Chevrolet after a late race battle with series veteran Mark Gibson, who finished fourth in the no. 59 Williams Bros. Lumber Chevrolet.

“We’d go backwards on restarts then we’d make our way back up there,” said an exhausted Cooksey after the race.

The fourth-place finish was Gibson’s first top-five of 2005, a testament to how much he enjoys the dirt-events he has often called his favorite races on the schedule. The Winder, Georgia native also earned Gladiator of the Race honors after starting 13th.

“It’s great to finish this well,” said Gibson. “Finally I got a top five this year. Joe (Cooksey) told me before the race we’ve got to take care of our right rear tires and I didn’t do it and he did. That’s the difference I guess. The crew did a good job all day making adjustments.”

Chelsea, Michigan native Bill Eversole, in the Hardcore Motorsports Chevrolet, rounded out the top five with a career-best finish after a career-best third-place qualifying run.

However, the day was not so productive for some names very familiar to the ARCA RE/MAX Series dirt tracks, including veterans’ Bill Baird and Bob Strait.

Strait, a native of Mokena, Illinois had been running second before making contact with the turn three wall ending his day on lap 79. Baird spun twice in turns three and four relegating the Sturgis driver to 12th in the final running order.

Brandon Knupp earned the Hoosier Tire Hard Charger award for his solid sixth place finish after starting 20th. Doug Keller finished seventh in front of AJ Fike, who battled back from one lap down to finish eighth. Ken Weaver, with a ninth-place finish, was the highest-finishing rookie. Jason Jarrett rounded out the top-10 finishers.

Kimmel’s brother and crew chief, Bill Kimmel, earned the SK Hand Tool Crew Chief of the Race honors for his efforts.

Besides the victory, Kimmel was the ReadyHosting.com lap leader, the Weld Wheels half-way leader and the Hurst Golden Shifter award recipient. In all, Kimmel led 75 of 100 laps en route to his 62nd series victory in his 298th career start.

Unofficial Top Ten Points for the ARCA RE/MAX Series after the Best Western-Allen Crowe Memorial 100 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds:

1. Frank Kimmel 4525; 2. Joey Miller 4155; 3. Ken Weaver 3840; 4. Chad McCumbee 3650; 5. Mark Gibson 3540; 6. Jason Jarrett 3335; 7. Brandon Knupp 3335; 8. Mike Harmon 3185; 9. Todd Bowser 3130; 10. Johnny Leonard 3010.

Wheldon wins Honda 225

by JOHN MARSHALL
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FOUNTAIN, Colo. — Dan Wheldon took his second lead with 60 laps left and wasn’t challenged again, running away with the Honda Indy 225 on Sunday for his record-tying fifth win of the season.

Wheldon started 11th and gradually worked his way to the front on the mile tri-oval at Pikes Peak International Raceway, taking the lead when he whipped past defending champion Dario Franchitti on lap 153. Franchitti took the lead back on lap 159 when Wheldon went to the pits, but the Englishman came charging back and had the lead six laps later.

Wheldon led by as much as 14 seconds after that and cruised to his first win since the Indianapolis 500 on May 29, beating Sam Hornish Jr. by 12.4763 seconds and averaging 153.79 mph) for his eighth career victory.

Wheldon also won at Miami, St. Petersburg and Motegi, matching Hornish’s record for wins in a season, set in 2002. He celebrated with a series of doughnuts that shredded his back right tire, some well-deserved fun after five top-fives but no wins over the past seven races.

The win, which clinched Honda’s second straight manu-

Wheldon’s lead over Hornish to 97 points with four of the series’ 17 races left.

Tony Kanaan finished third.

Rookie Danica Patrick started fifth, but clearly didn’t have a car to compete with the leaders early. She dropped to seventh shortly after taking the green flag and was off the lead lap less than halfway through.

But Patrick’s car finally started to come around late in the race and she made a charge, finishing eighth.

Hornish seemed to have the best car early, building a nine-second lead headed into the first pit stop. But the car started to go after that and Hornish had to fight his way back to the front for his

fifth top-two finish this season.

Franchitti had the roughest finish. He led three times and was running second when he stalled coming out of his second pit stop on lap 164. The team tried to push start the car without any success, then finally got it going after pushing it back to the stall and starting it electronically.

By then, Franchitti’s wife, singer Ashley Judd, was shaking her head in the pits and he had dropped to ninth. He finished seventh.

Polesitter Helio Castroneves led the first 19 laps, but had a hard time keeping up with the leaders after getting passed by teammate Hornish. He finished fourth.



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'Tater bakin' time

by Clyde Pack

Those early fall days would still be hot enough for us to go without a sweater or light jacket, but in just a few minutes after the sun dropped behind the hills that surrounded the little eastern Kentucky hollow that sheltered the row of 12 or 15 tiny yellow company houses, the temperature would start to fall, and within an hour, sometimes it'd be downright cold.

Problem was, although it would be completely dark, it was still way too early for a hot-shot, coal-camp kid to call it a day. So, in order to kill enough time for us to be respectable when we finally did go home, we'd often piddle around in groups of three or four, until one of us would actually have an idea.

One of the best ideas anyone had at a time like that, was when one of the girls would suggest we build a bonfire and "bake some taters."

Those who might not have ever experienced a 1940's-style "tater bakin'" need to understand, here and now, that a baked potato then, resembled in no form or fashion, a baked potato today, especially one of those fancy fast-food restaurant, store-bought kind.

The good thing about crossties was that they were creosoted. Again, for the benefit of the creosote-challenged, creosote is an oily liquid, obtained by distilling coal tar, and crossties were soaked in creosote to help preserve them. Best of all, though, that made them highly flammable, and you could start a fire on a crosstie with just

(See OAK, page three)



Ronda Bates Garcia

Receives medical degree

Ronda Bates Garcia, granddaughter of Olga Trusty, of Garrett, graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in May. Dr. Garcia is currently engaged in a residency in anesthesiology at the University of Louisville.

Dr. Garcia received a bachelor of science degree in nursing at the University of Louisville in 1996. She spent five years as a nurse in the newborn intensive care unit at Louisville's Kosair Children's Hospital before pursuing her degree in medicine.

Dr. Garcia is married to Arvelio Garcia, of Havana, Cuba. Mr. Garcia owns Garcia Construction, which specializes in design and construction of residences in the Louisville area. The couple have a one-year old son, Reece Alberto.

Ronda is the daughter of Debbie Trusty Rumble and Ron Bates, both of Florence.

Native Floyd Countian, Berea graduate, named president KBA

David B. Sloan sworn-in at Louisville ceremony

Former Pikeville lawyer, David B. Sloan, a former associate with the law firm Stevens, Combs & Page, and a native Floyd Countian, has been elected president of the Kentucky Bar Association, an agency of the Supreme Court of Kentucky.

Sloan, the son of Roberta Sloan, of Prestonsburg, and the late Delbert O. Sloan, is now a partner in the Covington law firm of O'Hara, Ruberg, Taylor, Sloan & Sergeant.

A 1972 graduate of Berea College, he earned his Juris Doctor from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University in 1976. After earning his law degree, he prac-

ticed law in Pikeville from 1976 to 1978.

Sloan has provided leadership and service to the legal community in many capacities. For the Kentucky Bar, he served as President-Elect in 2004-2005 and Vice President in 2003-2004 and has been a member of the KBA Board of Governors from 1996 to present.

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Familiar faces in the Floyd County legal system, early 1960's. Seated, left to right: (as identified) Jack Howard, Joe Hobson, Marshall Davidson, Fred Francis, Joe P. Tackett, Paul Combs. Standing, left to right (as identified): Scott Collins, Paul Hayes, Edward P. Hill, Bascom Clark, Burl Wells Spurlock, Harris Howard, Barkley J. Sturgill, Woodrow W. Burchett, Hollie Conley, Hershall Tackett, Jarvis Allen, Albert A. Burchett, Burnis Martin, Harold J. Stumbo. Inset: Woodrow Wilson Burchett, "The Sage of Cow Creek." (March 16, 1911 - April 12, 1995) The Kentucky State Department of Transportation will host a bridge dedication at Prestonsburg's new Town Branch Bridge on Monday, August 29, at 12 p.m. The bridge will be formally named "Woodrow W. Burchett Memorial Bridge" at this time. Attorney General Greg Stumbo will speak, Ron and Mary Wright will provide entertainment, and lunch will be served, on the bridge, to all in attendance from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend.

by Woodrow Burchett & William H. McCann, Jr.

Woodrow Burchett (1911-1995) was born on Cow Creek, in Floyd County. By profession he was first a teacher, later a lawyer. Eventually he served three terms as county attorney of Floyd County, served on the Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Kentucky Harness Racing Commission. But perhaps he is best known for his stories and the homespun wisdom that caused him to become, as many knew him later in his life, "The Sage of Cow Creek."

This series of articles is based upon a series of oral history interviews conducted by William H. McCann, Jr., of Woodrow Burchett, at his home on Cow Creek in the winter and spring of 1993. The interviews lasted more than 12 hours over about 5 days and extended from Mr. Burchett's childhood on Cow Creek to his reflections on law and life.

This particular article, an edited version of oral history transcript excerpts, discusses his legal career, beginning with his attending the University of Kentucky, including some of his most memorable cases and the people and personalities that enlivened Floyd County and its various 'courthouses.'

COLLEGE

I went to [the University of Kentucky in 1928] and took what they called the "combined course." You'd take two years [of undergraduate courses] and if you got a "B" average then you could go to law school. And I got down there and ...about all I could do was wait tables and study.

I waited tables at the Tea Cup Inn. It was located [near] the corner of High and the (Jefferson Street) viaduct. I waited tables there every night for my

supper. You could get the best meal they had down there for thirty-five cents and well... we're talking about steak then. And there was an old gentleman named Mr. Spotswood.... He'd run a little novelty company down on Main Street. And Mr. Spotswood ate there all the time and he always ate at my table and I always waited on him, and every Sunday Mr. Spotswood always gave me a dollar tip and that always meant a lot.

And I made it through with the required number of hours. I think it was ninety that you had to have with a "B" average. And I did it and entered the law school. And in the meantime I was teaching. Teach a semester and then I could go [to law school for] a semester and a summer term.

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CRITTER CORNER

Useless facts – but, interesting!

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Folks, this week I am as dry as the desert when it comes to ideas. (PLEASE, somebody, send in some questions or topics you would like to see covered!!) I am, however, as my friends all know, a bottomless pit of useless bits of information. Wait...they're no longer useless—I can fill up a whole column with them!

Most of these particular tidbits I found collected on one of my favorite web sites, www.doghouse.com. I was already aware of some of these, and some were news to me. I can't vouch for the veracity of all of them either, but they're fun and sometimes come in handy for that last round of Trivial Pursuit®.

In mythology, the cat is believed to have great influence on the weather. Witches that rode on storms were said to

take the form of cats. The dog is a signal of wind, and a dog was the attendant of Odin, the storm king. So cats symbolize down-pouring rain and dogs symbolize strong gusts of wind. (I suppose this where we get the expression "raining cats and dogs"?)

The common belief that dogs are colorblind is false. Dogs can see color but it is not as vivid a color scheme as we see. It is much like our vision at twilight.

A cat sees about six times better than a human at night because of the tapetum lucidum, a layer of extra reflecting cells which absorb light.

A group of kittens is called a kindle; a group of adult cats form a Clowder.

Black cat superstitions are as American as apple pie. In Asia and England, black

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Yorkshire terriers, Brittany and Brandy, recently enjoyed an outing at the park with "Mom" and "Dad," Rita and Lowell Brock, of Prestonsburg. Brittany, age 4, and Brandy, 1 and 1/2 yrs., are a major part of the Brock family and they manage to keep "Mom and Dad" busy. The "girls," who were asking "When are we going to eat?" when this picture was snapped, also enjoy it when "Big Brother," Lowell Jr., and "Big Sister," Sheena, come home for a visit! But look out, girls, because "Big Sis" Sheena is going to become "Mama" in January, so competition is on the way!

School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Aug. 15-26 - Nominations for Parent Representative to SBDM Council may be made at school office. Those nominated must have a child currently enrolled at AMS.

■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

■ If your child has left any article of clothing at school, please contact the Youth Service Center office.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations,

and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

■ After-School Child Care now accepting applications for Clark students, K-5th. Limited enrollment, call now! 886-0815.

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

Duff Elementary

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th

grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

■ Aug. 25 - Family Resource Advisory Council will hold meeting at 4 p.m., in school library. Open to public. All invited.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.

■ Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ School will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.

■ Committee sign-ups may

be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ Walking track open to public.

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

■ FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource

Center

■ Lost & Found: Throughout the school year, the center receives items that are left on school buses, in the gym, classrooms, etc. We encourage parents to visit the center if their child has lost a coat, bookbag, or any such item. Lost items are checked for identification, however, if unable to locate owner, and items are not claimed within 2 weeks, they then become the property of the Family Resource Center.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or later by appointment. The center provides services for all families within the community, regardless of income. If you would like more information about programs/services the center offers, please call 452-4553; ask for Cissy or Karen. The center is located inside the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Parents and community members are welcome to visit.

Wesley Christian School

■ Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,
10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and
60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago August 23 and 25

Dexter Cameron McNeil, 17, of Eastern, an Allen Central High School student, died on Ky. Route 80, when the car he was in, struck the side of a tractor trailer, about 4 p.m. Monday...Two construction workers, John Goble and John Goble II, afflicted with a respiratory disease while doing work for the City of Prestonsburg have filed suit against the city...Excess monies padded into a bond issue for the construction of a new Floyd County Jail, cannot be used to facilitate the building of a new county courthouse...Wheelwright policemen will not issue parking citations within the city limits, until an out-of-date city ordinance is updated. Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond saw his troubles multiply this week, with a suit filed by his former wife seeking payment of loans. Hammond also apparently owes the Floyd County Fiscal Court nearly 18 months worth of reimbursements for salaries the court has paid a group of his employees...After misdemeanor drug charges were filed Saturday against former Supreme Court Judge Dan Jack Combs and his son, by Kentucky State Police, a legal battle erupted between Eric Conn, Combs' attorney, and Floyd District Judge James R. Allen...Mary Lois Hale, of Ivel, was killed, Wednesday, on Route 80, in Knott County, when her vehicle slammed into the back of a coal truck...Martin City Council nixed an offer, Wednesday, by former Mayor Raymond Griffith to purchase property where the city park is located, and voted to negotiate with Griffith and adjacent property owners...Two Floyd County schools that had been put on notice by the Floyd County Health Department to fix it or close it, received top ratings during inspections this week. The Kentucky Supreme Court, Wednesday, August 16, denied a discretionary review of a state Court of Appeals ruling that concluded that Bill and Malta Arms of East Point, are residents of Floyd County, not Johnson County, as they have long contended...A judge has set aside a bench warrant he issued for a Prestonsburg woman charged with theft. Johnson Circuit Judge Stephen N. Frazier had earlier ordered that Michelle "Mickey" Woods, a former Johnson County sheriff's clerk, be arrested and held without

bond for failing to appear at a pre-trial conference on August 4. He reversed the order last week...There died: Alva May Flanery, 87, of Langley, Thursday, August 17, in Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Anna Thornsberry Hall, 66, of Martin, Friday, August 18, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Zola Thornsberry Cook, 72, of Wayland, Wednesday, August 16, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Jacqueline Wells Sammons, 67, of Hollywood, Florida, formerly of Prestonsburg and Lexington, Monday, August 14, at her home; James Edward Spencer, 39, of Hurricane Creek, Monday, August 21, on Bearfork at Hurricane, in an accident; Adrian Eugene "Pop" Crowder, 79, of Price, Friday, August 18, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Raleigh R. "Sarge" Payne, 65, formerly of Estill, Tuesday, August 8; Maudie Francis Howell Martin, 95, of Teaberry, Saturday, August 19, at her residence; Joe Yates, 87, of Wiggins, Mississippi, formerly of Harold, Saturday, August 19, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Curtis F. McCown, 84, of Romulus, Michigan, Wednesday, August 16; John Tracy Hamilton, 39, of Grethel, Friday, August 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Wilena Rodgers Cinnamon, 77, of Frankfort, Monday, August 21, at Bluegrass Regional Medical; Hershell Johnson, 67, of Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday, August 17; Essie Moore, 75, of Mongo, Indiana, formerly of Topmost, in Knott County, Friday, August 18, at her residence; Dexter Cameron McNeil, 17, of Eastern, Monday, August 21, on Ky. Rt. 80, at Eastern, following an automobile accident; Edward Wells, 77, of Harold, Monday, August 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jonah Irick, 67, of Harold, Sunday, August 19 at his residence; Harvey Clevinger Jr., 70, of Pikeville, Sunday, August 20; Beatrice Honeycutt Patton, 71, of Prestonsburg, Friday, August 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mary Lois Hale, 32, of Ivel, Wednesday, August 23 on Ky. 80 in Knott County, following an automobile accident; Audrey Bolen, 75, of Mousie, Wednesday, August 23, at her residence; Shaun Michael Howell, 15, of Bishopville, South Carolina, Sunday, August 20, from injuries sustained in a go-cart accident; Elizabeth Moore Ward, 83, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, August 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Twenty Years Ago

August 21, 1985

School was back in session after two delays caused by the need to remove asbestos insulation and correct fire code violations at some schools...Alarmed parents asked school board members for a new Garrett school after major cracks appeared in the school structure...In the war of words between local and state education officials, Floyd school administrators discharged a 13-page response to questions posed by the associate superintendent in the state Department of Education...Ron Chaffins was named director of the Big Sandy Health Care Inc...The Floyd Fiscal Court voted to curb pollution in the county, and to require owners of new homes and trailers to show that they have an approved sewage disposal system before they can get their electric power hooked up...There died: Essie Spears, 56, of Banner, Monday; Kindle Vanderpool, 74, of McDowell, Friday; Evangelist Sid Hall, 63, of Weeksbury, Thursday; Sol Sammons, 68, of Prestonsburg, Thursday; James Franklin Hyden, 51, former Floyd County resident, Thursday, in Nashville, Tennessee; Claude Oscar Trusley, 83, of Water Gap, Monday; Ella Miller Robinson, 56, of Martin; Loucinda Nolan Castle, 85, of Hueysville, Monday; Delphine Nelson Mann, 82, of Iowa, formerly of Floyd County; Scott Hill, 71, of Mt. Sterling, formerly of Abbott Creek; Bob Rose, 82, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Prestonsburg; Arville Hamilton, 67, of McDowell, Saturday, and Shirley Mitchell Freeman, 38, of Laurens, South Carolina, formerly of Craynor.

Thirty Years Ago August 29, 1975

Dewey Lake claimed its second victim of the year, Monday afternoon, when 18-year-old Robert Kean Thomas, of Route 1, Harold, drowned in the vicinity of Goble Branch...Two incidents of breaking and entering here, over the week-end, highlighted a week that was otherwise "slow" in terms of county-wide arrests...Odell Wallen, 38, of Dwayne, narrowly escaped instant death, Friday afternoon, when a crane which he was operating, at the mouth of the Big Branch of Abbott Creek, came in contact with a 7,000-volt rural electric line...Arkady Weber, a descendent of Russian royalty,

whose life story reads like a novel of adventure and intrigue, was buried, Saturday, in eastern Kentucky hills, thousands of miles from the Russia he had fled as a Czarist refugee more than half a century ago after the Bolshevik Revolution...There died: Judith Leslie Shepherd, 29, of David, last Tuesday, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Wyola Gibson, 59, of Wayland, last Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Fred C. Hall, 64, of Stanville, Thursday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Nell Hatcher, 63, of Stanville, last Wednesday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville; Glenn Allen Lewis, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Mitchell Lewis, of Cow Creek, Monday, at the UK Medical Center in Lexington; Bob George, 67, of Hi Hat, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Henry P. Huff, 50, of Drift, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Ernest Boyd, 90, of Stanville, last Wednesday, at his home.

Forty Years Ago August 19, 1965

The Central Business District 57-car parking area here was opened Wednesday morning, and opening of the larger Courthouse Project lot is tentatively scheduled for Friday...The Floyd County school system's plan for desegregation has won the official approval of the U.S. Department of Education, it was announced, this week...The Traipsin Trio, a folksinging group from Wheelwright, consisting of Shriley Peraino, Amber Ferguson and Shannon Logan, were declared winners of the Talent Hunt program presented, August 8, by WHTN, TV, Huntington, W.Va...Fred G. Francis, Prestonsburg attorney, was elected, last Thursday, to the board of managers of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, meeting in Miami Beach, Florida...There died: Clyde Spurlock, 75, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Rev. Eugene Simpson, 51, of Drift, August 10, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Celia Bowling Walker, 79, of Betsy Layne, August 14, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Samuel May, formerly of Ligon, August 11, after being struck by a truck at Lincoln Park, Michigan; George P. Hereford, 78, formerly of Prestonsburg, last Monday, at

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one kitchen match.

Any one of us could provide half a dozen potatoes at a moment's notice, and after someone would, we'd simply drop them into the fire. In just a few minutes, we'd hunt us a long narrow stick and start raking and rolling the potatoes away from the heat so they could cool enough for us to eat them.

Sometimes they'd be burned to a crisp, with not enough potato left to bother with. If we were

lucky, however, after peeling away about a quarter-inch of ash, we'd find the potato a delicious treat. No salt, no chives, no broccoli, and no sour cream. Just potato.

Although the crossties would burn rather quickly, there was always a bright orange hunk left smoldering. Someone would kick it and send a stream of sparks skyward, sometimes reaching a height of 15 or 20 feet. When the night would swallow the tiny sparks, some-

one would kick what was left of the crosstie again, making more sparks fly, although not as high as the last ones. This action was repeated over and over, until the crosstie had pretty much sparked out.

One of us would kick a little dirt over the smoldering ashes, and in a chorus of "see ya later," we'd walk from what was left of the warmth of the fire, fade into the blackness of the crisp autumn night, and head for the house.

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Yesterdays

Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Fifty Years Ago

August 18, 1955

Complete separation of black and white pupils has ended in Floyd County, and the county board of education has taken steps toward eventual full compliance with the Supreme Court decision, which requires discontinuance of the traditional separation of the races in the common schools of the county...Pvt. Lloyd R. Hunt, son of Mrs. Norcie Hunt, of West Garrett, was one of 66 American men who were killed, last Thursday, when two Flying Boxcars brushed wings and crashed in flames in Germany's Black Forest...Roy Cook, county dog warden, this week began, in Martin and vicinity, the work of selling dog tags, picking up and destroying worthless strays, and rendering other services connected with enforcement of the new state dog law...The clutch pitching and hard hitting of Jim Mosley carried the pennant-winning Yankees to their second straight Little League playoff victory in as many years, nosing out the Cardinals, 4 to 3, last Saturday...The Americans edged the Nationals in the Martin Little League All-Star game 9 to 7, August 11, at Martin...There died: Mrs. Ann Hall, 57, of Wayland, last Thursday, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey; Clarence Keathley, 37, Wednesday, at his home at Harold; James Damron, 66, of Ivel, Tuesday, while en route to a hospital here; Johnnie Allen, 47, Friday, at his home at Printer; Miller Smiley, 57, of Dana, last Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Dora W. Montgomery, 74, formerly of Prestonsburg, last Saturday, at a Harlan hospital; Paris Lafayette Reed, 22, last Sunday, at his home at Endicott; Mrs. Ida Greenwald, 74, of Betsy Layne, last Saturday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Epp Brown, 82, Tuesday, at his home at McDowell.

Sixty Years Ago

August 16, 1945

At 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, President Truman announced to the

Critter

cats are considered lucky.

When a domestic cat goes after mice, about one pounce in three results in a catch.

A cat lover is an ailurophile, and an ailurophobe is afraid of cats.

The color of the points in Siamese cats is heat related. Cool areas are darker. In fact, Siamese kittens are born white because of the heat inside the mother's uterus before birth. This heat keeps the kittens' hair from darkening on the points.

The flea can jump 350 times its body length. That is like a human jumping the length of a football field.

Fleas have changed history. More human deaths have been attributed to fleas than all the wars ever fought. As carriers of the bubonic plague, fleas were responsible for killing one-third of the population of Europe in the 14th century.

In cats, the calico and tortoiseshell coats are sex-linked traits. All cats displaying these

patterns are females...or occasionally sterile males.

Cats' urine glows under a black light.

The heaviest cat ever recorded weighed 46 pounds.

Cats purr at about 26 cycles per second, the same frequency as an idling diesel engine.

Cats have a third eyelid called a "haw"; you may only see it when kitty isn't feeling well.

Cats step with both left legs, then both right legs when they walk or run. The only other animals to do this are the giraffe and the camel.

In ancient Egypt, entire families would shave their eyebrows as a sign of mourning when the family cat died.

In Egyptian times, the penalty for killing a greyhound was equivalent to that of killing a man.

More than 50% of dog and cat owners give their pets a human name, such as Molly, Sam or Max.

More than 40% of pet owners talk to their pets on the phone or

through an answering machine.

Domesticated cats are never mentioned in the Bible. Dogs are mentioned 14 times, lions 55 times.

The pet ferret was domesticated more than 500 years before the house cat.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

Note: these last couple of bits of trivia have nothing to do with cats or dogs...I just have always thought they are particularly interesting.

If you see a statue of a person on a horse, you can tell how that person died. If the horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse is holding up one front leg, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

A duck's quack doesn't echo. No one knows why.

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nation, the news of Japan's "unconditional" surrender...More than 9,000 votes were cast by voters of both political parties at the August 4 primary, with the Magistrate races drawing the heaviest polling...Floyd County Selective Service Boards were notified, Wednesday, that any selectee, 26 years of age or older, was not to be called up for military service...The Sandy Valley Tire Service has moved into a new building here, constructed at an estimated cost of \$50,000...County Judge E. P. Hill Jr., Monday, named Brady Shepherd, of Prestonsburg, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Rev. M. C. Wright as Floyd County Coroner...Prestonsburg's baseball team moved back into second place in the Big Sandy League's standings, Sunday...There died: Benjamin Harris Mollett, 38, at home at Betsy Layne, Sunday.

Seventy Years Ago

August 16, 1935

Construction of farm-to-market roads for the Abbott Creek and Bosco sections of the county was approved, Monday, by the Works Progress Administration, Congressman A.J. May reported this week...Four hundred additional unemployed and needy teachers will be placed in training immediately in Kentucky, preparatory to conducting educational projects. Homer Nichols, state director of special education, announced at Frankfort, Monday...An election contest suit being filed this morning, (Thursday) by Mel Petry, candidate for Representative, charges voting irregularities in several precincts, and alleges, that votes in one precinct were cast, either the night before the election, or after polls closed...Mrs. Edith James will sing her mother's version of the mountain ballad, "Pretty Polly," this week during the White Top Mountain Folk Festival at White Top, Virginia...There died: Mrs. Anna Merritt Harris, 77, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Flora Sizemore, Tuesday; S. L. Baldrige, 64, former Abbott Creek resident, at his home at Pikeville, Sunday; Miss Mary Spradlin, 17, years old, of Bonanza, Friday, of typhoid.

Sloan

Additionally, he has served as a member of the KBA Rules Committee, KBA Judicial Concerns Committee, and KBA Budget Committee from 2002 to 2004.

He is a former member of the Kentucky Bar Association IOLTA Board.

Sloan is also past president of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association (NKBA) and has served as a member of the NKBA Board of Directors.

Sloan was sworn-in in a ceremony that took place at the

KBA Annual Convention, in Louisville. Chief Justice Lambert invested the following officers of the Kentucky Bar Association: President David B. Sloan, of Covington; President-Elect Robert C. Ewald, of Louisville; Vice President Jane Winkler Dyche, of London; Immediate Past President R. Kent Westberry, of Louisville; and Young Lawyers Section Chair Katherine J. Hornback, of Lexington.

Governors of the Kentucky Bar Association include: W. Douglas Myers, of Hopkinsville; Charles E. Moore, of Owensboro; Marilyn Bengé McGhee, of London; Joseph L. White, of Louisville; Fred E. Fugazzi Jr., of Lexington; Thomas L. Rouse, of Ft. Wright; and William H. Wilhoit, of Grayson.

Sloan is married to Nancy Adkins Sloan. The couple have two children and one granddaughter.

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Prestonsburg area families can say "Ni Hao" to high school exchange students

STAMFORD, CT - "Wo hen xiang gaosu ni wo he wo de guo jia" Not sure what this means? Maybe that's because you haven't yet taken advantage of the ability to experience a new culture while welcoming a Chinese student into your home. Translated, it means, "I can't wait to tell you about me and my country." Just think, if you choose to make a difference by hosting an exchange student, this could be the first phrase you and your family learn.

Each year, Academic Year in America <http://www.responsetrack.net/> (AYA) brings high school exchange students from China as well as such Asian countries as Hong Kong, Mongolia, Vietnam and Korea. One of the most respected high school foreign exchange student programs in the United States, AYA offers the opportunity for Prestonsburg area families to make a difference by hosting an Asian student. This year alone, the AYA program will bring more than 150 Asian students, ages 15 to 18, to the U.S. to start school in September. With AYA's tailored matching system, Prestonsburg families are able to find a student who will be the perfect fit for their household.

By welcoming an Asian exchange student into their home, families make the dream of a young student come true. In addition, the entire family will benefit from experiencing an entirely different culture while forming a lifelong relationship.

On a larger scale, the world faces a time when tolerance and acceptance are essential to a peaceful future. By hosting an exchange student, a family isn't just making an impact on the student's life; they are touching every life that the student subsequently touches. The ideas and beliefs that make America what it is are seen first-hand by the eyes of an international visitor. The experience they take home is passed on and shared, causing a ripple effect of multicultural understanding.

"What better way to learn about world peace than by taking a child into your home and taking care of them?" observes Diane Asai, one of AYA's Local Coordinators and host mothers. "When people ask, 'Why do you host?' I tell them the truth: We do it for the long-term relationship we're going to have with a child and their family. You change their life and they change yours."

In addition to Asia, AYA students come from more than 30 countries such as Germany and Brazil. Founded in 1981, AYA is well recognized by high schools across the U.S. and endorsed by thousands of American host families. AYA is sponsored by the American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS) Foundation, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1967 with the assistance of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Its mission is to promote worldwide understanding through cultural exchange. The Foundation awards grants to

Birthdays



Keira is 1!

Keira Lashea Shepherd celebrated her first birthday on Saturday, August 13, 2005. She is the daughter of Amy and Richard Shepherd, of Garrett, and the granddaughter of Allison and Harold Conley, of Hueysville, and Joe and Ruth Shepherd, of Salyersville. Keira received many nice gifts from family and friends who helped her celebrate her special day.



Jacob is 3!

Jacob Ryan Hall, the son of Kevin and Krystal Hall, of Wayland, celebrated his third birthday on August 5, 2005, with a "Thomas the Tank Engine" theme swimming party and cookout attended by many family members and friends. Jacob is the maternal grandson of Bruce and Kathy Scott, of Garrett, and the great-grandson of Sybol Bentley, of Wayland. He is the paternal grandson of Ann Tignor, of Wayland, Palmer Hall, of Cleveland, Tennessee, and the great-grandson of Marie Stone, of Estill.

high schools for projects that encourage intercultural awareness. It also provides scholarships that enable young Americans to study and travel abroad.

Throughout the past 20 years, AYA has offered nearly 20,000 students and families the rewarding experience of hosting. For many, the most difficult

part of the program is having the "ni hao" or hello, turn into a "zai jian," or good-bye.

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TEACHING

I passed the [teachers] exam before I got out of high school, before I was old enough to teach. [But] as soon as I [turned] eighteen I got a job over on John's Creek, in Floyd County. [The school] was about a mile upstream from where the May Lodge [at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park] is now. And I'd walk from [Cow Creek] over there and teach and come back.

I was eighteen years of age, high school graduate and [had] one year of college. [John's Creek] was a one-room school [that] had sixty-five students in it, eight grades and me. [And] I had students in there as old as me. They didn't know me. I set out to get acquainted and I loved every one of 'em. If I had [a student] that I thought wasn't doing the best work he was capable of doing, or he was misbehaving or I had a discipline

problem with him and sometimes if they were doing real good or I'd talk to his parents, I'd point my finger at him and I'd say, "Tell your mommy I'm gonna come home with you tomorrow night and stay all night." They liked [that] and that meant that I was going to get fried chicken and biscuits and gravy.... That's about all they had to eat.

They could go out in the yard and kill a chicken and make gravy and ... that meant I was gonna go down and visit with the family and the children and I was gonna get acquainted with 'em and we were going to discuss their child's progress, behavior, the whole thing. Well, it did two things, it entrenched me as an unusual school teacher and it kept me from having to walk home every night.

The school term ran five months, maybe seven. And school was out on a Friday in June and the following Monday, I'd start summer term at the University. I had a long vacation.

LAW SCHOOL

I didn't really know what law school was all about when I went [to UK]. I just knew I wanted to be a lawyer and I knew you had to go down there and you had to sign up and you had to pass courses and you had to learn all you could. And I found out that you learned more the first year you were out than the three years you were down there. But you had to learn the law, I think [that] is mostly what you do down there, (learn legal) principles.

Dean [Alvin E.] Evans was the Dean and [Roy] Moreland was [one of the professors.] Moreland had been to Harvard... and I took criminal law under Moreland and criminal

law's simple and I could understand it pretty well. I'd lay over there in the library and try to find something that I could catch him on the next day, you know.

[My] class graduated in [19]33 and I got my license in '33. [But] I went back in '34 and picked up some [courses]. I had gone ... and taken the bar examination and passed it, and they frowned on that. ... [But] I'd go[ne] back the next semester and pick[ed] up all my courses ... that I should have taken in my last semester.

[C]orporations was one course that I had not had but I'd made 91 on it on the bar exam. Highest score [ever] made. Dean Evans ... taught corporations. [Since] I already had my law license then there wasn't a whole lot Dean could do to me. [But] any way he'd come in every morning and he was pulling at his neck, you know. [H]e'd say, "Burchett, stand up!" "Yes, sir."

Then he'd say, "In our midst we have an authority on corporations! He made the highest grade that was made in the bar examination on [corporations.] Now, let me ask you this." Then Dean outlined a big long proposition involving corporations and he said, "If somebody was to come in your office and tell you what I've just told you, what would you tell 'em?"

I said, I'd tell 'em, "Better go down ... the street and see French Combs."

LAWYER

I practiced a few cases there

house. I got him a divorce.

And then King Swope [who] was the circuit judge and Harry Miller was a defense attorney and Jim Park was the Commonwealth Attorney. And when they had an indigent fella ... they'd send over at U.K. and ask the Dean [of the law school] to send two of his lawyers down there. He ... wouldn't risk one, he'd send two of us down.

And one time we went down there, Paul Mansfield and I, he was later county attorney of Fayette County, to defend a boy ... a black boy who had killed a white girl in Fayette County and they'd taken him up in Ohio or somewhere for safekeeping and brought him back ... [for] us to defend him.

Well, we were scared to death afraid they were going to juice him. Well, we go down and we'd been talking about it ... we'd never seen him.... "Now he's young ... he's only 18 years old and he's young and we'll get his mother down there and we'll tell him about his being sort of slow in school and being retarded and being young and inexperienced and all that stuff, and beg for mercy and maybe get him off with life."

[N]ight before the trial we went down [to the jail] to see him, that's the first time they'd ever brought him in there. Could have been lynch bait you know, then in those days. And his mother was there and we got to talking to her and said, "Well, what did he talk about when he was growing up? Did he play with small children and ..."

"No," she [interrupted], "he always talked about wanting to kill a white girl."

That's what she said to us. And we went in the jail to see him then and he had a mustache. Here was our poor little fella that was young and all that and he had a mustache. Mansfield said, "Have you got a knife?"

I said, "Yes, sir."

So we sharpened it up a bit and Mansfield started cutting his mustache off and he was mad and said, "You fellas are hurting me." [T]his baby we was gonna try we didn't want him to have a mustache so Mansfield got it going pretty good and he was cussing Mansfield, said he was hurting him. [S]o Mansfield said, "Listen. This is not gonna hurt half as bad as that electric chair they're gonna throw you in." So we got him trimmed up.

[At trial] ... we just cried and pleaded our inexperience and how it wasn't fair to this fella to be represented by two boys out of the University over there against a fella like Jim Parks, but they give him life and that satisfied us. But we couldn't defend him on the grounds of his youth.

That's the two cases I tried in Fayette County [that year.]

I came back to Prestonsburg and I was a lawyer. I didn't have any money. I didn't have any clothes. I didn't have any clients. I didn't have any office. I didn't have any books. I didn't have anything except my mother and daddy who lived right here [on Cow Creek]. I lived in a smaller house and they'd feed me. So I decided, "Well, I'm a lawyer now. I'd better go down to Prestonsburg and see what they do in the law business."

So I go down there and they were having what they called Floyd Quarterly Court and Dr. Walt Stumbo [he was county judge] ... came in there with his riding suit on and his leather leggings. He was a ... home-visiting family doctor. He'd ride that horse and wear those leather leggings. [And he was] about as big as a salt barrel. And he came in, propped those shoes up on top of the desk and he said, "Call the first case Joe P. [Tackett]"

And Joe P. called the first case, Commonwealth against Sil Hamilton for ferreting."

"Doc said, 'What is that Joe P.?"

"Well," he said, and I was sitting back there observing you know, "I'll tell you what that is." And he said, "That's a violation of the game law." Said, "a ferret is a little animal that you carry in a little box, and when you run a rabbit in a hole you put the ferret in the hole and the rabbit will run out and [you] catch him in a sack."

And [the Judge] said, "You can't afford to give a rabbit a chance Joe P. ... Case dismissed."

[A]nother [case] they called up was over ownership of a dog. Two fellas claimed the same foxhound. And Doc says, "Where do you live?"

He said, "I live here in Prestonsburg."

"Where do you live?"

Said, "I live on Tinker Fork."

"It's your dog. A man in town got no use for a dog." Said, "Now, this court's adjourned if that's all the kind of stuff you've got here." He got down ... and left, said, "I've got to go see some sick people."

Now that was my introduction to jurisprudence in Floyd County, Kentucky.

I practiced solo practice. I think it's the only kind of practice. I think it's the only kind of practice, I love it and ... I think it's the most rewarding practice of law that you can have because you have a client and you establish a client relationship with him. I did. ... Nearly in every case, if I had a case for a fella I visited his home. I ate with him. I became acquainted with his family and I found out what made him tick. And if it involved a water course or a right of way or damage to his land or whatever, we walked it over and checked it out and looked it over very carefully and I knew whereof I spoke when I went into the courthouse. And not only that, but that fella never forgot me. I never lost many clients. ... I've still got people that come and [say] "You represented my granddaddy, you represented my daddy, I want you to represent me."

Jack May had been elected to Congress and I met him on the street. [H]e said, "Woodrow, are you Woodrow Burchett?"

"Yes sir."

"Is Dick Burchett your daddy?"

"Yes sir."

"Well, now let me tell you. I've got a law office up there and its got all the books in it that you need and the paper and everything that you need. [A]nd I'm gonna go to Washington ... I've just been elected to Congress ... and I'm gonna be there awhile, I don't know how long, but I won't be practicing any law. Here's the key to my office."

Well, I go up there and I sit down and I go after it and I work hard. I really do. [A]nd when I went to the courthouse I knew what I was talking about. And people got interested in me.

[T]hey had magistrates courts and they had four magisterial districts and each magistrate would have court in alternating Saturdays so you could make 'em all. And I'd go out to these magistrates courts and I'd represent people for whatever, mostly little things, chickens scratching up somebody's garden or your cow getting out on the road or somebody shooting on the public highway, that was an awful offence in those days. People'd get out at night and shoot their guns off and wake somebody up, and I'd defend 'em for that. [W]hatever [their case] it didn't make any difference. I'd always make a big noise and I always had some sort of a gift of gab and I could make myself felt in the courtrooms.... I'd be the only lawyer there, you know, and ... I'd have a full slate.

Mr. Blackstop, was one magistrate. ... he wasn't exactly a Rhodes Scholar but he knew people and he knew 'em pretty well. [A]s county attorney the first case I had in Blackstop's court [involved a couple charged with fornication.] [Blackstop] called up the cases.... [S]ome sheriff or deputy constable or something had seen 'em through a tunnel and he thought they were engaged in some sort of pernicious activity in that tunnel. He could see 'em.

I was gonna prosecute the case, you know, and I called the witness that was listed on the warrant, "Mr. John Bohanan," and he came around. Big heavy-set black man. I talked to him, you know, and I said, "What

Blackstop. He thought I was the judge, you know. He said, "Now, Mr. Blackstop, I don't know anything about those white folks' business."

And I told the judge, I said, "Judge, he's not gonna tell it."

"Oh, yes he will." So [the judge] he got right after him and he said, "Now, John, you gotta tell what you know."

"I didn't see much."

Reluctant witness. And he said, "Now, Mr. Blackstop, I don't want to tell this. I don't know nothing."

[I] said, "Tell the truth."

[H]e said, "All I saw was I saw 'em in that tunnel. [T]hey was just as close as they could get and they were trying to get closer."

Grover Cleveland Allen was practicing law [when I started.] Grover Cleveland Allen was six feet and a half tall, and I think he was the only fella I ever saw in my life that you could have got him by his shirt collar here and pulled his shirt up over his head. But he was a whiz bang of a criminal lawyer and I was in a lot of cases with him. We'd prosecute cases ... we've been in the defense of cases together.

I know one time we were defending a case and you were allowed to smoke in the courtroom and do about anything else you wanted to do. [W]e had a client that had shot a fella six or eight times and we knew he was gonna have trouble explaining it and we knew he wasn't smart enough to lie about it.

So [Grover] started smoking a cigar [while our client was on the witness stand.] The ash kept hanging on that thing. It got long as your finger. And that jury got interested in when that ash was gonna fall off that cigar while they were cross examining our client. [That jury] never heard a word [or] a question that was asked that fella or an answer he made. And [Grover Cleveland] kept holding that cigar out, you know. He'd lay it down and that jury was watching it. And I was watching everything and that [ash] never did fall off.

Then [the judge] called a little recess and our client got down off the witness stand. We [went] in the jury room and I said, "Grover what happened to your cigar?"

He pulled a big hairpin out of it! But he got the attention of that jury. They never did know what our client swore and or what things were asked him. We got him off for ten years.

[A]s soon as the jury came out and announced ten years, [the client] whispered in my ear and he said, "Woodrow, you're not gonna ask for no new trial are you?"

Said, "I don't think so."

And he said, "I don't want you to."

French Combs was the leading corporation lawyer in this country. He represented the C&O [Chesapeake and Ohio railroad.] Anybody that would file suit against the railroad wasn't a good citizen according to his books.

[O]ld Judge Wheeler was the judge when this happened.... And French was up arguing some kind of motion for the C&O and, as was usual and customary, wasn't getting anywhere with it before Judge Wheeler. And Judge was overruling him and French looked at him and he said, "Judge Wheeler, you remind me of a damned owl. The more light I shed on you the blinder you get!"

The judge said, "Mr. Combs, I'm gonna enter a fine against you for twenty-five dollars."

French Combs threw down a fifty dollar bill and said, "You didn't fine me half enough."

In those early days the lawyers badgered the judge throughout the trial. They just badgered the judge and they badgered each other and about every Friday we'd fight. Somebody'd fight in the courtroom. Some lawyer would fight because ... that's the way they thought they'd earn their money, their client would like it if they whipped the other lawyer, you know. If they couldn't do it in court, they could do it with their fists.

But anyway, lawyers have become more dignified and they

Joe Hobson. I could write a history about him. A good forty percent to of all the cases I tried, Joe Hobson was on the other side.

Joe Hobson knew more law than any lawyer at the bar, but he could never get it in the right perspective. He could cite cases and tell you what book and page they were in. They didn't necessarily fit his case, but he thought they did. ... He was a good lawyer but eccentric as all get out.

I liked Joe Hobson. He was a great lawyer and he worked hard. He was always referring to opinions that "Pappa" wrote. Pappa was his father and was on the Supreme Court. And I found one case one day that knocked him out of the water. And I went over to the courthouse with my case and I let Joe get through with his argument and I said, Now I've

got a case here Judge, one that 'Pappa' wrote!" and Joe took offense at it. I almost had to whip him there in the courtroom.

He wouldn't quit you, you know. I know one time we had a case that involved a settlement of an estate and the judge wanted to humor Joe, especially in his older days. [A]nd every Friday when we'd have motion court, Joe would be over there picking at the

judge's decision. And judge would ... take another hundred dollars or two away from my client and give it to Joe's client. And the next Friday he'd be back with another little peanut thing to get his [client] another two or three hundred dollars....

I got tired of it and I told judge one day, I said, "Now Judge, I want you to decide this case and I want you to decide it once and for all because I'd rather be gored by a bull as nibbled to death by a goose." So that ended that particular case.

[T]here was a dispute over a line. And the judge appointed a young engineer to go up and run the line, survey the line. And he did and this fella came down there and killed him, the engineer, and killed the man and his wife who owned the adjoining property. Not only did he shoot 'em once and kill 'em but he went back after that, followed it up and shot 'em all in the head to make sure ... that he had done his job right.

I prosecuted him, sent him to the penitentiary. They sat up in Pike County to get a jury—this was unusual—and the sheriff up there knew about the case. [A]nd [I] just told him to summon a hundred jurors, send 'em down to Floyd County to [be voir dired] so they could try it with a jury from another county. The first 15 people [were] put in the jury box and I started to ask them questions. "You from Pikeville?"

"Yes, sir."

"What's your address, name, age and what do you do?"

"I'm an engineer."

And the next fella, "I ... I work for an engineer."

And I told the judge, I said, "Judge, I like to have good juries but we can't do this. This jury's stacked."

So he discharged 'em all and told the sheriff to lay away from the engineers. [T]he sheriff thought engineers would make good jurors to try that case! But I wouldn't go along with it. But I got the death penalty anyway.

Well, I handled a lot of divorce cases. [In one case,] this man and this woman didn't have a lot to law about so they just wanted to law period. They lawed over a wheelbarrow full of coal in the backyard and who was going to pay the rest of the weeks' rent and whatever they were gonna law about, be mad and disturbed. And I represented the woman and a lawyer from Paintsville represented the man.

One morning I got to my office ... sort of early and in came my client's husband. He walked in and he looked at me and said, "Woodrow, we're in a lot of trouble. Me and you are in a lot of trouble."

I said, "What kind of trouble are we in?"

He said, "Let me tell you about them." He said, "Your client and my lawyer were up at the Eagles Club last night drunk as hell, they danced all night up there."

He said, "You know that

bothers me."

I said, "Why they probably never talked about the case. Don't worry about it."

Ruth Wells was a very famous lawyer and a good one, and her son is J.K. Wells who's one of the senior lawyers in Johnson County now. But Ruth Wells, I believe she had the sweetest smile of anybody I ever saw. And Mr. French Combs was the lawyer on the other side of [a] case involving the Prestonsburg Water Company.... [A]nd Ruth Wells was representing some other water company and ... she would smile at the jury. And Mr. French Combs said, "Judge, I want you to make her quit! Make her quit!"

Judge said, "What's she doing?"

Said, "Smiling at that jury!"

And he said, "I can't stop her from that!"

Said, "She ... she's tearing me all to hell, that's what she's doing!"

But she could do that and, of course, she won the case.

John Y. Brown, Sr. was a great lawyer. He was always on the same side I was. He was always for the working man. He was always interested in seeing that the downtrodden, the underprivileged, the poor or whatever, got their day in court. [Y]ou don't have to worry much about a fella that's got plenty of money. He'll get through and get by. [But it used to be that] it wasn't any use for a poor man to go to the courthouse. That's been changed a lot and fellas like John Y. Brown helped change it.

One of the unsolved mysteries I guess in [Floyd County] is the case of Merle Baldrige, a very popular high school cheerleader that was found under the Prestonsburg bridge, what, thirty years ago, [about 1953], murdered. Raped and murdered. And John Y. Brown came here to help us solve that case. I was county attorney. He brought a fella up here with truth serum. That was a new innovation at that time, and we gave truth serum to everybody and it didn't work. We didn't find out anything but we tried it on 'em all and we finally came up with a suspect. [W]e tried him up in Pike Circuit Court on a change of venue, tried our best but we didn't have enough evidence to convince the jury. It sort of solved the case in that we had accused somebody and tried 'em, but in my book it's still an unsolved mystery.

Well, sir, I practice law. I didn't practice bar association. And the only time that the Bar Association ever recognized me or did anything for me was something that I didn't do

myself except to live and practice law for fifty years. After I practiced law fifty years they give me a little old certificate [saying] that I had practiced in the State of Kentucky for fifty years. ... [N]obody has recognized me as being a great member of the bar. ... But

when I go down to the courthouse down there people know me.

Law practice has always been a lot of fun to me. I've done it for sixty years and I've had a good time everyday and I've seen something funny in every case that I've tried, and I've tried a lot of 'em.... And I haven't developed any ulcers and my blood pressure, they took it down the other day and what was it, 120 over 72, I guess it was. And I asked this girl, I said, "What's the trouble with me?"

She said, "Nothing, except it's too normal."

I always decided I was gonna do my best and then I wasn't gonna worry about it. Was gonna remember two things my daddy told me, "All a poor man's got is his integrity and his reputation."

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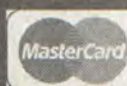
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Full time receptionist 10 am - 7 pm daily. Essential job functions and performance standards: Answers, screens, and directs call on multi-line phone system in a courteous and professional manner, takes messages and/or forwards telephone calls to appropriate employee voice mail. Meets and greets all visitors, determines their needs and directs them to the appropriate locations. Responds to visitors, clients, and employees in a courteous and professional manner. Experience/requirements: High school grad preferred, clear speaking voice, professional appearance and demeanor. Apply in person at John Gray Pontiac Buick GMC Inc. Paintsville, KY. 1-800-346-4066 or 606-297-4066 for directions only.

WANTED: Environmental Design Consultants, Inc.

has a position available for a Project Manager/Project Engineer to service the growing needs of its clients. The successful candidate should have experience in mine planning, regulatory permitting and compliance, construction QA/QC and have a strong working knowledge of SURV-CAD and other

WANTED: District Circulation Manager

Pikeville/Prestonsburg Area: The Lexington-Herald Leader needs an energetic and motivated District Circulation Manager for the Pikeville/Prestonsburg area. Must live in the circulation territory. Interested candidates need strong public relations, sales, and motivation skills. Job includes soliciting and contracting newspaper carriers; maintaining excellent delivery service and increasing circulation. Competitive compensation package including salary and bonus. Company vehicle included with the job. Qualified applicants may apply in the human resources division of the Herald-Leader plant from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm M-F. Send resume and cover letter to Employment, LHL, 100 Midland Ave, Lexington, KY 40508. Fax to 859-231-3584 or apply online at www.hljjobd.com. Complete job description available for review in our

applicable design software. A BS degree in Civil or Mining Engineering is preferred, but not required. Environmental Design Consultants offers a competitive salary and benefit package, including health, life, and vision insurance, paid holidays/vacation and retirement plan. Please send resume, salary history, and references to: Environmental Design Consultants, Inc. 43 Village Street Pikeville, KY 41501 or fax to: 606-437-0110

WANTED: OTR Driver needed.

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

WANTED: Community Connections is seeking caring applicants to fill opening positions for Direct Care Providers to assist individuals with mental retardation.

Part time and full time positions available. Applicants must have high school diploma or GED. Experience is preferred but not required and full time positions receive benefits. Apply in person at Community Connections, 4663 US 23 South, Ivel, KY 41642 (Old Unisign Building)

Positions available in various mine and preparation plant construction projects.

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WANTED: Otter Creek Correctional Center is now accepting applications for the following positions.

LPN-Qualifications: Graduate from an approved school of nursing with a certificate as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Must be licensed in the state of employment. A valid driver's license is required. Applicants please contact the facility at 606-452-9700, www.correctionscorp.com Otter Creek Correctional Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer. M/F/D/V

WANTED: Mountain Manor of Paintsville is taking applications for RN, LPN, and CMA.

Excellent wages and benefits. Apply in person at 1025 Euclid Ave, Paintsville, KY M-F between 8 am- 4:30 pm.

ESTATE SALE of furniture and antiques.

The Estate of Jesse and Molly Holland, Old Burnen Fork Rd. Salyersville, KY. Saturday September 3. 9:00 am

RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER

New & Used Furniture & Appliances @ unbelievable prices. Come in today for incredible savings. Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! Route. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

460- Yard Sale

YARD SALE INSIDE & OUT: Furniture, clothes, 33.5 records, household items, and lots more. At Floyd/Magoffin line beside T & B Grocery. 8:00 am - 5:00 pm August 25, 26, 27.

470-Health & Beauty

WOLFF TANNING BEDS
 Financing available, Free delivery & set up within 75 miles of

office. All final applicants must pass drug screen and a criminal background check. We recognize and appreciate benefits of diversity in the workplace. Those who share in this belief are encouraged to apply. EOE.

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of \$800 - \$1000 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to be bonded required. Call 1-800-274-7355. (EXT 3384 or 1629)

FINANCIAL

150-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 (800) 405-8157.

MERCHANDISE

445-Furniture

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY
 Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunk beds, and lots more! Call 606-874-9790.

490-Recreation

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

495-Want to Buy

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

REAL ESTATE

530-Homes

HOUSE FOR SALE: Allen, KY. Riley Hall Sub. 17 Cross Road. Main floor 2 BR. 1 BA. Upstairs 2 room 1/2 BA. Basement with full BA Roughed

570-Mobile Homes

INFO FOR PUBLIC SALE:
 Date & time of public sale: August 26, 2005 at 11:00
 Type of collateral: 2002 Oakwood MH 16

550-Land/Lots

FOR SALE: 2.5 acres with a small house located at 833 Sampson's Branch Rd, Dana, KY. Please contact 1-440-967-7022.

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London, KY. Bulbs, Parts, Lotions at Wholesale Prices. Call 888-554-0058

480-Misc.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE: Size 12, pearl and sequins intricate design on bodice and train. Must see to appreciate beauty. For more information, call 886-8506 ask for Tonya or after 5:00 call 886-0048 and leave message.

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

FOR SALE: Large quantity plus size clothing sale. Dresses, jeans, shorts, tops, etc. 2x-4x. Call 789-9172.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 05-CI-0004 MORTGAGE REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. GARY E. JOHNSON, ET AL. DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 8th day of July 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$70,819.57, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 1st day of September, 2005, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 50 Left Fork Moore Branch, Beaver, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Starting at the walnut tree located approximately fifty (50) ft. more or less, upstream from the drilled water well; thence three hundred (300) ft. up the left fork of Moore's Branch; thence one hundred (100) ft. back from the north side of the left fork of Moore's Branch; thence three hundred (300) ft. downstream at a line parallel to creek; thence one hundred (100) ft. back to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Gary E. Johnson, by deed dated February 13, 1996, of record in Deed Book 393, Page 671, in the Office of the Clerk of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410, or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd

Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Joseph F. Grimme
14 North Grand Avenue
Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075
William S. Kendrick
Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-1290 RESCOM HOLDINGS NO. 2, LLC PLAINTIFF VS. PIT STOP, INC. COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 8th day of July 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$66,867.99, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 1st day of September, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being on old Route 3 near the mouth of Long Branch at its intersection with Johns Creek and beginning at an iron stake at the culvert, which runs under Route 3; thence following the boundary of Route 3 a southerly direction a distance of 215 feet to an iron stake at the cliff, thence running up the point and fence line a distance of 200 feet to an iron stake; thence a straight line a northerly direction a distance of 260 feet to an iron stake at the back of present existing storage building, thence following the direction of the creek a westerly direction back to the iron stake at the culvert, the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Pit-Stop, Inc., from Charles Thomas Meade and Joyce Ann Meade, by deed bearing date April 22, 1995, and recorded in Deed Book 386,

Page 85, in the Office of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment.

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(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.
Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Lori R. Leach Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss
P.O. Box 5480
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480
William S. Kendrick
Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-978 U.S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER BY FIRSTAR BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO FIRSTAR BANK MILWAUKEE, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR SALOMON BROTHERS MORTGAGE SECURITIES VII, INC., FLOATING RATE MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE SERIES 1999-NC5 PLAINTIFF VS. ANTHONY SWIGER FRAN SWIGER UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DIVISION OF COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE CABINET COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Renewed Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 29th day of November, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$51,519.90, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 25th day of August, 2005, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located on Walnut Street, Tram, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lot Nos. 97, 99 and 17 1/2 feet of Lot No. 100, adjoining Lot No. 99 in the Riverside Addition to Tram, Floyd County, Kentucky, as shown by map of said addition filed in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description of said lots.

Being the same property conveyed to Anthony Swiger and Fran Swiger, by a deed dated August 26, 1999, of record in Deed Book 439, Page 209, in the Office of the Clerk of the Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment.
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligat-

ed to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.
Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Kristen J. Mudd Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss
P.O. Box 5480
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480
513/241-3100
William S. Kendrick
Master Commissioner
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Prestonsburg, KY 41653
(606) 886-2812

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that James D. Hall of Kite, Ky., has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to fill in some bottom land in Floyd County. This property is located on Route 7 near the Floyd & Knott County line near Wayland, Ky. This property is located beside the Right Beaver Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Ky. Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-211

THE BANK OF AMERICA AND/OR TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS SERIES 00-01 C/O COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. JEFFREY A. COLLINS AND SHERRY L. COLLINS AKA SHERRY COLLINS DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 4th day of April 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$82,219.67, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 25th day of August, 2005, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 165 Haus Drive, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on the west side of the creek at a sycamore tree, witnessed by a steel marker, thence with the middle of the creek and following the middle of the creek, taking in the

car bridge and driveway, thence running with the road to the Ermon Williams line, thence turning up the hill with the Ermon Williams line, and running with this line to the top of the hill, thence with Elzie Poe line down the ridge to the top of the point, witnessed by a steel marker, thence turning down the hill to an oak tree, thence down the hill to a steel marker and thence down to the sycamore tree, witnessed by a steel marker, thence with the middle of the creek to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Jeffery A. Collins and Sherry L. Collins, husband and wife, by deed dated September 3, 1994, and filed for record in Deed Book 401, Page 533, Floyd County Clerk's records.

TERMS OF SALE
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0311

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice

is hereby given that Noble Coal LLC, P.O. Box 489, Allen, KY 41601, has applied for a permit for surface and underground/auger coal mining operation, located 2.00 miles southeast of Blue River, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 68.45 surface acres and will underlie 28.50 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 96.95 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.50 mile southeast of KY Route 404's junction with KY Route 1210, and located 0.20 mile east of the Caney Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by James Allen and Glenn David May. The operation will underlie land owned by James Allen and Glenn David May. The operation will affect an area within 100' of public road Ky. Hwy. 2029 and Lick Fork Road. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public roads.

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

This is the final advertisement for this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5238 AMENDMENT NO. 3

1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Ky. 41839, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.9 mile northeast of Handshoe, in Knott and Floyd Counties. This amendment will not add any surface disturbance, but will underlie an additional 1992.0 acres, making a total area of 3595.7 acres within the amended permit boundary.

2) The proposed amendment is approximately 0.2 mile west from County Road 1280's junction with Ky. Hwy. 2029, and located along Lick Fork.

3) The proposed amendment is located on the Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the underground method of mining. The surface area is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., and Leslie Bradley. The amendment area will underlie land owned by Kentucky Department of Transportation, CONSOL of

Kentucky Inc., Mitchell Stephens, Leslie Bradley, Floyd Co. Fiscal Court, Johnny Hoover Heirs, First Commonwealth Bank, Lindburg Hale, Nadene Howard, Gary Handshoe, Pheba Handshoe Bryan, Clinton Handshoe, Eldree Handshoe, Ratliff Turner, Hershel and Margaret Handshoe, Bessie Conley, Lois Conley, Oakley Conley, Bradford Handshoe, Cletis Howard, Kirstina Strohschein and Beulah Leitch, Sharon Chaffins, Michael Crager, Wanda Hutchinson, Marvin and Janet Shepherd, Levisa Coburn Estate, Western Pocahontas Properties Ltd., Rex and Madge Hicks, Rosa Oney, Velton Prater, Charles and Becky Howard, Kenneth Bailey, Clyde Bailey, D.D. Compton and Betty Compton. The operation will affect an area within 100' of public road Ky. Hwy. 2029 and Lick Fork Road. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public roads.

4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement for this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Left Beaver Fire Protection District will be accepting sealed bids for a 2005 or 2006 Cab/Chassis. The vehicle shall have all standard equipment. GVWR 35,000 lbs. 168" wheelbase. The vehicle shall have a diesel engine w/engine brake and automatic transmission. For more information, contact Shannon Hall at 606-377-6643. Bids will be received until September 1, 2005. Bids will be opened on 9-1-05, at 6 p.m., at Station #2 in McDowell. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Please send bids to Left Beaver Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 426, McDowell, KY 41647, Att. Shannon Hall.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 05-CI-00272 U.S. BANK, NA PLAINTIFF VS. JULIAN FREDERICK FIELDS; JESSE E. WILLIAMSON; FLOYD COUNTY, KY. DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgement

and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 22nd day of July 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$116,504.00, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 8th day of September, 2005, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a metal stake in a southeastern direction to the meeting of the left fork of Ivy Creek and the right fork of Ivy Creek; thence with the meanders of the right fork of Ivy Creek in a northeastern direction approximately 500 feet to a point on the line separating the properties of Jeff Trimble (tract #2) and Joe Trimble (tract #3) where a road crosses through the waters of the right fork of Ivy Creek, thence with same said line, separating the properties of Jeff Trimble (tract #2) and Joe Trimble (tract #3), approximately 500 feet in a northwestern direction to a metal stake; thence approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

A tap for a free gas allotment not to exceed 250,000 cubic feet of gas per year to be taken on to one dwelling on said land at 1409 Ivy Creek Road, Ivel, Kentucky, said allotment entitlement to run with the land as long as it shall not be abused. Said free gas allotment shall be granted under the provisions of the James Hatcher lease as of a 6th allotment thereunder and shall be further subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the lease as recorded in Floyd County, KY, in Deed Book 76, Page 212.

Property located at 1448 Ivy Creek Road, Ivel, Floyd County, Kentucky. Beginning at a point at a culvert (tank car) on the left fork of Ivy Creek on the line established separating the properties of Jeff Trimble (tract #2) and Joe Trimble (tract #3); thence with the meanders of the left fork of Ivy Creek 120 feet to a metal stake; thence 120 feet back to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Julian Fields by deeds of record in Deed Book 487, Page 644, and Deed Book 487, Page 647, recorded in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 6th day of July 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$412,375.05, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central A v e n u e , Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 1st day of September, 2005, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT I: A certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of Broadway or Lake Drive (U.S.-Ky. 23) and Friend Street; **THENCE** running with the North line of Friend Street in an Eastern direction to the corner of Norman Allen's property (now Francis Harmon's property); **THENCE** with the line of the Norman Allen-Francis Harmon property running in a northern direction to an alley; **THENCE** running with the South line of said alley an eastern course to the intersection of said alley with a plot of land recently taken by the Kentucky Highway Department; **THENCE** running with the new line of the plot of the Highway Department to Broadway or Lake Drive (U.S.-Ky. 23); **THENCE** running with the east side of Broadway or Lake Drive (U.S.-Ky. 23) in a southern direction to the intersection of Broadway or Lake Drive (U.S.-Ky. 23) with Friend Street, **THE PLACE OF BEGINNING**, and being whatever remains of the property of Lessor of Lot Number 10, 11, 12, and 13 of Block No. 6, of the R.S. Friend & Company Addition to Prestonsburg, Kentucky, after parts thereof have, at various times, been conveyed to or taken by Broadway or Lake Drive (U.S.-Ky. 23) or Friend Street in the course of road or street, or sidewalk construction.

TRACT II: Being a certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being Lot Nos. 14 and 15, and the improvements thereon and fifteen (15) feet of Lot No. 16 of the Friend Addition to the Town of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, as shown by plat on file in File Box No. 2, Map No. 120, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, to which reference is made for a more complete description of the property herein conveyed, being a lot 65 feet from and 120 feet deep. And, being the same property conveyed to Edward Kuss and Rebecca Kuss by deed dated November 29, 2001, which is recorded in Deed Book 466, Page 465, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TRACT III: All of the following property located in Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and which property is more particularly described as follows: Those certain lots located in the City of Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and specifically in the Arnold and Spradlin Addition to same, and being Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, a plat of which is on file in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, Map No. 84, and upon a part of which is located what is known and referred to as the Sandy Valley Motel; and being the same property conveyed to Edward Kuss and Rebecca Kuss by deed dated December 9, 1986, which is recorded in Deed Book 309, Page 278, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TRACT IV: All of the two story brick building (69'10 1/2" wide and 73' 10" deep) located on the North side of Court Street and described in Deed Book 311, Page 624, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office. **TRACT III** shall be sold subject to an existing lease between Edward Kuss and Rebecca Kuss and Sun Ventures, Inc., dated September 20, 2002, and of record at Deed Book 511, Page 29, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk. If however, Sun Ventures, Inc., becomes the purchaser of Tract III, said lease shall merge into the title and become ineffective. Each of the following tracts is indivisible and cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and the value of Plaintiff's lien thereon. Each tract shall be sold as a whole:

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Each of the above described parcels shall be sold individually (Tract III shall be sold last—the "Taco Bell" Property) and then sell all tracts as a whole, accepting the bid which brings the highest total bid. The property herein above described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy the debt owed the Third Party and Cross Plaintiff, interest, costs, and outstanding Floyd County, Kentucky Ad Valorem taxes owed by the primary defendants, Plaintiff's attorney fees and the costs of this action. The liens herein adjudged shall attach to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows:

THE PLAINTIFF is adjudged to have a first and superior lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of and Floyd County, Kentucky and sale fees and costs) upon the herein above described real property. Any remaining proceeds shall be distributed in accordance with the Order of Sale.

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This Week: Business Basics

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Summer Cents



An old-fashioned lemonade stand makes cents in busy, modern times! Few people take the time to squeeze fresh lemonade. Follow our "recipe" for success and start a lemonade stand of your own!

STEP 1: The Business Plan

You will need to invest a little cash to get started. Visit or call a local store to find out what the things you need cost. Add up your costs to determine your price and profit. Here is what the math looks like:

EXPENSES:

12 lemons cost	\$1.20
1 3/4 cups of sugar cost20
20 paper cups cost60
Total cost for 20 cups of lemonade:	\$2.00

INCOME:

20 cups of lemonade at 50¢ each ...	\$10.00
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PROFIT:

(The money you make after covering your expenses)	\$8.00
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On a hot day, in the right spot, you might sell 100 cups of lemonade! How much money would you earn?



STEP 2: Make a Big Sign

Make a big, bold sign to attract people to your stand. If it is OK with your neighbors, put up several colorful signs to direct people to your stand.



STEP 3: Punch Up Profits

Offer your lemonade in cups made out of oranges. To make one, cut the top off of an orange and scoop out the insides with a spoon. Pour in the lemonade and serve with a straw. Give your lemonade-in-an-orange a snazzy name, like **CITRUS TREAT**, and charge more!

Remember! Add the cost of an orange and a straw to your expenses to determine the price of your "Citrus Treat."

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Students solve problems by adding, subtracting and multiplying amounts of money.



Kevin and Melanie have everything they need for their lemonade stand – except customers. Draw some customers purchasing lemonade to complete this picture.

Lemonade Recipe

Here is a recipe for making 20 cups of fresh lemonade.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 3/4 cups white sugar
- 8 cups water
- 1 1/2 cups fresh-squeezed lemon juice

ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED!

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a small saucepan, combine sugar and 1 cup water. Bring to a boil and stir to dissolve sugar. Allow to cool to room temperature, then cover and refrigerate until chilled.
2. Remove seeds from lemon juice, but leave pulp. In a pitcher, stir together chilled syrup, lemon juice and remaining 7 cups of water.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

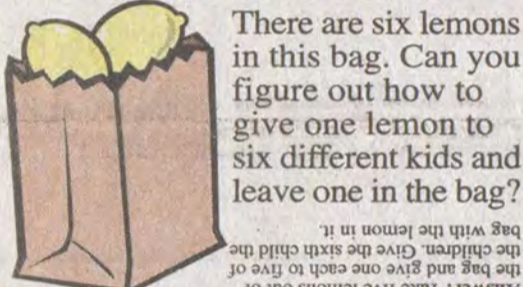
Summer Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper for:

- a number divisible by 3
- a price greater than \$100
- a number between 200 and 500

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Students understand the relationship between numbers up to 1,000.

Pucker up and think!



There are six lemons in this bag. Can you figure out how to give one lemon to six different kids and leave one in the bag?

How many lemon slices can you find on this page in one minute?



Edible Jewels

They're fun to make and to eat! Thread some of your favorite treats onto a string of licorice. *Hint: Use a toothpick to make a hole if necessary.*

Jewels to string:

- Lifesavers
- Cereal
- Mini marshmallows
- Raisins
- Fruit snacks
- Gum drops
- Jelly beans



Jenny is making an edible necklace with a pattern. Can you finish her necklace?

Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Identify and extend simple patterns.



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Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- LEMONADE
- SAUCEPAN
- CITRUS
- SPOON
- NECKLACE
- RECIPE
- SUGAR
- CENTS
- SCOOP
- SYRUP
- PUCKER
- TREATS
- CUPS
- MATH

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

In Business

If I could open my own business, I would own a unicycle shop because I love unicycles! I learned how to ride one over the summer at my friend's house! They are so fun! To get money to start my business, I would teach unicycle lessons until I had enough.

Chris,
5th grade

My business would be a pet store and I would call it Petra's Pets. My favorite animal is a guinea pig. I would sell guinea pigs and hamsters as my specialty. I could save all my birthday money to get some pets from the animal shelter to start. My dad could help me build a sign and a sidewalk stand.

Petra,
4th grade

I would want to have a nursery. I love flowers, plants, and trees! If I had my own nursery, I could be around them all day long! It would be nice. And I could stay in the shade all day too!

Cynthia,
4th grade

I want to sell puppies. I love dogs and I would like to make all my friends happy by selling them puppies. I would draw a puppy and put an ad in the paper. They would cost \$20 each. They would need to get their shots first.

Dana,
2nd grade

If I could I would open a go-kart track. I would ask my dad if he would help me start by helping me design the track and giving me the money to get it built. I would call it Carl's Karts! There would be hairpin bends and special pits. All the drivers would wear helmets and I would be the starter with the checkered flag.

Carl,
5th grade

I would like to have a fishing business down on the lake where I live. I could rent poles, nets and boats and waders if people would pay me. I could show them the best spots and tell them what kinds of fish are in the lake. I could sell bait. I would get a loan from the bank to start.

David,
6th grade

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In Business

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Good Cents Advertising

In order to attract customers, a business needs to advertise. Look through the newspaper at ads that you like. Then create an ad for a business you would like to own.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions.

If you had seven oranges in one hand and five lemons in the other hand, what would you have?

ANSWER: Big hands!

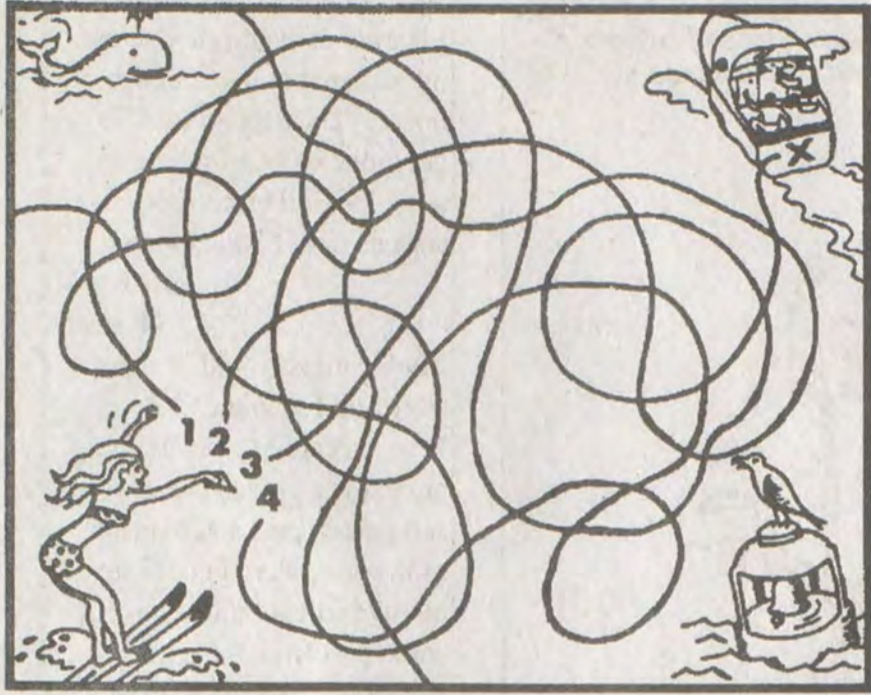
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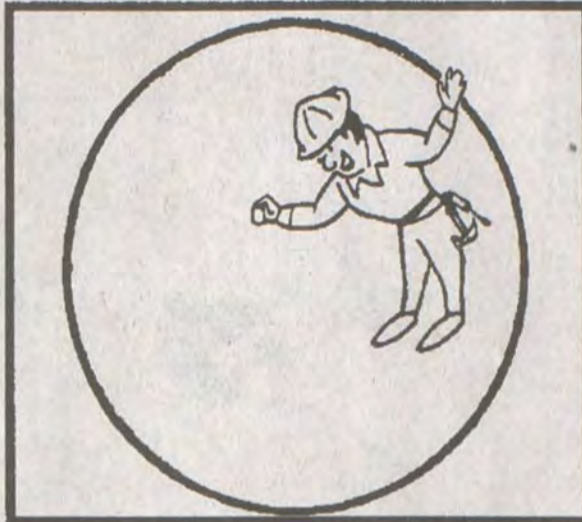
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TOW HOLD! Grab that rope...preferably the one that leads to the towboat. Pick 1, 2, 3 or 4, and see if you guessed right.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



MIDDLE KADIDDLE WITS TESTER

BEHOLD! Before your eyes, left, is a circle. You are asked to find its center.

You have a pencil and a ruler with which to work, and, other than this page itself, nothing more.

Now then, how can you go about finding the circle's center with reasonable accuracy?

How about this: Tear off a corner of the page. Place corner over circle with the point (90-degree angle) touching circle's rim. Mark points of intersection of paper segment sides (sides of angle) on rim. Draw a line between these points for circle's diameter.

Measure halfway along this line for center.

HEADS UP! "It's over my head," said the cyclist, studying these scrambled letters: THEMEL. And there's something to remember about what he says. Can you puzzle it out?

Rearranged, the letters spell HELMET.

X-POSE! No, folks, this is not another variation of tick-tack-toe. It is a three-X word square. That is to say, three of four words reading the same both across and down, and defined below, have X's in place as clues to their identities. Definitions are as follows:

1. Company agents.
2. This way out.
3. Puckish one.
4. Hades' river.

Remember, X's are clues and remain in place. Time limit for this exercise: 1 minute.

	1	2	3	4
1				
2		X		
3			X	
4				X

1. Repts. 2. Exit. 3. Pixy. 4. Styx.

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Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

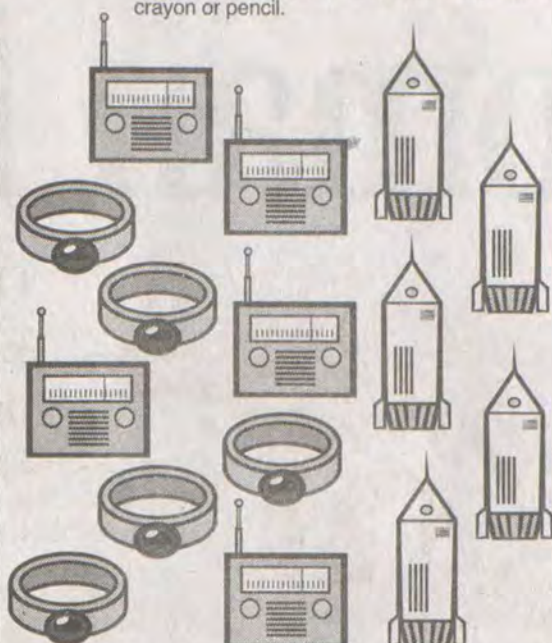
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Same Size

In each row, color the things that are the same size.



My Rhyme Time

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Radio
Radio who?
Radio not, here I come!

My Letters

R is for Radio
r is for radio



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter R. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the R sound like the word radio?

My Numbers

How many radios?

How many rings?

How many rockets?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



The radio plays



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter R in the word radio.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 5 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Big R, Little r
With your child, find every uppercase letter R on one newspaper page. Draw a small circle around each one. Then try to find a lowercase letter r for each uppercase letter R. Draw a line to connect each uppercase letter R to each lowercase letter r.

Wednesday

Is it round?
Look through the newspaper for things that are different shapes. Show your child something that is round. Point to other shapes in the newspaper and ask, "Is this shape round?"

Thursday

What can you hear?
Look through the newspaper for things that make sounds. Try to imitate the sounds. Ask your child with which part of the body you hear.

Friday

Find the Ears
Play Find the Ears with your child. Look through the newspaper and touch each ear that you see. Count the ears. How many can you find?

Saturday

Sound Play
Have your child sit in a chair with his/her eyes closed. With a page of the newspaper in hand, walk around your child quietly. Stop and make a sound with the newspaper and see if your child can point to where you stopped.

Learning Buddies!

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



Rational Numbers answers



- ACROSS**
- Two times 4-Down
 - One-ninth of 13-Down
 - Sixty less than 2-Down
 - Four hundred more than 7-Across
 - Consecutive digits rearranged
 - Three hundred less than 1-Across
 - Seven less than 8-Down
 - 4-Across plus 15-Across
 - Four times 3-Down
 - Two times 1-Down

- DOWN**
- 11-Down minus 6-Down
 - Eight more than 14-Across
 - Two more than 3-Across
 - Digits of 16-Across reversed
 - Same digit repeated
 - Two times 9-Down
 - Thirty more than 10-Across
 - 3-Across times 15-Across
 - Six more than 4-Across
 - 2-Down plus 3-Down

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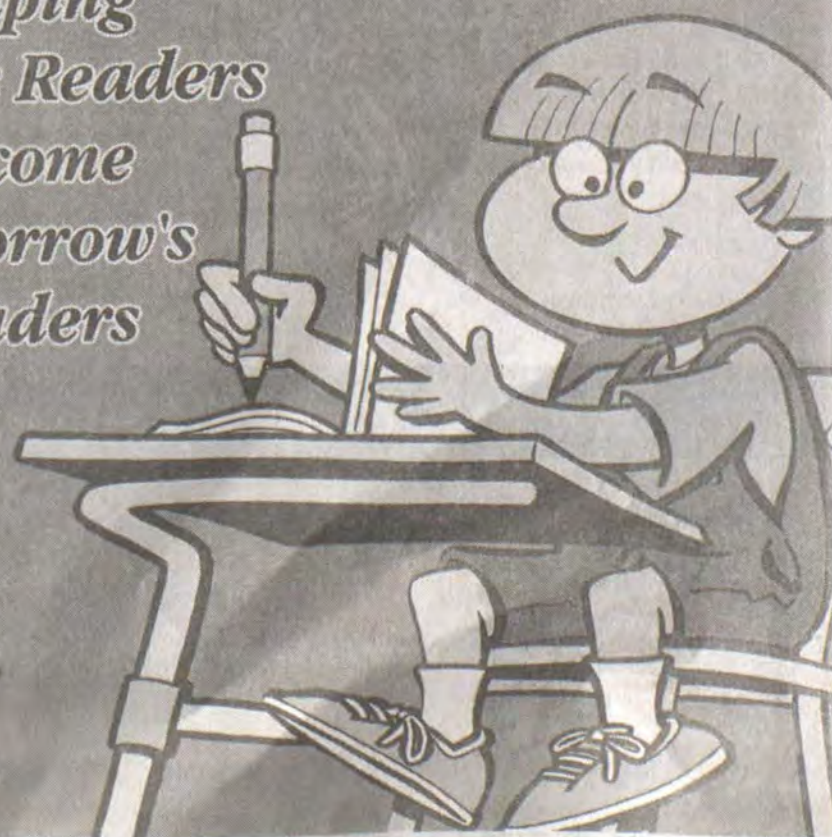
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Most of the illustrated portraits on this page are based on ancient Roman statues.



The Colosseum was built during the reign of Vespasian and dedicated to his son, Titus.

Emperor Commodus (A.D. 180–192) participated in more than 300 gladiatorial games.

Roman Emperors

Who's in charge?

According to legend, Rome was founded by **Romulus** in 753 B.C. After killing his twin brother, **Remus**, Romulus became the first king of Rome. **Tarquin the Proud** was the seventh and last king. Tarquin was a violent and cruel tyrant, and in 509 B.C. the citizens of Rome overthrew him. The Romans established a form of government called a **republic** and vowed never to have another king. The Roman word republic meant "a matter for the people."

The Roman republic allowed citizens to vote in their own rulers and officials. The republic government consisted of two elected **consuls** (who usually held power for one or two years) and the **senate**. The senate was a lawmaking body that advised the consuls on matters of state. All free citizens of the republic could vote. Over time, ambitious individuals within the government sought more power, and eventually the republic was replaced by the rule of an all-powerful **emperor**.

There were three basic class distinctions. **Patricians** were the old families who owned land, **plebians** were workingmen and the **equites** represented the rich business class. Women, slaves and children could not vote.

By 50 B.C., Rome controlled most of the Mediterranean. Civil wars and unrest paved the way for a general called Julius Caesar. Caesar was elected consul in 59 B.C. and in 49 B.C. he declared himself dictator of Rome. On March 15 in 44 B.C., Julius Caesar was assassinated for his kingly ambitions. The civil wars that followed Caesar's death marked the end of the republic.



Romulus and Remus were twin brothers, raised by a she-wolf.

Julius Caesar was murdered by Gaius Cassius and Marcus Brutus because he was suspected of wanting to be a king.



The above **apotheosis** shows an emperor who ruled so well that he becomes a god and is carried up to heaven.

Gaius Octavius was born in 63 B.C. He was the great-nephew and heir of the famous Julius Caesar.

When Caesar was killed, Octavius inherited no official powers. In 27 B.C. Octavius marched on Rome and forced the senate to name him consul. He took the title **Augustus**, which means "exalted" or "revered."



After 100 years of civil war, Augustus brought peace and prosperity to Rome. He ruled for more than 40 years, from 27 B.C. until A.D. 14.

Augustus is credited as the first and the greatest of the Roman emperors because of his many accomplishments, both military and political. His surname Caesar and the title Augustus would be taken by every Roman emperor after him.

Early Emperors

Tiberius Julius Caesar Augustus (Tiberius)
Rule: A.D. 14–37
Tiberius was the adopted son of Augustus.



Tiberius inherited the titles of the emperor, but he never seemed to embrace the role. His reign lasted for 22 years and was marked by trouble and terror. Tiberius spent most of his reign in self-imposed exile on the island of Capri. He left the administration of the government to a man called Sejanus, who used his power for personal agendas and vendettas. Tiberius died at the age of 78.

Gaius Julius Caesar Germanicus (Caligula)
Rule: A.D. 37–41



When he was a small boy, Gaius was nicknamed Caligula, which means "little soldier's boots." The name stuck. It is generally believed that Caligula was insane. He believed he was a living god, he married his sister and murdered with little or no restraint. He was very unpopular with the Romans and is remembered for his extravagance and cruelty. His reign lasted for just four years. Caligula was murdered by his own guard, the Praetorians.

Tiberius Claudius Nero Caesar Drusus (Claudius)
Rule: A.D. 41–54



Claudius was the fourth Roman emperor of the Julio-Claudian dynasty. Claudius was an unlikely candidate for emperor; he stammered, walked with a limp and had little political experience. Despite his physical challenges, Claudius was an exceptionally able emperor who ruled for 13 years. He is most famous for adding Britain to the Roman empire. It is believed that Claudius was murdered by his wife Agrippina, who served him poisoned mushrooms.

Nero Claudius Drusus Germanicus (Nero)
Rule: A.D. 54–68



Nero was born in 37 and became emperor at the age of 16. He was the adopted son of Claudius, and his mother was the ambitious Agrippina. Nero's reign is marked by madness, murder and mayhem. He had his mother murdered, poisoned his brother and enraged the senate with executions, ordered suicides and banishments. Nero committed suicide. His last words were, "Qualis artifex pereo." ("What an artist the world loses in me.")

Titus Flavius Vespasianus (Vespasian)
Rule: A.D. 69–79



After Nero's death, three men briefly held the title of emperor. Eventually the crown went to a 60 year old warrior. Emperor Titus Flavius Vespasianus Caesar established a short dynasty, known as the Flavian dynasty. He was a military veteran who established relative peace. He was a tireless administrator with a gift for picking the right man for the right job. Vespasian's sons and successors were Titus and Domitian. But his dynastic plans were unpopular with the Roman senate.

Notable Emperors

Marcus Ulpius Nerva Traianus (Trajan)
Rule: A.D. 98–117



Trajan was the second emperor in a period that is called "five good emperors." He was the first non-Italian to rule as emperor. To this day, Trajan is remembered as one of the great emperors. He enjoyed many military conquests, and under his leadership the Roman empire expanded. The Column of Trajan in Rome is a monument to his achievements and just one of his many public works.

Publius Aelius Traianus Hadrianus (Hadrian)
Rule: A.D. 117–138



Hadrian was born in Spain and was a distant relative of Trajan. It was rumored that Trajan's wife was fond of Hadrian and was largely responsible for his becoming emperor. His reign was a time of peace with few opportunities to show off his military skills. Hadrian was a great patron of the arts. He also was a gifted speaker and a student of philosophy. Much of his time was spent touring the frontier provinces.

Gaius Aurelius Valerius Diocletianus (Diocletian)
Rule: A.D. 284–305



Diocletian began his career as a simple soldier. He made his good friend Maximus co-regent and put him in charge of the western part of the empire. Diocletian is credited with reforming the empire's administration, which assured the empire's survival for the next thousand years. At the age of 59, Diocletian abdicated the throne (a rare event for emperors) and retired to his palace.

Gaius Flavius Valerius Aurelius Constantinus (Constantine)
Rule: A.D. 306–337



Constantine is best known for being the first Christian emperor. During his reign he supported and encouraged Christianity throughout the land. He is also famous for moving the empire's capital from Rome to Constantinople (modern Istanbul, Turkey). He was said to be a talented general with boundless energy and determination. Constantine passed many severe laws and created many harsh taxation reforms.

Flavius Romulus Augustus (Romulus Augustus)
Rule: A.D. 475–476

Romulus Augustus is considered by many historians to be the last of the Western Roman emperors. Because of his youth, he was sometimes called Romulus Augustulus, which meant "little Augustus." He ruled for just 10 months before he was forced to abdicate. The German chieftain Odoacer spared his life and granted him a generous annual pension.



Roman coins were stamped with the heads of emperors.

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