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briefs

Daugherty charged in assault, burglary

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

TEABERRY — A Teaberry man was arrested Thursday for allegedly breaking into a man's home so he could assault him.

Bradley Daugherty was arraigned on Friday morning for the incident, which is reported to have happened Wednesday evening.

The criminal complaint accuses Daugherty of breaking into the victim's home and then choking, kicking and hitting him, which led to a chest injury for the alleged victim.

Daugherty faces one charge of assault and one count of burglary for the incident.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for March 13 and Daugherty was ordered to stay at least 1,000 feet away from his accuser. A cash bond of \$25,000 was set in the case.

LEARNING FUN



Read Across America

Students at Betsy Layne Elementary and other area schools took part in the Read Across America program on Thursday. The day, which promotes reading as a fun activity, is sponsored by the National Education Association and is observed each year on the birthday of the late children's author Theodor Geisel, who is better known as "Dr. Seuss."



State crews continue to battle wildfires

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The high level of arson-related forest fires across Eastern Kentucky in the past week has spurred the Division of Forestry to request targeted high visibility law enforcement.

Targeted patrols will take place in Eastern Kentucky, led by Kentucky State Police and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, state officials said Friday.

"I encourage the public to be vigilant in helping us combat wildland arson," said Leah MacSwords, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry. "With their help, we can help protect one of Kentucky's most valuable natural resources — our forests."

Fires continued to burn slow lines across hillsides in the region as of Friday, despite the efforts of nearly 80 crew members from the Division of Forestry and countless more from local fire departments.

According to the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, dry, windy conditions, com-

bined with numerous fires attributed to arsonists, have worked to destroy at least two homes and vehicles in nearby Leslie County.

In Floyd County, workers have been able to protect homes, but some areas, particularly around Price and McDowell, have seen scorched trees dropped into the road, while 15 acres had been affected in the past four days in Estill, Big Branch and Turner Branch.

The weather conditions have contributed a great deal to the spread of set fires, according to foresters, who have been working several days straight to keep the flames under control.

"We are at least an inch behind on rainfall this spring," said forester Chuck Wilburn. "When the sun comes out and the winds pick up, low moisture can really make wildland fire conditions erratic and potentially dangerous. I am proud of the hard work our fire crews have been putting in on these fires."

Officials with the Eastern District office of the Division of Forestry at

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Two expected to enter pleas in Dwale beating, robbery

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two of three people accused of breaking into a Dwale man's home last September and beating him unconscious before robbing him indicated that they were willing to accept plea offers Friday.

Melissa Ferrell, 34, and Stevie Ed Caudill, 21, agreed to plea offers from special prosecutor David Blankenship, of the Johnson County Commonwealth's Attorney's office, on Friday. The pleas will be entered at a later date.

The third man accused in the case, Shawn Sexton, indicated that he wasn't interested in the deal offered to him, in which he would serve 10 years for the crime. Caudill and Ferrell, who have maintained that Sexton was the mastermind behind the incident, would have to serve five years for their part

in the crime.

The incident allegedly occurred on Sept. 22. Trooper Justin Cornett testified at a preliminary hearing that his investigation determined that Caudill and Ferrell had spent some time with the victim that day and that he gave them food for their dog. That night the victim, a 66-year-old Dwale resident, was working at his computer when the trio allegedly broke into his home and assaulted him. The victim informed Cornett that the two men beat and choked him while Ferrell stood behind them and issued orders that they get his wallet.

Cornett also noted during his testimony that the victim couldn't put up much of a struggle due to his age and disability. Cornett went on to note that Caudill submitted to an interview and told the officer that the couple

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

They're here! Local Girl Scout troop leaders and parent volunteers helped unload a truck laden with the delectable delights we look forward to seeing arrive each year as scouts throughout the county prepare for their annual cookie sale. To purchase a couple of boxes of traditional favorites, or this year's new cinnamon-oatmeal "Cartwheels" or chocolate-covered shortbread "Thanks-a-Lots," call Phyllis Allison at (606) 886-8271.

Encyclopedia of Appalachia tackles 'hillbilly' stereotype

by DUNCAN MANSFIELD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Encyclopedia of Appalachia co-editor Rudy Abramson wanted a reference book that went beyond the stereotypical images of hillbillies and poverty.

"The place has this reputation of being just a different nation of poor people and strip mines and that sort of thing," said Abramson, an Alabama native and retired Washington correspondent for the Los Angeles Times.

He wanted to help create a more real-

istic picture of Appalachia's history and natural diversity. It was a project that took a decade to complete.

The finished work — the first general reference work on Appalachia — has just gone on sale through the University of Tennessee Press for \$79.95 a copy. It's a single 1,832-page volume weighing nearly eight pounds. More than 1,000 historians, folklorists, sociologists, geologists and journalists contributed.

"What we tried to do across the entire encyclopedia was to make sure the information was authoritative, that the writing was clear and engaging and accessible,

and we had balance," said Abramson's editing partner Jean Haskell, retired director of Appalachian studies at East Tennessee State University.

The authors note that debate continues over exactly where Appalachia is and even how the name is pronounced.

They accept the federal definition of Appalachia as comprising all of West Virginia and parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York, roughly following the spine of the ancient Appalachian

Mountains.

But the encyclopedia also considers the impact of Appalachian migrants to other areas, including cities in the Midwest, and recent trends such as "urban Appalachia" in growing metropolitan areas and "rural sprawl" in expanding tourism enclaves of the Great Smoky Mountains.

As for pronunciation, it's "Ap-pa-LATCH-a" in the southern mountains, but more commonly "Ap-pa-LAY-cha" in the rest of the country, particularly north of

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House budget differs from governor's proposed spending bill

by **JOE BIESK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — House lawmakers outlined a state budget plan Friday that included money for a proposed arena in downtown Louisville, but not at the riverfront location endorsed by Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

Instead, House lawmakers suggested a spending blueprint that included \$75 million as the state's share of an inland arena in the state's flagship city. It was just one project out of a gargantuan two-year budget proposal the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee approved on Friday.

"We certainly would hope it would be received well and that what we've done — in education at all levels, and human services — would be appreciated," chairman Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, said. "We hope that that's the case. We think it's a budget that moves Kentucky forward."

The House committee spent most of Friday trudging through the proposal. The full body could vote on it as early as Tuesday, Moberly said.

Among other things, the plan would provide more money for teachers' salaries and building projects at Kentucky's colleges and universities than Fletcher suggested in January. It would provide more than \$500 million

for various campus projects throughout the state.

The plan calls for \$1.25 billion in bonding projects, compared to the approximately \$657 million proposed by Fletcher.

While the current budget plan expires June 30, the proposal under consideration would cover fiscal years 2007 and 2008. If the House passes the plan on Tuesday, it would head to the Senate for further consideration.

Under the House version, teachers would get a 2 percent raise in the first year, followed by a 3 percent boost in the second. House lawmakers also proposed giving teachers \$72 million extra to bring their salaries in line with surrounding states, Moberly said.

The House budget would also provide an additional \$4.5 million over the next two years to the attorney general's office. That appropriation is in stark contrast to the Fletcher administration's proposal that would have cut \$2.1 million from the attorney general's \$25.9 million budget.

Deputy Attorney General Pierce Whites praised the House plan to increase funding for the office.

Whites said the proposed cuts "certainly gave the perception" that Fletcher was attempting to punish the attorney general's office for an ongoing inves-

tigation into alleged hiring improprieties by the Fletcher administration.

"But it doesn't make any sense to engage in petty revenge against the attorney general for the merit hiring investigation, because this office provides essential services in fighting crime," Whites said.

Fletcher spokesman Brett Hall said Friday that the administration's proposed financial cuts to the attorney general's office had nothing to do with the hiring investigation.

"The governor said if it did, he would have taken more out

of it," Hall said.

The arena appropriation is a relatively tiny part of a the governor's proposed \$18 billion budget initiative, though it has garnered much attention.

Two possible sites, located blocks away from each other, are the subject of debate. One — endorsed by Fletcher — would build the facility along the Ohio River. The other is further inland and closer to an entertainment district called 4th Street Live.

If lawmakers don't agree on a location, it could be the start of the project's demise, Rep. Bob

DeWeese, R-Louisville, warned his House colleagues.

"This could potentially result in something we don't want to see happening," DeWeese said. "And that's the unraveling of this project."

Fletcher on Friday made his first public appearance since being released from the hospital for gallbladder surgery. Fletcher attended a Capitol Rotunda rally in support of the riverfront arena along with Mayor Jerry Abramson and University of Louisville President James R. Ramsey.

The governor called the

inland site proposed by House leaders as "a nonstarter."

Richards said House leaders picked the inland site because it would be cheaper to build the arena and closer to Louisville's convention center and a Marriott hotel.

"It's the overwhelming choice of the Jefferson County delegation," Richards said.

The University of Louisville men's and women's basketball teams would be the arena's primary tenants, though supporters hope it would attract a wide range of events.

Obituaries

Paul T. Marsillett

Paul T. Marsillett, 65, of Salyersville, died Friday, March 3, 2006, at his residence.

Born December 16, 1940, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Mack and Aggie Nelson Marsillett. He was a retired coal miner for 30 years; founder of Ivyton Scrap Metal Inc.; and a 40-year member of the New Hope Association Chestnut Grove United Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Emily Rowe Marsillett.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Paul E. and Tanya Marsillett of Prestonsburg; a granddaughter, Hannah Grace Marsillett; and a sister, Lillie Faye Slone of Auxier.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Sherry Kay Marsillett; three brothers: Jot M. Marsillett, Thomas Edward Marsillett, and Gene Marsillett; a sister, Alpha DeRossett, and two infant sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, March 5, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ruben Lycans officiating.

Burial will be in the Marsillett Cemetery at Middle Creek, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Home. Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Duard Avery Meade

Duard Avery Meade, 44, of Harold, died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born December 5, 1961, in Martin, he was the son of Duard Meade of Harold, and the late Sonjia Sue Salisbury Meade. He was a disabled electrician, and a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa Riley Meade.

Other survivors include three sons: William Ronald Howell of Hawaii, Jason Lloyd Howell of Jackson, Ohio, and Kevin Thomas Howell of Harold; three brothers: Eliot Randall Meade of Lake City, Florida, Sidney Lee Meade of Harold, and Lonie Joe Meade of Tram; a sister, Melody Sue Meade of Harold; and two grandchildren: Haley Madison Howell and Trinity Chase Mulkey.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sonjia Sue Salisbury Meade.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, March 5, at noon, at the Lower Toler Church of Christ in Harold, with Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Meade Cemetery, at Main Toler, in Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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Jennie Lee Isaac Ward

Jennie Lee Isaac Ward, 68, of Flint, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, February 27, 2006, at the Genesys Regional Medical Center, in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Born September 30, 1937, in Bevensville, she was the daughter of the late Oscar and Opal Hall Isaac. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby J. Ward.

Other survivors include two sons: Rick Ward (Dona) and Michael Lee Ward (Missy), both of Flint, Michigan; three brothers: Gary Isaac (Jennifer) of Belcher, Basil Isaac (Shirley) of Utah, and Terry Isaac (Lorraine) of Bevensville; seven sisters: Margie Johnson of Wayne, Michigan, Betty Holbrook (Oceanas) of Grand Blanc, Michigan, Karen White (Bill) of Southgate, Michigan, Patricia Burke (Lucifer), and Nina Howell (Turlin) both of Bevensville, Sharon Hoffman (Mike) of Flint, Michigan, and Pamela Isaac of Winchester; five grandchildren: Scott (Trayce), Beverlie, Kari, Michael E., and Megan; a great-grandchild, Caitlyn Marie; step-great-grandchildren, Taylor, Kaleigh, and Anthony; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 4, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louie Ferrari officiating.

Burial was in the W.R. Hall Cemetery, in Bevensville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home, and at the church. (Paid obituary)

AP names Pikeville correspondent

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Samira Jafari, a newswoman for The Associated Press in Montgomery, Ala., has been named correspondent in Pikeville.

The appointment was announced Thursday by Adam Yeomans, chief of bureau for

Kentucky and Tennessee.

Jafari, 25, joined the AP in the Atlanta bureau in January 2003 and has been in Alabama since October 2003.

In Alabama, she specialized in reporting on criminal justice and prison issues.

She is a native of Tehran, Iran, and a graduate of the University of Georgia. Before joining the AP, she was an intern at the Austin American-Statesman in Texas.

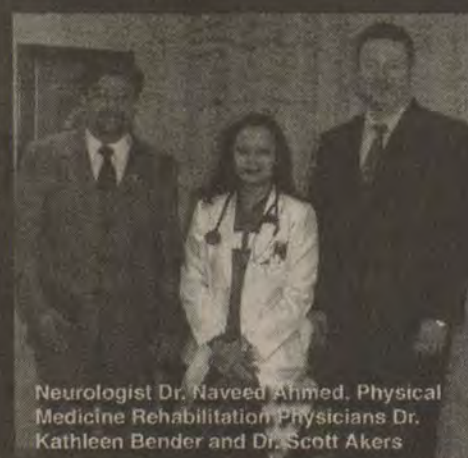
Jafari succeeds Roger Alford, who has been promoted to state-house correspondent in Frankfort.



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Stumbo wants Fletcher appointees removed from appeal

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Greg Stumbo has asked the Kentucky Supreme Court to disqualify two political donors that Gov. Ernie Fletcher appointed as justices to hear his appeal in a state hiring case.

The attorney general's office filed a motion on Friday asking that the Jeffrey T. Burdette of Mount Vernon and Ronald L. Green of Lexington not be allowed to hear a case that seeks

to stop a special grand jury from issuing more indictments against members of the Fletcher administration.

That grand jury has indicted 13 current and former administration officials and associates for alleged violations of state hiring laws.

Fletcher also is seeking to prevent the grand jury from issuing a final report on whether his administration illegally

based rank-and-file personnel decisions on politics instead of candidates' qualifications.

Fletcher appointed Burdette, a circuit judge, and Green, an attorney, to fill in as special justices in the case. Chief Justice Joseph Lambert and Justice John Roach, Fletcher's former general counsel, removed themselves from the case. Lambert did not give a reason.

Kentucky's Constitution obligates the governor to make such appointments when there are two or more vacancies for any case before the court.

However, Fletcher's two appointees have each given financial contributions to Fletcher campaigns.

Burdette gave Fletcher's gubernatorial campaign \$1,500 in 2003 and Fletcher appointed him as a circuit court judge for Pulaski, Lincoln and Rockcastle counties in 2004. Green gave \$2,800 in contributions to Fletcher's congressional campaigns between 1996 and 1999. Green's law firm, Boehl, Stopher & Graves currently has

two state contracts for legal services, each for \$50,000, according to the Legislative Research Commission staff records.

"The canons of judicial ethics are very clear that anytime a judge has anything that might give the appearance of a biased opinion in a case the justice should recuse from that case," said Attorney General Greg Stumbo. "That's been a judicial standard since the court system began. It's pretty clear that there is a reason to question the ability to render fair and impartial opinion by these two individuals."

Fletcher spokesman Brett Hall said he sees no reason for the two justices not to hear the case.

"First of all, these gentlemen are men of excellent integrity and character, and have shown themselves to be nothing but highly qualified," Hall said. "If we're talking about political

contributions, Greg Stumbo has contributed to numerous Democratic candidates, including Ben Chandler."

Chandler, a U.S. representative from Lexington, was the Democratic nominee who Fletcher defeated to become governor.

Vet loan bill moves forward

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — State Rep. Chuck Meade's bill that would help establish a loan program for veterans cleared the Senate Veterans Committee this week.

Meade said House Bill 314 would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish the loan program. Startup money would come from the Veterans Trust Fund from the state income tax checkoff and the sale of veterans vehicle license plates.

"The loan program would be modeled on Wisconsin's successful loan program, which has a \$100 million, self-sustaining trust fund that includes private donations," Meade said. "The

program would not receive general fund appropriations."

The bill would create a loan program that would provide loans up to \$10,000 to veterans or their spouses to buy a home or business, pay medical for funeral expenses, pay for school or college tuition or consolidate debt. Loans up to \$10,000 would also be granted to a veterans' child to pay tuition at a college, university or vocational school.

Meade said a floor amendment to the bill that would allow the loans to also be used to pay tuition at private K-12 schools could be tacked to the measure when it comes up for vote on the Senate floor.

The bill now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

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met up with Sexton later in the day that they met the victim and that the home invasion was his idea.

A special prosecutor was brought into the case because of Sexton's involvement.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner already had

already been working on a case in which Sexton was the victim. Last July a man who allegedly fired into a car containing Sexton and three others apparently was aiming at Sexton, though only the other three passengers were injured.

Fires

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Betsy Layne said late last week that forest fires have burned for the past week across their six-district coverage area.

This year, 526 fires have burned over 13,716 acres in Kentucky. In comparison, 1,710 fires burned about 51,580 acres in 2005. Sixty percent of those were arson fires, according to

state records.

Citizens are encouraged to call the target arson hotline at 1-800-27-ARSON, any local law enforcement agency, or the division of forestry about suspected arson. These calls remain anonymous, and those providing information could be eligible for a cash reward.

Encyclopedia

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the Mason-Dixon Line.

The region was America's first western frontier and provided such noble mountaineer figures as Davy Crockett. But the book goes to great length to tackle the overwhelming image of the hillbilly.

The first reference appeared in 1900 in the New York Journal. The paper described the species as "a free and untrammelled white citizen of Alabama, who lives in the hills, has no means to speak of, dresses as he can, talks as he pleases, drinks whiskey when he gets it, and fires off his revolver as the fancy takes him."

The image stuck. "In subsequent centuries, even after the mountains came to be cherished for their awe-inspiring beauty and appreciated as places of inspiration and recreation, mountain dwellers themselves never fared as well as the scenery," according to the encyclopedia.

A watershed moment came in 2002 when CBS tried to remake the 1960s "Beverly Hillbillies"

into a reality show. Public reaction was "swift, negative and revealing," the encyclopedia said, and CBS shelved the idea.

Started in 1996 with a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission, the encyclopedia became a joint effort of the Center for Appalachian Studies at East Tennessee State and the UT Press.

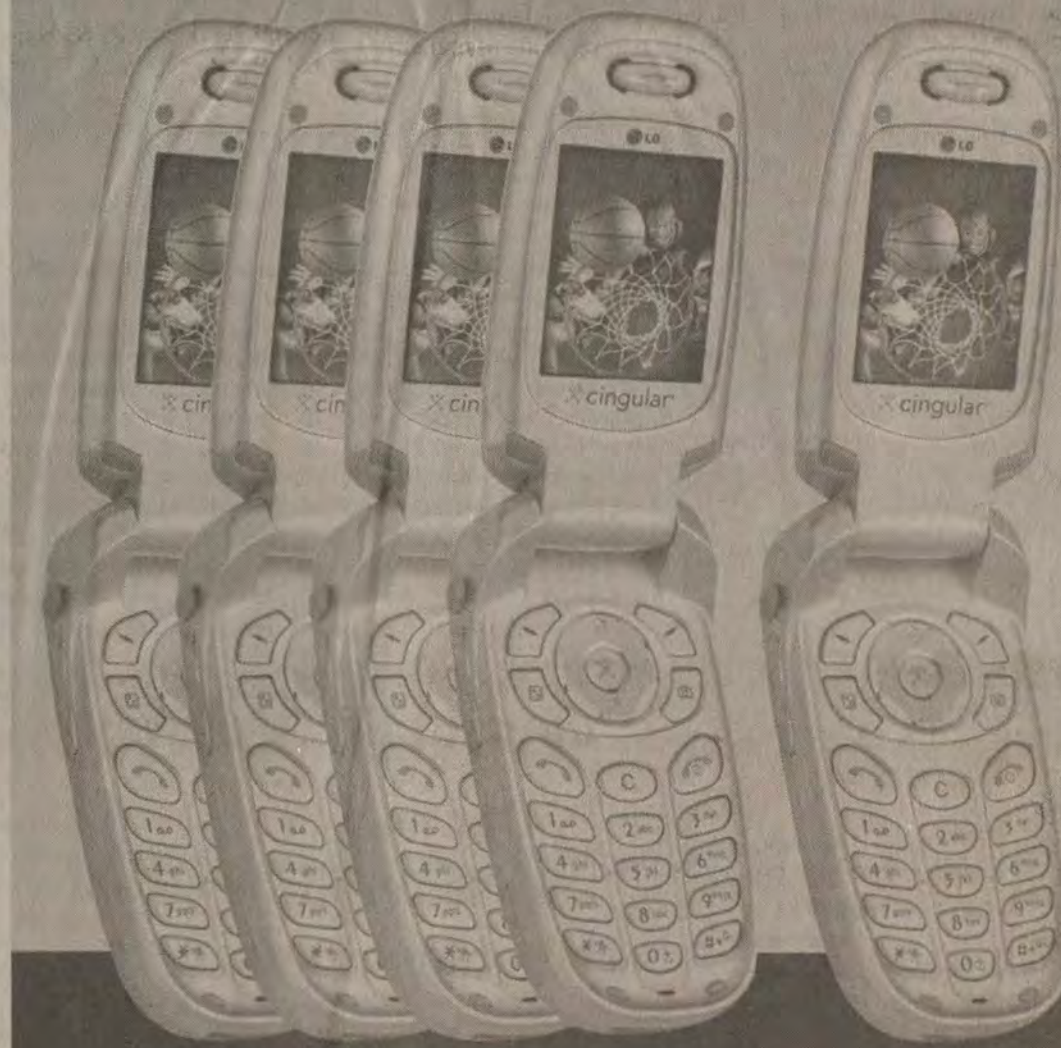
Its goal was to provide context to the notions about the region and "try where possible to explain how they came about, why they happened and whether they are valid any more," Abramson said.

"I think the upshot of it is — the total picture — is a region that is a hell of a lot more complex and interesting than most people inside it and damn near everybody outside it think," he said.

Fundraising has begun to supply a copy of the encyclopedia to every public school library in the region, but there are no immediate plans for an online edition.

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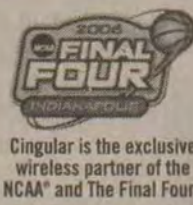
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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

A problem in need of a fix

A recent study and subsequent report released last week by Kentucky Auditor Crit Luallen only served to confirm what county officials have been saying all along — that housing prisoners and paying for jails puts an unbearable burden on Kentucky counties and taxpayers.

Now we have to discover how to take that information and use it to change a system that is definitely out of whack.

In fiscal year 2005, according to the report, Kentucky's 120 counties paid 50 percent of the \$244 million it took to operate county jails. State and federal funds accounted for the other 50 percent. But those too, we must remember, are taxpayer dollars.

... While the state is lamenting the financial drain of county jails, we are reminded of a time when the Mason County Detention Center wasn't a financial burden. The facility was self-supporting, in part because of the juvenile offenders it housed for the state. Finally, after a reminder from then-Gov. Paul Patton that jails shouldn't be turning a profit, the state built its own juvenile facilities, removed that source of revenue from the counties and left county jails to fend for themselves. Today, we are seeing, or more aptly suffering from that loss of revenue.

In Mason County, \$1.8 million is spent each year to keep the jail operating. That's a nice chunk of change and equals almost two-thirds of the county's general fund. Without that expense or with considerably less expense, think of the number of roads that could be paved and the projects that could be completed.

Luallen's findings revealed a wide range of costs per prisoner across the state for everything from health care to meals. She reasons that state government, by leveling out those costs, can do a better job of operating the jails.

A shift from county- to state-run jails isn't likely to happen soon, considering the commonwealth's current financial status. But Luallen is recommending that steps be taken immediately to smooth the path for an eventual merger of county jails with the Department of Corrections. In the eyes of county judge-execs, commissioners and magistrates who are seeing budgets swallowed almost whole by jail costs, the transition can't begin soon enough.

Though we agree that there has to be a better way to run a jail, a way that will take a smaller bite out of county budgets, we urge all parties involved to use caution, to consider all options carefully before jumping on the "let's make changes" bandwagon. Change for the sake of change seldom produces the desired results and often produces more problems, not fewer. And if there is one thing not needed, it's more problems for county budgets and county jails.

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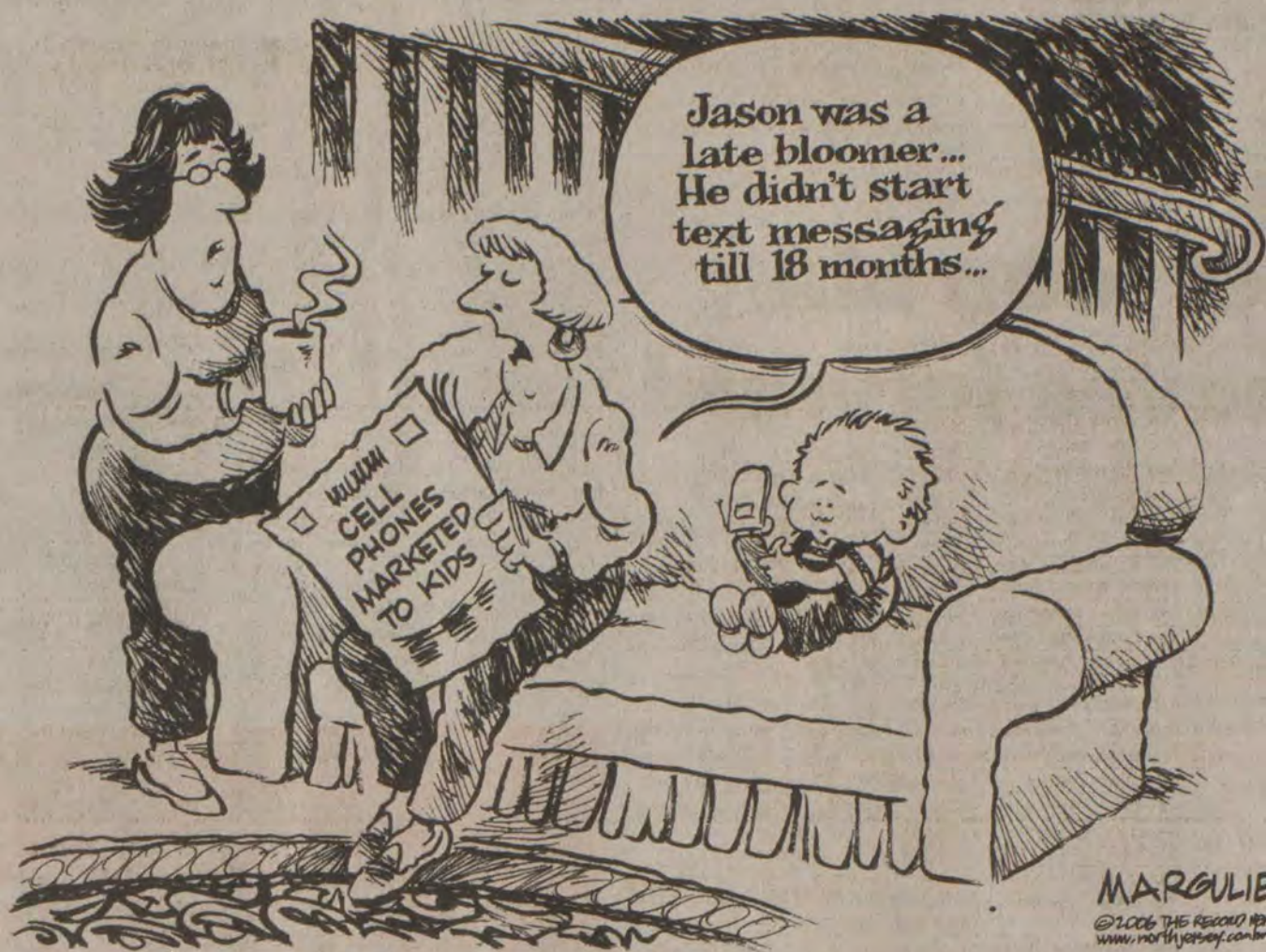
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Rich Lowry Column

Bush's strange addiction

President Bush's declaration that the U.S. is addicted to oil is another step toward demonizing the oil industry, in a repeat of what happened to the tobacco industry in the 1990s. The tobacco companies are now so heavily taxed and regulated that they have almost become an arm of the government. Bush intends for no such thing to happen to the oil sector, but as Bill Clinton learned after repeatedly saying he "would end welfare as we know it" without quite meaning it, words have consequences.

The word "addicted," of course, is morally loaded, implying an unhealthy and irrational dependence. But since oil provides the cheapest and most efficient way to power automobiles, our dependence on it is natural and sensible — the very opposite of an addiction. Bush is the James Frey of energy policy, exaggerating the negative to play to an important market segment — in Bush's case, the mushy middle of American

politics primed to believe the worst about Big Oil.

Bush isn't offering any far-reaching proposals to deal with this newfound addiction. A few billion dollars here and there on developing fuel alternatives — and also on funding scientific research and education — and everyone can feel good that the federal government is "doing something," while members of Congress shove the money out the door and energy interests gobble it up.

Bush's new Advanced Energy Initiative, which is charged with developing better batteries for electric cars and figuring out how to make fuel from wood chips, is redolent of all the past federal initiatives to find alternatives to oil and to gas-powered cars. Who can forget the glories of President Nixon's Project Independence? Or Carter's Synthetic Fuels Corporation? Or the first Bush's U.S. Advanced Battery Consortium? Or Clinton's Partnership for New Generation Vehicles?

They all failed. So far, the \$10 billion spent since 2001 on trying to develop alternative fuels that Bush bragged about in his State of the Union speech

has also produced nothing. If there are commercially viable energy alternatives, the market will discover them without the clumsy guiding hand of government.

Ethanol, the corn-based, government-subsidized fuel, still doesn't make economic sense. As many industrial-policy programs do, the subsidies have become chiefly a favor to an important political constituency — Midwest farmers, especially those who vote in the Iowa caucuses.

More high-minded reasons are adduced for Bush's energy push, most importantly the need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. But the top exporters to the U.S. are our nonthreatening neighbors, Canada and Mexico. This is why Bush singled out Mideast oil. Assuming he's fine with oil from U.S. allies Kuwait and Iraq, that leaves Saudi Arabia as a disfavored exporter; but whether we buy its oil or not, it is going to sell massive amounts of it on the world market.

The best result would be if Bush's "oil addiction" tack heads into that special dustbin reserved for grandiloquent, quickly forgotten State of the Union gestures. Here's hoping that a few years from now as many people remember that Bush wanted to power cars on wood chips as recall that he once planned to put a man on Mars.

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beyond the beltway

Our ports? Whatever the corporations want

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

The president wants to turn over the operation of our major Eastern ports to a company based in the United Arab Emirates. Not all of our Eastern ports, of course, just New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Miami and New Orleans. Kennebunkport is still ours.

This raised the hackles of Congress, which was not informed of the deal until the president announced it. Even Bush hand-lickers like Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, expressed bewilderment at the proposal and called for further study (which is their answer to pretty much everything).

President Bush responded to that with shock and outrage and threatened to veto any attempt to derail the proposal.

"I want those who are questioning it to step up and explain why all of a sudden a Middle Eastern company is held to a different standard than a [British] company," he said at a hastily called press conference on Air Force One.

Good question. Why would anyone do such a thing? Why oh why? Wait a minute, I've thought of something.

We might not want to hire an Arab-owned company to run our eastern ports for the same reason we did not employ

Japanese companies to run our West Coast ports during World War II.

Or for the same reason that Israel doesn't have a Palestinian security company guarding its borders. Reasons like that.

That fact is, Mr. President, we are at war. And it's not a war against a discreet, definable enemy with a capital city and permanent economic interests. It's a war against a terror purveyed by people whose allegiance is to an idea rather than to a country. So when you say that the United Arab Emirates have been a useful ally in the war, you're right. So what?

It was also home to at least two of the 9/11 terrorists and allowed Abdul Qadeer Khan, the Pakistani scientist who ran a one-man nuclear proliferation bazaar, to set up shop there.

Recent reports have indicated that our ports are the weakest link in our security chain. How do we improve the situation by turning them over to an Arab-owned company at a time when the Arab world is having a nervous breakdown? Every time someone somewhere insults Muhammad or desecrates the Koran they burn down Switzerland.

We are being reassured that there is no security risk in turning over the ports to the Arabs.

"If there was any chance that this transaction would jeopardize the security of the United States, it would not go forward," said Mr. Bush. He said that his port security experts have told him there's no danger involved.

Oh come on. Since when has George

Bush believed experts on anything? He doesn't listen to the experts on global warming, nor on stem cell research; he didn't listen to them on waging war in Iraq (which he still insists that we're winning). He doesn't even believe in evolution, for crying out loud.

Expert opinion is a strike against a proposal, so far as Mr. Bush is concerned.

What he believes in is corporations. Business interests have weighed in on the side of letting the deal stand and they're the only interests that matter to this administration.

It's their world and the rest of us are merely along for the ride, and to provide cannon fodder for their wars.

By the way, Mr. Bush was on Air Force One on his way to Colorado to visit the Department of Energy's primary renewable energy lab. The president has been pushing renewable energy ever since he found out we were using way too much foreign oil. Last month.

The problem is that he recently proposed cutting \$28 million out of the lab's budget, forcing it to layoff 32 employees. That was a mistake, he told the lab employees. To remedy it he was transferring money back to their budget — \$5 million.

What this administration really needs is a Secretary of Arithmetic.

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TV Listings

Best

Continued from p5
 Bike builder Jesse James takes viewers through the evolution of the chopper in this new two-hour special. There's some background on the pioneers of the movement, but James prefers to show, not tell, so he and his crew from West Coast Choppers work to restore a 1969 bike that to him embodies what choppers are all about.

8 p.m.
FOX
 24

In the new two-hour episode "Day 5: 5:00 PM-6:00 PM/Day 5: 6:00 PM-7:00 PM," Jack (Kiefer Sutherland) reconnects with the defected agent (guest star Peter Weller) who was responsible for his getting into the counterterrorism game years earlier. JoBeth Williams ("Pottergeist") appears as the man's wife. President Logan (Gregory Itzin) has more tough decisions to make. McGill and Buchanan (Sean Astin, James Morrison) make some changes.

9 p.m.
VH1
I Love Toys

Remember Lite-Brite? Easy-Bake Ovens? Candy Land? This latest edition of VH1's "I Love" franchise counts down the 100 toys most beloved of Baby Boomers and Gen-Xers, from action figures and dolls to board games and creative toys. Like its "I Love" cousins, the five-part miniseries has lots of commentary from celebrities, including Ricky Martin, Amanda Bynes, the Ying Yang Twins, and regulars Mo Rocca and Michael Ian Black.

10 p.m.
ABC
Miracle Workers

ABC's latest entry in the "heartwarming" subgenre of reality television is this new series, which could easily have been called "Extreme Makeover: Medical Edition." It helps people with serious health problems get the treatments they couldn't otherwise find or afford. In the premiere, the show's medical team treats a blind man and a woman with a degenerative disc and bone disease.

10 p.m.
NBC
Medium

Allison (Patricia Arquette) is asked to locate a missing man — the brother of a friend of the DA — and finds herself having paranoid delusions involving encounters with anti-terrorism agents. At home, Joe (Jake Weber) thinks Bridgette (Maria Lark) might be communicating with the author of her favorite book — who happens to be dead. Sofia Vassilieva also stars in the new episode "Allison Wonderland."

10 p.m.
SPiKETV
Pros vs. Joes

Hey, guys! Think you've got what it takes to beat the likes of Jerry Rice, John Rocker and Dennis Rodman at their own games? Some of you will get the chance to find out in this new reality series. Each episode pits three regular "Joes" against five well-known athletes in assorted games and other challenges. The one who does best wins season tickets to see his favorite team. Other participating pros include Bo Jackson, Goldberg and Jennie Finch.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
 4 p.m.
ESPN2
Baseball

The leisure of spring training exhibitions will have to wait for many major leaguers, who since reporting to their teams have been readying for the World Baseball Classic. The 16-team tournament, which began March 3 in Tokyo and concludes March 20 in San Diego, gets under way for the United States and Mexico today in Phoenix. Many players have opted against participating, but the Yanks' Derek Jeter and Atlanta's Chipper Jones are among the big-name U.S. players.

9 p.m.
ABC
Sons & Daughters

Fred Goss, co-creator and costar of the improvisational cable sitcom "Significant Others," brings the same formula to a family sitcom. Partly scripted, partly improvised, it follows an extended family whose nuclear components are dealing with such issues as intimacy, single parenthood and step-parenting. Goss stars as twice-married Cameron, with Allison Quinn and Amanda Walsh as his sisters and Dee Wallace and Max Gail as their parents.

9 p.m.
CBS
The Unit

David Mamet, the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright ("Glengarry Glen Ross") and two-time Oscar-nominated screenwriter ("The Verdict," "Wag the Dog"), is the creator of this new drama series about special forces operatives involved in covert missions around the world. Dennis Haysbert ("24") plays their leader, Jonas Blane, with Scott Foley ("Felicity") as his newest protégé, Bob Brown. Regina Taylor also stars.

9 p.m. check local listings
PBS

Barry Manilow: Music and Passion
 Almost 30 years after his heyday on the pop charts, Barry Manilow can still bring in the crowds. That's because he knows how to give fans what they want: songs sung well in a visually exciting show. That's certainly true of his Las Vegas act — showcased in this

(See BEST, page seven)

TUESDAY EVENING		MARCH 7, 2006																
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	
20	23	TBS	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Keys" (N)	Seinfeld "The Pony Remark" (N)	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Friends (In Stereo) (N)	Friends (In Stereo) (N)	Sex and the City "One" (N)	Sex and the City "One" (N)	Seinfeld "The Contest" (N)	Seinfeld "The Contest" (N)	★½ "Lost & Found" (1999, Romance-Comedy) David Spade, Sophie Marceau. (N)			
3	4	NBC	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Joey (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Joey (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Scrubs "My Five Stages" (N)	Scrubs "My Last Chance" (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ripped" (N)	News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Late Night		
4	5	PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Dragon Tales (In Stereo) (E)	GED Connection	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Louisville: 30 Years of Change (N)						Ky. General Assembly	BBC World News	GED Connection	Mental Engineering	
6	7	ABC	Judge Judy (In Stereo) (N)	Judge Judy (In Stereo) (N)	News	ABC World News Tonight	Family Feud (In Stereo) (N)	Entertainment Tonight	According to Jim (N)	According to Jim (N)	Sons & Daughters	Sons & Daughters	Boston Legal "Shock and Oww!" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	News	Nightline (N)	Paid Program	Paid Program	
10	15	WGN	Moesha (In Stereo) (N)	Moesha (In Stereo) (N)	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo) (N)	Da Vinci's Inquest "The Hunt" (Part 1 of 2) (N)	Da Vinci's Inquest "A Cinderella Story" (Part 1 of 2) (N)	WGN News at Nine (In Stereo) (N)	WGN News at Nine (In Stereo) (N)	Sex and the City	Becker (In Stereo) (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo) (N)				
6	10	CBS	News	News	News	CBS Evening News (N)	Lawyers on Call	The King of Queens (N)	NCIS "Ravenous" (TV) (N) (In Stereo) (N)	The Unit "First Responders" (Series Premiere) (In Stereo) (N)	The Amazing Race 9 "I'm Filthy and I Love It" (In Stereo) (N)	News	News	Late Show With David Letterman (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Late Late Show			
11	11	FOX	Maury (N)	Friends "Pilot" (N)	Everybody-Raymond	Friends (In Stereo) (N)	Everybody-Raymond	American Idol "Week 8A" (In Stereo) (PA) (N)	House "Sax Kills" (N) (In Stereo) (PA) (N)	House "Sax Kills" (N) (In Stereo) (PA) (N)	News	News	Sex and the City	The Bernie Mac Show (N)	Malcolm in the Middle (N)	Paid Program		
13	13	CBS	Dr. Phil (In Stereo) (N)	News (N)	CBS News	News (N)	Hollywood	NCIS "Ravenous" (N) (N)	The Unit "First Responders" (N)	The Amazing Race 9 (N) (N)	News	News	News	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late			
46	46	ESPN	Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter (Live) (N)	College Basketball: Mid-Continent Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Horizon League Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Horizon League Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Horizon League Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Horizon League Final - Teams TBA	SportsCenter (Live) (N)	SportsCenter (Live) (N)	SportsCenter (Live) (N)	SportsCenter (Live) (N)	Gamenight	Fastbreak		
39	39	DSC	It Takes a Thief (N)	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab (N)	Dirty Jobs "Turkey Farmer" (N)	MythBusters (N)	Dirty Jobs (N)	Stunt Junkies "Stunt Junkies" (N)	Stunt Junkies "Stunt Junkies" (N)	Stunt Junkies "Stunt Junkies" (N)	Stunt Junkies "Stunt Junkies" (N)	Stunt Junkies "Stunt Junkies" (N)	MythBusters (N)	MythBusters (N)			
31	31	TNT	Charmed "The Painted World" (N)	Charmed "The Devil's Music" (N)	American Justice	American Justice	Cold Case Files (N)	Road Warriors	Law & Order "Enemy" (N)	Law & Order "Enemy" (N)	Airline (N)	Airline (N)	Crossing Jordan (In Stereo) (N)	Crossing Jordan (In Stereo) (N)	Road Warriors			
69	69	A&E	City Confidential (N)	American Justice	American Justice	American Justice	Cold Case Files (N)	Road Warriors	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Legion" (In Stereo) (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Legion" (In Stereo) (N)	King of Vegas (N) (In Stereo) (N)	King of Vegas (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Crossing Jordan (In Stereo) (N)	Crossing Jordan (In Stereo) (N)	Road Warriors			
59	59	TNN	Maximum Exposure (N)	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		
53	53	NICK	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	Oddparents	Neutron	SpongeBob	All Grown Up	Full House (N)	Hi-Jinks (N)	Roseanne (N)	Roseanne (N)	Roseanne (N)	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	
48	48	USA	★½ "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar" (1995, Comedy) Wesley Snipes, Patrick Swayze. (N)	★½ "Ocean's Twelve" (2004, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Brad Pitt. (N)	On Set: Hills Have Eyes	On Set: Hills Have Eyes	★½ "Meet the Fockers" (2004, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. (In Stereo) PG-13 (N)	★½ "Double Teamed" (2002, Drama) Annie McElwain, Poppi Monroe. (N)	★½ "Code 46" (2003, Science Fiction) Tim Robbins, Samantha Morton. (TV) (N)	Sleeper Cell "HiJack" (TV) (N) (In Stereo) (N)	The L Word "Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	The L Word "Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Search for a Supermodel	"I'll Show When"				
40	40	FAM	Gilmore Girls (In Stereo) (N)	7th Heaven "Blind" (In Stereo) (N)	Smallville "Pariah" (In Stereo) (N)	Smallville "Pariah" (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Jack Frost" (1998, Fantasy) Michael Keaton. (N)	★½ "The Ring Two" (2005, Horror) Naomi Watts, Simon Baker. (In Stereo) PG-13 (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Point of No Return" (1993, Drama) Bridget Fonda, Gabriel Byrne. (N)	★½ "Point of No Return" (1993, Drama) Bridget Fonda, Gabriel Byrne. (N)	★½ "Point of No Return" (1993, Drama) Bridget Fonda, Gabriel Byrne. (N)	★½ "Narc" (2002) (N)					
24	24	LIFE	The Nanny (N)	The Nanny (N)	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	"The Patron Saint of Liars" (1998, Drama) Dana Delany. (N)	"Final Jeopardy" (2001, Suspense) Dana Delany. (N)	"Final Jeopardy" (2001, Suspense) Dana Delany. (N)	"Final Jeopardy" (2001, Suspense) Dana Delany. (N)	Fraser (N)	Fraser (N)	Fraser (N)	Fraser (N)	Will & Grace	Will & Grace		
27	27	ESPN2	(4:00) Baseball: World Classic - Mexico vs. United States.	Interruption	Women's College Basketball: Big East Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Sun Belt Tournament Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Sun Belt Tournament Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Sun Belt Tournament Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Sun Belt Tournament Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Sun Belt Tournament Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Sun Belt Tournament Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Sun Belt Tournament Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Sun Belt Tournament Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Sun Belt Tournament Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Sun Belt Tournament Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Sun Belt Tournament Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Sun Belt Tournament Final - Teams TBA	
72	72	AMC	(3:30) "Chain Reaction" (N)	★½ "The River Wild" (1994, Suspense) Meryl Streep, Kevin Bacon. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	
66	66	HGTV	That's Clever	Landscapers	Renovation	Weekend	Curb Appeal	House	Designed-Sell	Design Remix	Decorating	Mission	House	Buy Me	Parents	Designer	Designed-Sell	
61	61	SCIFI	The X-Files "Grosesque" (N)	Stargate SG-1 "Heroes" (N)	★½ "Dog Soldiers" (2002, Horror) Sean Pertwee. (N)	★½ "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Emmanuelle Vauger. (N)	★½ "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Emmanuelle Vauger. (N)	★½ "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Emmanuelle Vauger. (N)	★½ "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Emmanuelle Vauger. (N)	★½ "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Emmanuelle Vauger. (N)	★½ "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Emmanuelle Vauger. (N)	★½ "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Emmanuelle Vauger. (N)	★½ "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Emmanuelle Vauger. (N)	★½ "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Emmanuelle Vauger. (N)	★½ "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Emmanuelle Vauger. (N)	★½ "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Emmanuelle Vauger. (N)	★½ "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Emmanuelle Vauger. (N)	
41	41	HIST	History Undercover (N)	History Now (N)	Modern Marvels (N)	Modern Marvels (N)	Mail Call "VJ Day Special" (N)	Marveils	Modern Marvels "Harvesting"	Modern Marvels (N)	Modern Marvels "Harvesting"	Modern Marvels (N)	Modern Marvels (N)	Mail Call "VJ Day Special" (N)	Mail Call "VJ Day Special" (N)			
33	33	TOC	In-Fisherman	In-Fisherman	Outdoors	Hunting	Advent. North Fish, Wildlife	Whistling	Truth-Hunting	Hunting	Amer. Hunter	Step Outside	Outdoors	Fall Flight	Pro Hunting	NW Hunter	About Fish	
14	14	HBO	(4:30) ★★½ "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. (In Stereo) PG-13 (N)	★½ "The Ring Two" (2005, Horror) Naomi Watts, Simon Baker. (In Stereo) PG-13 (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	★½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling. (N)	
19	19	HBO2	Elaine Stritch at Liberty (N)	"Mrs. Harris" (2005, Biography) Annette Bening. (N) (N)	The Sopranos (In Stereo) (N)	The Sopranos "In Camelot" (N)	★½ "Sniper" (1993, Drama) Tom Berenger. (N)	★½ "Sniper" (1993, Drama) Tom Berenger. (N)	★½ "Sniper" (1993, Drama) Tom Berenger. (N)	★½ "Sniper" (1993, Drama) Tom Berenger. (N)	★½ "Sniper" (1993, Drama) Tom Berenger. (N)	★½ "Sniper" (1993, Drama) Tom Berenger. (N)	★½ "Sniper" (1993, Drama) Tom Berenger. (N)	★½ "Sniper" (1993, Drama) Tom Berenger. (N)	★½ "Sniper" (1993, Drama) Tom Berenger. (N)	★½ "Sniper" (1993, Drama) Tom Berenger. (N)	★½ "Sniper" (1993, Drama) Tom Berenger. (N)	
11	11	HBO3	★½ "Spanglish" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Adam Sandler. (In Stereo) PG-13 (N)	★½ "Ocean's Twelve" (2004, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Brad Pitt. (N)	On Set: Hills Have Eyes	On Set: Hills Have Eyes	★½ "Meet the Fockers" (2004, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. (In Stereo) PG-13 (N)	★½ "Double Teamed" (2002, Drama) Annie McElwain, Poppi Monroe. (N)	★½ "Code 46" (2003, Science Fiction) Tim Robbins, Samantha Morton. (TV) (N)	Sleeper Cell "HiJack" (TV) (N) (In Stereo) (N)	The L Word "Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	The L Word "Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Search for a Supermodel	"I'll Show When"				
29	29	MAX	★½ "Amistad" (1997, Historical Drama) Morgan Freeman, Anthony Hopkins. (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Criminal" (2004, Crime Drama) John C. Reilly, Diego Luna. (In Stereo) (N)	
29	29	DISN	Kim Possible	That's So Raven	Sister, Sister "Bum Rap" (N)	Suite Life of Zack & Cody	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	★½ "Double Teamed" (2002, Drama) Annie McElwain, Poppi Monroe. (N)	American Drgn	Sister, Sister "Bum Rap" (N)	Suite Life of Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	Phil of the Future	Kim Possible			
22	22	SHOW	★½ "Knock Off" (1998, Action) Van Damme. (TV) (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	★½ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear, Rebecca	
25	25	TMC	(4:40) ★★½ "Dirty Deeds" (2002, Crime Drama) Bryan Brown. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Triggermen" (2002, Comedy) Donnie Wahlberg, Neil Morrissey. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Pieces of April" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Kate Holmes. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "The Big Empty" (2003, Comedy) Jon Favreau, Joey Lauren Adams. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Ocatene" (2003, Suspense) Madeleine Stowe, Norman Reedus. (In Stereo) (N)	★½ "Intermission" (2003) (N)										

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23	23	TBS	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Trip" (N)	Seinfeld "The Trip" (N)	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City "One" (N)	★½ "Fried Green Tomatoes" (1991, Drama) Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy. (N)			
4	4	NBC	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Biggest Loser: Special Edition "Military Heroes" (N)	Law & Order "Criminal Law" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Law & Order "Cost of Capital" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Late Night			
5	5	PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Dragon Tales (In Stereo) (E)	GED Connection	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Rhonda Vincent and The Rage: Ragin' Live	Alone in the Wilderness (N)	Alone in the Wilderness (N)	Alone in the Wilderness (N)	Alone in the Wilderness (N)	Ky. General Assembly	BBC World News	Workplace-Skills	Kentucky Time Capsule	
7	7	ABC	Judge Judy (In Stereo) (N)	Judge Judy (In Stereo) (N)	News	ABC World News Tonight	Family Feud (In Stereo) (N)	Entertainment Tonight	George Lopez (In Stereo) (N)	Freddie (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Lost "Whatever the Case May Be" (In Stereo) (N)	Invasion "The Fittest" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	News	Nightline (N)	Paid Program	Paid Program	
15	15	WGN	Moesha "Talk of the Town" (N)	Moesha "Back in Africa" (N)	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo) (N)	Becker "Drive, They Said" (N)	Becker (In Stereo) (N)	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	WGN News at Nine (In Stereo) (N)	Sex and the City	Becker "Drive, They Said" (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo) (N)		
10	10	CBS	News	News	News	CBS Evening News (N)	Ebert & Roeper (N)	The King of Queens (N)	Still Standing (In Stereo) (N)	Still Standing (In Stereo) (N)	Criminal Minds "The Tribe" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	CSI: NY "Cool Hunter" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	News	Late Show With David Letterman (N) (In Stereo) (N)	Late Late Show		
11	11	FOX	Maury (N)	Friends (In Stereo) (N)	Everybody-Raymond	Friends (In Stereo) (N)	Everybody-Raymond	American Idol "Week 8B" (In Stereo) (PA) (N)	Bones "The Man on the Fairway" (In Stereo) (PA) (N)	Bones "The Man on the Fairway" (In Stereo) (PA) (N)	News	News	Sex and the City	The Bernie Mac Show (N)	Malcolm in the Middle (N)	Paid Program	
13	13	CBS	Dr. Phil (In Stereo) (N)	News (N)	CBS News	News (N)	Hollywood	Still Standing	Criminal Minds "The Tribe" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	CSI: NY "Cool Hunter" (N) (In Stereo) (N)	News	News	Late Show-Letterman	L			

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FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 10, 2006

Table of TV listings for Friday evening, March 10, 2006. Columns include channel, time slot, and program title. Programs listed include 'Home Improvement', 'The Tonight Show', 'Survivor', 'American Idol', and various sports events.

Best

Continued from p8 new special -- which brings the intimacy of a club performance and the excitement of a big show into a 1,700-seat theater. Ask your favorite Barry fan what song the show takes its name from.

9 p.m. WB Supernatural William B. Davis ("The X-Files") guest stars in the episode "Scarecrow" as a professor specializing in pagan deities. Dean (Jensen Ackles) meets him while investigating the disappearances of several couples in a small Indiana town. It turns out they were sacrificed to a pagan god that takes the form of a scarecrow. Sam (Jared Padalecki) goes on another search for his father and meets a backpacker (Nicky Atcox) who is in league with a demon.

10 p.m. NBC Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Stabler (Christopher Meloni) gets too close to a case in "Ripped." He works with Benson and Fin (Mariska Hargitay, Ice-T) on the rape of a teenage girl and learns the prime suspect (guest star Paul Wesley) is the son of his former partner (guest star Noah Emmerich). After the youngster attacks Fin -- and claims to remember neither the rape nor the assault -- Stabler makes some questionable decisions that lead to his suspension.

10:30 p.m. MTV 8th & Ocean MTV's unscripted series "Laguna Beach" attracted a large following, and the cable channel is hoping to strike gold again with this spinoff series set in Miami. The "cast" consists of several young adults trying to make it in modeling. They all have the looks, but as fans of "Laguna" know, the eye candy is only a bonus; the real entertainment comes from the interpersonal drama.

SATURDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON MARCH 11, 2006

Table of TV listings for Saturday morning/afternoon, March 11, 2006. Columns include channel, time slot, and program title. Programs listed include 'The Simpsons', 'The Cleveland Show', 'The Contender', 'The Contender', and various sports events.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 8 p.m. HGTV I Want That! Baths The showcase series for hot new home items spins off a pair of new shows devoted to specific rooms. This one, as the title tells you, is about bathrooms. Want to watch highlights of last night's game while you shave in the morning? Want to make your bathroom sink really sparkle? A mirror with a flat-screen television built in and a diamond-encrusted basin are among the products featured. Marsh Mokhtari and Angela Chee co-host.

8 p.m. SHOWTIME Movie: All We Are Saying In this 2005 film, actress and sometime documentary Rosanna Arquette captures the thoughts of an assortment of musical artists on the state of the industry. Most are dissatisfied. David Crosby waxes nostalgic for the days of small record labels, and Steven Tyler of Aerosmith bemoans the downloading boom. Others include Annie Lennox, Thom Yorke of Radiohead, and Andre 3000.

9 p.m. CBS Criminal Minds The Behavioral Analysis Unit tries to track down whoever killed five college students in the new episode "The Tribe." The murder method resembles one used by a local American Indian tribe in past wars, and the profilers suspect what they're looking for is a pack of cult killers. Back at headquarters, Holtzner (Thomas Gibson) gets a surprise visit from his brother, Mandy Patinkin and Shemar Moore also star.

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 11, 2006

Table of TV listings for Saturday evening, March 11, 2006. Columns include channel, time slot, and program title. Programs listed include 'The Sopranos', 'The Sopranos', 'The Sopranos', and various sports events.

9 p.m. FOX Bones Brennan and Zack (Emily Deschanel, Eric Millegan) investigate the crash of a plane carrying Chinese diplomats in the new episode "The Man on the Fairway." Brennan finds some bone fragments nearby that aren't from anyone on the plane, and she suspects they've had something to do with a five-year-old missing-person case. She and her team try to solve it under Goodman's (Jonathan Adams) radar, as he's ordered them to stick to the plane crash.

10 p.m. FX Black/White In what may be the most daring reality series concept yet, this new six-part series makes up to transform a white family into a black one, and vice versa. The two families share a home in Tarzana, Calif., and learn firsthand what it's like to belong to a different race. Actor and musical artist Ice Cube is one of the executive producers, along with Matt Alvarez and Emmy winner R.J. Cutler.

10 p.m. TNT Movie: The Devil's Own Harrison Ford and Brad Pitt star in this edgy 1997 drama. Ford plays policeman Tom O'Meara, who opens his home to "Ory Devaney" (Pitt), a young construction worker just off the boat from Northern Ireland. What Tom doesn't know is that Ory is really Frankie McGuire, an Irish Republican Army terrorist who's in America to buy weapons. When the truth comes out, Tom is torn between loyalty to his new friend and his desire to see justice done.

TV Listings

Best

Continued from p 7
11 p.m.
BRavo
Top Chef

Think "Hell's Kitchen" without the hell part -- in other words, without cleaver-tongued Gordon Ramsay standing by to slice and dice the contestants. The aspiring chefs face two challenges per episode: one to test their basic skills and another to get their creative juices flowing, whether it's working with unusual ingredients or pleasing a particularly tough crowd of diners. Katie Lee Joel, wife of music star Billy, is the host.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9
7 p.m.
DISCOVERY

America's Loch Ness Monster
 Scotland has its legendary creature of Loch Ness, but Lake Champlain -- situated between northern New York and Vermont -- has its own alleged monster named Champ. One man's relentless search for the rumored beast is traced in this special chronicling Dennis Hunt's quest. The hour includes visual representations of what Champ is supposed to look like.

8:30 p.m.
NBC
Four Kings

In the new episode "Bobby's Song," Bobby and Barry (Shane McRae, Seth Green) both have a shot at making their dreams come true when Barry's boss, a major producer, gives Bobby a chance to record a song he wrote and Barry an opportunity to produce it. Jason and Ben (Todd Grinnell, Josh Cooke) go through the contents of a cell phone they found so they can locate its owner, and both decide she's the woman of their dreams.

9 p.m.
SCI-FI
Movie: The Day After

The horrors of nuclear war are given a human face in this much-hyped 1983 TV movie focusing on survivors in a Midwestern city. Disturbing as the movie's portrayal of the war's aftermath is, the closing credits point out that the real thing would likely be far worse. Jason Robards, JoBeth Williams, John Lithgow and Steve Guttenberg star. The production won an Emmy for sound editing.

9 p.m.
WB
Beauty and the Geek

It's been entertaining to watch the contestants in this show do things outside their comfort zone, whether it's debating politics for the beauties or making small talk for the geeks. In the season finale, however, we get to see the four remaining contestants show us their talents, which include ice skating and fly fishing. Then one beauty-geek pair is eliminated, and the other shares a \$250,000 grand prize.

9:30 p.m.
NBC
The Office

It's Take Your Daughter to Work Day, and the office is invaded by youngsters. This leads to plenty of disruption but also a surprise for Michael (Steve Carell), who becomes friendly with the 5-year-old daughter of his nemesis, Toby (Paul Lieberstein). Jenna Fischer, John Krasinski, Rainn Wilson and B.J. Novak also star in the new episode "Take Your Daughter to Work Day."

9:59 p.m.
NBC
ER

Armand Assante ("Gotti") guest stars as a patient who makes Sam (Linda Cardellini) a job offer after she treats him for a fainting spell. Weaver (Laura Innes) considers hip replacement surgery. Kovac (Goran Visnjic) tries to calm Abby (Maura Tierney), who's worried about their impending parenthood. Neela's (Parminder Nagra) opinions about the war lead to a lively debate at a military spouses support group in the new episode "Out on a Limb."

10:30 p.m.
TNT
NBA Basketball

Without the services of the electrifying Amare Stoudemire all season, the Phoenix Suns have still risen to the top of the Pacific Division, mostly on the play of Steve Nash. The 2004-05 MVP is having another award-worthy season, as his scoring average has gone up without any dropoff in his league-leading assist total. Tonight, the Suns host Tim Duncan and the Spurs again, having prevailed -- led by Nash's 22 points and 10 assists -- back on Jan. 7.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10
8 p.m.
AMC

Movie: Random Hearts
 Director Sydney Pollack's moody 1999 drama casts Harrison Ford as a Washington, D.C., police detective stunned by his wife's death in a plane crash. More shocks are in store for him when he discovers that at the time of the tragedy, she was accompanying the husband of a politician (Kristin Scott Thomas), who fears the scandalous information could harm her reelection bid. Charles S. Dutton plays Ford's police partner.

8 p.m.
WE
Movie: Meet Joe Black

A lengthy but entertaining update of the classic "Death Takes a Holiday," director Martin Brest's 1998 drama casts Brad Pitt as a very photogenic Grim Reaper. He arrives to claim a wealthy tycoon (Anthony Hopkins)

whose 60th birthday is nearing, but things get complicated when the visitor falls for his target's daughter (Claire Forlani). Naturally, her father disapproves of the romance.

9 p.m.
A&E
Biography

The subject of this new two-hour episode isn't a person but a phenomenon: "Inside NASCAR" recounts the birth and explosive growth of big-time stock-car racing. It truly does offer an inside view of NASCAR from the perspectives of drivers, their families and the pit crews. If you're not a NASCAR fan, you'll also find out what it takes to be one; disposable income definitely helps.

9 p.m.
NBC
Las Vegas

A chip thief tells Danny (Josh Duhamel) he knows of a plot to blow up the Montecito. Ed (James Caan) thinks the thief is just trying to divert attention from his own crime, but Danny thinks they should investigate. Sam (Vanessa Marcil) looks into rumors surrounding the new masseur (guest star Brody Hutzler). Donny Osmond and Charo judge a cook-off between Wolfgang Puck and Gunther (Harry Groener) in the new episode "Lyle & Substance."

10 p.m.

CINEMAX
Movie: Full Metal Jacket

Most of the big-name directors made a Vietnam picture in the late 1970s or the '80s. Stanley Kubrick's contribution was this 1987 drama, which follows the sardonic Pvt. J.T. "Joker" Davis (Matthew Modine) through Marine boot camp and into battle. As a "Stars

and Stripes" correspondent, his assignment isn't killing, but Vietnam was a war without rules. Vincent D'Onofrio gives the film's most chilling performance as a misfit recruit.

10 p.m.
NBC
Conviction

Crimes involving youngsters have Steele and Peluso (Anson Mount, Eric Balfour) occupied in the new episode "Denial." Steele must try a 14-year-old as an adult for the murder of his brother, while Peluso investigates a high-school student arrested for a hate crime against a gay man who was blackmailing him. Rossi (Milena Govich) tries to help a drug-addicted prostitute who was raped. Stephanie March and Julianne Nicholson also star.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

6 p.m.

BRavo
Movie: Braveheart

Director and star Mel Gibson preceded James Cameron ("Titanic") as king of the Oscars with his five-statue sweep for this 1995 drama. In addition to the coveted best picture and best director trophies, it also won awards for makeup, sound-effects editing and cinematography. Gibson plays 13th-century Scottish warrior William Wallace, who rallies his countrymen against the British monarch Edward I (Patrick McGoohan). Sophie Marceau and Catherine McCormack also star.

8 p.m.

TBS
Movie: Shanghai Noon

Talk about "East meets West." Jackie Chan shows off his usual eye-popping martial-arts moves in this light-

hearted tale set in 1880s Nevada. His character, Chon Wang, is there to help rescue a kidnapped Chinese princess (Lucy Liu) with a little help from a laid-back train robber and an American Indian woman (Owen Wilson, Brandon Merrill).

8 p.m.

TCM

Movie: The Hustler

Paul Newman gives an Oscar-worthy performance in this 1961 drama -- although he lost to Maximilian Schell ("Judgment at Nuremberg"). He plays Fast Eddie Felson, a pool hustler who loses to the great Minnesota Fats (Jackie Gleason) and teams up with an unscrupulous manager (George C. Scott) to raise the money for a rematch. Newman finally did get an Oscar for playing Fast Eddie -- in 1986's "The Color of Money."

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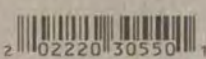
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This Town, That World

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

Between Sandy Howard, Pup Goble, and Dal Allen, this place is well on its way to going to the dogs.

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One of the weighing matters the legislature has to consider is a bill to raise the allowance of prisoners from \$2 a day to \$4. Proponents argue, "We're raising everything but the bars—why not the boys behind 'em!"

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"PRAISE THE..."

This is plumb tragic. This farmer, who was deeply and vocally religious, never said "giddap" or "whoa" to start the family mule up or bring him to a halt. To get the donkey moving he said, "Praise the Lord." And he stopped the critter with an emphatic "Amen."

This worked fine till, one day, he loaned the mule and one-horse wagon to a neighbor who took his wife in the general direction of town. For some perverse reason, known only to the mule, the animal took off suddenly across country toward a high precipice. The man yelled "whoa" till he was hoarse, all the while trying to recall what the mule's owner had told him to say in such a situation.

Finally, within a few feet of the edge of the yawning chasm, the distraught housewife ended up her prayer for help with a loud "amen," and the mule stopped dead. Then—"Praise the Lord!" gasped the man.

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A MATTER OF BUSINESS

I seem to recall printing, some time or another, an item reminiscent at the following, only the one I'm having trouble placing seems to have happened at Hindman. This one concerns the butcher who asked a lawyer this question.

"What would you do if a dog kept coming to your place and stealing meat?"

"Why, I'd make the owner pay for the meat, of course."

"In that case," said the butcher, "you owe me, \$15, for it's your dog." The lawyer smiled. "Fair enough. Just deduct the \$15 from the \$25 you owe me for the advice."

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I am a changed man. I have not been caught in a snowstorm while fishing this year. I have not literally broken the ice by sliding off a frozen creek bank. It's not, that I'm any wiser. Why do you suppose I avoid such incidents these days?



Opal Branham Fannin

Lifelong county resident publishes book about growing up in Floyd County

by KATHY J. PRATER
 FEATURES EDITOR

"Mountain people are unique. I'm glad I live here and I'm proud to be a woman from the hills of eastern Kentucky who grew up here." Opal Branham Fannin

Opal Branham Fannin was born "in 1930 up a hollow in Dwale," according to the lifelong resident of Floyd County who recently became a published author with the release of her book, "These Hills of Appalachia, My Home, My Love."

Mrs. Fannin's book is a fond recollection of life in Floyd County during her youth. She speaks with affection of relatives, friends, and neighbors, many of which are mentioned by name; some still with us, others that have gone on ahead.

Mrs. Fannin, at age 75, shares that she wanted to write her book "before I got too old and forgetful...because this mountain life and these hills are worth writing about."

Following is an excerpt from the book: "Did you ever wade in the little streams near your homes and see how the green leaves make shadows on the water when the spring breezes blow the trees? So pretty and so peaceful. When I was young we all went barefoot. I still do in the house.

"Fall in these hills - anyway, I can't describe the beauty - you have to see it. The colors range from brown, orange, and gold and whatever. At this time, we picked apples to

make apple butter, apple pies, and to can for winter use. All the gardens filled with pumpkins and gourds. The leaves on the trees at this time blended right in with the pumpkin patch. Beautiful orange! We would soon be cutting corn for fodder shocks for feed for cattle and horses. Nowadays, they decorate their yards with fodder shocks. Very pretty, too.

"The ironweeds would be blooming and the goldenrod; we would listen for katydids to start yelling. You'd know frost would not be far away then. Sometimes only six weeks.

"We would begin making pumpkin pies and setting pumpkins on our porches and in our yards to decorate. Most people do this every fall. We save some for jack-o-lanterns for Halloween then we say that this is fall at its peak. Now this is beauty.

"After this, we would start thinking about and preparing for winter as we had really been doing all summer and fall. We knew it would be coming soon. Cold, with snow! The snow is beautiful, also, but most people had a hard time when I was growing up. We worry now about the roads and having to travel on them, but when I was young the worry was mostly about keeping warm. We walked almost everywhere back then.

"We always enjoyed playing in the snow when Mom and Dad would allow us to. We had to bundle up because the winters were colder when I was young. There is nothing

more beautiful than a newfallen snow in the moonlight. Remember how cold those nights were? When we have clear skies it's much colder; the snow freezes and the moon is brighter.

"Soon, it will be springtime. I look forward to that and all the beauty after a long winter and having to stay in the house so much. I will welcome it.

"There is nothing more beautiful than our hills of Appalachia in spring. God's handiwork is all around us. Soon, these hills will burst alive with blooming sarvis, dogwood, and redbud trees.

"My daffodils will bloom and whirl around like dancing ballerinas then you will know spring is really here. Daffodils are my favorite spring flower and one of the first to bloom. My forsythia bush will bloom and the spring breeze will cause the little bells to swing and sway. They are always a favorite of everyone, so much yellow color. Spring is like magic. Everything comes alive. This beauty of spring squeezes my heart and makes me feel young again - almost like being in love. Everybody acts younger and happier..."

To purchase a copy of "These Hills of Appalachia, My Home, My Love," you may call 1-800-765-2464 or locally 886-7222.

Mrs. Branham also is open to welcoming telephone calls and visits. "I love these mountains, and I love our people," she said.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Hammerhead'

by TOM DOTY
 STAFF WRITER

You gotta love it when a movie announces its intentions early and this "nature run amok" flick does just that by opening with a young couple deciding to jump off their yacht and swim for shore, just for the heck of it. Their decision turns out to be good news for the mutated hammerhead shark/human monster who patrols these waters and he promptly makes a messy meal of the couple, which leads to a scene of body parts drifting slowly towards the ocean floor. All this before the credits have even rolled.



Tom Doty
 Staff Writer

You don't have to wait long for an explanation here, as the scene shifts to a scientist named King (calling him mad would be an insult to mad scientists) who naively states, "All of my fears of him degenerating into a mindless feeding machine are beginning to fade."

King, as it turns out, has developed the mutated hammerhead by fusing stem cells of sharks with human tissue. King is looking for a cure to cancer and has focused on the shark because they never get the disease. He has decided on the hammerhead because it's apparently the "Cadillac" of sharks and possesses superior eyesight and, of course, a ravenous appetite. King's latest problem is mating his shark with human women, as the hammerhead tends to eat every lovely he throws into the beast's tank.

Cut to millionaire developer Whitney Felder, who is contacted by King to see his discovery. Felder decides to bring along his best executive, Tom Reed, and a bevy of biologists who he apparently hired out of a Victoria's Secret catalogue.

The group arrives on King's isolated island lab (always a tip off) and are treated to a lecture by King on his work. Not surprisingly, they tell him he's nuts and they can't sign off on providing brides for shark boy, but here the movie does offer a surprise. Turns out King doesn't want their help. He's just mad that they never offered to fund his research. He opts to flood the room they're in and introduce them to his creation and it's hammer time.

The group somehow escapes the chamber and is promptly pursued by hammer and a cadre of mercenaries. They split up (actually, the Trump-like Felder decides to ditch them when one employee loses a leg) and each group makes for a destination. Tom leads the biologists and the wounded accountant back to the lab for supplies while Felder sneaks off with his trophy blonde secretary to find high ground for a cell phone call.

(See LAGOON, page ten)

A guide to Little League parenting

by ERNIE WITHAM

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE BASEBALL FAN'S SOUL"

Congratulations. You've just reached another Kodak moment in the great photo album of life. You've become a "Little League parent."

What's that? Hanging back a little because you're new? Not quite sure what's expected of a Little League parent? Well, fear not. I was a rookie not too long ago, just like you. If you want to look seasoned, here are some hints.

First, as a Little League parent, you'll want to have been "quite a good little ballplayer yourself, back in your day." This allows you to join the other parents in the pregame advice-to-the-coaches and warm-up sessions. Your extraordinary experiences — before the trick knee developed, cutting your

promising young career short — will be cherished by all.

Then there's the jargon. You'll use expressions that are not that common in everyday life. Like "good eye." Good eye, of course, means letting a ball go by that was too fast to see anyway, but it turned out not to be a strike.

I suggest practicing these expressions during everyday life. Like when your accountant finds a little something in your favor. "Good eye, Bob," you might say. "Way ta look 'em over."

Another common expression is "Atta boy, got a piece of it." This means your kid hit a foul ball. For some parents this is the most exciting it ever gets. At this point you are allowed to jump up and down and say clever things like "OK, now ... hit 'em where they ain't." Some of you may even be tempted to leap over the fence to hug

the little darling. Of course that's strictly against the rules.

Oh? You didn't know there were rules? Oh, sure. They hand them out at the same time they hand out the concession-stand duty sign-up sheet.

Rule one: Parents are not allowed in the dugout or on the field — team cap or no team cap.

Rule two: Parents are not allowed to feed kids while they are playing ball. This includes trying to slip them something just before they bat, like a double-fudge sugar cookie and a caffeine-laden Jolt cola.

Rule three: Parents are not allowed to boo the other team's parents.

Rule four: Parents are not allowed to curse the umpire. I did that in one game early on, and guess what? Next week I was umpire.

Rule five: Parents may not offer the coach free Arway products to just let their kid stay in until Grampa Earl figures out how to get the stupid batteries in the video camera.

Rule six: Parents must allow younger siblings to eat stuff like snow cones that will easily spill onto their clothing and Gummi Bears that stick to their teeth. This makes getting Little League sponsors like Community Cleaners and Valley Dental much easier.

Speaking of clothing, there are some dos and don'ts here also. For instance, ladies should refrain from wearing miniskirts in the stands. It distracts the other spectators, the coaches and some of the older Little Leaguers. Fat men with white legs should not wear shorts.

The glare can blind the infielders and it causes hot dog sales to plummet. All parents should avoid wearing anything that does not look good with gum stuck on it.

Finally, we have the after-game etiquette. This means hand slapping for the kids. The two teams must line up in rows and march toward each other saying things like "good game" and "nice try." Parents should approach the opposing bleachers in much the same manner, but are allowed to make

excusatory comments about the wind, sun, playing conditions, poor coaching, bad calls, day of the week, recent illnesses and heavy scholastic load.

They are also allowed to make excuses for their kids' performances.

Now that you know the rules, glad to see you out there. Little League needs all the athletic supporters it can get.



How to respond when rudeness transcends gender

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I live in New York City, where on-street parking spots are at such a premium that fisticuffs and brawls have been known to break out over disputed spots. Recently, on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, while idling and awaiting the departure of a parked car in a coveted spot, just as I was about to pull in, out of nowhere a woman driver took my space. Gender definitely plays a role here: Had it been a guy, naturally I would have unleashed a torrent of epithets and maybe even challenged him to a duel. But what is one to do when the parking-spot thief is of the fairer sex? — Peter

RAY: I think you should swat her with your man-bag, Peter.

TOM: Say whatever you want. Rude is rude, and gender doesn't make a difference. I say, you say to her whatever you'd say to a guy in that situation.

RAY: I know what I'd do. I'd walk up, politely knock on the window and say: "I'm sorry, maybe you didn't see me waiting here to get into this parking space, but I've been here with my blinker on. If you wouldn't mind, I've been waiting a long time. I'm sure you'd feel the same way if you'd been waiting as long as I have. Would you mind pulling out?" I think that gives

the person a face-saving way out. It employs etiquette rather than vitriol — and demonstrates that you're going to be civilized, even if she's not.

TOM: And when she tells you to go chase yourself, then I'd accidentally sideswipe her car and find another place to park.

RAY: Well, you can do that. But first make sure that her 6-foot-8-inch husband isn't in the passenger seat. Once he steps out of the car, you may wish you had stuck to the polite approach, Peter. But do whatever you think is best.

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Dear Tom and Ray:
Last May, I graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a degree in biophysics. Being a poor graduate student (and a cheapskate, to boot), I was wondering if there is any way I can use my chemistry knowledge to increase my gas mileage? In college, a chemical engineer named Mike and I created a super still in the back room of his house. I provided genetically engineered yeast that had its methanol-producing gene knocked out, and he designed the rig. I own a '95 Toyota Camry. My question: How much ethanol/methanol can I add to each tank of gas without destroying the engine?

Is there any simple alteration I can make to my car that would allow me to increase the alcohol-to-gas ratio? Lastly and least importantly, is this legal? — David

RAY: Well, I don't know anything about the legality of backyard stills, David. That was all my brother's idea — I swear!

TOM: I actually don't know anything about the legality of your home biochemistry lab, but there's nothing illegal about using a mix of gasoline and ethanol in your car. It's done all the time.

RAY: Ethanol has long been seen as a potential replacement for, or supplement to, gasoline. Since it's produced from plants — like corn — that grow prolifically in the United States, acquiring a steady supply of the stuff doesn't require invading any Middle Eastern countries. Which is a definite plus.

TOM: For a couple of decades now, some gasolines have been successfully mixed with ethanol. They're normally found in concentrations of 5 percent to 10 percent ethanol. In the early days, there were some problems with these "gasohol" fuels, because the alcohol degraded rubber hoses and seals in fuel systems. But that seems to be a thing of the past, at least in these low concentrations.

RAY: So you're probably safe

adding 10 percent ethanol to your car without having any problems.

TOM: Now, when you ignore our advice and ruin your '95 Camry with a mixture that's 50 percent ethanol, you should make your next new car a "flexible-fuel vehicle." Flexible-fuel vehicles are designed to run on almost anything: gasoline, ethanol, flat ginger ale, hummus.

RAY: Actually, they can run on ethanol, gasoline or any blend of the two. But they're really designed to run on something called E85, which is 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline.

TOM: They could, theoretically, run on 100 percent ethanol. But by adding 15 percent gasoline to the mixture, you help the car start reliably, since gasoline is more volatile and is easier to get started.

RAY: It appears that flex-fuel vehicles are about to get more popular. Ford and GM are the leaders in making flex-

fuel cars and trucks, and they're getting ready to push the technology. There are actually hundreds of thousands of flex-fuel vehicles already on the roads. But most of them are running on gasoline only, because the owners can't find enough gas stations that sell E85 yet.

TOM: Of course, that won't be a problem for you, David. While I suspect you're going to have to move your little still to a bona fide laboratory in order to comply with local zoning and fire codes, with a flex-fuel car you'll be in fat city, man. And what you don't burn, you can use to make after-dinner drinks.

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Lagoon

Violating the stick-together rule offers the film plenty of opportunities to whittle down the cast via shark attack sequences, and it also gives Tom a chance to show that he's seen "Die Hard" a few times. It all comes down to a climactic lab scene where everything gets blown up real good and the none-too-surprising final shot of the surrounding ocean, where a specimen from the lab has no doubt escaped.

This is another one of those "science gone wild" flicks from the folks at Nu-Image who have cornered that market with efforts like "Spiders," "Octopus" and "Frankenfish." Here they up their game by introducing a mad scientist into the mix and show admirable taste by casting veteran Jeffrey Combs in the role of King.

Combs reinvented the mad

science guy part back in 1985 with his portrayal of Dr. Herbert West in "Re-Animator." He relishes his role here and proceeds with a scenery chewing frenzy that any shark would envy. He is also equipped with some of the film's worst dialogue and handles it admirably, spitting out lines like, "My son will remember you when he smells you," with overstated abandon.

The film also benefits from decent special effects which were made affordable by shooting the movie in Bulgaria. Unfortunately this means that all but the lead actors sound like they took acting lessons from Gov. Schwarzenegger.

There is also an uncharacteristic turn by William Forsythe, who gets to play his first bland hero here. Forsythe is best known for playing villains but appears to enjoy himself as a

yuppie exec who knows a thing or two about finding himself trapped on an isolated island with a mutated shark-man on his trail. He never breaks stride or even appears flustered, sending the message that a degree in business administration covers all the bases.

One critic berated the film because Forsythe sports a gut. They argued that it made him unheroic. I, for one, was happy to have a guy who looks like most everyone I know getting to be the hero.

All of this and a bogus message about the perils of stem-cell research add up to 90 minutes of sci-fi pulp that goes down real easy and doesn't leave a bitter aftertaste.

Best line: "Kill them, but save the women. We can use them for testing."
2005, Rated R

Contest Update
Well, we got a 99 percent correct ratio for our February contest, despite the fact that I blew it.

In "Candyman" you have to say his name five times, though all contestants, except for one, gave me a pass on my mistake. I have to thank Kristy Griffith, of Paintsville, for calling me on my error and doing so without making me feel like a complete mook.

That said, the winner of "Hatchet for a Honeymoon" was Kimberly Dawn Hynes, of Hueysville.

We also received correct answers from Mike Mayfield, Rebecca Wallace and Pat West, of Prestonsburg; Judy Marshall, of Floyd County Schools; Deborah Clark, of Grethel; Dianne Price, of Blue

River; Tiffany Rowe and Randy Powers, of Auxier; Deborah Branham, Sheila Harlow and Bill Samons, of Martin; Angie Little, of Minnie; Christina Biaggi, of Hopland, Calif.; Kathy Ann Lykens, of Dana; Elizabeth Bryant, of Wayland; Brandy Little, of Melvin; Vina George, of Loudon, Tenn.; Linda Goldsworthy, of Valparaiso, Ind.; Kathy Whitlock, of Georgetown; Leslie Shepherd, of Van Lear; Delana Wilson, of Willard, Ohio; Margaret Robinson, of McDowell; Ben Slusser, of Livingston, N.J.; Sherry Little, of Beaver; Lisa Parsons, of Allen; and Corney Brink, of Mahaffey, Penn.

Our March contest salutes kung-fu films and their pioneers, which include Bruce Lee, Sonny Chiba and Jimmy Wang-Yu, who was born in March and was making kung-fu films before it

was a genre unto itself. This month we will be awarding a DVD set which includes three Lee films (two sorry documentaries and "Fists of Fury"), one Yu title ("Rage of the Master") and five Chiba flicks (which include the whole "Street Fighter" series and the ultimate Chiba movie "Ninja Wars"). One set will be awarded to a randomly selected correct response to the following question:

In what 1993 film, scripted by Quentin Tarantino, do Christian Slater and Patricia Arquette meet and fall in love in a marathon showing of all three "Street Fighter" films?

Answers must be submitted by 4 p.m., Thursday, March 30, to qualify and the winner will be announced in our April 2 edition.

Thanks for playing.

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Wildfires destroy mobile homes, abandoned house

The Associated Press

HYDEN — Two forest fires in Eastern Kentucky have destroyed two mobile homes and an abandoned house.

Firefighters were still fighting the blazes Friday, forestry officials said.

In Leslie County, a fire burned at least two mobile homes, two vehicles and an abandoned house, said southeastern district forester Harold Williams with the Kentucky Division of Forestry. That fire

was reported at 1:30 p.m.

In Bell County, an initial assessment reported 100 acres near Route 188 had been burned, but forest officials expect as much as 1,200 acres could be affected, Williams said. Eight volunteer fire departments and the Cumberland Gap National Park Service responded to the fire that was reported about 3 p.m., Williams said.

The forestry division received reports that an individual set three separate fires along

Route 188 and the wind spread the fire. The agency plans on conducting an arson investigation, Williams said.

The cause of the forest fire in Leslie County is under investigation, but probably started in a nearby field.

There were 91 fires burning 3,329 acres Thursday in south-central and eastern counties, prompting burning ban declarations in 16 counties, said Diana Olszowy, with the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 5, the 64th day of 2006. There are 301 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 5, 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Miss. Said Churchill: "From Stettin in the Baltic, to Trieste in the Adriatic, an 'iron curtain' has descended across the continent, allowing police governments to rule Eastern Europe."

On this date:
 ■ In 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people.
 ■ In 1849, Zachary Taylor took the oath of office at his presidential inauguration.

■ In 1868, the Senate was organized into a Court of Impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson.
 ■ In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote, enabling it to join with the Nationalists to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag.

■ In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died at age 73 after 29 years in power.
 ■ In 1963, country music performers Patsy Cline, "Cowboy" Copas and

"Hawkshaw" Hawkins died in a plane crash near Camden, Tenn.

■ In 1970, a nuclear nonproliferation treaty went into effect after 43 nations ratified it.

■ In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood; he was 33.

■ In 1986, in Lebanon, Islamic Jihad issued a statement saying it had "executed" French hostage Michel Seurat, who had been abducted almost a year earlier.

■ In 2004, Martha Stewart was convicted in New York of lying to the government about a stock sale; her ex-stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, also was found guilty in the scandal. (Each later received a five-month sentence.)

Ten years ago: Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole swept the "Junior Tuesday" primaries. U.S. Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz, R-Utah, tangled in a financial mess that she blamed on her estranged husband, announced she would not seek a second term.

Five years ago: Vice President Dick Cheney underwent an angioplasty for a partially blocked artery after going to a hospital with chest pains. Two students at Santana High School in Santee, Calif., were shot to death, 13 other people were wounded; student shooter Charles "Andy" Williams was

later sentenced to 50 years to life in prison. A stampede broke out during the annual hajj pilgrimage in Mina, Saudi Arabia, killing 35 Muslims.

One year ago: Syrian President Bashar Assad announced a two-stage pullback of his country's forces to the Lebanese border, but he failed to address broad international demands that he completely withdraw Syria's 15,000 troops after nearly 30 years in Lebanon.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Noble is 84. Actor James B. Sicking is 72. Actor Dean Stockwell is 70. Actor Fred Williamson is 68. Actor Michael Warren is 60. Actor Eddie Hodges is 59. Singer Eddy Grant is 58. Violinist Eugene Fodor is 56. Rock musician Alan Clark (Dire Straits) is 54. Actress-comedian Marsha Warfield is 52. Magician Penn Jillette is 51. Pop singer Teena Marie is 50. Rock singer Charlie Reid is 44. Rock musician John Frusciante (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 36. Singer Rome is 36. Actor Kevin Connolly is 32. Actress Jolene Blalock is 31. Model Niki Taylor is 31. Actress Eva Mendes is 28. Actor Jake Lloyd is 17.

Thought for Today: "Don't forget to love yourself." - Soren Kierkegaard, Danish philosopher (1813-1855).

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TOP CATS



Sean Leslie

Leslie named conference player of the year

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Sean Leslie capped off a stellar Floyd County Conference basketball career Thursday night when he led Prestonsburg to the 58th District championship. Prestonsburg, the number three seed in this year's 58th District Tournament, knocked off two seed South Floyd Tuesday night and top-seeded Betsy Layne Thursday night in the title game. Leslie dumped in a game-high 30 points versus South Floyd, leading the Blackcats to a 92-55 first round rout. On Thursday night, Leslie again grabbed game-high scoring honors, firing in 17 points. At the conclusion of the title game, Leslie was named the Floyd County Conference Player of the Year.

Leslie has hurt many opposing teams throughout the season with his shot-blocking skills and rebounding efforts. He has averaged double figures scoring throughout his senior season.

"Sean has played so big for us," said Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp. "He's been a leader all season long."

Joining Leslie on the all-conference team was senior teammate Lewis Barnette, another proven inside player for the Blackcats who has helped Prestonsburg to its second district title in three years.

"Lewis has also played big for us," Crisp added. "Both he and Sean have worked extremely hard."

Players named to the all-conference team from champion Betsy Layne were Brandon Kidd, Brandon Thacker, Derek Case, Patrick Stapleton and Trai Witt. The Bobcats posted a 5-1 record versus conference foes with their lone loss coming to South Floyd.

Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose, who guided the Bobcats to a near perfect 5-1 record in regular-season conference competition, claimed coach of the year honors. Betsy Layne is headed back to the 15th Region Tournament for the first time in six years.

Second-place South Floyd was represented on the all-conference team by seniors Mason Hall and Ryan Johnson and junior Ethan Johnson.

Allen Central's Josh Martin and Ryan Collins were also named all-conference.



The Prestonsburg High boys' basketball team put a lid on the 58th District Tournament Thursday night, defeating number one seed Betsy Layne 57-51 for the championship. Prestonsburg swept the 58th District, winning both the boys' and girls' championships.

photo by Jamie Howell

P'burg reclaims district's top spot

Blackcats beat Betsy Layne for championship

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Hail Blackcats. Prestonsburg returned to the top of the 58th District Thursday night with a 57-51 win over reigning Floyd County Conference champion Betsy Layne. The Blackcats didn't get off to their best start, but eventually heated up. Prestonsburg outscored Betsy Layne a combined 31-23 in the second and third quarters.

One game after tagging South Floyd for a game-high 30 points, Prestonsburg senior Sean Leslie scored 17 points (another game-high scoring total) and altered many of Betsy Layne's shots with his talented shot-blocking efforts.

Leslie was one of three Prestonsburg players to reach double figures. Michael Stephens connected on seven of 10 fourth quarter free throws and added 12 points for the Blackcats. Lewis Barnette pushed in 11 points for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg overcame a slow start. The Bobcats took a slim 10-9 lead out of the first quarter.

"I thought both teams started out slow," said Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Crisp. "Our kids played hard. They've worked hard all season. Hats off to Betsy Layne, too. They have an excellent team."

The Blackcat scoring effort was balanced. Three other Prestonsburg players added six or more points. Sophomore Bobby Hughes just missed double figures, finishing with nine points. Seniors Brooks Herrick and Nick McGuire, two other Prestonsburg starters, added six points apiece. Herrick got his six points on a pair of three-point field goals.

"Bobby Hughes came in off of the bench again and played real well for us," Crisp noted. "He gave us some real good minutes. I also can't say enough about seniors. We start five seniors and they have led us."

In 2005, Prestonsburg relinquished a lead late to South Floyd in the 58th District Tournament championship game. The Blackcats

lost that game in great part to their poor free throw shooting. On Thursday night, one year later, Prestonsburg hit the majority of its free throws. The Blackcats finished 16 of 22 from the charity stripe in this year's title game.

"We have worked on our free throw shooting," Crisp acknowledged. After taking a lead in the second quarter, Prestonsburg remained out in front at the end of each of the last three periods. The Blackcats led 26-22 at the half.

Senior Brandon Kidd led Betsy Layne with a team-high 16 points. Just two Bobcats reached double figures scoring. Brandon Thacker added 12 points for the Betsy Layne boys. Derek Case flipped in seven points and Manae Klokocar added six for the Bobcats.

Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne will each begin play early this week in the Community Trust Bank 15th Region Tournament at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center. The tournament will get underway Monday and continue through March 14.

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PRESTONSBURG (15-13) — Stephens 12, Herrick 6, Barnette 11, McGuire 6, Leslie 17, Hughes 9.

BETSY LAYNE (11-15) — Kidd 16, Stapleton 4, Case 7, Thacker 12, Witt 4, Klokocar 6, Craft 2.

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BOBBY HUGHES

Region tourney draw set for today

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The 2006 Community Trust Bank 15th Region Tournament draw will be held today at 2 p.m. at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center.

Two teams each from the 57th, 58th, 59th and 60th districts are headed to the 15th Region Tournament.

On the boys' side, Johnson Central and Paintsville will represent the 57th District. Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne will compete out of the 58th District. In the 59th District, Pikeville and defending champion Shelby Valley are set to compete for the regional crown. Belfry and Pike County Central have survived out of the 60th District. The Pirates

finished last season regional runner-up.

The girls' field is led by preseason favorite Magoffin County. The Lady Hornets will represent the 57th District along with perennial contender Johnson Central.

Defending 15th Region girls' champ Betsy Layne, hit hard by graduation last spring, didn't survive the 58th District Tournament. The

Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats and Allen Central girls are entering the regional tournament from the Floyd County district.

The 59th District girls' teams headed to the region tourney are Shelby Valley and East Ridge. The Belfry and Pike County Central girls' teams will join the boys' teams out of the 60th District.

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Clark, Louisville beat BYU in HEB Collegiate Team Championships

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CORPUS, Christi, Texas – The University of Louisville men's tennis team defeated BYU 4-3 in the first match of the HEB Collegiate Team Championships. The Cards (10-2) improved their winning streak to seven matches.

"We have a lot of respect for this BYU program," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarma. "The are talented and well-coached and we were fortunate to come away with a hard-fought win."

Louisville continued its strong doubles play by taking the doubles point for the 11th

time in their 12 matches. The No. 26-ranked team of Jeremy Clark and Jakob Gustafsson (14-6) rolled to an 8-3 win over Jose Luis Lechuga at the top seed, while Damar Johnson and Jhonny Berrido improved their dual match record to 11-1 by defeating Christian Hand and Henry March 8-4 at the No. 2 seed. Tony Teufel and Slavko Radman were leading 7-2 against Dominik Kaufhold and Ivan Kokurin when the match was suspended.

In singles action, Clark beat Kokurin 6-4, 6-3 at No. 4 and Nicolas Houard downed Warren 6-4, 6-2 to give the Cards two

more points. BYU's Ludlow edged Radman 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 at No. 1. Kaufhold defeated Johnson 6-2, 6-2 at the two-spot and Hand topped Gustafsson 7-6, 6-0 at No. 4. The match came down to the No. 5 spot, where Louisville's Berrido and BYU's Lechuga battled through three sets before Berrido came away with a 6-7, 6-0, 6-4 win after being down 4-1 in the third set.

"Good teams have different players who are able to come through in the clutch and tonight was Jhonny Berrido's turn," said Ecarma. "He fought through a tough match and was able to respond with his back against the wall."

Pikeville women battle, but fall short

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – In the end, it wasn't due to a lack of effort. It was the early deficit that grew exponentially that proved too much to overcome for Bill Watson's Lady Bears of Pikeville College.

Lindsey Wilson saw its lead balloon to 31 points early in the second half, but the Lady Bears cut it to single digits twice late in the game before settling for a 63-54 decision Thursday night in the quarterfinals of the 2006 Community Trust Bank Mid-South Conference tournament.

The win propels the third-seeded Lady Raiders to a 21-6 record and a spot in Friday night's semifinals against No. 2 Georgetown College. Game time is slated for 6 p.m. at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center.

The winner will play the winner of Friday afternoon's 1 p.m. matchup between top-seed Cumberlands and No. 4 Lambuth in Saturday's championship tilt, also slated for a 1 p.m. tipoff.

Lindsey (21-6) led by 31 twice, including 50-19 when Demoya Williams scored in the paint with 14:15 to play.

But shortly thereafter Pikeville began a comeback that included runs of seven, nine and six points, and when Beth Patterson scored with 3:15 remaining, the Lady Bears were within 11 (58-47).

A three by senior Julie Yates at 1:05 cut the lead to nine (61-52). The teams traded baskets in the final minute to end with Lindsey on top by nine.

The first half was all Lindsey, including a 14-0 run that began with 10 straight points by sophomore center Terran Duncan. When junior Tiffany Reid followed a free throw with a triple, the lead was 30-7 with 4:20 remaining in the half.

In all, Pikeville went 8:50 between points and



photo courtesy of Lindsey Wilson College
Terran Duncan lofted a shot over Pikeville freshman Kim Clark in the second half Thursday. Duncan scored a game-high 23 points as Lindsey Wilson ended Pikeville's season.

10 minutes between field goals, and it trailed 37-13 at the half.

Duncan led all scorers with 23 points. She added seven rebounds. Reid followed with 12, while Williams had nine points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Raiders.

Pikeville (12-19), which shot 53.8 percent in the second half to get back in the game, had three players finish with 10 points: junior Tonya Amburgey and freshmen Sasha Fields and Kim Clark.

Bears end season in MSC tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – The defensive effort picked up considerably in the second half for third-seeded Campbellsville University, which knocked off No. 6 Pikeville College 66-55 in the opening round of the 2006 Community Trust Bank Mid-South Conference tournament.

Pikeville (8-23) led most of the way, but the Tigers outscored the Bears 18-6 in the first nine minutes of the second half. When senior Zach Ingles scored with 11:08 left, the four-point hole had been converted

into a 52-44 lead.

The Bears shot 50 percent in the first half to build their lead, stretching it to 18-10 with 10:58 remaining in the half after Ben Valentine hit a jumper. But Campbellsville followed that with an 8-2 run – with Ingles chipping in six – to pull with two.

After a 5-0 run to push the lead back to seven, Pikeville was outscored 12-4 as Campbellsville rallied for its first lead (30-29) of the night.

But in the second half it was a different game, as Campbellsville put the clamps

on. Pikeville shot 22 percent and missed all eight of its tries from the arc as the Tigers pulled away for the win.

Senior Emanuel Tiekie led his team in scoring in his final game, hitting for 14. He added four rebounds and a pair of assists. Senior Chris Carroll had 10 and nine boards, while junior Ben Valentine had 10 points and five rebounds.

Campbellsville (24-5) was paced by Ingles with 18. Zach Allender followed with 17 and 11 rebounds, while James Steward tossed in 13 and added three assists.

Two perfect scores highlight ECU's APR Rating

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND – The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) released its second Academic Progress Rate (APR) report today and Eastern Kentucky University's Department of Athletics boasted two perfect scores and another Ohio Valley Conference leader. In addition, 12 of ECU's 16 varsity programs – women's soccer will not be included until next year's summary – met or exceeded the national Division I average.

This year's APR rankings, a measure of eligibility and retention for scholarship student-athletes, are a compilation of scores from the 2003-04 and 2004-05 academic years.

ECU's men and women's golf teams, coached by Pat and Joni Stephens respectively, earned a perfect 1,000. The third conference leader came from head

coach Elvis Dominguez's baseball team, which compiled a score of 991 in the two-year ranking.

The Colonels' baseball, football and men and women's golf teams scored in the top 10 percent for their sport nationally. They were joined by men's basketball, women's basketball, men's cross country, women's cross country, softball, women's indoor track & field, women's outdoor track & field and volleyball as programs that met or

exceeded the Division I average.

ECU led the six Division I Universities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in baseball, men's basketball, football, men and women's golf.

Comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 separately, the men and women's golf teams posted a perfect score in both years, while the women's basketball, softball, men's tennis and volleyball teams all improved last year compared to their 2003-04 data.

Titans keeping McNair

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Titans decided they will pay a \$1 million fee to keep quarterback Steve McNair this season but allow him to become a free agent after 2006.

The move means the Titans won't have to pay a \$50 million option that would have extended McNair's contract through 2009, the quarterback's agent said. Still, the agent estimated McNair will take up more than a quarter of the team's salary cap space.

Union soccer releases 2006 schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARBOURVILLE – The Union College men's soccer team has announced its 2006 schedule, which features games against a NCAA Division III school and two NCAA Division II squads.

This past fall, Corey Castle, a freshman from Harold, made an immediate impact on the Union College soccer program. Castle is a graduate of Pikeville High School.

The Bulldogs will test itself early with a pre-season scrimmage against NCAA Division II Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.) University on Aug. 22 before opening the regular-season at home against Warren Wilson (N.C.) College on Aug. 26

at 2 p.m.

Union's third and fourth games of the season will be at the Oakland City (Ind.) University Tournament on Sept. 8-9. Union will open up against fellow NAIA member University of St. Francis (Ill.) on Sept. 8 and will face of the winner of the Oakland City-Upper Iowa University game on Sept. 9. Both Oakland City and Upper Iowa are NCAA Division II schools.

On Sept. 14, Union returns home to face NCAA Division III Hanover (Ind.) College. Last season, the Bulldogs won 3-0 at Hanover.

Union will open Appalachian Athletic Conference play on Sept. 16 at

Covenant (Ga.) College. The conference slate features an eight-game schedule with the Bulldogs hosting four and traveling for four.

Bluefield (Va.) College will serve as Union's opponent for Homecoming on Oct. 21, and Union will close out the regular season at home against Shorter (Ga.) College on Oct. 24.

The Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament will be held Oct. 28-Nov. 4.

The 2006 schedule features eight home matches, seven road games and two neutral site contests.

Union ended the season with a 5-11-2 overall record and an 0-7-1 Appalachian Athletic Conference mark.

Reds pitching coach has cancer

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. – Before the Cincinnati Reds got on a bus for their first spring training game, pitching coach Vern Ruhle gathered the staff to break some upsetting news.

The 55-year-old coach told players Thursday morning that he has been diagnosed with cancer, but doctors think they can treat it successfully while he stays on the job.

"My doctors feel that they've caught it at an early stage and it is very treatable," Ruhle said, in a statement. "I plan to maintain a presence in spring training, but there will be times when I am away from the team for a few days as I receive treatment."

Ruhle didn't disclose the type of cancer, which was detected by a blood test given to players and coaches as part of spring training physicals.

Ruhle lives in Sarasota and will be treated by doctors in the area.

"We will approach this as a day-to-day thing," general manager Wayne Krivsky said. "He may be able to stay with us, and we might not have to make any changes."

Ruhle accompanied the Reds to Lakeland for their spring training opener Thursday, an 8-5 loss to the Detroit Tigers.

Cincinnati manager Jerry Narron learned about Ruhle's cancer after the coach missed a workout with pitchers and catchers.

"The good thing was that they found it early," Narron said. "He didn't have any symptoms. He had knee surgery in November and was fine then. The doctors gave him a lot of hope that it would be put in remission."

Bullpen coach Tom Hume will fill in when Ruhle needs to

be away getting treatment. Hume is a former Reds closer and has been the bullpen coach for the last 10 years. Narron feels comfortable having Hume fill in.

"Humie's been doing this a long time," Narron said. "We will see if we even need someone in the bullpen."

Ruhle pitched in the major leagues for Detroit, Houston, Cleveland and the California Angels from 1974-86, going 67-88 with a 3.73 ERA. He was a pitching coach with Houston, Philadelphia and the New York Mets before joining the Reds organization in 2004.

He started with the Reds as a pitching coach for their rookie league team, then moved up to minor league pitching coordinator in 2005. When manager Dave Miley and pitching coach Don Gullett were fired last June, Ruhle was promoted to pitching coach.



Alice Lloyd College golf coach Sean Damron has announced the signing of Joe Bryant. Joe Bryant is a Jenkins High School senior. He signed a national letter of Intent on Friday, Feb. 17, to continue his academic and athletic careers at Alice Lloyd College. Bryant is the son of Tony and Debbie Bryant of Dorton.



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BOYS' ALL-58TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT TEAM

5 Blackcats make all-tournament team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – Five Prestonsburg Blackcats – four starters and one reserve – were named to the All-58th District Tournament team Thursday night. Seniors Brooks Herrick, Lewis Barnette, Michael Stephens and Sean Leslie along with sophomore Bobby Hughes

were named to the all-tournament team.

Prestonsburg started district tournament play with a 92-55 rout of rival South Floyd.

Players named to the all-tournament team from district runner-up Betsy Layne were seniors Brandon Thacker, Brandon Kidd and Derek Case. Floyd County Conference champion Betsy

Layne defeated Allen Central in the opening round to earn the right to face Prestonsburg in the district championship game. South Floyd senior guards Ryan Johnson and Mason Hall also earned all-tournament recognition. Allen Central's Nick Music and Josh Martin round out the all-tournament team.

60TH DISTRICT BOYS Hawks handle Phelps

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GOODY – The Pike County Central Hawks outscored Phelps 21-7 in the second quarter and beat the Hornets handily Thursday night in the 60th District Tournament at Belfry, winning 80-49.

Senior Brad Lowe led Pike County Central in scoring with a game-high 15 points. Lowe was one of five Pike Central players

to reach double figures in the 31-point district tournament win. David Hess added 14 points for the Hawks. Brad Ratliff and Eric Slone followed with 12 points apiece for the Pike County Central boys.

The Hawks took a commanding 41-21 lead into the half and held a scoring advantage over Phelps in both the third and fourth quarters.

Ryan Dotson led Phelps with

14 points.

60TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT AT BELFRY
PHELPS (15-11) – M. Dotson 9, Gannon 7, McCoy 9, Page 3, R. Dotson 14, Workman 2, Stiltner 5.

PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL (19-9) – Lowe 15, Ratliff 12, Hamilton 8, E. Slone 12, Hess 14, C. Slone 3, Varney 10.

Phelps.....14 7 12 16-49
 Pike Co. Cent.20 21 15 24-80

Union, Pikeville split twinbill

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Union College freshman Suzannah Behnken tied a school record for most hits in a game as Union College split a doubleheader with host Pikeville College in non-conference softball action on Thursday.

to get its offense going in the first game as Pikeville claimed the 2-0 decision.

Both Lady Bear runs came in the third inning, and starting pitching Kelley Neace struck out five in collecting the complete-game victory.

Kaila McSpedon posted four strikeouts in suffering her first loss of the season.

In the nightcap, Union had two five-run innings as it

raced to an 11-6 victory. The Lady Bulldogs rallied for five runs in the third only to have Pikeville tie the game in the bottom of the frame with a five-run outburst of its own. Union, however, posted another five-run explosion in the fourth for a

10-5 cushion. After Pikeville made it 10-6 in the fifth, Union sealed the win with a run in the sixth en route to the five-run decision.

Lyla Blausner went 2 for 4 with a double and a triple. She was also hit by a pitch, marking the sixth time this season she's been hit to set a new school record. April Brock held the previous record having been hit by a pitch five times during the 2002 campaign. The NAIA record for being hit by a pitch in season is 11.

Samantha Bridges, Mallory Lavoy and McSpedon all went 2 for 4 with McSpedon tripling. Ashleigh Mensch was 2 for 5 with a triple.

Senior Monica Valdez recorded her second win in a row, going the distance and striking out seven.

Kadi Schultz took the loss for Pikeville, striking out just two.



Kelley Neace

H.S. GIRLS' BASKETBALL Magoffin County claims 57th District title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – Preseason 15th Region favorite Magoffin County took another step toward a regional championship Thursday night, defeating Johnson Central 59-42 in the 57th District Tournament title game.

Brittany Manns fired in a game-high 21 points and Ashley Jade Howard added 18 to lead the Lady Hornets to the convincing win. Michaela Howard and Ashley Hall aided the Magoffin County effort with eight points apiece.

Johnson Central outscored the Lady Hornets 19-18 in the first period before being held to just six points in the second quarter. Magoffin County put the finishing touches on the district championship victory in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Lady Eagles 13-6.

Celena Conley was the only Johnson Central player to reach double figures scoring. Conley led the Lady Eagles with 17 points. Chelsey Salyers added nine points for the Johnson Central girls.

Both Johnson Central and Magoffin County advance to the 15th Region Tournament.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY 59, JOHNSON CENTRAL 42

57TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT AT JOHNSON CENTRAL

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME JOHNSON CENTRAL (19-9) – Conley 17, C. Salyer 9, B. Salyer 6, Ritz 3, Wireman 3, Griffith 2, Meek 2.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY (22-5) – Manns 21, A.J. Howard 18, M. Howard 8, Hall 8, C. Howard 2, Powers 2.

Johnson Cent...19 6 11 6-42
 Magoffin Co...18 17 11 13-59

Lady Hawks outlast Phelps

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GOODY – Pike County Central went ahead of Phelps early on Thursday night and closed out strong, beating the Lady Hornets 50-35 in the 60th

District Tournament at Belfry. Haley Ratliff paced Pike County Central with a game-high 21 points. Kayla Lowe also reached double figures for the Lady Hawks, finishing with 10 points.

Pike County Central opened the game by outscoring Phelps 16-5 in the opening period.

Adrienne Slone led Phelps with 16 points. Slone was the only Phelps player to reach double figures in the district tournament setback.

Pike Central outscored Phelps 17-10 in the fourth quarter.

PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL 50, PHELPS 35

60TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT AT BELFRY
PHELPS (14-11) – Coleman 6, Slone 16, Keene 5, Hall 6, Johnson 2.

PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL (14-12) – H. Ratliff 21, Lowe 10, Pennington 5, Thompson 4, Harris 8, K. Ratliff 2.

Phelps.....5 11 9 10-35
 Pike Co. Cent...16 7 10 17-50



photos by Jamie Howell
ABOVE: The Prestonsburg High boys' varsity cheerleaders claimed 58th District Tournament top honors.



LEFT: The Allen Central High dance team finished runner-up in 58th District Tournament competition.

KHSAA NOTEBOOK

Tickets on sale for Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Tickets to the 2006 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Induction Banquet are currently on sale through the KHSAA. The banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at the Lexington Convention Center's Bluegrass Ballroom. Individual tickets are \$45 each, or a table of 10 may be purchased for \$425.

Those to be inducted are Earl Adkins, Richard Bedwell, Tom Hammond, Stan Hardin, James Holman, Joan Johnston, Charles Joseph, Rick Kestner, Carole Liedtke, George Lusby, Jimmie Reed, Kenny Rollins, Tom Steltenkamp.

• Brackets for next week's boys' and girls' regional tournament will be posted on the Riherd's/KHSAA scoreboard as received on Sunday.

Draws for the 2006 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments were conducted last Friday at WKYT-TV in Lexington. Complete brackets are posted on the Association website.

2006 National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament Bracket

<http://www.khsaa.org/basketball/boys/sweet16/2006/boy-statebracket2006.pdf>

2006 Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Bracket State Basketball Tournament Bracket

<http://www.khsaa.org/basketball/girls/sweet16/2006/girl-statebracket2006.pdf>

Ticket sales for the 2006 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments are no longer available through the KHSAA. Tickets are currently on sale for the boys'

event through the Rupp Arena box office or online through ticketmaster.com. Beginning today, tickets for the girls' event will be on sale through the Diddle Arena box office.

• UPCOMING KHSAA CALENDAR

March 6-14 – Regional Basketball Tournaments

March 14 – Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet, Lexington Center Bluegrass Ballroom

March 15-18 – National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16@, Lexington

March 22-25 – Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16@, Bowling Green

• The next meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control is special meeting to review appeals. The meeting will be held Friday, March 24 at the University Plaza Holiday Inn in Bowling Green.



Allen Central senior Justin Jacobs is the 2006 recipient of the Virgil Duff Award.

Hunting long over, but time is right to think deer for next season

by STEVE VANTREESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — With turkey gobblers, fishing and other spring pursuits dead ahead, sportsmen are prone to overlook one of the more important deer seasons.

Those focused on seemingly more timely activities may miss post-hunt scouting for whitetails. It's an unofficial season when a little legwork can determine whether the fall of 2006 will produce a trophy and venison or leave the hunter with only the bitter pottage of deer permit soup.

Late winter and early spring is when deer sign is most evident. And it's not yet being obscured by the new green growth that will spread with warmer days to come.

Forests, woodlots, thickets and fields that house deer across Kentucky now reveal whitetail

activity and make subtle clues where hunters should seek them next season.

Trails pounded into the ground over last autumn's shed leaves are more easily seen now before new growth blurs them. Catch a late winter snow for the most glaring picture of where deer travel, but tracks and worn depressions in leaves and dry ground alone reveal much.

Antler rubs — signposts of abraded bark on smaller trees and shrubs — reveal the past presence of buck deer. A concentration of rubs suggests a buck's regular home, his "core area" where much of his time is spent.

A linear series of rubbed trees — a rub line — reveals a route of travel for one or more bucks. The side of the tree rubbed, that which the buck faced when he shredded the bark, shows his direction of travel.

Scrapes, the hoof-pawed bare spots on the ground used as scented, breeding-season bulletin boards, also reveal buck activity. Look for old scrapes, mostly abandoned since November or December, along field and thicket edges — always marked by an overhanging limb that probably will show signs of being raked with the bucks antlers or chewed.

Many antlers, which are shed by bucks each year, hit the ground this month. A shed antler reveals the size of a buck, and it confirms that the particular buck survived the past hunting season and probably will be back next season, a year older and with larger antlers.

The antlers found during postseason scouting are trophies in themselves. They are best sought out and gathered soon after bucks shed them, for

squirrels and other critters gnaw them for their mineral content if they lie unattended for long.

For best bets in antler hunting, probe areas where bucks spend considerable time — thick bedding areas and possibly along heavily used runways toward feeding areas like agriculture fields or even the food sites themselves.

Finding spots of concentrated deer activity or travel routes, off-season hunters can benefit by picking out exact autumn hunting locations now, months in

advance. Find appropriate trees for tree stands or places for ground blinds and make notes if it is necessary to remember how to find the locations again, especially if they must be reached in the dark some pre-dawn morning next fall.

The saving grace of post-season scouting is that the hunter can barge into the deer's territory, learn areas of activity and possibly even "jump" and see some of the deer present. Then, armed with new knowledge, the hunter can leave the habitat to let

the deer settle from the disruption of noise and human scent.

Come next season, the hunter can return to the exact spot he picked out months before and perhaps rendezvous with a good deer on his first visit there.

The alternative too often practiced is scouting for hunting sites immediately before the season begins, which serves to alert deer that man is afoot on their turf and up to no good. It's that and not access of calendars that tells whitetails when hunting is beginning.

LAKE CUMBERLAND TO HOST WAL-MART BASS FISHING LEAGUE MOUNTAIN DIVISION TOURNAMENT

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MONTICELLO — The Mountain Division of the \$8.8 million Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League will visit Lake Cumberland near Monticello, March 11 for the first of five regular-season events. As many as 200 boaters and 200 co-anglers are expected to compete in the tournament, which will award as much as \$45,000 in cash, including as much as \$6,000 to the Boater Division winner.

Conley Bottom Marina in Monticello will host the takeoff and weigh-in at 6 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., respectively. Anglers will compete for prize money as well as points that count toward postseason competition. Every angler who receives weight credit in a tournament earns points, with 200 points going to the winner, 199 for second, 198 for third, and so on except for the season-ending Super Tournaments, which award 300 points to the winner, 299 points for second, 298 for third, and so on.

If the winner is a participant in the Ranger Cup incentive program, he will receive a \$1,000 bonus from Ranger Boats and \$500 from Yamaha if his boat is powered by Yamaha. Ranger will award \$500 to the highest-finishing Ranger Cup participant if not the winner, and Yamaha will kick in \$250 if the boat is powered by Yamaha. Bombardier will award \$1,000 to the winning boater if the winner's boat is equipped with a qualifying Evinrude E-TEC or Direct Injection outboard. That's a potential top award of \$8,000 for anglers who meet contingency guidelines.

The winning co-angler will earn as much as \$3,000 cash. The angler who catches the biggest bass of the day in the Boater Division will earn as much as \$1,000, and the co-angler big-bass winner will earn as much as \$500.

The top 40 boaters and co-anglers in each of the BFL's 28

divisions at the end of the season are eligible to advance to regional competition. Seven \$110,000

Regional Championships will each send six boaters and six co-anglers to the 2007 Wal-Mart BFL All-American championship, which will feature a \$1 million purse and a top award as high as \$140,000. Anglers who compete in all five regular-season events within a division but do not advance to regional competition are eligible to compete in the Chevy Wild Card, which will also send six boaters and six co-anglers to the All-American for a championship field of 48 boaters and 48 co-anglers.

The winning boater and the winning co-angler at the All-American will have the opportunity to advance to the \$2 million Forrest Wood Cup, the most lucrative tournament in all of competitive bass fishing, where the winner could earn up to \$1 million.

The top 40 Mountain Division boaters and co-anglers will advance to the Kentucky Lake Regional Championship near Gilbertsville, Oct. 19-21 and will compete against anglers from the Bama, Buckeye and Hoosier divisions for an All-American slot. The top 40 anglers from each division may also advance to the Stren Series in 2007.

Mountain Division anglers will next visit Dale Hollow Lake in Byrdstown, Tenn., April 8 for their second regular-season event, followed by an event on Lake Douglas in Sevierville, Tenn., April 29. The division's fourth qualifying event will be held at Lake Cherokee in Morristown, Tenn., May 20. A two-day Super Tournament, the division's fifth and final event, will be held on the Barren River in Glasgow, Ky., Sept. 23-24. For more information or to enter a tournament, call (270) 252-1000 or visit FLWOutdoors.com.

If the March 11 tournament

is not yet full, entries will be accepted at tournament registration, which will be held March 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Wal-Mart located at 1461 E. Hwy. 90 Bypass in Monticello. Entry fees are \$200 for boaters and \$100 for co-anglers.

In BFL competition, boaters supply the boat and compete from the front deck against other boaters. Co-anglers compete from the back deck against As the nation's leading provider of affordable, close-to-home weekend tournaments, the BFL is widely credited with opening competitive bass fishing to the masses. It also serves as a steppingstone for anglers who wish to advance to the Stren Series and ultimately the Wal-Mart FLW Tour — bass fishing's most lucrative tournament series. Former BFL anglers who have become fishing superstars on the Wal-Mart FLW Tour include Kellogg's pro Clark Wendlandt, Ranger pro Tommy Biffle and four-time FLW Tour champion David Fritts.

Named after the legendary founder of Ranger Boats, Forrest L. Wood, FLW Outdoors administers the Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League as well as the Wal-Mart FLW Tour, Wal-Mart FLW Series, Stren Series, Wal-Mart Texas Tournament Trail, Stratos Owners' Tournament Trail, Wal-Mart FLW Walleye Tour, Wal-Mart FLW Walleye League, Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Tour, Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Series and Wal-Mart FLW Redfish Series. These circuits offer combined purses exceeding \$36.9 million through 241 events in 2006.

Wal-Mart and many of America's largest and most respected companies support FLW Outdoors and its tournament trails. Wal-Mart signed on as title sponsor of the FLW Tour in 1997 and today is the title sponsor of all FLW Outdoors events. For more information on Wal-Mart, visit Wal-Mart.com.

Bass fishermen flex political muscle, reel in results

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Bass fishermen are flexing their political muscle, and politicians are listening.

Legislators in Kentucky are moving to ban boat-launching fees on the state's most popular lakes in hopes of giving the state an edge over Alabama and other southern states that vie for bass tournaments.

The action comes at the request of anglers involved in the state's \$1.3 billion sport-fishing industry.

"You certainly don't want to charge people who are bringing this type of money in," said

Mike Wells, general manager of 4 Rivers Outdoors, a Gilbertsville company that organizes fishing tournaments on Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley in western Kentucky.

The House Tourism Development and Energy Committee on Thursday approved a bill that would eliminate the \$3 fees because they're considered bothersome by fishermen, especially those involved in bass tournaments.

Kentucky has created a group specifically to help the state vie for fishing tournaments. That agency, the Kentucky Sports Authority, has secured 10 televised tournaments that are part of the ESPN

Outdoors Bassmaster Series.

The tournaments are expected to generate hundreds of thousands of dollars for Kentucky hotels, restaurants, gas stations and other businesses, said Terry Johnson, executive director of the authority.

In addition, Bassmaster, one of the nation's largest bass fishing groups, has scheduled a televised tournament on Kentucky Lake for June. The winner gets \$100,000.

Tourism Commissioner Randy Fiveash said the tournaments will raise Kentucky's profile in the sport fishing world, allowing the state to market itself to millions of fishing enthusiasts across the country.

FLW TOUR: Clausen youngest bass angler to surpass \$1 million mark

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BENTON — Luke Clausen, 27, became the youngest professional bass angler in history to surpass the \$1 million mark in tournament winnings Sunday when he notched a victory at the \$1.2 million Bassmaster Classic on Florida's Lake Toho. The win comes just 18 months after Clausen won \$500,000 at the \$1.5 million Wal-Mart FLW Tour Championship on Alabama's Logan Martin Lake.



Luke Clausen

Fishing for Team Chevy, the Spokane, Wash., pro is on the leading edge of a new generation of anglers who are cashing in on skyrocketing tournament purses brought about by the introduction of the Wal-Mart FLW Tour in 1996. Since that time, \$100,000, \$200,000 and even \$500,000 first-place payouts have become standard in top-level events. In fact, in 2007, the Forrest Wood Cup in Hot Springs, Ark., features an unheard of \$2 million purse with \$1 million going to the winning pro if the pro runs a Ranger boat. The winner of the event will receive \$500,000 regardless of boat brand.

Before the introduction of the FLW Tour, top professional anglers could fish for 10 years or more before earning \$1 million in tournament winnings. Chevy pro Larry Nixon of Bee Branch, Ark., was the first to reach the milestone in 1990 after 13 years of competition. He was 40 at the time. These days, young anglers like Clausen and Castrol Pro David Dudley of Lynchburg, Va., are blowing past the \$1 million milestone in a matter of months

and doing it before they turn 30. Like Clausen, Dudley earned \$1 million with just two victories that were just 18 months apart. The first was a \$700,000 title at the Ranger M1 in Mobile, Ala., in March 2002 followed by a \$500,000 win at the FLW Tour Championship in Richmond, Va., in Sept. 2003. Dudley's M1 victory, which came just seven days

before his 28th birthday, featured the largest payout in the sport's history and made him the youngest angler to reach the \$1 million mark. At 28, he was also the youngest pro to ever win the FLW Tour Championship, a record he held until Clausen's win in Birmingham, Ala., on Aug. 14, 2004, at the age of 26 — just 11 days after his birthday.

Clausen was the youngest angler competing in the Classic this year, too. That didn't stop him from breaking a couple of records en route to his win, however. He caught the largest five-fish limit in Classic history — a 29-pound, 6-ounce stringer on opening day — and set a new three-day, 15-bass Classic record at 56 pounds, 2 ounces. He was also only the seventh angler in Classic history to lead the championship wire to wire.

Clausen's professional career began with Bassmaster Open Western Division tournaments in 2000. He then began competing in the Stren Series Western Division — where he won the 2003 Clear Lake event — before qualifying for the FLW Tour in 2004. He now joins Wal-Mart pro George Cochran of Hot Springs, Ark.; Evinrude pro Davy Hite of Prosperity, S.C.; and fellow Team Chevy pros David Fritts of Lexington, N.C., and Dion Hibdon of Stover,

Mo., as one of only five anglers in history who have won both the FLW Tour Championship and the Classic.

Clausen will be competing this week at the \$900,000 FLW Tour stop presented by A&W Root Beer on Pickwick Lake in Florence, Ala., beginning Wednesday. He is currently ninth in the FLW Tour standings and is well on his way to qualifying for the \$1.5 million FLW Tour Championship presented by Castrol Aug. 2-5 on Logan Marin Lake in Birmingham. A repeat of his 2004 performance will add another \$500,000 to his already swollen bank account.

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TIMES STAFF REPORT

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Remember to purchase your 2006 license before you go fishing this spring. You can buy fishing or hunting licenses at more than 1,000 outlets across Kentucky. Most outdoor sporting goods stores carry licenses, as do most large discount stores that carry hunting or fishing equipment. You may also purchase fishing or hunting licenses at your county clerk's office.

One of the easiest ways to purchase your license is by picking up the phone and calling toll-free 1-877-598-2401. You may also log onto the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' web page at fw.ky.gov and click on the yellow box marked "Purchase Licenses Here."

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PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5274 MAJOR REVISION NO. 4

1. In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a Major Revision to a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1 1/2 mile southeast of Grethel, in Floyd County. The Revision will add 1.80 acre of surface disturbance, and underlie an additional 2.87 acres, for a total of 1406.93 acres within the revised permit boundary.

2. The proposed major revision is approximately 1.5 mile southeast from Rt. 979's junction with Branham Creek Road, and located 0.2 mile east of Branham Creek. The latitude is 37°29'24". The longitude is 82°37'53".

3. The proposed major revision is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be added by the major revision is owned by K.C. Rogers. The area added by the major revision will underlie land owned by K.C. Rogers.

4. The major revision proposes the addition of face up areas for mining the Elkhorn No. 2 and Elkhorn No. 3 seams.

5. The major Revision has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-7009

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CAM-Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 901, 116 Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a coal haul road affecting 8.0 acres, located approximately 1.10 mile northwest of Endicott, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.79 mile south-east from State Route 3385's junction with State Route 194, and located at Johns Branch. The latitude is 37°39'21". The longitude is 82°37'28".

The proposed operation is located on the Thomas quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Alma Land Company.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0307 AMENDMENT NO. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co. Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to a permit for a surface coal mining and reclama-

tion operation, located 2.6 miles north of Emma, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 322.28 acres of surface disturbance, of which 11.77 acres overlie area mining area, making a total area of 413.67 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.70 mile north-east from Sugarloaf Branch Road's junction with KY 1428, and is located on Dials Branch of the Levisa Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. and Barbara

Burchett. The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs, John Dallas and Vina Sue Branham, Clark D. Pergram and Jesse L. Rudd, E. L. and Bertha Cline, John G. and Billie Goble, Rebecca Jarrell, Charles Michael Harris, Rex Reynolds, Tom and Melissa Reynolds, Albert and Janet Ratliff, Johnny and Patricia Huffman, Taulbee and Renisa Branham, Michael Hunt, Ransom and Betty Hunt, Billy Yonts, and Maxine Crider. The operation will use the area method of surface mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for

Natural Resources' 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 of the Division of

Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

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