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briefs

* Otter Creek guard facing charges of sex abuse

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT -An arrest warrant was issued this week for a guard at Otter Creek Correctional Center after an inmate at the prison accused him of bribing her to perform sex acts with promises of food and candy.

Authorities are searching for Eldon Tackett, 43, of Winchester, to serve the warrant which was issued in Floyd County on Tuesday.

Clark is accused of one count of first-degree sexual abuse for the incident, which was investigated by Det. Byron Hansford of the Kentucky State Police.

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Informant escapes after cover blown

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

MARTIN - Three subjects from Langley were arrested on Wednesday at the Smoke Shack in Martin after an alleged drug transaction went sour.

The Sheriff's Department arrested Delano Hagans, 45, Kimberly Goble, 34, and Thomas Brown, 28, when the trio stopped for cigarettes hours after Hagans

Possible assassination plot also discovered

allegedly sold methadone to an undercover informant.

A technical malfunction had clued Hagans into the fact that the transaction was being taped earlier in the day, which led to the informant being forced to flee while Hagans allegedly attempted to

destroy the tape.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn noted that the informant is safe at this time and shared credit for the arrest with the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation and the revived Floyd County Drug Task Force, which initiated the investigation.

The three were arraigned on Thursday. Goble was charged with possession of controlled substances and one count of tampering with evidence for allegedly trying to hide drugs in the women's restroom at the store. Brown was charged with tampering with evidence for allegedly hiding drugs in Goble's purse and one count of intimidating a witness for

(See AGENT, page two)



The Eastern Kentucky Kennel Club held a dog show on the grounds of Johnson Central High School, in Paintsville, this past weekend. Over 400 dogs from across the country competed in the event. See today's Lifestyles section for more on this American Kennel Club certified show.

Science center funding could be in jeopardy

STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT Johnny Ray Turner used a brief break from budget negotiations at the Capitol, which are in their eighth straight day of committee, to contact The Times and say that funding for the East Kentucky Science Center is still on the table and will hopefully survive the Senate budgeting committee which proposed deleting the center's yearly stipend of \$220,000

from the budget. "The East Kentucky Science Center is an excellent program that provides educational oppor-

the region that were previously only available to families that could travel two and three hours to places like Louisville," Turner

Turner noted he would hang in there and try to keep the funding from being deleted, which would deprive the center of 60 percent of its operating budget.

Eric Thomas, former acting head of the center, was named the director of the center this week but the promotion was bittersweet in the aftermath of the Senate budgeting committee's proposal that the science center lose its budget.

"It would have a devastating tunities for children and adults in impact on our operations,"

"We haven't figured out why there hasn't been opposition to this proposal," said attorney John Rosenberg, head of the center's board. "Education Secretary Ginny Fox endorses the center, as does [U.S.] Sen. Mitch McConnell, who toured it last

Rosenberg also noted that the center is relatively young and would eventually become less reliant on state as grants and programming at the center will eventually make it self-suffi-

A decision on the status of the center's budget is expected by this morning.

Businesses offer reward after shooting

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG

The owners of adjoining businesses on Route 114 near Archer Park are pooling their resources to offer a cash award to anyone who can help them determine who fired a gunshot into their garage Wednesday night.

The owners of T&T Auto and Signs and Graphics discovered the errant bullet when they opened their shops Thursday morning and promptly reported their discovery to the Prestonsburg Police Department. Officers recovered a 9 mm slug from the shooting and have sent it on for lab tests, which will include fingerprint analysis.

The bullet entered through a garage door and lodged in the engine of a Geo Metro that was lodged at the station.

"We are offering a cash reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of whoever did this."



photo by Tom Doty The bullet that was fired through the garage door at T&T Auto on Route 114 lodged in the engine of a red Geo Metro, where it was

T&T owner Mark Holbrook.

later recovered by police.

Holbrook also noted that it was a miracle that no one was injured, as his staff often works late into the evening. He speculated that the shot must have been fired 10:30 between Wednesday and 7 a.m. Thursday, when the stores were closed and unmonitored.

The Prestonsburg Police Department is investigating the incident.

Tackett pleads guilty to shooting charges

by TOM DOTY

STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A McDowell man who was set to go to trial on Wednesday to face four charges of attempted murder for emptying a rifle into car full of people at the Vance Kwik Mart on July 10, entered a midnight-hour guilty plea to amended charges Tuesday in circuit court.

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Legislative budget talks may be nearing end

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Lawmakers were expecting to reach a compromise Thursday evening on a nearly \$18 billion budget that will provide pay raises for teachers and pay for major construction projects across the state.

That was the word from legisla-

tive leaders, including House Speaker Jody Richards, buzzing through the hallways of the Capitol Annex, where they had been holed up for the past six days in closeddoor negotiations.

"I feel like we're on target to finish up this evening," Richards, D-Bowling Green, told reporters.

(See BUDGET, page two)



Mike Hatfield, Larry Riff and **Curt Thomas** worked this week to dig a trench for a new sewer line in Martin. The new line will connect to the city's new downtown area, as part of the Martin Redevelopment Project.

photo by Josh Byers



Fletcher discusses tax legislation with business lobbyists

by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher met privately with business lobbyists Wednesday to discuss tax proposals pending in the General Assembly.

closed-door focused on contrasting versions of tax legislation passed by the House and Senate. The main topics discussed were the corporate income tax and the new alternative minimum imposed on businesses.

Both versions offer some relief on the alternative minimum tax, which was part of Fletcher's tax-overhaul package approved by lawmakers last

The House plan would exempt the first \$3 million in gross profits, while the Senate would exempt the first \$500,000. The House proposal would keep the current rate on gross profits above \$3 million, amounting to \$7,500 in taxes

owed per \$1 million.

The Senate would impose a tier of rates up to \$8 million, when the rate assessed in current law and maintained in the House version would kick in.

The new tax has been criticized as a hardship by some small businesses.

Tom Underwood, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business, said he was hopeful that an agreement could be hashed out. Lawmakers have three working days left in their 60-day session

"I think all parties are working to achieve a resolution, and I feel certain that small business, at the end of the day, will get some relief," Underwood said in an interview after the meeting.

The alternative minimum tax is assessed on gross receipts or gross profits and is designed to make sure all businesses pay some level of state taxes. It's hit hardest those businesses that have high sales but low profits and as a result have paid relathe past.

The House and Senate also differ on the top corporate income tax rate, which dropped from 8.25 percent to 7 percent this year as part of the 2005 tax overhaul.

The Senate plan allows that corporate tax levy to drop to 6 percent next year, as envisioned as part of the 2005 tax overhaul. The House version would keep the rate at 7 percent until 2009, when it would drop to 6 percent.

Fletcher told reporters he supports the Senate version. He said the state has touted the scheduled lower corporate rate in trying to entice companies to Kentucky.

"Part of the incentive package we put is that that rate is

than \$30,000 would get the

largest raises. Those making

more than \$80,000 would

being held in private, only the

legislators taking part know the

specific appropriations that have

been agreed upon so far.

However, Richards said he

expects the budget proposals to

be available to the public about

36 hours after the final agree-

ment. That, he said, is how long it will take staffers to draft and

print the final version that the

House and Senate will vote on.

and Senate could come as early

a deal that would appropriate

\$185 million toward construc-

tion of two bridges across the

Ohio River at Louisville, pro-

vide \$17.5 million to help pay

for reconstruction of three dams

and two locks on the Kentucky

on plans to built multimillion

counties and to construction new

buildings on nearly every public

university and community and

technical college campus in the

one of the sticking points for the

Kelly, R-Springfield, said the

lawmakers were working to put

together "one of the best" educa-

tion budgets in years. However,

House appropriations committee

Chairman Harry Moberly, D-

Richmond, referred to Senate

negotiators as "Neanderthals" in

their approach to education.

Moberly said the Senate's pro-

posals are "anti-teacher and anti-

divvy up about \$34 million to

local school districts to pay for

The budget proposal would

budget negotiators.

Education spending has been

Senate Majority Leader Dan

They also have been working

as Saturday, Richards said.

The vote by the full House

Negotiators were working on

With the budget negotiations

receive smaller ones.

Budget

tively little or no state taxes in going to be 6 percent," the governor said.

Fletcher also said he thought some relief was possible on the alternative minimum tax but criticized the House version.

The governor, who made tax overhaul a top priority, said he always anticipated having to make adjustments to last year's product.

He urged lawmakers to reach an agreement.

"I don't think it's an option to leave here without making some modifications," Fletcher said.

Rep. Rob Wilkey, a member of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said the House wants to help small businesses facing hardships because of the alternative minimum tax.

"It is an absolute priority,"

said Wilkey, D-Scottsville. "We believe we have a good fix proposed. We believe we can't leave here before we fix that issue.'

Fletcher said he saw nothing inappropriate about the private meeting with lobbyists, which was held in the same room at the Capitol where the governor usually has his formal news confer-

"We sit down all the time with folks and meet in my office," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly, who attended the meeting, said afterward that the Senate wants to provide relief as broad as possible to businesses.

Kelly, R-Springfield, said he was confident the House and Senate could reach agreement and said it would be an important tool in business growth and job creation.

"So we need to get it right,"

Guilty

Jeffery Tackett, 42, entered the plea upon a recommendation from Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Turner that he serve 15 years for the offenses. Part of the agreement included amending the charges to two counts of assault and two counts of wanton endangerment.

If Judge Danny P. Caudill accepts the recommendation, after a report is prepared by the Department of Probation and Parole, then Tackett will serve 10 years for the assault charges followed by five years for the wanton endangerment counts. He is set to be formally sentenced May 5.

The plea came as a surprise as Tackett had indicated through his attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, at a hearing held last November that he wanted a speedy trial. At the hearing, Pillersdorf alluded to a potential witness who had examined Tackett and determined that he acted out of a fear for his life when he shot into the car.

Tackett had a history with one of the car's passengers. He was apparently aiming for Shawn Sexton when he fired into the vehicle, but his shots struck two other passengers, while a third was struck by flying glass. Sexton escaped the shooting unscathed, but he was later charged with the alleged beating and robbery of an elderly and disabled Dwale man.

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The history between Tackett and Sexton involved several confrontations and allegedly began when Sexton became a tenant at a trailer owned by Tackett.

The day of the shooting saw Tackett flee the Kwik Mart and drive to his girlfriend's house, where he later was captured by the sheriff's department after calling them to inquire about the shooting. He was told by a dispatcher that no one was killed as a result of the incident and soon agreed to surrender to authorities, who were directed to the scene by the dispatcher who kept the officers aware of Tackett's whereabouts and aided in the capture by letting officers know that Tackett had disposed of the gun and was ready to come into custody. He was picked up without incident.

Agent

allegedly threatening the infor-

Delano Hagans received multiple charges, which included theft by unlawful taking, trafficking in a controlled substance, two counts of tampering with evidence, criminal mischief and one count of intimidating a witness.

More charges are expected in the case, including a criminal conspiracy to assassinate a county official. A recording of that plan was allegedly caught on tape as well and involved two ■ Continued from p1

of the subjects. Brown and Goble were placed under a \$100,000 cash bond at their arraignment and Hagans was issued a \$250,000 cash bond. All three are scheduled to appear in court April 10.

Detective Sgt. Steve Little is leading the investigation.

The Floyd County Drug Task Force is a cooperative effort that receives funding from the City of Prestonsburg, the Floyd County Fiscal Court and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Obituaries

Willie Junior Akers

Willie Junior Akers, 56, of Banner, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at his residence.

Born May 23, 1949, in Dana, he was the son of the late Willie E. and Osie Howell Akers; and the step-son of Alice Boyd Akers of Banner. He was a disabled school bus driver for the Floyd County Board of Education, and a member of the Little Mud Church of Christ.

In addition to his step-mother, he is survived by four brothers: Earl Lee Akers, James E. Akers, and Nelson Akers, all of Adrian, Michigan, and Curtis Akers of Ohio; five sisters: Lillie Kovac of Jackson, Michigan, Ilene Richards of Elyria, Ohio, Linda Lane of Zion, Illinois, Sharon S. Taylor of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Josephine Daniels of Wellington, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Loyal Akers; 10 sisters: Margie Boyd, Martha Wright, Lora Howell, Lulie Wright, Alice Wright, Emma Mae Akers, Maggie Alcock, Pearlie Akers, Millie Akers; and one unnamed infant.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 24, at 1 p.m., at the Little Mud Church of Christ, in Harold, with Albert (Red) Lawson officiating.

Burial was in the Akers Cemetery, at Dana, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

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

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Charles Roger Castle

Charles Roger Castle, age 62, of Kettering, Ohio, formerly of Estill, husband of Carmelia Connie Castle, passed away Friday, March 17, 2006, at his residence.

He was born August 7, 1943, in Paintsville, the son of the late Clarence Mitchell and Aileen Campbell Castle. He was a retired plumber and pipe fitter for General Motors.

Survivors include his wife Connie; a son, Charles Roger Castle II, of Kettering, Ohio; a step daughter, Theresa Dearing Ross and son-in-law, Michael Ross of Xenia, Ohio; and one granddaughter, Emily Grace

Funeral services for Charles Roger Castle were conducted

Tuesday, March 21, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Jimmy Hall officiat-

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

Visitation was at the funeral (Paid obituary) dollar courthouses in several home.

Eula "Judy" Gibson Johnson

Eula "Judy" Gibson Johnson, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Pres-tonsburg.

Born April 1, 1929, in Williamson, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Ballard Gibson and Ida Goff Gibson. She was a former nurse at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, and Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. She was a member of the First Baptist Church (Irene Cole Memorial), and the Order of the Eastern Star/Adah Chapter No. 24, Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jobie Hughes in 1973, and her second husband, Philmon Johnson, in

Survivors include two daughters: Janet S. Hughes of Prestonsburg, and Doris Robinson of Staffordsville; three grandsons: Richard Alan Robinson, John Christopher Robinson, and Stephen Anthony Robinson; and two great-grandchildren: Myrah Blair Robinson and Myles Brecker Robinson.

A Memorial servicce will be held at a later date.

Interment will be in the Hughes Family Cemetery, in Hippo.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

■ Continued from p1 full-day kindergarten classes.

A 21-member negotiating team has been developing a bud-Lawmakers were considering get that may increase teacher a plan to extend the Kentucky pay in Kentucky by more than school calendar by a single day \$3,800 over the next two years rather than the two proposed by and provide sliding wage Gov. Ernie Fletcher and the state increases of \$400 to \$1,350 a Senate. Teachers wouldn't be paid for the additional time year to public employees. under a deal that was being con-Under a plan previously touted by House and Senate leaders. sidered on Thursday, Richards state employees who make less

The standard school year in Kentucky is 175 days long, with students spending about six hours in class each day.

The Kentucky Board of Education had recommended adding four days to the school year, two for instruction and two for professional development. Right now, Kentucky has one of shortest academic years in the country, said Lisa Gross, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Department of Education.

However, adding the two days and paying teachers and other school employees for the extra time would have cost the state \$32 million, said Rep. Rob Wilkey, D-Scottsville. Wilkey and other House leaders, including Richards, have been pushing to include funding to pay the teachers for the additional classroom time.

Budget negotiators also have tentatively agreed to make a 1.1cent-per-gallon gasoline tax increase permanent so the state can sell about \$350 million in bonds to pay for highway construction projects.

The Senate had recommended a \$740 million bond issue to pay for road construction. House lawmakers initially proposed no additional road bonds, saying all necessary road projects could be paid for without taking on additional debt. They later agreed to locking in the 1.1-cent gas tax

increase. a '20-year-old adjustable funding formula, the state's fuel tax rises and falls with the average price of gasoline. The Senate had proposed locking down the 1.1-cent-pergallon increase from last year and an anticipated 1.2-cent-pergallon increase this year. However, House negotiators have opposed the plan.

The state tax on gasoline is currently 18.5 cents per gallon.

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April Lynn Pruett, 20, of Michigan, to Andy Lee Oslovne, 21, of Melvin.

dargaret Stanley, 25, of Louisa, to Ralph Steeley, 21, of Paintsville.

Jammy Kristin Bishop, 32, Trestonsburg, to Brian ALan Conner, 42, of Columbus, Ohio. Jennifer Renee Stephens, 35, McDowell, to Jeremy L. Webb. 32, of Springfield, Ohio. Pamela Jean Caldwell, 40, of Acoust, Ohio, to Carl Meade, 33,

Beatrice Collins, 42, of McDowell, to Terry Lee Collins, 47, of Martin.

Civil Suits Filed

Christopher Allen vs. Sam an Tomo's Restaurant; seeking enforcement of court-ordered compensation of medical bills.

Gary Mullins vs. Brittany D. Cook: petition for child support. Teresa Daniels vs. Eric L. Deunis: petition for child sup-

Sharon Collins vs. John D. Collins; petition for health care

Mary Blevins vs. Pamela Cantrell; petition for child sup-

Cumberland Lake Shell vs. Robert Stumbo; to collect a

Cynthia Ann Branham vs. William Edward Branham; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Small Claims Filings

vs. Sharon Salisbury; to collect deception.

Capitol One Bank vs. Tracy Keens; to collect a debt.

Lenmark Financial Services vs. Shawn Cordle; to collect a

Day; to collect a debt.

Capitol One Bank vs. Thomas McNeil; to collect a

Asset Acceptance vs. Drema J. Bates; to collect a debt.

Asset Acceptance vs. Steve Conn; to collect a debt.

Charges Filed

George Jeffrey Vandiver, 45, of Prestonsburg; operating a motor vehicle under the influence, operating a motor vehicle on a DUI-suspended license, no insurance, expired registration

Susan Sturgil, 27, of Isom; theft by deception.

Angela Kidd, 40, of Louisa; theft by unlawful taking.

Mickey Lee McKinney, 27, of Craynor; murder.

Thomas L. Perkins, 37, of Minnie; criminal possession of a forged instrument.

Susan Faye Sturgill, 27, of Isom; theft by deception.

Jonathan Wendell Howard, 29, of Hueysville; 23 counts of theft by unlawful taking, 23 counts of forgery.

Joyce Cook Cerritos, 53, of Wheelwright; aggravated

Tammi S. Gorman, no age First Resolution Investment listed, of Hazard; theft by to Steven Porter, property loca-

Vincent Edward Crum, 34, of Langley: menacing.

Crystal Scarberry-Anderson, 27, of Prestonsburg; operating an ATV on roadway, possession of a controlled substance, con-Capitol One Bank vs. Robin trolled substance not in its original container.

> Randy Slone, 23, of Blue River; alcohol intoxication.

Tim Click, 26. Bevinsville; harassing communications.

Melissa Hensen, 38, of Hi Hat; terroristic threatening.

Tavis Flannery. 40, of Hi

Hat; terroristic threatening. Tamara Adkins, 45, Wayland; fourth-degree assault.

Point, N.C.; fourth-degree

Roger D. Adkins, 35, of High

Ricky Frasure, 42, of Martin: fourth-degree assault. Tonya Lynn Howard, 22, of

Hueysville; selling alcoholic beverages to minors. Mary Spears, 57, of Dwale:

selling alcoholic beverages to

Property Transfers

Audrey and Jimmie Darrell Adkins to Denver and Lorieth Adkins, property located at Prater Fork Creek

David A. Anderson to Knott Floyd Land Company, property located at Garrett. Aaron and Carly Bingham to

Angela and James Howard. property location undisclosed. Hazel and Mark Boatwright

tion undisclosed.

Garnard Campbell to Joann and Toney Conn, property located at Little

Larry Collins to John and Judy Rose, property located at Buffalo Creek.

Jerleen Conway Middlefork Land Company, property located at John's Creek.

Barbara and Timothy Crabtree to Virgil Halbert, property located at John's Branch.

Deutsche Bank and National Trust to Clifford and Deloris Conley, property located at Jack Arnett Subdivision.

Ruby Gilliam to Charles and Judy Johnson, property located at Weeksbury.

Paul Douglas Goble to Joseph and Theresa Difessi, property location undisclosed.

Virgil Halbert to Shauna and Steven Brown, property located at John's bRanch.

Hazel Hall to Steven Porter, property location undisclosed.

Orville and Ruthie Hall' to Scottie DEan Hall, property located at Ky Route 3379.

Billy and Debra Hamilton to Hollis and JUanita Hamilton, property location undisclosed.

Charles and Hammonds to Middlefork Land Company, property located at John's Creek.

Charla and John Hitchcock to Steven and Theresa Adkins, property located at Auxier.

Edith, Florence, Larry, Marvin, Sammy, and Sheila

41 hours underground are frag-

mented images he said he'd

rather forget. And when he thinks

of his fallen friends, he prefers to

saved and in heaven, stuff like

that," he said. "That's really the

best way you can remember

"I just like to picture them

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Lafferty to Middlefork Land Company, property located at John's Creek.

Junior and Mildred Martin to Larry Martin, property located at Wayland.

Darling and Emmagene Newsome to Ronnie Newsome, property located at Hen Pen Branch.

Dwight and Kimberly Newsome to J & N Land Company, property located at Stanville.

Effert Parsons to Louise Jean

Osborne, property location undisclosed.

John and Myra Polk to Oma and Ricky Johnson, property location undisclosed.

Charlotte Saunders to Denver and Lorieth Adkins, property located at Prater Fork Creek.

Larry Skiles to Charles and Judy Robinson, property located at Weeksbury

James MIchael Williamson to Oma and Ricky Johnson, property located at Cow Creek.

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Sago Mine survivor home months earlier than expected

by APRIL VITELLO and VICKI SMITH ASSOCIATED PRESS

SIMPSON, W.Va. - It wasn t a fancy homecoming. Just some red balloons, handmade signs, a whole lot of hugs and his wife's homemade lasagna. But it was everything Randal McCloy Jr wanted three months after the Sago Mine disaster that killed 12

of his friends. I thank God, mostly," he sula, family milling around.

"Hecause of him, I am here." He is thin and still a bit unsteady on his feet, but McCloy was strong enough Thursday to leave the Morgantown rehabilitation hosmin where he has spent two months in intensive therapy, recovering from a severe brain injury and regaining his physical

smength. Before he did, he appeared briefly with wife Anna at a news conference and delivered a few carefully chosen words to the television cameras and the viewers he's been told have prayed

I'd just like to thank everybody for their thoughts and prayers" he said softly, peering out from under a navy ball cap, a Ford Racing jacket hanging on his skinny frame. He paused, then added, "I believe that's it."

Reporters laughed, then applauded. An hour later, when he arrived at his white trailer in Simpson, relatives shouted out greetings and small children blen noisemakers.

McGee, Anna Mer loy's sister, said she knew he'd enjoy all the fuss.

He used to be the quiet type, but since this has happened, he's been very, very verbal," said McGee, whose husband Rick has been with the McCloys nonstop since the 26-year-old miner was carried out of the earth Jan.

If he saw a crowd before, he would walk around it. But it's por the same now. It's good to see him this way," she said. "Be fore, he didn't think anybody liked him. He didn't think I liked him and I'm his sister-in-law."

McCloy has also asked Anna to remarry him, she said, perhap in a bigger ceremony than the me they had June 30, 2001. He has a new lease on life,"

McCice said. McCloy is considered a medical miracle because he survived after being exposed to carbon monoxide for more than 41 hours. Doctors cannot fully explain why he lived and 12 others ched. They also expected him to spend about six months in

therapy, but released him in half that time.

"It's still amazing, still astonishing," said Dr. Russell Biundo, medical director at HealthSouth Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital. "It's basically almost like he was res-

Anna McCloy said her family was happy to be going home.

"However, there are 12 families who are in our thoughts and prayers today and every day. The families of Randy and friends are celebrating with us today just as we continue to mourn with them," she said. "Please keep all of us in your

thoughts and prayers.' In recognition of McCloy's recovery and release, Gov. Joe Manchin announced the rural road in Simpson where the McCloys live will now be named "Miracle Road." He gave green-and-white signs to McCloy and his three key physi-

"We didn't get the 13 miracles we hoped for," Manchin said. "We did get one."

Along that road Thursday were a dozen red balloons and a handwritten sign saying. "Welcome Home, Miracle Miner." More signs dotted the newly built wheelchair ramp in front of the home, some decorated with hearts, glitter and blackand-white photos.

Inside, things were much as McCloy left them three months ago — with the addition of some grab bars in the shower.

McCloy is determined to get tronger, but he remains mystified by his own survival. "It's just crazy how that ended

up being like that," he told The Associated Press on Wednesday. After the blast, which the mine's owner says was caused by a lightning strike, some people speculated McCloy survived

mine, farther from the bad air. He said he wasn't. Nor does he believe a crushed lung limited the carbon monoxide he inhaled. If he'd been in pain, he figures, he'd have

inhaled even more. Most of his memories of the

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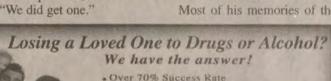
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Editorial roundup

The Greenville (S.C.) News, on government spending:

The U.S. government is facing enormous fiscal pressures. The evidence suggests that unless the government changes its spendthrift ways, the nation will be in for a rude awakening that could hurt seniors and the poor - and perhaps drag down the entire economy. We can't say we weren't

Entitlements are growing at an unsustainable rate while the national debt has ballooned past \$8 trillion. ...

Social Security and Medicare, meanwhile, will see enrollments explode beginning in 2008 as 79 million baby boomers begin to become eligible for those costly programs.

The irony: This coming fiscal calamity has been set into motion by a Republican president and Congress. President Bush and the GOP Congress, far from cutting Medicare, expanded it via a \$729 billion prescription drug plan for seniors.

At a time of war, the nation should be trying to pare back spending, not increase it. ...

Instead of paying all of these expenses, Bush adds much of the cost to the federal credit card. During his time in office, Bush has overseen a 46 percent increase in the federal debt, from \$5.6 trillion to more than \$8 tril-

The remedy is simple though difficult to achieve. Bush and Congress have to spend less. Otherwise, the nation will fall far short of its obligations to seniors, the poor and students in the future.

The Times Herald-Record, Middletown, N.Y., on regulating ADHD drugs:

There are few more controversial, confusing issues regarding children and education than the use of powerful stimulant drugs to counter the effects of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Last week, an advisory panel of the Food and Drug Administration wisely and somewhat courageously tried to remove some of the confusion without adding to the controversy.

The FDA's pediatric advisory committee rejected a call for "tougher" warning labels on ADHD drugs, recommending instead that the labels be written more clearly. This would allow drug manufacturers to alerts parents to possible, but rare, serious side effects of the drugs - heart attacks, hallucinations and other psychological problems — without scaring away thousands of people who need and would benefit from the drugs

The pediatric panel's recommendation conflicts with that of the FDA's drug safety and risk management committee. That panel advised using the strongest possible warnings on some of the drugs, to warn doctors, parents and patients of potential risks. Given the suspicion that the drugs -Ritalin, Concerta, Adderall, Strattera - are too casually prescribed by some doctors and that some parents and teachers look upon them as quick fixes for behavioral problems, there certainly is reason for concern about serious side effects. But the pediatric panel correctly warned about the confusion such strong warnings would inject into an already confusing issue. And of course, it would surely drive away children who would ben-

And many do. That's the problem. ADHD drugs can and have worked miracles in children's lives. Children who cannot focus, who are regularly disruptive, impatient or impulsive in class have been transformed into model students through use of one of the drugs. Their academic world is transformed from a negative to a positive place. The American Academy of Pediatrics says 70 percent of patients are helped through use of the drugs. That's significant, given that about 3.3 million Americans under 20 years of age used one of the drugs last year.

The controversy arises over the method of diagnosing the disorder. ADHD is a behavioral diagnosis. There are no easy physical symptoms to check. Blood work won't do it. Rather, doctors must confer with parents and teachers and assess a child's full medical and educational record to determine if he or she (it tends to be boys) has a legitimate disorder.

At least that's what is supposed to happen. It is safe and fair to say that the thoroughness of those assessments varies widely. The tendency to want to help a child do better in school is understandable, but doctors and parents must become better educated on the risks of misdiagnosing ADHD. At the same time, there are also potential serious risks to children from not diagnosing ADHD. It would be especially unfortunate if exaggerated fear caused this.

Clearly, all parties involved - doctors, parents, educators, patients and pharmaceutical companies - need to do more collaborative work on figuring this out. That's why any move to clearer labeling, as opposed to scare labeling, makes sense at this time. The FDA was wise to ask for a second opinion. It should take it to heart.

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"Bush's new chief of staff may help. He has a plan to raise the president's IQ."

The truth about Senate Bill 236

by SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER

Our country was built on the fundamental Christian values that I share. That is why I recently voted for House Bill 277 to allow the posting of the Ten Commandments in our schools and public buildings.

Those same Christian values also guided my vote in favor of a constitutional amendment to ban same sex marriage amendment in 2004,

I bring this to your attention because a letter sent to a number of friends and neighbors recently questioned my values because I voted against Senate Bill 236. I want you to understand my vote.

Senate Bill 236 proposes seven changes to our state Constitution, our founding legal document. Seven! One of those provisions involves the Ten Commandments; one involves so-called fairness ordinances that have been passed by a few cities in Kentucky.

That leaves five other provisions, and they're the provisions I voted against. They seek to undo one of the fundamental principles of our representative democracy - the balance of powers. You remember your civics lessons the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government exert checks and balances over one another, to establish a balance of powers.

The changes proposed in Senate Bill 236 do away with judicial oversight of the legislature and throw those checks and balances out the window. It would tip the scales in favor of the legislature.

What would that mean? Nobody really knows all the possible outcomes, but here's one that bothers me a lot. It would mean that you can't hold me accountable for the things I do in

For example, teachers couldn't sue legislators if we fail to adequately fund their pensions. This is an issue of great concern to teachers, and while I hope we work out the funding problems without lawsuits, if we don't, teachers ought to be able to hold me and all other legislators accountable in court.

Why would anyone want to throw our government out of balance? The answer is simple and it really isn't pretty - revenge.

Senate Republicans are angry about court decisions concerning Jefferson County's 37th Senate District, in which they tried to dodge Constitutional residency requirements for Senate candidates. A succession of courts, and finally the Supreme Court said "no" to the GOP scheme to put a woman who had recently qualified as an Indiana resident into the Kentucky Senate.

So, for Republicans, it's time to get even with the courts, no matter what the cost to our government. Our state's highest judge, Supreme Court Chief

Justice Joseph Lambert, has voiced his strong concerns about this bill, as have several of our local jurists.

In truth, Senate Bill 236 is nothing more than a political ploy. If I voted responsibly - voted "no" to uphold our system of government - I appeared to vote against traditional family values I

I believe that the conservative approach is the best approach when it comes to changing our state; Constitution, just as it is the best approach when it comes to changing our nation's Constitution. These are our founding legal documents, containing our basic laws and principles. These documents can't and shouldn't be changed quickly, every time a change in statute or local ordinance is needed.

It is simply not necessary to change the Constitution to address the Ten Commandments issue (as I said, we have already passed House Bill 277 and a U.S. Supreme Court ruling backs it up) or the issue concerning fairness ordinances. These require a change in local ordinances or doing away with home rule, the state law that guarantees independence for cities.

As a Christian, I am offended by Senate Bill 236, a bill that seeks to use: important issues like the Ten Commandments as a "cover" to mask legislation that is really just dirty politics. I think that kind of behavior offends most of my friends and neighbors, as well.

Guest

Judicial elections may be different this year, but they're still not like other elections

by AL CROSS SECRETARY, KENTUCKY JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN CONDUCT COMMITTEE

Kentucky voters have a historic opportunity to put their stamp on the state's judiciary this year, because every court seat will be on the ballot, except two on the state Supreme Court, and the candidates will be running under new rules that allow more freewheeling campaigns. As members of the non-partisan, non-profit Kentucky Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee Inc., we look forward to spirited races, but we hope the candidates and public will remember that a judicial election is a special kind of election, with some basic principles:

■ The public deserves judges who are open-minded and decide cases faithfully and impartially. Candidates may state their views on legal and political issues, but court rules say they may not say in advance how they might rule on a matter.

Candidates for court seats, whether elected or appointed, should understand the obligation to keep an open mind and make decisions based on the facts and law of a particular case. No one should ask a candidate to promise to decide a matter a certain way, and no candidate should make such a promise.

Records of candidates are fair game in campaigns. But the records of judges, and of lawyers who want to be judges, can be easy to distort or misrepresent. Judges make hundreds of decisions during a term of office, and it's inevitable

that some will be unpopular - or turn out to be, or seem, mistaken. The easiest way to campaign against someone who has served on the bench is to pick out a few decisions and focus attention on them, or even on only one decision. And a lawyer's legal career cannot always be defined by one case or a set of cases.

Voters should choose candidates on the basis of their complete records, and remember that, the best judges are those who aren't afraid to make decisions that might be unpopular. The judges' code of conduct says "a judge shall not be swayed by partisan interests, public clamor or fear of criticism." The public doesn't need, and shouldn't want, judges who make decisions with the next election in mind.

Judicial races in Kentucky have been non-partisan since 1975, when voters amended the state Constitution to create a four-level Court of Justice that is independent of the partisan political system. This means that judicial candidates should stay out of party politics, and voters should not ask them their affiliation or use that as a reason for their vote.

The non-partisan nature of judicial races is voters' handiest reminder of the difference between judicial elections and other elections. Voters who expect a judge to have a platform on issues are expecting to have a judge whose mind is made up before hearing all the evidence. That is not what Kentuckians voted for in 1975, or what they need today.

 Judicial campaigns can be costly, and candidates in some races must raise money to compete. However, candidates must avoid the appearance of being indebted to their contributors. The public has a right to know who is contributing and how much, so candidates and campaign committees are required to make that information public, and the news media should report it.

In several states bordering Kentucky, interest groups and individuals have spent millions on campaigns for appellate-court seats, and bragged about their success - suggesting that the elected judges are obligated to decide cases the way their contributors want. Candidates should assure the public that they are not indebted to their contributors and must disavow any statements by interest groups that suggest candidates are

bought and paid for. After the 2004 elections, the director of Justice at Stake, a non-partisan watchdog group, said, "When you have any interest group treating its candidates like trophies on the wall, we have a risk to fairness and impartiality of the courts." Now, the same group warns that with so many court seats up for election, Kentucky faces "the mother of all judicial elections" and "The potential for special-interest mischief abounds."

■ The public deserves a dignified judiciary, and a dignified judiciary requires dignified campaigning. The code of judicial conduct requires candi-, dates to "maintain the dignity appropriate to judicial office" and to encourage their family members to do so as well. The code requires judges to know and be faithful to the law, to be "patient, dignified and courteous," not to be "swayed, by partisan interests or fear of criticism," to "perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice," and to "dispose of judicial, matters promptly, efficiently and fairly."

Voters should vote for the candidates whose campaigns suggest they embody these qualities. The Kentucky Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee was created to encourage such campaigns.

If you want more information about campaigns for the courts, or want to ask us or inform us about campaign activity. contact the Kentucky Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee Inc., 600 W. Main St., Louisville KY 40202. Our phone number is 502-583-5314, and our fax number is 502-583-4113. Our e-mail address is kjccc@loubar.org.

Rental E Central

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

Surprisingly, remakes were your best bet for entertainment this week, while other new eleases were lacking.

"King Kong" — Hats off to Peter Jackson ("Lord of the Rings") for remaking Kong with state-of-the-art effects, while paying sufficient homage to Merian Cooper's 1939 classic.

Jackson's film follows the structure of the original with a filmmaker going in search of Skull Island to find the eighth wonder of the world. Jackson wisely casts his go-to actor, Andy Serkis, as Kong. Serkis previously excelled at combining his acting talents with CGI effects playing Gollum in the "Rings" trilogy and is once again called upon here to match his acting chops with make-up. Kong gives the best performance in the film, though he is well matched by Naomi Watts, Jack Black and Adrien Brody.

The scenes on Skull Island are superb and find Kong matched against three T-rexes in a knockdown brawl that doesn't end when all the participants fall into an abyss. The scenes of the crew running into a dinosaur stampede are right up there with the best of "Jurassic Park," but it is the spider pit sequence, cut from the original film, that will really give you the heebie-jeebies here, as Jackson fully depicts the fate of the sailors who got tossed into a ravine in both versions of the film.

The film slows down for a spell when the characters make it back to New York, but picks up when Kong escapes into the big bad city. Jackson gets amazing work from his effects teams here and their rendering of the final assault on the Empire State Building manages to salute the original film while outdoing it in terms of emotional content. This is the film to rent this

"Memoirs of a Geisha" -Rob Marshall ("Chicago") goes for a change of pace with this adaptation of the popular novel. Unfortunately, he should stick to films where people sing their roles, as this effort falls flat on its painted face. Zhang Ziyi stars as a pre-World War II geisha in training whose good looks are the envy of the top geisha in her manor and lead to nothing but trouble. A portrait of the art of being a geisha might have been culturally interesting, but this film just doesn't get there. Despite earnest performances from Gong Li and Michelle Yeoh, this film is dull when it should be exotic. Asian film buffs were appalled at how much this film got it wrong and showed a Chinese influence (obvious in the casting and set design) which is ultimately dis-tracting, as the film is set in Japan.

"2001 Maniacs" - Another remake gets it right with this film that is based on an obscure 1960s horror film by Herschel Gordon Lewis, who pioneered gore movies that were drenched in blood, if not a whole lot of sense. This remake gives Lewis' idea the proper respect and better scripting, while never skimping on the grisly business at hand. The story follows five New Englanders who are welcomed into a small southern town, where they are treated like royalty until they are ritually slaughtered in creative fashion. Turns out that the small town they are visiting was burned to the ground by Union soldiers during the Civil War and ever so often the city reappears whenever it smells a Yankee. Good gory stuff here produced by Eli Roth ("Hostel") and starring Robert (Freddy Kruger) Englund.

"A Sound of Thunder" -Kong shouldn't get much rental competition from this sci-fi effort which was barely released to cinemas last summer. It's a shame that this film turned out so badly as it stems from an exceptional short story from Ray Bradbury. The premise (which they botch with crummy effects) is excellent. In the future, a conglomerate has cracked time travel and pays for its continued research by allowing millionaires to hunt dinosaurs in the past. It's a strictly controlled procedure that relies on guns which fire bullets made out ice and is carefully orchestrated so that the hunters only shoot dinosaurs

which are destined to die shortly thereafter. One tourist brings on chaos in the present when he kills a butterfly during a safari and we are off to the races. Unfortunately the special effects are bargain basement and the script doesn't offer any morsels for the talented cast, which includes Ben Kingsley and Ed

Burns. For dinosaur fans only. "Masters of Horror" -Showtime's horror anthology series hits DVD with two episodes this week. Each film in this series is directed by a noted horror master and the films have nothing in common except that the overall quality of the efforts has been high. The series leads off strong here with films by John Carpenter ("Halloween") Stuart Gordon ("Reanimator"). Carpenter's film follows a detective's search for a film which has gone missing since inciting homicidal tendencies at its premiere. Gordon's is a straight up ghost story based on an H.P. Lovecraft tale which depicts the unfortunate fate of those who rent a room in a shabby boarding house. Both are excellent entries in the series, which was renewed by Showtime before

the entire 13 episodes had run. This week marked the passing of two key directors. Dan Curtis, 77, created the first horror themed soap opera with "Dark Shadows." He also dabbled in horror themed films directing "Burnt Offerings" and the landmark television film "Trilogy of Terror" (both starring Karen Black). Terror has since been remade and features three tales, with the best one pitting a lonely woman against a killer doll.

Richard Fleischer, also passed this week at the age of 89. The son of acclaimed animator Max (who did "Superman" and "Popeye"), he was a director in his own right, having contributed several great heist films Saturday" ("Violent "Armored Car Robbery") and the best early films about reallife killers in efforts like "Compulsion," "The Boston Strangler" and "10 Rillington Place." He also had an eye for sci-fi and directed "Fantastic Voyage" and "Soylent Green."

Next week, look for "The Chronicles of Narnia" and the police corruption drama "Dirty," starring Cuba Gooding

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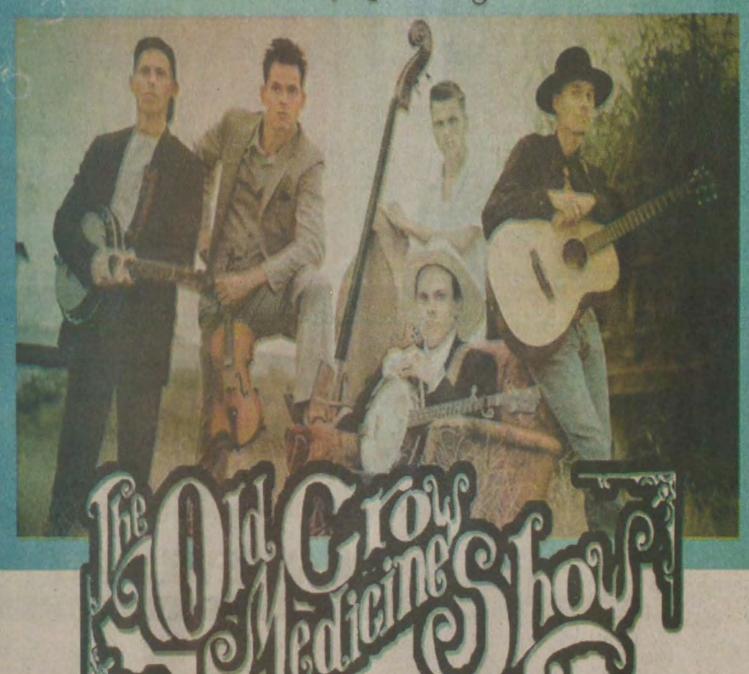
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HAP Little League announces final signups, tryouts

Harold-Allen-Prater Little League will hold final signups Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stumbo Park. Tryouts for the minor and major divisions will follow from 1-4 p.m. Tryouts for girls' softball and junior league players will be held at a later date.

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Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend set

New permit available for youth hunters

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Turkey hunters ages 15 and under will have first chance in the turkey woods this year during the statewide Youth-only season on this weekend.

The youth-only turkey hunting season offers an opportunity for young hunters to learn the craft of turkey thunting with a mentor, and have a day or two to bag an old gobbler without

competition from more experienced hunters.

Hunters participating in this season must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age. The adult must be in position to take immediate control of the youth's shotgun at all times while hunting. Adults accompanying youths during this weekend can't carry a firearm or archery equipment and are not required to purchase a license or

turkey permit.

The availability of a new, \$15 youth turkey permit will also give youngsters interested in taking only one turkey this spring to chance to do so for a little less money. The youth turkey permit is \$5 cheaper than the statewide spring turkey permit, and is valid during the fall season as well, if the youth fails to score this spring. A youth hunter still has the option to get a two-bird,

statewide spring turkey permit, if he or she desires, by purchasing a second youth permit if needed for spring hunting.

The spring season limit is two male turkeys, or turkeys with visible beards per hunter. Birds taken during the youth-only weekend count toward the spring season limit, and a junior hunting license is also required for youth hunters.

Locally, the Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is sponsoring a Youth Wild Turkey Hunt Saturday on the Dewey Lake WMA. Chapter officials will meet with interested youth hunters at Terry's Boat

Ramp at 6 a.m. for registration and breakfast (egg sandwiches and drinks). After registration hunting parties can go their own way to hunt or there will be a boat available to shuffle the parties to different areas on the WMA. All youth hunters will receive a free Jakes membership to the National Wild Turkey Federation and all turkeys taken will be registered in the NWTF record books. All local, state and federal regulations apply. Breakfast will be available only to the hunting parties who call in advance.

For more information, call Paul Hagans at 606/285-0176 or Paul Robinson at 606/874-2701

Keeping up with Donnie Jones

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Most people you know are fans of the University of Kentucky when it comes to



Rick Bentley

ketball.
They may
not watch
much; some
h a r d l y

college bas-

watch at all.
But ask
them who
they pull for
and they'll
tell you. It's

"go Big Blue" all the way.

There are many things being a member of Big Blue Nation means, and among them is a fairly solid hatred for the enemy. Being a Kentucky fan generally means dis-

solid hatred for the enemy. Being a Kentucky fan generally means disliking Louisville, and Indiana, and of course, Duke.

And then there's the Florida

Gators.

But for a pocket of fans in Eastern Kentucky, that isn't always the case. For some of us who date back to the late 1980s, there's a reason we don't always hate the Gators. Yes, they have a solid basketball team, and yes, they've handled our

(See BENTLEY, page two)



Donnie Jones

Floyd County Youth Soccer entering spring season



file photos season.

Many area soccer teams are set to open the 2006 spring season. Above: During a fall season game, Johnson County U14 forward Allyson Salyer (9) attacked the Tide goal as Floyd County U14 Tide fullbacks Joseph Kidd, Tori Hunt, Elizabeth Davis and Trista Damron scrambled to defend and JC midfielder Jerralyn Kelsey (2) came to assist her back line. Right: U14 Tide player Nicholas Conn surveyed the field ahead.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN – Floyd County Youth Soccer is closing in on the start of the 2006 spring season. The Floyd County league had a very successful 2005 fall season.

The first games of the spring scason are scheduled for this weekend, with only a few games on tap for the opening weekend. The light schedule is due to several schools being out on Spring Break. This weekend, both of

the Floyd County U10 teams, each of the two U12 teams, and the lone U14 team will be playing at various places.

Leagues throughout Eastern Kentucky are expected to begin play during the upcoming weekend. Martin County Youth Soccer has reorganized and will be fielding a U12 team and a U14 squad

and a U14 squad.

Floyd County Youth Soccer, which is a part of Eastern Kentucky Youth Soccer, currently has 175 registered players.

Blackcats drop first two minus many starters

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Road trips to a couple of different Pike County destinations have afforded the Prestonsburg High School baseball team losses in each of its first two outings. Prestonsburg opened the season Tuesday on the road at Shelby Valley. The Wildcats went ahead early on and turned Prestonsburg back in convincing fashion, beating the Blackcats 14-5. On Wednesday, Prestonsburg ventured to Pike County for a second straight day and again came up short. Host Phelps edged the Blackcats 4-3:

Blackcat fans, however, can expect Prestonsburg to take on the look on a different team in the very near future. With Spring Break, many PHS baseball players are gone out of town.

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Rebs fall to Valley, blank Magoffin

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Defending 58th District Champion Allen Central is off to a 1-1 start. Allen Central stumbled out of the

stumbled out of the gate Monday, falling to visiting Shelby Valley. The Wildcats met Allen Central in the season-opener and despite falling

er and despite falling behind early on, pulled out a 9-6 win. Since the season-opening loss,

Since the season-opening loss, Allen Central has rediscovered its winning ways. The Rebels recorded their first win of the season Tuesday evening, shutting out host Magoffin County 7-0.

Allen Central 9, Shelby Valley 6: Allen Central went ahead 2-0 in

(See REBS, page two)

PC women's bowling headed back to national tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE' – The Pikeville College women's bowling team continued a remarkable run last weekend by qualifying for the United States Bowling Congress national tournament, while the men's season came down to the final frame of the weekend.

The women qualified for the 2006 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships by finishing second in the sectional qualifier last weekend at Holiday Brainerd Bowl in Chattanooga. The Lady Bears finished at 11,994, behind Lindenwood (Mo.) University's 12,079.

The USBC hosted four 16-team sectional qualifier tournaments around the country, with

the top four men's and women's finishers in each qualifying for the nationals, which will take place April 26-29 at Cherry Bowl in Rockford, Ill.

The win gives Pikeville its fifth trip to the national tournament in as many years since the program began.

Three members of this year's squad were members of the 2004 national championship team. All three, LaDeanna Damron, Michelle Leonard and Tracy Miller, are seniors this season. They are joined by senior Abigal Stolarz, junior Trish Carpenter, sophomores Kayla Bandy and Michelle McKay and freshman

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MOUNTAIN THUNDER ROLLS IN NORTH CAROLINA: The Mountain Thunder AAU boys' basketball team traveled to Salisbury, N.C. over the weekend and captured the title in an 11-year-old tournament. The Thunder defeated the home team by 10 points in the title game. The Eastern Kentucky squad, made up of players from Floyd and Pike counties, defeated the home team in an earlier game played Saturday.

Team members are pictured. First row, left to right: Dylan Meade (1), Richmond McAnallen (11), Bryson Williams (15) and Brian Watkins (22). Second row, left to right: Dylan Hamilton (8), Seaton Hall (23), Shane Hall (34) and Blake Spencer (30). Third row, left to ight: Brennan Watkins, Coach Tim Watkins and Billy Spencer.

Bentley

Cats relatively easily of late.

But on nights they aren't playing the Cats, many of us around here pull for the Gators. And on Saturday evening shortly after 6, many of us will be around our television sets pulling for those same Gators while most of the nation will root for perhaps the greatest Cinderella story of all time.

The reason we'll go against so many grains?

Simple. His name is Donnie

Donnie Jones grew up in Mullens, W.Va., and when fellow West Virginian Greg White came knocking, he answered the call and followed him to our town, a place he'd scarcely ever heard of before.

As a freshman, White had a better point guard than Jones, so he sat ... until Christmas, when fate intervened and Jones was given the ball. The same thing happened his sophomore season, and his junior year.

By the time Jones became a senior, White had a revelation. "Why don't we stop trying to

replace him and just go with to the big time of college bas-Jones?"

Wonderful idea.

As a senior, Jones did for the entire season what he'd done down the stretch of his first three years - he dazzled. With Todd May gaining the headlines, Jones was simply the premiere point guard around.

He averaged better than 14 points and 10 assists per game. The assist total is more than the leaders of both the men's and women's Mid-South Conference averaged this year com-

Asked about that recently, Jones shook his head. "Nobody wants to pass it anymore," he said. "It's about scoring."

Jones is still dealing with that today from his seat at the head of the bench of the Florida Gators. When Billy Donavan took over at Marshall a dozen years ago, he found a young man with in-state ties who had held things together while the Herd was between coaches, and

decided to give him a chance. When it came time to head

Continued from p1 ketball, Donavan told Jones it was time to pack. "We're headed to Gainesville," he said.

Tomorrow night, Jones will sit near the empty seat reserved for the ever-active Donavan as they lead the University of Florida to the Final Four for the second time in their tenure.

As he does, don't be surprised if he thinks about his years in Pikeville, when he both played for and coached the Bears. "There's no place I'm more proud of than Pikeville College," he said Wednesday as he took a break from endless film sessions in preparation for tomorrow's titanic struggle with George Mason. "That community means a lot to me because of all it's done for me, giving me my start.

"I'll never forget that. I'll carry it as long as I'm in this business. I have a lot of respect for the people there in Pikeville.

Jones isn't the only person with ties to a Mid-South school in the SEC. Mississippi State

Coach Rick Stansbury and his assistant Phil Cunningham played at Campbellsville. Another Miss. State aide Mark White was an assistant at Pikeville for a time, while LSU Coach John Brady and his assistant John Treloar are from Belhaven.

This doesn't surprise Jones. "Growing up there and seeing how important basketball is there, you can see the passion," he said. "I think it's carried over with all the people who have been associated with that level of basketball in Kentucky."

But for now, Jones and company have one single goal in mind, and that is to go one step further than they made it in 2000 when the Gators lost to Michigan State in the title game.

This time, they want the nets. "We've just got to stay focused on the task at hand right now," he said. "We can't get to Monday until we take care of Saturday night.

"That's what we're focusing on right now."

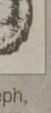


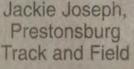
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Rebs

the first inning Monday against Shelby Valley, but couldn't make the early lead stick. Valley came across with a pair of runs in the third inning, tying the game at 2-2. In the bottom half of the sixth inning, Valley secured a 9-5 lead, putting the game out of Allen Central's reach.

The Rebels got one last offensive punch in the seventh inning when Tyler Turner connected on a home run.

Patrick Smith paced Shelby Valley offensively, going for 4for-4 with two runs batted in. Justin Tackett added three hits for the Wildcats.

Allen Central 7, Magoffin County 0: Veteran pitcher Tyler Turner gave up only two hits as the Rebels beat host Magoffin County. Turner surrendered the hits in the bottom half of the seventh inning.

Turner helped his cause at the

plate. The Allen Central starting pitcher and teammate Scott Little each had a triple. Josh McK-

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inney added an RBI double for the Rebels. Allen Central played without seniors Nick Music, Justin

Jacobs and Brock Kidd, all three of whom were out of town on the school's senior trip.

Allen Central has captured the 58th District title three of the last four years.

Bowling

Michelle Skelton.

"We feel very good about our team heading into the national tournament and hope we'll be in the thick of things this year," said Ron Damron, coach of the Lady Bears and 2004 national coach of the year. "I like our mix of experience and youth and feel good about our

Leonard was a 2005 Second-Team All-American, while Bandy joined Leonard on the second team and was the 2005 Rookie of the Year.

Meanwhile, the men missed out on the championships by falling 12 pins shy of Western Illinois. Pikeville's 12,538 was good for fifth in the event, which was also won by Lindenwood (13,040). Vincennes and Nebraska finished second and third, respectively.

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"I'm very proud of our bowlers and the year they had," said Damron. "These guys were coming off the first trip to the men's nationals in school histo-' ry and deserve credit for that, and for all they've done here at Pikeville College."

Blackcats

Prestonsburg is scheduled to begin play Saturday in the Pride of the Mountains Spring Bash tournament. The tournament, which is being hosted by 15th Region baseball power Johnson Central, also features Betsy Layne, another 58th District member. Prestonsburg is scheduled to play Shelby Valley Saturday at 12:30. Betsy Layne is scheduled to play tournament host Johnson Central tonight and North Bullitt Saturday.

> Pride of the Mountains Spring Bash AT JOHNSON CENTRAL

Shelby Valley-Fairview, 5:30 p.m.

Johnson Central-Betsy Layne, 8 p.m. Saturday

Johnson Central-East Ridge, 10 a.m. Prestonsburg-Shelby Valley, 12:30 p.m. East Ridge-North Bullitt, 3 p.m. Prestonsburg-Pike County Central, 5:30 p.m. North Bullitt-Betsy Layne, 8 p.m.

Pike County Central-Fairview, 10 a.m. Johnson Central-North Bullitt, 12:30 p.m. Prestonsburg-Fairview, 5:30 p.m. East Ridge-Betsy Layne, 8 p.m.

Shelby Valley-Pike County Central, 10 a.m.



tured the county boys' basketball freshman title.



Three Bears, Lady Bear honored for classroom efforts

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Four Pikeville College basketball players have been named academic All-Americans by the school's top governing body.

The NAIA has selected three Bears and a Lady Bear as members of the 2006 Daktronics NAIA All-America Scholar Athletes. Each member must be a junior or above in academic standard and maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Nominated by their head coaches, each student-athlete is a contributing member of their respective varsity basketball team.

"We're very proud of these student-athletes, and all of those at Pikeville College who realize

that what they accomplish in the Association.

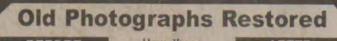
classroom will always be a more valuable tool than what happens on the field of play," said Ron Damron, director of athletics. "These young people are laying the foundation for success in life, and that is ultimately what being

a college student is all about." The Bears were Martin Gerlero, Steve Sickler and Ben Valentine, while the Lady Bear

was Tonya Amburgey.

Gerlero is a senior from Nequen, Argentina. Sickler is a junior from Green Bay, Wisc., while Valentine is a junior from, Nelson, New Zealand. All are, majoring in Business Administration/Management.

Amburgey, a junior from Pinetop in Knott County, majors; in communication.





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King steps down from Cumberlands football post

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG - In five years, Chuck King has accomplished a lot at the University of the Cumberlands (formerly Cumberland College) as the University's third football coach. He recorded three back-to-back winning seasons, put University of the Cumberlands on the map as a national contender and a team not to be overlooked, and recruited a world of talented studentathletes ready to make a difference on the field and off.

Now, these things will be memories permanently etched in the Patriot record books and

in King's heart. Effective immediately, Chuck King has resigned as the head football coach at the NAIA school, University of the Cumberlands.

"Coach King and I discussed his resignation and I am very supportive of his decision to be with his family and move on to another challenge. We wish him nothing but the best and feel confident he will excel at any job he chooses. His dedication and commitment to the University of the Cumberlands, the football program, and its student-athletes has been nothing short of spectacular. Cumberlands has been lucky to have him," stated Athletic Director Randy Vernon.

In five seasons, King established a 31-21 record, claimed NAIA All-Americans in three back-to-back seasons, was honored with a MSC Player of the Year in 2002, and was named MSC Coach of the Year in 2003.

"It has been an enjoyable time," said King. "President Taylor and the administration took a chance on me and I appreciate the support and commitment they have shown to me and the football program over the past several years. I have experienced so much more than I ever expected and I am thankful to have had such a special opportunity. However, I feel that it is time for a change and I have been presented with an opportunity that will allow me to spend more time with my wife and boys. They have been so supportive over the years and I appreciate their sacrifices. Now, I have the opportunity to give some back to them and I am looking forward to that."

Last season, the Patriots posted an 8-3 record and fell short of the NAIA play-offs by one game. The Patriots tied or broke seven individual game or season records, placed 12 players on the Mid-South Conference teams, and had two players recognized as NAIA All Americans. The Patriots also recorded their highest NAIA ranking in school history at No. 5 after they defeated No. 7 Pikeville College in a MSC showdown. Cumberlands also finished the season as the top rushing team in the nation for the second consecutive year averaging 303.5 yards per game. The Patriots also finished third nationally in total offense at 465.8 yards per game and fourteenth in scoring offense averaging 31.4 points per game.

Cumberlands finished the 2005 season ranked 21st in the NAIA polls.



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Chuck King has stepped down as head coach of the University of the Cumberlands football

MSC Football • 2006 Composite Schedule

East Division: Cumberlands (Ky.), Georgetown, Pikeville, Union, UVA-Wise, West Virginia Tech.

West Division: Belhaven, Bethel, Campbellsville, Cumberland (Tenn.), Lambuth, Shorter.

Each school will play eight conference games - five against the other teams in its own division and three against teams in the other division. All schools will have the opportunity to schedule two or three non-conference

Saturday, Sept. 2: Cumberlands (Ky.) vs. Union (at Corbin).

Saturday, Sept. 23: Bethel at Union, Campbellsville at Pikeville, Cumberland (Tenn.) at UVA-Wise, Georgetown at Belhaven, Shorter at Cumberlands (Ky.), West Virginia Tech at Lam-

Saturday, Sept. 30: Belhaven at Bethel, Cumberlands (Ky.) at West Virginia Tech, Shorter at Campbellsville,

Lambuth at Cumberland (Tenn.), Cumberland (Tenn.) at Pikeville, Union Cumberlands (Ky.), West Virginia Tech Pikeville at Union, UVA-Wise at

Saturday, Oct. 7: Cumberlands (Ky.) Campbellsville, Georgetown at Bethel, Lambuth at UVA-Wise, Pikeville at Shorter, Union at Belhaven,

West Virginia Tech at Cumberland

Saturday, Oct. 14: Belhaven at West Virginia Tech, Bethel at Cumberlands (Ky.), Campbellsville at Georgetown,

at Lambuth, UVA-Wise at Shorter.

Saturday, Oct. 21: Campbellsville at Cumberland (Tenn.), Lambuth at Belhaven, Shorter at Bethel, UVA-Wise at Pikeville, West Virginia Tech at Georgetown.

Thursday, Oct. 26: Cumberland (Tenn.) at Shorter.

Saturday, Oct. 28: Belhaven at Campbellsville, Bethel at Lambuth, Georgetown at Union, Pikeville at

at UVA-Wise.

Saturday, Nov. 4: Belhaven at Shorter, Bethel at Cumberland (Tenn.), Georgetown at Pikeville, Lambuth at Campbellsville, Union at West Virginia Tech, UVA-Wise at Cumberlands (Ky.).

Saturday, Nov. 11: Campbellsville at Bethel, Cumberlands (Ky.) at Georgetown, Cumberland (Tenn.) at Belhaven, Shorter at Lambuth, Pikeville at West Virginia Tech, Union at UVA-Wise.

Louisville football coaches testify in scholarship case

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Two assistants to Louisville football coach Bobby Petrino testified Wednesday, backing up his testimony that he did not promise a scholarship offer to a former walk-on who is suing the university for the cost of a fouryear education.

Petrino promised to offer happen.

Holifield a scholarship in the spring of 2004 if Holifield paid his own way during the 2003 fall semester. He is suing the school for \$123,000, the estimated worth of a four-year football scholarship to U of L.

Offensive line coach Mike Summers said Holifield had needed to gain weight and strength and that there hadn't Ryan Holifield claims that been time enough for that to

Greg Nord, the assistant head coach and running backs/tight ends coach, testified that Holifield was considered a nonscholarship prospect as far back as the summer of 2002.

Petrino testified on Tuesday that he told Holifield he would have the chance to earn a scholarship but did not promise one.

"I said there was an opportunity for a scholarship, but it had to be earned," Petrino said. "We

don't use the term 'guarantee.""

Petrino testified for two hours explaining how the university went about recruiting Holifield, a 6-foot-5 offensive lineman from Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia.

Holifield made an official visit to the school from Jan. 24 to 26, 2003. At that time, Petrino said he would welcome Holifield to the team as a walk-

"I told him we didn't have a Holifield wasn't good enough to scholarship available," Petrino said. "We talked about how a walk-on gets a scholarship and that his best chance would come after two years."

When Holifield did not receive a scholarship following his freshman year in 2003, he transferred to Middle Ten-

Louisville offensive line Courier-Journal: coach Mike Summers testified

receive a scholarship offer. Summers said a grading system he uses to gauge the potential of a recruit rated Holifield below the level required for players to earn the scholarship.

Closing arguments were expected on Thursday.

Information from: http://www.courier-journal.com

Lawmaker seeks to block KHSAA rule on eligibility

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE -Mary Grace Pellegrini says she would have been kept from competing in varsity track, cross country and swimming if a rule proposed by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association had been in place when she started high school.

Pellegrini, 16, attended a Catholic school through eighth grade before entering duPont Manual High School, a public high school.

The proposed rule change would bar students from playing varsity sports for two years if they move from a private grade school to a public high school - or from a public grade school to a private high school. Pellegrini, a sophomore,

opposes the rule. "If you want to be the best, you have to compete with the best," she told The Courier-Journal of Louisville. "This proposal would be detrimental

to all high school sports." Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville, has moved to block the proposed rule, which could affect 800 students a year in Louisville alone, many who

TIMES STAFF REPORT

shall University football pro-

gram has announced its 2006

summer camp schedule.

HUNTINGTON - The Mar-

Marshall's annual Coaches

Clinic for high school coaches

is set for Friday, April 14. In

addition, Marshall will conduct

football camps for campers in

transfer from public schools to also would affect transfers between Catholic schools.

Shaughnessy, a graduate of schools in different districts. St. Xavier High School in Louisville, believes the change would unfairly penalize private school students. He has introduced a measure to give the General Assembly the power to approve eligibility rules for high school sports.

"It really infuriates me that the Kentucky High School Athletic Association cannot come up with a compromise on this," Shaughnessy said. "If they are going to punish those youngsters, that is not a compromise."

Brigid DeVries, commissioner of the KHSAA, declined comment to the Louisville newspaper on Shaughnessy's effort to curtail the agency's rule-making authority. DeVries did not immediately return a phone call by The Associated Press on Wednesday.

For now, the state Board of Education has final say over the rule changes approved March 6 by the KHSAA's board of control. DeVries is scheduled to present several proposed rule changes to the state board at its April 11-12 meeting.

The proposed eligibility rules

MU Football camp dates released

urday, June 10 and Saturday,

June 17 at Joan C. Edwards

Stadium. An advanced camp

for high school seniors is also

scheduled for Sunday, June 11.

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For more information on the

two public schools or two private

The Senate approved Shaughnessy's amendment, which would require lawmakers to approve any changes to student eligibility to play high school sports. The amendment, attached to an unrelated athletics bill, also would bar the KHSAA from creating separate state championship tournaments for public and private schools. The bill goes back to the House.

Though separate tournaments are not currently proposed, that has been a longsimmering issue for some public school officials who complain that private schools recruit top players and have an unfair advantage by offering financial aid.

The original bill would bring kickboxing and "mixed martial arts" under the authority of the Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Authority.

The legislation is House Bill

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Harvick taking time to decide next move

by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Kevin Harvick

CHARLOTTE, Kevin Harvick is at a crossroads in his career. As NASCAR's top free agent, he will be able to drive for almost anyone he wants next sea-

It's a big decision, and Harvick won't rush into making it. He wants to control

his destiny, something he ing to replace a legend. couldn't do when he was thrust into Dale Earnhardt's ride back in 2001.

"There's probably only two more contracts, or maybe three, that I'll have in my career," Harvick said. "I just want to make the right decision there's really no criteria, I just want to be happy in my day-today life and win races. That's what it all boils down.'

It's not that Harvick is unhappy right now. It's just that his first five seasons in the Nextel Cup series haven't exactly played out the way anyone expected.

Car owner Richard Childress had Harvick in a Busch car back in 2001 and planned to let him run a handful of Cup races that year as a warmup to a full-time ride. Earnhardt, a seven-time champion, would be his mentor and maybe someday Harvick would get a

chance to replace him in the can't think of many people who first top 10 this season, and he's famed No. 3 Chevrolet.

That day came sooner than anyone anticipated.



He was 25, free spirited, full of raw emotion and attempt-

"That's been one of the things that's been the hardest for me, is to have to live in somebody else's shadow," Harvick said. "It weighs a lot on

been able to beat my own path. "It's hard to answer to those to always be compared to Dale. Not any disrespect or anything, but it's hard to beat down somebody else's path."

my mind because I've always

Harvick weathered the storm by scoring an emotional win in his third Cup start, beating Jeff Gordon at the line in Atlanta. It set the tone for a strong season that saw him win two races, finish ninth in the points and become the first driver in NASCAR history to win Cup Rookie of the Year honors and the Busch Series championship in the same year.

"He did a phenomenal job stepping into the position he was put into," Childress said. "I

could have even handled the pressure that was on him in the beginning.'

But nothing has been easy since. Harvick's temper - he's had public feuds with Kurt Busch, Greg Biffle and Robby Gordon - and a downturn at RCR made for a rocky road.

Harvick has just three victories since, and only one in his last 92 Cup races. He's finished 14th in points the past two seasons, failing to make the Chase for the championship.

With his contract set to expire at the end of this season, he didn't want to commit to returning to Childress unless he was convinced the team was on the verge of turning itself

But he's also rumored to be the top choice for Toyota, which will make its Cup debut next season, and every other car owner with a seat to fill in 2007.

For Harvick, it won't come down to who offers him the biggest payday, or who promises additional funding for Kevin Harvick Inc., the thriving stable of Busch and trucks series teams he and his wife, Delana, have built.

"It's not anything about money," he said. "It's about winning races."

Although RCR has shown signs of turning the corner this season, it may not happen in time to keep Harvick in the No. 29 car. His second-place finish at Bristol last weekend was his currently 13th in the points.

That's probably not the stat line Harvick or Childress was hoping for when they made plans to sit down sometime in April to discuss their future. It's created an air of constant speculation about the team, and many assumptions that Harvick already has made up his mind

Both Harvick and Childress insist no decision has been

"It makes you feel good that everybody is talking about what you want to do or what you should do," Harvick said. "I'm being dead honest here, I've stayed as much out of all this stuff as I could and left it up to everybody else outside of it.

"Everything up to this point is speculation of what's hap-



2006 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule and Standings

Feb. 19 - Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jimmie Johnson) Feb. 26 - Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Matt Kenseth) March 12 - UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400, Las Vegas (Jimmie Johnson)

March 19 - Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga. (Kasey Kahne) March 26 - Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch) April 2 - DIRECTV 500, Martinsville, Va.

April 9 - Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas

April 22 - Subway Fresh 500, Avondale, Ariz. April 30 - Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.

May 6 - TBA, Richmond, Va May 13 - Dodger Charger 500, Darlington, S.C. May 28 - Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C

June 4 - Neighborhood Excellence 400, Dover, Del.

June 11 - Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. June 18 - 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn June 25 - Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.

July 1 – Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. July 9 – USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill. July 16 – New England 300, Loudon, N.H. July 23 - Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa

Aug. 6 - Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis Aug. 13 - TBA, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Aug. 20 - GFS Marketplace 400, Brooklyn, Mich. Aug. 26 - Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.

Sept. 3 - Sony HD 500, Fontana, Calif. Sept. 9 - Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.

Sept. 17 - Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H. Sept. 24 - Dover (Del.) 400

Oct. 1 - Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan. Oct. 8 - UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala. Oct. 14 -- Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C. Oct. 22 - Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.

Oct. 29 - Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, Hampton, Ga. Nov. 5 - Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas

Nov. 12 - Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz. Nov. 19 - Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

1. Matt Kenseth, 782

2. Kasey Kahne, 774 3. Jimmie Johnson, 763

4. Mark Martin, 750 5. Kyle Busch, 677

6. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 664

7. Jeff Gordon, 644

8. Casey Mears, 642 9. Tony Stewart, 601 10. Dale Jarrett, 593

11. Elliott Sadler, 585 12. Ryan Newman, 559

13. Kevin Harvick, 553

14. Clint Bowyer, 547 15. Greg Biffle, 545

16. Kurt Busch, 531 17. Denny Hamlin, 530

18 Jeff Burton, 527

19, Brian Vickers, 508 20. Robby Gordon, 500

Reds' chances come down to starting pitching

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. - The newest addition to the Cincinnati Reds' pitching staff didn't realize he had such a good thing

When right-hander Bronson Arroyo arrived in a spring training trade with Boston, he had no idea that he was joining a team with such a frightening offense, one that scores enough runs for most pitching staffs to prosper.

"I didn't realize when I got traded over here that these guys scored more runs than anybody in the National League and hit more home runs than anybody," Arroyo said. "So, they put up some runs."

They also give them up at a dizzving rate, the main reason they're stuck in their deepest rut in 50 years. The NL's most outof-whack team is trying to find a little balance in a season of tran-

Owner Bob Castellini and general manager Wayne Krivsky took over too late to make much of an impact on this year's roster. More expansive changes are expected after their first season together.

For now, the challenge is to get more out of a rotation that was the NL's worst last season, giving up more than five runs per game.

said. "They tried to (improve) it as best they could in as little time as they had."

Krivsky traded power-hitting outfielder Wily Mo Pena to the Red Sox for Arroyo, who was bound for Boston's bullpen. In Cincinnati, he'll be the No. 2 starter, right behind Aaron Harang.

The Reds could break their five-year streak of losing records - their longest such slump in 50 years - if the rotation can merely hold its own.

"We'll be all right if we can do that." Arrovo said.

There's enough offense to pull it off, starting with a center fielder who is starting to look awfully familiar - except for a new number.

Ken Griffey Jr. won the NL's "It's no secret that's what we comeback player of the year he left off." ed." outfielder Adam Dunn award last season, when he recovered from reconstructive hamstring surgery and hit .301 with 35 homers and 92 RBIs. For the first time in years, he's entering a season fully healthy, and it shows.

During the World Baseball Classic, he batted .524 with three homers in six games. He kept it up when he rejoined the Reds, hitting a pair of homers in his first four games back.

He's wearing a different number this season - 3 instead of 30, a tribute to his three children - and swinging the way he did when he was an All-Century

"When you look at producing runs, he's still one of the best players in the game," manager Jerry Narron said. "I've got to think he's picking up where

The Reds solved their prob lem of too many outfielders by trading first baseman Sean Casey to Pittsburgh for left-hander Dave Williams, allowing them to move Dunn to first base. He went back to left field when Pena was traded to the Red Sox. opening the way for Scott Hatteberg to play first.

Narron plans to use three players at second base - Tony Womack, Rich Aurilia and Ryan Freel - and share the closing duties as well. Right-hander David Weathers took over when the Reds got rid of Danny Graves last season and led the staff with 15 saves in 19

None of it will matter if the rotation performs the same way it did last season, when it had a combined 5.38 ERA and only two complete games.

Lousy pitching has been thread through those five losing seasons. The Reds have given up more homers during the last three years than any other staff in the majors. They were last in the league in ERA last season for the first time since 1968.

Former general manager Dan now.

Trained by Kiaran McLaugh-

Sharp Humor, winner of the

lin, Flashy Bull was fourth in

the Holy Bull and has one victo-

Swale Stakes at Gulfstream on

March 4, was the third choice at

5-1. The speedy colt trained by

Dale Romans is among several

Pletcher each entered two hors-

es. Zito, still looking for a Ken-

tucky Derby hopeful a year after

failing to win last year's race

with a record-tying five horses,

will send out Hesanoldsalt and

Doc Cheney; Pletcher, with

plenty of prospects, saddles

Florida Derby, finishing 1-2 with

High Fly and Noble Causeway.

indoor football team.

Zito fared well in last year's

The field, from the rail out:

Saint Augustus and Sunriver.

Trainers Nick Zito and Todd

expected to set the pace.

declared the winner.

ry in eight starts.

O'Brien tried to get things turned around by signing lefthander Eric Milton to a threeyear, \$25.5 million deal that immediately became a symbol of their plight. He lost 15 games, gave up a major leagueleading 40 homers, and gave up an NL-leading 141 runs last season. His earned run average was 6.47, a club record.

Milton says his knee hadn't fully recovered from surgery that caused him to miss most of the 2003 season. He worked hard in the offseason to strengthen his legs, and had a better fastball in spring training.

"Now that I'm feeling 100 percent better with my legs and strength, this year's going to be totally different," Milton said.

If not, the roster might look totally different a year from

Reds 7, Devil Rays

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. - Aaron Harang wasn't feeling good the last time he took the mound before his opening day start.

The right-hander gave his first subpar performance of spring training on Wednesday, allowing 10 hits and five runs during the Cincinnati Reds' 7-6 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Harang has been fighting a virus for the last few days, and had a slight fever before Wednesday's game. He wanted to pitch anyway, and took an hour-long nap before taking the mound on a sunny, 73-degree afternoon.

He did fine for five innings,

holding the Devil Rays to a run on seven hits. When he went out for the sixth, he started feel-

sixth inning.'

It just seemed like it dropped."

Harang, who had allowed only one run in 14 innings this spring, gave up Jonny Gomez's fourth homer, back-to-back doubles by Greg Norton and Travis Lee, then hit Toby Hall before manager Jerry Narron took him out of the game. Matt Belisle relieved and gave up Ty

Wigginton's three-run homer. Harang's goal for the next

Right-hander Seth McClung gave up seven runs in four innings for Tampa Bay, including Adam Dunn's fifth homer of the spring. McClung started spring training with nine scoreless innings, and hadn't allowed a homer until he gave

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT ASSOCIATED PRESS

record, Barbaro still has plenty to prove in the \$1 million Florida Derby.

early 8-5 favorite in a field of 11 3-year-olds entered Wednesday, and drew an unfavorable No. 10 post in his final prep before the Kentucky Derby on May 6.

draw," trainer Michael Matz said, "but I think he has enough tactical speed that he won't get hung out too wide."

Barbaro last raced eight weeks ago, an unusually long layoff during the Derby prep season. But the son of Dynaformer has been training well, and Matz is confident the long wait between races won't be a problem in Saturday's 1 1/8-mile race at Gulfstream Park.

no reason why he won't run well," Matz said.

first test on a dry dirt surface.

Flashy Bull was the second choice at 4-1 off his runner-up effort in the Fountain of Youth on March 4. In that race, Flashy Bull finished third behind Corinthian and First Samurai, but Corinthian was DQ'd to third after impeding horses in the

Unbeaten Barbaro tops 11-horse field for \$1 million Florida Derby

Despite his undefeated

Barbaro was installed as the

"I'm not crazy about the

"He's been fine, and I see

stretch and First Samurai was

Hesanoldsalt (Eddie Castro, 20-1); Flashy Bull (Rafael Bejarano, 4-1); Saint Augustus (Chris DeCarlo, 12-1); Doc Cheney (Jeremy Rose, 12-1); Sunriver (John Velazquez, 6-1); Rehobeth (Javier Castellano, 20-1); Sharp Humor (Mark Guidry, 5-1); High Blues (Cornelio Velasquez, 10-1); Charming Image (Rajiv Maragh, 20-1); Barbaro (Edgar Prado, 8-5); and Sam's Ace (Felipe Martinez, 20-1).

FINISH LINES: Fourteen horses were late nominees to the Triple Crown races, with their owners paying a \$6,000 nomination fee. Among them are Florida Derby entrants High Blues and Sam's Ace, California Derby winner Cause to Believe; Lane's End Stakes winner With a City; and undefeated Showing Up, set to run next in the Wood Memorial on April 8.

The son of Dynaformer won his first three races on the grass, including the Laurel Futurity and the Tropical Park Derby. In his first start on the dirt, Barbaro won the Holy Bull Stakes on Feb. 4 over a agents. The eighth-year sloppy track. This will be his player from Colorado

Former Pikeville College offensive lineman Michael Madrazo (67) is back for another season with the Lexington Horsemen

at home against Washington, a

ing the effects of the virus. "I wanted to make sure I got

my work in today," said Harang, scheduled to start Monday against the Chicago Cubs. "I'm happy I got through five. My energy went in that

four days is to get healthy.

"I just need to get rid of whatever this is," he said.

up Dunn's two-run shot. Ken Griffey Jr. struck out, doubled home a run, singled and walked, leaving him 10for-20 in six games since he returned from the World Baseball Classic. Griffey hit .524 with three homers during the

Bengals to play Sunday, Monday preseason games

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - The Cincinnati Bengals will play preseason games on Sunday and Monday nights in August, getting national attention as they try to figure out who will be their starting quarterback.

The Bengals went 11-5 last season and won the AFC North. Carson Palmer injured his left knee during a playoff loss to Pittsburgh, and had reconstructive surgery for torn ligaments. Palmer isn't expected back

decided who will be their quarterback in the meantime. The Bengals will open their preseason on Sunday, Aug. 13,

until at least the start of the sea-

son. The Bengals haven't

game that will be telecast on Aug. 28, against Green Bay. NBC. They'll also play a home preseason game on Monday,

That game will be shown on ESPN.

Bengals re-sign LB **Hannibal Navies**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - The Cincinnati Bengals on Wednesday re-signed linebacker Hannibal Navies to a one-year contract. Navies was one of the

team's unrestricted free

joined the Bengals as a free agent late in the 2005 preseason and played in every game after being inactive for the season opener. He was second on spe-

cial teams in total snaps (266) and fifth in special teams tackles (13).

NIT SEMIFINALS

South Carolina 78, Louisville 63

by DOUG FEINBERG ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - South Caroli-

na found its game right where it left it last year.

Renaldo Balkman scored 23 points and the Gamecocks earned a chance to defend their NIT championship with a 78-63 win over Louisville in semifinals Tuesday night.



"It feels good," said Brandon

Wallace, who had a career-high



Renaldo Balkman

here, just handling business.' The Gamecocks, who beat Saint Joseph's in the

final last year, can become the second team to win consecutive NIT crowns with a win over Michigan on Thursday night. The Wolverines beat Old Dominion 66-43 in the other semifinal

Tuesday night. Tarence Kinsey added 21 points for the Gamecocks (22-15), who shot 60 percent from the field.

"We played the best basket-

19 points. "This is what we ball we've played in a long planned to do when we came up time," Balkman said.

Trailing 42-32 at halftime, Louisville (21-13) got within 48-41 early in the second half as freshman Terrence Williams scored seven straight points, but South Carolina answered with a 10-1 run to take a 58-42 lead with 11:35 to play. Balkman and Wallace had acrobatic dunks during the spurt.

The Gamecocks didn't seem bothered by Louisville's pressure, turning the ball over only seven times.

"Three games going now we've turned it over a total of 22 times," South Carolina coach Dave Odom said. "As much as anything other than the wins themselves I'm very proud of that."

Odom was impressed with the play of his point guard Tre' Kelly, who had 10 assists.

"I don't know that I've seen him play a better floor game than he played tonight," Odom said.

Trailing by 16, Louisville scored the next eight points to close the gap to 58-50, but Balkman scored six straight to put the game away.

"South Carolina is a terrific team," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "They are playing great basketball right now.'

Taquan Dean scored 21 points for Louisville and finished 12th on the school's all-time scoring

list with 1,649 points.

"Taquan had a great four years for us," Pitino said of his senior guard. "He epitomized everything you try and teach. Plays hard all the time."

Williams added 16 for the Cardinals, who fell to 0-3 at Madison Square Garden this season. The Cardinals lost to St. John's in the regular season and Pittsburgh in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

The Gamecocks, who advanced to the semifinals with a 65-62 victory at Cincinnati, closed out the first half with a 14-4 run. With the game tied at 28, Balkman, who went 11-for-14 from the field, started the run

with a two-handed dunk and capped it with a three-point play with 2.1 seconds left. He finished the first half with 11

"Balkman is tremendous," Pitino said. "His effort level is so high and he's so long that he

really bothered us." St. John's is the only school to successfully defend its NIT title, winning in 1943 and 1944.

This year's tournament was the first under the control of the NCAA, which purchased the rights to the preseason and postseason NITs in August as part of a settlement that ended a fouryear legal fight between the two

North Carolina 75, Tennessee 63

by JOE MILICIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND - North Carolina isn't complaining anymore about its difficult road to the Final Four.

The Tar Heels made it to Boston by beating Vanderbilt on its home floor, topping Purdue in the final seconds and leaving no doubt against Hall of Famer Pat Summitt's Lady Vols.

Nope, nothing tough about

"We're the No. 1 team in the nation, and tonight we showed it." guard Ivory Latta said.

Latta made every big play down the stretch to help the Tar Heels defeat Tennessee 75-63 in the Cleveland Regional on Tuesday night and put North Carolina in its first Final Four since winning the 1994 national

"Give them all the credit," said Summitt, who was seeking her 17th trip to the Final Four. "They are one impressive basketball team. If they play like they played tonight, it will be hard for this team to lose."

The 5-foot-6 Latta finished with 20 points, nine assists and four steals in 40 minutes for the Tar Heels (33-1), who'll play Maryland in this weekend's Final Four. The Terrapins were the only team to beat North Carolina, edging the Tar Heels by three points in overtime on Feb.

Duke is also headed to Boston, giving the Atlantic Coast Conference three Final Four teams – the most ever from one league.

"The ACC's looking pretty good," North Carolina coach

Hatchell didn't like being placed in a region with Tennessee, Rutgers and Purdue, saying it looked more like a Final Four bracket. But she was all smiles after beating the Lady Vols, wearing the net her players cut down around her neck.

Latta had a big grin too.

"As kids, we did look at Tennessee and they were the dominant team," Latta said. "But now, North Carolina has come

Latta scored nine of her team's final 11 points, drilling a crucial 3-pointer with 3:27 left and picking up the assist on the other basket as North Carolina finally put away the Lady Vols

With the Tar Heels up 64-58 and the 30-second shot clock winding down, Latta stepped

back and drilled her 3-pointer of gas. from the top of the key.

"Coach told me to get the ball and back it out," Latta said. "They were just standing there. It was a dagger. I'm just glad I made it."

On North Carolina's next trip, Latta drove the lane and threaded a pass to Erlana Larkins for a layup to make it 69-60. After freshman Candace Parker's basket, Latta then made six straight free throws in the final 56.1 seconds and the Tar Heels improved to just 2-12 alltime against Tennessee.

"She's a clutch player. She doesn't get rattled," Tennessee senior guard Shanna Zolman said.

The Lady Vols trailed from the outset, fell behind by 16 points in the first half and got within five before running out

"You don't win a basketball game in the first half, but you certainly can lose one," Summitt said. "We just dug too deep of a hole. We were just trying to get back into the game and they just answered everything. A lot of those plays were huge.

Camille Little added 17 points and La'Tangela Atkinson had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Tar Heels, who lost to eventual NCAA champion Baylor in a regional final last year.

Parker led the Lady Vols with 20 points and nine rebounds, but had eight turnovers against Carolina's swarming defense, Sidney Spencer added 13 points and Zolman 11 for Tennessee. which will head home instead of to its fifth consecutive Final

"It seemed like every time

we came at them, they answered," Parker said. "Every time we were almost over the hump, they seemed to come back with a run or a steal or a 3. We just needed a better first half and that would have solved everything because in the second half we competed with

North Carolina's trapping defense harassed, disrupted and stripped Tennessee of any offensive flow in the first half. At times, the Lady Vols appeared confused and Summitt's face turned as orange as her blouse during a heated timeout.

"Yeah, I knew they were rattled," Latta said. "They were yelling at each other. That's how we play, and that's how we're going to keep playing."

AP Sports Writer Tom Withers contributed to this report.

Indiana introduces Sampson as new basketball coach

by MICHAEL MAROT ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. -Forget any baggage Kelvin six seasons. Sampson might bring to Indiana - the NCAA violations, the

first-round tournament upset or his lack of Hoosier pedigree.

Athletic director Rick Greenspan believes Sampson is the man to lead the Hoosiers' proud program back to prominence. On Wednesday, the worst-kept secret in

Bloomington was officially revealed when Sampson was introduced as Indiana's new coach.

"I understand what Indiana University stands for and over the next months and years, I will understand it even better because I don't want anything bad to happen to our program," Sampson said.

Sampson was a surprise choice to fans who clamored for one of the two of the most prominent former Hoosiers -Iowa's Steve Alford and Orlando Magic assistant Randy Wittman - rumored to be candiwhen Mike Davis resigned after

But Sampson's first appear- championship banners. ance in Assembly Hall suggest-

ed many fans welcomed the choice.

A few hundred students gave Sampson a standing ovation when he walked in and chanted "Hoo, Hoo, Hoosiers" when he was introduced. A couple dozen former players also applauded, literally, when

Sampson walked onto his new home court.

Kelvin Sampson

For Sampson, a well-respected coach with a history of turning down jobs at prominent programs during a 12-year tenure at Oklahoma, the attraction of Indiana was leading one of America's most prestigious basketball schools.

A seven-year deal that pays an annual average income of \$1.5 million, a figure Greenspan believes is the richest deal in school history for a coach, didn't hurt either.

"I came to Indiana for one reason: I think you can win dates for the job that opened championships at Indiana," Sampson said as he stood underneath the school's five national

> That line drew a rousing ovation from the students even though Sampson has only one Final Four appearance on his resume - a loss to Indiana in the 2002 national semifinals.

> The questions were starting, too. Some wondered whether

there would be any fallout from an NCAA investigation into possible recruiting violations or whether Sampson's presence could tarnish the image of Indiana, which has long avoided NCAA trouble.

Sooners officials are expected to appear before an NCAA committee on April 21 to explain why Sampson and his staff allegedly made more than 550 impermissible phone calls to recruits.

If the NCAA rules against Oklahoma, some sanctions could follow Sampson to Indi-

University president Adam Herbert and Stephen Ferguson, president of the Indiana trustees, both said they did an extensive

search into the allegations and were satisfied with the answers. Sampson acknowledged he was

embarrassed to be answering such questions Wednesday, explaining that he had learned a lesson. "When you make a mistake

like that, it opens you up to take a look at everything you do,' Sampson said. "We took corrective measures and we shored up everything else in the program."

The second question dealt with Sampson's graduation rate at Oklahoma.

When the Sooners went to the Final Four in 2002, Sampson said a national publication wrote a story that highlighted the school's zero percent graduation rate. Sampson responded by trying to explain the NCAA's old methodology, which did not credit schools for players who were admitted after their freshmen year.

That system has since been replaced, but Greenspan and Herbert both said they expect Sampson to meet Indiana's lofty expectations on the court and in the classroom.

"He has made very clear his determination that our players will do well academically and will graduate," Herbert said.

"He has reaffirmed his determine nation to lead a basketball program that reflects our institutional determination to comply fully with NCAA rules and institutional policies."

meeting, Sampson expressed another desire - to bring Indiana its first national title since 1987.

Some players walked away impressed. Others, however, are still waiting undecided on whether they'll play for Samp-

D.J. White, the 2005 Big Ten freshman of the year, and sophomore swingman Robert Vaden both said they were likely to transfer when Davis made his announcement Feb. 16.

On Wednesday, White attended the news conference, while Vaden was absent.

White insisted he hasn't made a final decision yet and not to read too much into White's appearance and Vaden's absence.

"I'm going to listen to Coach, but I'm weighing my options," White said, "I've got to see what's best for me. ... I'm my own man and Robert's his own man."

Greenspan praised Sampson's ability to produce hardnosed, disciplined, unselfish teams that win consistently.

Herbert took another tack, emphasizing Sampson's ability to During a 45-minute team re-establish Indiana as one of the nation's premier basketball programs - something Sampson helped Oklahoma accomplish and intends to do again at Indiana.

"As an outsider, when you think of Indiana," Sampson said, "you think about a place that not only has championships but a championship tradition.

"I think together we can do some special things at Indiana University.'

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Kentucky tags Morehead State, 15-4

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The 20thranked University of Kentucky baseball team blasted four home Southeastern Conference best runs and got a solid pitching from

freshman Chris Rusin en route to a 15-4 victory over Morehead State on Wednesday night at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

improved The Kentucky to 21-5 overall, which matches the best team, Kentucky start in its 102-year history of baseball. The win is also UK's 12th in its last 14 games. The Eagles fell to 9-14. The Wildcats explosive

offense pounded out 12 hits, including seven for extra bases to post their 15 runs. It is the fifth time this year UK has crossed the plate at least 15

times. Ryan Strieby led the charge with two home runs and a double. He now has seven home runs for the season and a 14 doubles. Strieby took over

> the team lead in home runs and leads John Shelby, who hit a three-run s h o t Wednesday, and Coughlin

> > by one. As a

has now slugged an SEC-high 38 dingers, which is one shy of its 2005 season total. Between them, Strieby and

Shelby drove in eight of Kentucky's 15 runs. All of Strieby's came on his pair of two-run shots. Shelby's long ball was a three-run shot and he added an RBI grounder later.

cranking his first homer off the batters eye in center field. It plated Shaun Lehmann, who had replaced Antone DeJesus at first base. DeJesus was hit by a pitch in his at bat and did not return. The Wildcats added a third run in the first when Brian Hastings singled home Cough-A four-run second inning

Strieby set the tone early,

made it 7-0 out of the gate. Back-to-back walks and a hit batsman loaded the bases to start the inning. Coughlin plated one with a sac fly before Shelby cleared the bases with a bomb to After a scoreless third, Strie-

by struck again. Collin Cowgill walked to start the fourth and Strieby launched a towering homer over the scoreboard in right field. Kentucky added four more in the inning to make it

Shelby's RBI grounder came

in the fifth and Matt McKinney added a solo home in the sixth to round out UK's scoring.

While the Wildcats were scoring, Morehead State was stifled by Rusin. The freshman lefty worked five innings, allowing five hits while striking out five and walking none. He earned the win to improve to 3-0. Over his last two starts, Rusin has not allowed a run and has lowered his ERA to 1.93.

He was relieved in the sixth by Drew Albers, who Morehead State tagged for back-to-back doubles and its first run of the game. After that, he settled down to allow one hit, but retired him on a double play.

Tommy Warner worked a scoreless eighth and Matt Robinson was charged with a run after hitting a batter in his two-thirds of an inning. Adam Revelette came on to get the last out, but gave up four singles and two runs before getting it.













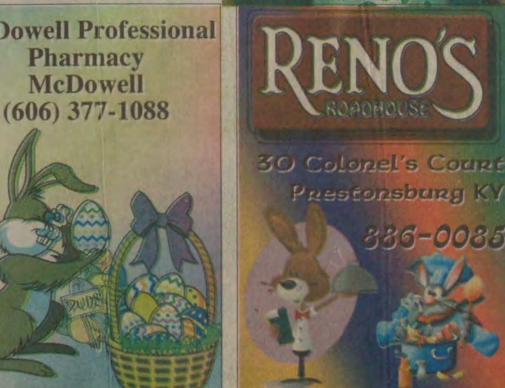
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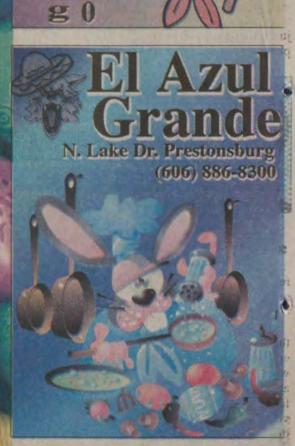
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THROUGH MY EYES Lessons in

love, patience, and forgiveness

by Kathy J. Prater FEATURES EDITOR

Funny how things sometimes unfold. Last



Lifestyles editor

Thursday afternoon, as I was just finishing up the next day's sec-

Lifestyles,

tion

William, in composing, reminded me that I needed a title for that week's column. Clicking

it back open, I thought for a moment and then typed in the "Teen Trauma." Little did I know.

For later that very day, around 5 p.m., to be exact, I received a phone call from my son. "Mom," he said. "I just broke my hand." Great, good - "not!"

The following four hours or so were then filled with visits and telephone calls to "Doctor Handsome," a.k.a. Blake Burchett (what can I say? He was the cutest visitor we ever had back in Mrs. Clifton's sixth grade Prestonsburg

(See EYES, page two)

POSTSCRIPT

Griping, again

Do you ever feel like you're just a pawn in a game being played by giants who'd as soon step on you

Pam Shingler contributing writer

can almost understand how some people can remove themselves from the by fray ignoring

n e w s

as not?

Well,

do. In fact, I

reports on TV and in newspapers, by adopting a fatalistic attitude.

What will be, will be.

If you do keep up, you'll know that our austere national lawmakers (I can't bring myself to use the word honorable.) have sold us out again - and again. Yes, these same lawmakers who plead for our votes so they can serve us better than someone else.

(See POSTSCRIPT, page two)

It's a dog's life - pampered pets show their stuff at AKC event

by Kathy J. Prater FEATURES EDITOR

Clippers were buzzing, judges were pacing, handlers were barking out orders, and, amid all the excited activity, it seemed very much that the only calm "folks" around were the stars themselves - the dogs.

"It's been crazy," said Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, veterinarian and owner of Beaver Valley Vet Clinic, located in Wayland. "But a good kind of crazy," she continued.

According to Combs-Morris, dogs, and their owners and trainers, began arriving on the campus of Johnson Central High School, in Paintsville, early Friday evening in preparation for the weekend's American Kennel Club cer-

"We have 405 dogs here this weekend," Combs-Morris said. "The activity has been non-stop.

The dogs - 90 different breeds or varieties were entered - and their "people" were there to compete in both conformation and obedience events. In conformation events, dogs are judged on their overall appearance and structure. Conformation events are intended to evaluate breeding stock and to deter-Elementary classroom - it made a ___ mine a dog's ability to produce quality lasting impression), a trip to puppies. In obedience trials, dogs are judged on their ability to follow direction and take orders.

"There's a lot going on," Combs-Morris said. "And we have people from as far away as Colorado here this weekend. We've been doing this show for several years now, but a lot of locals still aren't aware that this is a quote/unquote 'real' dog show," she

The show, held by the Eastern Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc., is licensed under the certification of the American Kennel Club (AKC), and is so operated under the rules of the AKC.

There were dogs galore at the weekend event, which was comprised of two separate shows - the first taking place on Saturday and the second on Sunday. "Holding two separate shows keeps us busy as can be, but it helps make it worthwhile for the people who travel from states away...they have the opportunity to win multiple awards and points during the one weekend," said Combs-Morris.

Easily recognizable to most were dog breeds such as poodles, dachshunds, basset hounds, and beagles; not so easily recognizable to the layman were breeds such as basenjis, briards, Italian greyhounds, and Japanese Chin. "All kinds of sizes, coats, and per-

sonalities," Combs-Morris said. But, by the end of Sunday's show,

one dog in particular had managed to stand out from among all the rest - Laurell's Mingei, a four-year-old champion Golden Retriever owned by Lo Man Hon and Z Yan, of Japan, and Americans Laura and Thomas Kling, was named Best in Show in both Saturday's and Sunday's shows.

'He's a great dog," said handler Erik Strickland. In addition to the weekend's wins, Laurell's Mingei, according to both Strickland and Combs-Morris,



Pictured, counter-clockwise, from top left: Four-year-old champion Golden Retriever, "Laurell's Mingei," was awarded the coveted Best in Show title at the culmination of both Saturday's and Sunday's show. Shown with Laurell's Mingei are his handler, Erik Strickland, left, and award presenter Richard Thomas; handlers prepare for one more run around the ring with their dogs; the JCHS gymnasium was filled to the brim with champion purebred dogs, their handlers, owners, and groomers; Tanner Conglecon, of Versailles, with one-year-old English Springer Spaniel, "Jack"; Sarah Conn, of Winchester, was presented the Junior Showmanship award for both shows. Pictured with her is "Danny," the two-year-old English Setter champion that she handled during the weekend's events.

is the number one rated Golden Retriever in the United States at this time.

In consideration of the time, cost, and energy required to produce a champion like Laurell's Mingei, Strickland shared that people, like himself,

cuit "because we love it."

'There's certainly no real money in it," he said. "You just have to love it." Laurell's Mingei, along with others

become involved with the dog show cir- ample supply of what Johnson County is best known for in return for their exemplary showings - apples. "Lots of apples," Combs-Morris said. "We're in Johnson County, what else could we of the show's winners, were awarded an give?"

THE DINNER DIVA

Spring has Sprung

by Leanne Ely

Spring has sprung here in North Carolina - the red buds are budding, the Bradford pear trees are blooming and the forecast says it's going to be 74 degrees here in Charlotte! I adore the spring.

On Tuesday, my latest book, "Saving Dinner Basics" went off to the publisher. It will be published this summer and I'm very happy with the way it turned out. The deal is though, when I am in the last weeks of getting a book done, my house suffers. It looks okay from the outside, but the insides are a mess. Open the door to my antry and you'll see what I mean. I am going to have

set my timer for 15 minutes more than once to get it How's your pantry looking? Do you have 5 cans of

tuna scattered about the cupboard instead of all stacked up together? Can you find cereal boxes here, there and everywhere? How about your staples, like flour, sugar, baking powder, cornstarch, etc.? Are they grouped together into a baking center or do you have to go on a pantry scavenger hunt to

find them all? Let's do a little pantry perk-up, shall we? Set your timer for 15 minutes and start getting your dry goods in logical order. Like goes with like. You'll want a shelf for the canned goods (and put the same thing all together, too). A big basket to hold your bags of dried beans, a smaller basket to hold envelopes of spice blends. mixes, etc. (look around the house, I bet you already have what you need), and if you haven't done it already, big containers (I like big glass jars) for your flour, sug-

ars, oatmeal, etc.

Getting your pantry together will help you get your meal planning in order, too. Don't forget to do a 27fling boogie on your pantry if necessary. Get rid of the stuff you don't use (donate it to a food bank if it's good, usable food) and watch your pantry "spring" to new life, blossoming with all sorts of possibilities!

Here's a wonderful spring dinner recipe to get you in the mood for a good pantry routing:

Chicken Nicoise Serves 4

1 cup dry white wine, or use low sodium chicken or vegetable broth

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts 2 cloves garlic, pressed 1/3 cup frozen pearl onions

(See THE DINNER DIVA, page two)





family Chocolate has health benefits, Medicine but too much can make you fat

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

uestion: I have been hearing and reading that chocolate can lower blood pressure, prevent heart attacks, lower cholesterol, and even protect against cancer. How much chocolate should I eat daily? I am a "chocoholic" so this news makes me very happy. Could you give me some guidelines on chocolate use?

nswer: Hold your chocolate bars - not so fast!!! While you are correct that there have been several studies that have

shown that dark chocolate has some health benefits, the studies have been small and have all cautioned against the excess consumption of chocolate because of its high calorie content. Let me give you some information on the benefits of dark chocolate.

Chocolate in its natural state contains many substances that have been identified as being good for you. The cocoa plant, from which chocolate is derived, has a high level of one of these substances called flavonoids. Dark chocolate, unlike milk chocolate, plant flavonoids.

The flavonoids in dark chocolate have been shown to reduce cholesterol plaques in the arteries. They've also been shown to help the blood vessels dilate and relax and, thereby, lower the blood pressure and promote good vascular health. How this happens is kind of interesting. The flavonoids in chocolate apparently trigger biological action that reduces inflammation and increases nitric oxide levels in the blood. Higher nitric oxide levels help relax the inner surface of your blood vessels.

Many flavonoids are destroyed during the processing of chocolate, but food companies are working harder to keep high levels of flavonoid in the chocolate product. It is also theorized that the proteins in milk bind with the flavonoids and deactivate them, so

retains relatively high levels of these that's why you need to eat dark chocolate rather than milk chocolate to get flavonoid benefits.

> Dark chocolate is also felt to have strong antioxidant properties. Antioxidants help rid the body of destructive molecules that are suspected to be a problem in heart disease and cancer. Again, milk, as in milk chocolate, is thought to decrease this antioxidant activity.

> Here is the major problem with dark chocolate — it is very high in calories. An average dark chocolate candy bar can have several hundred calories in it. Any good that would come from the chocolate, can easily be offset by weight gain. Dark chocolate must be consumed in modest amounts or you will soon have to add obesity to your list of medical conditions.

> Unless you get headaches or heartburn from it, you might consider swap

ping out some of the sweets or other calorie-dense foods in your diet, for a small amount of dark chocolate. A good rule of thumb would be to limit yourself to one small square of dark chocolate a day.

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www.familymedicinenews.org.

Postscript

First, they've cheated us out billions of dollars by allowing the big oil and gas compames to drill in the Gulf of Mexico without paying taxes on their take. I suspect most business owners in Floyd County and other parts would appreciate the same consideration.

This debacle adds insult to many in the wake of reports that the oil companies have rung up record profits in the

In fact, a colleague of mine did the math. He figured that the more than \$10 billion profit that Exxon-Mobil recorded in just the last quarter of last year would sustain our little public community radio station, WMMT, for more than 35,000 years.

Heck, we're not greedy. We'd settle for enough crumbs to keep us going for another 10

Think about those profit figures next time you fill up your gas tank.

Then, there's the reports that those same legislators who are there to serve us have passed a food bill that takes away some of our protection against dangerous foods.

A recent story in the Lexington Herald-Leader tells us, "On March 8, the House passed the National Uniformity for Food Act, which might be better named the 'Swallow at Your Own Risk Act'."

What the bill does is erase about 200 state laws governing food safety. For instance, conservative California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger last year signed a law that would ban the importation of candy from Mexico that has lead in it. Lead, you'll recall, is a substance that can get you in trouble if it's in old paint in your house. Arnie and other sane people on the coast figured lead is probably not a good thing for kids to be eating in their candy

However, the federal bill our congressmen just approved would negate that state law, tacitly implying that it's all right for people to eat lead-laced sweets. The same with laws in every state that attempt to protect consumers.

The House membership reasoned that the standards should be the same in every state. Well, I agree with that. We should have national standards to protect us from food additives and corner-cutting by food companies.

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Trouble is, we do not have national standards. The states have tried to make their own laws, in lieu of national standards. But, they've wasted their time, as far as our legislators are concerned.

Would it surprise you to know who some of the major backers of the federal legislation are? Would you guess the major supermarket chains and food providers, such as Cargill, Coca-Cola, ConAgra and Kraft, all of which are lavish in their spending for favorable legislation?

It's hard not to be cynical. It's hard to keep on reading and listening. You get to thinking, I'm tried of feeling so sad and mad all the time.

It used to be I'd say, Well, we all need to speak up, to get out there and tell the government and its feeder industries that we won't take it anymore. But I no longer honestly believe we can make a difference. I think they've got us by the proverbial, well, you know.

The Dinner Diva

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

1 small red bell pepper, deribbed, deseeded and sliced into strips

4 each olives, use what you like (I prefer Kala-

Heat 1/4 cup of the wine (or chicken broth) to boiling in a non-stick skillet. Cook chicken in wine, turning once, until brown. Remove chicken and keep warm.

Add garlic, onions, olive oil, Italian seasoning, bell peppers, olives and remaining wine (or broth) to skillet and heat till boiling. Simmer for 5 minutes.

Add chicken back to the skillet, reducing heat to medium low. Cook 10 to 15 minutes or until chicken is cooked thoroughly.

Per Serving: 330 Calories; 6g Fat; 55g Protein; 4g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 137mg Cholesterol; 196mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain (Starch); 7 1/2 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 0 Fruit; 1/2 Fat.

SERVING SUGGESTION: Add some brown

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website - www.SavingDin-

Eyes

HRMC's radiology department, vet another telephone call to Dr. Handsome's beautiful (and very sweet) wife, Rebecca, followed by "stalking" the good doctor down to his "Thursday night office" in the Archer Clinic.

Finding out that nothing more could really be done until the swelling in my son's right hand went down, the drama continued throughout the next day as the staff in Dr. Burchett's office tried to help me find an appointment with a local orthopedist.

None happened to be around that Friday, so the good doctor himself did a wonderful job of placing some protective wrapping around the injured hand to make-do until Monday morning's appointment with the orthopedist.

As if that were not enough for one weekend, I received yet another call late Saturday evening. And if I thought my son sounded excited on Thursday. that was nothing in comparison to how he sounded on Saturday. Having just accidentally caused injury to a young lady that he happens to think the world of, my son's voice, and words, would have broken anyone's

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This situation, also, ended in a trip to Highland's ER. Thankfully, the young lady is doing fine and she and my son are still great friends. Accidents happen and young

people do learn. Unfortunately, sometimes that learning process is filled with crises and trauma.

As for me, the words patience, understanding, forgiveness, and above all, love, have dominated my thoughts this week.

And that makes for a heck of a lot better title than last week's "Trauma."

When you see news happening, report it to The Times, (606) 886-8506

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Character words for the month of April: "Kindness" and "Tolerance"* M April 4, 18 - Magic Me, weather

April 12 - Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in Youth Services

April 12 - WYMT's "Connect with Kids," to be aired at 7 p.m. Prograin entitled "The Biggest Genera-

M April 17-28 - CATS testing.

April 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Mountain Arts Center. Program is free to all parents/guardians. Sponby Floyd County Family. Resource Center's. Information, enterminment, door prizes and free lunch.

M Sign-ups still going on for Beginner Sewing Classes. Stop by YSC if

M Lending Library available for stuand parents in YSC.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of moome. For more information about any of the activities or services of the vewler, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the All grade wing of the school. Center Condinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

III The ACMS Youth Service Center in open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call Marilyn Bailey, assistant coordinator, 01 758-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

Call Allen Elementary Youth Serthe Center at 874-0621 to schedule vom child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the ily Resource Center may call 358-9878 campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

April 11 - Kindergarten Registration, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items to bring with you: Child's birth certificate, immunization certificate, social security card, Ky. eye exam (completed), and medical exam (completed). Registration will be held in the Adams Middle

Schooly gym. A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives

immunizations. ■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building. Call 886-2487 for

Duff Elementary April 4, 5 - Kindergarten registra-

tion, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. May 2, 3, 4 - Kindergarten regis-

tration, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Note: For those wishing to register children for kindergarten, please see Brenda Conley or Kim Slone in front office upon entering building. Children wishing to enter kindergarten must be 5 years of age by October 1. 2006. Please bring the following items when registering: Social security card (child's); birth certificate (or proof that you have applied for one) - must be full size; valid immunization certificate; completed medical exam form; completed KY eye exam form - form must be completed by an optometrist.

Anyone wishing to schedule a school medical exam through the Fam-

to set one up. Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and wellchild physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any

of these services. The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary April 17-28 - CATS and CTBS

testing window.

Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

Now accepting Kindergarten applications for the 2006-2007 school year. Open registration begins April 1.

MCA is selling raffle tickets for a Pontiac G6 which will be given away on April 21, at the 12th Annual Spring Fling Gospel Sing. Tickets are \$50 each. Please call 606-285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

April 4 - Regular-called SBDM Council meeting; 6 p.m., in auditorium.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

After School Child Care, 3-6

p.m., school days. Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center Floyd County Substance Abuse

Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.

Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center

Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

■ The center has a one-stop career

station satellite that is available to the community as well as students. Anyone interested in Adult Ed

may contact the center for information. All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or

Anita Tackett, Assistant. W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction"

Family Resource Center. Apr. 10 - Family Resource Center Advisory Council meeting, 6 p.m., in resource center. Meeting open to public.

Apr. 13 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Mountain Arts Center. (This is your day, parents!)

■ GED classes - Tuesdays (1-4:30 p.m.); Wednesdays (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.), at the Weeksbury Comm. Ctr. Questions? Call Kay Ross at 886-7334. Classes are FREE of charge.

Lost & Found is located in resource center. Items not claimed within 2 weeks become property of the FRC.

■ The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. For more information about center programs or functions, call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Wesley Christian School

April 11 - Easter Cantata, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

May 15 - Graduation, 6 p.m. May 16 - Last day of school.

Fall registration for new school students, contact office at 874-8328, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

■ WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

Learning Ladder Academy After-school students welcome

(after-school will be closed on March 21). For more information, contact

MaShawna Jacobs, assistant director, at 886-0771

Learning Ladder Academy privately owned and operated by Cindy DeRossett Hitchcock and MaShawna A. Jacobs. Academy located at 44 Hillside Center Drive, Prestonsburg.

Irvine woman celebrates 111th birthday

Submitted by Violet Allen, of Langley

Delilah Coburn Hayes, of Irvine, formerly of Floyd and Knott counties, celebrated her 111th birthday on March 18, 2006. Delilah was born in 1895, on Salt Lick, in Knott County, to William and Mary Prater Coburn.

As a young woman, Delilah worked for her older sister, Anna Moore, and Anna's husband, Melvin, in their business, located in Garrett, during the time that the C&O Railway was being laid in Right Beaver. Anna and Melvin owned a boarding house. During this time, Delilah met a young widower by the name of Joe Hayes. Joe, an employee of the L&N Railroad, and his three small children were living with his parents in Knott County at the time of their meeting. Joe and Delilah married in 1922, and she became the loving mother of Lois, Lucy, and Elvin.

Later, Joe's job with L&N took him to Ravenna. At this time, Joe and Delilah purchased their home in Irvine, the same home that Delilah lives in to this day. During their marriage, three more children were brought into their lives - Joe Jr., Katherine, and Glenna.

Joe passed in 1972, shortly after he and Delilah's 50th wedding anniversary. Elvin and Lois are also deceased. Joe Jr. is a retired engineer who lives in Louisville. He is the father of Delilah's only two grandchildren, Susan Borough, of Taylorsville, and Randy Hayes, of Rosville, Georgia. Lucy Hayes



Delilah Coburn Hayes

Brueck, a nurse, lived most of her life in New Orleans, Louisiana, but recently returned to Irvine. Katherine is a retired Bell South employee, and Glenna is a retired teacher. The girls are all now caring for their mother during her advanced

Delilah has spent her life being a wonderful cook, mother, and homemaker. She has always enjoyed quilting and gardening. She has been a devout member of the Williams Memorial Baptist Church, in Ravenna, for the past 70 years, where she enjoyed serving as a member of the choir. She is a Kentucky Colonel and a staunch Democrat.

Delilah says that she has been blessed with good health, and a wonderful life and family. She credits God for her many blessings and says that she has always tried to live her life in observation of the Golden Rule.

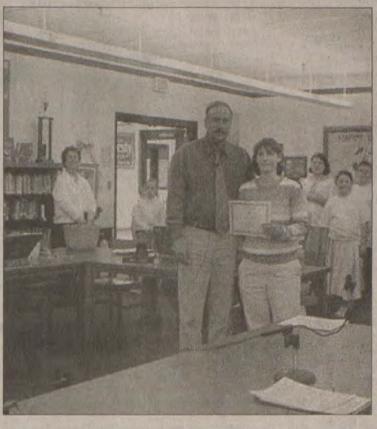
ATTENTION: All Young Authors from 1986 - 2006

You are invited to Floyd County Schools' 20 Year Special Young Authors' Celebration Sunday afternoon, May 7th, 2006, 2 p.m. at the Wilkinson/Stumbo Convention Center Located in Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg, KY

All previous Young Authors' winners from the 20-year time span are invited to bring your book. We plan to build a giant showcase from our former students. Please share your book! Contact Patricia Watson at

886-2487 or Beverly Crisman, at 886-2354, ext. 547 for more information.

All parents, teachers, principals, school board members, Young Authors' judges and friends of this program are invited.



Floyd County Board of Education Chair, Jeff Stumbo, presented a certificate of recognition award to Susan Damron, Counselor, South Floyd High School, in recognition of her selection by the Kentucky Association of School Counselors as the 2005-2006 Outstanding High School Counselor.



Pictured, left to right, are Clara Johnson, Director, McDowell Family Resource Center, Loretta Newman, GED graduate, and Ron Johnson, GED instructor. Ms. Newman recently earned her



Floyd County Board of Education member Mickey McGuire, left, presented certificates of recognition to Johnathan Boyd, center, Prestonsburg Elementary student, and Jonna Craft, right, Adams Middle School, for their achievements in the 2005-06 district spelling bee. Johnathan was named district winner of the competition, while Craft was named runner-up. The certificates were presented to the students at the March regular called meeting of the board, held at Adams Middle School.



Martin seniors travel to Frankfort

Members of the Martin Area Senior Citizens Center met with Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, this past February 16, in Frankfort, to ask him to help provide funds to support their center, its programs, and projects, as well as to help to continue to provide meals for their elderly homebound population. Pictured are, from left to right: Center director, Karon Robinson, Bureta Moore, Virginia Artrip, Jim Meade, Georgia Meade, Sen. Turner, Dee Burchett, Georgia Allen, Willie Petry, and John Turnley. While visiting the state capitol, the seniors attended the General Assembly and met with Rep. Chuck Meade.

UNITE meeting to feature Brit, the 'drug dog'

The UNITE program will hold a meeting on Monday evening, April 3, at 7 p.m., at the Allen Baptist Church. The meeting will feature Officer Kirk, of the Martin County Sheriff's Department, as the featured guest. Officer Kirk will be accompanied by Brit, the "drug dog." Everyone is invited to attend this informative meeting.

WMMT's Bluegrass **Express Live** features Bobby Osborne

Bobby Osborne, one of the legendary Osborne Brothers, will be featured on the next edition of WMMT's Bluegrass Express Live concert at the Appalshop Theater in Whites-

burg. He will appear on Thursday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m., along with the Dean Osborne Band.

The opening band is Wolfe

Creek Grass.

bobby and his brother Sonny performed for several decades as the Osborne Brothers, winning the Country Music Association's Vocal Group of the Year award in the 1970s. They are in the International Bluegrass Music Association's Hall of Honor and members of the Grand Ole Opry. Bobby plays the mandolin and sings.

Dean Osborne, who is also a member of the Leslie County musical clan, is an accomplished musician, music promoter and teacher.

For reservations, call WMMT at 606-633-1208 or 633-0108. The concert will be broadcast on WMMT-FM.

WMMT is a public community radio station and a part of the arts and education center Appalshop.

New Arrivals



.- A son, Austin Lee Cantrell, to Tabitha Bailey, of Royalton - A son, Tommy Ray Osborne, to Rae Nicole Adkins, of Hueysville

.- A daughter, Emma Rose Adkins, to Jennifer Rose Adkins, of Shelbiana

March 8, 2006

.- A daughter, Carmen Aaliyah Ramirez-Burchett, to Paula Renee Burchett, of Banner

March 9, 2006

.- A daughter, Ashley Brooke Tackett, to Miranda Gale and Wade Clayton Tackett, of Printer

March10, 2006 .- A son, Brandon Tyler Skeens, to Ashley Nicole Stidham, of Hazard

- A son, James Kernie Kugel, to Lisa and Robert Kugel, of Salyersville

- A son, Logan Michael Steven Fraley, to Amanda and Stephen Fraley, of Bevinsville

- A son, Braden Daniel Bowen, to Samantha Maynard, of Tomahawk - A son, Landry Aaron Matthew Collett, to Josephine and Landry Collett, of Yeadiss

- A son, Luke Peter Abadir, to Magdoline and Peter Abadir, of Hazard March 11, 2006 - A son, Caleb Joel Borg, to Patricia Harris, of Prestonsburg

March 13, 2006 - A daughter, Imalee MaKenzie Hoover, to Matilda Ann Brown, of Topmost

- A daughter, Chelsey Michelle Baker, to Brandy and Bradley Baker, of Bee Fork

March 14, 2006

- A daughter, Gabriella Kaylynn Gayheart, to Alisha and Adam Gayheart, of Royalton

- A son, Adam Paul Gayheart Jr., to Alisha and Adam Gayheart, of Royalton March 16, 2006

.- A son, Cody Dale Moore, to Julie Lynn May, of Warfield

- A son, Hunter Edward Collett, to Rachel and Casey Collett, of Salyersville

March 17, 2006

.- A son, Devon Michael Puckett, to Amy and Michael Puckett, of Pinetop

- A daughter, Alexis Paige Munch, to Jessica and Joshua

Munch, of Louisa - A daughter, Laci Danielle O'Quinn, to Angela and Kevin

O'Quinn, of Garrett - A son, Matthew Jacob Burns, to Rebecca Dawn Walls, of Hazard



Hoyd County Devotional Page

This devotional and directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to to attend worship services.

Return to your

the storm

will burst

of the Lord

out in wrath,

a whirlwind

swirling down

on the heads

of the wicked.

Jeremiah 23:19

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci,

In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner,

Auxier Freewil Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 pm.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer,

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.;

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday

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INTENTION

TO MINE

PURSUANT TO

APPLICATION

NUMBER 836-

5427

AMENDMENT

NO. 5

In accordance with

KRS 350.070, notice

is hereby given that

FCDC Coal, Inc.,

750 Town Mountain

Road, Pikeville, KY

41501, has applied

reclamation

proposed

County,

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proposed

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approximately 1.31

mile east of Drift, in

Kentucky. The oper-

ation is approximate-

ly 1.80 mile east of

KY's 122 junction

with the Simpson

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Judge-Executive

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE **PURSUANT TO** APPLICATION

for an amendment to an existing under-NO. 836-9024 ground coal mining In accordance with 405 KRS 350.055, and hereby operation, located notice is given that Prater 1.70 mile northwest Creek Coal of Grethel, in Floyd Corporation, 750 County. The amend-Mountain Town ment will add 695.66 Pikeville, Road, acres of under-Kentucky 41501, has ground area, for a applied for a permit total area, of 1876.06 for a coal refuse disacres within the operation, revised affecting 11.20 acres, located 1 mile south of Ivel, in Floyd The amendment area is

The proposed operation is approximately 1 mile south from Ivy Creek Road's junction with US 23, and located .75 mile south of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37º35'21". The longitude is 82º40'14".

County.

The facility is on the U.S.G.S. Harold quadrangle map. The surface area to be distubed is owned by Appalachian Land Company Wendell Stratton et

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, requests for a permit conference must be

with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort,

Kentucky 40601.

BLASTING SCHEDULE

This is notice that Stone. Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, 25 Clydean Drive. Leburn, 41831, Kentucky 785-0220, Permit #836-0321, will be blasting in the vicinity of Stonecoal Hollow and Hamilton Latitude 37º27'38", Longitude 82º40'57". Blasting will be done daily. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by

application has been Company personnel. Before each blast is filed for public the detonated the followinspection at Department Mining warning will be given Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg blast signal a warning signal consisting Regional Office 3140 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY series of long air 41653. Written combe given. The allments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be longed blast of a filed with the Director, Division of Permits. Hollow Hudson Complex, U.S. 127 times different South, Frankfort, KY those given 40601 except in

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Jackie Hoover. Ousley Eastern, Kentucky, has filed an application with Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to move a mobile home to the address to use as a place of residence. The property is located at Ousley Drive, approximately 150 feet from Rt. 80, hear Right Beaver Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be direct-Kentucky ed to: Division of Water, Water Resources 14 Reilly Branch, Frankfort Road. Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky

> NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE **PURSUANT TO APPLICATION** NO.

40601. Phone (502)

564-3410.

836-8043 RENEWAL #4 In accordance with provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that N.F.C. Mining, Inc., Meadows 432 anch, restonsburg Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal to a coal processing permit affecting 12.20 acres located

> in Floyd County. facility approximately 0.5 mile southeast from State Route 1428's unction with State Route 3, and located 0.1 mile south of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37º40'08" and longitude is 82º43'23".

1 mile east of Lancer,

located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by N.F.C. Mining, Inc., Transportation, Inc. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Office, Regional 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, Written comments, or objections must filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127

PUBLIC NOTICE Fast Lane Discount Tobacco Outlet, Inc., P.O. Box 248, Lovely, KY 41231, hereby declares intention(s) apply for a Beer/Retail Liquor Package license(s). Be sure to refer to your ABC Schedule form for a complete list of all the license types you are making application for no later than March 27, 2006. The business to be licensed will be located at #33 Plaza, Glynview Prestonsburg.

Kentucky

41653

Frankfort,

South,

Kentucky 40601.

doing business as First Lane Discount Tobacco Outlet, Inc. The (owners), principal officers and directors. limited partners, or members are as follows:

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Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1000 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of the

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Copies of detailed Request for Proposal and other information may be obtained by calling Finance Department at 606-886-4517, or may be picked up at 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg. 41653, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, prior to the time and date speciproposal for opening. Copies can also be obtained on internet http://www.floyd.k12. ky.us/Public_Notice.

The initial period of contract will be from July 1, 2006, or the date of Board approval (whichever is later) through June 30, 2007, with the Board of Education having the option to extend the contract annually in one year The operation is increments.

Bids will be accepted until 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2006, Eastern Time, and publicly opened 1:05 Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at the Central Office located at the contact address listed above. All proposals must be received by the time designated in the Request for Proposal and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mails to deliver the bids on time. Proposals will be publicly opened and read at the time and location stated above.

The contract may be awarded to the lowest and/or best evaluated qualified proposal meeting all specifications and conditions, and subect to all other provisions of this request for proposal and be in the best interest of Board Education. A contract is scheduled to be awarded at the board meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m., April 19, 2006, at May Valley Elementary School, Stephens Branch Road, Martin, KY 41649.

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