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briefs

OLW seeks to raise abuse awareness

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Our Lady of the Way Hospital is stepping up to provide important information during Child Abuse Awareness month.

During the month of April, OLW works through its parenting program in conjunction with members of the Community Health Education Department to provide information and resources related to the problem of child abuse and neglect. They use this month as an opportunity to teach both students and individuals about this topic in order to work toward a safer and healthier community.

Monthly Families First meetings are held throughout the Big Sandy region which are attended by various community partners, including concerned citizens, various health care professionals, education leaders, law enforcement and many more.

OLW asks "How are the children?" and they use this month to both remember children who have suffered abuse or neglect and educate people on recognizing signs of such behavior and how to address it.

In fiscal year 2006, there were over 65,000 cases of abuse or neglect reported in Kentucky. OLW asks concerned citizens to report suspected abuse or neglect to the proper authorities.

Blue ribbons are worn during the month of April to let others know that child abuse or neglect will no longer be tolerated.



Lois Combs Weinberg, daughter of former Gov. Bert T. Combs, shared fond memories of her hometown of Prestonsburg and the impact that her father had on so many people.

photo by Jessica Hale

Honoring a legend

Community pays tribute to governor who opened Eastern Kentucky up to the world

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — "That road goes somewhere," said Prestonsburg tourism director Fred James, as he pointed out that residents of this town were blessed to have Bert T. Combs as an advocate for promoting the area and making the Mountain Parkway a reality.

The new Bert T. Combs statue at the Prestonsburg Courthouse square was officially unveiled Friday during an outdoor ceremony held in honor of the former Kentucky governor who is well known for his work throughout the state.

Bert T. Combs was the 50th governor of Kentucky and served his state from 1959 through 1963. According to some, Combs had a

hand in over 180 programs that benefited the state and worked diligently to provide a place to live that Kentuckians would be proud of.

Several local and state officials were present to commemorate this occasion with both stories of times long ago and thanks for the accomplishments that Combs achieved and passed on to his fellow citizens. Floyd County Judge Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, Sara Combs, Chief Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals and widow of Bert T. Combs, and several other former coworkers, friends and family members.

"He was a workaholic," said Sara Combs.

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Ride Hatfield-McCoy trails provide adrenaline rush

by APRIL VITELLO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GILBERT, W.Va. — Kendell Simpson rolls along a rocky, muddy path into the forest. His strapped-on helmet, waterproof suit and goggles are the only indication of what lies ahead.

Then he starts the rocky climb, the roar of his all-terrain vehicle getting louder as he gives the Rhino more gas and maneuvers around boulders and mud puddles.

The Rockhouse trailhead starts out steep, with tight turns. Then it gets even steeper.

"You haven't seen nothing yet," Simpson says with a grin.

He ought to know. More than a decade ago, Simpson helped launch the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System, which has grown into a network of some 550 miles of riding trails for four-wheelers.

Each of the six Hatfield-McCoy trails has a distinct

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photo by Jessica Hale

Students at Clark Elementary School chose a Hawaiian theme to celebrate CATS testing kick-off. Students at both Adams Middle and Clark schools participated in the event, which included a cookout, dancing and volleyball. CATS testing begins on Monday.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Susie Stephens Burke, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, April 17, in Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 21, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Harold C. Castle, 80, of Weeksbury, died Friday, April 13, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, April 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Nellie Adell Curry Deaton, 83, of Hueysville, died Friday, April 13, in High Point Regional Hospital, High Point, North Carolina. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Charles Philip Dingus, age 91, of Martin, died Sunday, April 15, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Sue Ratliff Dingus. Funeral services were conducted, Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Mabel Gibson, 80, of Marion, Ohio, a Wayland native, died Monday, April 16, at Marion General Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 19, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home, Marion, Ohio.

■ Margie C. Hale, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, April 18, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Friday, April 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Shannon Eugene Hall, 30, of Louisa, formerly of Teaberry, died Tuesday, April 17, on Rt. 321, Paintsville, following an automobile accident. Funeral services were held Friday, April 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Inette Hamilton, 63, of Harold, died Sunday, April 15, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Sie B. Hamilton. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Russell D. Hurd, 69, of Warsaw, Indiana, a native of Floyd County, died Tuesday, April 17, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Funeral services were held Friday, April 20, under the direction of McHatton Sadler Funeral Home, Warsaw, Indiana.

■ Jonah (Teet) Isaacs Jr., 75, of Teaberry, died Saturday, April 14, in Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Alford (Al) Lackey, 77, of Howe, Indiana, a Weeksbury native, died Sunday, April 15, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Minnie (Louise) Lackey. Funeral services were held Friday, April 20, under the direction of Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, Indiana.

■ Terry McKinney, 59, of Harold, died Friday, April 13, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Connie McKinney. Funeral services were held Monday, April 16, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Donald Clark Nunnery, 60, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Saturday night, April 14. He is survived by his wife, Darnell Bowen Nunnery. Burial was Tuesday, April 17, at Lexington Cemetery, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home.

■ Henry Reffett, 87, of Langley, died Wednesday, April 11, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Ellen Frasure Reffett. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Robert Lee Spradlin, 60, of Flatwoods, a Floyd County native, died Friday, April 13, in King's Daughters Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Maxine Blair Spradlin. Funeral services were held Monday, April 16, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Thomas Marvin Adkins, 51, of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 14, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Lillian Thacker Adkins. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Link Howard Branham, 80, of Meta, died Thursday, April 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Betty Elswick Branham. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 21, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Julia Virginia Walker Burchett, 94, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 19, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 21, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home of Pikeville.

■ Edd Chapman, 72, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 15, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Dennis Woodruff Gearhart, 63, of Feds Creek, died Sunday, April 15, at St. Josephs Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 18 under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

■ Timothy Gross, 44, of Lower Johns Creek, died Tuesday, April 17, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 21, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Helen Moore Kerr, 89, of Louisville, a Pikeville native, died Friday, April 13, at the Episcopal Church Home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 18 under the direction of Pearson Funeral Home.

■ Anthony Neil Lawson, 32, of Rockhouse, died Monday, April 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 19, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ronnie W. Moore, 60, of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, a Pike County native, died December 22, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Cecilio "CC" W. Laing Moore. Funeral services were under the direction of First Memorial Chapel of Brooklyn Park, Minn.

■ Alfred R. Raschella, 92, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 15, under the direction of Pikeville Funeral Home.

■ Gertrude Looney Sayers, 83, of Belcher, died Friday, April 13, at Mountain View Health Care Center. She is survived by her husband, Jim Sayers. Funeral services were held Monday, April 16, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Bobby Slone, 65, of Pikeville, died Monday, April 16, in Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Gaynell "Nell" Slone. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 19, under the direction of Pikeville Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Billy Nelson Bailey, 68, of Louisa, died Wednesday, April 18, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Clotine Ferguson Bailey. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 22, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Marsha Lynn Branham, 48, of Louisa, died Saturday, April 14, in Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Lee Branham. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 17, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Greenville Cordle, 72, of Louisa, died Sunday, April 15, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Skaggs Cordle. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Bob Ferguson, 71, of Blaine, died Sunday, April 15, in St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Howard Ferguson. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 17, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Alta Mae Benard Burns Howerton, 93, of Ashland, a Lawrence County native, died Saturday, April 14, in Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland. Memorial graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 20, at Ashland Cemetery, under the direction of Miller Funeral Home.

■ David Wayne Johnson, 44, of Forestdale, a Lawrence County native, died Sunday, April 15. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 19, under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Ironton. Burial was in Highland Memorial Gardens.

■ Joe E. Maynard, 68, of Clifford, died Tuesday, April 17. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Cyrus Maynard. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 21, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Legotha Preston Short, 84, of Louisa, died Wednesday, April 18, at her residence. Funeral were held Friday, April 20, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Mary Yvonne Cantrill, 70, of Hager Hill, died Friday, April 13, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, April 16, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Michael Castle, 57, of River, a native of Sitka, died Monday, April 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Joann Skaggs Castle. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 19, under the

direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Betty Sue Conley, 69, of Staffordsville, died Sunday, April 15, in Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Martha Emily "Cricket" Ramey, 70, of Sitka, died Thursday, April 12, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Clell Ramey. Funeral services were held

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Obituaries

John Thomas Spradlin

John Thomas Spradlin, 52, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at his residence.

Born June 12, 1954, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Darvin and Mary E. Wallen Spradlin. He was a disabled laborer; and a member of the Prestonsburg First Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, Mary E. Perry Spradlin.

Other survivors include two sons: Charles Sidney Perry and Thomas Matthew Brown, both of Prestonsburg; three daughters: Christy Dawn Justice of Raccoon, and Amber Nicole Spradlin and Julie Marie Brown, both of Prestonsburg; six brothers: Phillip Spradlin of Martin, Elzie Spradlin of Findlay, Ohio, Bobby Spradlin, James Spradlin, and Jeffery Spradlin, all of Prestonsburg; and Theodore Spradlin of Salyersville; four sisters: Christine Ousley of Georgia, Leetha Laferty and Lois Cornette, both of Prestonsburg; and Elizabeth Newsome of Banner; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 21, at noon, at the First Church of God in Prestonsburg, with Steven V. Williams officiating.

Burial was in the Anderson Family Cemetery, on Town Branch, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Clarence Ray Slone "Woody," would like to say, "thank you," to all relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. He was such a wonderful son, who will be missed so much. Thanks to all who sent flowers, cards, food, all the prayers, and comforting words.

A special thanks to pastors Bethel Bolen, Jerry Manns, and all the singers. A very special thanks to Kenny's Florist for a wonderful job. A special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kindness and professionalism. Thanks to the Sheriff's Department; and a very special thanks to family and friends who dug the grave.

Active pallbearers: Barry Bailey, Michael Bailey, Keith Bailey, Jason Bailey, Kelvin Bailey, and Stevie Bailey.

Honorary pallbearers: Tom Slone, Tim Slone, Chris Walker, Steve Boyd, Poochie Prater, and Rick Hale.

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Peabody decides to spin off operations in Kentucky, West Virginia

by **TIM HUBER**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Appalachia isn't growing fast enough for Peabody Energy Corp.

The world's largest coal company said Thursday it has hired investment banking firm Morgan Stanley to explore options for getting rid of its operations in West Virginia and Kentucky. Officials told Wall Street analysts that what most likely would be a spin-off of the Appalachian operations as an independent company would allow Peabody to focus on more promising parts of its business.

"Peabody's strategy is to remain the leader in the Powder River, Southwest Colorado and Illinois Basins, to continue to grow rapidly in Australia and to expand into the fastest growing global markets for coal, led by China and

India," Chief Executive Gregory Boyce said during a conference call with analysts. "This transaction would allow Peabody to continue to deliver on these strategies."

Meanwhile, Boyce said Peabody's mines in West Virginia and Kentucky would be better off on their own.

"There is going to be more value and more focus to have a separate entity," he said. "There is a great business model that can be created in the Eastern properties. And what we want to do is to make sure going forward with the spin that we got a management team and a set of assets that is focused within that region."

While hardly good news at a time that Appalachia's coal industry is facing sluggish demand and weak prices, West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin's spokeswoman said there's little reason for concern.

"We've been assured that, again, the

assets and operations are valuable and are intended to stay in West Virginia," Lara Ramsburg.

The company's annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission says its Appalachian operations include 15 mines in West Virginia, one mine near Waverly, Ky., 550 million tons of reserves, and a 30 percent stake in a partnership that leases a coal export terminal in Virginia. Combined, the operations sold approximately 18.8 million tons of coal.

Peabody spokesman Vic Svec said the operations to be spun likely include all of that plus three other mines in Kentucky. Last year, mines to be included in the spinoff produced 23 million tons of coal, he said.

Svec said the proposed Thoroughbred generating plant in Muhlenberg County would not be included in a possible spinoff.

The news comes at a tumultuous time for Appalachia's coal industry. Producers have been idling mines to balance production with demand, but they're also confronting other issues. A recent court ruling has raised doubts about the future of lower-cost surface mines, new contracts with the United Mine Workers are raising costs for union mines, and federal and state safety improvements are expected to increase costs for underground mines.

While Peabody officials said independence would allow its Appalachian operations to capitalize by consolidating coal operators in the region, they admitted that the company has not attempted that step.

Besides Peabody, Richmond, Va.-based Massey Energy Co. has hired an investment banking firm to explore its alternatives.

"This is pretty much what we were

looking for," said George Hammond of WVU's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Hammond's most recent statewide economic outlook suggested stable to declining coal production and employment.

"The longer term trends suggested that we're going to continue to see issues arise, particularly in the southern part of the state, due both to the impacts of the changes in environmental regulations as well as issues that are rising out of the mining conditions."

Separately, Peabody announced lower first-quarter earnings Thursday. The company said a combination of lower shipments and costs related to an acquisition drove earnings down 32 percent in the first quarter.

Net income declined to \$88.5 million, or 33 cents per share, from \$130.2 million, or 48 cents per share, in the prior-year period.

Trails

vibe. While Pinnacle Creek's runs are known for breathtaking mountain views, the highly challenging trails of Dingess Run may provide the best adrenaline rush. Organizers say there's a trail for everyone, depending on skill level.

The trail system is named after two infamous families — the Hatfields of southern West Virginia and the McCoys of Eastern Kentucky, who carried on a 12-year feud of debatable origin more than a century ago. Some say it started over a stolen hog.

The idea behind the Hatfield-McCoy trails was to trigger economic development in nine economically struggling counties hit hard by the decline of the coal and timber industries.

The auto body shop that Simpson and son-in-law Bill Reed run in the town of Gilbert is already doing more business, renting and repairing four-wheelers, and equipping riders with gear. But everyone involved in the venture says there's unrealized potential.

"This thing is really in its infancy, we're really just getting started," says Greg Cigger, a customer-service coordinator for the trail system and one of its few full-time employees. "The ultimate goal

is somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,000 miles of trail, all connected in this eight- or nine-county project area."

While the Hatfield-McCoy project is unique because it's all on private land, it was patterned after the 900-mile Paiute ATV Trail in Utah, which uses public land and crosses the Fishlake National Forest.

And with the sale of ATVs booming, demand for places to ride could be on the upswing.

The Specialty Vehicle Institute of America says sales have more than doubled, from 447,000 in 1998 to 912,000 in 2004. Nationwide, the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates there are 7.6 million four-wheelers in use.

Russ Ehnes with the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council says there are other trail systems, but few as well known as the Hatfield-McCoy and Paiute trails.

"Most of the national forests in the United States offer some degree of off-highway access. Some have complete trails and some don't," he says. "The Paiute and the Hatfield-McCoy trails are probably the best known and easiest to manage because they are marked so well."

The West Virginia trails were designed for many uses, including mountain bikes, horses and hikers. But they're most popular with ATV and dirt bike riders, who have turned them into a hot tourist attraction.

And with affordable permits — \$19 for a day, \$37 for up to a week — many users are repeat visitors.

Todd Hershberger of Haymarket, Va., has been coming back for four years, trying out different trails.

On his most recent trip in March, he plowed his ATV through a giant, sloshing mud pit. It's not an official part of the trail, but it's too much fun for many riders to ignore.

"I thought I was going to get stuck," he said, laughing about the experience as he wiped mud off his helmet and listened to his buddies' favorite trail stories.

Hershberger and three friends make the eight-hour trip here once a year, then ride from dawn to dark.

"The trails change every year," he said. "The first year, some of the trails were rougher than they are now. Every year they change, and they add new trails, too, so it gives us more variety."

Though the trails are long and plentiful, it's nearly

impossible to get lost.

Each is marked with a number and the other trails it intersects. Like ski slopes, they are also color-coded: Green are the easiest, blue are intermediate and black are the most difficult. Narrow orange trails are for motorcycles only.

Most of the green trails are wide and generally smooth, maintained by gas companies that put the roads there years ago to get to their wells.

Blue trails have tighter, uneven paths, more rocks and more obstacles to overcome, including fallen branches and mud holes.

Black trails can be scary-steep, with massive boulders, more obstacles and heavy overgrowth.

Ken Shamy drove 650 miles from Monmouth Junction, N.J., to ride the 115-mile Browning Fork Trail for the second time. It's the longest of the trails, with terrain for all skill levels.

"I just love it up here, just getting away. And the people are nice, too. I love it," he said.

Shamy was riding with Sam Rodriguez, who flew from Miami to Charleston, then rented a car for the two-hour drive south.

"This is beautiful country," Rodriguez marveled. "God's

country."

They and nine friends stayed at the Twin Hollow Campground, the only place on the Browning Fork trail where people can camp or rent four-person cabins with picturesque views for just \$99 a night.

"I look out on the balcony and think, 'I could do this all the time,'" Shamy said.

Despite the remoteness of the trail system, civilization is never far away. The trails have direct connections to towns offering food, fuel, hotels and motels. Some communities even allow the ATVs on the street, as long as they bear a

Hatfield-McCoy permit.

But the folks who run and benefit from the trail have more expansion plans in mind, including a new visitors' center in Boone County, equestrian and hiking trails, partnerships with state parks and packages with whitewater rafting companies.

"I'd say they could make a killing if they had massage people set up here in the evenings," said Jessica Carpenter of Parkersburg, who rode the trail for the first time recently with her husband, aunt and uncle.

"I'm sore," she added, "but I had a blast."

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Combs

"Just look at what kind of a mark one man can make on a state."

An identical statue was unveiled Friday morning in Stanton, the birthplace of Combs. Speakers who attended the ceremony in Stanton said it was wonderful to see both statues go up

in the same day.

Bert T. Combs is one of only two people to have two statues created by the same artist in the state of Kentucky. The first was Daniel Boone.

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Obituaries

Saturday, April 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

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MARTIN COUNTY

■ Ira Maynard, 84, a native of Pigeon Roost, died Wednesday, April 11. He is survived by his wife, Runyons Maynard. Funeral services were held Friday, April 13, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Loutisha Wiley, 90, of Warfield, died Sunday, April 15, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Marvin Arnett, 80, of Dayton, a Salyersville native, died Tuesday, March 6. He is survived by his wife, Jewel Arnett. Funeral services were held Friday, March 9, under the direction of George C. Martin Funeral Home.

■ Maxine Carpenter Arnett, 96, of Salyersville, died Thursday, April 12, in Salyersville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 15, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Loyall G. Beals, 84, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, April 11, at St. Joseph East in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Marcalene Beals. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 14, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Quick action was appropriate

Attorney General Greg Stumbo's office acted quickly and correctly in appointing a special prosecutor to look into a campaign finance complaint filed against former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, who is one of seven candidates for governor in the May 22 Democratic primary.

Stumbo, of course, is running for lieutenant governor on a slate headed by Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford.

The appointment of Carroll County Commonwealth's Attorney James Crawford as special prosecutor thus assures the allegations against Henry are investigated outside the political circus that gubernatorial primaries so easily turn into.

The complaint was filed originally with the Registry of Election Finance and was brought by a former campaign worker for Henry. The complaint charges that Henry was raising money illegally for a gubernatorial race months before officially declaring his candidacy and a running mate.

Henry denies any improper fundraising.

Apparently because the Registry was slow in probing the allegations, the complaint was sent on to the attorney general.

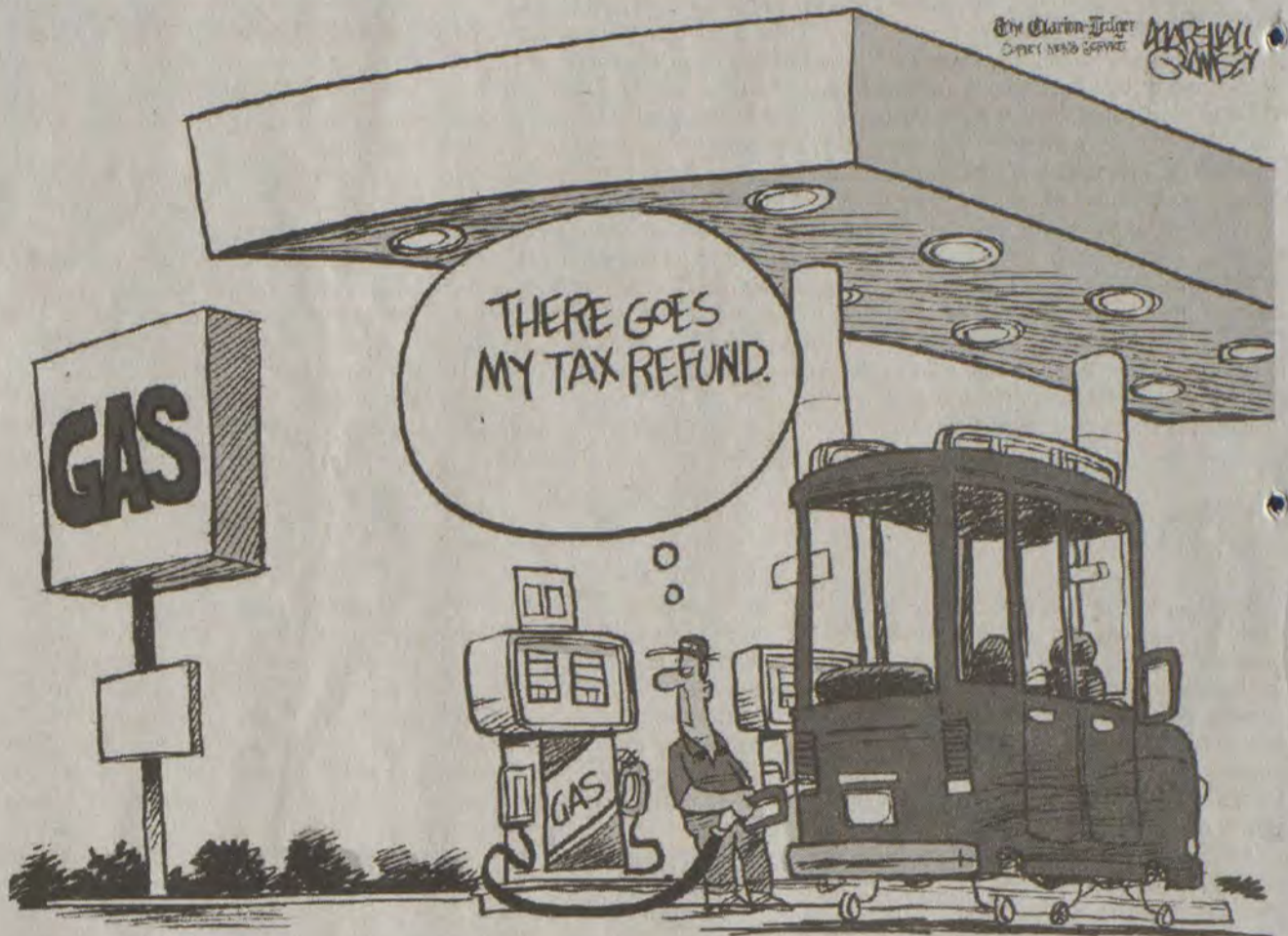
Certainly, Democratic voters in next month's primary will want to know whether there is any basis to the complaint before they go to the polls May 22. Just as certainly, if there is no evidence of illegal fundraising, Henry himself will want that known to voters as soon as possible.

The prohibition about raising money for a gubernatorial campaign before announcing officially for the office and choosing a running mate is one of the more controversial campaign finance reforms, one the General Assembly should consider repealing or changing to allow potential candidates more flexibility in preparing to run for governor.

At least, potential candidates should be able to raise a minimum amount to pay the cost of polling and other information needed to make a sound decision about a race for governor and before a running mate is selected.

Otherwise we are limiting the field of possible candidates for governor to those with the personal wealth to pay the up-front costs of a candidacy.

— The State Journal, Frankfort



Rich Lowry Column

Who cares about abortion?

Rudy Giuliani has made a strategic choice in the Republican primary contest. He will stay pro-choice on the issue of abortion, and thus avoid the flip-flopper label that has so harmed former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

But Giuliani has a flip-flop in his past. When he first began running for New York City mayor in 1989, he said that he personally opposed abortion, favored overturning Roe v. Wade and opposed public financing of abortions. During that campaign he morphed into an unmodulated pro-choicer. He dropped talk of opposing Roe v. Wade and endorsed taxpayer funding of abortion. By the time he was mayor, he was declaring a "Planned Parenthood Day" in New York and all but pledging to perform abortions himself, should it ever come to that.

Now that's he's running for president he says that he "hates" abortion — something he didn't mention when he gave opening remarks at NARAL's "Champions of Choice" lunch in April 2001. He now supports a partial-birth ban, which he had opposed. His aides say he supports — or wouldn't seek to change — the Hyde amendment banning Medicaid

financing of most abortions, even though he once opposed it.

And these peregrinations are from the candidate who prides himself on fearless straight-talk. None of this is by way of dumping particularly on Giuliani, but to illustrate the governing principle of abortion politics in America: Almost no major politician really cares about it.

What are the odds that every Democratic politician with presidential hopes who once expressed pro-life sentiments — Jesse Jackson, Dick Gephardt, Al Gore, even the fringe candidate Dennis Kucinich — would have epiphanies on abortion that would send them all in the pro-choice direction? Or that both George Bushes would become more pro-life as it happened to suit their ambitions?

It is a little like the athletes who earnestly insist they've always wanted to play for a given team in a given city — but that team almost always happens to be the one that offered the most money.

Romney is the starkest example. He's had double epiphanies, each of which happened to accord with his political interests. One would think

Romney, a faithful Mormon, would tend to be pro-life. But when he ran for the Senate in Massachusetts in 1994, he said abortion should be "safe and legal" because the effect

that the death of a brother-in-law's sister from an illegal abortion had had on him. Later, when he was a governor gearing up for a presidential bid, the impact of a briefing on the issue of stem-cell research

shocked him back into being pro-life. The first epiphany surely wouldn't have had the same effect if he had been running for the Senate anywhere else besides liberal Massachusetts. And that briefing wouldn't have packed the same punch had he not been thinking about the national stage.

Politicians aren't like you and me. Most of them consider (to the extent they must) one of the most profound moral issues of the day and see primarily a potential obstacle or boon to their ambitions. That's just a fact of life. Sincerity would be nice, but on abortion, it often has to be optional.

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The Rich Lowry column



beyond the beltway

Imus is a minus

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Man, that wife of Don Imus looks like one tough truck stop floozy, doesn't she? Still, she looks about 40 years younger than the 1-man; you have to wonder who the father of their child really is.

(Hey, I'm only joking, Don. Why aren't you laughing? Those comments are at least as funny as calling a bunch of black women basketball players "nappy-headed hos." Lighten up. It's free speech — in the context of comedy, of course.)

At this writing, it's not entirely clear what Imus' ultimate fate will be. Initially, his employers, NBC and CBS, suspended him for two weeks, but, as big advertisers started pulling their ads from the networks, they fired him.

If it were up to me, I'd grab him by the scruff of the neck and throw him into the street, along with his right-hand goon, Bernard McGuirk. Then I'd have their offices fumigated. But I don't have any money riding on him. Others do.

The Imus show generates something like \$50 million for its networks and stations. That's why it took a week for NBC to decide it was outraged and why CBS dithered.

Not that it makes much difference whether he's fired or not. If he is, he'll undoubtedly get another gig and probably for more money. Fox News, that bottomless pit of vulgarity, should be able to find a place for him, or perhaps Sirius radio, home of the

excrucible Howard Stern.

No one ever went broke underestimating the taste of the American public. Our airwaves are awash with moronic shock-jocks, braying evangelists, lame-brained talk show hosts and sports-talk idiots. Imus is far from the worst of them.

At least his show offered more or less intelligent political conversation from big time Washington correspondents and politicians. In recent weeks the show has featured appearances by media types like Tim Russert, Chris Matthews, Charles Gibson, Jeff Greenfield, Tom Friedman, Howard Fineman, Andrea Mitchell and Bob Schieffer; politicos Christopher Dodd, John Kerry, Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Joe Lieberman and Joe Biden.

You don't get that kind of firepower on any other daytime radio show, not one with an audience of two million or so, anyway.

Which is, of course, what makes Imus such an intriguing and distressing figure.

How can you pretend to be a vehicle for serious political humor when you constantly resort to the crudest stereotypes for that humor? And make no mistake, the Rutgers incident was by no means an isolated one. That sort of thing is an integral part of Imus' act. His idea of funny is calling people names an ill-brought-up 7-year-old might use.

So the other question that must be asked is: What are all those Big Foots doing on the show? Well, some of

them are selling books, I suppose. The Imus show is second only to Oprah for selling books.

But beyond that, I think he is a guilty pleasure of the liberal political class. Beneath all their civil libertarian self-righteousness there is a buried racist, sexist, homophobic itch that he scratches. He makes jokes that they would not risk.

He says he's not a racist and he points to his many good works, some of which help people of color, as proof. Okay, I'm willing to accept that he's not a racist.

He's worse than that; he's a pimp for racists. He adds his weight and, by association, the weight of the Tim Russerts and Andrea Mitchells and Joe Bidens of the world, to the undercurrent of prejudice that runs beneath the surface of our society.

So I'm glad they fired him. I'm happy that advertisers like General Motors, Sprint Nextel, Procter and Gamble, American Express and Staples are shunning him.

He's exercised his right of free speech; now the rest of ours can exercise ours:

Your rancid act has worn out its welcome, Donald. Be gone. And if you could take Ann Coulter with you, that would be swell.

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This Town, That World

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

We asked for hotter weather, we got it. Now keep on griping and you'll get cold weather—if you live long enough.

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Spring jumps into summer so quickly, these days, that I escape the spring fever that in other years beset me. Or is it because I'm so dead, spring or summer, that I can't feel the difference!

ON PRESS-DAY, TOO

Well, just about everything has happened in this office. Since we began fighting the wolf at the door 35 years ago. And now a common, ordinary housecat has taken up abode here, and had herself a passel of kittens. This happened on press-day, the day when most such events take place in newspaper families.

A THING OF BEAUTY

Those of us who have long envied other sections of the commonwealth and their beautiful state parks, still have difficulty believing what we see at Jenny Wiley State Park. Kentucky Village on Kentucky Lake, and Chandler Island on Cumberland, may be larger installations, but we predict none will be more beautiful than Jenny Wiley's. And what a setting for all man is doing! Mountains and sky and water—take these and you have a combination that's hard to beat.

THE SCENE WILL CHANGE

The Times and the Community Development Council have joined in recent weeks in publishing photos of scenes in Prestonsburg and elsewhere in the county, which aren't calculated to evoke yelps of joy from the aesthete from the section. But we don't want "outsiders" to get the idea that these are "typical," as they say in the city newspapers. Both Prestonsburg and the county have many homes and rustic scenes of true beauty, and we propose to redeem ourselves in the eyes of all and sundry, within a few weeks, by reproducing pictures of some of these more pleasing scenes.

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If I miss Ben Casey and Dr. Kildare another week or so, I may have to consult my own doctor...Prestonsburg had a respite from what one columnist calls the boob-tube, Monday night, as the whole TV system went on the blink...When I criticize TV, I am reminded that all I have to do is turn the thing off, or turn myself around and walk off.

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Want a youthful figure! Just ask a woman her age.

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The most surprising thing in a surprising age, is how little, some "big" people can be.



Pictured, seated, from left to right, are student artists: Jennifer Cunutte, Sabrina (Breena) Shortridge, Justin (Baby) McKenney, and Verlin Crider. Standing, second row, from left to right, are: Tommy Johnson, Charity Bormes, Amanda Hamilton, Teresa McCourt, Kelli Ward, and Shane Kinzer. Third row, left to right: Blake Meade and Jordan Justice.

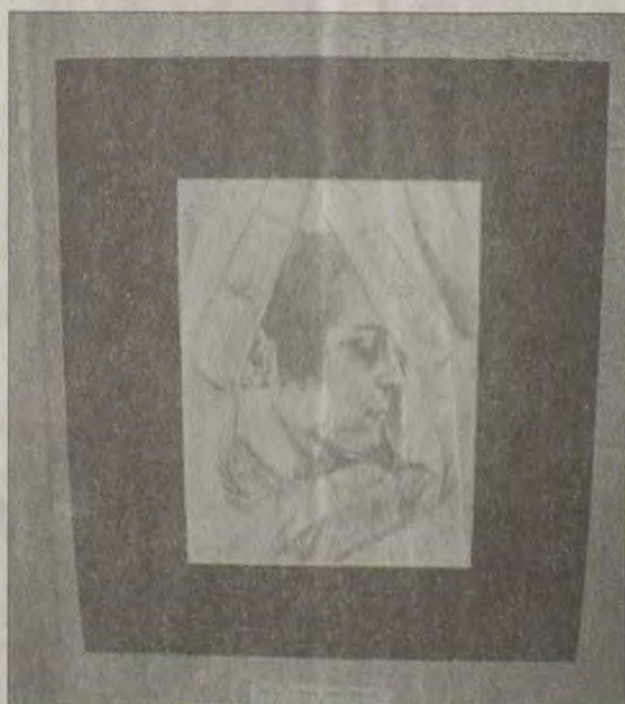
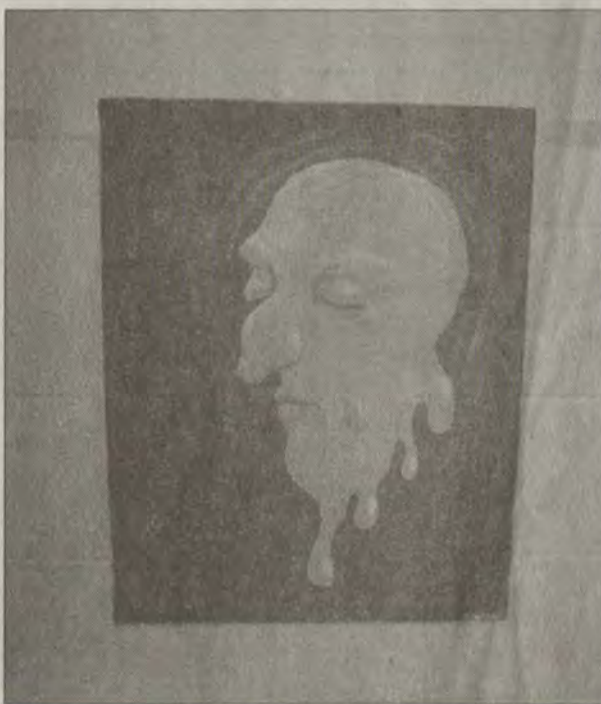
BSCTC Student art exhibition 'Unity With Diversity' now on display

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College students of art are currently displaying their work in an art exhibition titled "Unity With Diversity" that will run from April 16-May 8 at the Prestonsburg Campus Art Gallery.

Professor Thomas J. Whitaker said, "The show is very reflective of the personalities of the students. They are very different but yet have many of the same love, anxieties and fear in their work."

Come explore "Unity With Diversity" at the Prestonsburg Campus Art Gallery.

For further information call Gallery Director Tim Sizemore at 886-3863, ext. 64746.



MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Panic'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A British agent operating with a "license to kill" hunts a mutated scientist with a thirst for human blood in this science-run-amok thriller that appears to have been shot for about \$30.

The movie opens with one of those point of view shots which is obviously being created with a handheld camera. The guy operating the camera pans menacingly towards a home and approaches it only to change direction and begin stumbling a bit. The cameraman even appears lost at one point and eventually settles the focus on an office building that's obviously nowhere near the neighborhood he was just in.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

After inducing nausea for viewers who suffer from motion sickness, the action settles on an enormous office building. Inside we enter a lab just as an alarm is sounded. A scientist, who appears to have wandered into the film from a fashion shoot, responds and calls for a contamination team to seal the room.

The film picks up a wee bit of steam now as the head of the lab orchestrates a damage control meeting. Unfortunately no one has any clue as to what the experiment was that went wrong. Apparently the scientist who was in charge of that particular room, Adams by name, was operating carte blanche and cannot be reached as he is on a fishing trip.

They decide to assume that there is no need to make an announcement after determining that no one is aware that they even had a mishap in the first place and decide to proceed as usual. They leave the aftermath to a British security expert who is being sent down from the prime minister's office. You can't blame them for being so nonchalant as the agent being sent down is named Captain Kirk, I am not making this up.

Kirk arrives and turns out to be someone other than William Shatner, but he is no less sharp and quickly connects the lab accident to the scientist's disappearance and a series of killings in which local women are left drained of blood. He reports his findings to the PM and is told that he has 24 hours to find and kill the scientist, as he is also carrying a disease that will spread to the populace should he actually leave a victim alive.

To light a fire under Kirk the PM also states that he will be forced to implement "Plan Q" should the Captain fail to find and terminate Adams. This innocuous sounding plan is actually pretty sinister and involves sealing off the town with the military before bombing it back to the stone age.

Kirk teams up with local constable O'Brien but the pair are always two steps behind Adams, who is using the sewers to get around. Adams manages

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Coming together

by ALONNY SCHEMER
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE
SCRAPBOOKER'S SOUL"

My mother is a scrapbook junkie. Not your normal "I-scrap-every-day" junkie. This woman is obsessed. The large upstairs room (the scrapbooking room) hasn't had a visit from a vacuum cleaner in years; going in there without a hard hat and a pair of hiking boots is hazardous to one's health. But this isn't enough. The dining-room table mysteriously disappears for family gatherings and then returns to the abyss until needed

again. The living-room couch is so well covered, it is not in any danger of ever fading, and the two card tables that reside in our family room are strictly off-limits to anyone else. That also applies to our kitchen counter. There is no place to set anything where a scrapbook supply will not be in danger.

My mother's bedroom is littered with Ziploc bags that she uses to store scraps of paper in, and her desk is covered with scrapbook magazines, planned swaps, expo information and more fonts for her journaling than a publishing company would have use

for. I, on the other hand, can easily contain all my scrapbook supplies in one box. That's all I need. But stay home while my mother goes shopping for scrapbook stuff? Perish the thought! You see, most scrapbook supplies are sold in stores that also sell sewing supplies. At this point, I should probably point out that I am an avid cross-stitcher. My mother scraps, I stitch, and the evenings pass quietly between us.

One day, however, my mother wasn't scrapping, and I wasn't sewing. Oddly enough, we were both reading. This is a hobby we share. I watched my mother search for a bookmark and finally use an index card when I had a glorious thought. I got out a prefabricated stitchable

bookmark. I put yellow roses on it, my mother's favorite flower. I labored for three months before it was completed. I then presented it to my mother so she could mark her books with something better than an old index card. She could maybe put it in her Bible. It was so pretty, and I handed it to her with a flourish. She was very pleased; she hugged and kissed me and told me it was a lovely surprise and a lovely bookmark. It was her next remark that started

me sewing more avidly than ever. She smiled and said, "I'll use it in my scrapbook." It just so happens that my mother, who sewed a good deal before her eyes went bad, wanted some pretty cross-stitched things in her album, but couldn't see well enough to do it. Now, when she sees something that she wants in her album, she hands it to me, and I sew it and return it. Maybe my mother is a scrapbook junkie. Maybe I'm a sewing junkie. And maybe, just maybe, that's what makes us close.



The myth of 'saving on the reverse'

by TOM and RAY
MAGLIOZZI



Dear Tom and Ray:
When my grandma and grandpa visit and take me shopping at Wal-Mart, they try to "save on the reverse." Basically, they park way in the back of the lot in a spot where they won't have to go in reverse when they leave (they can go forward and "pull through" because there's no car in front of them). But then we have to walk all the way to the doors, which usually is a far walk. They get mad when someone gets their spot. Is it worth the trouble of finding a spot and walking so that they can avoid putting the car in reverse? Will the transmission last longer if they pull through instead of having to reverse the car when they leave? — Haley, 10 years old

TOM: The short answer is no, Haley. There's no good reason to "save on the reverse."

RAY: Think about how often you use reverse compared with all the other gears. Compared with first, second and third, reverse hardly gets used at all. In fact, if they want to save the transmission, they'd be better off driving around half the time in reverse and saving the forward gears!

TOM: So, something else is going on here, Haley. I think your grandparents may just be uncomfortable backing up. Driving in reverse isn't easy, even when you're young. You have to crank your head all the

way around. You have to try to see through windows that are farther away, and that have large metal pillars between them. You have to try to see over the trunk. You have to steer with what are now the "back wheels." And when you're backing out of a space in a parking lot, you often have your view blocked by the 8-foot-tall SUVs that are parked in the spots on either side of you.

RAY: And then you add to that the natural disadvantages of older age, like diminished eyesight, hearing and flexibility, and backing up can seem like an unpleasant chore. So maybe they're not so much "saving on the reverse" as they're "saving on the reversing" — they're saving themselves from having to drive backward.

TOM: The other possibility is that they've become concerned about America's obesity epidemic. They're parking

far away from the store entrance to force you to get off your duff and do some walking because they love you, Haley.

RAY: They may feel like they're doing you some good by making you walk a quarter of a mile before they get all soft and buy you three hot dogs, large french fries and two ice-cream sodas (grandparents can't help that).

TOM: In any case, I wouldn't worry about it, Haley. It's not harming anybody, it makes them more comfortable, and the exercise is good for everybody.

Hybrids don't need special oil changes

Dear Tom and Ray:
I took my 2006 Honda Civic hybrid to a store for an oil change. The manager told me he could not do oil changes on hybrid cars, because the engine can start even with the ignition turned off and the keys out of the car. He said he needed lineman gloves and would have to disconnect the electrical system in my Honda or he could get a serious shock. He said I must have noticed that the car would start all by itself even with the key out of the ignition. He said it does this to charge the battery. I never once noticed the car starting by itself. He said only Honda can safely change the oil in a hybrid. I have taken my Honda hybrid to other local service stations, and they all changed the oil for me without any problems. Is there

any merit to what he told me? My previous car was a Toyota Prius, and I did notice a humming sound coming from the engine after I had turned it off. But even with the Prius, I had the oil changed at local service stations rather than go to the dealer. — Robert

TOM: The guy was misinformed, Robert. Once it's turned off, this car won't start unless someone turns on the ignition.

RAY: It's true that an increasing number of cars, including some versions of the Prius, come with something called a "passive entry" system. With one of these systems, all you need to do is approach the vehicle with the

key fob in your pocket, and the car "senses" that you have the key.

TOM: Once it senses that the correct key is close by, it will let you unlock the doors and start the engine (by push button) without actually taking the key fob out of your pocket.

RAY: But even with a passive entry system, you still have to push the "start" button, or the car absolutely will not run.

TOM: This guy may have had an experience with a hybrid where someone left the ignition on. Since hybrids are silent in their electric mode and only start the engine when they need to, it may have appeared to him to be off.

RAY: Then, if the hybrid's computer determined that the battery needed to be charged, it may have started up while he was working on it and scared the lug nuts off him. Who knows?

TOM: But if the car is legitimately turned off, it will not start by itself. And you can get your oil changed anywhere, Robert. Well, anywhere but from this guy.

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IMMUNIZATION WEEK



County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, center, signed a proclamation last week designating April 21-28 as National Infant Immunization Week in Floyd County, as Brian Holbrook, of the Kentucky Immunization Program, and Jeannie D. Lafferty, R.N., nursing supervisor with the Floyd County Health Department, looked on.

Lagoon

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to pop up most unexpectedly (usually when a female is just emerging from the shower) and even puts in an appearance at a local theater, which arouses the interest of the locals.

Said citizens are further troubled when the army begins blocking off all roads out of the town while Adams escalates his rampage and begins, targeting people he worked with.

It all leads to a climactic confrontation in the sewers between Kirk and Adams while an airplane packed with explosives begins its descent over the town. It's a perky ending which involves fire extinguisher fun and an assist from the model/scientist glimpsed in the opening scenes.

This one has a little bit of everything, though it doesn't amount to much. The monster/scientist turns out to be a bit of a disappointment in the

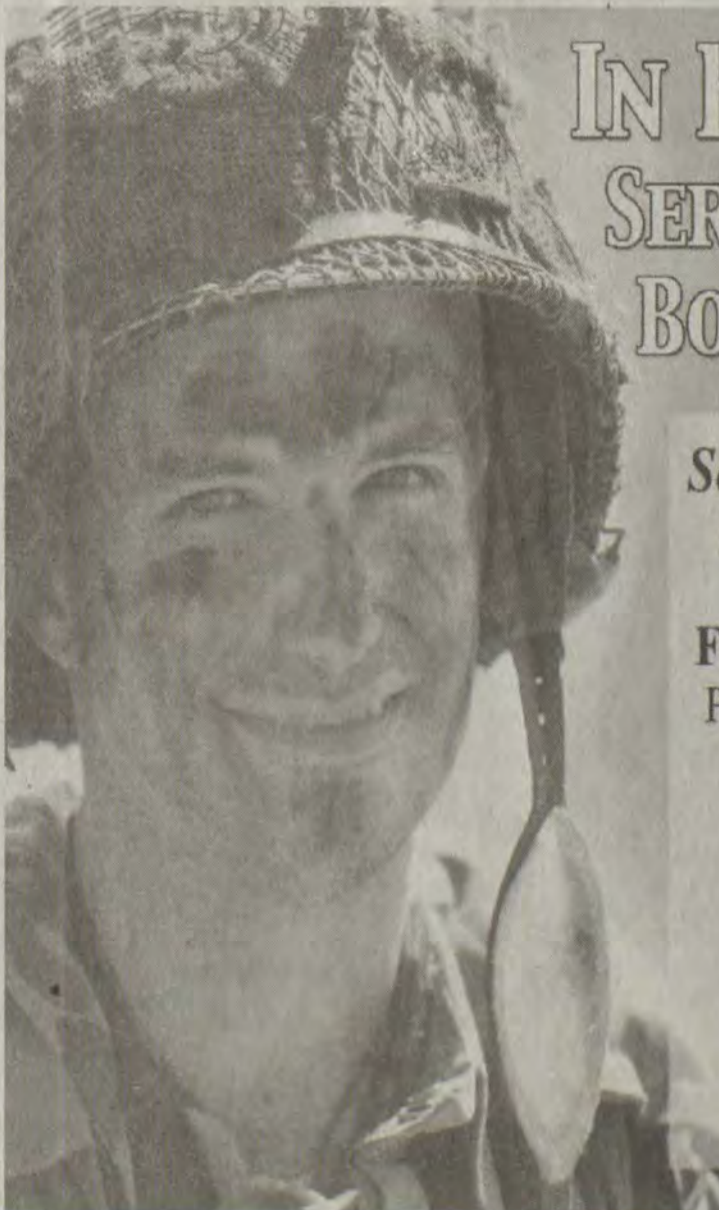
special effects department. He looks like a guy who dived head first into a sausage pizza with extra cheese and walks like he washed it all down with a keg of sangria.

The script writer failed to crack a textbook before embarking on the screenplay and so the research that ignited this drama is never explored.

There is a halfway decent disaster movie lurking here with a host of diverse elements, such as a contagious virus and corrupt politicians covering up chemical weapons testing, but neither point gets enough push. Still it's a reasonably crafted thriller that offers a full plate of terror even if they never get around to swallowing all of it.

Best line: "Apparently this killer, whether a man or an animal, is a mutant."

1976, rated R.



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Murray makes USA Junior Nationals all-state team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — After an outstanding performance in the USA Junior Nationals all-state high school basketball competition at Lexington, Justin Murray, who is currently a junior at Johnson Central High School, has been invited, based upon his performance, to participate in the prestigious USA Junior Nationals International Sports Festival in Columbus, Ohio, July 23-29.

Based in Ann Arbor, Mich., the USA Junior Nationals provides one of the top amateur competitions in the United States and

offers its program to all athletes who have a high talent level in basketball and want to develop their skills and techniques through statewide, national and international competition. This is a unique opportunity for all athletes to improve their basketball talent through highly organized competition. Information about the program's participating athletes is provided to educational institutions throughout the US and Canada for possible scholarship opportunities.

The USA Junior Nationals offers competitions at approximately 42 sites in the spring with competitions scheduled throughout the

South, Midwest, East and West coasts. Athletes who demonstrate advanced skills, team leadership, competitive spirit and good sportsmanship go on to the next level of play — the USA Junior Nationals International Sports Festival.

In Lexington, Murray, who helped lead Johnson Central to the 2006 15th Region championship, played in three games with the USA Junior Nationals, scoring 21, 16 and 21 points in his three outings. Murray was voted Most Valuable Player in two of the three games.



Johnson Central High School guard Justin Murray will enter his senior basketball season later this year.

Rebs rout Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Allen Central scored 13 runs on 14 hits Thursday evening in a 58th District/Floyd County Conference matchup versus Betsy Layne. Scott Little pitched five strong innings for the Rebels, who won 13-2. Little only allowed one hit, registered 12 strikeouts and didn't allow any earned runs en route to winning.

Starting pitcher Travis Hamilton took the loss for the Bobcats. Hamilton pitched all seven innings for Betsy Layne (1-12).

Josh Prater and Logan Crowder each worked one inning from the mound for the Rebels. Crowder finished strong, striking out the side in the seventh inning.

Crowder went three-for-five for the Rebels. Alex Hammonds was two-for-three for Allen Central. Crowder, Hammonds and John Bryant each drove in

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P'BURG 10, SOUTH FLOYD 0



Prestonsburg junior pitcher Josh Rodebaugh (above) held visiting South Floyd scoreless Thursday evening as the Blackcats won 10-0.

Little claims GHK No-Spit All-Star award

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central High School junior Scott Little is the Week Three Get Healthy Kentucky "No Spit" All Star. Trinity's Nate Holland and Paul Dunbar's Matt Bracken were previous winners of the weekly high school baseball award.

Little was 1-0 on the mound for the week, striking out 19 batters in 7 1/3 innings. At the plate, Little hit .668 with a three-run home run, three doubles and five RBIs.

"I am really honored to have Scott Little as a part of our baseball club," said Allen Central Coach Scott Little. "He is a tremendous athlete with tremendous talent. He always hustles and always gives everything he has in the game. He is very special because players like this don't come around often any-

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Blackcats blank Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg junior pitcher Josh Rodebaugh averaged two strikeouts per inning Thursday in a home 58th District/Floyd County Conference game versus longtime rival South Floyd. Behind Rodebaugh's strong pitching and 16 hits, Prestonsburg shut out the Raiders 10-0 in five innings. The Blackcats broke in their new field at the Prestonsburg SportsPark with the convincing shutout win.

Rodebaugh was commanding, only allowing one hit and recording eight strikeouts.

Prestonsburg collected 16 hits. Nathaniel Stephens paced the Prestonsburg offensive effort with a three-for-three performance at the plate. Seth Setser was also three-for-place with three singles for the home team. Stephens had two singles and a double. Bobby Hughes, Tyler Hall and Blake Meade each had two hits for the Blackcats.

The Blackcat batting order was balanced. Chris Schoolcraft, Alan Craynon and Dalton Taylor also contributed out of starting roles for Prestonsburg.

"It was a good district win for us," said Prestonsburg Coach Bob Shepherd. "The district games are so important. Josh pitched a great game and we hit the ball well."

Prestonsburg plated three runs in the opening inning. The Blackcats scored five runs in the second inning to put the game out of visiting South Floyd's reach.

The win was Prestonsburg's second straight. With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 3-12. The Blackcats had

defeated Betsy Layne for the first of the two straight victories.

The Raiders dropped to 0-6 after suffering the setback. Tyler Mitchell pitched and took the loss for the Raiders.



Alice Lloyd sweeps Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The biggest college rivalry in the mountains continued Thursday evening as the visiting Pikeville College baseball team was swept at the hands of the Alice Lloyd College Eagles at ALC Field. Stellar pitching helped propel the Eagles to a 9-2 victory in game one, while a big sixth inning gave ALC an 8-4 win in the nightcap.

The Eagles got on the board first when a Pikeville error led to two unearned runs in the bottom of the second inning against Bears starter Pete Kefalos.

The Bears cut into the lead in the top of the third when senior Donald Tardy opened the inning with a double and later came around to score on a single by junior John Williamson (Canada).

Pikeville had made it a 2-1 ballgame, but the Eagles struck again in their half of the third, scoring four more runs off Kefalos, courtesy of four singles and a walk.

While Pikeville did manage to cut into the lead once more with a RBI-single from senior Adam Collins (Paintsville) in the top of the fourth, making it a 6-2 game, the Eagles used a double, three singles, and a walk in the bottom of the fifth, pushing their lead to 9-2 and chasing Kefalos from the ballgame.

Alice Lloyd starter Travis Slusher retired nine of the final 10 Pikeville hitters en route to securing the victory. Tyler Turner, an Allen Central High School product, led the way for the Eagles with a double, a single, and three runs driven in.

Kefalos (1-4) took the loss for the Bears, going five innings and surrendering three earned runs on 12 hits, while striking out three and walking three.

Freshman Kevin Fleming (Logan, W.Va.) paced the Bears with a double, a single, and a run scored, while Collins chipped in two hits and an RBI.

In the nightcap the Eagles once again used an unearned run to get on the board early, this time using a Pikeville throwing error to pick up a run in the bottom of the second off senior starter Adam Lesshaft.

Up 1-0, ALC added to that lead with four singles in the bot-

(See SWEEPS, page eight)

BETSY LAYNE FOOTBALL



photos by Steve LeMaster

SIGNING TO PLAY — Left: Betsy Layne High School linemen Brandon (BC) Thornsberry (third from the left) and Jordan Jarrell (second from the right) each signed to play football at the University of the Cumberland during a signing ceremony held inside the BLHS Library. Above: Brandon Bentley, another BLHS senior, signed to play football at Pikeville College.

Sweeps

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tom of the third, going up 3-0 on Pikeville, but the Bears would respond, cutting into the lead with a double, a single, and a sacrifice fly to start their half of the fourth inning.

The Bears would make it a 3-2 game in the top of the fifth when Collins ripped a one-out single, and Williamson followed with an RBI-double.

Still, in their half of the fifth, the Eagles picked up one more run, giving them a 4-2 lead and chasing Lesshaft from the game.

But the Bears were not finished. Down now 4-2, they struck for two runs in the top of the sixth, scoring on RBI-singles by freshman Ryan Jones (Haysi, Va.) and Collins.

The game was now tied. However, with one man out in the bottom of the sixth, Alice Lloyd would use three

singles, a triple, a hit-batsman, and an RBI-groundout to take an 8-4 lead.

Righthander Robert Smith then quickly retired the Bears in the seventh to close out the game.

Trenton Vanhoose led the Eagles with a double, a single, and a run scored, while Kyle Potter provided a pair of runs of his own.

Collins went 3-4 for the Bears with a run scored and an RBI, while Williamson provided three doubles and an RBI, and Fleming pitched in a pair of doubles and two runs scored.

The two defeats, which dropped Pikeville to 18-24 on the season.

The Bears will return to the diamond for their regular season finale on Tuesday when they travel across the state line to take on the University of Virginia's College at Wise. The doubleheader is set to begin at 2 p.m.

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two runs for the Rebels. Little and Bryant were both two-for-four.

Prater, Chad Nelson, Josh Manuel, Chris Stumbo and Hunter Crowder each collected one hit for Allen Central (4-8) in the district/conference win. Nelson has a seven-game hitting streak going after the game.

"We had a lot of things happen this game that give our season a positive spin," said Allen Central Coach Kenneth Johnson. "We hit the ball pretty good. Everyone got a hit. Our senior, John Bryant, broke out of a slump with two good hits. Logan

Crowder continued to hit the ball hard. We got on base, moved runners around, and scored a lot of runs. Scott was also dominant on the mound for five innings, only giving up one hit and striking out 12. We are now 2-0 in district play and have won two in a row. Our boys are really working hard, and it is finally starting to pay off."

The Rebels showcased speed on the basepaths, swiping seven bases.

Allen Central's Ethan Conley sat out the game due to a pulled groin. He is listed on the DL for one week.

GHK

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more. But the best part is his character. That's why he was deserving of this award. He has pledged to not use any tobacco product. He is very coachable. He is a leader on our team."

The Sports Flash (TSF) Radio Network and Get Healthy Kentucky (GHK) have collaborated to reduce tobacco use in the commonwealth, launching the Kentucky "No Spit"

All-Star campaign.

The unique health promotion is taking place throughout the high school baseball season, honoring players who have taken the pledge not to use smokeless tobacco products, such as "spit" or "chew" tobacco. The campaign, which started the week of March 26, coincided with the beginning of the baseball season.

Allen Central High School Volleyball Coach/Athletic Director Larry Maynard received the following letter via email from Virginia Tech University Volleyball Coach Chris Riley:

Dear Friends,
I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers for all of us at Virginia Tech. I would especially like to pass on my deepest thanks to all my friends and coaches around the country who have been so supportive by calling and e-mailing. I apologize for the impersonal nature of this reply, but your outpouring of concern has been so overwhelming that my staff and I felt this was the best way to acknowledge it.
The tragedy that has taken place on our campus at Virginia Tech has taught all of us just how precious everyday really is and how lucky we are to play the game we love. No volleyball student-athletes were involved in the events of April 16th but that was only because of day and timing. If this had happened on Tuesday instead of Monday, we would have had three players in class in Norris Hall at that time of the shootings.
I am amazed at how close and strong the Hokie Nation has become and I am so proud of all of our students at Virginia Tech for the way they have remained united.
Your expressions of care have also made us proud that we are part of the volleyball family.
With heartfelt appreciation,
Chris Riley and Staff,
Virginia Tech University

High school stars Patterson, Lucas still undecided on college

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — High school All-Americans Patrick Patterson and Jai Lucas, who were recruited by Kentucky, are still undecided on what schools they will attend this fall.

Coach Billy Donovan could perhaps land both recruits along with Nick Calathes and Chandler Parsons, who've already committed to the Florida Gators.

Patterson and Lucas were joined by 19 of the nation's top high school players, following practice for Saturday's All-American Jordan Brand Classic at Madison Square Garden.

The Classic has featured some of the NBA's top stars like LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony. Texas' Kevin Durant and Ohio State's Greg Oden, who could be the top two picks in June's NBA draft, have also appeared.

Patterson and Lucas were recruited heavily by former Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, who left the Wildcats for Minnesota.

Lucas was upset but thought "it

was a blessing in disguise" as Smith's departure opened up new opportunities.

"I'm really trying to put an end to it," Lucas said of the recruiting process while his dad, former NBA coach and player John Lucas stood nearby.

"I took my last and final visit. I went to Florida, so I think I'll have a decision by sometime next week."

"You know Florida, they always been on my list," Lucas said. "Coach Donovan's recruited me since my sophomore year. But he said he didn't feel it was the right situation with Taurean Green still there. So once Taurean Green went to the NBA, it's an opportunity to look at. Coach Donovan is a guard coach and I am a guard, so that's a big thing."

Patterson was also upset over Smith's departure. But, like Lucas, he understands what happened and will "take it all the way out to May" before choosing his school.

Although he's still considering Billy Gillispie and the Wildcats, he did mention Bob Huggins and West Virginia. With Calathes and Parsons spending some time with him this week, Florida is still in the mix.

"They are still there," Patterson said of perhaps joining the two-time national champions. "I'm still getting stuff from Nick and Chandler for Florida. They just bug me and feed me as much stuff as they can to get me to go there still."

Stewart, Gordon, Montoya highlight Eldora's Nextel Prelude

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio — Eldora Speedway's much heralded Nextel Prelude to the Dream has gained even more momentum with this week's announcement of the participating talent, which will feature a lineup of no less than five former NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series champions.

Eldora's owner, Tony Stewart, has announced that this year's edition will take place on Wednesday, June 6. It will again be sandwiched between the June 2 World of Outlaws Built by The Home Depot event and the \$100,000 to win Dirt Late Model Dream June 8-9.

Following the successful and highly popular format used each of the past two years, Stewart will welcome many of his Nextel Cup brethren and other racing notables for an evening of dirt track competition on the nationally recognized half mile clay oval. The talent will again be placed behind the wheel of fast and powerful Late Model race cars.

Headlining that list and making his first return to the dirt surfaced Eldora oval since 1991 is four-time Nextel Cup champion Jeff Gordon, driver of the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet. In that visit to Eldora 16

years ago Gordon left victorious, as he won the Midget portion of the USAC Four Crown Nationals.

Stewart, with his long history of dirt track accomplishments — including last year's Nextel Prelude trophy — will join Gordon as a former Nextel Cup champion. Recognized for his prowess behind the wheel of the No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet fielded by Joe Gibbs Racing, Stewart will have to fend off the challenges from the impressive roster of drivers that includes a mixed bag of dirt track experience. Some of the drivers have Eldora roots, some are Nextel Prelude returnees and others will be on the Eldora high banks for the very first time.

Rounding out the list of former Cup Series champions who will compete in the Nextel Prelude to the Dream are Matt Kenseth (2003), Bobby Labonte (2000) and Bill Elliott (1988).

With impressive credentials as the 2005 Nextel Cup Rookie of the Year, Kasey Kahne will join this year's mix of drivers. And while new to the event, Kahne is not new to Eldora. He has a 2003 All Star Sprint victory at Eldora on his ever-expanding resume. Also joining the Nextel Prelude field and making their Eldora debuts will be Juan Pablo Montoya, Clint Bowyer, Ray

Everham, and Kyle Busch.

Also in the fold is inaugural Nextel Prelude to the Dream winner Kenny Wallace, veteran dirt racers Ken Schrader and Dave Blaney, and Nextel Prelude returnees Mark Martin, Kevin Harvick, Aric Almirola, Mike Wallace, Ryan Newman, JJ Yeley, Kyle Petty, Denny Hamlin, the ageless Red Farmer and drag racing standout Ron Capps.

Wearing his proverbial track owner hat, Stewart beams with pride when he reflects upon this event.

"The Eldora legacy is to go above and beyond for its loyal fans. The Nextel Prelude to the Dream carries on that tradition. Nextel has returned to partner with us, and with some of the best race car drivers in the world competing on the hallowed dirt of Eldora, it promises to be another memorable night."

Stewart, hinting at even greater news in the coming weeks, stated, "Stay tuned for a huge event-related announcement in a couple weeks, and a list of additional star attendees."

Tickets for the 2007 Nextel Prelude to the Dream, which sold out each of the past two years, are now available online at www.eldoraspeedway.com or by calling the track office 937/338-3815.

Oden to leave Ohio State after freshman campaign

By MARK WILLIAMS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Greg Oden is through with school.

The 7-foot freshman said on Friday that he will leave Ohio State after leading the Buckeyes to the national championship game and enter the NBA draft where he figures to be one of the top two picks.

Freshman teammates Mike Conley Jr. and Daequan Cook also said they will make themselves available for the draft. Unlike Oden, they have opted not to hire an agent for now — meaning they will retain the option of returning to school in the fall.

"This is a very tough decision for

me," Oden said in a statement released by Ohio State. "I love OSU and love being a Buckeye, but I also have a great opportunity to take my game to the next level and compete with the best players in the world. I've discussed this with family, friends and Coach (Thad) Matta, and I feel the time is right."

All three players were key figures this past season for the Buckeyes, who went 35-4 to set a mark for victories and won the Big Ten's regular-season and tournament titles before advancing to their first national championship game since 1962 where they lost to two-time champion Florida 84-75 this month.

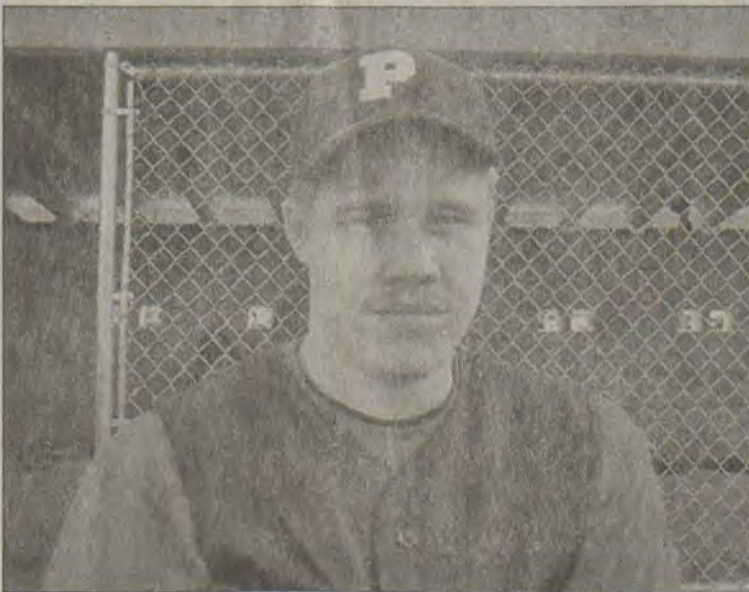
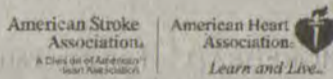
After getting a late start at Ohio State because of a wrist injury, Oden, 19, lived up to his billing as a two-time national player of the year, leading the Buckeyes in scoring (15.7) and rebounding (9.6) per game and topping the Big Ten in shooting percentage (.616).

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BLACKCAT BASEBALL: Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, pictured above with Blackcat catcher Blake Meade, was on hand for Thursday's game between host Prestonsburg and South Floyd. Prestonsburg was eager to hit the field and host the district game in the new surroundings. Chris Schoolcraft (left) has returned to the baseball diamond for Prestonsburg after being out with shoulder tendonitis. Schoolcraft ranks as one of the the 58th District's top pitchers.

COACHING MOVE: Pelphrey hires Evans as assistant

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Rob Evans, a former Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year, has joined head coach John Pelphrey's staff at Arkansas as an assistant coach.

The former head coach at Ole Miss and Arizona State joins assistant coach Tom Ostrom and director of basketball operations Matt Figger on Pelphrey's staff.

Evans was the head coach at Ole Miss from 1993-98 and at Arizona State from 1999-2006. He rebuilt both programs, leading Ole Miss to con-

secutive SEC Western Division titles and NCAA Tournament bids, and guiding Arizona State to post-season tournament appearances in three of his last five years.

The Hobbs, N.M., native was a collegiate assistant for 24 years before taking over the Ole Miss program. He was an assistant to Eddie Sutton at Oklahoma State in 1991 and 1992 after spending 15

years as an assistant at Texas Tech (1976-90) and seven under Lou Henson at New Mexico State (1969-75), his alma mater.

Evans has 38 years of collegiate coaching experience, including 14 years as a head coach. Six of his 14 teams as head coach earned post-season tournament bids with 16 of his teams overall advancing to post-season play.

He helped the Aggies earn four NCAA Tournament bids in

seven years with a trip to the Final Four in 1970. While an assistant at NMSU, he also coached the freshman teams to a combined record of 90-15. Eight of his teams at Texas Tech won 17 or more games with three Southwest Conference Tournament titles and three NCAA Tournament bids. In his two seasons at OSU, the Cowboys reached the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 each year.

At Ole Miss, Evans took over a program with just one winning season in the previous nine seasons and only one NCAA Tournament bid in its history. After a 10-18 mark his first year,

the Rebels were 14-13 in 1994 for their first winning season in seven years. Ole Miss was 8-19 and 12-15 the next two years, but went 20-9 in 1997 and 22-7 in 1998, winning Western Division titles each year and back-to-back NCAA Tournament bids for the first time. The consecutive 20-win seasons were the first for Ole Miss since 1937 and '38.

Evans was named SEC Coach of the Year and CollegeInsider.com National Coach of the Year in 1997. In 1998, the Rebels beat Kentucky in Lexington for the first time since 1927.



John Pelphrey

Louisville RB Bush up and running just in time for NFL draft

by JOHN WAWROW
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michael Bush is up and running, his broken right leg nearly fully healed just in time for the NFL draft.

The former Louisville running back this week took part in his first full workout since he was hurt in September and also received a thumbs-up prognosis from James Andrews, an Alabama-based orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports injuries.

"I reviewed an X-ray today and it looks like it is 99 percent healed," Andrews wrote in a letter dated Wednesday and obtained by The

Associated Press. "I would estimate that Michael Bush will pick up in the NFL where he left off in college, and should be a top-ranked running back taken in the 2007 NFL Draft."

The letter was released by Bush's agent, Todd France, who said he is forwarding Andrews' letter, Bush's most recent X-rays and a DVD from his client's workout to all 32 NFL teams. The workout was held at Louisville on Monday and filmed by school officials, France said.

The agent hopes the updated information will clear up any doubts about Bush's status going into the draft on April 28-29.

"It's great news," France said.

"It's huge. My thing was I wanted to take away any negative perceptions in people's minds where his health status is because he couldn't work out at the combine. Well, guess what, look at him now."

The highly regarded Bush broke his leg in Louisville's season-opener against Kentucky in September. He was coming off a junior season in which he ran for 1,143 yards and an NCAA-leading 23 touchdowns.

Bush applied for a medical red-

shirt in case he decided to come back to school but instead opted to enter the draft.

The injury has led Bush's stock to fall in numerous draft projections, which peg him as a second- or third-round pick at best — and well behind Oklahoma's Adrian Peterson and California's Marshawn Lynch.

Before being hurt, the 6-foot-1, 251-pound Bush was noted for running with both power and speed, while also being a capable receiver. He actually came to

Louisville as a quarterback.

His recovery comes about a month after Bush had a second operation during which a new rod was inserted into his leg after the bone didn't heal quickly enough from the initial surgery.

"It is remarkable how quickly this has improved," Andrews wrote. "It certainly looks much better than it did some weeks ago."

Andrews said he also was impressed after viewing the workout, noting Bush took part in 100-yard runs, multiple ladder drills, jumped rope and did 225-pound squats.

The video was not made available to The Associated Press.



Michael Bush

UK ATHLETICS: CATSPY Awards set for Tuesday at Rupp Arena

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The fifth-annual CATSPY Awards, celebrating the 2006-07 athletic year at the University of Kentucky, will be held on Tuesday at Rupp Arena.

The event begins at 8:30 p.m. and the public is invited. Tickets cost \$5 each and may be purchased in

advance at the UK Athletics Ticket Office (Joe Craft Center) or by calling 800-928-2287. Tickets also will be available on the night of the event in the lobby of Rupp Arena. All persons must have a ticket to enter, regardless of age.

A spinoff of the popular ESPY Awards held each year by ESPN, the CATSPYs feature 24 individual and

team honors categories, chosen from UK's 22 varsity sports. Videos of the nominees in each category are shown. UK student-athletes and staff serve as presenters.

The list of awards this year includes: Male and Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year; Academic Team of the Year; Community Service Award for outreach in the communi-

ty; Blue Heart Award for comeback of the year; Character Award; Lifetime Achievement Award for coach or staff member; Male and Female Scratch Award for non-scholarship player who has made significant contributions to the team; Supporting Role Award for scholarship player who contributes significantly to the team as a reserve; "One

Shining Moment" Award; Men's Team Coach of the Year; Women's Team Coach of the Year; Mr. and Miss Wildcat; Male and Female Play of the Year; Male and Female Rookie of the Year; Male and Female Performance of the Year; Male and Female Athlete of the Year; Male and Female Team of the Year.

Morehead State signs NJ All-Stater

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Kenneth Faried, a 6-8, 190-pound forward from Newark (N.J.) Technology High School has signed a national letter-of-intent to play basketball at Morehead State University.

Faried averaged 23.2 points and 15.8 rebounds and hit 64 percent from the field in earning First Team All-State Group 1 in New Jersey. He also blocked 89 shots. Technology High School finished 20-4 and advanced to the sectional semifinals.

"Kenneth is a long, active shot-

blocker who will give our front line some nice athleticism," said MSU Head Coach Donnie Tyndall. "He led Technology High School to unprecedented heights this season, and we certainly hope he will help us grow our program as well."

"Not only is Kenneth a talented young man on the floor, he is a very personable kid that was very loyal to Morehead State, committing in February and signing in April. The people of Morehead are really going to enjoy watching him play for the next four years."

Faried also earned First Team All-Exsex County Honors and participat-

ed in the New Jersey-Connecticut All-Star Game.

"I'm excited about going to Morehead State University," Faried said after his commitment and signing. "It's definitely a program moving up, and I hope to get to play as a freshman. Coach (Donnie Tyndall) did a great job in his first year."

Faried is Morehead State's first signee of the spring signing period. Tyndall inked guard John Lamb from Indianola, Iowa, in the fall. Lamb went on to earn all-state honors in Iowa and was a finalist for that state's Mr. Basketball.



POTENT P'BURG OFFENSE: Prestonsburg jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning and cruised to a 10-0 victory over the South Floyd Raiders.



KIDS DAY — Archer Park will host the 14th annual Kids Day in the Park on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. More on this year's Kids Day will appear in the Wednesday, April 25 edition.

Owensboro awarded state softball tourneys

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association on Thursday named the City of Owensboro and Jack C. Fisher Park as host of the 2008 and 2009 KHSAA State Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments.

The City of Owensboro has hosted

the event six times previously with the 1995, 1996, 2004 and 2005 tournaments played at Fisher Park. The 1997 and 1999 tournaments were also in Owensboro and were played at Panther Creek Park.

"The Owensboro community has long been a hot bed for high school softball and a leader in hosting championship level events," KHSAA

Commissioner DeVries said. "We look forward to the continuation of a great relationship and are appreciative of the support for our girls' softball tournament."

The 2007 State Tournament is slated for June 8-9 at Skyview Park in Jeffersonton.

2008 Tournament Dates — June 6-7
2009 Tournament Dates — June 5-6



HONORED

Piarist School held its annual athletic banquet Thursday night and honored student-athletes from the sports of cross country, soccer, golf, dance and basketball. Six graduating seniors were honored with their basketball jerseys. Left to right: Matt Hicks, Chris Baker, Matt Doyle, T.J. Hollyfield, Jake Moak and Josh Ousley with Coach Greg Friend in the back row. Former University of Kentucky Wildcat J.P. Blevins spoke at the dinner.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0303, Amendment No. 3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, WV 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located near Craynor of Floyd County. The amendment will add 162.77 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 187.86 acres making a total area of 1162.01 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 miles south

from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned

by Evan and Audie Howell, Carmel and Marie Clark, F.W. Newsom Heirs, Blaine and Zella Slone Heirs, James McKinney, Joseph C. Akers, Glen and Willa Jean Tackett, Maggie Howell, et. al., and Evan Howell. The amendment will underlie land owned by Olivia Hamilton, Darvene Hamilton, Arnold Turner, Jr., et. al., F. W. Newsom Heirs, Carmel and Marie Clark, and Joseph C. Akers and Richard Hamilton et al. The operation will use the contour, auger, and area method of surface mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the

Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-6015 Renewal No. 4

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Consol of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, has applied for renewal of a permit for a preparation plant, located 0.67 mile northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb approximately 5.00 surface acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.67 mile northwest from S.R. 7's junction with S.R. 550, and located on Right Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37°30'04". The longitude is 82°50'27".

The proposed operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Consol of Kentucky Inc. The operation will overlie land owned by Consol of Kentucky Inc.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

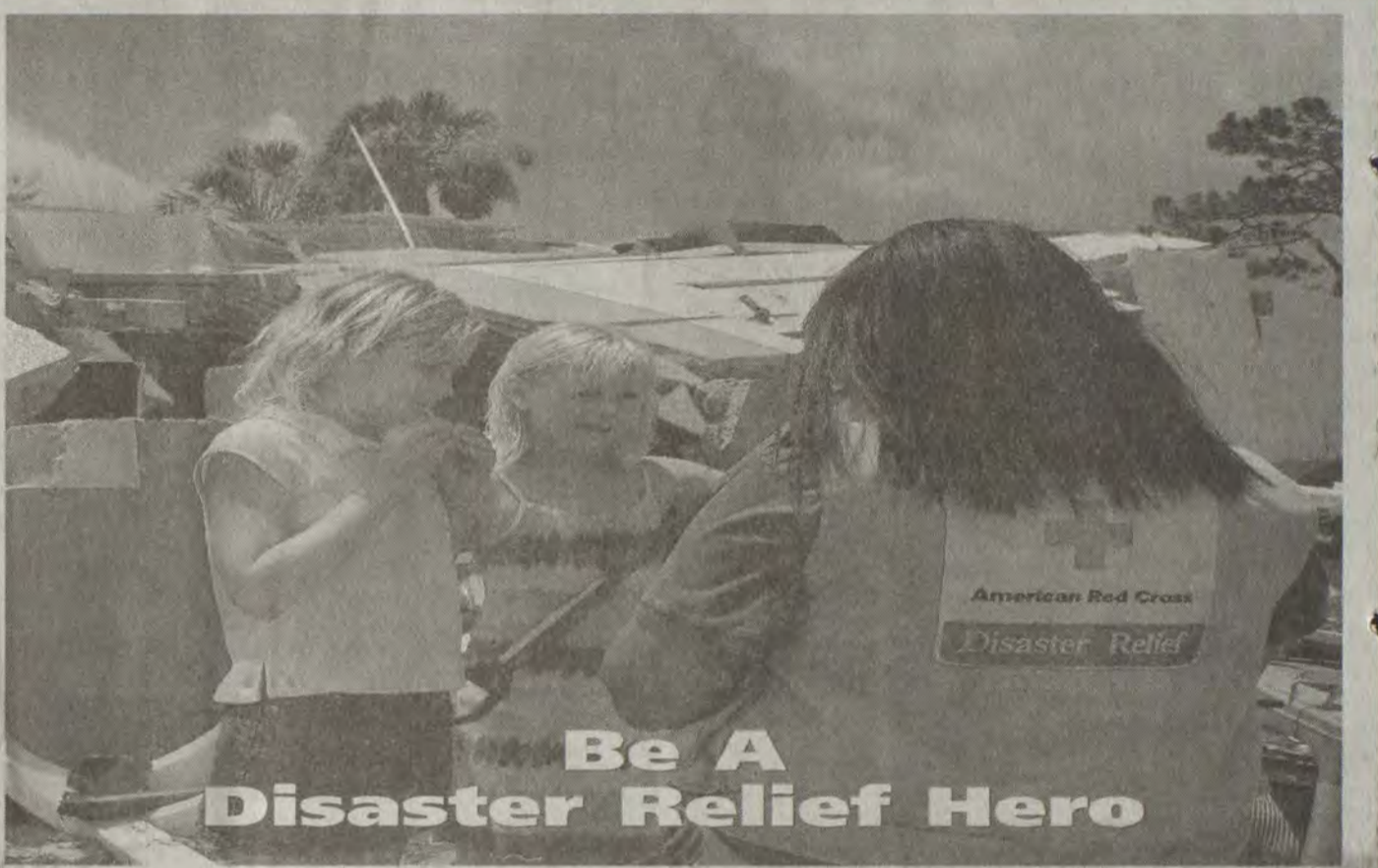
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FAMILY FEATURES

Seasonal celebrations provide a perfect opportunity to entertain at home. Just remember, the key to a successful and stress-free soirée is to keep it simple and think "side dishes."

Side dishes are a great way to show your versatility and shine in the kitchen. Prepare a meal with a simple roast or store-bought entrée, such as a glazed ham or roasted turkey, and you've got a terrific spread that will keep your guests coming back for more.

Broccoli 'n' Cheese Casserole is an easy and delicious spin on a plain broccoli side dish. Plus, it's a great way to get your younger guests to eat their veggies.

For a dish that is simple, but full of flavor, try Broth Simmered Rice. Prepared with Swanson Broth instead of water, it is easy to customize to complement any main course.

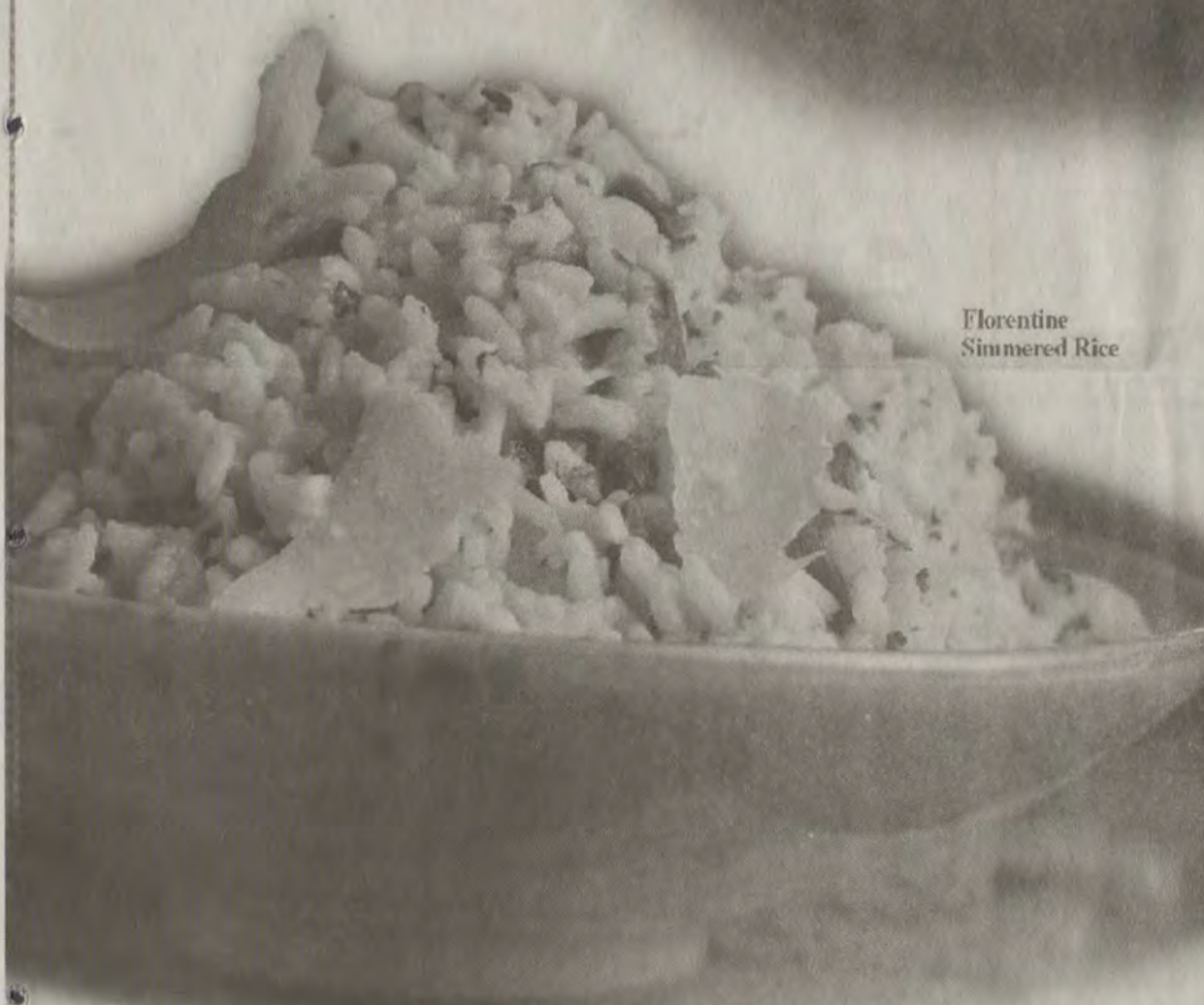
For a tasty twist, make it "Florentine" by adding Italian seasoning, spinach and Parmesan cheese.

Three-Cheese Pasta Bake is a creamy pasta dish that is sure to satisfy. Made with Campbell's Cream of Mushroom soup, this crowd-pleaser has only six ingredients and can be ready in just 25 minutes.

For more festive and flavorful recipes, please visit www.campbellskitchen.com and www.swansonbroth.com.



Broccoli 'n' Cheese Casserole



Florentine Simmered Rice

Casual Entertaining Tips

- To make your next weeknight dinner extra special, set the table with matching linens and provide a place card at each diner's seat.
- Music is an easy way to set the tone for a gathering. Once you choose a theme, select a few favorite compact discs to play throughout the evening.
- Choose dishes that can be prepared ahead of time. That way, when guests arrive you can spend more time socializing and less time in the kitchen.

Broccoli 'n' Cheese Casserole

Prep: 5 minutes / Bake: 30 minutes
Makes: 6 servings

- 1 10 3/4-ounce can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodium)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons yellow mustard
- 1 16-ounce bag frozen broccoli florets, thawed (about 4 cups)
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (4 ounces)
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons butter, melted

1. Stir soup, milk, mustard, broccoli and cheese in 1 1/2-quart casserole.
2. Mix bread crumbs and butter in small bowl; sprinkle over broccoli mixture.
3. Bake at 350°F 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

3-Cheese Pasta Bake

Prep: 15 minutes / Bake: 20 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

- 1 10 3/4-ounce can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodium)
- 1 8-ounce package shredded two-cheese blend
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 cups corkscrew-shaped pasta (rotini), cooked and drained

1. Stir soup, cheeses, milk and black pepper in 1 1/2-quart casserole. Stir in pasta.
2. Bake at 400°F 20 minutes or until hot.

Easy Substitution: Use 2 cups of your favorite shredded cheese for the 8-ounce package.

Broth Simmered Rice

Prep: 5 minutes / Cook: 25 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

- 1 3/4 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
- 3/4 cup uncooked regular long-grain white rice

1. Heat broth in 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to boil.
2. Stir in rice. Reduce heat to low. Cover saucepan and cook 20 minutes or until rice is tender and most of liquid is absorbed.

Florentine Simmered Rice:

(As pictured above) Add 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning to broth. Add 1 cup chopped spinach with rice. Stir in 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese before serving. Serve with additional cheese.

Squash Casserole

Prep: 15 minutes
Bake: 40 minutes
Makes: 8 servings

- 3 cups Pepperidge Farm Corn Bread Stuffing
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 10 3/4-ounce can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 small yellow squash, shredded (about 2 cups)
- 2 small zucchini, shredded (about 2 cups)
- 1/4 cup shredded carrot
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

1. Mix stuffing and butter in a medium bowl. Reserve 1/2 cup stuffing mixture for topping. Spoon remaining stuffing mixture into a 11-by-8-by-2-inch shallow baking dish.
2. Stir soup, sour cream, yellow squash, zucchini, carrot and cheese in a large bowl. Spread vegetable mixture over stuffing mixture; sprinkle with reserved stuffing.
3. Bake at 350°F 40 minutes or until hot and topping is golden.

Roasted Asparagus With

Lemon and Goat Cheese

Prep: 10 minutes
Bake: 20 minutes
Makes: 6 servings

- Vegetable cooking spray
- 1 lemon
- 2 pounds asparagus, trimmed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup Swanson Vegetable Broth (Regular or Certified Organic)
- 3 ounces soft goat cheese, crumbled

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Spray a 17-by-11-inch roasting pan or shallow baking sheet with cooking spray.
2. Grate enough lemon peel to make 1 teaspoon. Squeeze lemon to make 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Set peel and juice aside.
3. Stir asparagus and oil in prepared pan. Season with black pepper; add broth.
4. Bake 20 minutes or until asparagus is fork-tender, stirring once. Top with cheese, lemon peel and juice.

3-Cheese Pasta Bake





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