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First Drug Court class graduates

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Drug Court program saw its first set of graduates celebrate completing the program at the Justice Center Monday night. Judge Eric Hall, who oversees the program here, presided over the ceremony in his courtroom.

Hall made light of his own contribution to the program, saying that the professionals who

worked in the program probably saw him as a hood ornament while the participants most likely viewed him as the tailpipe. The analogy drew several laughs and wound up as a continuing theme echoed by the graduates, who referred to the judge as their "trusted tail pipe" for the remainder of the evening.

Hall noted that at first he wasn't sold on the idea of Drug Court, which suspends jail sen-

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District Court Judge Eric Hall addressed the audience that turned out for the first Drug Court graduation on Monday before turning the microphone over to the five graduates.

photo by Tom Doty

REBELS WIN SLUGFEST

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briefs

Fletcher to call special session

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher has decided to call a special session when legislators reach consensus on a bill that would provide tax relief to small businesses, a spokesman said.

The session will likely be scheduled at some point after the May 16 primary election, said Brett D. Fletcher, the chief spokesman.

"He's going to do it," Fletcher said Tuesday. "It's just a matter of when."

Fletcher is working to build consensus on legislation that would provide the tax-relief small businesses have asked for.

Legislators were working on tax-relief legislation during a session of the General Assembly that ended in April. Ultimately, the House and Senate were unable to reach a compromise. The major sticking point keyed on how much to reduce the so-called alternative minimum tax and at what profit level businesses would no longer qualify.

"They're still working on getting consensus," Hall said.

Senate President David Williams said he wants any special session to be short. For that reason, he said he wants Fletcher to wait until legislators have a general agreement on tax relief before bringing them back to Frankfort.

EDUCATION & RESEARCH



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Students in Brian Handshoe's technology classes had positive reviews for the new Apple eMac computers they are now using. Handshoe said the new computers "doubled the technology" at the school.

Program improves tech at ACMS while assisting cancer research

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

EASTERN — In an unlikely pairing, students and cancer patients will both benefit from a program which has put 30 new computers at Allen Central Middle School.

The school was the site of a ceremony Tuesday to announce the program and thank those responsible, the Kentucky Dataseam Initiative and state Rep. Chuck Meade.

Under the program, which is also in use in 33 other school districts, mostly in coal-producing counties, schools are eligible to

receive up to 100 new computers at no cost. In return, the schools allow University of Louisville researchers to harness the computers' processing power to crunch data to aid in the development of new cancer drugs.

The transition between the two tasks is seamless. Students are able to use to computers normally during class. When the computers are idle, however, their processing power is redirected to a computer grid operated by Dataseam. The collective power of all the idle computers statewide — Dataseam expects to have 2,000 in place by next month — creates a powerful supercomputer that dramatically

speeds up research.

Dataseam executive director Brian Gupton, on hand for Tuesday's ceremony, said it would take a single computer 67 years to perform all of the number-crunching required to research one potential cancer drug. Using all of the computers in the Dataseam grid, however, cuts the time to finish that task to just a few weeks.

The link between UofL and participating schools will go further, Gupton said. ACMS students can expect to receive visits from research scientists from UofL's James Graham Brown Cancer

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Grand jury to consider fridge burglary

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man who was arrested last week for breaking into his ex-girlfriend's home and emptying the contents of her refrigerator onto the kitchen floor saw his charges sent on to consideration by a grand jury after a preliminary hearing in district court Monday.

Testimony by the girlfriend and Deputy Jeremy Shepherd was enough for Judge Eric Hall, who waived the burglary charge against Jamie Pennington, 40, on to a grand jury after hearing the testimony.

The girlfriend took the stand first and said she received a call from

Pennington last Tuesday evening just after midnight. She said that the couple had dated off and on for awhile and had broken up the previous Saturday. She testified that the Caller ID system told her that Pennington was calling her from her own home. When quizzed about that, Pennington replied that he had tapped into the phone pole outside the residence. The girlfriend was not convinced, especially since Pennington only lived a short distance from her home, and called the sheriff's department.

Deputy Kevin Shepherd testified next and reported that he responded to the call, with fellow officer Jason

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Woman pleads guilty to hiding runaway teen

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Maytown woman pleaded guilty to charges of hindering an investigation and unlawful transaction with a minor on Tuesday, the morning of her scheduled trial in district court.

The case went back to March 2005, when Sabrina Lou Blakeman, 40, was charged with hindering an

investigation into a missing teenager. The 15-year-old had been reported missing for five days before officers discovered her at Blakeman's home. The officers were acting on a tip from the teen's father, who had been incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center but wanted to help with the search for his child.

The officers went to

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Police warn about money order hoax

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Det. Lt. Mike Conn and the Post Service are asking Floyd County residents to be on their guard for a scam that involves phony postal money orders.

"Anything that sounds too good to be true usually is, and that's the case here," Conn said.

Conn explained that the scheme begins with an email

from a businessman in Nigeria who outlines his dilemma. He says that he is in receipt of a money order from America that he cannot cash in Nigeria. The email then asks the recipient to cash the money order for him, in exchange for a percentage of the money.

The problem is that the money order is fake. It is a facsimile of a postal money order, but many

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540 fifth- and sixth-graders enjoyed a day at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on Monday as a reward for participating in the DARE Program, which educates children about violence and drug use. Sheriff John K. Blackburn, whose department sponsors DARE, was on hand to congratulate the students. Entertainment was provided by WQHY, the Betsy Layne Fire Department, Maytown Fire Department, Trans-Star Ambulance, Pepsi Cola and Med Flight.

photo by Tom Doty

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Today



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Tomorrow



High: 79 • Low: 57

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Visitors will find plenty of activities at the East Kentucky Science Center on Astronomy Day May 6, such as a chance to view the sun up close through the center's solar telescopes or nighttime star gazing at Stone Crest Golf Course that evening.

Come see the stars at EKSC

PRESTONSBURG — The East Kentucky Science Center will host National Astronomy Day on May 6. A day of fun activities is planned at the science center from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., as well as night star gazing (weather permitting) from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

The staff of the Science center will be joined again this year by faculty, staff and students from the Morehead State University Space Science Center and members of the Ohio Valley Astronomical Society. Guest speakers will be on hand

to talk about everything from how to use a telescope, to discussing the major astronomical events that have happened over the past year.

Weather permitting, attendees can take a peek at the sun through the science center's solar telescopes and see an up-close view of our star.

Jupiter will be its biggest, brightest and closest for the year on Astronomy Day, and visitors can view this giant planet and its four biggest moons through the science center's telescopes at

Stone Crest golf course from 8:30 until 11:30 p.m. (weather permitting).

Guests can also register to win a Meade EXT 90 Telescope that the East Kentucky Science Center and Astronomy Magazine will be giving away.

For more information contact (606) 889-0303 or visit www.wedosience.org.

The East Kentucky science Center is located on the Prestonsburg campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Akers named award winner

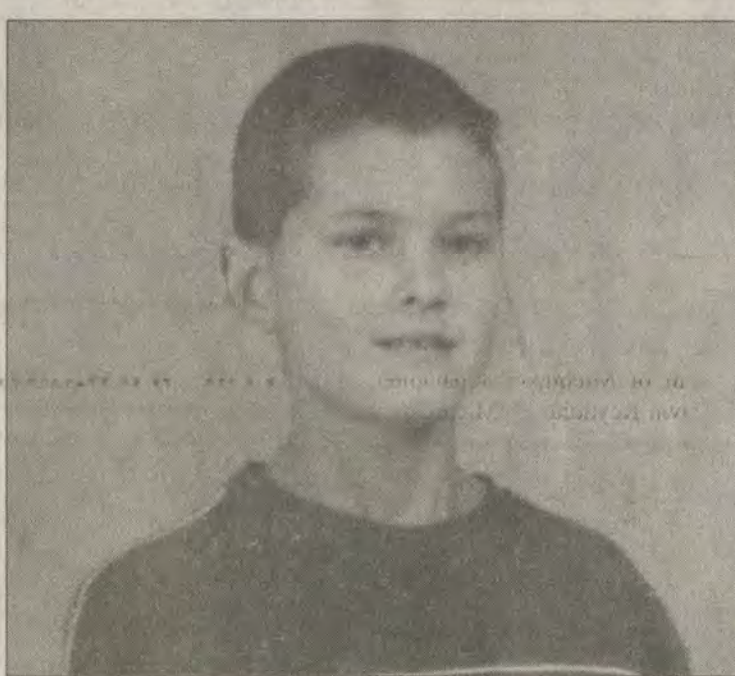
GRETHEL — The United States Achievement Academy has named Cody Akers, of Grethel, a United States National Award Winner in art.

The award is a prestigious honor that very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American students.

Akers, who attends John M. Stumbo Elementary, was nominated for the award by Cindi Hughes, a teacher at the school. He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's official yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, founder of the United States Achievement Academy. "Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

The academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other



qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude

and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a qualified sponsor.

Akers is the son of Rick and Breena Akers, of Grethel. His grandparents are Opal Reynolds and the late Billy Reynolds, of Beaver, and Verbal and Ishmael Akers, of Grethel.

Voters in Knott, Magoffin to get judge but not vote on position

The Associated Press

SALYERSVILLE — The family court judgeship for Knott and Magoffin counties will be on the ballot this month, but voters in those two counties won't be allowed to vote on who gets the job.

Through a series of decisions in creating the seat, voters from those counties weren't included in the district with Floyd County, leaving those voters disenfranchised.

"Everybody I know is upset about it, in both counties," Magoffin County Circuit Clerk Sandy Gullett.

The Floyd County family court judgeship was created in June 1999 as part of a pilot project, with Knott and Magoffin counties agreeing to temporarily give up the right to vote for the position.

The Kentucky Supreme Court, in 1998, expanded jurisdiction of Floyd County's 31st Judicial District to include Knott and Magoffin counties, which together make up the 36th Judicial District in eastern Kentucky.

But because the seat was part of the 31st District, Knott and Magoffin county residents weren't allowed to vote in the race or run for the seat. That left only Floyd County candidates and voters.

The situation didn't change after a constitutional amendment passed in 2002, making the pilot project permanent. By

2005, family court judgeships were put in place across much of the state, but Magoffin and Knott counties still had no say in electing someone to the position.

Some want the situation corrected immediately. Attorney General Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg said a change should be made before voters go to the polls again.

"Obviously, the legislature and the Administrative Office of the Courts should act to officially declare all three counties within the family judge's jurisdiction so that all voters have a voice in electing this important official," Stumbo said.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Lambert called the situation a "conundrum" with no simple solution.

"Whenever you mention the idea of combining judicial circuits, the roof just flies off," Lambert said. "It impacts judges, commonwealth's attorneys and everybody in the system."

Former state Rep. Herbie Deskins, D-Pikeville, said the situation in Knott and Magoffin counties is unprecedented and quite maddening.

"I'd be mad, too, if I had to go in and be judged by someone I couldn't vote for," Deskins said.

Knott County Judge-Executive Randy Thompson said he knew the arrangement was experimental and thought that, by now, it would have been corrected and made permanent,

with Knott and Magoffin counties being given a say in who holds the seat.

"It may have slipped through the cracks somewhere," Thompson said.

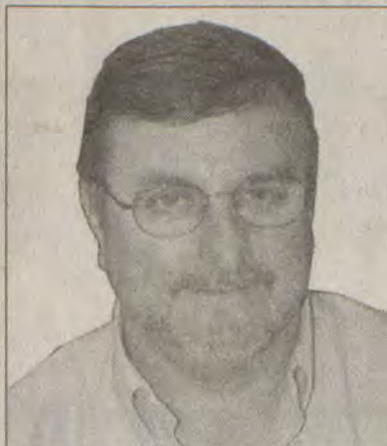
Lambert said he's tried to create two new separate family court judicial districts to serve four eastern Kentucky counties, each of which is a lone judicial district, but has had no success.

Lambert's proposal included a new family court judgeship for Bell and Harlan counties and another for Letcher and Perry counties. The same concept could have been applied to Floyd, Knott and Magoffin counties, Lambert said.

"But that was seen by some as being unconstitutional or improper in some way. It did not make it through the legislature," Lambert said.

Nothing can be done about the seat before the upcoming election. But Lambert said he'll keep exploring ways to amend the situation.

"I understand they're annoyed. But there is no practical solution to it that I'm aware of — other than just discontinuing family court in Knott and Magoffin altogether and going back to the way it was," Lambert said.



RE-ELECT
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DO YOU REMEMBER THIS FIGHT?

In August, 2004, *I was fighting* for the people of Floyd County and *spending my own money* on ads to *inform the people* that they were getting ready to bring *construction debris* from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and other states into Floyd County *by the trainloads*. Their company would have made *\$13 million dollars a year* and they wanted to pay Floyd County *\$50,000 a year*. **WHAT A JOKE!** Over 15 years, they stood to make *\$195 million dollars*. It's hard to fight this kind of money. I was the *only elected official* in this county that *stood up* and *fought* these people. *We beat them—WE WON. We stopped them* from bringing in construction debris that *could contain asbestos and lead* that could have destroyed our *soil, air and water*. *State officials even said so. I didn't do this by myself*. It took a *lot of people* from this county making a lot of phone calls to stop this. It also helped when a *powerful radio station was against this, too*.

People, I take these fights for Floyd County on because *I've lived here in Floyd County all my life* and *I plan on staying here until I die*. My kids and grandkids will be here after I'm gone. I was born at *Lackey* at the Lackey Hospital. *Growing up* I lived in the town of *Wayland*; over in *Glo* at *Wayland*; *Lackey* by the railroad tracks; *Lackey Hollow*; *Baptist Bottom* and *West Garrett* at *Garrett*; and then moved to *Maytown* where I lived until I got married. Then I moved 5 miles up the road to *Prayer Fork* off *Brush Creek* where I have lived for the *last 28 years*. *I attended school* at *Lackey, Garrett, Maytown*, and *graduated from Allen Central High School*. I graduated from Hazard Vocational School with a *degree in Heavy Equipment Operations and Diesel Mechanics*.

P.S.—TIME IS RUNNING OUT—THIS IS THE LAST WEEK— Anyone who needs to apply for an *absentee ballot*—*you* or a *family member* must *call the Clerk's office* at **886-3816** to request one. **Be sure to watch WPRG-TV 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.** for the **JACKIE OWENS'** political show. **ON May 16th—VOTE FOR AND**

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

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest View

Internet serves as new playground for pedophiles

by RICHARD NELSON

Earlier this month, U.S. Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-Hopkinsville) helped bring to light what is lurking in the dark recesses of cyberspace when he held Congressional hearings on the sexual exploitation of children on the Internet.

And the revelations were startling.

One in five children receive sexual advances over the Internet. Children are being sexually abused—some as young as 18 months—in real time via webcams; Online child porn is a \$20 billion global industry. To put this in perspective, online music sales in 2004 were only \$3 billion. So how did we get to this point?

It's plausible that the flood of hard-core adult porn and obscenity has pushed the envelope leading some to explore child porn. Law enforcement of existing child porn laws is certainly another reason. But most of all, pedophiles, who were once isolated from each other, have converged on the Internet to form a virtual community. Using new technology such as web cams, instant messaging and video iPods, they're swapping not only their illegal porn, but perpetrating new ideas of the unthinkable.

In a word, they've become emboldened.

Justin Berry, a casualty of online pedophiles, put a face on the horrors of Internet child porn when he testified before Whitfield's Congressional panel that people he had met online repeatedly molested him when he was 13. "One of these approached me online with a proposal. He would pay me \$50 if I took off my shirt for a few minutes while sitting in front of my web cam," Berry said. "The seduction was slow. Each request only went a bit further than the last, and the horror of what was happening didn't strike me at that time."

Berry became desensitized by his abuse and then started a pornographic website which featured images of himself. Over the five years his site was in operation, 1,500 people had paid him to perform sexual acts on camera, but only two were arrested. What's more troubling is that the New York Times, whose story originally prompted the hearings, found that in a sample of Berry's clients, a majority "consisted of doctors and lawyers, businessmen and teachers, many of whom work with children on a daily basis."

According to Berry, his story is not isolated. "There are hundreds of kids in the United States alone who are right now wrapped up in this horror," Berry said.

Rep. Whitfield criticized the Justice Department for failing to aggressively go after online child porn users. This apparent green light has been the impetus for pedophiles to seek out child sexual content on the Internet. But it hasn't helped the Justice Department's efforts that the highest court in the land has undermined their efforts.

In 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Child Pornography Prevention Act (CPPA), which cracked down on computer-generated child pornography. In 2004, they struck down the Child Online Protection Act (COPA) which limited children's access to porn sites—a proven segue between unsuspecting minors and pedophiles.

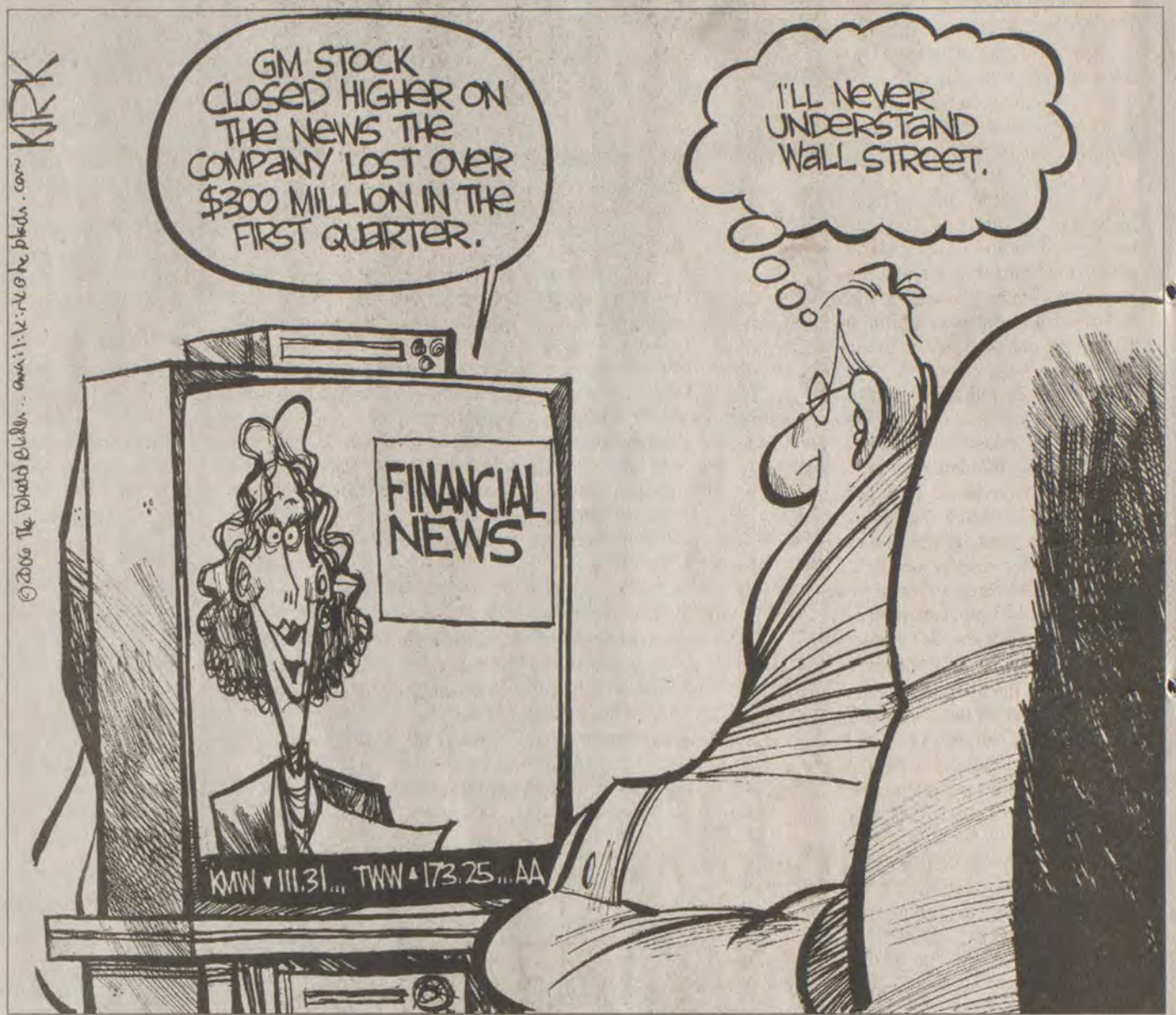
It doesn't help that "free speech" mavens, like the ACLU, fight tooth and nail against any limitations on Internet porn, including child porn. Other allies of the pedophile community include academics like Judith Levine and professional organizations like the American Psychological Association. Both have lent a hand to legitimizing adult-child sex, as many are calling it today.

Just recently, Gov. Fletcher signed a bill that would classify adults convicted of possessing child pornography as sex offenders. And U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced that his department will now aggressively prosecute child porn violations.

This is a good start. But much more should be done to clean up the predatory sites which have become a playground for child molesters. Enacting good laws and tough enforcement are important. Parents are key to policing their children's online activity. But equally critical is that society forge an unequivocal consensus that protects the most vulnerable and innocent among us from others who view them as fodder for their sexual fantasy.

It's long past time to act.

Richard Nelson is a policy analyst for The Family Foundation, a Kentucky nonprofit, educational organization that works in the public policy arena to protect families and the values that make families strong.



Capitol Ideas

Fiddling with oil

Gasoline prices are outrageous, but the response in Washington is just shameful.

A worldwide energy crisis may be unfolding, but the Republicans who control Congress are largely focused on topping Democrats in pandering to voters ahead of the November elections. Worse, most of the proposals swirling around are certain to do more harm than good.

The most cynical is a plan put together by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., to send taxpayers \$100 of their own money to somehow ease the pain at the pump. No better is the Democrats' push for a 60-day suspension of the federal tax on gasoline, which is 18.4 cents a gallon.

This isn't tax relief. At most, the pandering politicians are talking about subsidizing two or three fill-ups at today's prices. And the proposals already are falling flat: Congressional offices have been buried with scorn from angry voters, who know deep down that any cash coming from Washington is theirs in the first place.

Speaking of taxes, Congress just eight months ago passed an energy bill that gave away \$5 billion in special tax breaks to the oil industry. President Bush

has called for taking away such goodies, noting correctly that with crude oil at \$70 a barrel, the industry doesn't need extra incentives to drill.

But Frist fancies himself a candidate for president in 2008. He doesn't want a tax hike on his record going into a Republican primary season. So Frist has instead called for outlawing an arcane accounting convention known as "last in, first out." Oil companies use it, and it shrinks tax bills when prices are going up. Elimination would amount to a giant tax hike. But it would also hurt companies in dozens of other industries, ranging from retail to manufacturing, that also use the accounting convention.

Equally foolish are the Democrats, including California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who advocate outright price controls or a "windfall profits" tax on the oil industry. Let's pause to review: Both political parties in Washington are backing token relief measures for consumers that, if more money was involved, could stimulate demand for gasoline by either lowering pump prices or rebating cash. At the same time, both parties want to jack up taxes on producers, thus remov-

ing incentives to produce greater supplies. This is a recipe for even higher prices. There is a glimmer of hope that the nation's leaders grasp the laws of supply and demand. For example, Frist is again pushing to allow oil exploration in a small sliver of the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge. If President Clinton had signed the last bill to open up ANWAR, the United States would have dramatically more crude oil today.

On the other hand, President Bush has steadfastly refused to cut demand. Congress is talking openly about raising mileage standards for cars and trucks, but Bush says he will support only a program that carves out exceptions for gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles.

Like the oil shocks of the 1970s and 1980s, today's spasm of high prices could end in short order. But some analysts predict a long epoch of dwindling supplies and ruinous prices.

If they are right, the American people will suffer this generation of leaders who value political stunts over sound, long-term strategy.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune

Letters

Cover the uninsured

As Catholic health care providers, we are concerned about the 46 million people in this country who lack health care coverage. The United States is the only industrialized nation in the world without a system that provides quality and compassionate health care that works for all. This is an issue of social justice and one in which we all have a stake. Through our shared faith, Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Russell; St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, W.Va.; St. Clair Regional Medical Center in Morehead; and Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin join other health care providers around the nation in recognizing May 1-7 as Cover the Uninsured Week.

People who are uninsured live without needed care, which can lead to tragic consequences on a person's health. It means minor illnesses become major ones

because care is delayed. Being uninsured also can result in economic problems. Unmet medical needs keep people from working and for many the cost of needed medical services force them into bankruptcy and even poverty. We ask our fellow citizens to join us and urge our nation's leaders to make affordable health insurance a top priority for our nation.

The financing of accessible and affordable health care should be adequate and based upon a pluralistic model, with shared responsibility by government, employers, and individuals relative and proportionate to their ability to pay. We recommend the design and transition to a health system rooted in universal access, consisting of a significant set of standardized benefits sufficient for the development and maintenance of a healthy life.

This is an issue of importance to every American, particularly residents of the Tri-State, where the rate of uninsured citizens is higher than the national average. Improving access to health care is an attainable goal. We encourage you to let our elected officials know how important it is to you that health care be affordable and available for every man, woman and child.

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Guilty

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Blakeman's home and discovered a group of teens lounging at the residence during school hours. Deputy Jeremy Shepherd thought one of the teens resembled the missing youngster and confronted her. The adolescent said she was someone else and Blakeman corroborated the account.

Later, Shepherd called the school to verify the information and learned that the student whose name he was given was in school that day and couldn't have been at the Maytown home. The news prompted another trip to Blakeman's home and she was subsequently arrested.

The missing teen was taken to a nearby hospital and later reunited with her family.

Blakeman entered the plea upon a recommendation from Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum, but balked when she heard that a condition of her two-year probation was that she could not have children that aren't her own in her home for two years.

Marcum offered her a chance to take back the plea, saying, "We can get the jury back in here. They haven't left the building yet."

Blakeman conferred with her attorney and indicated she would still take the plea. Judge James Allen asked her again if the terms of the plea were acceptable, which yielded a less than enthusiastic response from Blakeman, who muttered, "Yeah, whatever."

Blakeman then burst into tears and stormed out of the courtroom but was retrieved by Lt. Greg Clark so that she could receive a written order from the judge officially stating the terms of her plea. She was also held for a conference with two social workers who would have testified at the trial. The subject matter of that discussion was confidential.

Fridge

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Pelphrey, and found the home locked. He said that he knocked on the door for awhile before Pennington answered. Shepherd said that Pennington told him that he and his girlfriend had been arguing and that she had locked him in the home and he couldn't get out.

Shepherd observed groceries laid out on the floor and that the back door had been jimmed open when he conducted a search. He arrested Pennington and charged him with burglary.

Shepherd said that he had no way of knowing what Pennington planned to do with the groceries but that he charged him with burglary for breaking into the home. He observed that there didn't appear to be any way one could have been locked inside the home, as there were no locks on the outside of either the front or back doors.

Judge Hall kept Pennington's bond at \$50,000 cash.

Scam

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businesses and some banks have been fooled by the counterfeit money orders and cashed them. This puts the person who cashes it in jeopardy, as they are now on the hook for the whole check.

Conn said that recipients of the money orders are best served by taking them to the post office, which can verify them. The scam is only the latest perpetuated by con men in Nigeria who have been using the internet to defraud consumers with several scams and have concentrated their efforts on the elderly.

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As the family of Gerald DeRossett, we want to express our sincere appreciation to you for your support, we feel his long record of service to the people speaks for itself. If Re-Elected, he will continue to work for what is right for you.

We want to take this chance to personally invite you to "Meet and Greet Gerald DeRossett" on Saturday, May 6th, at Archer Park from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be plenty of free food, fun, and old fashioned fellowship for everyone! We are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you there!

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Fletcher's vetoes stir political ire in coal counties

by ROGER ALFORD
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FRANKFORT — Kid Rock has performed there. So has Larry The Cable Guy.

The Eastern Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville, a state-owned facility built as part of an economic development strategy, routinely brings in stars who otherwise may never have set foot in the heart of Appalachia.

So last week, when Gov. Ernie Fletcher vetoed \$100,000 that legislators included in the state budget for operational expenses at the center, people in the coalfields were outraged.

In a move that stirred disappointment and anger across coal-producing regions of Kentucky, Fletcher vetoed \$79.1 million in coal-severance tax projects, creating a political issue that could follow him into the next election.

The vetoes stopped funding for an assortment of projects, from senior citizens centers to Little League baseball equipment.

The cost of the projects ranged from \$1,000 to \$2 million, tiny sums compared with some of the appropriations Fletcher halted elsewhere, like the \$26 million parking garage at the University of Louisville, but they've caused a major ruckus in mining regions, especially the eastern Kentucky coalfields.

Some Democratic state legislators already have begun painting Fletcher as anti-mountain region. Donald Gross, a political science professor at the University of Kentucky, said he expects that to continue through this year's legislative races and perhaps into next year's gubernatorial race.

"That's clearly a sellable argument," Gross said.

State Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, was one of the first to use the argument, calling the cuts a slap in the face to eastern Kentuckians.

Michael Baranowski, a political scientist at Northern Kentucky University, said Fletcher had campaigned on a promise to clean up the mess in Frankfort. For that reason, Baranowski said, the Republican governor probably felt he had to veto some projects, and politically, eastern Kentucky was the logical choice.

"That was where Fletcher ran the weakest," Baranowski said. "If some region is going to get the short end of the stick, it's going to be a region you didn't get a lot of support from to begin with."

Fletcher spokesman Brett Hall said individual counties affected by the vetoes will still receive the coal-tax funds, but only for projects approved by the Governor's Office of Local Development.

Mining companies pay the 4.5 percent tax on coal sales, generating more than \$200 million a year in Kentucky. Half of that money goes to coal-producing counties. Half goes into the state's general fund.

By vetoing many of the county-level projects, Fletcher said he has given local leaders more say in which projects should be funded. He said the coal-severance tax revenues were never intended as "a legislators' slush fund" that allows them to unilaterally choose projects.

Fletcher said he wants the coal severance tax money that's returned to coal-producing counties to be used to create jobs and to improve the overall quality of life. He said he wants input from local leaders, community members and legislators in deciding which projects should be funded.

In a telephone interview Friday, Fletcher said he wants to see the money used in visionary ways that will help coal counties grow. He said putting money into Little League baseball may not be the best use of the funds.

Johnson County Judge-Executive Tucker Daniel, chairman of the Kentucky Coal Counties Coalition, said the wishes of local officials haven't always been taken into consideration by legislators who decide which projects are funded.

For that reason, Daniel, a Republican, said he doesn't have a problem with Fletcher's move.

State Sen. Daniel Mongiardo, D-Hazard, said Fletcher's action "creates a re-election campaign slush fund" that the governor can use to leverage political support.

"It's so disappointing," Mongiardo said. "It doesn't take a political scientist to figure out he's in trouble politically. If Gov. Fletcher had done his job instead of trying to keep his job, he wouldn't have to twist arms to get re-elected."

The Fletcher administration has been the subject of a special grand jury's investigation for the past year. Jurors are looking into allegations that the administration violated state personnel laws by awarding state jobs based on political considerations rather than qualifications.

So far, 13 current or former administration officials and associates have been indicted. Fletcher issued a blanket pardon

for everyone who has been or might be indicted in the case with one exception — he did not pardon himself. The grand jury is expected to wrap up the investigation later this month.

Fletcher said he's not surprised by Mongiardo's comments.

"This is a very partisan political demagoguery that he's involved in, and, frankly, I'm disappointed," Fletcher said.

Despite claims to the contrary, Hall said Fletcher's vetoes were intended to remove politics from the process for appropriating coal-severance tax funds.

Some legislators have used their influence to apply funding to questionable projects, including at least one golf course, Hall said.

"The governor wants to get back on course," Hall said. "This is basically Ernie Fletcher empowering the counties to decide how the coal-severance funds should be spent."

Pike County Judge-Executive Bill Deskins said he disagreed with the decision to veto funding for several projects around Pikeville, including the expo center, and that he will work to try to get the funding restored.

For generations, the country's top performers have bypassed eastern Kentucky because no town had a building larger than the local high school gymnasium for shows. Former Gov. Paul Patton said building an expo center large enough for such shows would improve the quality of life in the mountains, which, in turn, would make businesses more likely to want to locate there.

Patton endured widespread criticism in pushing for funding for the 7,000-seat expo center in Pikeville, his hometown.

Representatives of the coal companies that pay the severance tax haven't spoken out on the issue.

"We're neutral on it," said Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association. "Our opinion doesn't count, except to say we want to see severance tax revenue put to good use."

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I have served the boys and girls of the Floyd County School System for thirty-five years. I will work for the teachers, support personnel, all county and state employees to obtain adequate salaries, working conditions, and especially health benefits.

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Hello, my name is Russell Warren Jarrell, and I am seeking the office of Magistrate in District 3. I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your vote and support on May 16, 2006.

I have lived in District 3 for more than 12 years. I presently live at Cushaw/Shop Branch, Printer, Kentucky. My parents are Beulah Jarrell and the late Russell Jarrell. I am married to Bonita B. Terry Jarrell. Her parents are Clinton and Mary Terry from Turkey Creek, Langley, Kentucky. I have three children: Chad, Brandy, and Brittany. I am presently employed by the Floyd County Fiscal Court and have been employed there for more than 11 years. My wife, Bonita, is employed at Moak & Nunnery Law Office.

I feel that I am the most qualified candidate for the position. I can physically do the work. I can operate any piece of heavy equipment and I am a skilled carpenter. I am dedicated and hard-working, and will stand up for the needs of District 3. I am full of determination and know that I can make a difference in District 3. If elected, I will serve as a full-time magistrate. I have been out campaigning and spoke to a lot of people and am aware of the concerns and desires that need to be addressed. Anyone who knows me, knows I will stand up for District 3. If I haven't had the opportunity to speak with you in person, I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your vote and support on Tuesday, May 16th.

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Odds & Ends

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Over, Sin City. Someone in town wants to build a community called Sinnerville.

The Campbell County Commission was scheduled to consider the final plan Tuesday for the 42-acre subdivision, and for its planner, Jason Sinner. The subdivision's name, favored by a few, is expected to be a topic.

"I expect there would be a discussion on that," said Lynn Mackey, commission spokeswoman, who added she probably wouldn't choose to name a place called Sinnerville. "However, the county really does not regulate naming of subdivisions, so there's a conflict with other subdivisions."

Public Works Director Mike Landman said in November that commissioners were opposed to the name. But Sinner told the naming commission he's proud of his name and of his family, which includes George Sinner, who served as governor of North Dakota from 1985 to 1992.

Mark Doyle of Doyle Land Surveying, who worked with Sinner on Sinnerville, said she would fight any attempt at Monday's commission meeting to change the subdivision's name, pointing out that other subdivisions have taken on famous names.

WELLINGTON, Fla. — Big-busted, bronze mermaid statue "The Siren" is not coming here anymore.

The life-size sea temptress, a marquee exhibit at the Wellington Community Center's inaugural Art in Public Places program, drew media attention last summer because of her top-heavy bust line. The sculpture appeared on CNN and was mentioned in Playboy.

"Unfortunately, they didn't push her back," artist Norman J. Landman told the Palm Beach Post. "They were tired of the publicity."

Landman added nipples to the mermaid last month while it was on display at the Palm Beach International Sculpture Center at Wellington Green. The city warned Gitzen to remove them before returning the mermaid.

But then he received a call from Paul Schofield, Wellington's community services director, telling him "The Siren" was no longer needed.

"It didn't matter what decision I made. There was going to be some controversy one way or another," said Schofield, whose department oversees Art in Public Places. "Did publicity go into it? No."

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Malaysia will try to shed its long-held image of being a foul-smelling public place with a National Toilet Day.

Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister Robert Lau — whose ministry will hold the conference in Kuala Lumpur Aug. 24 and 25 — said Tuesday "having clean restrooms in this country is a serious challenge that we have to tackle."

Public toilets in Malaysia have long disgusted residents and tourists with their lack of basic items such as toilet paper, soap and sometimes even toilet seats. Many fall prey to vandals.

Lau said the meeting would bring together local officials and international experts on toilet management, including the founder of the World Toilet Organization, Jack Sim.

Unclean commodes scare away tourists, Lau said.

"The mission is to raise users' etiquette and to motivate the change in the psychological ethics and attitudes of users and owners," he said.

Shopping malls and other commercial establishments that do not have clean toilets may not have their business licenses renewed, he said, adding the government was also considering imposing fines for vendors with dirty washrooms.

BEIJING — A MiG-21F fighter — the once-fearsome Soviet-era jet — is now destined to be simply decoration here.

A Chinese businessman has bought the fighter jet from a U.S. seller on the online auction Web site eBay for \$24,730 and plans to use it to decorate an empty space at his offices, a newspaper reported.

The Beijing News newspaper on Sunday identified the Chinese buyer as Zhang Cheng.

"I like to collect valuable items. I have the buying power and my company has an empty space where I can display the plane," Zhang told the newspaper.

eBay indicates the plane is currently located in Lewiston, Idaho. It said the fighter jet, last flown in 1995, has been inspected by a museum and found to be in excellent condition.

The seller was only identified by the username "inkgirl."

Zhang told The Beijing News he learned from the seller's son by telephone that the fighter jet was retired by the Czech military.

eBay's government relations department didn't immediately respond to a reporter's e-mail seeking comment.

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Some who work in the Hunterdon County Courthouse in Flemington say the ghost of Bruno Hauptmann is flipping on the courthouse's lights each night.

The peculiar happenings have been going on since renovations started months ago to make the courthouse look like it did in 1935, when Hauptmann was convicted there of kidnap-

ping and killing the toddler son of Charles Lindbergh.

"It's Hauptmann's ghost," county Administrator Cindy Yard said.

But county architect Frank Bell says the courthouse's new electricity system is the likely culprit.

The renovation included sensors that shut off the lights when no one is in those areas of the building.

"These are infrared sensors and it's a very sensitive system," that reacts when air currents shift from a heating or cooling system starting up, Bell said.

TUCSON, Ariz. — Levi's and Stetson's are definitely out at the former La Tierra Linda Guest Ranch Resort, a dude ranch where Hollywood's elite vacationed during the 1930s.

Well, the hats are still OK. But the 30-acre ranch, renamed the Mira Vista Resort, is catering to a different clientele: It opens Monday as a clothing optional resort, where nudists can enjoy lounging by the pool, playing tennis, doing yoga or Pilates.

"It's hard to go back to wearing a bathing suit once you've tried it nude," said Dave Landman, one of six new owners.

The Mira is targeting a \$400 million a year industry that has doubled in three years, according to the American Association for Nude Recreation. Landman said the Southwest is ripe for expansion, and Tucson is a good fit because it has a large population in their 40s to late 60s, the age of most who like the lifestyle.

Prior to the Mira Vista, the site was home to the Coyote Moon Resort and Spa for two years. It offered gay and lesbian travelers holistic health education and wellness programs but closed in December.

FERNAN LAKE, Idaho — A northern Idaho man diagnosed with terminal cancer says a usually cantankerous goose that befriended him has helped extend his life.

Bill Lytle was a founding member of the Lake City Striders walking club before he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last fall. Doctors said he had only months to live.

Lytle continued his walks, cutting them down to two miles at a nearby lake, where he met the feral domestic goose who has inspired him to keep going even when he wasn't feeling well.

Mr. Waddles, who weighs about 30 pounds with a red beak and red feet, approaches Lytle when he calls and rubs its head against his arms. But it snaps at anyone else who gets too close, including his wife Myrna, their daughter, and Bill's hospice aide.

"Sometimes he walks around me, sometimes he walks beside

me," Lytle, 73, said of their near-daily meetings. "I rub his neck, and the top of his head and down to his back. Every time I came down, he just kept coming out."

Myrna offered an explanation.

"I wonder, why would that one goose attach himself to Bill?" she said. "I think he knows he's sick. I think animals can sense that."

MILWAUKEE — The votes are in: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee students want to keep their beloved hyphen.

A new coalition wanted to dump the hyphenated name, saying it makes the school seem second to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which is often referred to as the University of Wisconsin by

national sports media.

But 1,286 students who voted in last week's referendum said they want to keep the name as University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, according to results released Sunday night.

Wisconsin State University came in second with 804 votes, according to the student government's Independent Election

Commission. Milwaukee State University trailed with 82 votes, followed by Milwaukee University with 28.

Ten people wrote in for Jedi Academy, a reference to the Star Wars movies.

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I feel that I am the best candidate for the office of Magistrate District 1 because I have always been available to the people of this area when called upon. I stand by a record of integrity that speaks for itself. It shows strong commitment and dedication throughout each term I have served as your magistrate District 1 to date — even during the profound losses of my beloved wife Katie and my dear mother Loma. I have always worked to improve our roads, water system, parks, schools, churches, civic organizations and tourism. I have strived to bring greater economic development and employment opportunities to this area. I have voted against unnecessary tax increases on the citizens of Floyd County.

I am a family man with Christian-oriented morals and values. I have lived and worked in this community my entire life and truly understand the needs of our people. I am determined to make this area one of great admiration that everyone including my children and grandchildren can feel safe, secure, and proud to be a part of in the future.

If re-elected your Magistrate District 1, I will continue to make fair, consistent decisions that are in the best interest of the people. I will work even harder to ensure that the needs of this area continue to be addressed in a most honest and efficient manner by the Floyd County Fiscal Court. I will continue to be truly devoted to the citizens of District 1 and Floyd County serving you with great respect and reliability. I am your loyal and trustworthy "friend in the courthouse."

Please feel free to meet me personally and to discuss any concerns you may have before the upcoming election on Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Archer Park. This is not a political fundraising event, just an expression of my appreciation to the outstanding people of this great community.

Pol. adv. pd. for by Gerald Derossett



Today in History

The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, May 3, the 133rd day of 2006. There are 232 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 3, 1945, during World War II, Japanese forces on Okinawa launched their only major counteroffensive but failed to break the American lines.

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In 1802, Washington, D.C. was incorporated as a city.

In 1916, Irish nationalist James Pearse and two others were executed by the British for their roles in the Easter Rising.

In 1921, West Virginia became the first state sales tax.

In 1933, Nellie T. Ross became the first female director of the U.S. Mint.

In 1944, U.S. wartime rationing of most grades of gasoline ended.

In 1945, Indian forces captured Rangoon, Burma, from the Japanese.

In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to Jews or members of other religious groups were legally unenforceable.

In 1971, anti-war protesters began four days of demonstrations in Washington aimed at shutting down the nation's capital.

In 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labor government in parliamentary elections.

In 1986, in NASA's first post-Challenger launch, an unmanned Delta rocket lost power in its main engine shortly after liftoff, forcing safety officers to destroy it by remote control.

Ten years ago: An international conference in Geneva ended 30 months of arduous negotiations over whether to ban land mines with a weak compromise treaty giving countries nine years to switch to detectable, self-destructive devices.

Five years ago: The United States lost its seat on the U.N. Human Rights Commission for the first time since the commission was formed in 1947. An estimated 36.4 million people tuned in to watch Tennessee nurse Tina

Wesson win "Survivor: The Australian Outback" on CBS.

One year ago: The first democratically elected government in the history of Iraq was sworn in. Iran told a United Nations nonproliferation conference it would press on with its uranium-enrichment technology.

Today's Birthdays: Broadway librettist Betty Comden is 87. Folk singer Pete Seeger is 87. Singer James Brown is 73. Singer Frankie Valli is 72. Sports announcer Greg Gumbel is 60. Pop singer Mary Hopkin is 56. Singer Christopher Cross is 55. Country musician Cactus Moser (Highway 101) is 49. Rock musician David Ball (Soft Cell) is 47. Country singer Shane Minor is 38. Actor Bobby Cannavale is 36. Music and film producer-actor Damon Dash is 35. Country singer Brad Martin is 33. Actor Dule Hill is 31. Actress Jill Berard is 16.

Thought for Today: "A man can become so accustomed to the thought of his own faults that he will begin to cherish them as charming little 'personal characteristics.'" — Helen Rowland, American writer, journalist and humorist (1876-1950).

Martin finds dream job after 50 years

by D.L. DAVIS

For 76-year-old Floyd County resident Mary Martin, finding her dream job took a few years — 50 to be exact. But now that she has found it, she has no intentions of letting go.

"I now have something to look forward to each day rather than just sitting there looking at the four walls," said Martin. "This job was the best thing that could have happened to me. I love working for the Red Cross and helping people."

While in her 20s, Martin and her husband moved in 1955 to Columbus, Ohio, where she accepted a position with Ohio Bell as a long distance operator, a job Martin says she was well suited for. "I love to talk," she said laughingly. "I've been known to bluff my way through a lot of things by talking so much!"

Martin worked for the phone company for nearly four years before attending Columbus Beauty School. She graduated in 1959 and subsequently operated her own shop off and on for the next 28 years. In between, she also worked as a health care aide, deli manager, personal care assistant, gave birth to a daughter, divorced, and moved back to Floyd County in 1996 to care for her former husband John, when he developed brain cancer. Following his death in

1997, Martin helped care for an elderly invalid lady before she too died in July 2005.

"In the summer of 2005, I found myself with no job and nothing to do," recalled Martin. "My retirement income was not much, and I had plenty of bills. Also, I had gotten into the habit of eating regularly! One day I was talking with my daughter Barbara, and she suggested I go to the employment office to see what they had available."

While at the Prestonsburg Office of Employment and Training, one of the workers suggested that Martin contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program to see if she was eligible for the Senior Community Service Employment Program.

"I decided I had nothing to lose, so I went," noted Martin. "The lady who helped me with the application process was Janet Howard. She was just wonderful to me, and I found out that I was eligible for the program. I was assigned to a work site at the Red Cross office, and I've been there since August 2005. They must have liked my work, because they hired me on as a full-time employee in March of this year."

Martin describes being hired at the Red Cross as one of the more memorable highlights of her life.

"I was thrilled to be working

again," said Martin. "I had been going through a difficult time. My pet Chihuahua, Sandi Lou, died in November. I had her for nine years and loved her like a child. I still miss her very much. Working for the Red Cross brought purpose to my life at a time when I desperately needed it."

"I didn't know anything about the Red Cross except their name," said Martin. "I soon learned that there was so much to know about the organization and the tremendous amount of work they do for people."

In her position, Martin assists fire and disaster victims as a caseworker, coordinates other relief efforts and acts as the office secretary and receptionist for the third largest Red Cross chapter in Kentucky.

"I love people, and as a Christian, it is my duty to help everyone that I can. The Red Cross helps me do that," said Martin, who was baptized in the River Jordan on a trip to the Holy Land in 1986.

Bobby Carpenter, executive director of the Floyd County Red Cross, says it was a pleasure to be able to hire Martin.

"Mary is a unique individual who came at a very important time in our chapter. We were involved with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, and the timing couldn't have been better when she joined us through the Senior



Mary Martin, with Red Cross executive director Bobby Carpenter.

program. Mary brought drive, purpose and a remarkable work ethic, which meshed well with our other staff and volunteers. When Mary makes a request of you, it's as if you can't say no! She reminds you of your grandmother; she can step on people's shoes and never mess up their shine!"

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Pike coal company cited after miner's death

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A Pike County mine company has been cited in the wake of the death of a coal miner in April.

The state office of Mine Safety and Licensing issued 11 closure and noncompliance orders against Tri Star Coal LLC of Pike County. Miner David Chad Bolen, 28, of David

in Floyd County, was moving a shuttle car anchor in the company's No. 1 mine when material fell on top of him, the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet said.

Mine safety investigators have concluded that three of the violations contributed to Bolen's death. Those violations were a failure of the mine foreman to adequately examine the

area of the accident before the work shift started and two violations of the mine's approved roof-control plan.

Six other violations of the roof control plan and a second citation for inadequate examination of the mine's roof were cited. The mine was ordered shut down during the investigation.

State officials said the investigation is continuing.

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I want to see VALID REASONS as to why they are lending their support to MEADE!
 I am thankful I can look at his voting history via —
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As of February 2006, Meade's INTRODUCED BILLS consist of (1) renaming 2 bridges, (2) mandate certain traffic control signals, (3) regulating stop lights for school entrances, (4) veterans getting a personal loan benefit, (5) peace officers opting for in-service WITHOUT PAY, (6) coal miner's recognition day and (7) review utilization of disability plan, according to public records posted on www.kentuckyvotes.org

According to an article published in The Floyd County Times (5-2004), Meade defended his position for supporting the same sex marriage/civil union.

“Meade co-sponsored increased compensation for police/firefighters in Fayette County, but not for 95th.” He co-sponsored to honor Marshall County Parade Band and to adjourn the General Assembly. Where is Marshall County? And please do not forget Adjournment for Archbishop Nzimbi and church in Kenya.”


Why did Meade miss voting on 34 house bills? Especially House Bill 680, that expanded the range of specific learning disabilities to include dyslexia. Didn't he think Senate Bill 63 needed a vote to further restrict ephedrine which is used to make crystal meth?

He does not recognize responsibility. For example: Having 9 traffic violations that covered 3 counties, a felony for gun charges, and a bench warrant all dismissed—and asked for these to be “Expunged or Erased,” according to Big Sandy Regional Newspaper.

Another good example of not having responsibility is the destroying, taking, and not accepting a rational decision that my SURVEYORS HAVE A JOB TO DO, TOO.

INCUMBENTS DON'T ALWAYS WIN!
“I'VE HAD ENOUGH”
HAVE YOU?

Why Vote for John K. Endicott as Your Next County Judge/Executive?



“Hello Neighbors, My name is John K. Endicott. I am 44 years old and I am running for County Judge/Executive. I would like to take this opportunity to answer some of your questions concerning my desire to be Your Next County Judge/Executive.

I was born in 1961 to Thurston and Delcie Endicott of Endicott (on Buffalo Creek). Dad is a retired Prestonsburg garbage truck driver and Mom worked various jobs. I am married to Darlene (Goble) Endicott of Cow Creek. I was born with multiple birth defects, including a missing left leg, missing left kidney, a deformed left arm, and deformed spine. I know how tough life is and what it takes to overcome adversity. I like many of you, was raised in a poorer farming family with only a meager income. I know what hard work is, and how tough people have it, struggling to make a living.

What does the County Judge/Executive do?
 “The County Judge/Executive (CJE) job is one of the most important jobs in county government. The CJE is a member and presiding officer of the fiscal court, oversees county roads, and prepares and administers the county budget. The CJE decisions affect everyone!”

What are My Goals as Your County Judge/Executive?
 “There is so much work that needs done in our county! Road repair, countywide water & septic, unemployment, education, economic stimulation, environmental issues, crime, after-school activity centers, and animal shelters, needs immediate attention! Decisions that I make while in office (an office that will be on a ground floor and accessible to everyone) will be based on addressing your needs.”

Why I am the Best Choice as County Judge/Executive?
 “Most of my life has been spent in Eastern Kentucky. I know the needs of the people that live here and I have the ability to meet those needs. As you can see, my qualifications are an excellent match to the job requirements this position demands.”

Before Voting on May 16th - Please Compare My Qualifications to those of my opponents:

- I have High Moral Standards - Necessary to be a good County Judge/Executive.**
 - I was Baptized into Christ and serving Him (Rom. 6:4) since 1999.
 - “Remember, With me, You will Have Honest Government - No Stealing, No Cheating, and No Corruption—Every tax dollar that you pay in will go back out to helping you, your family, and your community.”
- I have the Educational Background - Necessary to be a good County Judge/Executive.**
 - Masters of Business Administration (M.B.A.)—1993
 - Bachelors of Business Administration (B.B.A.)—1986
 - Bachelors of State & Local Government (B.A.)—1986
 - Minors in Economics, Accounting & Secondary Education—1985
 - Associate of Arts Degree (A.A.)—1981
 - Prestonsburg High School Graduate—1979
- I have the Experience Background - Necessary to be a good County Judge/Executive.**
 - I have 20 Plus Years Experience in Management, Administration, Marketing, Grant Writing, Kentucky Economic Research & Tourism Studies, teaching, & Law Enforcement.
- I am Running Independently with Integrity - Necessary to be a good County Judge/Executive.**
 - I am not backed by the Floyd County Courthouse or any special interest groups. I am no ones puppet!
- I am Ready To Work for You - a Quality Necessary to be a good County Judge/Executive.**
 - To my knowledge, with no disrespect to my opponents, but both already have full-time jobs.
 - In 1999, I suffered a severe paralysis, which, I have recently recovered. If elected, I am ready to start work immediately! My full-time job, and only job, will be working for You. The Floyd County people desperately need a good County Judge/Executive with my credentials, and I need the job. Help Me, help You.

Why did I decide to Run for County Judge/Executive?
 With 54,000 people now living in an area of about 394 square miles, our county desperately needs leadership. Because of past judge/executive decisions, the average yearly income is only around \$22,000, and for many, far far less. Almost 17,000, a full 31% of working and disabled Floyd Countians, still live under the poverty level, and many don't have enough of the basics, like food, medical, and shelter. Only about 60% of Floyd Countians are graduating high school with just 10% graduating college. Drug and alcohol addiction are now rampant. Child, spouse, and animal abuse are at an all time high, and crime and corruption are getting out of control. The young, the elderly, the handicapped, and women are now three times more likely to be assaulted than ever. The Lion is upon our people (1 Peter 5:8).

With no disrespect to Thompson or my two opponents, but so many of you, the voters, told me how badly you were mistreated by the current Paul Hunt Thompson judge/executive administration. You also told me that you did not want to vote for either of my two opponents, Ben Hale (who was judge/executive before) or R.D. Doc Marshall (whom you said was being supported by Paul H. Thompson). After hearing hundreds of similar comments and complaints, I felt I owed it to you, to my own conscience, and to God, to be of service to my country by serving you as your County Judge/Executive. As President John F. Kennedy once said, “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.” You see, like some, I am not running for fame, power, or money (Matt. 6:19-21). I am running because I love you, my neighbors (Matt. 22:36-40), and I am going to help you have a better life in every way that I can. I believe that by working together, we can have a more Prosperous, Safer, and Better Quality of Life for All.

On May 16th, Stand with me, and all the good people of this county! Help us break the cycle of political corruption, crime, and the wasting of your tax dollars! No longer can we stand by and wait for someone else to defend us from corruption. Also, don't be fooled by lies and deception, thousand dollar political billboards, or 100's of yard signs, or radio ads, and don't sell your vote for gravel, money, or favors. Our Military personnel have bled and died to keep you safe with the right to vote in a free nation. Let us Honor Them by voting on May 16th.

So, Why Vote for John K. Endicott as Your Next County Judge/Executive?
“The question is Why Not - You will not find a better Candidate to serve you.”
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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

"Trail of Crafts" Spring Fair

Crafts Fair will be held on May 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the Big Sandy Comm. & Tech. College, Prestonsburg campus, walking trail. Local area, as well as regional, craftsmen will be on the grounds to exhibit their work. Items will be available for sale. Proceeds will be used to sponsor scholarships for deserving students. Event sponsored by the Prestonsburg Rotary Club. Contact David Kraus at 886-3082 for more information.

Guest Evangelist at Garrett

Evangelist Charles Whitmore, from Richmond, will speak at the New Beginning Outreach Church, in Garrett, on May 5. Services will begin at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Family Life Seminar

"Behind the Pretty Picture," a family life seminar will be conducted on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the St. Martha Catholic Church Fellowship Hall, Watergap Road. Seminar to be conducted by Mike Allen, Director, Family Life Ministries, Catholic Diocese of Lexington. Come learn how God's grace can bring healing and redemption to even the most complicated family situations. All are invited. Lunch will be provided. This seminar is free, but please call 874-9526 to register.

BSCTC Dance Team Auditions

Tryouts for Big Sandy Dance Team will be held on Sat., May 6, beginning at 1 p.m., on the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus, in the Johnson Building, Wellness Center. To tryout, you must be between the ages of 17 and 25, and eligible to enroll in the 2006 school year. To sign up, or for more information, contact Patricia Goodman at 886-3863, ext. 67242, or email to: patricia.goodman@kctcs.edu. You may also visit the Big Sandy Dance Team web page at www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu/performing_arts.

Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Prestonsburg has re-organized and is now meeting at noon on Thursday at Country at Heart, 128 S. Front Ave., downtown Prestonsburg. Anyone who is interested in joining the club can feel free to stop by and join the group for its regular Thursday meeting. The club is planning a pancake breakfast as its first

fundraiser. For more information call Secretary Joshua Byers, 886-8506 or club President Chris Hoffmann at 886-8511. The Kiwanis Club is a non-profit organization aiming to serve the children of the world.

Big Sandy Quilt, Art & Antique Show

21st annual show to be held May 5-6, at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Friday, May 5) and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Saturday, May 6). Quilts may be entered on Wed., May 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Contact Tammy Penix at 297-1298 or Alice Conley at 297-3298 to register by Monday, May 1.

Father's Day Out

Saturday, May 13, beginning at 12 p.m., at the East Kentucky Science Center, BSCTC-Prestonsburg campus. For school-aged kids age 6-18 and their dads, step-dads, or other male caregivers. Afterwards, those attending with St. Vincent's Mission will be treated to a pizza party at Pizza Hut. Drawings will also be held for prizes. Anyone is welcome to attend, but you must register. Call 886-2513 by April 28th.

Charity Ride

To leave May 21, from Mt. Arts Center, at 12 p.m. Travel to Jenkins/Harlan/Whitesburg area, ending at Fish Pond Lake. \$15 per bike. Drawings for prizes. Free food and refreshments provided by Pikeville Kiwanis. Registration to begin at 11 a.m., at MAC. All proceeds to benefit Harvest Children's Home Christmas Fund. Rain date: May 28 - same time, same place. Call William Layne at 478-9072 or email to: laynedorothy@aol.com for more information.

Aerospace Technology Camp

Summer Aerospace Technology Camp for Kids to be conducted in June and July, in one-three day sessions (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.), at Challenger Learning Center. Ages 6 to 15. Call 487-3049 or 1-800-246-7521, ext. 73049, or email melissaw.collins@kctcs.edu for more details.

HRMC May Calendar

- May 4 - Kiwanis meeting; Meeting Place A, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 - Critical Care Paramedic class; Meeting Place B, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- May 8 - Autism Support Group; Floyd Room, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- May 9 - Sr. Advantage; Meeting Place A & B, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- May 9 - Basic Trauma Life Support; Meeting Room A & B, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- May 11 - Kiwanis meeting; Meeting Place A, 12-2:00 p.m.
- May 13 - Childbirth; Board room, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- May 20 - Diabetes program; Meeting Room A & B, 9-11:00 a.m.
- May 25 - Living Well with Diabetes; Meeting Room A & B, 5-6:00 p.m.

Free small business workshop

"Financing Your Small

Business" free workshop will be held on May 23, from 6-8:30 p.m., on BSCTC Pikeville campus. Offered by MSU's East KY Small Business Development Center. Call 432-5848 for more information.

PHS Class of '76

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1976 will host their 30th reunion Aug. 4-5, 2006. Please contact one of the following individuals for more information: Leesa Powers, 886-8694 or email to: 8694powe@bellsouth.net; Navajo Austin, 886-9110 or email to: jododdie@hotmail.com; or Pat Lemaster, 889-0782. If emailing, please put "Class of 1976" in subject line of email message.

Young Author's Celebration

To be held Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m., at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. All previous Young Author winners (1986-2006) are invited to attend this 20-year reunion, and to please bring their winning books with them, to be displayed during the celebration.

For more information, contact Patricia Watson at 886-2487, or Beverly Crisman at 886-2354, ext. 547.

All parents, teachers, principals, school board members, Young Author's judges, and friends of this program are cordially invited to attend.

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Maytown Center

*Looking for adult volunteers to help with upcoming Mountain Bike Rides. Help needed on both weekdays and weekends. Please volunteer and help us keep this valuable program "in gear"! Bicycle trips are in conjunction with the "Trips for Kids" national non-profit organization. Trips for Kids has provided 8 new mountain bikes to the Maytown Center.

•Monday nights - Volleyball, 7 p.m., co-ed activity, \$1. 7th grade thru adult. Followed by drinks, snacks, pool and ping pong until 9 p.m. Also, basketball from 6-7 p.m. FREE. Must be accompanied by an adult.

•Tuesday and Thursday - Basketball, 5-6 p.m., FREE if under 15. Must be accompanied by an adult. 8-10 p.m., ages 15 to adult, \$2.

•Contact the Maytown Center at 285-0539 or 285-9080 or visit www.maytowncenter.org.

May House Tours

The historic Samuel May House will be open to the public each Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The house, built in 1817, is the oldest house in the Big Sandy Valley. Tours are \$3/person; donations appreciated. The house is located on North Lake Drive (Prestonsburg), across from Pizza Hut and Wendy's.

Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence

Meets the third Thursday of each month, in the Floyd County Family Court Conference room, in the Justice Center, at 3 p.m. Learn how to prevent domestic violence. The information you gain may save a life...the life of someone you know! All interested persons encouraged to attend. For more info., call 886-4323.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus.

Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."

"Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075; David Kraus at 886-3082; or Nancy Johnson at 886-1156 for more info.

UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the FIRST Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

•"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-

step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

Neighborhood Watch

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

Spring 2006 Adult Ed and GED Schedule

Mondays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., BSCTCS Employment Services.

1-3:30 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Layne House, BSCTCS Employment Services.

Tuesdays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Weeksbury Comm. Ctr., Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC Employment Services.

1-3:30 p.m. - Weeksbury Comm. Ctr., David Craft Ctr., BSCTCS Employment Services.

Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., BSCTC Employment Services.

1:30-4:30 p.m. - Dixie Apts., Betsy Layne YSC, BSCTCS Employment Services.

2:30-5:30 p.m. - Floyd County Detention Center.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTCS Employment Services.

Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Allen FRYSC, Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTCS Employment Services.

1:30-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, BSCTCS Employment Services.

2:30-5:30 p.m. - Floyd County Detention Center.

6-8 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

Free Body Recall classes

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

"Earn While You Learn"

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Interested in new job training?

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

Senior Employment

(See CALENDAR, page Twelve)

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My name is Rita Hamilton. I would like to ask the voters of District 4 to support and vote for my brother, Timmy (Tim) Hamilton.

Tim is a family man and will work hard for our kids. He is also a well-liked community member, and if elected, could help our community tremendously. So please vote

TIMMY (TIM) HAMILTON
for MAGISTRATE, DIST. 4

Thank you,
Rita Hamilton

Pol. adv. pd. for by Rita Hamilton



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Floyd County Schools Director of Instruction Henry Webb, right, presented state Rep. Chuck Meade with a plaque Tuesday in appreciation for his assistance in getting Allen Central Middle School new computers for the school's technology program.

Computers

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Center, who will teach students about the work they are doing, as well as possible careers in scientific fields. DataSeam also plans online classes, web chats and other high-speed internet-enabled education opportunities. Teachers will also attend professional development classes offered by DataSeam.

ACMS is only the first Floyd County school to take part in the program. After Tuesday's ceremony, Gupton and state Rep. Chuck Meade planned to visit May Valley Elementary to talk to administrators there about bringing that school into the program.

For Meade, the cancer research was a bonus to solving another problem in Floyd

County school — upgrading the technology available to students.

"We deserve the technology this will bring to Floyd County," Meade said.

Under the program, ACMS received 25 Apple eMac computers to be used as student workstations, as well as five dual-processor iMacs which will give the school district additional videoconferencing capabilities.

According to information provided by DataSeam, Apple computers were chosen because the Mac OSX operating system is preferred by university researchers and the Macs provide "extensive graphic and educational capabilities" to schools.

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State News Briefs

AG opinion: Councilman can't also be state officer
FRANKFORT — A Lexington Fayette Urban County councilman who took a job last year with the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services can't keep both posts, the Kentucky attorney general's office said in an opinion.

George Myers' position as ombudsman for the cabinet is a state office, and a council member is a county officer, the opinion said. A person can't be both, the opinion said.

Myers said in a statement he hasn't determined how he will proceed.

The opinion, issued last week, says that "should Mr. Myers not resign from the Urban County Council, the matter might be brought to the attention of the commonwealth's attorney for possible action."

State law says that no one may be a state officer, a deputy state officer, or a member of the General Assembly at the same time that he or she is an officer or employee of a county, city or consolidated local government.

Myers said he accepted the state job with the understanding that compatibility questions had been examined and resolved by an earlier attorney general's opinion.

Police determine baby's parents weren't involved in bank robbery

WINCHESTER — The parents of a baby whose photograph was found outside a Winchester bank after it was robbed April 7 had nothing to do with the robbery, police determined.

Morgan "Bucky" and Andrea Reynolds of Letcher County had ironclad alibis for their whereabouts at the time of the robbery Winchester Police Detective Tom Lewis said Monday.

"Their alibis — there's about 14 different people that are verifying what they said," Lewis said.

A gunman who robbed the Community Trust Bank branch in Winchester Plaza told tellers he normally would not be robbing a bank but had a sick child.

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 Dist. 3

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I graduated from McDowell High School in 1975; earned a degree in Mining Technology at Pikeville College, and have worked in coal industry since then. I grew up in McDowell, and have lived here for 41 years.

I'm honest, dependable and a hard working man. When I take on a job, I'm dedicated and do my best to get the job done right. I treat everyone with respect and equal, I have been involved in many events throughout Floyd County. I've always been there to help the people. I have coached PeeWee, Little League, Softball, AAU Jr. Pro, and assisted with many other teams. I have always helped the kids any way I possibly can, as they are our future.

I'm 49 years old. I married Rita Hall Moore, daughter of James and Geneva Hall of Beaver; we have two children: Monica Moore Lance, and the late Ernie Christopher Moore; one granddaughter, Courtney Christina Moore. My parents are Edward and Thelma Moore of McDowell; my sister is Tammy Moore Ratliff of Burlington, Ky. My grandparents are Roxie Moore of McDowell, and the late Millard Moore; and the late Harry and Lucy Moore of McDowell.

Submitted by Constable Dist. 3 candidate Ernie Ray Moore. Inadvertently omitted for Meet the Candidates.

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Congratulations, Cody Lee Boyd
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Cody is the son of Melissa Boyd of Dana, Ky.
 His maternal grandparents are Anna Boyd Akers of Dana, Ky., and the late Manford Boyd of Dana, Ky. His paternal grandparents are Chester Lee Akers Sr., of Dana, Ky., and the late Glenda Akers of Dana, Ky. We love you, Cody, and we are extremely proud of you

Mommy, Nanny, Papaw and Uncle Brian



photo by Tom Doty

Sheriff John K Blackburn uprooted 136 very young marijuana plants in a bed just off a river bank in Ivel on Tuesday, after getting an anonymous tip from a man who spotted the patch while four-wheeling.

Graduation

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tences of nonviolent offenders with substance abuse problems while they enter a rigorous treatment program. He said that he naively saw it as a "get out of jail free card," but decided to look into it anyway. He said that attending a graduation ceremony for the program in Phoenix, Ariz., sold him on its merits.

Hall then turned the evening over to the graduates, who proceeded to step up to the microphone and share their feelings with the audience, which consisted of county officials, health care professionals and family members.

Their comments were packed with emotion and spoke volumes. First there was Chasity, who talked about the loneliness of the program, which prohibits contact with individuals that members used to socialize with when they did drugs. She noted how tough that was, but also stated how much value came out of the sacrifice.

"It has saved my life," Chasity said.

Bethany followed and echoed the sentiments voiced by Chasity, saying, "This has changed my life forever."

Three male graduates followed, with Edmund speaking first and also commenting on the necessity of severing ties.

"You've got to move on," he said.

Edmund also drew some laughs when Sheriff John K Blackburn congratulated him and told the audience that they met when Edmund was assigned to cleaning out sheriff's department cruisers after he had kicked in a safety screen in one cruiser when he was first arrested.

Jeremy was next and talked frankly about how his addiction made him see himself.

"In the past, I looked at myself as a nobody," Jeremy said. He lost his composure when he talked about feeling better about himself now and gave credit to the program, saying, "I've got to thank these folks. They showed me some love. They made me this way."

Jeremy was the last graduate called to the program and he talked about getting his life back and more importantly being able to remember every day he spent

in the program.

"These last two years, I can remember everything," he said. "When I was using, I never could remember what I'd done the day before."

Judge Hall closed the evening out with a short coda before inviting everyone to a reception.

"I hope to see you all back here when we have our next graduation in three months," Hall said. "We need to keep this program going. It's not just an alternative to jail; it is an alternative to death."

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said Tuesday that Drug Court, which received funding from the county and Operation UNITE, is poised for long-term success.

"I'm just glad that the county could give some aid to this cause," Thompson said. "It's important that we try to fund recovery as well as law enforcement."

Thompson was also thrilled to see a big turnout for the event: "Communal support can only help these young people succeed as they come back into the community."

Judge Hall concurred, noting that the graduates will be monitored and given additional support for their first six months back in the community. He observed that they will also be called on to help the current members of the program who are just now making the adjustment to giving up their friends and old habits as they try to forge a new drug-free lifestyle.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Floyd County Board of Elections will conduct the Examination of the Voting Machines on May 4, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., for the May 16, 2006, election per KRS 117.165 in the Floyd County Fiscal Court Courtroom.

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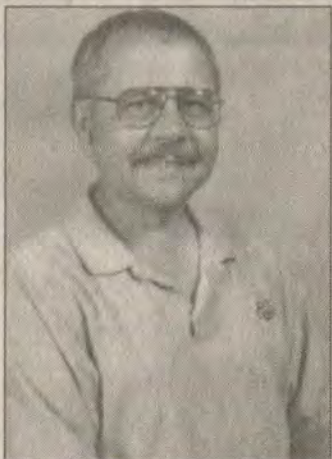
I have lived in District 1 all my life and I know what needs to be done. Before you go to the polls on May 16th to cast your vote, take a drive around the District. Ask yourself a question. do we want more of the same or is it time for a change? I am asking for your vote and support. Help me make changes that our District desperately needs. Give me 4 years and I will prove to you (the people) of District 1, that we, together, can make a difference.

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Thank You!
JOHN A. GOBLE

Pd. for by Patsy Goble, Treasurer; Prestonsburg, KY

To The Voters of District 3:



As the election approaches, I would like to ask the people of District 3 to exercise their American right on May 16th. You need a voice in Prestonsburg, so

get out and be heard on May 16th.

Thank you
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Pol. Adv. pd. for by candidate Doriny Daniels

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A message from MARTY OSBORNE

I am taking this opportunity to ask my friends throughout Floyd County to vote for and support my wife of 19 years—Julie Paxton for re-election to Family Court.

Julie is the hardest working person I have ever met. Julie's workdays are long (I and my children can attest to that) but Julie doesn't mind. Some of the cases that she deals with on a daily basis involve children who have been rescued from horrible situations. Julie cares about her cases and she cares about doing a good job. Most importantly, she cares about children who find themselves in Family Court. These children didn't put themselves there and they deserve and need special attention. Julie makes sure they get it.

When casting your vote on May 16th, please consider carefully the candidates for this race, their experience, their records, and their motivation for seeking this office. I think you will choose Julie.

Thank you very much,
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Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Community Center.
Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office.
Newbee's Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.
Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.
South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)
Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m., Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center.
Green Acres: 1st Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Community Room.

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Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group
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•**East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers** - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.
•**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

Card of Thanks

The family of Preston Collins would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their unsurpassed service.
THE FAMILY OF PRESTON COLLINS

Card of Thanks

The family of Richard Wells wishes to thank all of those friends, neighbors and family who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, prayers or words of comfort expressed. We are especially grateful to Ronnie Duff for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services.
THE FAMILY OF RICHARD WELLS

Card of Thanks

The family of James Duran "J.D." Hamilton wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Samaria Regular Baptist Church for all the acts of kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kindness and professional services.
THE FAMILY OF JAMES DURAN "J.D." HAMILTON

Card of Thanks

The family of Dorothy Tackett would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one; those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke kind words. We are especially grateful to the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.
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The photograph of 8-month-old Emma Marie Reynolds was found just after the robbery outside the bank. Two witnesses said they saw the robber headed for a getaway car in the grassy area where the photo was found. Newspaper readers identified the child as Emma Marie after seeing her photograph. "We have deducted fully that the ... parents of the baby do not have anything to do with the robbery," Lewis said.

Immigrants working in Kentucky horse industry know they're needed

LOUISVILLE — It's five days before the Kentucky Derby, and hundreds of Latino workers bathe, feed and walk horses in the stable area at Churchill Downs. Even the horses have to get used to hearing Spanish as their caretakers work long hours to prepare them for races. While for the most part the racetrack's immigrant workers didn't participate in Monday's nationwide boycott to demonstrate the impact they have on

the U.S. economy, many said they sympathize with the struggle. And they realized a day without immigrants at Churchill Downs would have been disastrous, especially so close to the biggest race of the year. "Who would feed the horses?" asked Fernando Aguilar, an assistant trainer who came to the U.S. more than a dozen years ago from Guatemala. "It would be a huge problem" if the workers didn't show up. Eleven people work under Aguilar to handle several horses, and all are Latino, he said. Though walking off the job would have been impossible for Aguilar, he said he hopes President Bush and other policy makers pay attention to Monday's boycott. "That's how he knows how many immigrants he's got here," Aguilar said.

ACLU files lawsuit challenging funeral protest law
FRANKFORT — Portions of a new state law intended to prevent protesters from disrupting funerals for soldiers killed in

Iraq are unconstitutional and should be struck down, the American Civil Liberties Union said in a federal lawsuit filed Monday. The ACLU filed suit in U.S. District Court in Frankfort, challenging sections of the law that the group claims go too far in limiting freedom of speech and freedom of expression. The lawsuit puts the ACLU, which routinely handles discrimination cases involving gays and lesbians, on the same side as Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., which is known for its anti-gay protests.

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The ACLU filed the lawsuit on behalf of Bart McQueary, a Mercer County man who has protested alongside the church members on three occasions. McQueary had no listed telephone number and couldn't be reached for comment.

U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell has been assigned to hear the case. The ACLU already has asked her to grant a preliminary injunction that would allow funeral protests to continue.



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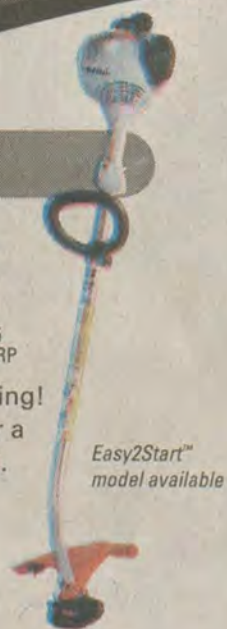


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Undrafted Marsh, Underwood agree to NFL deals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Think of the Indianapolis Colts and New York Giants, and it doesn't take long to make the connection: They're quarterbacked by the Manning brothers.

Now, however, they have one more thing in common: Both have free agents who played at Pikeville College.

Immediately after Sunday's conclusion to the NFL Draft, the Colts agreed

to a contract with two-time first-team All-American Antwan Marsh while the Giants agreed to a deal with E.J. Underwood.

"We're very excited for both Antwan and E.J.," said Jerry Mynatt, who coached both in his three years at the helm of the Bears. "We're thrilled that we were able to attract that type of player to Pikeville College, and that they trusted us with their athletic careers."

"We're saying a lot of prayers for

them and hope they get a chance to do what they want to do."

Marsh was a three-year starter at Pikeville who rarely left the field. A safety by name, he also played receiver and returned kicks in his time at Pikeville. He was named Mid-South Conference Defensive Player of the Year as a junior, and when the league split into divisions last year, he received the same honor in the East Division.

"This is a dream come true, to come

from where I came from and have this opportunity," said Marsh, who will sign with the Colts on Thursday and take part in this weekend's minicamp. "To come from Wadesboro to Pikeville and still sign to play in the NFL just shows if you stick with what you love, there's no telling how far you can go."

Underwood has agreed to terms with the Giants and his agent, Jeff Chilcoat, said he'll sign as early as Tuesday and be ready for minicamp beginning May

12. In his only season at Pikeville College, Underwood was the MSC East's first-team kick return specialist.

"I'm just real excited about this chance and give the honor to God for giving me the opportunity to play for the Giants," he said. "I look forward to being a part of their organization and helping them compete for championships in the future."

(See NFL, page two)

Kinzer finishes 13th at Spring Thaw

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BULLS GAP, Tenn. — Floyd County Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer finished sixth in Heat 1 and raced to a 13th-place finish in the Spring Thaw 100 feature race Saturday at Volunteer Speedway. Scott Bloomquist, behind the wheel of the Hawkeye Trucking/Miller Brothers Coal/Allstar Performance/Sweet Mfg. Inc./Ohlins/VP Racing Fuel/Perry County Tire/Bloomquist Race Cars/Hoosier by Pup/Hypercoils/Arizona Sport Shirts/Gotta Race/Vic Hill Racing Engines/No. 0 Ford Taurus, finished first and claimed the \$10,000 top prize.

Bloomquist finished first in front of fellow veteran drivers Skip Arp and Jimmy Owens.

Todd Morrow of Old Fort, Tenn., in his first-ever visit to Volunteer Speedway set fast-time in qualifying Friday night with a quick lap of 12.474-seconds. A field of 38 Late Models took part in qualifying.

Kinzer was the only Kentucky driver to race in the Spring Thaw 100 feature.

SPRING THAW 100 (OFFICIAL FINISHING ORDER)

Saturday, April 27 at Volunteer Speedway, Bulls Gap, Tenn.

1. Scott Bloomquist, 0, Mooresburg, Tenn.
2. Skip Arp, 31, Georgetown, Tenn.
3. Jimmy Owens, 20, Newport, Tenn.
4. Anthony White, 2, Clinton, Tenn.
5. Billy Ogle Jr., 201, Knoxville, Tenn.
6. Mike Marlar, 157, Winfield, Tenn.
7. Todd Morrow,

(See KINZER, page two)



photo by Guillermo Cuenca

AC knocks off Leslie

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Allen Central handed 14th Region frontrunner Leslie County its first loss of the season on Saturday. Nick Music made the start for Allen Central and held Leslie County to just three runs on three hits in five innings of work. Tyler Turner came on in relief of his fellow senior and closed the game out as Allen Central posted a 5-3 win versus one of Eastern Kentucky's top high school baseball teams.

"Nick (Music) was asked to give us at least four innings and keep us in the gam," said Allen Central Coach Kenneth Johnson. "He exceeded that by going five innings and only giving up three runs on three hits. He pitched brilliantly. He hit his spots and mixed pitches. That's what you have to do to pitch well. Tyler then came in relief and finished the game strong for us in closing down Leslie County."

Turner (6-2) entered recording the win for the Rebels after he entered the game when it was deadlocked at 3-3.

"Leslie County's pitcher did well too keeping our offense, that has been on fire, to a subtle eight hits," Johnson added. "Our hits came at good times though."

Allen Central's hits came at the right time.

Ramon Spurlock delivered quite possibly the biggest Rebel hit in the sixth inning when he smacked a single, advancing the lead run to third base. Spurlock gave Allen Central the lead when he came around to score on a pass ball. Alex Hammonds hit a sacrifice fly to give the Rebels their two-run cushion heading into the final inning.

Saturday's win solidifies Allen Central's case as one of the area's top high school baseball teams. The Rebels (11-4 overall, 6-0 district/conference) are hitting .391 as a team.

Music, Turner and Brock Kidd each had two hits for the Rebels. Spurlock and Scott Little had one hit each.

Kidd and Little are both hitting over .500 for the Allen Central baseball squad.

"We truly played a team game today — that's what I told the guys afterwards," Johnson confided. "That's what it takes to win."

Allen Central continued its winning ways over the weekend, beating 14th Region leader Leslie County.

Rebels outlast P'burg in slugfest

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Friday's 58th District baseball meeting between the host Allen Central Rebels and the visiting Prestonsburg Blackcats featured 26 runs. Prestonsburg tested Allen Central and gave the Rebels a stiff challenge. In the end, however, Allen Central pulled out a 14-12 win. Allen Central improved to 6-0 in district play.

"This was a sloppy game on both sides," Allen Central Coach Kenneth Johnson confided. "We already had the regular season championship wrapped up with the win against Betsy Layne, but we still wanted to come away with a win."

Josh Prater took to the pitcher's mound in the seventh inning and recorded the win for the Rebels.

Prater, Nick Music and Brock Kidd each went 3-for-4 for the Rebels. Prater drove in three runs and Music knocked in two.

For the first time during the 2006 season, senior Josh McKinney took the mound and pitched for the Rebels.

"He hadn't got to pitch any this season due to arm troubles so I just wanted to let him get some work in," Johnson said. "He did good for two innings, but that's all he was good for before his arm started tightening up some. Our pitching wasn't as good as usual for this game in that we allowed way too many walks. You cannot give up free bases and expect to win a game. We did however get the win, and in the end, it was a big time pitching performance in the last inning from Josh

(See REBELS, page two)

Plastics — they're in the bass fisherman's immediate future

by STEVE VANTREESE
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — "Plastics." In the film "The Graduate," Dustin Hoffman's character early on was given that cryptic one-word of advice on which to bank his future.

Kentucky fishermen today might do well to receive and accept that same directive for their immediate future of catching springtime bass. With large-mouth across Kentucky drawn shallow in and around brush, wood cover or weeds for the spawning season, soft plastic lures could be the most efficient means to catch them.

Basic plastics for bass go back to the original Creme Wiggle Worm of more than a half century ago. Plastic worms were all the rage of bass fishermen during the 1960s and 70s because they were highly attractive to fish and they led to the development of the self-weedless "Texas rig" hooking arrangement.

To do a Texas rig, tie on an appropriate hook and push the point into the worm's head and right back out the side a quarter-inch or so from the insertion

(See PLASTICS, page two)

Maynard signs to play college tennis

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG — The University of the Cumberland's (formerly Cumberland College) tennis team has signed Tyler Maynard.

As a tennis player at Lawrence County High School, Maynard was second in wins for both singles and doubles. He was also a state qualifier. Maynard is expected to make an immediate impact within the Cumberland's men's tennis program.

"Maynard is a physically strong player who has an even stronger desire to do well

(See TENNIS, page two)

Nichols nets Late Model feature win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — Raymond Nichols returned to victory lane Saturday night, taking the Late Model feature win at 201 Speedway. Nichols outlasted all other Late Model feature drivers, finished first ahead of David Powers, Eric Wells, Ralph Francis and Lee McKenzie.

Randy Boggs was the fast qualifier in the Late Model class, turning a fast lap time 14.11. Anthony Adams followed with a lap of 14.14.

Brandon Mason was a repeat winner in the Open Wheel Modified feature, finishing first ahead of Randy Boggs, who pulled double duty as a driver in both the Modified and Late Model classes. Mason was also the fastest qualifier, turning in a 15.30 lap. Randy Fouts was the second fastest Modified qualifier (15.34).

Darren Muncy, Shon Flanary and Brandon Johnson rounded out the top-five in the Modified class.

Tommy Keeton won Saturday night's Street Stock feature. Buck LeMaster finished first in the Bomber feature and Gary Whitt grabbed the top spot in the Four Cylinder feature.

A breakdown of Saturday night's feature races

follows.

LATE MODEL FEATURE: 38 Raymond Nichols; 97 David Powers; 18 Eric Wells; 1 Ralph Francis; 36 Lee McKenzie; 11 D.J. Wells; 51 Randy Boggs; 3 Scooter LeMaster; 13 Jamie Ferguson; 87 David Smith; 53 Paul Porter; 24H Michael P. Howard.

OPEN WHEEL MODIFIED FEATURE: 15 Brandon Mason; 51 Randy Boggs; 55 Darren Muncy; 98 Shon Flanary; B17 Brandon Johnson; 7 Mike Osborne; 84 Walt Mayabb; K20 Mickey Sanson; 111 Driver name unavailable; 11 B.J. Osborne; CJ1 Charlie Jude; 11 Pete Castle; 46 Dennis Deboard; -3 Jack Clevenger; 53 Scott McCloud; 82 Randy Fouts.

STREET STOCK FEATURE: 48 Tommy Keeton; 25 Albert Butcher; 77 B.J. Bates.

BOMBER FEATURE: 17 Buck LeMaster; 81 Benny Butcher; U2 Scott Pennington; 6 Jared May; 7C Walt Castle; 69J Jarod Flanary; P12 Dean Pennington; 7 Brian Crabtree; 17 Jimmy Gilbert; R18 Don Risner.

FOUR CYLINDER FEATURE: Ole 7 Gary Whitt; 18K Shawn Henson; 44 Billy Blanton; 21 Pat Morris; P20 Ervin Vance; 3D Jamie Hamilton; 15 Driver name unavailable; D6 Darren Rogers; 12 Chad Hall; M55 Mark Jude.

BoB DirtCar Series headed to 201 Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SITKA — The O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts will head east Saturday to 201 Speedway. On tap for the Johnson County racetrack will be a complete program for the nation's most competitive regional racing series with Racing Optics Time Trials, Mason Racin'/Arizona Sport Shirts Heats, Design 500 B-Mains, and the O'Reilly Auto Parts A-Main paying \$3,000-to-win. Past O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series winners at 201 Speedway include inaugural Series Champion Eddie Carrier Jr. (2), Floyd County veteran Paul Harris (2), Whitney McQueary (twice), 2004 Series Champion Aaron Hatton and Tyrel Todd.

Historic 201 Speedway is a 3/8-mile high-banked clay oval located 5.5 miles north of US 23 on SR 201, just north of Sitka. The track phone number on race day is 606/265-3201.

Dunnville native Brad Neat leads the current Series point standings, holding a 65-point advantage over Bryan Barber. Defending Series Co-Champion Tim Tungate sits third while Scott James holds fourth. Defending series Rookie of the Year Chris Combs and defending series Co-Champion Mike Jewell are tied for fifth.

Thus far in 2006, four events have been run

while four events have been rained out. Veteran racer Don O'Neal captured the first two races of the season going back-to-back at Florence Speedway April 14-15. Greg Johnson led all 40 laps en route to winning the 23rd Annual Hoosier Dirt Classic at Brownstown Speedway on April 22 and followed that performance up with a win last Friday night at the Richmond Raceway.

For more information on the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts, go online to www.battleofthebluegrass.com or call the series office at 859/433-5707.

2006 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Points

1. 41 Brad Neat, 830
2. 10 Brian Barber, 765
3. 18 Tim Tungate, 745
4. 83 Scott James, 730
5. 47 Chris Combs, 725
5. 9 Mike Jewell, 725
7. 11 Bobby Wolter Jr., 600
8. 16 Justin Ratliff, 585
9. 4 Greg Johnson, 550
10. 33 Jesse Lay, 535

Rebels

Prater, who got the win." Josh Rodebaugh got the pitching start for Prestonsburg. Brenton Hamilton came on in relief of Rodebaugh. The Rebels produced over a dozen runs, but didn't hit the ball as well as they had in recent games. "We didn't really hit that

well either, but when we reached base we moved our runners along," Johnson added. "Although we weren't playing well, we were still playing smart baseball and taking advantage of mistakes made by Prestonsburg. That's what helped us pull out the win."

McKinney, Scott Little and Ramon Spurlock each had on hit for the Rebels. Friday's win over Prestonsburg was the third 58th District victory of the week for the Rebels. Allen Central defeated South Floyd and Betsy Layne in other district games last week.

Plastics

point. Rotate the point toward the body and slide the worm head up over the eye of the hook. Finally, bury the point of the hook back into the body of the worm at a place where the lure will lie in a straight line.

The result is a hooked lure that can be tossed into weeds or brush and (usually) pulled along gingerly without snagging. When a bass sees and sucks up the lure, the fisherman takes up slack line and "sets" the hook with a hard sweep, pulling the sharp point through the body of the plastic and into the fish jaws that engulf it.

The plastic worm has allowed the fisherman to put his lure right into the jungles of heavy cover that bass prefer without being snagged, yet allow him to hook the fish that "bite."

The worm is now made in countless variations of size, length, thickness, tail and body contour, and colors, and worms still work well. Worms are almost overshadowed nowadays, however, by the assortment of other soft plastic designs.

Lizards with realistic body shape, legs and tail - often with curly appendages that appear to swim through the water - were one of the first variations in plastics. Craws (crayfish, crawfish or crawdads) with pincher claws, often antenna and even legs are another class of plastics based on another real bait item.

Extremely popular are creature baits, which are bulkier lures often with features of multiple prey species combined. Typified by the Zoom Brush Hog, a creature bait may have swimming legs or a tail, "flappers," claws or other appendages for lots of movement, greater visual profile and a slower sink rate in the water.

Tube lures, squid-like hollow-bodied plastics with multi-stranded tails, have proliferated from the original Gitz-it tubes. They are made in "finesse" sizes of around three inches for light tackle, but larger, thicker "flipping tubes" are preferred for heavy gear and presentations in brush and vegetation.

Some bland looking soft plastics shaped somewhat like cigars

or more elongated minnows are rather accurately termed "stick-baits." These, like the Senko, Slug-go and Fluke stick varieties, are often fished unweighted and twitched like dying baitfish, allowed to sink by "dead-sticking," or they may be rigged "Carolina style" with a freely wafting leader behind a weight.

Some soft plastics closely resemble prey on which bass normally feed, while other lures don't look like anything fish or man has ever encountered. It doesn't seem to matter.

They are produced in sizes that suggest vulnerable food to bass, and they are soft and life-like in feel. They are buoyant and flexible enough to appear like a living baitfish, invertebrate, reptile, crustacean or something that a predatory bass would be inclined to put in its mouth.

And critically important, most soft plastics lend themselves to self-weedless hooking that make it possible to put them into snaggy, cloistered waters, yet haul them back out with bass attached to them.

Tennis

in tennis," said Cumberland tennis coach Chin Tan. "Tyler's serve is his real strength and his ground strokes are based on his strong legs and great racket speed."

Tan and his entire coaching staff are looking forward to getting Maynard on the Williamsburg courts. "Given time to improve the

soundness of his swing shapes, Tyler will have a great career playing for the Patriots," Tan added. Maynard is the son of Bruce and Jamie Maynard of Louisa.

Kinzer

- 11. Old Fort, Tenn.
- 8. Steve Smith, 3, Powell, Tenn.
- 9. Scott Sexton, 52, Pigeon Forge, Tenn.
- 10. Vic Hill, 1, Morristown, Tenn.
- 11. John Blankenship, 23, Williamson, W.Va.
- 12. Dale Ball, 2, Johnson City, Tenn.
- 13. Brandon Kinzer, 18, Allen

- 14. Steve Jones, j3, Maryville, Tenn.
- 15. Kerry Jones, 6, Bristol, Tenn.
- 16. Mike Smith, 4, Rogersville, Tenn.
- 17. Michael Jackson, Q3, Greeneville, Tenn.
- 18. Jerry Broyles, 72, Jonesborough, Tenn.
- 19. Brett Miller, 25, Asheville, NC

- 20. Bobby Giffin, 97, Maryville, Tenn.
- 21. Tommy Kerr, 4T, Maryville, Tenn.
- 22. Mark Douglas, 1d, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 23. Herman Goddard, 22, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 24. Terry Wolfenbarger, 14, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 25. Rick Rogers, 44, Knoxville, Tenn.

NFL

Chilcoat admitted the chances of free agent signees making it to the team are usually slim. "Historically, the percentages are not with you. It's an uphill battle," he said. "But I really believe that doesn't factor

in for E.J. I think he has a significant chance because of his God-given abilities.

"And, from what I've heard, the same can be said for (Marsh)." Marsh and Underwood are the first Pikeville College players to

agree to terms with NFL teams. They helped the Bears to a 7-3 mark and the first playoff appearance in school history last fall.

Pikeville began playing varsity football five years ago and has posted a 28-23 record.

ALC baseball team honors seniors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College baseball team closed out its regular season last week, winning three of five games. On Friday and Saturday, the Eagles traveled to Berea College for a three game KIAC Conference series. The Eagles won the single game on Friday by the score of 4-0. Jason Smith was the winning pitcher. Carlos Armenteros had two hits and two RBI's in the game.

The Eagles lost the first game of the doubleheader on Saturday by the score of 2-1. Trent Waymire pitched very well in a losing cause. The Eagles fought back to win the second game 13-6 after trailing 5-0 early on. Jason Bufka was the winning pitcher for the Eagles. Clay Christian had three hits for ALC. Trenton Vanhoose, Carlos Armenteros and Adam Blevins each had two hits for the winning team. In all, the Eagles collected 19 hits in the game.

On Sunday, the Eagles hosted Centre College on Senior Day. Centre won the first game 11-5.

Jonathan Saylor was the losing pitcher for Alie Lloyd. In the second game, the Eagles won 5-1. Betsy Layne High product Jordan Kidd was the winning pitcher. Vanhoose and Christian had two hits each.

Ronnie Johnson had four hits in the game. The seniors were presented with their game jersey in a case. This year's seniors are Smith, Blevins, Matt Frazier, Robert Fitzpatrick, Jonathan Saylor and David Hatfield.

The KIAC double-elimination Conference Tournament will begin today in Owensboro. Game times and opponents were unknown at press time.

The ALC softball team played only two games last week. The softball team's Wednesday doubleheader at UVA-Wise was canceled due to rain. The Lady Eagles played at Brescia University on Sunday, losing both games of the twinbill.

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McLaughlin looking for Derby win after last year's close call

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — His kids have been peppering Kieran McLaughlin for weeks: "Daddy, do you like these horses better than Closing Argument? Do you think we'll do better?"

The trainer laughs. "Better? If we do better, we win the Kentucky Derby!" he said. "I'd say it's going to be hard to do better than last year, although I like our chances."

McLaughlin loved his chances last year before Giacomo came flying past Closing Argument in the final 70 yards and won the Derby by a half length at 50-1 odds. Closing Argument was an even longer shot at 71-1.

While the good-natured McLaughlin said his first Derby was the "thrill of a lifetime in an eighth of a mile," he's back at Churchill Downs ready to try again with Jazil, and possibly Flashy Bull.

Jazil, owned by Sheik Hamdan's Shadwell Farm, could be one of the more intriguing horses in what is shaping up to be a full field of 20 3-year-olds. The Kentucky-bred son of Seeking the Gold is coming off a fast-closing second to Bob and John in the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct.

It was still uncertain whether Flashy Bull would make the field. The gray colt was ranked 21st on the graded stakes earnings list, which determines the field if more than 20 are entered

Wednesday.

Jazil, though, may have the perfect style for this Derby, which features front-running favorites Brother Derek, Lawyer Ron and Barbaro. If the top horses run too fast at the start, the finish could set up for a closer like Jazil.

"Jazil is exciting because of all the pace you have," McLaughlin said. "You have to feel like we're going to be running over horses late. Whether we get there or not is another issue. But it's a great year to have a come from behind, quality closer."

With just a maiden win back in December from six career starts, Jazil may be blossoming at the right time under 18-year-old jockey Fernando Jara.

In the 1 1/8-mile Wood over a sloppy track in his last race, Jazil and Jara closed ground at an amazing clip. They were about 14 lengths behind Bob and John and Keyed Entry on the far turn, then six lengths back midway through the stretch. At the wire, Jazil zipped past Keyed Entry and finished just behind Bob and John.

There's added incentive to win the Derby with Jazil. McLaughlin worked for Sheik Hamdan in Dubai for nearly 10 years before returning to the U.S. permanently about three years ago and opening a public stable. One of his top clients is Lexington-based Shadwell, which has 16 horses in training with McLaughlin.

"He's such a good horseman

and team player that we wanted to continue to have our horses involved with him," Shadwell's general manager Rick Nichols said.

Shadwell bought Jazil for \$725,000 at the 2004 Keeneland September yearling sales. The name means abundant in Arabic, according to Nichols.

"Sheik Hamdan is very excited about this colt," Nichols said, adding that he speaks to the sheik almost daily. "He's a little concerned about his style of running, coming from so far off. But in this particular Kentucky Derby, it might be the way to do it."

The biggest concern, says Nichols, is "there's so much speed in the race, the only real difficulty we'll have is filtering through traffic if they start coming back to him. If he gets a clear run, he might be difficult to contend with."

McLaughlin, a former D. Wayne Lukas assistant who was in charge of hundreds of horses while in Dubai, opened his stable with about 25-30 horses. Today, he has 70 in training for about 25 owners.

"The Maktoum's have supported me throughout and that's why it's so great to think about getting to the Derby with Jazil," McLaughlin said. "There's probably nobody else in the world I'd rather win the Derby for."

And what if Flashy Bull gets in for owner West Point Thoroughbreds?

"If it's me (winning) and I'm the trainer, then they're my favorite next owner," he said.

Derby tries to balance tradition with crowds and corporate progress

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Steve Sexton is the first to admit the traditions at Churchill Downs are part of what makes the Kentucky Derby so special.

The twin spires looming over the grandstands. Mint juleps served in their signature glasses. Derby hats the size of small cars tilted just so. The rose blanket awaiting the winner of arguably the world's most famous horse race.

It's why so many people — over 156,000 people last year — cram the grandstands and the infield ready to roar when the best 3-year-olds in the world make their way from the paddock to the post on the first Saturday in May.

"It's really a slice of Americana," said Sexton, president and CEO of Churchill Downs. "It is, to people who don't know racing, racing."

But the Derby is also a business. Derby Day is the track and the state's marquee event. And as the Derby's popularity has grown, track leaders have been forced to find a way to keep the race and Churchill Downs both timely and timeless, even if it means tweaking some of the traditions that helped make the event what it is.

The twin spires are still the track's iconic symbols, but now they're barely removed from the shadows of 80 luxury boxes, part of a \$121 million renovation project completed last year.

And mint juleps remain the drink of choice, even if the race's traditional concoction comes in a pre-made mix these days.

"There is a challenge in continuing to maintain the tradition of the Derby," Sexton said. "It's a tricky and complex process."

Now, even the name of North America's oldest sporting event has changed. The 132nd running of the Derby will be presented by Yum! Brands, the parent company of restaurant chains

like Taco Bell and Pizza Hut. The company's logo will be featured on everything from the pony riders' jackets to a sign over the starter's gate to the saddlecloths the actual Derby horses wear during exercise sessions.

Yum! Brands isn't the first company to be featured prominently at the track. But attaching the name of a company to one of the sport's most sacred races could leave some purists to wonder if the "Kentucky" is being taken out of the Kentucky Derby.

The Derby "is one thing that makes us great as a state," said Peggy Harp as she sat in the reserved section at Keeneland, a track an hour to the east in Lexington. "We older people like things the way they were."

Connie Asbury, who owns a horse farm near Lexington, said she used to attend the Derby regularly, but doesn't anymore. The crowds and the corporate influx have become too much.

"They'd keep making a lot of money even without that," Asbury said. "It takes away a lot of the class. Signs of the times aren't always good signs."

Yum! spokesman Jonathan Blum understands the concern but he's not worried about the company's logo — a red word balloon with "Yum!" in white letters — ruining the Derby.

"We'll be tasteful but highly visible," Blum said. "We're trying to be very sensitive to the history of Churchill Downs."

And generate interest in Yum! businesses at the same time. The 150,000 people who will fill Churchill Downs on Derby Day is a small number compared to the millions who will watch the race on television.

"We're trying to reach millions of investors," Blum said. "We're creating an impression for all those who are not as fortunate to attend the event and sing 'My Old Kentucky Home' in person but are singing along with the ones that are there."

Figuring out a way to preserve tradition while exploring new sponsorship opportunities is a problem other tracks would love to have.

"We'd certainly embrace sponsorship," said Lou Raffetto, president and chief operation officer of the Maryland Jockey Club. The club runs Pimlico, which is home of the Preakness, the second leg of the Triple Crown. "Traditionalists have to realize that racing has changed and unfortunately, whether we like it or not, it's become more of a business. Change is a tough word for some people on the track."

Turfway Park CEO Bob Elliston grew up in Richmond, south of Lexington, and considers himself a traditionalist. At the same time, he also knows the pressure of a track to remain relevant and up-to-date in an age when there are so many other ways for consumers to spend their money.

"You can't rest on your laurels, you can't just rest on the fact that you have the greatest two minutes of sport," Elliston said. "They're looking to build on that. It would be easy to sit back and enjoy the notoriety, but they're not."

And maybe, even with all the signs and all the sponsors and all the progress, the Derby is still the Derby.

Dr. Bob Stout, a veterinarian for the state, was attending a convention in Louisville when he joined a large group who headed to Churchill Downs for a tour. Many of the conventioners were making their first visit to the track.

"They were absolutely mesmerized," Stout said. "They saw the track up close. They saw the spires. They saw the grandstand. They said being there made them connect to the track and the Derby more than just seeing it on TV. It's still a special place."

Associated Press writer Jeffrey McMurray in Lexington contributed to this report.

Andrew Hoy wins Rolex Kentucky Three-Day event

— The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Australian Andrew Hoy and Master Monarch turned in a perfect show jumping performance to win the \$200,000 Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event on Sunday at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Hoy, who was in 17th place after the dressage phase that ended Friday, moved up to sixth after Saturday's cross-country. Following his show jumping round, he could only wait for

those ahead of him in the rankings to make mistakes, and all did.

Overnight leader Becky Holder of Minnesota on Courageous Comet had four fences down to drop to 13th place after the final phase of the event.

Hoy, 47, was competing at the horse park for the fourth time in his career. He had 53.1 penalties to take the \$65,000 first prize, while runner-up Heidi White of South Carolina logged 57.4 penalties that included two knockdowns in show jumping

with Northern Spy.

White was the highest-placing American, she won the U.S. Equestrian Team Foundation's 4-Star Championship Pinnacle Trophy.

Defending champion Kim Severson did not enter her three-time Rolex Kentucky winner, Winsome Adante, hoping he would be chosen off his previous achievements for this summer's World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany, for which Rolex was a selection trial.

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Dumervil wants to be known as more than Vick's victim

by ARNIE STAPLETON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Elvis Dumervil has forgiven Marcus Vick and is ready to get on with his life in the NFL. The Louisville defensive end was selected in the fourth round by the Denver Broncos on Sunday after leading the nation last year with 20 sacks and 11 forced fumbles.



Elvis Dumervil

He also was an All-American

and won the Bronko Nagurski Award, which goes to college football's best defensive player, and the Ted Hendricks Award, handed out to the nation's top defensive end. Despite those lofty credentials, Dumervil is best known as Vick's victim.

Vick, the troubled younger brother of Atlanta Falcons star Michael, stomped on Dumervil's left calf in the Gator

Bowl. Virginia Tech cutting ties with Vick four days later.

"I spoke to him at the combine and he apologized," Dumervil said. "And you know I think the kid has a lot of other things that he has to deal with, and so I really just kind of moved on. Hopefully he gets his stuff together and I wish the best for him."

Marcus Vick has been in plenty of trouble. He has been charged with marijuana possession, furnishing alcohol to minors, having sex with a 15-year-old girl, and reckless driving in the past. After stomping

on Dumervil, he was charged with pointing a gun at some teenagers he thought insulted his girlfriend.

He also made an obscene gesture to fans at West Virginia in October and was caught driving with a suspended license in December.

But the lasting image of Marcus Vick is of him stomping on a prone Dumervil, forever linking the two.

"It happened," Dumervil said. "I could have been hurt really bad. It is what it is. But I really don't think about it often. I see it on TV a lot when they're

talking about Marcus Vick's situation."

Dumervil wasn't hurt, although he did blame a troublesome hamstring injury, which limited his workouts at the NFL combine, along with his height — he stands just shy of 6 feet — for sending his stock spiraling over the weekend.

After waiting by the phone until nightfall Saturday, he got a wake-up call from the Broncos early Sunday when they chose him with the 126th overall pick.

"I just kind of kept a positive mind-set," Dumervil said. "I'm just excited to get off the board

early and land in Denver. I really don't feel bad no more."

He'll get the chance to make an immediate contribution. The Broncos' lack of a pass rush was exposed in the AFC championship game when Denver couldn't lay a hand on Pittsburgh passer Ben Roethlisberger.

Dumervil's size and skills could also make him a candidate at outside linebacker.

"I'm the type of guy who will do whatever they ask me to do, but I think my position is rushing the passer," Dumervil said. "I'm a hard worker and I bring energy to the defense."

Three Cardinals drafted on second day of NFL Draft

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Senior defensive end Elvis Dumervil, linebacker Brandon Johnson and defensive tackle Montavious Stanley of the University of Louisville football team were drafted on the second day in the National Football League Draft on Sunday.

Dumervil was the 29th selection in the fourth round and the

126th player taken overall by the Denver Broncos. Johnson was the ninth pick in the fifth round and the 142nd overall selection by the Arizona Cardinals and Stanley was the 13th pick in the sixth round and the 182nd overall by the Dallas Cowboys.

I like the situation in Denver," said Dumervil. "I'm in a good position with them. I was hoping to go in the first day of the draft. They told me they

wanted me to play defensive end so I'm excited about that. I'm just thankful for the opportunity to continue my career."

Last season, Dumervil was one of the most dominating players in collegiate football, leading the nation in sacks with 20 and was named the Bronko Nagurski Award winner as the nation's top defensive player. The 6-0, 255-pound defensive end was third on the team in tackles with

66 and had 10 forced fumbles.

A native of Miami, Fla., Dumervil was tabbed the BIG EAST's Defensive Player of the Year, as well as being named a first team All-American by the AFCA, Walter Camp Foundation and the Associated Press. He set an NCAA record with six sacks against Kentucky and for sacks in consecutive games with nine.

Johnson, a gifted athlete, also

had an outstanding season for the Cardinals. He led the team in tackles with 72 a tied for the team lead in interceptions with two. He had three games of 10 tackles or more last year, including a season-high 11 against West Virginia and Connecticut. He earned second team All-BIG EAST honors a year ago.

Stanley played in 11 games for the Cardinals before injuring his shoulder after the

Connecticut game, which forced him out of the Gator Bowl against Virginia Tech. The 6-2, 321-pounder from Albany, Ga., was fifth on the team in tackles with 46 and third with 5.5 sacks. He was a second team All-BIG East honoree.

Dumervil, Johnson and Stanley were the fourth Cardinals to be drafted after Jason Spitz was a third round selection by the Green Bay Packers.

Bowling: Tough Leathernecks eliminate Pikeville 4-1

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROCKFORD, ILL. — With senior Michelle Leonard needing to strike in the 10th to keep her team and career alive, she left the 7-10 standing and Pikeville fell 4-1 to Western Illinois in the fourth round of the 2006 USBC Intercollegiate

Team Championships at Cherry Bowl.

Leonard's spare-eight left Pikeville three pins behind, 185-182, to move the Leathernecks on to play Central Florida for a chance at Morehead State in the semifinals. Morehead remains unbeaten at 3-0 and has to lose in con-

secutive matches to be eliminated from the finals.

Pikeville led 136-116 after LaDeanna Damron struck in the seventh and Tish Carpenter spared the eighth. Western Illinois struck in the eighth and ninth, but Pikeville sophomore Kayla Bandy left a single-pin spare to move the

Leathernecks in front 165-164. A spare-strike combo in the 10th meant Leonard, a native of Beavercreek, Ohio, needed to strike to keep Pikeville alive.

Western Illinois — from the town of Macomb, only a three-hour drive from Rockford — jumped on top 2-0 with 193-188

and 214-158 wins. Pikeville's Damron, Carpenter and Bandy rolled a turkey in frames 7-9 of the opener, but Western Illinois' Elizabeth Brents went strike-strike-nine to pull out the tight opener. Five straight strikes late was the difference in the easy game-two win.

Pikeville "picked up" what

would prove to be its only win in game three with a 187-168 win. No open frames was the difference for the Lady Bears, using eight spares en route to the win.

Game four went to the Leathernecks as Pikeville couldn't overcome a turkey in frames 2-4 in a 205-182 loss.

Mid-South Conference Baseball 2006 All-Conference Team

COACH OF THE YEAR: Brad Shelton, University of the Cumberlands.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Adam Burks, Georgetown College.

FIRST TEAM: Victor Wooldridge, 1B, So., University of the Cumberlands; Chase McCulloch, 2B, Sr., Lindsey Wilson College; Hector Urbaneja, SS, So., Campbellsville University; Chris Cartas, 3B, Sr., University of the Cumberlands;



Justin Arms

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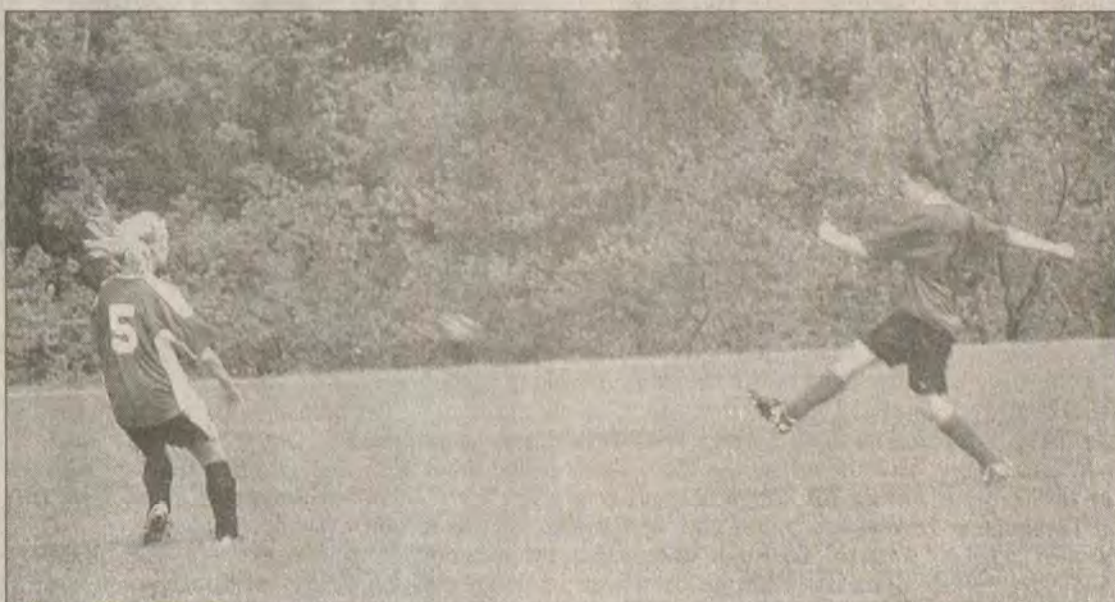
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U 19 SOCCER



Below: Midfielder Jacob Moak (right) of the Floyd U16/U19 Warriors won a heated contest for possession of the soccer ball against a Belfry Blaze midfielder during the Warriors' 3-0 victory on Saturday. Above: Julia Burchett, one of the youngest players on the Floyd U16/19 Warriors team, sent the ball back to her forwards from the midfield position.



Kentucky 12, Vanderbilt 9

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ryan Strieby drove in four runs as Kentucky dodged a late rally by Vanderbilt and held on to a 12-9 win Sunday.

Leading 9-4 heading into the ninth inning, Kentucky (34-11, 13-8 Southeastern Conference) scored the winning run off Billy Grace's two-run home. Strieby added an RBI single.

Vanderbilt (27-18, 11-9) answered with a flurry of hits in the bottom of the ninth and RBIs from Ryan Flaherty, Brian Hernandez, Ryan Davis and Shea Robin. With the bases loaded, Pedro Alvarez represented the go-ahead run, but struck out to end the game. Kentucky starter Greg

win, allowing four runs on seven hits in six innings while striking out three. Andrew Albers earned his third save after retiring Alvarez in the ninth.

Vanderbilt starter Cody Crowell (5-3) was charged the loss after giving up four runs on three hits in 5.1 innings of work. He struck out two.

The start of the game was delayed two hours because of rain.



Bengals take linebacker with off-field troubles

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — For the second consecutive draft, the Cincinnati Bengals decided to take a risk on a player with off-field problems.

The Bengals picked Florida State linebacker A.J. Nicholson in the fifth round Sunday, committing themselves to a player with a lot of talent and several incidents that made him drop to the second day of the draft.

The most recent was Nicholson's suspension for the Orange Bowl after he took a woman to the team hotel — a violation of team policy — and she accused him of sexual assault. Nicholson has not been charged.

"It hurt me a little bit in the draft, it did, because everyone had concern about my character issues," Nicholson said Sunday. "But I'm here to say I'm a person that's dependable. You can trust me."

Last year, the Bengals took a chance on West Virginia receiver Chris Henry in the third round. Henry was ejected and benched at West Virginia for on-field outbursts and disagreements with his coaches. He also was suspended for violating team rules.

Henry was arrested for marijuana possession in December and for a gun charge in January. He pleaded guilty to marijuana

possession last month in a northern Kentucky court and avoided jail. He's scheduled for trial May 30 in Orlando, Fla. on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Coach Marvin Lewis said last week that the Bengals would be reluctant to draft another player who had problems with teammates or coaches. The Bengals looked into Nicholson's suspension before picking him.

"A.J.'s off-the-field brush is obviously nothing that's materialized with anything of significance, other than an unfortunate disagreement," Lewis said. "He made a bad choice and a bad decision ... and was accused of a certain thing. Truth be known as it came forward, it kind of went away."

"He's had to face up to that, and we had to research that for a while and figure it out and see if there was just smoke or what. So we feel good about that."

Nicholson realized how much the off-field problems cost him when he failed to get picked in the first three rounds Saturday. He sounded ecstatic when the Bengals finally chose him with the 157th overall pick.

"I kept faith, and when the Bengals called, I was so happy," he said. "I was upset yesterday, but today I was rejuvenated."

The Bengals' first-day picks weren't surprising — cornerback

Johnathan Joseph, offensive tackle Andrew Whitworth, defensive end Froste Rucker. Their second-day choices were a lot more intriguing.

After taking Nicholson in the fifth round, Cincinnati took a different type of gamble by choosing Texas A&M quarterback Reggie McNeal with the intention of turning him into a receiver. McNeal is fast — he ran the 40-yard dash in 4.31 seconds — and has a strong arm, but lacks patience in the pocket and touch on his passes.

So the Bengals decided to bring him in and give him a role like Antwaan Randle El had for the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers. Randle El's 43-yard touchdown pass to Hines Ward clinched a 21-10 victory over Seattle in the title game.

"He's got a chance to be our Randle El," Lewis said.

The Bengals, Cowboys and Dolphins considered taking McNeal as a receiver, a position he played his freshman year in high school before switching to quarterback. Offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski thinks McNeal can make defenses wary with his ability to run, catch or throw. He could also serve as an emergency quarterback.

"That's the roll of the dice we're taking with him, and we like the odds," Bratkowski said.

COMMENTARY

The 'stay-in-school' crowd loses its poster boy

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Matt Leinart's final year of college consisted of exactly one class: ballroom dancing.

This weekend, he got the bill: \$10 million.

Or more.

If you're saving to put a kid through college anytime soon, relax. This story isn't about the spiraling cost of higher education, unless that kid throwing the football in your backyard will grow up to win the Heisman Trophy someday.

Leinart didn't really get a bill from USC — he was on scholarship — or anyone else. The \$10 million is how much less he will pocket as the No. 10 pick in Saturday's NFL draft versus what Leinart would have received as the presumptive No. 1 pick a year ago. And that's a conservative estimate.

We know that because quarterback Alex Smith skipped his final year at Utah, became the top pick in the 2005 draft instead and got \$24 million from San Francisco in guaranteed money — the only real way to compare NFL deals. That's more than twice the \$10.5 million guaranteed to receiver Mike Williams, the No. 10 pick in last year's draft.

Leinart could wind up with a better contract in Arizona than Williams, his former teammate at Southern California, got from Detroit. But it won't be nearly as good as the one signed by quarterback Vince Young, who beat Leinart and USC in the Rose Bowl, skipped out on Texas a year early, went as the third pick overall to Tennessee, and stands to make roughly \$7 million more than Leinart will.

Money wasn't the furthest thing from Leinart's mind when he announced he was returning to USC in January 2005, fresh off delivering a second straight

national championship at Southern California and winning the Heisman. A week later, he answered his cell phone and said his only regret was having to squeeze another few thousand miles out of an aging Ford pickup he'd dubbed the "Danger Ranger." Leinart admitted having his eye on a new Chevy Tahoe, but said the jalopy would do for the time being.

"It still gets me where I need to go," he added.

To Leinart's credit, his tune hasn't changed. Every time he stood still for an interview over the weekend, he looked like he'd just seen a ghost, or worse, Ray Lewis bursting through the Cardinals' porous offensive line. But Leinart said all the right things.

There were "still no regrets" and never any guarantees where he'd wind up being drafted, either this year or last. There are "worse things in life" than getting picked 10th, and the money (somewhere between \$11 million and \$14 million guaranteed) is enough to buy a fleet of shiny new SUVs. Maybe it was "blessing in disguise." And it definitely was a little extra motivation "to go out there and prove all those doubters wrong."

So hold off on the bake sale and the pity. Leinart is walking into a what might be a perfect internship. He gets an offensive-minded coach in Denny Green, a proven mentor at quarterback in Kurt Warner, a topflight running back who can shoulder much of the load in free-agent Edgerrin James, and even a pair of promising young receivers, Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald, to play catch with for the next few years. Leinart will have time to ease into the job, a good supporting cast, and warm weather besides.

The only victim, in fact, is

the "stay-in-school" crowd, that loose affiliation of college coaches, boosters and fans who hope to convince stars that another season at State U., or Tailback U., in Leinart's case, is mostly reward and little risk. They just lost their poster boy.

Leinart accomplished just about everything possible in college football, kept his nose clean, nailed the Wonderlic intelligence test administered to potential draft picks — and still got passed over by a handful of weak teams with unsettling quarterbacking prospects that would have gladly thrown \$20-something-million at his feet last year.

Whether Leinart becomes a cautionary tale — you can almost hear some agent whispering to a kid next year, "Don't pull a Leinart!" — remains to be seen. But he's already part of a disturbing trend: The NFL draft is becoming more like the NBA version, where potential trumps proven every time and upside is everything.

A dozen underclassmen went in the first round Saturday, including the top three picks and six of the first 10. That figure fit squarely in the five-year average, but the number of underclassmen declaring for the draft has been climbing, from an average of 34 in the years 1998-2004, to just under 50 the past years. Had Maurice Claret won his court challenge to the NFL's minimum-age requirement, there's no telling how much faster those ranks would have swelled.

"I'm just happy that I'm going to a team that wants me," Leinart said.

Who knew there would be so few of those left?

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NFL DRAFT

Everybody is a winner, or so they say

By BARRY WILNER
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NEW YORK — Every team is happy with its haul from the NFL draft. Every player chosen is thrilled to be on an NFL roster.

Or so they say.

Now, for the truth. The draft is as much a lottery as anything in pro sports. So the fact Matt Leinart, the likely No. 1 overall pick in 2005 who chose to quarterback Southern California in his senior season, slipped to 10th in this weekend's proceedings is just part of the game.

And the ascent of safety Donte Whitner of Ohio State, originally projected as a late first-rounder or lower, is just as much a part of the grab bag. The unheralded Whitner went eighth overall to Buffalo, ahead of even Leinart, a Heisman Trophy winner.

"The draft is fun," 80-year-old Bills general manager Marv Levy said. "It's fantasy football. We got the ingredients, and now we have to bake the cake."

Or, as Leinart's new coach, Arizona's Dennis Green, put it: "The bottom line is, all these guys have to learn to be pro players."

This draft was filled with surprises even before commissioner Paul Tagliabue announced the first name — who would have predicted a week ago that North Carolina State defensive end Mario Williams would go No. 1 to Houston and Heisman winner Reggie Bush would take his scintillating talents to New Orleans as the No. 2 choice? Not so surprising is that the players facing the most pressure to prove themselves early are those taken at the very top of the first round: Williams, Bush and Texas quarterback Vince Young, who went to Tennessee.

As one draft observer said Saturday, Williams might need to make 20 sacks this season just to placate Texans fans who were counting on Bush boosting their offense into the stratosphere. Going first in the draft means a player must be special, and Williams might need to be extraordinary immediately.

"When you have the No. 1 pick in the draft ... there can't be any doubts, there can't be any questions and in our mind there were no questions with this young man," Texans defensive coordinator Richard Smith said. "There's no flaws in this guy's abilities as a player and a person."

Maybe Williams won't be another Reggie White or Bruce Smith, but the folks in Houston

expect something close. How does Williams feel about it?

"You win championships with defensive players, and that is exactly what is going to happen," he said. "I'm going to come in, I'm going to play and I'm going to be productive."

"I'm going to be an impact player immediately, and I'm going to win over fans regardless."

Bush has another kind of challenge. Not only will he be the focal point of the rebuilding of the Saints, but he could be in the spotlight in the revitalization of the region. New Orleans and its environs sure could use a rallying point. The excitement over the Saints already is palpable.

"As soon as I got in there, there was a bunch of fans screaming and yelling. I thought it was staged," Bush said Sunday. "It's been great. Everyone I've run into has welcomed me. People here are so nice."

And so eager to see him play — the team's ticket office was fully staffed and everyone was busy all weekend taking orders.

Young needs to justify being selected ahead of Leinart and Jay Cutler, the Vanderbilt quarterback whose stock rose significantly since the season ended. Cutler wound up in Denver at No. 11 when the Broncos traded up with the Rams to get him.

"This guy, he led the nation in college as a junior in passing efficiency," Titans GM Floyd Reese said of Young. "This guy is special. Now we have to get him special in the NFL, and that's why it's going to take a little bit of time. And we realize

that. It's a big jump."

Even bigger because of the high profile Young carries into the league after leading Texas to its first national championship since 1969.

Young probably will need some time to grow into a starting role. First-rounders who won't have that luxury include:

— No. 4 D'Brickshaw Ferguson, the tackle from Virginia who will be expected to not only start but anchor the Jets' revamped offensive line that also will include 29th overall choice Nick Mangold at center.

— No. 5 A.J. Hawk, the Ohio State linebacker who is the cornerstone of Green Bay's rebuilding on defense.

— No. 7 Michael Huff, the safety from Texas taken by the Raiders instead of Leinart or Cutler.

— No. 14 Brodrick Bunkley, the Florida State defensive tackle who will need to fill a gaping hole in the Eagles' line.

— No. 17 Chad Greenway of Iowa, who already appears to be the best linebacker on the Vikings before he's even attended a minicamp.

And there's the aforementioned Whitner, by far the most surprising top 20 pick Saturday.


"Watching ESPN for the last two months or so, I've always seen Matt Leinart and Vince Young and Reggie Bush," Whitner said. "I didn't think I'd go in front of any of those guys."

Neither did just about everyone else outside of the Bills' draft room. But that's the nature of this crapshoot.



RACING BLAST FROM THE PAST: Floyd County was once a hotbed to auto racing. Floyd and other surrounding Eastern Kentucky counties hosted racers at various tracks. Above: An unknown ARCA driver visited Martin for a race in 1969. Below: Walter Combs (middle) and Nathan Brashiers (bottom) were among the area drivers. More oldtime racing photos will appear in The Times this spring and summer in Friday and Sunday editions.





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Shuler, Swann try to capitalize on athletic success in political bids

by TIM WHITMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WAYNESVILLE, N.C.— Under pressure to explain his position on abortion, former NFL quarterback Heath Shuler found himself scrambling on a new playing field — politics.

"It's a personal, just personal issue with me, because I know how difficult it was to have children," said the anti-abortion Democrat and congressional hopeful. "It is not a platform that we even talk about. It's just personal."

In his former life, Shuler had to elude hits from onrushing linebackers and defensive ends. Now, the former University of Tennessee standout is trying to avoid getting taken down by issues such as abortion as he seeks a U.S. House seat in western North Carolina held for the better part of two decades by Republican Charles Taylor.

But it's Shuler's name and gridiron fame that may matter most. In an era when the party machines that once groomed candidates have broken down, political analysts say celebrities such as football stars have huge advantages in name recognition and fundraising.

That is why the Pennsylvania GOP cleared the field so Lynn Swann — the Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver for the Pittsburgh Steelers who went on to a career as a television analyst — could challenge incumbent Democrat Ed Rendell.

In Nebraska, former Cornhuskers football coach Tom Osborne is giving up his seat in the U.S. House to run for governor.

"The more successful you've been as an athlete, the more successful you will be politically, because people have positive

memories," said Brown University political scientist Darrell West, a co-author of "Celebrity Politics," a 2002 study of the increasingly intertwined worlds of fame and politics.

"The local boy who's made good who returns home — that's a good story too. You can do very well with the halo of a former athletic hero," West said.

Swann is revered in Pennsylvania, where he helped the Steelers to four Super Bowl victories in the 1970s. Osborne, who won three national titles at the University of Nebraska, has never received less than 82 percent of the vote in his runs for Congress.

Though Shuler was a bust as a pro after the Washington Redskins drafted him third overall in 1994, he is famous in western North Carolina for leading Swain County High School to three state titles and for his career at the University of Tennessee in nearby Knoxville, Tenn.

During a recent tour of a Waynesville facility where the mentally disabled and others are trained to manufacture surgical supplies, Shuler stopped to meet administrator Ginny Best, a devoted fan of the Tennessee Volunteers.

"I'm just very impressed with him," Best said. "I followed his high school career when he was at Swain County. ... We're real proud of him."

Shuler faces his first electoral test in Tuesday's Democratic primary against Asheville builder Michael Morgan, an unsuccessful candidate in 2004 who has raised little money.

Taylor, a timber magnate and bank owner, is seeking his ninth term representing North Carolina's 11th Congressional

District. It includes Asheville and the rugged, conservative mountain counties at the state's western tip.

Nine months into his inaugural political campaign, Shuler has evolved, spitting out Democratic talking points. But he also can be painfully tentative when trying to explain complicated positions on issues such as abortion and Iraq.

He repeated the phrase, "We need to have a game plan," at least a dozen times as he spent five minutes explaining why he supported the war at its start but now believes the Bush administration has lost its way.

In Pennsylvania, Swann can be an inspiring public speaker. But he has left some wondering about his command of the

issues.

In a nationally televised interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos in February, Swann appeared to be under the erroneous impression that a ruling overturning Roe v. Wade would automatically outlaw abortion.

"Well, if the Supreme Court overturned it, then, they've basically overturned it," said Swann, who opposes abortion rights. "They've basically said that, you know, you can't have an abortion."

In fundraising, Swann lags far behind Rendell, a former Philadelphia mayor who moonlights as a Philadelphia Eagles post-game analyst on television. As of March 27, Rendell had raised nearly \$16 million, com-

pared with \$2 million for Swann.

In trying to unseat incumbents, Swann and Shuler face a tougher road to office than other gridiron notables who entered politics.

Osborne's first run for Congress was for an open seat — as were the campaigns that saw University of Oklahoma quarterback J.C. Watts and Seattle Seahawks great Steve Largent elected to the House in the 1994 GOP tidal wave.

When he sets aside the playbook and speaks from his heart, Shuler can be convincing. He addresses the issue of abortion through the prism of possible fertility treatments before his wife, Nikol, became pregnant with their second child.

"It is important to know how someone stands on abortion. But you know what? It's just as important to know that we have our moral values in order," he said. "Guys, I've had my 15 minutes of fame. I've had mine. I want to do something for my children, my neighbors' children and the people in this district."

Best, the Tennessee fan, declined to say how she plans to vote in November, but said she won't be influenced by Shuler's football heroics.

West doesn't buy it. "People always say that, but it's not true," he said.

Associated Press writer Peter Jackson in Harrisburg, Pa., contributed to this report.

Patriot track members receive all-conference honors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG — This year marked the first year that track and field was represented as a Mid-South Conference sport. The University of the Cumberlands (formerly Cumberland College) was represented well on the first All-Conference honors that were presented.

For the women, Shelly Schnee (Milan, Ohio) was named Athlete of the Year by the Mid-South Conference. Receiving All-Conference awards for the season were Whitney Brainard (Somerset) Sherolynn Eppinger (Varrensville, Ohio), Kelly Schnee (Milan, Ohio), Kristen McKenna (Big Pine Key, Fla.), Kelley Seifert (Lancaster, Ohio), and again, Shelly Schnee.

The ladies that maintained an impressive GPA were named Academic All-Conference. They were: Brainard, Barb Davies (Gibsonburg, Ohio),

McKenna, Jessica Medina (Pomona, Calif.), Megan Rawe (Alexandria) Kelly Schnee, Megan Wakely (Spring Hill, Fla.) and Michelle Warnky (Westerville, Ohio).

For the men, Marius Cozmanciuc (Romania) was named Athlete of the Year. Receiving other All-conference awards were Eric Tisdol (Eastman, Ga.), Chris Rosado (Round Lake, Ill.), Brandon Careathers (Rome, Ga.), Lemuel Holifield (Johnson City, Tenn.), Cozmanciuc, and Josh Laughlin (Detroit, Mich.).

Maintaining the grade in the classroom and receiving Academic All-Conference for the men were: Nathan Barnes (Burlington), Josh Patrick (Williamsburg), Carl Roberts (Austin, Ind.), and Jared Tackett (Jenkins).

The Patriots brought home first place finishes for both the men and women's events at the first annual Mid-South Conference Competition last weekend.

Cumberlands student-athletes grab top MSC awards

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG — The University of the Cumberlands (formerly Cumberland College) has grabbed two of the top Mid-South Conference (MSC) honors. Two Patriot athletes have been named MSC Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Melanie Roberts (Owensboro) took the award for the women. Roberts is a four-year defender on the soccer team and is a senior. She is majoring in Elementary Education and has a 4.0 GPA. Upon her graduation, Roberts plans to pursue a career in Elementary Education and get her master's degree on her way to a National Teacher Certification. Just this year at Cumberlands, she was named All-Conference Honorable Mention, Academic All-Conference, and a Daktronics NAIA Scholar Athlete.

Jared Tackett (Jenkins) earned the men's honor. Tackett is a

four-year participant on the track & field team and is a senior. He is a Communication Arts major with a GPA of 3.80. Upon his graduation, Tackett plans to attend graduate school and study the Architecture. This year, Tackett has been named Academic All-Conference, but was also named an NAIA All-American during the 2005 season.

Athletic Director Randy Vernon commented, "I am very proud of Melanie and Jared for being recognized as Mid-South Conference Female and Male Scholar-Athlete of the year. Both have been outstanding in the classroom and on the athletic field and are very deserving of this honor. This is further proof of the hard work and dedication that our student-athletes have shown toward academics at the University of the Cumberlands. We have won 17 of the 22 awards given by the MSC for outstanding student-athlete of the year and that is an amazing record."

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POISON OAK

Recognizing spring things

by Clyde Pack

For as long as most of us can remember, our parents and grandparents have talked about redbud winter, dogwood winter and blackberry winter. Of course, if you're from Appalachia, and maybe even if you're not, you know they're referring to those times like we've had for the past couple of weeks, when a little cold snap interrupts the warmer temperatures we tend to long for after a bleak, gray winter.

We also know these cooler days and nights were so named because they occur about the same time the redbuds, dogwoods and blackberries come into bloom. Therefore, those of us who grew up around here have pretty much accepted the fact that just because the calendar indicates that spring is here, doesn't mean jack as far as cooler temperatures are concerned.

Unfortunately, the three-mentioned flowers—and the dandelions, of course—are about the only ones I can readily recognize of all the others of which they used to speak.

My mother, especially, was very good at pointing out and naming various blooms that appeared on the hill-sides, and was simply amazing when it came to identifying those little delicacies we referred to as "wild greens." Fortunately for her family, in this regard, she took full advantage of her knowledge.

As I discussed in my book *Muddy Branch*, in the springtime when I was five or six years old, I'd tag along behind her as she'd search through our yet-unplowed garden and along the

(See OAK, page three)

KIM'S KORNER

Charity (I say) begins at home

Last week Jamie and I were in deep conversation over some of the celebrities in the news and their crusades to "save the world" from hunger, homelessness, ect.

Angelina Jolie, and her third world crusades, have prompted her to adopt two children from other countries giving them opportunities they would have never received otherwise.

Now as she and Brad Pitt approach the birth of their child, they have fled the U.S. in hopes of a paparazzi free birth in Africa. Which by the way, we also hear that "Africa" is the name they've chosen to give their new baby.

Oprah Winfrey, and the gorgeous George Clooney, are just a few others on the "save the world" bandwagon in countries other than their own.

Their celebrity status opens doors and funds and opportunities for help and awareness many of us can't even fathom.

I am not saying any of Angelina, Oprah, or George's crusades are in any way "bad" - on the contrary, hats off to each of them for their hard work.

However, I can't help but wonder why one of our most fortunate celebrity personalities hasn't taken on their own country's homeless or hunger issues and stood before the camera's or shelled out

(See KORNER, page three)



Clyde Pack

Riverview Dog Show delights residents, participants



by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

They came - tails wagging, ears perked, and dressed in their best spring finery - to the Riverview Dog Show, held Thursday afternoon at Riverview Health Care Center, in Lancer.

"We just thought it would be a lot of fun," said Melissa Allen, director of the health care facility. "The weather's been great and it's good to get everyone out and having some fun."

Community residents showed up in good numbers, with dogs - large, small, and in-between - all excited to be out and about and getting so much attention.

"We just thought it would be a great way to get the community involved in a fun spring project," said Brent Graden, director of economic development for the city. Graden was in attendance at the event with his "extra-large" category participant, "Walter," a Great Dane.

"Everyone seems to have had fun, so we'll probably try to do it again next year," Allen said.

Judges for the event were Kathy Mullins, director, Floyd County Animal Shelter, and Ramona Aiken, The Tabernacle Church. Melissa Crider, activities director of the health care center, coordinated the community event.

Trophies, ribbons, and other prizes were awarded for "Best of Breed," "Best of Show," and other categories.



CRITTER CORNER

Thunderstorm phobia

Part II

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Last week I discussed thunderstorms and the anxiety they can cause in our pets, especially dogs. So is there anything we can do to help these animals?

There are some standard approaches that human and animal behaviorists use for treating any type of fear or phobia. (Remember that the definition of phobia is an intense and debilitating fear that is out of proportion to the actual threat present). Three of the most common methods used for dealing with fear are avoidance, desensitization, and counterconditioning.

Avoidance works great in some sit-

uations. I am afraid of heights, so I don't do much of anything that involves being very far above the ground. Unfortunately, avoidance not so easy in the case of thunderstorms. As I mentioned last week, storms produce not only thunder and lightning, but wind, changes in air pressure, ozone production, and static electric charges. If you have a basement or interior room with no windows, it may actually help reduce a pet's fearful reaction by making the effects of the storm less intense. It's as close to avoidance as you are likely to get.

Desensitization is the process of



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Pictured here is Lynn Boyd, of Prestonsburg, with her Sheltie, "Biscuit." Lynn and husband Steve accompanied Biscuit to the Riverview Dog Show held this past week in Lancer. Biscuit was very well-behaved and "mama" Lynn delighted in telling that Biscuit dines frequently from the fare offered at Billy Ray's Restaurant, in downtown Prestonsburg. "Biscuit eats from Billy Ray's every day," Lynn said, "roast beef, burgers, never misses a day. She also enjoys ice cream for dessert just about every day, too." Pampered pooch, all right!

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School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Character words for the month of April: "Kindness" and "Tolerance"

■ Lending Library available for students and parents in YSC.
■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

■ May 3 - Last day to accept SBDM Council nominations.

■ May 8 - SBDM Council elections, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Note to School Volunteers: Please send in all your volunteer hours to the YSC office. You may call your hours in to 358-0134.

■ There are several lost coats in the YSC. If your child is missing a coat, please have them check in the center office. Parents are also welcome to drop by and check for themselves. All coats left behind at the end of the school year will be donated.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call Marilyn Bailey, assistant coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

Kindergarten Registration now going on. Call 874-2165 for an appointment.

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

Clark Elementary

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC

patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.

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

Duff Elementary

■ May 3, 4 - Kindergarten registration, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

■ Anyone wishing to schedule a school medical exam through the Family Resource Center may call 358-9878 to set one up.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and

well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

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

May Valley Elementary

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ May 3 - Last day that SBDM Council parent representative nominations will be accepted.

■ May 8 - SBDM parent elections, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and again, from 6-7 p.m., in the

school administration building.

■ May 17 - Confidentiality training, 9 a.m., in FRC. Anyone wishing to volunteer, chaperone school trips, or visit school classrooms needs to attend this training.

■ Upcoming Summer Activities: July 10-14 - Neva Francis, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, will present a program on nutrition and how to prepare healthy snacks; July 17, 18, 20, 21 - Melissa Perry, McDowell ARH, will present programs on careers, "Learning About Your Body," and how to safely play water games; July 19 - "Back to School Health Fair," Allen Central High School; July 24-27 - "Get Moving Kentucky" camp. Presented by 4-H Extension Office staff, in FRC.

■ GED classes offered in the Family Resource Center office, on Mondays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and 1-3:30 p.m.

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

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting Summer Care and Preschool-8th grade 2006-2007 Fall Registration. Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri.,

from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ May 4 - Election for Parent representatives; 7 p.m. in school auditorium.

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

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

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

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,
10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and
60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

May 1 and 3, 1996

Seventy-four prospective jurors were interviewed, privately and individually, by circuit Judge James A. Knight, Monday, in Inez, in an effort to seat a jury for the highly publicized Timmy Maynard capital murder trial, set to begin this week. Also interviewing the prospective jurors were attorneys for the defense and special prosecutors from the Kentucky Attorney General's office...Keith Bartley was sworn in Monday afternoon, as the new county attorney. He replaces Jimmy Martin Hammond in the post...Danny Mead, foreman of E & B Coal Company No. 1 mine, near Drift, was indicted in Ashland, last month, on the charges that he violated a mine safety standard that resulted in the death of Udel Watson, 39, of Joe's Creek, in Pike County...Despite obvious reservations, the Floyd County Board of Education awarded \$5,297,300 in bids on the Prestonsburg High School renovation project last Thursday, April 25...Elinda M. Crowe and a 17-year-old juvenile were injured around 5:54 p.m., Monday, when the Mustang Crowe was driving crashed into a Cadillac driven by Michael Boyd of Allen, near PCC...In September, 1991, Kenneth Ray Lawson, 69, had been free on a \$25,000 bond for drug-related charges, but a warrant was issued when he failed to appear for his trial. The 5-year pursuit of the convicted drug trafficker ended Friday, at a residence in Hilton, Head, S.C...The Prestonsburg Fire Department responded, Monday afternoon, to a vehicle fire on Route 23, in front of McDowell Health Care. The vehicle was totally involved when the fire trucks arrived at the scene. No injuries were reported...What started as a bomb scare about a month ago for parents of students at Martin Elementary, ended Wednesday, when deputies from the Floyd County Sheriff's Department arrested Wallace J. Eaton, 31, of Albion, Michigan...Public Law 104-121 was passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton on March 29. The bill could affect several area residents by changes in eligibility criteria that will stop Social Security and Supplemental Security income (SSI) checks to people disabled because of drug and alcohol related conditions...Billy Lee Adkins, 18, died Thursday morning, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, after being hit Wednesday, by a car, when he attempted

to cross four lanes of traffic on Ky. 1428 to talk with friends...Robert Craft, of Prestonsburg, will spend 45 days in the Floyd County Detention Center for allegedly spraying Mace in the eyes of Ethel Stumbo, of West Prestonsburg, at her home...The Lexington Dream Factory, granted a wish to four-year-old David Fraley, Thursday morning. He pushed a shopping cart throughout Walmart and picked out anything he wanted, including a new bicycle and a Red Flyer wagon. He has leukemia and he has to return to the University of Kentucky, Monday, for a round of chemotherapy and will probably be there for at least a week...Residents of Floyd County will be paying higher gas prices, following a ten cent increase at the pumps. The price jumped locally from \$1.25 to \$1.35...The murder trial of Timmy Maynard, 28, of Pigeon Roost, charged with the murder of Jeffrey Nelson, 21, of East Point, has been moved to Lawrence County...An artists rendition of the new 10,000 square foot facility that will serve as the new home for the Floyd County Times, on South Central Avenue in downtown Prestonsburg, was shown. The facility will consolidate the Times' newspaper and printing operation, and will be completed in two phases...There died: Jim Milem, 74, of Weeksbury, Saturday, April 27, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Ted Goble, 82, of Mount Dora, Florida, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday, April 29, at the Mount Dora Health Care Center; Edgar D. Mulkey, 39, of Albion, Michigan, Friday, April 26, at Albion Community Hospital emergency room; Charles Homer Taylor, 52, of Wayland, Sunday, April 28, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Jonah Isaacs, 44, of Teaberry, Thursday, April 25, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Thelma Scalf, 73, of Prestonsburg, Friday, April 26, at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia; Rita Martin Garside, 43, of San Jose, California, formerly of Halo, Tuesday, April 23, at her residence; Delmar L. Thompson, 59, of Martin, Wednesday, April 24, at Whitesburg; Troy Hall, 66, of Weeksbury, Thursday, April 25, at his residence; Jimmy Shepherd, 38, of Prestonsburg, Monday, April 29, at his residence; Bert Perry, 63, of Harold, Friday, April 26, at his residence; Hazel G. Crisp, 77, of Martin, Wednesday, April 24, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington; Gracie Conley Bailey, 86, of Salyersville, Wednesday, April 24, at her residence;

Glenna Bolen, 53, of Wayland, Wednesday, April 24, at Jewish Hospital, Louisville; Andy Guss Case, 73, of Hunter, Thursday, April 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Effie Jane Stevens Ratliff, 80, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, May 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Kenneth Eugene Wells, 47, of Versailles, Wednesday, May 1, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Otis Scott, 72, of Corinth, formerly of Garrett, Monday, April 29, at the VA Hospital in Lexington; Julia "Granny" Fitch, 90, of Prestonsburg, Monday, April 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Dora Patton, 85, of Robinson Creek, formerly of Wheelwright, Tuesday, April 30, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville.

Twenty Years Ago

May 7, 1986

Al Howell, supervisor in the clerk's office, advised that a state auditor or Attorney General should probe in Clerk Carla Bolton's 1985 expenditures...Basel Ray Moore's defense attorney, Jerry Patton, argued that his client was not driving the car that killed three men after plunging into Left Beaver Creek—Moore was acquitted in the murder trial...Next week launches a county wide effort to clean up trash and appliances from ditches and creeks...The work on Hager Hill Bridge is expected to close US 23 beginning May 14, for about three months...Jeffrey David Titlow, Estill, pleaded guilty to charges of scamming the Natural Mine supply to obtain mining supplies and then showing up to take delivery of the goods...Ireland Boyd's wife was arrested and charged with first-degree murder and complicity to commit murder by Sarasota County sheriff's deputies shortly after Boyd's funeral. Boyd's body was found floating in a Florida drainage canal...Marie Slone Lafferty claimed in a suit filed that her husband died of the effect of radiation emitted from a radio transmitter...Seven young women, including five from this county, will compete for Miss Floyd County Pageant scholarship...There died: Mrs. Maudie Osborne, 81, of McDowell, died Wednesday, at her residence; Grace Crisp Watson, 89, of Flemingsburg, at the Flemingsburg Hospital, following a brief illness...Mrs. Ruth Collins, 63, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at her residence...Samuel J. Robert, 80, of Harold, Monday...Wayne Salisbury, 65,

of Martin, Wednesday...Wanda Clorine Mollett, 67, of Weeksbury, Saturday.

Thirty Years Ago

May 5, 1976

Bruce L. Johnson of Tram, who for several years was a member of the Old Negro Baseball League, and one-time catcher for the famed "Satchel" Paige, died Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, after a long illness. He was 82...Simultaneous raids by sheriff's department officers in the Frazier Creek section, near McDowell, Friday, resulted in the arrest of three men on charges of possession of alcoholic beverages for purposes of sale...Herbert Meade, 21-year-old Harold man, was almost instantly killed at Stanville, last Thursday, when a heavy truck used in a strip-mining operation was accidentally driven over his body...Competing for the title of Music Festival Queen here Saturday will be Sarah Lee Allen, Martin; Eldora Rhea, Wheelwright; Janet Ruth Hale, Betsy Layne; Annette Spurgeon, Price; and Annette Jones, Prestonsburg...Mark W. Trimble, of Paintsville, and Laura Lynn Weddle, of Prestonsburg, have been elected as president and vice-president, respectively, of the Prestonsburg Community College student body for the 1976-77 school year...The Floyd Fiscal Court succeeded, at its meeting Monday, in terminating the employment of its county sanitation inspector, Charles Hall, effective May 15, but two subsequent attempts to name a successor failed...A "strategy" meeting of residents of the Martin area who oppose efforts of the B & H Elkhorn Coal Company to strip mine tracts of land situated near the community will be held Friday at 7 p.m., in the Martin Grade School auditorium...Prestonsburg High School junior David Banner Leslie III, who was awarded a Superior rating last week at the Pikeville division of the state music contest, will represent the region at the Kentucky Music Educators Association's fall meet...There died: Mrs. Jesse Edith Williamson, 76, of Drift, last Thursday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Nora G. Snodgrass, 93, former resident of Allen, April 24, at Elmwood Rest Home, Ashland; Mrs. Flora Ford Johnson, 82, of Harold, Saturday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville; Grant Wells, 58, of

(See **YESTERDAYS**, page three.)

Yesterdays

Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Weeksbury, Sunday, in a Columbus hospital; Thomas Andrew Baldrige, 93, of Little Paint Creek, last Thursday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Nora Watkins Barnett, 84, Thursday, at her home on the Coal Branch of Middle Creek; James Delmer Mulkey Sr., 67, of Toler Creek, April 23, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Forty Years Ago
May 5, 1966

A petition asking County Judge Henry Stumbo to set July 2 as the date of a local option election in this county was filed by wet forces, Friday...The Floyd County Fair Board recently voted to construct a building, 36 by 200 feet at the Municipal Park, here as a permanent home for the county fair...A large-scale attack on the problem of sanitation and a general health and community beautification program is scheduled to begin at Ligon, May 16, under the auspices of the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program...Union coal miners of the county were back at work in the larger mines this week, with a brand new contract...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. John Grant Anderson, a son, John Patrick, May 1, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Belcher, of Grundy, Virginia, a daughter, Susan Michele, April 19, at the Clinch Valley Clinic, Richlands, Virginia; to Dr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Wells of Nashville, Tennessee; a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, April 27, at Baptist Hospital, Nashville...There died: Paul C. Linkous, 59, Monday evening, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Bun Montgomery, 68, of Lancer, last Thursday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Ruthalon Blackburn, 45, formerly of Garrett, last Wednesday, at Sarasota, Florida; Willie Ramey, 71, of Lackey, last Wednesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; George Robinson, 51, formerly of Dock, Friday, at Plainwell, Michigan; Mrs. Anna Belle Harris, 47, of Lancer, Saturday, at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Fifty Years Ago
May 3, 1956

The Floyd Fiscal Court unanimously voted, Monday, an \$8,988.96 appropriation to carry on the work of the Floyd County Health Department during the fiscal year beginning July 1...Today (Thursday) was proclaimed by County Judge Henry Stumbo, a day of mourning in Floyd County, as the burial of Kentucky's most famous son, Alben W. Barkley, was being made at Paducah...16-year-old Sparkle Gayheart, of Garrett, won the title of "Miss Floyd County" at the Strand Theatre last Friday...David L. Francis, president of the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company, at David, has been elected to a two-year term as director of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Gale Thompson, a daughter, Gailenna Ruth, April 25, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: John W. Prater, 65, of Hueysville, Sunday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Foster Anderson, 42, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital from injuries suffered in a car wreck at Goodloe, three days earlier; Mrs. Edna Clever Huff, 53, formerly of West Prestonsburg, April 24, in Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Sixty Years Ago

edge of the woods armed with an old butcher knife and a brown paper poke. As she'd walk along, she'd suddenly stop and say, "Here's some speckled dock," or "Good! Here's some cresses." She'd stoop, gouge out the plant with her knife, shake off the dirt and drop it into her sack. She'd pick, and call by name,

old man's bacon (a purple leaf that lay flat on the ground), and something she called lamb's tongue. She'd pick sour dock, fougued hog, hen pepper, crow's feet, bear paw, plantain and poke. She never ever commented as to why she thought these wild greens came to be called what they were, which, I suppose is no doubt subject to

May 2, 1946

Agreement reached here Friday, between the Floyd Fiscal Court and the State Highway Department on expenditure of the county's \$72,800 rural highway fund for the year, provides that \$46,677 will be spent in the county's four magisterial districts in the construction of four new up-the-creek roads and two bridges...The two strikes directly affecting this section, in which coal production and bus transportation have been brought to a standstill, apparently remained this week as far distant from settlement as ever...Estill Collins, of Martin, was shot through the arm late Tuesday night, at Martin...Prestonsburg High School's Ballard Branham pitched a no-hit, no-run game, Friday, against the visiting Russell High School baseball team...All Class I railroads joined April 15, in a petition filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission asking for authority to increase freight rates on bituminous coal...Fire, Friday, destroyed a small house, owned by J. E. Conley of Friend Street and occupied by Elige Blanton and family...Deadline for procuring permits to keep hogs in incorporated towns of this county had been set for May 15, Dr. Marvin Ransdell announced this week...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jones Tallent, of Maytown, a son, Robert Jones Tallent, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Dermont, of Martin, a daughter, Teresa Joyce, April 25, at the Gearheart Hospital...There died: Jake Shepherd, 69, who sold to the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company, the site for its mining town of David, April 22, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington; Mrs. Susan Reed, 84, at home on Brush Creek, near Hippo, Saturday; John Wesley Stratton, 91, at home at Ivel, Sunday; Miss Ann Thornsbury, 28, at the home of her parents, at Lackey, Sunday.

Seventy Years Ago
May 1, 1936

Motion of counsel for John Scott to permit the filing on May 1, of his appeal from the decision of Circuit Judge John W. Caudill, holding that neither he nor Dewey Roberts, who is contesting Scott's election as Magistrate, in District No. 4, is entitled in the office, was granted by the Court of Appeals a few days ago...Bids on the construction of an addition to the Floyd County Courthouse are being asked by the Floyd County Building Committee this week...While riding the running board of an automobile, Lonnie Tackett, 22 years old, of Melvin, was struck and killed by a truck, Saturday night, a short distance above Wheelwright...A. J. "Uncle," Andy Frazier, 96 years old, who, during the Civil War, carried General Lee's message ordering the famous charge of Gettysburg of General Pickett, died Wednesday, morning, at his home at Prestonsburg...Six men have been convicted here, within the last week, of committing offenses on or against the property of the C.&O. Railway Company...Cooperating with the Floyd County Health Department in its annual clean-up, paint-up drive here, Mayor A. C. Carter has designated the week beginning May 4, as Clean-Up Week in Prestonsburg...There died: T. P. Branham, 44, mine foreman for the Elk Horn Coal Corporation at Wayland, Saturday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Prof. N. C. Boughton, principal of Prestonsburg High School, Sunday night, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Minerva Clifton, at her home here, last Thursday; Luther Bentley, 24, of Lackey, Wednesday, at Martin; Dona Hunter, 49, of McDowell, Wednesday.

Korner

some of their millions, in an attempt to help the issues right here in the US of A where they've made their millions. For instance, the homeless statistics for the United States in 2000 recorded 3.5 million Americans were homeless and 39 percent of that 3.5 million are children. Additionally, 6.3 percent of the population are living in poverty. And what sickens my heart even more, is the percentage of homeless in the United States that are armed forces veterans! Of these veterans, 40 percent of those found homeless served in the Vietnam War, while ten percent served in the Gulf War. Can't even imagine someone giving their life to fight for their country and then return home to it and end up homeless! God help us! We've opened our arms,

hearts, homes and businesses to immigrants far and wide to the point this nation's own national anthem is in the news now, being sung in Spanish. People, I have shaken my head so much I think I've gotten whiplash. Look, it's awesome to be able to speak more than one language. Our very own William here at the paper has taught me a couple of Spanish words to spout. But, this change with our national anthem is pushing it, in my opinion, and ridiculous to boot! I'm all for the open arms policy of welcoming one and all and for Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on immigrants and his discourse on being an AMERICAN, spoken back in 1907: "In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith

becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American ... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag ... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language ... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people." *Til Next Week
Que Dios os bendiga !!!
God Bless You All !!!*

School

Services Center office. Walking track open to public (track closed during special events). The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students. Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information. All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242. Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center. May 5 - "Career Day," K-8. May 8, 9 - "PRIDE" presentation, K-8. May 9 - Hot Air Balloon rides, 8th grade. GED classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Mud Creek Clinic.

Classes are free. FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info. Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center. Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant. W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center. May 3 - SBDM Council election; 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and again from 5-6:00 p.m. GED classes - Tuesdays (1-4:30 p.m.); Wednesdays (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.), at the Weeksbury Comm. Ctr. Questions? Call Kay Ross at 886-7334. Classes are FREE of charge. Lost & Found is located in resource center. Items not claimed within 2 weeks become

property of the FRC. The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. For more information about center programs or functions, call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Wesley Christian School. Fall registration for new school students, contact office at 874-8328, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Learning Ladder Academy. After-school students welcome (after-school will be closed on March 21). For more information, contact MaShawna Jacobs, assistant director, at 886-0771. Learning Ladder Academy privately owned and operated by Cindy DeRossett Hitchcock and MaShawna A. Jacobs. Academy located at 44 Hillside Center Drive, Prestonsburg.

Critter

reducing a fearful response to something by slowly increasing exposure to whatever causes the fear. Some animals can be desensitized to storms. It's something you can try at home if you follow the basic rules. You need to find a good recording of an actual thunderstorm. Try looking in stores where they sell the "nature sounds" tapes or CDs. You should also have a fairly good stereo in order to get good reproduction of the sounds. This sounds a little sneaky and mean, but you have to first make sure that your pet reacts fearfully to the recording. The first time you play it with the pet in the room, crank the volume up moderately loud, and watch the pet out of the corner of your eye. If he is starting to show the same signs of anxiety that you see in an actual storm, shut off the tape. Do not pay any attention to the animal. A few days later, play the sound effects again, but at a very soft volume. If the animal shows ANY sign of anxiety, it is too loud. Once you find a level that produces no response, let the tape play for 15-30 minutes while you do something the animal enjoys (feeding, giving him a favorite toy to play with, etc.). The next day, turn the sound up the tiniest little bit. If there is still no response, you are on the right track. Continue this process slowly. If the pet ever shows any sign of fearfulness, turn the sound down to a level he does not react to. This process may take weeks or even months, and it is not always successful. There is no way for us to reproduce all the effects of nature. Just as it is very important that the animal not be exposed to too high a volume on the recording, he must also not be exposed to a real storm during this period. That means you should work on this during the months when storms are unlikely. I jumped ahead a little, and already mentioned counterconditioning. This is the process of helping the animal associate something pleasant with the situation that previously caused fear. If, every time the storm recording is played, the pet has access to a favorite treat or toy, he will hopefully start to think, "There's

the thunder, where's my special toy? It's time to play!" Please understand that this is not the same as petting and reassuring a frightened animal during a storm. During counterconditioning, we are rewarding calm behavior. One of my favorite sayings is "behavior that gets rewarded gets repeated". Reassuring a fearful animal can backfire if he thinks he is being rewarded for the way he is acting. Of course there are anti-anxiety medications that can be used in animals that are truly terrified during storms. You need to talk to your vet about using them. It may be hard to use them successfully, because usually the animal is aware of

the approaching storm long before we realize it. By then it may be too late for the medication to help much. One tidbit I gleaned from my research for this article is that static electricity may play a significant part in thunderstorm phobia in some animals. The next time bad weather threatens, I am going to try rubbing my animals down with a fabric softener sheet to reduce the static. I have no idea whether this will make a difference. Unless the animal is allergic to fragrances, I can't see any harm in it—but I'll volunteer Gunner and Destiny as test subjects. I don't think they'll mind, and at least they'll smell better!

Engagement



Burke-Graves

Pauletta Burke, of Prestonsburg, and Gary and Shanna Graves, of Sitka, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Andrea Sue Burke and Joshua Keith Graves. Andrea is the maternal granddaughter of Arlene Blair, of Paintsville, and the late Ross Blair. She is the paternal granddaughter of Douglas Burke, of West Prestonsburg, and the late M. tha Burke. She is employed at Wesley Christian School in Allen. Joshua is the maternal grandson of Bryan "Peck" and Helen Rice, of Sitka. He is the paternal grandson of the late Lindsey "Arch" and Faye Graves. He is employed by the Salyersville Funeral Home. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Sitka Freewill Baptist Church. Following a honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, the couple will reside in their new home at Sitka..

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AUTOMOTIVE

110-Agriculture

FOR SALE:
 7th New Holland mower condition, shed kept, ready to work. 874-0024 after 5pm

130 - Cars

2005 PONTIAC VIBE FOR SALE
 take over cheap payments or pay off. Call 886-0377.

CAR FOR SALE
 2003 toyota camry 18,000 miles. asking 16,500. 874-9954.

FOR SALE
 1996 Oldsmobile cutlass supreme has all the extras with 4 new tires 122,000 miles, one owner very good condition price \$3,500. OBO. call 789-6320. or 6063671506

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For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

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FOR SALE: 1998 Ford Windstar Van. v6, Auto, all power, excellent shape. \$3500. 606-686-3082.

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

210-Job Listing

JOB OPENING
 Now hiring, caring individuals to work with people with developmental disabilities in the floyd co. area. Candidates must possess good communication and writing skills. Must be able to pass criminal background check and drug screen. Must have valid drivers licenses. Competitive pay, holiday bonus and paid vacation. Must be

able to work flexible shifts. Please call 606-946-2078 or 886-8600 for more info.

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Full time truck driving positions available/woker battery related work when not driving. Must have CDL with hazmat & clean driving record. Must pass drug test. Pay based on experience. 377-2032.

NEWSPAPER ROUTE AVAILABLE

The Lexington herald-leader has a morning newspaper route available in your area. Routes take about 4 hours daily with an approximate profit potential of \$1,000 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to be bonded required. Call 1800-999-8881.

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is currently seeking a rodman to work with survey crew. Applicants must be willing to work on underground and surface jobs. Applicants should have current surface and underground training. Phone 606-432-1447 Ext. 318.

100 WORKERS NEEDED

assemble crafts, wood items. To \$480/wk. Materials provided. Free information pkg. 24 Hr. 801-428-4649

WANTED

Abbot engineering, Inc. is currently accepting applications for an experienced mining permit technician. The applicant should have experience in preparing all phases of a DMRE mining permit (surface and underground). The successful applicant should also be familiar with the computer programs autoCAD, sedcas and reame. An excellent benefit package is provided including health, 6 paid holidays and vacation. Please send resume to 3073 Ky. Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 or email to thoward@abbottengineering.com, or call 886-1221. to arrange an interview.

WANTED

Professional tattoo artist. Must be drug & alcohol free. Must have sample of prior work. Apply in person a 30 Village St, Pikeville or call 432-8282.

WANTED:
 Tower climber / installer. Salary based on experience. For more information call Eddie or Crystal @ 886-3179 or 1800-445-3166.

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Delivery/warehouse- auxior distributor. Non-CDL. Must be at least 21 years old, have valid drivers license and meet requirements. Must have at least 6 MO. verifiable experience driving in a 20 foot truck or larger or a 10 wheel dump truck, heavy lifting/strapping/unloading/forklift. Drug screen and DOT physical. M-F with benefits. 800967743

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Tansit Driver Needed

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, INC (SVTS) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of a Transit Driver. Must be at least 21 years old, pass drug test, DOT physical examination, driving history and conviction record and other qualifications listed with the Application for Employment. Benefits for eligible employees include: health, dental, life, vision insurance, retirement plan, credit union, holiday, sick and vacation days. Phone 1-800-444-RIDE/7433 or write to SVTS at 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-7850 for an application for employment and more information. SVTS is an equal employment opportunity employer. M/F/D/V

JOB OPENINGS

Administrative professional-LLC KY, a subsidiary of Lexington Coal company, located in Prestonsburg KY, is seeking an administrative professional proficient in Word, excel, general computer applications, and general office skills. Familiarity with mining permits a plus. Competitive salary and benefits package. Send resume to: Lexington coal company, 200 W. vine st. suite 300, Lexington KY 40507 ATTN: Human resources, phone 859-246-4322. or email resume to dmcquady@lexingtoncoal.com. Application deadline May 12, 2006.

JOB OPENING

Progressive General and Cosmetic Dental Practice seeking business office personnel. Requires excellent communication skills, computer literacy and ability to work as a team member. Must have outgoing personality and enjoy working with people. Good benefits/Salary, 4 day work week. Please send resumes to P.O. Box 1587 Prestonsburg, Ky 41653

MERCHANDISE

410- Animals

AKC REGISTERED LAB Female - gold-9 months old. Moved, need to sell. asking \$200. 606-437-4274.

445-Furniture

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY
 Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunk beds, and lots more! Call 606-874-9790.

460 Yard Sale

YARD SALE
 9am to 4pm mays br 1st house past indian hill. Conforter sets, vanity tops, tabels, chairs, levlor blinds & more.

YARD SALE

Thursday and Friday May 4th and 5th between music carter and brad hues toyota.

YARD SALE

boys sizes womens sizes, some mens large. Toys, shoes, purses, home decor. Wed may 3 8am-? 2 blocks from prestonsburg high-school on around ave.

YARD SALE

5 Family yard sale may 4,5,6. 3 miles north prestonsburg, rt 321 Branham village. Tommy cloths, baby itens, ceiling fans, cun cabinet, ect.

RUMAGE SALE

David school of floyd'co. rumage sale may 13 9am to 3pm save a lot food parking lots in prestonsburg.

YARD SALE

Located at stone co. in garrett May 1-3 from 9-3. cloths, toys, ect..

480-Miscellaneous

LIMITED EDITION ART PRINTS
 Private art studio lessons. Original oil paintings (portraits, landscapes, etc.) Call Randy Lawson 886-1955

PROM DRESS FOR SALE Size 14 size 16. \$10 each, call after 6:00pm 886-3326

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE: Size 12,

pearl and sequins intricate design on bodice and train. Must see to appreciate beauty. For more information, after 5:00 call 886-0048 and leave message.

REAL ESTATE

530-Homes

REAL ESTATE ONLINE AUCTION
 May 22-24 KY home on 8+/- acres kit 116, shop fork rd, wheelwright 868+/- sq. ft./3 bed/1 ba. Sale #06-66-605. Open house 5/14 5/21 1-4pm. Deposit: \$2,000 each. Cashiers checks. www.ustreasuryauctions.com 703-273-7373

HOUSE FOR SALE

Downtown Prestonsburg 4BD/2BACH/A, fireplace, new vinyl siding and metal roof, hardwood and ceramic floors. Approx, 2,000 sq. ft. \$149,000. Call 606-226-2132.

HOUSE FOR SALE

3 BDRM, inground pool 3BA 25 akers reduced price of \$139,500 for more info call 886-0812.

HOUSE FOR SALE

1900sq. 3 BR 2 BA A/G pool w/deck, 2 lg. Sheds/garages, apple trees, grape vines, beautiful landscape, shown on Saturday 12-5. Directions call 886-9913.

A foreclosure!

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550- Land/Lots

LAND FOR SALE

Prime location located on US 23. 12 acres next to Prestonsburg Shopping Center. 886-3023.

BUILDINGS FOR SALE

3 level building lots for sale. Located near mountain arts center call 886-6713 or 631-9575

570- Mobile Homes

MH FOR SALE

1993 flatwood mh 2bd m 1 and 1/2 ba located at goble roberts 793-2566. serious inquires only.

Final clearance

2004 lot models and 2005 models now available! If you are serious about purchasing a new home you need to be with experienced staff to get the right home at a great price. The Home Show-South William son, Inc. US 119, Belfry, Ky. 41514 606-353-6444 or toll free 877-353-6444

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

toll free 577-353-6444 the home show

580-MISC

BUSINESS FOR SALE established business for sale call 874-0681 after 2 pm serious business inquires only.

RENTALS

610Apartments

FOR RENT
 1 BDRM APT for rent on MT. park way all utilities paid. 450 MO. call 886-6061.

FOR RENT

Furnished apt. for rent neat JW lake. Clean, quiet. Suttalbe for working people. 886-3941.

PARK PLACE APARTMENTS

\$99.00 move in special. Deposit can be paid in 3 installments offer valid thru 5/31/06 Call 886-0039. Equal housing opportunity.

FOR RENT

Nice 2 BR townhouse apt 1BA, stove, refrigerator, W/D hook-up, city limits at 23 and 80. \$475/mo plus utilities. \$275 deposit. No pets. One year lease. 606-237-4758.

APARTMENTS AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

Branham Heights Apts, Wheelwright, 2 Apts for rent. Rent is based on income. Apartments come equipped with CH/A, carpet, refrigerator, stove, and blinds. Garbage, maintenance, and sewer are included with rent. Call Kathy. 606-452-4777 Equal housing opportunity, Handicap accessible..

1-2 BR FURNISHED Apts.

Clean. 1ln Prestonsburg. 886-8366.

2 BR 1 1/2 bath Townhouse

also 1 bed room furnished or unfurnished located in Prestonsburg ,NO PETS call 606-886 8991

Furnished 1 bed room Apt.

Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

620-storage space

BUILDING FOR LEASE 30x60 metal storage building on RT 80. 886-8366.

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

630-Houses

HOUSE FOR RENT
 2 bd rm, ba, living and dining room. Kitchen has stove no refrigerator, washer and dryer hook up. In prestonsburg 8866184.

FOR RENT
 3 BD rm 1 1/2 BA 1 mile from mac arts center \$550 pr mo. plus security deposit. Also 2 BD rm mhat herald \$300 plus security deposit. 606-478-3333 or 479-2423.

HOUSE FOR RENT

1 BD RM home, small fenced yard at Lancer, no pets, no HUD. 886-9460.

HOUSE FOR RENT

3 BR house large-yard located on Mountain Prkwy 886-8366.

HOUSE FOR RENT

3 BD RM house for rent at Aboot. 500 Mo. 500 Deposit. Call 780-8214.

HOUSE FOR RENT

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
 DIVISION No. I
 CASE No. 04-CI-00742
U.S. Bank, N.A. Plaintiff
 Vs.
Barbara G. Hamilton and Todd Hamilton and Legal Recoveries, Inc. Defendants
RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 8th day of November, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$114,330.47, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 18th day of May, 2006, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 573 Mare Creek Road, Stanville, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Being Lot No. 2 and its appurtenances beginning with the line of Scalf Engineering Company and Center of Culvert in branch; thence down Maynards Branch to the center of Mare Creek; thence up Mare Creek with the line of Nora Maynard to a stake; thence across to a power Pole near the Road; thence 192 feet with the Highway Department right-of-way, back to the beginning. Being the same

2000, of record in Deed Book 460, Page 54, in the Office of the Floyd sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners, thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Joseph F. Grimme 14 North Grand Avenue Fort Thomas, KY 41075

William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner
 P.O. Box 268
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
 DIVISION NO. II
 CASE No. 05-CI-00947
Inez Deposit Bank Plaintiff
 Vs.
Terrence Smith and Sharon Smith, his wife; Bank One, NA;

County of Floyd and City of Prestonsburg Defendants
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
 BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 29th day of November, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$176,503.35, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 18th day of May, 2006, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land located on South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Being Lots Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, Block 16, Richmond Subdivision No. 2 to the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, a plat of which is on file in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office to which reference is made for a more complete and accurate description. And being the same land conveyed to Terrence W. Smith and Sharon M. Smith, his wife, by deed from Rick Dubson and Loretta Dubson, his wife, by deed dated the 15th

described as follows: Being Lots Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, Block 16, Richmond Subdivision No. 2 to the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, a plat of which is on file in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office to which reference is made for a more complete and accurate description. And being the same land conveyed to Terrence W. Smith and Sharon M. Smith, his wife, by deed from Rick Dubson and Loretta Dubson, his wife, by deed dated the 15th

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(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2006, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the M a s t e r Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. I CASE No. 03-CI-978 U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee, Successor by merger by Firststar Bank, N.A., Successor in interest to Firststar Bank Milwaukee, N.A., as Trustee for Salomon Brothers Mortgage Securities VII, Inc., Floating Rate Mortgage Pass-Through Certificate Series 1999-NC5 Plaintiff Vs. Anthony Swiger, Fran Swiger, United States of America, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Collections, Department of Revenue Cabinet, County of Floyd Defendants RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Renewed Judgement and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 29th day of November, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$65,743.82, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on **Thurs-day, the 4th day of May, 2006, at the hour of 9:15 a.m.**, the following described real estate, located on Walnut Street, Tram, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

99 and 17 1/2 feet of Lot No. 100, adjoining Lot No. 99 in the Riverside Addition to Tram, Floyd County, Kentucky, as shown by map of said addition filed in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description of said lots.

Being the same property conveyed to Anthony Swiger and Fran Swiger, by a deed dated August 26, 1999, of record in Deed Book 439, Page 209, in the Office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners, thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the M a s t e r Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. II CASE No. 03-CI-00575 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its Successors and Assigns, as Nominee for Household Finance Corporation, its Successors and

Assigns and Service First Mortgage, L.C., a Florida Corporation Plaintiff Vs. James Hunt, et al. Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Agreed Judgement and in Rem and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 21st day of November, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$100,399.88, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thurs-day, the 11th day of May, 2006, at the hour of 9:30 a.m.**, the following de-scribed real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly de-scribed as follows:

That certain tract or parcel of land situate on Stone Coal Creek, a tributary of Right Beaver Creek, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on line of The Elk Horn Coal Corporation Fee Tract E-3, a corner to surface tract conveyed to Joel Martin and Artie Martin by deed dated May 14, 1937, said stake having coordinate values of Latitude 119,825.12 and Departure 192,264.51; thence with the line of said Fee Tract E-3 in a southwesterly direction by a curved line 30 feet from and concentric with a 10 degree curve of proposed railroad as shown on map dated December 23, 1913, 261 feet to a stake; thence leaving 10 degree curve and continuing with line of Joel Martin & Artie Martin, 821-50 W 41 feet to a stake; thence 828-30 W 100 feet to a stake; thence S13-20 W 180 feet, more or less, (leaving the line of surface tract conveyed to Joel Martin and Artie Martin at plus 13 feet) to a stake on the East right-of-way line of Kentucky Highway No. 80; thence leaving line of Elk Horn Coal Corporation Fee Tract E-3 and with said right-of-way line of Kentucky Highway No. 80, N10-00 W 208 feet to a stake; N80-00 E 10 feet to a stake; N10-00 W 31 feet to a stake on line of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation Fee Tract E-3 and surface tract of Bartoe Estep, N36-00 E 56 feet to a stake; N 32-15 E 70 feet to a stake, N7-30 W 35 feet to a stake, N41-00 E 133 feet to a stake; thence in a northwesterly direction by a curved line 30 feet from and concentric with a 12 degree and 30 degree of centerline of proposed railroad track as shown on map dated December 23, 1913, and continuing with line of Bartoe Estep and Fee Tract E-3; 11 feet to a stake in center of Stone Coal Creek; thence leav-

ing the line of Bartoe Estep and Fee Tract E-3 and continuing with center line of Stone Coal Creek, N34-15E 22 feet, more or less, to a stake on the C&O right-of-way line of spur tract running up Stone Coal Creek; thence leaving centerline of Stone Coal Creek and with said C&O Right-of-way line in a southeasterly direction 251 feet to a stake; thence leaving line of the C&O right of way S8-23E26 feet to the beginning.

Source of Title: Deed of Conveyance from Rueben Prater and Juanita Prater, his wife, Otis Allen, Jr. and Bean Allen, his wife, Jimmy E. Hall and Betty Hall, his wife, and Glenn Kidd and Barbara Kidd, his wife, to James Hunt and Bettina Hunt, his wife, dated September 14, 2001, of record in Deed Book 463, Page 604, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners, thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the M a s t e r Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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NOTICE OF

INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 877-0165 Renewal

1) In accordance with KRS 350.077, notice is hereby given that DFM, Inc., P.O. Box 367, Old U.S. 23, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 1378.73 acres, located 1.5 mile north of Gunlock, in Magoffin/Floyd County.

2) The proposed operation is approximately 0.7 mile north from Brushy Fork Road's junction with Ky. Route 7, and located on Molly Branch.

3) The proposed operation is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2-minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the area mining and high-wall/thin seam methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Gobel and Bertha Shepherd, David L. Francis, Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, Ruby Osbourne, et al., Kate Shepherd, et al., Earl Gibson, Kelly Hale Heirs, Luther Shepherd, Edgar Fleming, Valice Prater, Johnny and Claudette Miller, Astor Clay Collins, et al., Rose Marie Collins, Tonie Wireman Heirs, John Arnett Heirs, Nancy Whitaker, Vonda Kerns, Sandy Shepherd, Marie Whitaker, and Ruth Shepherd.

4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 898-0721 Amendment No. 2
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CAM Kentucky LLC, P.O. Box 901, 116 Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has filed an application for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 1.10 mile northwest of McCombs in Pike and Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 341.89 surface acres, and will underlie an additional 0.00 acres, making the total area within the permit boundary 879.37 acres.

The amendment area is approximately 1.06 mile south-west from Brushy Fork Road's junction with State Route 194, and located at Bevins Branch. The proposed amendment is located on the Thomas U.S.G.S. 7.5 min. quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour, area, and auger methods of surface

mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by DFM, Inc.; Appalachian Land Company; Denzil & Janice Allen, and Hatton-Allen Insurance Agency, Inc.; Denzil & Janice Allen, Hatton-Allen Insurance Agency and David P. Allen and Alma Land Company.

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

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. II CASE No. 05-CI-01076 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Registered Holders of ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2001-2 Plaintiff Vs. Barbara Gail Hamilton, County of Floyd, and Commonwealth of Kentucky Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Final Judgement and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 31st day of January, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$36,153.79, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thurs-day, the 11th day of May, 2006, at the hour of 9:45 a.m.**, the following de-scribed real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being on Mink Branch of Big Mud Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky, bounded and described as follows:

This tract of land beginning at an iron stake at Narvin Hall's line and running with the road to Everett and Carol Blanton's fence line and across the bottom with the fence to the house and runs with the house to a chestnut tree approx. 180 feet and running around the back of the bottom of with Carmel Lee Tackett's line to a persimmon tree and this distance is approx. 200 feet and running with Narvin Hall's line across the bottom to the road and a iron stake at the beginning point.

Being the same property conveyed by Quitclaim Deed from James Burnis Hamilton, Jr., to

Barbara Gail Hamilton, by Deed dated April 11, 2001, and recorded May 7, 2001, in Deed Book 458, Page 514, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners, thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2006, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above de-scribed property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the M a s t e r Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. II CASE No. 05-CI-919 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Fieldstone Mortgage Company Plaintiff Vs. Bill Farthing Sandra Farthing Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Final Judgement and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit

Court, entered on the 30th day of January, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$130,631.99, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thurs-day, the 18th day of May, 2006, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly de-scribed as follows:

Located West of and adjacent to Ridgeview Road, approximately 200 feet north of its junction with Route 3051, and in the head of Auxier Branch of Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River, Floyd County, Kentucky. Reference to a 1/2-inch rebar made in this description indicates a 1/2-inch x 18-inch steel rebar (set) with a plastic cap bearing the marking LS "1893."

Beginning at a 1/2-inch rebar on the Westerly right of way of Ridgeview Road, a county road with no known right of way width, a corner of the parent tract of McKinley W. Music, executor of the estate of Chester Music (Dec.) and Emogene Music (Dec.) Deed Book 206, Page 48. Said point is located at the base of a 21-inch black oak in the barbed wire fence; Thence leaving said right of way and running with the parent tract and the wire fence as it meanders North 84 Deg. 40' 25" West 21.23 feet to a 1/2-inch rebar at a wooden fence post; North 28 Deg. 41' 14" West, 32.38 feet to a 1/2-inch rebar at a wooden fence post; North 70 Deg. 45' 44" West, 43.05 feet to a 1/2-inch rebar at a wooden fence post; North 56 Deg. 04' 18" West, 47.89 feet to a 1/2-inch rebar at a wooden fence post; North 53 Deg. 58' 10 West, 33.74 feet to a 1/2-inch rebar at a wooden fence post; North 01 Deg. 53' 13" East, 57.32 feet to a 1/2-inch rebar at a wooden fence post; North 12 Deg. 28' 52" East, 49.91 feet to a 1/2-inch rebar at a wooden fence post; North 47 Deg. 19' 24" East, 48.01 feet to a 1/2-inch rebar at a wooden fence post; North 40 Deg. 56' 23" East, 45.25 feet to a 1/2-inch rebar at the base of a 4-inch steel pipe post; South 79 Deg. 05' 10" East, 52.04 feet to a 1/2-inch rebar at the base of a 4-inch steel pipe post, a corner of the Crider Family Cemetery. Thence running with the cemetery fence, South 16 Deg. 35' 23" West, 101.80 feet to a 1/2-inch rebar at the base of a 4-inch steel pipe post; South 67 Deg. 50' 32" East, 82.83 feet to a 1/2-inch rebar at the base of a 4-inch steel pipe post, at the Westerly right of way of Ridgeview Road. Thence leaving the cemetery and the parent tract and running with said right of way South 14 Deg. 20' 15" West, 129.24 feet to the

beginning, containing 0.613 acre as shown on Nesbitt Engineering, Inc. drawing No. J4478. The adjusted error of closure was 1:25,000. North orientation was based on a survey conducted at property 200 feet North by B o c o o k Engineering, Inc., a plat for which is filed at Floyd County Clerk's Office at Map File No. 800. This survey was conducted under the supervision of H.L. Baldrige, PLS 1893 on September 11, 2003, and this description was prepared by the same.

Being a part of the same property conveyed to Bill Farthing and Sandra Farthing, husband and wife by Deed dated October 22, 2004, in Deed Book 492, Page 303, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk, and known as 33 Ridgeview Drive, Auxier, Kentucky 41602.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners, thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the M a s t e r Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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