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College to hold job fair

PAINTSVILLE — Big Sandy Community and Technical College will host its annual Job Fair on Wednesday, April 12, in the Mayo Campus Auditorium in Paintsville, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The event is designed to assist graduates as they prepare to enter the workforce.

BSCTC students and citizens who are looking for a job are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Vera Joiner at 886-3863, ext. 67267, or Dean Robinson at 886-3863, ext.67381.

Correction

In an article that appeared in the Friday's issue, an error was made regarding the number of Kentuckians who have died from tobacco-related illnesses. The article stated that 147 Kentuckians die each year from tobacco products. It should have read "each week."

Police raid former GOP chair's home



Bobby Stumbo

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — Former Floyd County Republican Party chairman Bobby Stumbo was arrested Friday after authorities executed a search warrant at his home.

Police and jail officials were not commenting at press time as to what Stumbo was charged with, nor did they release any details concerning what evidence they were looking for during the search or what they ultimately seized. Sources close to the investigation have told The Floyd County Times that the warrant authorized a search for stolen property.

Details of the investigation are expected to be shared on Monday.

Stumbo retired as party chair in 2004 to run against Charles "Chuck" Meade in two elections for the 95th District state representative seat, previously held by Attorney General Greg Stumbo. He lost both times.

Stumbo was charged last year with one count of sexual abuse in a case that stemmed from an August incident in which he was home alone with his roommate's child, who was visiting the pair as part of a divorce agreement which granted the roommate visitation on three weekends each month.

That charge went through a preliminary hearing which passed the case to a grand jury. No indictment has been returned since

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Former Floyd County Republican Party chairman Bobby Stumbo was taken to the Floyd County Detention Center after a raid at his home Friday.

MAKING PREPARATIONS



Dr. Kraig Humbaugh addressed several representatives of the local community this past Thursday evening, at the Floyd County Health Department, in regard to how best to prepare for a pandemic flu outbreak, should one occur. The health department hosted a pandemic flu summit, one of the first to be held across the state in weeks to come.

Meeting stresses preparation for future flu pandemic

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — "It's not a matter of 'if,' but a matter of 'when.' We know it's going to hit us, we just don't know when," said Jane Bond, health educator with the Floyd County Health Department, during opening comments to those assembled at the facility this past Thursday evening to attend a local pandemic flu summit.

The summit is one of many

that will be held statewide throughout the following weeks to address preparedness and other issues in regard to a possible outbreak of a new influenza virus.

Representatives from area hospitals, schools, emergency management and response, fire and police departments, faith-based organizations and others attended the summit to learn and discuss ways in which local communities can work together to prepare for and manage a possible pandemic flu outbreak.

A pandemic flu occurs when a new influenza virus appears or emerges in the human population, causing a global outbreak of the disease, resulting in serious illness as it spreads from person to person. Three such pandemics have occurred in the last 100 years — the "Spanish flu" (1918-1919), the "Asian flu" (1956-1958) and the "Hong Kong flu" (1968-1969).

Pandemic flus differ from sea-

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Grand jury returns 16 indictments

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County grand jury issued 16 indictments Friday, with several other charges remaining sealed until the subjects are taken into custody.

Trenton M. Ward, 33, of Martin, was charged with one count of first-degree assault for allegedly shooting another man and causing serious injury to him on Nov. 15.

Eric Kelly, 27, of Salyersville, was also indicted on charges of assault and wanton endangerment for allegedly engaging in conduct which put another person in substantial danger on March 17, as well as a fourth-degree assault charge for allegedly ramming the victim's car with his own.

Drug crimes accounted for nine indictments issued, which included Randy Tackett, 37, of Wheelwright. Tackett was charged with one count of trafficking in a controlled substance and one charge of being a persistent felony offender for an August 15 incident in which he allegedly sold cocaine.

Drug possession charges accounted for three of the indictments. Paul Maynard, 32, of Allen is facing two counts of drug possession as well as single counts of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia for a May 20 episode. Brentina Elswick, 38, of East Bernstadt, was charged with

possession charges, including drugs and paraphernalia, for a May 3 incident that also charges her with operating a motor vehicle under the influence and various traffic violations. Rhonda Gail Caudill, 26, of Prestonsburg, was charged with one count of possession for allegedly possessing a one-quarter of a methadone wafer on August 5.

Four subjects were charged with driving under the influence of various substances and rounded out the persons charged with drug-related offenses. Timothy Cain-Micah Cantrell was charged driving under the influence, driving on the wrong side of the highway and two other traffic violations for a Sept. 3, 2004, incident. Nicholas McKinney, 26, of Raccoon, was charged with DUI and failure to surrender his revoked license, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest for an Oct. 5 incident that saw him arrested by Kentucky State Police. Rodney Gerron Scarberry, 30, of Bypro, was charged with DUI and various traffic violations as well as possession of marijuana for a November 2004 incident that was investigated by Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement. Charles Hall Jr. received the most charges for a Dec. 26 incident during which he was charged with driving under the influence, driving on a revoked license,

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Trial date set for Dwale beating, robbery

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two of three subjects accused of beating and robbing an elderly and disabled Dwale man last September have entered guilty pleas to the crime, while the third party asked for a trial date on Friday.

Judge Danny P. Caudill issued an August 7 trial date for Shawn Sexton, 21, who was scheduled to enter a guilty plea last month but balked at having to serve 10 years for the crime.

Sexton is accused of helping Melissa Ferrell, 32, and Stevie Ed Caudill, 21, break in to the victim's home and beat him unconscious. They allegedly took out

the victim's wallet and emptied it of \$300, although a side compartment containing an additional \$2,000 in cash went unnoticed.

Sexton, who is facing robbery and assault charges, will get to face a jury this summer but will also be up against his former codefendants who agreed to testify against him upon entering their pleas.

Sexton was also the victim in a separate case that the commonwealth settled last week. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Turner was set to try that case in which Jeffrey Tackett, 42, of McDowell, was accused of firing a rifle into a car at the Vance Kwik Mart last

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Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Opal Thacker Harmon. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 4, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Delores Harvel, 69, of Mouthcard, died Thursday, March 30, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Harvey Harvel. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 2, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Bertha Hensley, 93, of Huddy, died Tuesday, April 4, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, under direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Bruce Isom, 59, of Rogersville, Tennessee, formally of McCarr, died Wednesday, March 29, at Rogersville. He is survived by his wife, Glenna Isom. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 2, under the direction of the Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ David L. Maynard, 63, Citra, Florida, formerly of Pikeville, died Friday, March 24, in Florida. A memorial service will be scheduled later. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Priscilla Ann Hatfield McCoy, 27, of Phelps, died Sunday, April 3, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Bobby Darrin McCoy. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 6, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

■ Nannie Elizabeth Kendrick McCown, 84, Pikeville, died Thursday, April 6, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 9, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ David Eugene Mullins Jr., 25, of Shelbiana, died Tuesday, April 4, at Fords Branch. He is survived by his wife, Nikki Smith Mullins. Funeral services were held Friday, April 7 under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Andy New Jr., 59, of McCarr, died Friday, March 31, at the Appalachian Regional

Hospital, South Williamson. He is survived by his wife, Fern Gooslin New. Arrangements, under the direction of the Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Vivian Newsome, 52, of Caney Highway, died Monday, April 3, 2006, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Commie Newsome. Funeral services were held Friday, April 7 under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Michael Keith Pinson, 43, of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 1, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Dawn Durkee Pinson. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 4, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ James Henderson Rose, 76, of Lick Creek, died Friday, March 31, at Pikeville Medical Center. A private service will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery, Mouthcard. Arrangements are under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

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■ Donald M. Rowe, 86, of Meta, died Friday, March 31, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. He is survived by his wife, Maude Bevins Rowe. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 2, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ James Henderson Rose, 76, of Lick Creek, died Friday, March 31, at Pikeville Medical Center. A private service will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery, Mouthcard. Arrangements, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Catherine Louise Chadwick Rowe, 84, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, March 31, at Wellmont-Holsten Valley Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, April 3, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Mae McCoy "Granny" Scott, 80, of Brushy, a Martin County native, died Thursday, March 23, at St. Joseph Hospital,

Lexington. Funeral services were held Monday, March 27, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Douglas C. Sellards, 55, of Woodman, died Thursday, March 30, at his residence. Funeral services were held Monday, April 3, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Lester Carl Tackett, 67, of Lick Fork, died Tuesday, April 4, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Tackett. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 8, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Glen Williamson, 81, of Sidney, died Wednesday, April 5, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Edith Crigger Williamson. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 8, under direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

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■ Della Castle Daniels, 64, of Nippa, died Tuesday, April 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 8, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Dencie Maynard Fletcher, 90, of Tomahawk, died Saturday, April 1, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 4, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Willis Danny 'Mousie' Hamilton, 63, of Lebanon, Ohio, formerly of Paintsville, died Monday, March 20, in Lebanon. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Dials Hamilton. Funeral services were held Friday, March 24, under the direction of Stine & Kilburn Funeral Home.

■ Patsy V. Miller, 74, of Paintsville, died Saturday, April 1, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 5, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Marvin E. Newsome, 76, of Debord, died Friday, March 31, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, April 3, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

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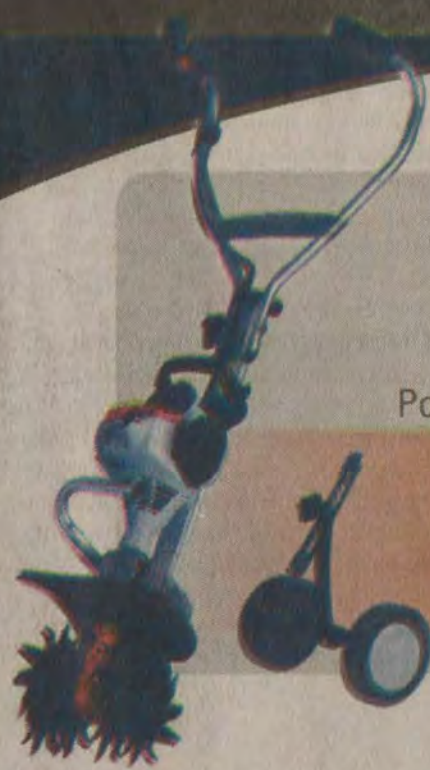
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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

College students deserve answers

The U.S. House of Representatives is performing an important service for debt-burdened students and their families by demanding that colleges explain why tuition is rising more than four times faster than inflation.

On Thursday the House voted to renew the Higher Education Act, which provides guidelines for colleges and universities that receive federal aid. It's not clear whether the bill would achieve its main purpose — making college more affordable for students — but the measure would shine a light on college costs and apply at least some pressure on the schools to control spending and hold down tuition increases.

In a 2004 column, Terry Eastland, the publisher of *The Weekly Standard*, posed a question that families all over the country are asking: "Why is it that college must cost so much?"

Over the past 15 years, a period marked by low inflation in the general economy, tuition at state universities has been rising by more than 10 percent a year. Since 2000, tuition increases have been running about four times higher than the inflation rate.

The cost of attending college in Kentucky began to soar after the legislature approved the higher education reform law in 1997. Although college costs in the state remain below the national average, annual tuition increases of more than 14 percent are causing more students to go into debt to pay for their education.

The rising cost of college also forces some high school graduates to abandon their plans to obtain a degree. A study cited by David Wessel, a columnist for *The Wall Street Journal*, found that every \$1,000 increase in tuition reduces the fraction of 18- to 24-year-olds in college by 3 or 4 percentage points.

Recently, skyrocketing college inflation has captured the attention of Congress. Congressional leaders have a stake in the issue because the federal government pumps tens of billions of dollars each year into the higher education system, with most of the aid taking the form of student loans and tax breaks.

A report issued by Congress in 2003 noted that "tuition increases are outpacing the rate of inflation, increases in family income, and even increases in state and federal aid, which have grown tremendously in recent years."

Some observers believe the availability of government-subsidized financial aid provides an incentive for colleges and universities to continue raising tuition. Student loans are a form of third-party payment that helps to reduce accountability for costs by enabling students to pay the higher bills, although to do so they must go deeply into debt.

The House version of the renewal of the Higher Education Act seeks to supply some accountability by forcing colleges to justify double-digit tuition increases. Colleges that raise tuition more than twice the rate of inflation over three years would have to explain why their services cost so much.

Also, the bill requires colleges to submit detailed information on their costs to federal education officials. The information will be posted on the Education Department Web site so that families can compare institutions.

If the House bill becomes law, it's likely that all of Kentucky's public colleges and universities will have to explain why their tuition increases are far outpacing inflation. The explanations should go further than the claim that 3 percent to 4 percent increases in base funding by the legislature haven't been sufficient to cover the school's costs. The question university officials need to specifically answer is why the expense of running their institutions is rising much faster than other costs in the economy.

The House higher education bill isn't strong enough to assure a lower rate of college inflation. But it has the potential to shed light on excessive administrative spending and empire-building on some campuses.

An article in a publication of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis highlighted the shift toward administrative spending in college budgets over the past 30 years. In 1976, 30 percent of instructional expenditures went to administration; by 2001, colleges were devoting 50 percent of their instructional expenditures to bureaucratic functions.

Congress needs to pull back the curtain on college costs. If recent trends continue, millions of young people will be priced out of the college market, leaving them with diminished hopes for the future.

— *The Paducah Sun*



— Rich Lowry Column

The United Nations' shame, cont.

Wherever she is right now, the late Eleanor Roosevelt is probably having a kind thought about U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton. The ambassador is the liberal bugaboo who was filibustered by Senate Democrats before heading to Turtle Bay, where last month he fought a valiant, losing fight to reform the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

Roosevelt was the commission's first chairman back in 1947, and thought it would play an important international role by shaming human-rights abusers. Over time, the commission's mandate evolved into passing over human-rights abuses in silence and, instead, shaming itself. Bolton had hoped to change the commission and infuse it with some of its old idealism. Nothing doing. He's finding that at the U.N. Augean Stables, the cattle always prevail.

The human-rights commission's abiding flaw is that it has no standards

for membership. So, bloodthirsty tyrannies sit on it together with liberal democracies.

Given the let's-all-get-along bonhomie of the United Nations, they all operate based on a vaporous consensus that strips the commission of any purpose. China, Cuba, Eritrea, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Zimbabwe are all current members, ensuring ample representation of governments interested only in preserving their ability to jail their dissidents, repress their women and despoil their countryside.

Human-rights abusers are particularly drawn to the commission so they can eliminate any diplomatic or moral threat it might pose to their misrule. They can vote as a bloc to oppose any strenuous language directed at themselves or fellow abusers. On the inside, they subtly influence the process in their favor.

John Bolton and the U.S. proposed reducing the commission's membership from 53 countries to 30, thus making it harder to get on, and requiring a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly to approve members in an attempt to keep the worst abusers off. These reforms

were effectively trashed.

The counterproposal passed last month by a 170-4 vote pegs the membership at 47, approved by a mere majority of the General Assembly. The biggest change is literally nominal: No longer will it be the United Nations Human Rights Commission, but the Human Rights Council. The moral stink will remain, whatever they call it.

Debates over the U.N. feature an odd dynamic. It is skeptics like Bolton who favor making it a more effective and worthy institution. It is the U.N. worshippers who have standards for the world body so low that it will always remain mired in disrepute. So it was that Jimmy Carter favored the evisceration of the reforms.

For such U.N. supporters, it appears that genuinely high-minded multilateralism is not as important as maintaining the United Nations and other international bodies as an irritant to American power. Carter made a personal promise to the ambassadors of Egypt, Pakistan and Cuba — not a democracy among them — that he would side with them on commission reform.

Eleanor Roosevelt would no doubt be surprised at how low her treasured world body has sunk, and who is working to make it better.

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The Rich Lowry column

— beyond the Beltway

Oil discovered on Capitol Hill

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I always thought the best job in the world was being Dick Cheney's mea culpa coach. The pay wouldn't be much but, in terms of not having much to do, it ranks up there with being a Christmas shopper for Osama bin Ladin.

But I have discovered an even better job, easier and a lot more lucrative. Next time around, I want to be an oil company executive.

They've made it so easy for oil executives to make money these days that even George Bush, who was a failure at it 20 years ago, could make big it now. It's become a virtually foolproof, no-risk enterprise. It's not merely that the government will fight a war on your behalf at the drop of an oil rig — governments have always done that — they now actually bribe you to make money.

That's literally true. I found out about it in a "New York Times" story last week.

It seems that Congress, with the aid and support of the president, is giving oil companies tax incentives to drill for oil in the Gulf of Mexico. And "incentives" is a polite way to put it. It's more of a giveaway of taxpayer-owned rights to offshore oil.

I know what you're going to say: Why in the world, with oil at \$50-\$60 a barrel, would you have to give oil companies incentives to drill for it? There's no good answer to that. The T's

bad answer is as follows:

Back in 1995 the outlook wasn't bright for Gulf oil producers. Crude oil was selling for about \$16 a barrel and small oil companies were flaming out. Drilling investment was going overseas.

Enter Congress and the Clinton administration (much underappreciated as a willing tool of the ruling classes). They passed a bill that allowed companies to forego the standard 12 percent government royalty on oil and natural gas found in the Gulf. It was supposed to be for a limited amount of oil and only if oil was going for less than \$34 a barrel. Ha!

The story now is that some Clintonistas in the Interior Department "forgot" to include the limits in some of the oil contracts they were writing. (I wonder how those guys are doing now. Pretty well, I'd bet.) Which meant that, on those leases, no royalties had to be paid no matter what the price of oil.

Then the Bush administration took over and the free-oil policy went on steroids. Dick Cheney's secret task force on energy policy recommended "exploring opportunities" for royalty reductions.

Then a Louisiana court (always a friendly venue for oil companies) removed restrictions on how much free oil and gas a company can produce.

Then the Bush Interior Department, opportunities explored, expanded the royalty incentive program.

Then Congress passed its famous energy bill that expanded incentives even further. President Bush, who earli-

er had said energy companies didn't need incentives, signed the bill into law.

Now Kerr-McGee, a big Gulf oil producer, is suing to extend the incentives even further.

The upshot of it all is that this serial capitulation to oil companies is going to cost the American taxpayer between \$7 billion and \$28 billion over the next five years, depending on how the suits go. And where is the money going? Into the already fat wallets of oil producers. And what are the American people getting? The shaft.

There's a belated effort to do something about this. Rep. Edward Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat, has introduced legislation that would pressure companies to pay full royalties when energy prices are high, no matter what their leases. It has little chance of passing.

As Gail Norton, Mr. Bush's former Interior Secretary and chief wilderness exterminator, said: "These are binding contracts that the government signed with companies. I don't think we can change them just because we don't like them."

Good point, Gail. Ms. Norton recently left government to pursue other career options. Wanna bet she winds up as an energy company executive?

I envy her.

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30	DSC	It Takes a Thief	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Oil, Sweat and Rigs	Oil, Sweat and Rigs	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Science of Survival	Science of Survival	Secrets to Survival	Oil, Sweat and Rigs	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch
31	TNT	Charmed "Mary Go-Round"	Charmed	Charmed	Charmed	Law & Order	Law & Order	*** "Remember the Titans"	*** "Remember the Titans"	(2000, Drama) Denzel Washington	(2000, Drama) Denzel Washington	*** "Remember the Titans"	*** "Remember the Titans"	(2000, Drama) Denzel Washington	(2000, Drama) Denzel Washington	(2000, Drama) Denzel Washington	(2000, Drama) Denzel Washington
85	A&E	American Justice: Blueprint	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Crossing Jordan	Crossing Jordan	Biography: John Ritter	Biography: John Ritter	Biography: John Ritter	Biography: John Ritter	Biography: Chris Farley	American Justice: Duty...	Biography: John Ritter	Biography: John Ritter	Biography: John Ritter	Biography: John Ritter
58	TNN	Most Amazing Videos	Wildest Police Videos	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	The Shield "Pay in Pain"	The Shield "Pay in Pain"	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.
53	NICK	SpongeBob "Drake & Josh"	Ned's School	Danny Phant.	SpongeBob	Catscratch	Catscratch	Avatar	Avatar	Danny Phant.	Danny Phant.	Mad Abt. You	Cosby Show	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
46	USA	(4:00) PGA Golf: Verizon Heritage - Second Round.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "My Good Name"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "My Good Name"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "My Good Name"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "My Good Name"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "My Good Name"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to the Office"	House "Mob Rules"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
40	FAM	Gilmore Girls "Come Home"	7th Heaven	7th Heaven	7th Heaven	7th Heaven "Bowling for Eric"	7th Heaven "Bowling for Eric"	*** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	*** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin	(1992, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin	Whose Line? It's Yours	The 700 Club	Back-Campus	Back-Campus	Back-Campus	Back-Campus
24	LIFE	The Nanny	The Nanny	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheerleader Nation	Cheerleader Nation	Cheerleader Nation	Cheerleader Nation	*** "28 Days"	*** "28 Days"	(2000, Drama) Sandra Bullock	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier
27	ESPN2	Paintball	Best of	Horn	Interruption	It's the Shoes	It's the Shoes	Battle of the Gridiron Stars	Battle of the Gridiron Stars	Boxing: Friday Night Fights	Boxing: Friday Night Fights	Boxing: Friday Night Fights	Boxing: Friday Night Fights	Boxing: Friday Night Fights	Boxing: Friday Night Fights	Boxing: Friday Night Fights	Boxing: Friday Night Fights
72	AMC	(2:30) *** "The Great Escape" (1963, War)	*** "First Blood"	(1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna	*** "First Blood"	(1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna	*** "First Blood"	(1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna	*** "First Blood"	(1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna	*** "First Blood"	*** "Tremors 3: Back to Perfection"	(2001, Action) Michael Gross, Bobby Jacoby	*** "Tremors 3: Back to Perfection"	(2001, Action) Michael Gross, Bobby Jacoby	*** "Tremors 3: Back to Perfection"	*** "Tremors 3: Back to Perfection"
66	HGTV	That's Clever	Landscapers	Renovation	Weekend Update	Curb Appeal	House	101 Spring Ideas	Double Take	FreeStyle (N)	House	Debbie Travis' Facelift	101 Spring Ideas	101 Spring Ideas	101 Spring Ideas	101 Spring Ideas	101 Spring Ideas
61	SCIFI	Battlestar Galactica "Scar"	Stargate SG-1 "Upgrades"	John Doe "Family Man"	Stargate SG-1	Doctor Who "Dalek"	Stargate Atlantis	Stargate SG-1	Doctor Who "Dalek"	Stargate Atlantis	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Doctor Who "Dalek"	Stargate SG-1	Doctor Who "Dalek"	Doctor Who "Dalek"	Doctor Who "Dalek"
44	HIST	Decoding the Past	UFO Files "UFOs in the Bible"	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	10 Days Changed Amer.	10 Days Changed Amer.	10 Days Changed Amer.	10 Days Changed Amer.	10 Days Changed Amer.	10 Days Changed Amer.	10 Days Changed Amer.	10 Days Changed Amer.	10 Days Changed Amer.	10 Days Changed Amer.	10 Days Changed Amer.	10 Days Changed Amer.
33	TOC	Fishing	Hank Parker	Fall Flight	Pro Hunting	Backland	Am. Archer	Shooting	Guns	Get the Game	Outdoors	Quebec Adv.	Tracks-Africa	Prospecting	Hunt-America	Jim Houston	Brittingham
14	HBO	(4:30) *** "Class Act" (1992) Christopher Reid	*** "Picture Perfect"	(1997, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Jay Mohr	*** "Flight of the Phoenix"	(2004, Adventure) Dennis Quaid, Giovanni Ribisi	*** "Flight of the Phoenix"	(2004, Adventure) Dennis Quaid, Giovanni Ribisi	*** "Flight of the Phoenix"	(2004, Adventure) Dennis Quaid, Giovanni Ribisi	*** "Flight of the Phoenix"	The Sopranos "Mr. & Mrs. John Sacrimoni Request ..."	Real Time	*** "The Rookie"	(1990, Action) Clint Eastwood	*** "The Rookie"	*** "The Rookie"
19	HBO2	(3:30) "Vanity Fair" (2004)	"Waikou" (2006, Docudrama)	Alexa Vega	Six Feet Under "I'll Take You"	*** "Titanic"	Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet	Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet	Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet	Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet	Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet	Porn 101: XXXtra Credit	*** "Kinsley"	(2004, Biography) Liam Neeson	*** "Kinsley"	*** "Kinsley"	*** "Kinsley"
3	HBO3	(4:00) *** "My Life" (1993) Michael Keaton	*** "Regarding Henry"	(1991, Drama) Harrison Ford, Annette Bening	*** "Regarding Henry"	(1991, Drama) Harrison Ford, Annette Bening	*** "Regarding Henry"	(1991, Drama) Harrison Ford, Annette Bening	*** "Regarding Henry"	(1991, Drama) Harrison Ford, Annette Bening	*** "Regarding Henry"	*** "Soul Food"	(1997, Comedy-Drama) Vanessa L. Williams, Vivica A. Fox	*** "Soul Food"	(1997, Comedy-Drama) Vanessa L. Williams, Vivica A. Fox	*** "Soul Food"	*** "Soul Food"
29	MAX	(4:00) *** "Sudden Impact" (1983) Clint Eastwood	*** "Elektra"	(2005, Action) Jennifer Garner, Terrence Stamp	*** "Elektra"	(2005, Action) Jennifer Garner, Terrence Stamp	*** "Elektra"	(2005, Action) Jennifer Garner, Terrence Stamp	*** "Elektra"	(2005, Action) Jennifer Garner, Terrence Stamp	*** "Elektra"	*** "Monster-in-Law"	(2005, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez	Hot Line	"Lessons in Love"	(2003, Adult) Beverly Lynne	"Lessons in Love"
28	DISN	Emperor New	Lizzie McGuire	That's So Raven	Suite Life of Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	That's So Raven	*** "High School Musical"	(2006, Musical Comedy) Zac Efron, Vanessa Anne Hudgens	Hannah Montana	Suite Life of Zack & Cody	Suite Life of Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	Hannah Montana	Kim Possible	Kim Possible	Kim Possible
22	SHOW	*** "The Mask of Zorro" (1998, Adventure) Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins	*** "The Pelican Brief"	(1993, Suspense) Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington	*** "The Pelican Brief"	(1993, Suspense) Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington	*** "The Pelican Brief"	(1993, Suspense) Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington	*** "The Pelican Brief"	(1993, Suspense) Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington	*** "The Pelican Brief"	Weeds "Lude Awakening"	Weeds "Dead in the Nothers"	HUFF "Whipped Doggie" (TV)	Penn & Teller	HUFF "Whipped Doggie" (TV)	HUFF "Whipped Doggie" (TV)
25	TMC	*** "Partners in Action" (2002)	*** "The Pelican Brief"	(1993, Suspense) Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington	*** "The Pelican Brief"	(1993, Suspense) Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington	*** "The Pelican Brief"	(1993, Suspense) Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington	*** "The Pelican Brief"	(1993, Suspense) Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington	*** "The Pelican Brief"	*** "King of the Ants"	(2003, Suspense) Chris McKenna, Karl Wuhrer	*** "King of the Ants"	(2003, Suspense) Chris McKenna, Karl Wuhrer	*** "King of the Ants"	*** "King of the Ants"

Best

Continued from p6 his grandfather dies, Nello is evicted and must survive on his own with only the dog as his family.

9 p.m. A&E Biography

Conversations with his friends, family members and coworkers are the cornerstone of "John Belushi." In the mid-1980s, Belushi's widow, Judith, recorded these chats with people who knew her husband as a way to pass on his legacy while the memories were fresh. Home movies and photos also help illustrate the story of the groundbreaking comedian and actor who lived in the fast lane and died too soon.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 7 p.m. ABC

Movie: The Ten Commandments

Charlton Heston, Yul Brynner and Anne Baxter star in director Cecil B. DeMille's final film, the 1956 biblical epic about the life of Moses. The film's first-rate visual effects include the parting of the Red Sea, Yvonne De Carlo, Nina Foch, John Derek and Vincent Price co-star, with little Fraser Heston as the infant Moses.

7:15 p.m. AMC

Movie: The Sting

Paul Newman and Robert Redford repeated their "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" teamwork in Oscar's best picture of 1973, a devilishly entertaining comedy. The stars play Depression-era con artists determined to swindle a vicious gangster (Robert Shaw). The music, adapted by Marvin Hamlisch from Scott Joplin's ragtime tunes, also earned an Academy Award.

SATURDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON		APRIL 15, 2006															
		9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
23	TBS	(8:00) *** "Lost in Space" (1998) (PA) William Hurt	*** "Wild Wild West"	(1999, Western) Will Smith, Kevin Kline	*** "Hook"	(1991, Fantasy) Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams	*** "Hook"	(1991, Fantasy) Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams	*** "Hook"	(1991, Fantasy) Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams	*** "Hook"	*** "Jumanji"	(1995, Fantasy) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt	*** "Jumanji"	(1995, Fantasy) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt	*** "Jumanji"	*** "Jumanji"
4	NBC	Kenny the Shark	Time Warp Trio	Trading Spaces	Darcy's Wild Life	Flight 29 Down	Endurance	The Beverly Hillsbillies	Paid Program	MarketWatch Weekend	Outdoorsman	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage - Boston Bruins at Atlanta Thrashers, Minnesota Wild at Dallas Stars or N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage - Boston Bruins at Atlanta Thrashers, Minnesota Wild at Dallas Stars or N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage - Boston Bruins at Atlanta Thrashers, Minnesota Wild at Dallas Stars or N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage - Boston Bruins at Atlanta Thrashers, Minnesota Wild at Dallas Stars or N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia	Snowboarding	
5	PBS	Dragon Tales	Calliou	Ciao Italia	Family Kitchen	Sewing With Nancy	Ndi Arts Studio	America Quilts	Martha's Sewing Room	Glass With Vicki Payne	One Stroke Painting	Joy of Painting	Mixed Media	Workplace Skills	Workplace Skills	GED Connection	GED Connection
7	ABC	Lilo & Stitch "Shush"	Emperor New	The Proud Family	That's So Raven	Exploration	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	NBA Access With Ahmad	Paid Program	Paid Program	A Better Life	Figure Skating: Marshalls World Showcase	Figure Skating: Marshalls World Showcase	Figure Skating: Marshalls World Showcase
15	WGN	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Happy Days	Home Improvement	The Cosby Show	Moesha	Soul Train	*** "RocketMan"	(1997, Comedy) Hariand Williams, Jessica Lundy	*** "RocketMan"	*** "RocketMan"	
10	CBS	Saturday Early Show (Joint In Progress)	Little Bill	Blue's Clues	Paid Program	Scholastic Ball Report	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	PGA TOUR Champions in Their Own Words	PGA TOUR Champions in Their Own Words	PGA TOUR Champions in Their Own Words	PGA TOUR Champions in Their Own Words	PGA TOUR Champions in Their Own Words	PGA TOUR Champions in Their Own Words	PGA TOUR Champions in Their Own Words	
11	FOX	Braiz "Pet Show"	Winx Club	Winx Club	Mutant Turtles	Sonic X	G.I. Joe Sigma 6	Body by Jake	Paid Program	*** "The Wings of the Dove"	(1997, Drama) Helena Bonham Carter, Linus Roache	*** "The Wings of the Dove"	*** "The Wings of the Dove"	(1997, Drama) Helena Bonham Carter, Linus Roache	*** "The Wings of the Dove"	*** "The Wings of the Dove"	
13	CBS	Decision	Kidz Newz	Go Diego	Backyard	Dora-Explorer	Little Bill	Blue's Clues	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	PGA Champions	PGA Golf: Verizon Heritage - Third Round	PGA Golf: Verizon Heritage - Third Round	PGA Golf: Verizon Heritage - Third Round	PGA Golf: Verizon Heritage - Third Round	
48	ESPN	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	Battle of the Gridiron Stars	College Softball: Texas at Oklahoma	College Softball: Texas at Oklahoma	College Softball: Texas at Oklahoma	College Softball: Texas at Oklahoma	College Softball: Texas at Oklahoma	College Softball: Texas at Oklahoma	College Softball: Texas at Oklahoma	College Softball: Texas at Oklahoma	
20	DSC	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	
31	TNT	(8:00) *** "Outbreak" (1995, Suspense)	*** "Donnie Brasco"	(1997, Drama) Al Pacino, Johnny Depp	*** "Donnie Brasco"	(1997, Drama) Al Pacino, Johnny Depp	*** "Donnie Brasco"	(1997, Drama) Al Pacino, Johnny Depp	*** "Donnie Brasco"	(1997, Drama) Al Pacino, Johnny Depp	*** "Donnie Brasco"	*** "The Legend of Boggy Vance"	(2000) Will Smith	*** "The Legend of Boggy Vance"	(2000) Will Smith	*** "The Legend of Boggy Vance"	*** "The Legend of Boggy Vance"
65	A&E	Mysteries of the Bible	Mysteries of the Bible	Mysteries of the Bible	Mysteries of the Bible	Mysteries of the Bible	Mysteries of the Bible	Mysteries of the Bible	Mysteries of the Bible	Mysteries of the Bible	Mysteries of the Bible	Biography: Women of Country Music	Biography: Women of Country Music	Biography: Women of Country Music	Biography: Women of Country Music	Biography: Women of Country Music	
59	TNN	Trucks	Trucks	Trucks	Trucks	Trucks	Trucks	Horsepower	MuscleCar	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks	Xtreme 4x4	Xtreme 4x4	Xtreme 4x4	Xtreme 4x4	Xtreme 4x4	
53	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Oddparents	The X's	Danny Phant.	Danny Phant.	Catscratch	Catscratch	8teen	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Unfabulous	Zoey 101	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV
46	USA	WWE A.M. Raw	Nashville Star	Nashville Star	Nashville Star	Nashville Star	Nashville Star	Monk "Mr. Monk Stays in Bed"	Coach	*** "Casper"	(1995, Fantasy) Christina Ricci, Bill Pullman	*** "Casper"	*** "The Outlaw Josey Wales"	(1976, Western) Clint Eastwood, Chief Dan George	*** "The Outlaw Josey Wales"	*** "The Outlaw Josey Wales"	
40	FAM	Get Ed	Kong-Series	Rangers	Super Robot	Rangers	W.I.T.C.H.	Invasion "Pilot"	Invasion "The Cradle"	Invasion "Origin of Species"	Invasion "Us or Them"	Invasion "Us or Them"	Invasion "Power"	Invasion "Power"	Invasion "Power"	Invasion "Power"	
24	LIFE	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Cheerleader Nation	Face Family	Fraser	*** "The Rage, Carrie 2"	(1999, Horror) Emily Bergl	*** "The Rage, Carrie 2"	*** "The Rage, Carrie 2"	*** "The Rage, Carrie 2"	(1999, Horror) Emily Bergl	*** "The Rage, Carrie 2"	*** "The Rage, Carrie 2"	
27	ESPN2	Beat	Day on Lake	Fishing	CherCenter	Beat	Car Show	Car Show	Paintball	WTA Tennis: Family Circle Cup - Semifinal	WTA Tennis: Family Circle Cup - Semifinal	WTA Tennis: Family Circle Cup - Semifinal	WTA Tennis: Family Circle Cup - Semifinal	WTA Tennis: Family Circle Cup - Semifinal	WTA Tennis: Family Circle Cup - Semifinal	WTA Tennis: Family Circle Cup - Semifinal	
72	AMC	(8:45) *** "Seven Ways From Sundown" (1960, Western) Audie Murphy	*** "Comanche Territory"	(1950, Western) Maureen O'Hara, MacDonald Carey	*** "Comanche Territory"	(1950, Western) Maureen O'Hara, MacDonald Carey	*** "Comanche Territory"	(1950, Western) Maureen O'Hara, MacDonald Carey	*** "Comanche Territory"	(1950, Western) Maureen O'Hara, MacDonald Carey	*** "Comanche Territory"	*** "Man Without a Star"	(1955, Western) Kirk Douglas	*** "The Undeclared"	(1969, Western) John Wayne, Rock Hudson	*** "The Undeclared"	*** "The Undeclared"
66	HGTV	New Spaces	House Detect	Ground	Landscapers	Garden-Yard	Curb Appeal	Outer Spaces	Decorating	Design Remix	Small Space	Mission	Parents	Designers	Double Take	reDesign	
61	SCIFI	*** "Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2"	(2000) Kim Director	*** "How to Make a Monster"	(2001, Horror) Clea DuVal	*** "Cherry Falls"	(2000, Suspense) Michael Biehn	*** "The Forsaken"	(2001, Horror) Kerr Smith	*** "The Forsaken"	(2001, Horror) Kerr Smith	*** "The Forsaken"	*** "The Forsaken"	(2001, Horror) Kerr Smith	*** "The Forsaken"	*** "The Forsaken"	
44	HIST	Wild West Tech	Heavy Metal "A-22 Raptor"	Mail Call	Blueprint	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	
33	TOC	Pro Team	Hank Parker	Gold Fever	Gold Fever	Gold Fever	Gold Fever	Gold Fever	Gold Fever	Gold Fever	Gold Fever	Gold Fever	Gold Fever	Gold Fever	Gold Fever	Gold Fever	
14	HBO	The Wedding Date	*** "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure"	(1989, Comedy) Keanu Reeves	Real Sports	Real Sports	All Aboard! Rosie's Family Cruise	*** "House Arrest"	(1996,								

Sago owner announces 115 citations, says nearly all corrected

The Associated Press

BUCKHANNON, W.Va. — The owner of the Sago Mine said Friday that federal inspectors issued 115 citations for alleged problems found during an electrical spot inspection of the underground operation.

The inspection was conducted as part of an investigation

into the Jan. 2 explosion at the Upshur County coal mine that resulted in the deaths of 12 miners.

Mine owner International Coal Group, said none of the alleged violations were related to the explosion. The Ashland, Ky.-based company said it has corrected all but one alleged problem, which it is reviewing

to determine if it will challenge the citation.

ICG did not provide details of the alleged violations but said "the vast majority were found to be unlikely to cause injury, and none of the conditions actually caused any injury."

The company said MSHA terminated most of the citations after the problems were corrected.

Dirk Fillpot, an MSHA spokesman, confirmed that the agency had cited the company and that, to his knowledge, most of the problems had been corrected. He did not know the total number of citations.

The citations included ones involving maintenance and testing of electric equipment, switches or other controls on electric equipment, and sprinklers that are required above

each belt drive, electrical control, gear-reducing unit and along conveyor branch lines, according to MSHA's Web site.

"Safety remains our top priority, as evidenced by our prompt attention to MSHA's concerns," said Ben Hatfield, ICG's president and chief executive officer. "As we have said before, we welcome the increased scrutiny we face from state and federal regulators and

will continue to work with them to keep our mines safe."

ICG has said a massive lightning strike apparently caused the explosion, even though state and federal officials have yet to announce their conclusions. Production at the mine near Buckhannon was shut down for 2 1/2 months during the subsequent investigation and repairs, but coal began flowing again March 15.

Charges

no insurance, failure to wear a seatbelt, failure to use a child restraint, reckless driving, possession of a controlled substance, endangering the welfare of a minor and several traffic violations.

Forgery cases were lodged against two subjects which included Jeffrey Stewart, 28, of Belcher. Stewart was indicted on charges stemming from an April 3, 2005, incident which accuses him of possessing a forged check, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Jackie E. Hall, 34, of Garrett, was indicted on

charges from a December 2004 incident charging him with possessing over \$3,000 in counterfeit money, four counts of drug possession, disorderly conduct, having a prescription substance in an improper container and two traffic violations.

Burglary charges were leveled against two subjects. Michael Casey Vanderpool, 27, of Minnie, was indicted on two charges of burglary for allegedly entering the premises of the same subject on two different occasions in February 2005. Eric Shepherd, 26, of

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Hueysville, was charged with one count of burglary for entering a home illegally on Feb. 22, 2005.

Two men charged with criminal mischief rounded out the list of subjects under indictment. Kevin Woods, 21, of Printer, is accused of damaging a subject's property to the tune of \$1,000. Michael Mullins, 33, of Prestonsburg, is accused of damaging the property of two subjects, with damages estimated at \$500 or more.

Stumbo

that time.

At the hearing Det. Byron Hansford, of Kentucky State Police, testified that he received the case after a complaint was lodged with social services by the child's mother. Hansford said that the parent reported

inappropriate sexual behavior was demonstrated by the child after a visit with the father. She told authorities that the child later confessed that it learned the behavior from Stumbo, who was allegedly left alone with the child on one occasion.

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Trial

summer. Tackett pleaded guilty to the charges last week and has indicated that he was aiming at Shawn Sexton, who had rented a trailer from him. The pair were reported to have had a troubled history as was introduced by Tackett's attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, at a trial date hearing in which Pillersdorf said that he would be calling a psychologist as a witness who would testify to Tackett's deep-rooted fear of Sexton.

Tackett entered a plea one day before his trial date and the court will consider a 15-year sentence for the crimes of assault and wanton endangerment which will net Tackett 10-year and five-year terms, to be served consecutively.

At a preliminary hearing in Sexton's case, Trooper Justin Cornett, who handled the investigation, testified that Ferrell told him that Sexton was chiefly responsible for the incident.

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Flu

sonal outbreaks of influenza because seasonal outbreaks are caused by subtypes of known influenza viruses, whereas pandemic outbreaks are caused by new subtypes being developed that have never been circulated. Current concerns are centered around the Avian influenza, or "bird flu."

Avian influenza is an infection caused by bird flu viruses. The current strain of avian flu is that which is occurring at present in Southeast Asia. The viruses are naturally occurring among birds and can spread from birds to people, causing serious illness and even death among the human population.

Concerns are that the virus could mutate to a new flu virus that spreads easily from person to person. And because infections of new human flu strains cannot be prevented by currently available annual flu vaccines, no one will be immune to the new virus, should it occur. Manufacturing a safe vaccine to prevent infection for a new human virus can take months.

Therefore, preparedness becomes a vital issue in regard to saving multiple lives in the event of a pandemic flu outbreak.

"If a pandemic should occur,"

said Dr. Kraig Humbaugh, pediatrician and epidemiologist, featured guest speaker at the summit. "there won't be much outside response. Each community will be struggling to meet their own needs. Therefore, working to strengthen individual communities through planning and preparation becomes vital.

"The avian strain may die out," Humbaugh continued, "but we need to prepare for what will happen if it doesn't."

According to Humbaugh, pandemic outbreaks "are not preventable," Humbaugh also said that "outbreaks generally last for about 6-to-8 weeks, with multiple waves (two or three) occurring over time."

"A pandemic is not imminent at this time," he said further.

Informing the community members in attendance as to how best to prepare for a possible pandemic, Humbaugh said, "Don't panic, but get prepared. A prepared community is stronger against the threat."

For more information about the avian flu, you may contact the Floyd County Health Department at (606) 886-2788 or visit the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services at www.kentucky.gov.

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FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS **CALENDAR SURVEY**

Parents, Students, Employees, and Community Members:

Now, through Noon on Wednesday, April 12, you can go to the Floyd County Schools website (www.floyd.kyschools.us) and click on the 'calendar survey' link to make your selection for the 2006-2007 school calendar.

Results of the survey will be presented to the Floyd County Board of Education for consideration at their April 24 meeting.

(Paper copies of the survey are available in school offices for those without access to the website.)

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

WEATHER FORECAST

A severe storm, with much wind, rain and perhaps snow, will move in from the Tennessee valley over the weekend. Joe Pliffisk will be fishing in that area, unless his plans were born under a dark cloud, too.

ANOTHER KIND OF ACCIDENT

Our little yarn this week about two of our barbers of other years recalls an anecdote which may have appeared in this column some years back. It's like the one told by the late Ham Wallen, himself a barber at one time.

Ham often told of the customer who submitted his future to his hands by reclining in his chair for a shave. The man's face was badly scarred, and Ham carefully shaved around each scar. The job finally completed, Ham added the lotion and face powder, and to make conversation, inquired, "My friend," have I ever shaved you before?"

"No," replied the other. "I got those scars in a sawmill accident."

GOOD OL' SAM

I do not wish to be in contempt of court, but the story I heard, the other day, about Old Sam, Judge Hollie Conley's bird dog, was intriguing. Dog has the reputation—probably gained from his owner's boasts—of being one in a million, obedient to every command, freezing like a rock at point, heeling at a word, always at his master's beck and calf. The judge's own sister says she "bought" this glowing biography of the great dog till the day when she, with her own eyes, watched hizzoner snake old Samuel uphill by the collar, the recalcitrant dog's feet stuck in the air, to the kennel watch Sam had refused to enter, even on court order.

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You and I may boast the beauty of this land, of ours till we are black in the face, and still we will be right only in part. There's more than one toad in the rose garden.

We refer to the roadsides littered and piled high with every conceivable kind of refuse—a lime against nature, a good people, and every visitor who comes looking for surcease from grime and dirt. There are many such places, but an outstanding (?) example of what is being permitted to be done to a picturesque area is along the mountainside road, between East Point and Auxier. If, as they say, every litter bit hurts, this scenic spot, only a few hundred yards from the spot where the storied Jenny Wiley crossed the Big Sandy to find sanctuary in Harman's Station, has been plumb ruined.

Pumpkin

by JEWEL PALOVAK

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE NATURE LOVER'S SOUL"

At first she wouldn't let me close, wouldn't let me see her tag. Every day she sat near me on the beach, her shiny, buff coat blending in with the sand.

She used to be the neighbor's dog, until she was abandoned and left to fend for herself. And then, from her spot on the sand, she discovered me



Pictured in photo, left to right, are: Nathan Innis, Darla Innis, and Floyd County Housing Authority Director Patsy Ryan.

Local housing authority program grooms new homeowners

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program, offered by the Floyd County Housing Authority, was organized with the purpose of helping those ready to make a commitment of becoming financially self-sufficient.

The goal of the Floyd County Housing Authority is to help families to gain the resources and personal skills necessary for long term security. When applying for participation in the Section 8 housing program, each family is presented with the opportunity to join the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

Those who choose to participate enter into a five-year contract with the Housing Authority. The Housing

Authority then works with the family in setting goals and in implementing a plan that will help the family to accomplish those goals.

As individual steps are taken and individual goals are accomplished, the families continue to pay rent but, in accordance with their income, an escrow account for them is created. As the family's rent increases - a result of earned income - money is placed into the escrow account and set aside for the family's dream of future home ownership.

In the winter of 2000, Darla Innis, a Floyd County Section 8 participant, signed a Family Self-Sufficiency contract with the Floyd County Housing Authority. Innis'

original goals entailed those of becoming a full-time, paid worker, eventually able to purchase her own home.

Throughout the six years that she was a participant in the Family Self-Sufficiency program, Innis continued to work, gaining income, and watched her escrow account grow to \$8,897. On March 21, 2006, she received a check in the full amount of her escrow from the Floyd County Housing Authority.

Innis accomplished her goal of remaining a participant in the Family Self-Sufficiency program, working hard toward becoming a self-sufficient member of society, and is now a proud homeowner.

Suggestions for a wannabe prankster

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

A good friend of mine recently bought a brand-new Corolla, and he can't quite seem to stop smiling and bragging. I feel like it's time for a reality check, especially around April Fools' time. Do you have any advice for a practical joke that could shake things up? — Hasan

TOM: Gee, Hasan. That's not nice. I mean, your poor friend just bought a brand-new car, and you want to snuff out the joy he's experiencing?

RAY: OK, here's how you do it.

TOM: Yeah, I've got some great ideas, too!

RAY: You don't want to actually harm the car, because that really would be mean. But go to the junkyard and buy a bunch of small-ish metal parts, along with some nuts and bolts. It doesn't matter what they are or where they're from. In fact, the less identifiable, the better.

TOM: And then when he's not looking, take some duct tape and loosely tape the parts to the underside of the car. When he drives away, he'll hear some rattling. And then, every once in a while, he'll hear something fall off the car and bounce down the road. You with me?

RAY: Then sprinkle a few nuts and bolts under the car where he parks. Make sure you leave one or two where he can see them when he steps out of the car.

TOM: And for the coup de grace, stop at the grocery store and pick up some Hawaiian Punch. Open the can, and pour some of it under the car, so it runs out toward the driver's side.



CLICK & CLACK
Talk Cars

RAY: With the alarming leaky red fluid, the mysterious nuts and bolts, and the parts falling off, I'm guessing he'll be a little too preoccupied to brag for a while.

TOM: But don't let it go on too long before confessing. You don't want to be responsible for giving him a stroke.

RAY: Oh, and don't be surprised if he exacts some serious revenge, Hasan. This is how the Hatfields and McCoy's got started. Hatfield poured some prune juice under McCoy's brand-new Model T, and they've been shooting at each other ever since.

and my kayak.

Each day I would get into my boat and paddle off. The clear water goes from pale blue to deep bottle green, and I can see the kelp moving like a hula girl, waving through schools of small silver fish, reaching up to the reflection of clouds dancing on the glassy surface.

As I paddled above rocks covered with mussels and starfish, looking for dolphins, I would see her: an aging golden Lab following me along the shoreline. Her huge webbed feet made it awkward for her on the sand.

Often, when I tired in the kayak, I

would stretch out in the boat on my back. This day I bobbed around in the ocean just beyond the surf break, watching pelicans as they hovered above.

It was peaceful out there, listening to the water lap and the seagulls fight over a morsel on a rock. I was completely relaxed, drowsy from the sun and the lull of the waves, when I heard a distinct labored breathing.

Something bumped the boat, something heavy in the water next to me. Disorientated and suddenly fearing the worst in the form of a shark, I bolted upright, setting the boat rocking, look-

ing for the oncoming fin.

It was Pumpkin. She was just as wild-eyed until she saw me. I realized that she had come to find me. When I'd lain back in the boat, I disappeared from her view, and she came to the rescue, a wet, blond Lassie. The clumsy gait that had made her so ungainly on shore was gone as she fluidly swam around the kayak, a

serene look in her big brown eyes. From that moment on, she was my dog.

Years went by, and Pumpkin's health failed her on every level but one: She could still swim. It was heartbreaking to watch her navigate the stairs and sand, but I let her do it, knowing the freedom that the water

(See SOUP, page ten)

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Creep'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Despite a theatrical release in Europe two years ago, this film, about the perils of late-night travel in the London Underground, didn't rate a home video release until December. One finds it hard to fathom how a taut thriller like this one could have missed a theatrical run, while films like "Boogeyman" and "Cry Wolf" clogged theaters like a ping pong ball in your gas tank.

The movie announces its intentions early with a well choreographed sequence that follows two sanitation workers (think Ed Norton with a Cockney accent) as they investigate a blocked line. Turns out the sewage was blocked up because the pipe was stuffed with human remains, though solving the mystery doesn't get them very far when they run afoul of the titular fiend.

The film then cuts away to a swank party thrown by a fashion magazine where we meet the main character, Kate. Here the filmmakers take a big chance as Kate is a bit of a snob. Her cushy job doesn't appear to have enlightened her much as her big plan for the evening involves flipping off a coworker and making for an even swankier party where she intends to seduce George Clooney, who is in town to take in the fall line.

Kate arrives at the subway station nine minutes before her train is scheduled and opts to kill time by killing a bottle of vodka. Unfortunately her intolerance for alcohol sends her into a Smirnoff's-induced sleep which causes her to miss the train and totally derails any chance of canoodling with Clooney. When she awakens the station has been shut down for the evening, but her nightmare has just begun as the station is inhabited by a ghoulish figure that picks up her scent and decides to compete with Clooney for her affections.

What follows is a nightmarish spin on that age-old commuter fear of being stranded in the subways after closing time. Kate lucks out in that this station has a few non-mutant inhabitants. She briefly hooks up with a homeless couple but only winds up leading them into the clutches of the Creep, who basically spends the rest of the movie making mincemeat out of everyone who attempts to help the somewhat shallow Kate. The list also includes one of the sanitation workers from the opening, as well as an ad executive from the party who, frankly, deserves a date with the Creep after attempting to sexually assault Kate.

It all leads up to a spectacular showdown between Kate and the Creep which culminates in one of the most creative death scenes ever committed to celluloid and clearly demonstrates that a length of chain with a hook at one end is a fashion accessory that is a definite no-no when worn too near a subway train.

This one works because director/writer Christopher Smith under-

(See LAGOON, page ten)



South's first interracial — and tuition-free — college turns 150

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA — The founder of Berea College was named "Fee," but the school's claim to fame is not charging one.

Almost a century before Martin Luther King began his struggle for civil rights, the Rev. John Fee conceived a more radical concept than King ever advocated — one that would leave him beaten by an angry mob and almost drowned in the Ohio River.

Fee thought there should be a college for poor Southern Appalachians, even those who couldn't afford to pay, where blacks, whites, men and women would live, worship and study alongside one another.

Berea College, the first such institution in the South, turned 150 this academic year, but to

call its history rocky would be an understatement. Forced to segregate for 46 years because of a Kentucky Jim Crow law that banned interracial education, only lately has the school begun to build back its numbers of black students to recapture Fee's vision.

But the idea of free tuition has never changed. Its \$900 million endowment ranks 62nd among the nation's 4,000 colleges and universities, and the 61 ahead of Berea all charge their students at least \$30,000 a year to attend.

"These folks don't bring money with them," said Berea's current president, Larry Shinn. "They don't come from families of wealth."

In fact, any student who does need not apply. Although the school is academically competitive, admitting only one of

every four applicants, it draws exclusively from families that rank in the bottom 30 percent of income.

The endowment, a result of thousands of small-amount donations and only a handful of million-dollar ones, covers nearly three quarters of Berea's operating budget. All students get a full-tuition scholarship valued around \$85,000 for four years, and families pay for housing, meals and books based on what they can afford — a maximum of around \$7,000 a year.

In exchange, all students must work for the university at least 10 hours a week, receiving a stipend below minimum wage with the rest of their earnings directed toward their education costs.

That's why at Berea students are more likely to greet each other with the question, "What do you do?" than "What are you studying?" The jobs range from busing tables to shelving books to such career-oriented pursuits as farming or fixing computers.

"A lot of my friends are jealous of this job," said freshman Laura Finley, wearing security goggles and ear plugs as she wielded an oversized contraption called an airknife to cut off

dying tree limbs.

Higher education had seemed out of the question for Angie Denmark, a 19-year-old freshman at Berea College. She couldn't afford to pay for school, let alone day care costs for the 2-year-old daughter she raises alone.

At Berea, day care is covered, freeing her up to spend long hours hitting the books and working in the school's archives. Denmark, who also needs a scooter to get around campus because of a blood disorder, said she seldom feels as though her peers are looking down on her. Berea's just not that kind of place, she says.

"They take away the social stigma usually involved in college, like keeping up with the clothes," Denmark said. "There's no dealing with the haves and have nots because we're all have nots."

At one point, Berea's black enrollment was equal to its enrollment of whites. But in 1904, the Kentucky legislature passed the Day Law, which mandated blacks and whites couldn't be educated in the same school. Berea, the state's only such institution at the time, appealed all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court but lost.

Faced with the decision to segregate or close, it stayed open to serve mountain whites while providing funds to establish the Lincoln Institute, an all-black school near Louisville. When colleges were allowed to integrate again in 1950, Berea was the first in Kentucky to do so.

Still, until 1995, the school's black enrollment at times hovered around 3 percent. But in the last decade, the ratio has risen to about 20 percent.

That doesn't mean the campus hasn't endured its share of racist incidents, even in recent years. Shinn recalled hearing a white man call a black student a derogatory name and telling him to "Go back to Africa."

"What that person didn't know was that he was talking to one of our African students, who will go back to Africa," Shinn said.

U.S. News and World Report consistently ranks Berea as the nation's top comprehensive college, a category that applies to undergraduate-only schools that award the majority of their degrees to students in professional programs, such as business and nursing.

Berea is about 45 minutes south of Lexington.

The school's goal is to not only produce service workers but keep them in Appalachia. "If you look at the migration of students who come from traditional Appalachian counties, the majority of them stay within the region," said Joe Bagnoli, a 1988 graduate of the college who is now associate provost.

Berea's records show more than 80 percent of Appalachian students remain in Appalachia after attending the college. Of the 350,000 college-aged students in the region, only 1,500 go to Berea, but Shinn says their impact is broad.

"The question is how can our students count for more than one?" Shinn said.

Among those who decided to stay was Katie Basham, a 2002 graduate of the college who has since taken a job on campus as a chapel coordinator. Although Basham, who grew up in Paris, Ky., originally figured Appalachia was the last place she wanted to end up, she became hooked.

"I tried to leave and I couldn't," she said. "I realized this was home. This campus and this town foster such a great sense of community."

Poll

brought her.

One Saturday, Pumpkin was having a hard day, and I locked her behind the gate so she wouldn't overdo it. I headed out in the kayak, slicing through small green waves and bubbles of white foam, and came across a pod of dolphins relaxing just beyond the break.

I lay back in the boat as they drifted nearby, their delicate puffs of air meshing with the tranquil sounds of the beach.

Then I heard another creature's breath and the familiar bump on my yellow kayak.

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Pumpkin. She had broken through the gate and dragged herself across the sand the moment I reclined in my kayak.

She still watched over me, swimming out to the friend she had chosen. The dolphins didn't seem to mind. Like a beautiful surreal dream, three species gently floated together on top of another world.

Pumpkin died later that year. I sprinkled half of her ashes on the sand where we met, and then I paddled out, releasing the rest into the ocean that set her free.

Lagoon

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stands what makes for a good thrill ride at the movies. He wisely keeps the Creep in the shadows for 80 percent of the film and never fully explains how he came to be. There are plenty of clues draped around the proceedings which indicate that he was part of an underground experiment and was raised by his creator who appears to have been kicked out of mad doctor school for being downright mean.

Smith also adds nuanced touches such as having a swarm of rats always preceding the Creep's arrival. This one is cleverly explained later on and the answer is so simple that you'll be a bit aggravated if you don't see it coming.

Smith also dares the audience to almost side with the mutant by refusing to make Kate a comfy character you can feel close to. She comes off as aloof for most of the film and is only able to enlist the aid of others by offering them money.

Smith does redeem her in one shining moment when we see her reaction to the idea that the Creep has murdered a dog that was taken in by the homeless couple. Smith may enrage some audiences by tricking them that way, but I freely admit that I could have cared less what happened to Kate until it was clear that she cared for the animal. It's a nasty trick but very perceptive. Audiences tend to get more upset about animals being harmed than humans which holds true for most of us.

Smith also deserves kudos for casting German actress Franka Potente as Kate. She's a good choice and doesn't appear concerned about being liked, which is vital to the success of the film. She was also good as a heroine you could get behind in the 2000 horror film

"Anatomy."

The disc also features extras which offer some insights into the making of the film. Most interesting is an alternate opening scene that was wisely cut, though it would have provided the audience with a back story on how the creep came to be. Though the story boards indicate it would have been an exciting scene, it would have made the proceedings more pedestrian had the audience known exactly what lay in wait for the characters who must contend with the Creep.

An alternate ending is also talked about, but the director says that it would have been too much like scenes audiences have seen before and that the film's budget wouldn't have done it justice anyway. Seen one train decapitation and you've seen them all, folks. As it is, the ending they came up with was superior anyway and has the virtue of being a first.

Any way you slice it, this Creep is a welcome addition to movie monsterdom and deserves a place at the table somewhere between Jason Vorhees and Michael Myers.

Best line: "Homeless people don't go missing; homeless people are missing."

2004, rated R.

Contest Update

The Black Lagoon gets awful murky sometimes and requires periodic maintenance and dredging. Contest players have noted that we are experiencing some technical difficulties at our website so we will be suspending our latest trivia contest while we make our best effort to get the gremlins out. We will repost the "Sonny Chiba" contest once we've sorted out the technical problems and we apologize for the delay.



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Fourteen tells you on which road I went.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Pikeville sweeps Union

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARBOURVILLE – Union College junior Kaila McSpedon etched her name in the record book on Thursday, but it mattered little as the Lady Bulldogs dropped a pair of two-run decisions to visiting Pikeville College.

Pikeville shutout Union 2-0 in the opener and then held off the awakened UC offense in a 11-9 slugfest. The Lady Bears played some of their better softball of the season over the course of the day.

McSpedon (West Palm Beach, Fla.) entered the game tied with Mandy Phifer for most hits in a season by a Lady Bulldog at 48. But in the bottom of the fourth, she dropped a single into center-field to make the record all her own.

In the second game, McSpedon lined a couple more base hits in becoming the first Lady Bulldog to reach the 50-hit plateau in school history.

Patriots name new head football coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG – University of the Cumberlands (formerly Cumberland College) has announced the hiring of John Bland (Knoxville) as the school's fourth head football coach.



John Bland

Locally, Pikeville College, a Cumberlands rival in the Mid-South Conference, continues its search for a new head football coach.

Bland comes to the Patriots after spending five years as the quarterbacks coach at NCAA Division I-A Rice University in Houston, Texas. While at Rice, Bland under Ken Hatfield's reign, was instrumental in the Owls' first winning season since 1953 with an 8-4 record in 2001. Since that time, Rice was sixth in the nation in rushing in 2002, second in 2003, and led the nation in 2004. Bland's quarterbacks accounted for almost one-third of the team's rushing totals during that time and in 2003 his quarterback was the first in Rice history to rush and pass for 2000 yards in a career.

Prior to Rice, Bland coached at NCAA Division II Southern Arkansas University. Bland served as an assistant coach from 1994-1999 and was promoted to head coach in 2000. While there, Bland's offense broke several school and conference records, led the conference in scoring in 1998 and 1999, and was among the conference leaders in most offensive categories. In 1997, the Muleriders won the Gulf South Conference championship and were ranked 10th nationally.

Bland also gained invaluable experience at Central High School in Columbia, Tenn., where he served as an assistant coach for two years. In graduate school at Auburn University he worked as a graduate assistant under Pat Dye and while completing his undergraduate degree at the University of Arkansas he served as a student assistant.

Bland spent his collegiate playing

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STATE POWERLIFTING



Above: Numerous area powerlifters established state records Saturday, April 1 during the annual meet sponsored by the Kentucky National Guard and Pro-Fitness Multisports.

Right, bottom: Prestonsburg High student-athlete Taylor Clark went up with a successful bench press.

Right, top: Austin Fields set a state record 425-pound squat at a 148-pound bodyweight.

PRO-FITNESS POWERLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Local lifters break state records in
powerlifting

TIMES STAFF REPORT

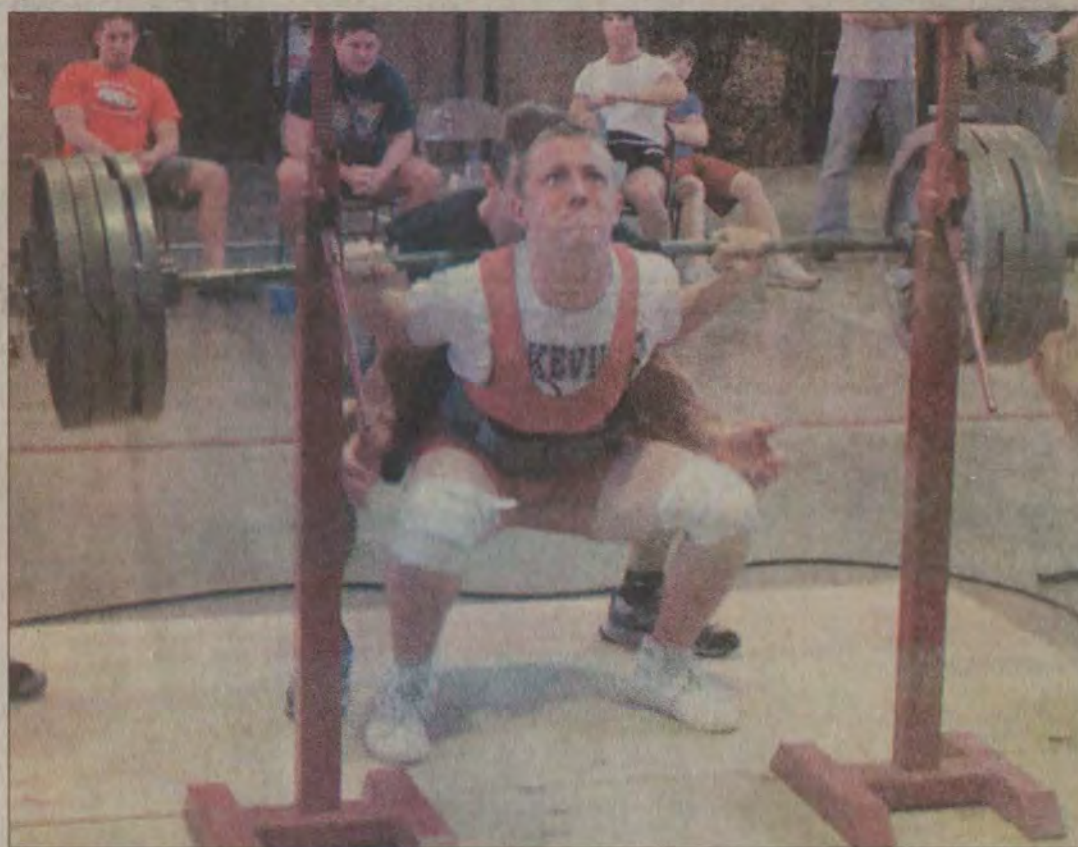
PRESTONSBURG – United States Powerlifting Federation (USPF) state records were broken Saturday, April 1 at the annual meet which was sponsored by the Kentucky National Guard and Pro-Fitness Multisports. The contest was held at the National Guard Armory in Prestonsburg, where a total of 21 lifters competed in the squat, bench press and deadlift events which are then added together for a grand total to determine the winners. A powerlifting contest has age group and weight class divisions, which makes for close competition among lifters of all abilities.

A group of five Pikeville High School lifters competed in five different weight classes. Four of the lifters are defensive linemen for the Panthers.

In the 148 pound class, Austin Fields broke the existing squat record of 341 pounds, set in 1987, with his very first attempt (each lifter gets three attempts at each lift) of 350 lbs, then went 375, 400, and was granted a fourth attempt, which was successful at 425 pounds. This combined with the bench press and deadlift for a total of 1020 pounds, enough to award Fields the best lifter trophy in the teenage division and another state record for the weight class. Fields set records one week earlier in Paintsville at the annual NASA powerlifting meet, competing in the 165 pound weight class.

In the 165 pound class, Brad Slone of Pikeville, a wheelchair athlete, set a new state record of 405 pounds in the bench press and pound for pound, was the most outstanding bench press competitor in the meet. Slone also competed one week earlier in Paintsville, barely missing a 425 pound bench press. He has several NASA and USPF bench press records to his credit, in more than one age group and weight class. Another Pikeville football player, Justin Walker, competing

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EKU Athletics unveils new logos

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND – In a year when Eastern Kentucky University is celebrating its Centennial by honoring the traditions of the past, the Department of Athletics today unveiled a new Athletic Identity System that captures the success, momentum and innovation exhibited by its coaches and stu-

dent-athletes.

The nine-mark System is an instrumental part of a branding campaign centered on the Colonels' mission to be a leader in the modern world of collegiate athletics.

"This new set of logos portrays a clear, crisp and confident image of our athletics depart-

(See EKU, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell
SPRING FOOTBALL: Prestonsburg High football players ran routes earlier in the week during a spring workout. The Blackcat football program will hold a Red-White Game today at 2 p.m.

Powerlifting

in his first official powerlifting meet, had an impressive 940 pound total in the 165 weight class. He was second to Corey Hayes of Prestonsburg, an experienced lifter who broke the state record with a 455 pound deadlift and 1120 pound total. Drew Hilton of Prestonsburg won the 165 pound class for the 18-19 year olds with an 1110 total.

The 181 pound weight class was won by Seth Moore of Prestonsburg with a 1010 total. Moore broke the teenage deadlift record by 3.75 pounds with his 450 pound lift. Only five more pounds on his total would have given him the total state record for the class.

The 242 pound teenage division was won by Brad Bryant of the Pikeville High defensive line. Bryant had a chance at the state record deadlift of 562 but was unable to pull the 565 he needed to break the record.

Pikeville's defensive line also sent Casey Rowe to break the state record squat, which he did with his second attempt at 505 pounds, an improvement of 37 pounds over the old record which has stood since 1986. Rowe also came out with the state record total of 1265 pounds.

All four lifters from the Pikeville High football team will be playing on defense in addition to their offensive duties.

The mens open division, ages 20 and above was highlighted by Mike Roberts of Prestonsburg, breaking (another) bench press record set by Don Fields, owner and trainer at Pro-Fitness Multisports. Last year, Roberts broke Don Fields' 425 pound bench press record in the 181 pound weight class by five pounds and this year came back to do it again in the 198 class, breaking Don Fields' 455 record by yet another five pounds. Roberts was going for an outrageous 500 pound third attempt, but was unable to lock it out. He finished with a 1460 pound total, enough to name him the best lifter of the meet.

Heath Chaffin won the 181 pound class with an 1175 total. Allen Bahe, a UK lifter, actually had the highest total of the meet with 1,465 pounds, as well as the heaviest squat of 540 pounds, in the 220 pound division. Matt Smith of Prestonsburg, lifting in his first full meet, had an impressive 440 pound bench press and a near miss at 475 pounds, which would have tied the current state record for that class.

The masters division, for lifters over the age of 40, saw Randy Burruss, manager and trainer at Pro-Fitness, add yet another state record to his list. Burruss had a smooth looking 605 pound deadlift, breaking

his own state record set four years ago. He had a near miss with 400 pounds on the bench, which would have broken his old record of 365, also set four years ago.

The bench press only division saw Benji Fish in the 132 pound class with a 155 lift and Taylor Clark with 185, both Prestonsburg High football players in their first powerlifting contest. In the 165 class, Brent Caudill from Hindman got 335 pounds, just missing 340.

Slope, a wheelchair powerlifter, benched 405 and was close with 430 pounds on his 2nd and 3rd attempts.

The 181 bench press division, was won by the meet promoter, Doug Monday, a Sargent in the Kentucky National Guard and the local recruiter for the Prestonsburg armory, lifting in his first sanctioned meet, with an easy 265 pound lift.

Rounding out the bench press contest was J.D. Blevins in the 242 weight class, an experienced lifter in both NASA and the USPF organizations with a 375 second attempt and near miss at 400 pounds.

The 275 pound class had a big opener from James Trent from Hindman at 440 pounds but he could not get more than one white light on any of his three attempts, all locking out, but failing on technicals.

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Austin Fields deadlifted 380 pounds for a 1020 state record total.



Matt Smith attempted a 475-pound bench press.



Prestonsburg High graduate Heath Chaffin is pictured during a squat attempt.

EKU

ment," University President Joanne Glasser said. "Several constituencies have expressed excitement with this enhancement."

The initial concepts were greeted with enthusiasm in several forums. Members of the University community as well as members of the Colonel Club joined the ECU coaching staff and student-athletes in offering their impressions of the series.

"We were very pleased with the positive feedback," Director of Athletics Mark Sandy said. "This series will serve as a source of pride for the Colonel

community."

The new primary logo features an updated, determined Colonel icon with a customized athletic font. The new Colonel icon and wordmark will also be used individually in several cases, as will the new look ECU, featuring the custom font and adorned with an angled speed line underneath the letters. The speed line, a feature that coincides with the new sweeping "C" in the Colonels wordmark, is also used in the solitary "E" mark.

The new series replaces the venerable Colonel logo. Drawn

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by Louisville Courier-Journal cartoonist Hugh Haney, the revered mascot served as ECU Athletics' logo for more than 40 years.

Maroon (PMS 209) remains as ECU's primary color and may be outlined by gray (PMS 429) or silver (877) in the color versions. The University's official colors remain maroon and white.

The new marks were designed by Silverman Group, Inc., a full service marketing and brand development agency based in New Haven, Conn. ECU will continue its partnership with the Licensing Resource Group to market this new series.

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days at the University of Arkansas where he was a four-year letterman as a quarterback. While in Fayetteville, Bland helped the Razorbacks to four consecutive bowl appearances in the Holiday, Liberty, Orange, and Cotton Bowls. He was named the permanent captain for the 1988 Southwest Conference Championship squad that competed in the Cotton Bowl.

Bland holds a master's degree in kinesiology from Auburn University and a bachelor's degree, also in kinesiology, from the University of Arkansas. He is a graduate of Farragut High School where he was an All-State recipient playing at the quarterback and defensive back positions.

"I am thankful to God to have

been given the opportunity to coach and have such a supportive family," said Bland. "I believe University of the Cumberland is a quality university in a nice, small town and a great place to raise a family. My passion and calling, I feel, is to help mold and shape degree productive citizens to be leaders in society. At Cumberland, the environment allows me the opportunity to be involved in every aspect of the student-athletes lives. The chance to see young men develop spiritually, academically, and athletically is one of the most appealing aspects."

UC Athletic Director Randy Vernon said: "We are very happy and fortunate to have Coach Bland join our athletic staff. His qualifications and experience are

second to none and Cumberland's football program will benefit under his leadership. He is a quality individual and his morals and standards are a perfect fit for what University of the Cumberland is trying to pass along to our student-athletes."

Bland and his wife, Candis, will be making the move to Williamsburg with their three children, Shreve (8), Jade (5), and Bo (1).

Bland inherits a program that led the nation in rushing in 2005 and 2004. The Patriots finished 2005 with an 8-3 record ranked in the NAA's Top 25 and have done so for the past two seasons. Bland and the Patriots will open their 2006 campaign with the Battle for the Brass Lantern in Corbin against Union College on September 2, 2006.

All-Star Classic set for next weekend

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CRESTVIEW HILLS — The 15th Annual Ohio-Kentucky All-Star Classic will be held April 14-15 at Thomas More College's Connor Convocation Center. The

prep basketball weekend will get underway at 7 p.m. April with the Slam Jam All-Star Night of Stars. The Slam Jam event will include a three-point shootout and slam dunk contest.

Both the boys' and girls' all-

star games are scheduled for Saturday. The boys' game is set for a 6 p.m. start time with the girls' game to follow at 8.

KABC 15th Region Player of the Year Chelsea Jarrell, is one of the Kentucky All-Stars.

Aikman-Staubach NASCAR team making Texas debut

by STEPHEN HAWKINS ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — Troy Aikman knew it would take time to build a winning team in NASCAR. Still, it's difficult for the Hall of Fame quarterback to accept marginal success.

"I'm guarded about saying, well if we can be in the top 25 or the top 20 at the end of the season, we'd really be pleased," Aikman said Thursday. "Because we'd like to win. That certainly is the objective."

Remember, before Aikman won three Super Bowl championships with the Dallas Cowboys in the 1990s, he went through a 1-15 season when he lost all 11 of his starts. So he's realistic.

Hall of Fame Racing is off to a respectable start in its inaugural season, at 29th in owners points. The team makes its Texas debut this weekend.

Aikman co-owns the team with Roger Staubach, the fellow Hall of Fame quarterback who led the Cowboys to their other Super Bowl titles in the 1970s.

"What I knew coming in has only been reinforced, is how competitive this sport is, and how much of a disadvantage a startup team is under," Aikman said. "But I do think we're going to continue to do better."

Terry Labonte's past championship provision (two-time Cup champion) ensured that Hall of Fame got in each of the first five races. That included the season-opening Daytona 500 after NASCAR found an unapproved carburetor during qualifying, and two other races when the car didn't qualify on speed.

Tony Raines took over as planned last week in the sixth race at Martinsville. Raines qualified 12th and finished 21st, running a conservative race on this short track.

Knowing how we ran early in the race and how I think we

could have run, I was disappointed," Raines said. "But at the same time, I went there knowing I was going to race for a finish. I didn't race anybody."

By keeping the No. 96 DLP HDTV Chevrolet in one piece at Martinsville and staying in the top 35 in owners points, Hall of Fame Racing is guaranteed a spot for the Nextel Cup race closest to where the former quarterbacks starred on the field and the home of the primary sponsor.

The Samsung/RadioShack 500 is Sunday. Qualifying is Friday.

Aikman and Staubach may be back on "home" turf, but they know they're in an entirely different venue.

Hall of Fame Racing is a long way from being as popular as teams with drivers such as Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Ryan Newman — whose car numbers prevented the quarterbacks' team from using either of their jersey numbers. So Nos. 8 and 12 were multiplied for 96.

"I do believe that the Texas NASCAR fan is probably a Cowboys fan," Aikman said. "That doesn't necessarily mean that 96 is the car they're rooting for."

Aikman and Staubach got into NASCAR with realistic expectations as a single-car startup team. They wanted to do things the right way.

Three years elapsed between the time they decided to put together a team and when they finally put a car on the track this season. In that time, they formed a partnership with Joe Gibbs Racing for engines, equipment and technical help, as well as a 40,000-square-foot shop in North Carolina, and found a Texas-based primary sponsor.

Raines, a journeyman who has never won a Nextel Cup or Busch race, will complete the schedule, except for two road races that Labonte will run.



Baseball average salary closing in on \$3 million

by RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Baseball's average salary soared 9 percent this year to nearly \$2.9 million, with Alex Rodriguez topping a sport in which more than half the players on opening-day rosters make \$1 million or more.

Rodriguez headed the list at \$25.7 million and was No. 1 for the sixth straight year, according to a study of major league contracts by The Associated Press. He was followed by New York Yankees teammates Derek Jeter (\$20.6 million) and Jason Giambi (\$20.4 million).

San Francisco's Barry Bonds was fourth at \$20 million, and Houston's Jeff Bagwell — who might not play because of a shoulder injury — was next at \$19.3 million.

"Baseball had record crowds last year," Giambi said. "Probably with Barry going to break the (home run) record, it will bump it up and more people will come out and watch it. That makes players more popular, and in turn guys make more money."

This year's record

\$2,866,544 average was up 8.9 percent from last year's figure of \$2,632,655.

The Yankees' payroll dropped a bit to \$198.7 million from \$205.9 million on opening day last year. Boston was second again at \$120.1 million, followed by the Los Angeles Angels (\$103.6 million), the World Series champion Chicago White Sox (\$102.9 million) and the New York Mets (\$100.9 million).

Payroll figures don't include cash transactions, such as money the Yankees are receiving from Texas for Rodriguez and the White Sox are getting from Philadelphia for Jim Thome.

At the other end were the Florida Marlins at just under \$15 million, including 17 players making the \$327,000 minimum. It's the lowest figure for any team at the start of a season since Pittsburgh and Montreal in 1998. It's also less than the top 12 players make and 1/13th of what the Yankees pay their roster.

While the biggest spenders kept their payrolls pretty much at the same levels as last year,

many teams at the bottom made boosts. Toronto added free-agent pitchers A.J. Burnett and B.J. Ryan, and catcher Bengie Molina, among others, hiking its payroll to \$71.9 million from \$45.4 million.

Eleven of the bottom 15 teams increased spending. Baseball's labor contract expires Dec. 19, and the sport's economic system will be negotiated again by players and owners.

"There are still concerns at both the top and the bottom," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer. "The goal would be to get a tighter range that would ensure that even more than 20 clubs at Labor Day still have a chance to compete for playoff spots, that playoff spots are based on skill and talent and blossoming stars and not just on plugging holes with economics."

Oakland, 21st at \$62.3 million, still has little margin for error. Some of the high-spending clubs, such as the Yankees, complain that the smaller-market franchises haven't spent their revenue-sharing money on major league payrolls.

"Certain teams are funneling

it back in the right ways and there are some teams that aren't," Athletics outfielder Mark Kotsay said. "I think this club in the last couple of years has definitely shed that. They've used the money in revenue sharing and put it back into players' salaries."

In a sign that the money is being spread out, the number of players making \$1 million or more rose from 390 to 409 — still shy of the record 425 in 2001. The median salary — the point at which an equal amount of players fall above and below — rose to \$1 million from \$850,000, breaking the previous high of \$975,000 set in 2001.

Figures for the study included salaries and prorated shares of signing bonuses and other guaranteed income for the 813 players on opening-day rosters and disabled lists. For some players, parts of salaries deferred without interest or with minimal interest were discounted to present-day value.

AP Sports Writer Janie McCauley in Oakland, Calif., contributed to this report.

President Bush memorabilia from Opening Day now on display in Reds Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — The Opening Day visit of President George W. Bush is now highlighted in the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum.

The ceremonial "first pitch" ball tossed out by the president and the Reds jacket he wore are now on display in the first floor of the museum.

The Reds also gave the president two Cincinnati Reds jerseys with the name "Bush" and the number "43" on the back. The president kept one, and he presented the second one, which he autographed, to the Reds Hall of Fame.

The president became the first sitting president to attend a Reds regular-season game when he visited Great American Ball Park for the

Opening Day game on April 4.

"We are very pleased to have these items on display," said Greg Rhodes, Executive Director of the Reds Hall of Fame. "I am sure our fans will want to see them, and they will only grow in significance over the years. It was a historic occasion, and now all Reds fans can share in that moment here in the Reds Hall of Fame."

The items are currently in a temporary display case but eventually will be housed in one of the permanent exhibit areas.

The Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum is open daily during the baseball season. Admission is \$5 per person on game days (with a same-day game ticket). On all other days, the price is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

Little League International unveils softball logo



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Little League Baseball and Softball is pleased to announce the addition of its newest merchandising logo, designed for identification and recognition of the hundreds of thousands of Little League Softball players.

The design, created by XP Apparel with direction from Little League, is to be used on licensed Little League Softball merchandise, and for recognition of the softball divisions of

Little League.

"We are proud to unveil our new softball logo," said Stephen D. Keener, president and chief executive officer of Little League Baseball and Softball. "Softball is growing steadily in Little League and we're glad to have this attractive logo to use to recognize the girls that participate throughout the world, their volunteers and coaches."

District and league officers will soon receive an email with an electronic file of the logo and instructions for its use.

"The design depicts a young girl in the act of throwing," said Jud Rogers, senior marketing executive at Little League International. "The new logo maintains the youthful exuberance of our softball players, and at the same time exhibits their athleticism."

Items bearing the new logo in new apparel styles are available on line at the Little League Gift Shop. Just click on the "Shop Little League" button on the homepage of www.littleleague.org to view them.

NFL unveils plans for Sunday night TV games

by BARRY WILNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The NFL has its plan for eliminating those not-ready-for-prime-time matchups that too often sneaked onto national television.

The league plans to hold off scheduling Sunday night games in seven of the final eight weeks — just as playoff races start heating up — to ensure the best games are played on NBC. The league has long wanted some kind of flexible scheduling, but could never implement one until now.

For Weeks 10-15 and Week 17, the final regular-season weekend, all Sunday games will be listed with start times of 1 p.m. or 4:05-4:15 p.m. EST.

The league must then announce which match will be played Sunday night at least 12 days before the date of the game. The lone exception is the

season finale on Dec. 31, when the switch must be made no later than six days before the game.

Only Sunday games are subject to the flexible schedule that is part of the NFL's \$3.6 billion contract with NBC for the Sunday night package.

CBS, which does the AFC games, and Fox, which does the NFC, each has the option to protect five games in the seven weeks of flexible scheduling, but can't protect more than one game per week. So if Indianapolis is playing Pittsburgh in a late-season game and CBS does not want it moved to Sunday night on NBC, it has an option to keep the game.

Week 16 is Christmas weekend and no game will be switched.

Teams will be told by the NFL office as soon as they are not under consideration to have a game moved. And, unlike in

the past, teams are allowed to play in consecutive Sunday night games.

To make the system more flexible, up to three teams each season will be allowed a bonus sixth prime-time appearance. All the others will be limited to a maximum of five, including the Monday night ESPN package and the late-season Saturday or Thursday games on NFL Network.

The NFL often has moved games from early afternoon to late afternoon on Sundays to get a top matchup in a better viewing slot. It did so eight times in 2005. That flexibility remains.

In recent seasons, the league has faced lower prime-time ratings because of poor late-season matchups. It also has seen surprisingly successful teams shut out of prime time because the entire schedule is released in April.



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg High School pitchers will be called on to provide quality innings throughout the 2006 season.

Boxer Sugar Ray Robinson honored on new stamp

by RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sugar Ray Robinson would have considered being featured on a postage stamp "an honor for him, an honor for God and an honor for the community," his son said of the latest accolade for a man once selected as the top boxer of the 20th century.

The new 39-cent stamp, designed to resemble a vintage fight poster of the 1940s and '50s, is being released Friday in ceremonies at New York's Madison Square Garden.

"I think he would have thought (the stamp) was a gift from God," Ray Robinson II said in a telephone interview.

But not just a gift to him alone.

"He was a team player in a sport where you don't have a team," the younger Robinson said. His father valued his family, agents, lawyers, training staff and sparring partners, "that was the team."

And he recalled his father's concern for fair and equal treatment for everyone. "We're all

one world," he said, quoting his father.

The elder Robinson once did a public service announcement urging the police to treat everyone the same, whether they are individuals on the street or famous athletes like Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and himself, the son recalled.

And he noted his father's close friendship with boxer Jake LaMotta. LaMotta was the first fighter to beat Robinson, and the two fought six times. Yet they also became friends and Robinson was best man at one of LaMotta's many weddings.

"They were two men that were committed to nothing but their craft," the younger Robinson said. "They didn't take their craft personally, they took it as going to work, like a plumber would, like an electrician would, and afterwards it was, 'Let's go out for a beer.'"

First-day of issue ceremonies for the stamp were scheduled for the Golden Gloves boxing competition.

Robinson was world welterweight champion from Dec. 20, 1946 until Feb. 14, 1951, when

he won the world middleweight title for the first of five times. Overall, according to The Ring Record Book, Robinson fought 201 bouts, winning 174 (109 by knockout) against only 19 losses, six draws, and two no contests.

He was voted "Fighter of the Century" by a panel of experts in 1999.

And with boxing often called "The Sweet Science," Robinson was described as its sweetest practitioner by boxing historian Bert Sugar.

Robinson was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990. After his fight career ended, he became an actor and established a youth foundation. He died from complications of Alzheimer's disease and diabetes on April 12, 1989.

The younger Robinson, a fight promoter, stays close to the sport and works with Ring Eight, a boxing support group that assists indigent fighters.

On the Net:
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Bengals have at least two prime-time games on 2006 schedule

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals will play at least two prime-time games in the 2006 NFL season.

The Bengals will be at home against the Baltimore Ravens on Thursday, Nov. 30, a game that will be televised by the NFL Network.

The other prime-time game is Monday, Dec. 18 at Indianapolis. ESPN is taking over the Monday night games next season from ABC.

Cincinnati could play in more prime-time games if any of its Sunday afternoon games in later weeks are moved to the Sunday night slot. Under the NFL's new TV deals, the league can move Sunday afternoon games to prime-time if it deems them important enough.

The Bengals' home games are: Cleveland at 1 p.m. Sept. 17; New England at 4:15 p.m. Oct. 1; Carolina at 1 p.m. Oct. 22; Atlanta at 1 p.m. Oct. 29; San Diego at 1 p.m. Nov. 12; Baltimore at 8 p.m. Nov. 30; Oakland at 1 p.m. Dec. 10; and Pittsburgh at 1 p.m. Dec. 31.

Road games are: Kansas City at 1 p.m. Sept. 10; Pittsburgh at 1 p.m. Sept. 24; Tampa Bay at 1 p.m. Oct. 15; Baltimore at 1 p.m. Nov. 5; New Orleans at 1 p.m. Nov. 19; Cleveland at 1 p.m. Nov. 26; Indianapolis at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 18; and Denver at 4:15 p.m. Dec. 24.

2006 Cincinnati Bengals Schedule

Sept. 10 at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Sept. 17 Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Sept. 24 at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Oct. 1 New England, 4:15 p.m.
Oct. 8 BYE
Oct. 15 at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Oct. 22 Carolina, 1 p.m.
Oct. 29 Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Nov. 12 San Diego, 1 p.m.
Nov. 19 at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Nov. 26 at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Nov. 30 Baltimore, 8 p.m.
Dec. 10 Oakland, 1 p.m.
Dec. 18 at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.
Dec. 24 at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Dec. 31 Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.

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Labonte eager to see what winning in No. 43 car is like

by HANK KURZ Jr.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — There was a time in Bobby Labonte's career when a fifth-place finish wouldn't have caused a ripple of interest in the media or in the garage.

That was before he joined Petty Enterprises as the new face behind the wheel of the famed No. 43 car, bringing along a career resume that could help put it back in the spotlight.

So far, though, Labonte said what he and his team accomplish on the track is all he's focusing on. He'll consider the magnitude of a victory when it comes.

"I don't know how it will be until it happens. I'll know more after that," the 2000 series champion said. "It might be total chaos, or it might be just another win."

One thing that's certain, though, is that after only six races, the Petty organization feels closer to getting back to Victory Lane than it has in a while.

Labonte's fifth-place finish at Bristol Motor Speedway two

weekends ago was the first top-five run for the company in five years, and was followed by talk that a win at Martinsville was a possibility. That's the place where Team Petty got its last victory, with John Andretti driving the car Richard Petty made famous, in 1999.

It didn't work out that way at Martinsville, but Kyle Petty said the Petty teams have struggled just to compete for so long that there's really no pressure on Labonte to hurry up and take a checkered flag.

"He ran fifth at Bristol and it's, like, huge. It's huge," Petty said.

"That's what I told him: 'You come over here and have any type of success and it's going to be big because it has been so long since we've had success.' The pressure's not to come out and win races at Petty Enterprises. It's to come out and run competitive."

Labonte learned to expect that and much more during 11 years at Joe Gibbs Racing, where he won 21 races.

Labonte's offseason move was the centerpiece of an ambi-

tious Petty team rebuilding that includes Robbie Loomis, a former championship crew chief for Jeff Gordon who now is the Petty executive vice president; Todd Parrott, who won a championship with Dale Jarrett in 1999, becoming Labonte's crew chief, and Paul Andrews, another championship-winning crew chief, who came to the team last season and is the crew chief on Kyle Petty's No. 45 Dodge.

"One brings two, two brings four, four brings eight, eight brings 16 and that's the way that works," Petty said at Martinsville, where gear trouble doomed them both to poor finishes. "We're stronger as a team all the way through because of Bobby Labonte."

The chance to join a rebuilt team was what lured Labonte, too.

"I found myself in a position at the end of the year to make the move, and I thought that was the right thing for me just because of the people that were going there and the people that were there," he said. "That just made my decision easier."

So far, he sees signs that things are moving in the direction he

hoped, even though he knows it takes time to build chemistry, which brings consistency.

"We're gaining on it," he said before running 32nd at Martinsville. "We've just got a lot of work to do. There's no doubt that we'll go somewhere and we're going to struggle. If we do, we've got to make sure that we realize what we did wrong."

That reality, at least for now, keeps expectations realistic.

"We're going to be like the stock market. We're going to be up and down," Labonte said.

"Everybody is excited that we can win, and we've got to keep that in mind," he said. "We don't want to walk away from (the year-end banquet in New York City) with just one top-five finish."

For the first time in a while at Petty Enterprises, the parts all seem to be in place.

"People have asked me, 'Hey, what do you think about driving the 43 car?' I say it's great, and it's going to be even better when we land in Victory Lane one day," Labonte said. "That's when it's going to really mean something."

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. (Tony Stewart)
- 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 — Dodge 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

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| 1. Jimmie Johnson, 933 | 11. Dale Jarrett, 716 |
| 2. Mark Martin, 874 | 12. Kevin Harvick, 699 |
| 3. Matt Kenseth, 873 | 13. Ryan Newman, 668 |
| 4. Kasey Kahne, 832 | 14. Kurt Busch, 661 |
| 5. Kyle Busch, 832 | 15. Brian Vickers, 650 |
| 6. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 824 | 16. Clint Bowyer, 644 |
| 7. Jeff Gordon, 814 | 17. Jamie McMurray, 623 |
| 8. Tony Stewart, 791 | 18. Greg Biffle, 615 |
| 9. Elliott Sadler, 735 | 19. Carl Edwards, 602 |
| 10. Casey Mears, 724 | 20. Martin Truex, Jr., 597 |

Brewco Motorsports ready for debut with rookie Coleman

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CENTRAL CITY — Much has been made over the driver development programs pouring into the ARCA RE/MAX Series. From Evernham Motorsports to Robert Yates Racing; from Rusty Wallace, Inc to Roush Racing; from Hendrick Motorsports to Richard Childress Racing, and then some, more and more teams that compete at NASCAR's highest levels are turning to ARCAville.

Now add NASCAR Busch Series team Brewco Motorsports, which has entered Houston, Texas rookie Brad Coleman for the

upcoming PFG Lester 150 April 15 at Nashville Superspeedway.

Brewco, which fields Busch Series teams for David Green and Greg Biffle, got things started for Coleman at the Nashville test last week where he, in his first stock car outing on a superspeedway, posted the sixth-fastest speed out of a record 55 ARCA RE/MAX Series drivers who tested during the series' first superspeedway open-test session of the year.

Coleman posted a speed of 158.438 mph and a time of 30.220, placing him among the top contenders on the speed charts next to some of the

biggest names in the ARCA RE/MAX series, including Steve Wallace (RWI), Erin Crocker (Evernham Motorsports), Matt McCall (RYR) and seven-time series champion Frank Kimmel.

The testing session in Nashville meant a number of firsts for Coleman. It was his first time in a race car in five months, first time on a superspeedway oval, first time on a concrete track, first time to run with his Brewco team, and his first experience in a stock car with the level of horsepower, weight and size that comes with driving an ARCA RE/MAX Series machine.

Coleman will drive a Brewco

Ford in at least 10 ARCA RE/MAX Series races in 2006, beginning with the April 15 PFG Lester 150 at Nashville Superspeedway. The young Texan, who has lived in Martinsville, VA the last few years with his driving coach, will also compete in 7 NASCAR Busch Series races for Brewco Motorsports in 2006. NASCAR veteran crew chief Shawn Parker will steer the operation.

"We're very encouraged by Brad's strong run at Nashville," said team owner Clarence Brewer Jr. "Brewco recognizes Brad as an extremely talented

young driver with the ability to be successful in our sport. We're looking forward to seeing him race in a Brewco Motorsports car later this month in Nashville."

Coleman's 10-race ARCA package also includes the renowned Salem Speedway short-track on April 23. Coleman, in addition to the Nashville test, tested at Salem on Tuesday of this week alongside NASCAR veteran Ken Schrader and rookie Blake Bjorklund.

Brewco Motorsports announced in mid-December, 2005, the signing of Coleman to a NASCAR driver development contract for 2006. Coleman,

who turned 18 just a few days after the 2006 season-opening ARCA 200 in Daytona, is already a record setting young driver with a wealth of stock car, sports car, and open-wheel experience. In 2005 he won the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series Rookie Points Championship in his first season of late model stock car racing at Ace Speedway in Altamahaw, NC, set a World Record by finishing seventh in the Rolex 24 of Daytona in a Porsche GT3 Cup car at 16 years-old, and posted a Top 10 finish in a Daytona Prototype in a Grand American Series race this fall.

Raines puts in test time at Kentucky Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA — Sunday's NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series race at Martinsville Speedway can't arrive soon enough for 41-year-old Hall of Fame Racing driver Tony Raines.

The sixth race of 2006 season will be his first opportunity to compete in the No. 96 DLP HDTV Chevrolet and his first chance to take advantage of an important career opportunity.

The NASCAR Busch and Craftsman Truck Series veteran signed with his new NEXTEL Cup team before the start of the season, but yielded his seat to Terry Labonte, who secured a spot for the No. 96 in each race field with past champion's provisionals.

Labonte moved the No. 96 to 30th in the series standings and will turn the entry owned by Bill Saunders and NFL Hall of Fame quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Roger Staubach over to Raines for 29 of the 31 races remaining on the schedule. Labonte will return to the car for the June 25 road race at Infineon Raceway

and the August 13 road contest at Watkins Glen International Raceway.

Four days out from his 55th career NEXTEL Cup Series start, Raines tested at Kentucky Speedway to gain a feel for his car and lay an intermediate track foundation he will need to be competitive in two weeks at Texas Motor Speedway.

"I didn't come here today to see how fast I can go," Raines said. "Terry had a lot of things that he liked about the car, but nothing suits everybody. So, we're just trying to go through the motions and get the rust knocked off of me. We only brought one car, so I have to be kind of careful, at least until the last run of the day. We'll get a Richmond test in after Martinsville, so, by the time we get to Texas we should be up to speed."

After making many of his previous NEXTEL Cup Series starts with moderately-funded teams such as R and J Motorsports, Front Row Motorsports and BACE



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Veteran driver Tony Raines is looking to make the most of upcoming race starts.

Motorsports, Raines has been looking forward to competing with top-of-the-line equipment.

"This will be a lot of fun because I'll have the chance to get to race with all the tools - good equipment, a relationship with (Joe) Gibbs (Racing) that is

going to help us out a lot, and sponsorship from Texas Instruments with their DLP brand. We have a lot of the right things. It makes me a little bit nervous, but, at the same time, it's hard to play against the best drivers and teams when you

don't have everything they have. Now, I feel like we do and we can compete."

In addition to his optimism, Raines also was enjoying the luxury of preparing for his important career step on a versatile track where he owns two third-place and two top-15 NASCAR Busch Series finishes.

"I love this racetrack, it has a little bit of everything," he said. "It's a pretty big track that has some speed to it. Turns 1 and 2 are a little flat and turns 3 and 4 are a little banked so you can iron out a lot of stuff here."

He hopes the knowledge he gains will help him deliver his second career top-10 NEXTEL Cup finish on Sunday. However, should he fall short of that goal in his first start with a new team at a tough track, he won't be extremely disappointed.

"I'm anxious," Raines said. "Martinsville is a tough race track, it's a tough surface and just a hard place to race. But, it's a race and I'm excited about it. I just want to go there, run all the laps and not tear the fenders off,

get my first race under my belt and pick up some steam. I've said top 25 is where I think we should be able to race, so, if I finished 25th or better that'd be on mark. Obviously though, we'd like to run top 10. Every week is tough, so we'll just have to do our best and stay out of trouble."

Regardless of the outcome, Raines will be simply happy to be in the driver's seat this weekend after watching Labonte and the No. 96 open the season.

"Friday and Saturday (at the tracks) weren't too bad because there were a lot of things going on and I kind of got caught up in it," Raines said. "On Sunday, up until noon, it took forever. When the race was running I felt helpless because I could hear what was going on and the changes they were making, but I couldn't do anything about it. It's harder to watch your car out there racing than it is to be in it, especially at Bristol. Every time someone got near him (Labonte) I thought they were going to take him out. That just makes for a nail-biting race."

Steven Wallace to make two Kentucky Speedway starts in 2006

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — Kentucky Speedway race fans will have two opportunities to see 18-year-old NASCAR legacy Steven Wallace in action during the 2006 season.

The son of recently retired NASCAR veteran Rusty Wallace will drive the No. 61 Nu South Lemonade / Hantz Group Dodge in the May 13 ARCA RE/MAX "Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati 150" and take the wheel of the No. 64 Top Flite Golf Dodge for the June 17 "Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo" NASCAR Busch Series event.

Wallace is scheduled to compete in a total of seven ARCA RE/MAX

Series and 12 NASCAR Busch Series races this season. He will share the No. 64 Top Flite Dodge with NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series regular Jamie McMurray.

"I'm excited to have the chance to compete in both series," Wallace said. "There will be pressures because of my dad and I'll be expected to run well all the time. I'm not too worried about that though, I know what I am capable of doing and I am sure I'll do well. People scrutinize you more because your last name is Wallace or Earnhardt or Petty, you are always in the spotlight. I can't let that get to me, I just have to focus on racing and do the best I can."

Wallace made his NASCAR

Busch Series debut on October 25, 2005 with a 15th-place finish at Memphis Motorsports Park. He became the youngest race winner in Michigan International Speedway history earlier that year on August 19 when he claimed his first ARCA RE/MAX Series victory. Overall, he registered one win, two top-five and three top-10 finishes through four ARCA RE/MAX Series starts.

He made his first NASCAR Busch Series start of 2006 at Bristol Motor Speedway on March 25 and finished 33rd after qualifying third. His next NASCAR Busch and ARCA RE/MAX series start will be April 15 at Nashville Superspeedway. The ARCA

RE/MAX Series race will start at 12:30 p.m., and the Busch Series race will follow at 3:05 p.m.

Other main events on the 2006 Kentucky Speedway schedule are the July 8 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series "Built Ford Tough 225 Presented by the Greater Cincinnati Ford Dealers" and the August 13 Indy Racing League IndyCar Series 300-mile event. Support events for the upcoming season will spotlight the new USAC Silver Crown Series, ARCA RE/MAX Series, USAC Ford Focus Midget Car Series and IRL Indy Pro Series. Future race-day concerts will include Lonestar June 17, The Charlie Daniels Band July 8 and Hot Apple Pie August 13.



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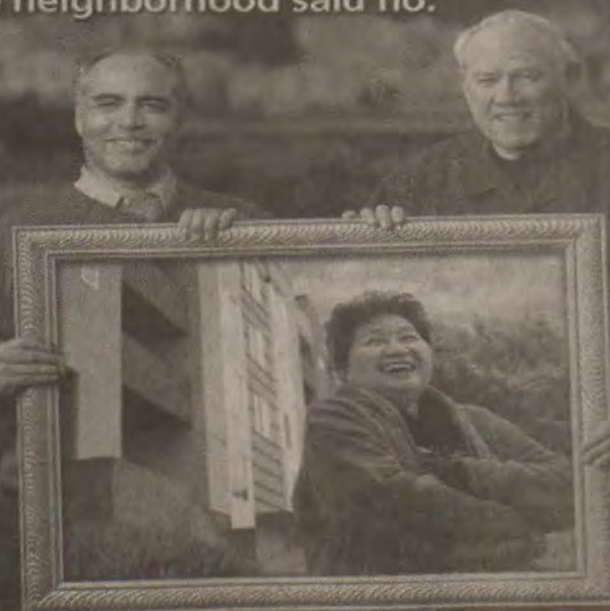
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THE GREEN MOUNTAIN STATE

VERMONT

This New England state is famous for its ski resorts, scenic mountains and forests.

The red maple is the state tree of Vermont.

The sugar maple supplies the sap to make maple syrup.

Vermont is the second smallest state in the U.S., with a population of less than 1 million.

Did you know?

- The word Vermont is from the French words Verts Monts, which mean Green Mountains.
- Vermont is the only New England state without an Atlantic coastline.
- Vermont has the lowest percentage of urban (city) dwellers in the U.S. Most people live in rural (country) areas.
- As a state, Vermont ranks 49th in population. Wyoming is the only state with a smaller population.
- Vermont is the largest producer of maple syrup in the U.S.
- The first patent issued by the U.S. government went to Samuel Hopkins of Vermont in 1790 for his method of making potash.



Vermont has more than 200 mountains over 2,000 ft. (609.6 m) in elevation.



Red clover is a wild plant that is often eaten by livestock. It also has many medicinal properties.

The honeybee plays a vital role in pollinating farm crops and the natural landscape.



The Vermont state seal displays the state's motto, "Freedom & Unity."



The hermit thrush is the state bird. It breeds in the conifer and mixed forests of northern North America. It migrates to the southern United States in winter.

Believe it or not

Two sea monsters reportedly live in Vermont. "Champ," who dwells in Lake Champlain, and "Memphre" of Lake Memphremagog, near the Canadian border.

A land of forests, rivers and lakes

Seventy seven percent of Vermont is still forest — a beautiful sight any season, but especially in the fall, when the autumn colors explode. Tourism plays a year-round role in the economy of Vermont. Skiing, water sports and hiking are popular recreation.

Vermont is nicknamed the Green Mountain State for the stretch of mountains that run through the middle of the state. Mount Mansfield (the highest mountain in Vermont) is one of the Green Mountains.

Vermont is home to more than 800 lakes and ponds. Lake Champlain is the the sixth largest body of water in the U.S. Lake Champlain is about 120 miles (193 km) long and 12 miles (19.3 km) wide at its widest point. There are more than 7,000 miles (11,265 km) of rivers and streams. The Connecticut River hugs the eastern border of the state. Otter Creek flows 100 miles (160 km) into Lake Champlain.

Ash, basswood, beeches, birches, cedars, hemlocks, maples, pines, poplars and spruces are some of the native trees. Bears, beavers, bobcats, foxes, minks, moose, muskrats, raccoons, skunks and white-tailed deer live in the forests.



The Morgan is the state animal of Vermont. It was the work-horse of choice in early New England.

Some important events in Vermont history

1535: Jacques Cartier is probably the first European to explore the region of Vermont.	1609: Samuel de Champlain explores Lake Champlain.	1666: The first European settlement in Vermont, Fort Ste. Anne, is built on Isle LaMotte.	1724: The British establish Fort Dummer.	1731: The French construct a fort at Chimney Point but abandon it in 1759.	1775: Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys capture the British fort of Ticonderoga.	1777: Vermont declares itself an independent republic and adopts a constitution that abolishes slavery.	1791: Vermont becomes the 14th U.S. state	1881: Chester A. Arthur, born in Fairfield, Vt., becomes the 21st U.S. president.	1921: Calvin Coolidge of Plymouth, Vt., becomes the 30th president of the United States.	1985: Madeleine M. Kunin becomes Vermont's first woman governor.
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Samuel de Champlain



Ethan Allen



Chester Arthur



Calvin Coolidge



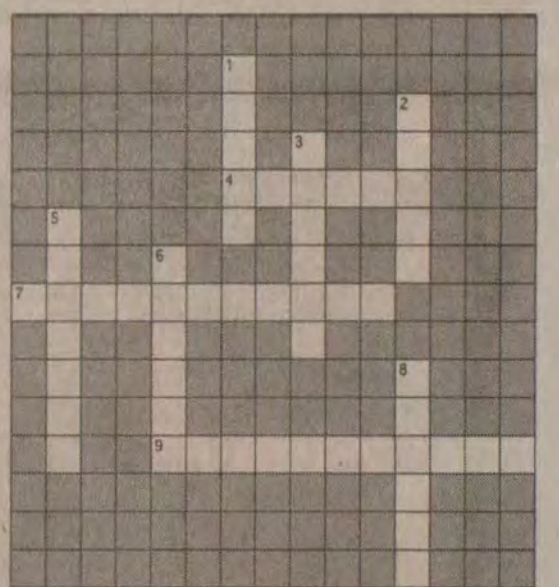
Madeleine Kunin

Just the facts

Capital city	Montpelier
Area	9,615 sq. miles (24,902 sq. km)
Highest elevation	Mount Mansfield 4,393 ft. (1,339 m)
Lowest elevation	Lake Champlain 95 ft. (29 m) above sea level
Population in 2004	621,394
Agricultural products	Milk, beef cattle, greenhouse products, hay, apples, maple syrup
Manufactured goods	Electronic equipment, food products, machinery, fabricated metal products, printed materials
Mining	Granite, limestone, talc
Gross state product in 2000	\$18,411,000,000

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- State animal of Vermont
 - River on the eastern border of Vermont
 - British fort captured by Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys
- DOWN**
- Sea monster of Lake Champlain
 - Kind of bee (and what it makes)
 - Language the word Vermont is based on
 - Only state with less people than Vermont
 - This thrush is the state bird of Vermont
 - 77 percent of Vermont is made up of this



ANSWERS
ACROSS
4 MORGAN
7 CONNECTICUT
9 TICONDEROGA
DOWN
1 CHAMP
2 HONEY
3 FRENCH
4 WYOMING
5 HERMIT
6 FOREST

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