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briefs
Judi's Place receives state grant

Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced Thursday that the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention (CSAEP) Board, for which he serves as Chair, is awarding its annual child sexual abuse prevention grants to several non-profit agencies across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
'This is a very fitting time to make this announcement, because April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month,' said Attorney General Stumbo. 'What better way to help our children than by providing public education targeting the prevention of this terrible crime.'
The CSAEP Board administers the Child Victims' Trust Fund, which subsidizes three separate child sexual abuse prevention programs. One is an annual grant that funds child sexual abuse prevention education programs in local schools and communities throughout Kentucky; the second provides financial assistance for child sexual abuse medical examinations; and the third supports the creation and implementation of statewide child sexual abuse prevention education programs.
Locally, Big Sandy Area Child Advocacy Center, also known as Judi's Place for Kids, in Pikeville, was a recipient of the Child Victims' Trust Fund 2007 Child Sexual Abuse Medical Examination Reimbursement Program Awards.
The Child Victims' Trust

State to monitor river discharge

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The release of a by-product of underground coal mining into the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River has raised concerns from both local and state officials regarding possible damages to water quality. Consolidation Coal Company, a

subsidiary of Pittsburgh-based Consol Energy, received a permit from the state of Virginia to begin discharging brine water into the Levisa Fork in May or early June. The discharge will travel through a 19-mile pipeline and will be released through a diffuser at a rate of 14.4 million gallons per day 12 miles upstream from the Kentucky border.

In response to concerns, the Environmental and Protection Cabinet will be monitoring the discharge that will flow into the Levisa Fork and Fishtrap Lake.

'I have been assured by the state of Virginia that the water to be discharged will not harm Kentucky waterways,' said Teresa J. Hill, secretary of the EPPC. 'Nonetheless, it remains pru-

dent to conduct periodic monitoring to make sure our waters remain safe for aquatic life and as a source of drinking water.'

In 2006, Attorney General Greg Stumbo's Civil and Environmental Law Branch began fighting Consol Energy's plan to discharge massive

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POTENTIAL SAVINGS



County Judge-Executive R.D. 'Doc' Marshall met with employees of the Floyd County Health Department recently to promote the use of the KACO prescription drug card in Floyd County. Judge Marshall's visit today was to support a commitment by former Judge Executive Paul H. Thompson in December 2006 to join with other counties across the Commonwealth to offer Floyd County residents the opportunity to obtain lower priced prescription drugs. In presenting a drug card to Neva Francis, health educator of Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Judge Marshall said, 'Bob Arnold with Kentucky Association of Counties has enabled all county governments the ability to provide residents with an opportunity to have access to lower costs prescription drugs. . . I encourage everyone to check out the potential savings on medication costs through this program. It is my understanding that many pharmacies have agreed to honor the prescription drug cards.' All interested parties may call or contact Leslie Minix at the Floyd County Health Department in Prestonsburg at 606-866-2788; Cheryl Presley at the Betsy Layne Clinic at 478-5454; or Tammy Mosley at the Wheelwright Branch at 452-9300 for a card.

Councilman points finger at mayor

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg City Council Member C. 'Shag' Branham has issued a response following a letter sent out to the media by Abbott Engineering regarding their feelings of being slandered by the council following a squabble over billing practices.

The response is in defense of the council, and places more of the blame for miscommunication on Mayor Jerry Fannin himself, noting that several questions directed toward Fannin went unanswered as he explained that he wasn't sure why the city was still receiving bills for alleged annexation projects.

Furthermore, Branham says that he and other council members never implied unlawful activity on the part of Abbott Engineering.

'When we spoke of these processes, not once did we, as a council, imply any unlawful activity on Abbott's component, as this was all procedural problems arriving from the mayor's unilateral action,' Branham wrote.

Branham continues to note in his letter that they made attempts to retrieve information from the mayor that went unanswered and responded to Abbott Engineering's accusations

of slander in a public forum, by saying that most of their work as a council is done in the public's eye.

'We as a council must do our speaking in a public forum as law requires and we, as council members, cannot act unilaterally, but must act as a legislative body,' Branham says. 'So our process is not as where we can conceal ourselves behind closed doors and scheme our actions. We have to be open and vote on how we are going to proceed over actions.'

In closing, Branham makes reference to personally knowing all three owners of the engineering company.

'As a public issuance of fact, I personally know of all three owners and I can unequivocally state that Ronnie Warrick, Tim Howard, and Don Hughes, are all fine people with exemplary character,' Branham says. 'It is my belief that the whole council feels much the same way.'

Also, Branham writes, 'If the mayor would have answered the questions asked by councilman Nunnery with definitive answers, then all of this posturing could and would have been avoided, and they would not have to publicly 'slander' the council for acting on behalf of the citizens of Prestonsburg.'

Governor complains about region's portrayal on 'Idol'

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A fundraising episode of "American Idol" this week is attracting donations to an impoverished county in eastern Kentucky, but Gov. Ernie Fletcher said he was disappointed in how the area was portrayed.

The segment, narrated by Idol judge Paula Abdul, spot-

lighted Beckham Bates Elementary in Letcher County and focused on illiteracy. Abdul said the school has merely 500 books in its library and scene setters included images of a broken down school bus.

Several children with heavy accents and some with poor grammar were interviewed about the value of education and their interest in books.

But Fletcher said the segment emphasized Appalachian stereotypes and did not mention the strides the state has made in improving literacy.

'They took what was a success story and turned it into something that was not really a good reflection on Kentucky,' Fletcher said Thursday during a

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Burned office reopens in temporary site

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A fire two weeks ago nearly wiped out the Redd, Brown and Williams Real Estate office in Prestonsburg, but employees say they haven't lost a step and are open for business.

An electrical fire ravaged the office building on University Drive, but luckily most records and equipment were saved. Realtor Patty Hatfield says they only lost one computer and one file in the fire.

The office building is currently undergoing repairs and unfortunately has to be completely gutted on the inside and

the entire roof will have to be replaced. According to Hatfield, they expect repairs to last between four and six weeks. During this time, they are operating out of a trailer parked in the lot next to their office building.

'Due to our efficient staff and broker, we got things up and running again really quickly,' said Hatfield.

Redd, Brown and Williams was able to reopen at their temporary office this past Monday and employees say that business has been good.

'We've closed a couple of deals this week, which is great,' Hatfield says.



photo by Jessica Hale

A fire came close to destroying the Redd, Brown and Williams office building on University Drive in Prestonsburg a few weeks ago, but normal operations have resumed in a temporary trailer located beside the building now undergoing repairs.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Lloyd Harold Allen, 71, of David, died Friday, April 20, in King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Hicks Allen. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Edna Bowling, 73, of New London, Ohio, a Maytown native, died Friday, April 20, 2007, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Harold L. Bowling. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 24, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home.

■ Carlos R. Duff, 60, of Beckley, formerly of Prestonsburg, died at the Veterans Area Medical Center, in Beckley. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Church Duff. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 24, in the Melton Mortuary Chapel.

■ Milford "Pie" Gayheart, 85, of McDowell, died Sunday, April 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Gayheart. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Laura Akers Griffith, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April

21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 25, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Delmas V. "Bud" Hall, 75, of Marshall, Michigan, a native of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, April 22, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 26, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home.

■ Jack Talmadge Hutchinson, 78, of Lancaster, formerly of Martin, died Saturday, April 21, in the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville. He is survived by his wife, Betty Sue Webb Hutchinson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Mary Alice Johnson, 78, of Melvin, died Monday, April 23, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. She is survived by her husband, Russell Johnson. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Susan Goodman Clark McDaniel, 86, of Ashland, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, April 22, at the home of her daughter in Somerset. Graveside services were

held Thursday, April 26, at Rose Hill Burial Park Mausoleum Chapel, under the direction of Steen Funeral Home-Central Avenue Chapel in Ashland.

■ Billy Ray Newsome, 57, of Harold, died Sunday, April 22, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Calvin Sexton, 58, of Pierceton, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, April 21, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Betty Adkins Sexton. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ John Thomas Spradlin, 52, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, April 18, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mary E. Perry Spradlin. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Joan Whitaker, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, April 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, April 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Martin A. Adams, 82, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, April 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Buddy Ball, 78, of Easley, S.C., formerly of Aflex, died Wednesday, April 18, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Ball. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 21, at the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church.

■ Burton Bentley, 74, of Rockhouse, died Thursday, April 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Coleman Bentley. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 22, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Ertha Ellen Bentley, 55, of Virgie, died Monday, April 23, at her home. She is survived by her husband, John Winston Bentley. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 26, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Roosevelt Bentley, 83, of Jenkins, a Pike County native, died Saturday, April 21, at Whitesburg. Funeral services were held

Wednesday, April 25, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

■ Dorlis Blankenship of Northville, Mich., formerly of Majestic, died Monday, April 23, in Northville. Arrangements, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Beulah Howard-Boyd, 84, of Catlettsburg, a Pikeville native, died Sunday evening, April 22. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 25, under the direction of Ratliff Family Funeral Home.

■ Micheal Shaun Branham, 28, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, April 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Melinda Gail Branham. Funeral services were held Monday, April 23, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Joe Douglas Castle, 76, of 104 Colby Hills, a Johnson County native, died Friday, April 20, at Clark Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Riffe Castle. Private graveside services were held Sunday, April 25, at the Johnson Memorial Cemetery, Pike County. Arrangements, under direction of Scobee Funeral Home, in charge of arrangements.

■ Georgia Vanover Castle, 92, of Barlow Drive, died Thursday, April 26, at Winchester Centre for Health and Rehabilitation. A private family graveside service was held Saturday, April 28, in the Johnson Memorial Cemetery, Pike County. Arrangements, under direction of Scobee Funeral Home.

■ Dr. Winjing Chang, 46, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Miriam Lowther. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 28, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral

Home. ■ Arley Wayne Childers, 55, of Fredrickstown, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died December 20, 2006, at Fredrickstown. He is survived by his wife, Janette Green Childers. A memorial service was held Saturday, April 28, in the Ferrells Creek Church of Christ, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Annette Layne Cline, 64, of

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Obituaries

Linda B. Adams

Linda B. Adams, 60, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born July 26, 1946, in Varney, she was the daughter of the late Dewey and Gladys Elswick Ray. She was a retired cook and cafeteria manager for Prestonsburg High School; and a member of the Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church at Sugar Loaf.

She is survived by her husband, Johnnie C. Adams. Other survivors include a son, J.B. Adams of Prestonsburg; a daughter and son-in-law: Melissa A. and Mark Rutherford of Fairfield, Ohio; a special niece, Misty D. Lowe of Rogersville, Tennessee; a granddaughter, Johnna Taylor Adams; a brother, George Ray of Varney; five sisters: Mary Lou Slaughterback of Ypsilanti, Michigan; Loretta Trevino of Detroit, Michigan; Janice Walters of Sidney, Cathy Ray of Pikeville, and Patty Sue Lowe of Rogersville, Tennessee; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Specialist 4 Dewey J. Ray and Eugene Ray; and two sisters: Margaret Ann Ray and Elizabeth Lowe.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 29, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ernie Justice and Donald Crisp officiating.

Burial will be in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.
www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

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James "Lowell"

Howard

James "Lowell" Howard, 87, of Hamlet, passed away Thursday, April 26, 2007, in LaPorte, Indiana.

He was born May 2, 1919, in Pyramid, the son of the late Ellis and Lula (Prater) Howard.

He is survived by his children: Faye (Frank) Carter of Plainfield, Illinois; Carleen (Clair) Smith of Lake Barrington, Illinois; Dean (Judy) Howard of Port Orange, Florida; Stan Howard of Huntley, Illinois; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; his brother, Lawrence Howard of Hippo; three sisters: Mildred Whitaker of Blue River, June

Stephens-Hall of David, and Bobby Hale of Prestonsburg; several nieces and nephews; and wife, Brenda.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by Ida, his first wife, of 50 years; and one sister, Goldie Stephens.

Newhard Funeral Home, of Westville, Indiana, is in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

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Russell M. Stidham

Russell M. Stidham, 70, of Sturgis, Michigan, died Monday April 23, 2007, at Sturgis Hospital, in Sturgis, Michigan.

He was born on July 22, 1936, in Grundy, Virginia, the son of the late Harvey and Lizzie (Patton) Stidham. Moving to the area in 1985, from Kentucky, he had worked at Cripe Industries in Wolcottville, Indiana, as a welder. He was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran, a member of the Southern Baptist Church, was a member of the Neuman-Wenzel Post No. 73 American Legion, and Capt. John J. Kelley Post No. 1355 VFW, both in Sturgis, Michigan.

On June 22, 1957, he was married to Birdie Shephard, in Martin; she preceded him in death on June 8, 2001.

He is survived by five sons: Harvey J. and Karen Stidham of Howe, Indiana; Victor L. Stidham of Prestonsburg; Hager D. Stidham and Donald R. Stidham, both of Sturgis, Michigan; and Steve A. and Amy Stidham of LaGrange, Indiana; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jackie Combs of Xenia, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three grandchildren; a brother, James Risner; and a sister, Evelyn Hicks.

Funeral services were held

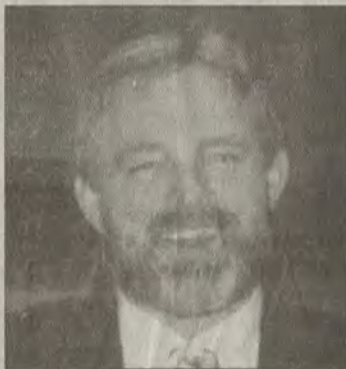
on Friday April 27, at 10:00 a.m., at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, Indiana, with Rev. Leburn Combs officiating.

Burial was in Brighton Cemetery in Howe, Indiana.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to: www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

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William Timothy

Watson

William Timothy "Tim" Watson, of Eubank, died on Monday, April 23, 2007, in Burgin.

Born March 30, 1959, in Somerset, he was the son of Paul and Bernice Tuggle Watson.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Julia Ann Francis Watson, formerly of Floyd County; four children, William Christian (Aimee) Watson, now stationed in Italy with the U.S. Navy; Julia Katherine Laillie Prater of Saugus, California, formerly of Floyd County; Bradley Jacob Watson, and Paul Anthony Watson, both of Eubank; two brothers, Marion Tracy (Sandy) Watson of Oklahoma, and Jason (Angie) Watson of Somerset; and one grandson, Caden Woehl-Watson.

He was a member of the

Family Worship Center, in Waynesburg. He was an employee of the Bush and Burchett Co., of Allen, and was also a concrete finisher.

He will be remembered as a wonderful and kind person by all who knew him; and one who thought of others before thinking of himself. His family, church and missions, and outreach programs were especially close to his heart.

Tim, along with his wife, served as special caregiver to Crystal Byrge, of Somerset, and Billie Joyce Byrge, of Georgia.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 27, at the Family Worship Center, in Waynesburg.

Burial was in the Science Hill Cemetery.

Visitation was at the Family Worship Center.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to the Assembly of God Missions Field, c/o the Family Worship Center, 12130 US 27 S., Waynesburg, Ky., 40489.

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Discharge

amounts of high chloride water from an underground mine that may adversely affect the river's ecology. Their investigative results were forwarded to EPPC and the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, and asked that these agencies review the matter and assist the state in ensuring Kentucky's natural resources were protected.

After EPPC announced their monitoring plan for the discharge, Attorney General Greg Stumbo says he is pleased that EPPC has agreed to work with the state.

"I am pleased that EPPC is

answering my call to action," said Stumbo. "Against my advice, the U.S., Environmental Protection Agency ruled that the Clean Water Act will not stop CONSOL from dumping salty water into the Levisa River. In September 2006 and again on April 16, 2007, I called upon EPPC and DFWR to establish a pre discharge water quality baseline in the Levisa Fork downstream from the Consol mine's discharge point in order to monitor the effects the discharge may have on water quality. I also shared my concerns about the need for

action with the Governor. Today, EPPC announced it will begin weekly sampling of the Levisa Fork and Fishtrap Lake in early May."

The EPPC says that the Kentucky Division of Water will be taking water samples prior to the initiation of the discharge and once the release of the discharge begins. The Division of water will also monitor Fishtrap Lake to ensure that water quality and algae content are within acceptable levels. A monitoring point will also be established in the state of Virginia and that information

will be shared with Kentucky.

Tom VanArsdall, manager of the Water Quality Branch at the Kentucky Division of Water, said that water quality standards for chloride are more stringent in Virginia and are adequate to assure that water quality in the Levisa Fork at the border will comply with Kentucky water quality standards for chloride if the permit conditions are met.

"As promised a year ago, I will immediately seek state court protection if the discharge harms Kentucky's waterways," said Stumbo.

Pike County Judge-

Executive Wayne T. Rutherford has joined Stumbo in his concerns.

"I have been in close communication with Attorney General Greg Stumbo regarding the potential threat facing Pike County and the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to this discharge," said Rutherford. "My office is working with the office of the Attorney General to pursue every possible option available to protect our water quality and

fish and wild resources. I am confident that Attorney General Greg Stumbo stands ready to exhaust any and all legal action he can to defend the interest of Kentuckians."

Concerned citizens are encouraged to contact the Office of the Attorney General to report pollution through his "Sportsmen and Sportswomen To Oppose Pollution (STOP) program by calling 1-866-749-STOP.

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Idol

visit to Pikeville.

Fletcher's press secretary, Jodi Whitaker, said the governor's office received eight calls Thursday from people who either wanted to help or were upset about the program.

Fletcher said he contacted Save the Children with his concerns.

The charity said the program played a positive role in helping eastern Kentucky.

"I can see where the governor would want a fuller picture," said Mike Kiernan, spokesman for Save the Children. "But in terms of the treatment of children and families, we thought it was a fair and

accurate."

Lisa Gross, a spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Education, said her office received "numerous" calls concerned about how to help the school.

"Most of the individuals have asked for contact information for the school and expressed interest in donating books, money or other resources," Gross said. "Some individuals offered their services as tutors or literacy specialists."

All of the requests for information and offers to help have been forwarded to Twyla Messer, the principal at the school, Gross said.

Messer said that Abdul and a crew from the TV show were at her school for two weeks about a month ago. She said they learned about the school through the Save the Children organization.

The "Idol Gives Back" episode raised more than \$30 million for organizations that fund relief programs for children in extreme poverty in America and Africa, Kiernan said. Half the money will go to impoverished areas in the United States and will be distributed through a grant program.

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Obituaries

Majestic, died Friday, April 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Carl Ray Cline. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 22, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Audrey Faye Hampton Coleman, 71, of Collins Highway, died Tuesday, April 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, April 27, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Whetsel Damron Jr., 62, of Jonancy, died Thursday, April 26, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Wright Damron. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Sunday, April 29, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

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

Norma Jean Hensley, 73, of Freeburn, died Monday, April 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 25, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Michelle Renee Tummmire Hurley, 28, of Lick Creek, died Monday, April 23, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Shannon Dwayne Hurley. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 26, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Clifford Johnson, 67, of Jonancy, died Monday, April 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Jack Kimberlain, 82, of Westwood, a Pikeville native, died Sunday, April 22, at Kingsbrook Life Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Imogene Miller Kimberlain. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 25, under the direction of Preston Family Funeral Home.

John Michael Maynard, 26, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 19, at his residence. Funeral services were held Monday, April 23, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

John Henry New, 62, of McCarr, died Thursday, April 19, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn "Wingie" New. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 22, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Earl Norman, 74, of Ashcamp, died Thursday, April 19, at Pikeville Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 21, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Henry Smith, 66, of Pikeville, died Monday, April 23, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Bertha Chapman Smith. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 26, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Dorothy C. Sykes, 73, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 25. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 29, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Daisibel U. Walters, 100, of Vero Beach, Florida, formerly of Pikeville, died April 19, at her home.

Irene "Birdie" Robinson Williamson, 65, of Sidney, died Saturday, April 21, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Clint Williamson. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 24, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

James Lonis Williamson, 81, of Sidney, died Tuesday, Jan. 23. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 22, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Joe Douglas Castle, 76, died Friday, April 20, at Clark Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Riffe Castle. Private graveside services were held Sunday, April 22, under the direction of Scobee Funeral Home, Winchester.

Pauline Daniels, 95, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, April 18, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 21, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home of Paintsville.

Irene Wells Kazee, 86, of Paintsville, died Thursday, April 19, in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Memorial services were held Tuesday, April 24, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Josephine Dills Musgrave, 67, of Evansville, Indiana, died Sunday, April 15, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Stanley Musgrave. Graveside services were held Friday, April 20, at the Garrison Cemetery, in Aden, Illinois.

Brenda Sue Scarberry, 44, of Flatgap, died Monday, April 23, in Pikeville Medical Center. She is

survived by her husband, Andrew Scarberry. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 26, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

James Douglas Skaggs, died Thursday, April 19. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Tackett Skaggs. A memorial for family and friends will be held at a time and location, to be announced later.

Douglas Smith, 33, of Paintsville, died Monday, April 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Spence Smith. Funeral services were held Friday, April 27, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Shirley Griffith Sowards, 67, of Wittenville, died Sunday, April 22, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

David Henderson "Henny" Morris, 93, of Load, a Lawrence County native, died Monday, April 23, in Wurtland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held Friday, April 27, at Load Christian Baptist Church. Wright's Funeral Home in Greenup was in charge of arrangements.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Lawrence Arnett Jr., 77, of Morehead, died Friday, April 20, at the St. Claire Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 24, under the direction of Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals.

Hershel Dick Bailey, 57, of Salyersville, died Monday, April 23, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Madgie Lee Ingram Bailey. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 26, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Florence Lykins, 103, of Mt. Orab, Ohio, a Magoffin County

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native, died Thursday, April 19, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 23, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Charles Russell Patton, 75, of Daleville, Alabama, formerly of Salyersville, died Friday, April 20, in Alabama. He is survived by his wife, Princess Penix. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 24, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Mabel Litteral, 96, of Lovely, formerly of Oceana, West Virginia, died Friday, April 20, at the Martin County Health Care Facility. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 22, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

W.R. McCoy, 68, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Martin County, died Sunday, April 1, at Victorian Select Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Evelean McCoy. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 5, under the direction of Jerry Spears Funeral Home.

Taylor Mills, 58, of Inez, died Sunday, April 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 24, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Katlynn Francis Paige Preston, 5, the daughter of William Preston and Kathy Maynard Preston of Tomahawk, died Tuesday, April 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Friday, April 20, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Roy Spence, 72, of Tomahawk, died Sunday, April 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 24, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Largely the same

Democrats who hoped to see one of the party's gubernatorial hopefuls rise to the top at last Thursday's forum at the Four Rivers Center might have gone home disappointed. By our scorecard, the candidates all agree on, well, just about everything.

Even perennial candidate Gatewood Galbraith, whose comments consistently drew the biggest crowd reaction, holds views not essentially different from the other five candidates at the forum (a seventh candidate, Otis Hensley, who is polling at or below 1 percent and not considered a serious contender, was not at the forum). Galbraith's style, more than his substance, differentiated him from the others.

If no candidate rose to the top, one issue did: turning around labor's waning influence in the commonwealth. The candidates tripped over one another in their efforts to prove themselves more labor friendly than their opponents — promising such things as restoring labor to cabinet level and keeping a labor liaison in the governor's office. They all promised to preserve prevailing wage and block any efforts to make Kentucky a right-to-work state.

In fact, each time the subject turned to labor the forum took on the tone of a camp meeting. It was amusing to see how the candidates tailored the tone of their remarks to the union members in the audience, delivering their lines as from the pulpit at a revival, reaching a crescendo with former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear's promise that Kentucky will not become a right-to-work state as long as he is governor — which drew a loud, enthusiastic (and entirely predictable) response. ...

And on the other issues: The candidates all favor casino gambling to create new revenue streams. Galbraith would take it one step further than the others; he says the state should actually own the casinos so that all the profits will go into the state's coffers.

All favor universal health coverage, differing only in how to pay for it. Lunsford may have distinguished himself only because he has made universal health coverage the cornerstone of his campaign. But all the candidates promoted it. ...

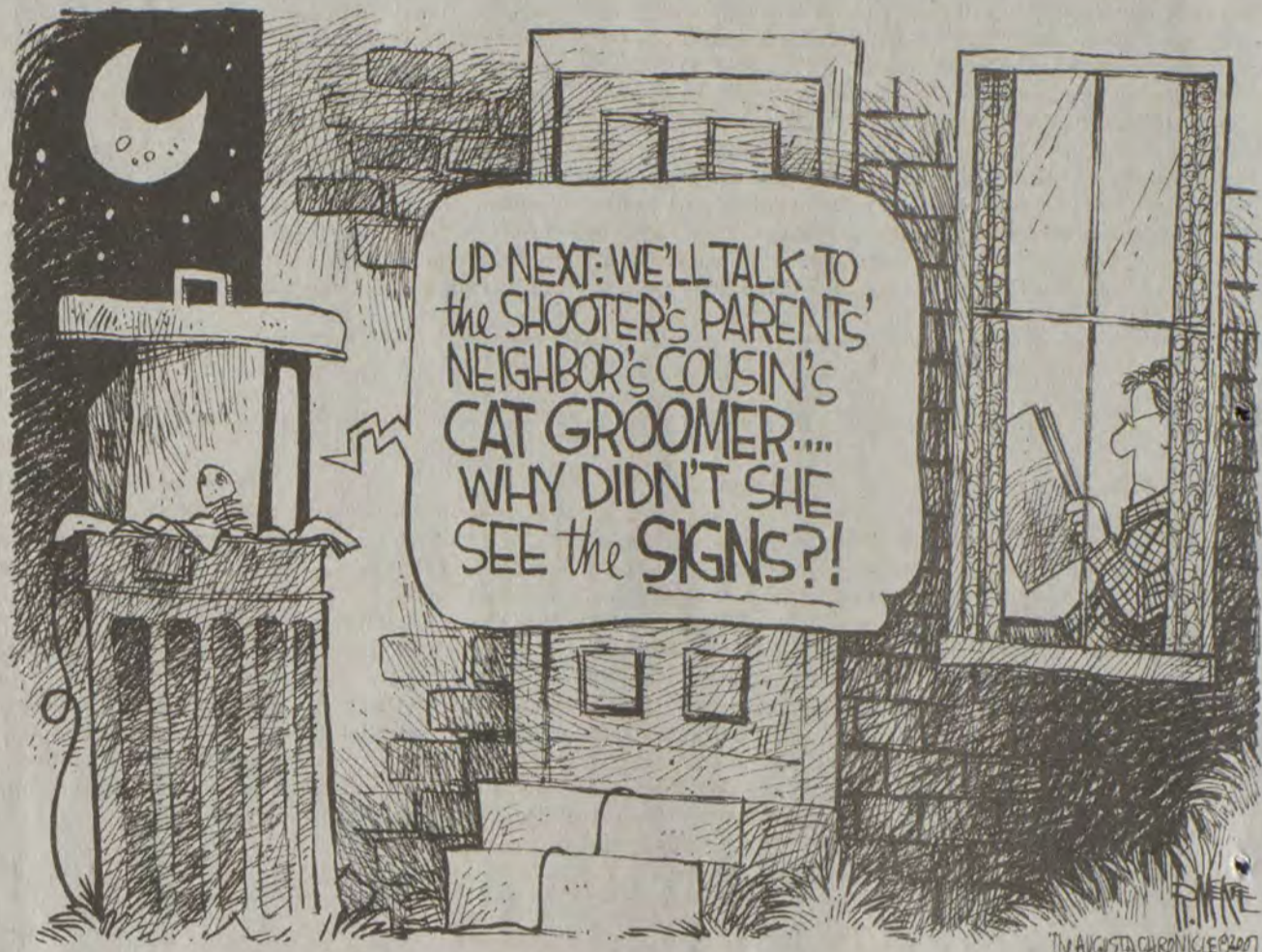
The candidates all went out on a limb to support improving education. But their plans to achieve it were heavy on additional funding and light on additional accountability.

If there was an issue in which one candidate distinguished himself, it was the issue of health insurance for domestic partners of state university faculty and staff. All the candidates but one said that was an issue best left to the managers, in this case university presidents.

House Speaker Jody Richards was the only candidate who mentioned where the money for that coverage is coming from. He said he opposes domestic partner coverage for taxpayer-funded employees. Aside from the moral objections of the vast majority of Kentuckians, those taxpayers are being asked to fund a benefit not widely available in private industry, even while the state employee health and pension plans are already far more generous than private plans ... and on the road to bankruptcy because of it. ...

The conventional wisdom, reinforced by the large number of candidates in both parties, is that the governor is vulnerable. Democrats may have to choose a candidate not based on his promises but on his chances to beat Gov. Fletcher — or whichever candidate emerges from the Republican primary — in the general election.

— The Paducah Sun



Rich Lowry Column

Democrats have it wrong in Iraq

When President Bush announced a surge of troops into Baghdad in January, Democrats pounded him for the folly of putting U.S. troops in the "middle of a civil war." Three months later, the question is, "What happens to a civil war if only one side shows up to fight it?"

The Shia militias that had become the main driver of violence in Baghdad are ducking and covering. Militia leader Moqtada al-Sadr is in hiding, perhaps in Iran. His fighters aren't resisting U.S. troops who have begun conducting patrols in his stronghold of Sadr City. According to Gen. David Petraeus, 700 members of Sadr's Mahdi Army have been detained in recent months.

This hardly means that peace and harmony reign in Baghdad, but it has reduced the killing significantly. If at the beginning of the year anyone had predicted such progress from the addition of just two U.S. combat brigades in Baghdad (six brigades eventually will be part of the surge), he would have been derided as a delusional optimist.

This progress might be transitory, but it illustrates the falsity of a key assumption of Democrats. They pre-

fer to talk of Iraq in terms of a civil war because it suggests that nothing can be done about the violence, that it is running its own hermetic course. Well, it clearly isn't. What the U.S. does matters. If we hadn't surged, Baghdad already might have descended into the genocidal fury toward which it was headed earlier in the year.

The other side of the Iraqi civil war — the car-bombing Sunni terrorists — hasn't stood down, of course. But these are the people that Democrats express a notional interest in fighting. In a January letter to President Bush, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said "counterterrorism" should be one of the "principal" missions of U.S. troops. Sen. Carl Levin wants to restrict U.S. troops to "an anti-terrorist mission to go after al-Qaida in Iraq."

According to a U.S. intelligence report quoted by The New York Times, captured materials from al-Qaida in Iraq say that the group sees "the sectarian war for Baghdad as the necessary main focus of its operations." So the Democrats profess to want to fight terrorists in Iraq, and al-Qaida in Iraq is making Baghdad its

focus. It would stand to reason, then, that the Democrats wouldn't want to undermine our effort to control Baghdad.

Nonetheless, Democrats in the House and Senate are attempting to force our troops from Baghdad, exactly as al-Qaida in Iraq wants. In reporting on al-Qaida in Iraq's strategy, The New York Times notes, "A American

forces, instead of withdrawing from the capital as the Sunni insurgents had hoped, prepared plans to reinforce their troops there." Over the strenuous objections of Democrats,

Even as the civil war has de-escalated somewhat in Iraq — weakening the force of the Democrats' favorite "middle of a civil war" sound bite — and even as the surge has elevated the fight against al-Qaida in Iraq — the enemy that Democrats say they want to defeat — Democratic opposition to the surge has only intensified. Will they oppose it even more if it continues to work?

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

beyond the beltway

No lessons to learn from Virginia Tech

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I'm not going to write about the massacre at Virginia Tech. Every time something like this has happened during the past 40 years — Charles Whitman in '66, Columbine in '99, the Amish murders last year, all the others — I've written a column about it. Twenty times; maybe more. And it's been pretty much the same column, railing against the insanity allowing of any loony with the cash go out to buy a gun. Then he can slaughter large numbers of people.

And in all that time, I have not stopped a single bullet from reaching its target. I'm not sure anyone else has, either.

A mass shooting is a kind of Rorschach test; what you make of it depends on who you are.

Bible thumpers see it as a sign we should put prayer back in school. Social workers favor more social services as a cure. Mental health experts say it means we have to learn to identify people who are going to shoot people before they actually shoot them. Advocates of capital punishment say it proves the need to execute more people.

Gun nuts believe that it means everybody should carry a gun to

defend themselves against other people who carry guns.

And gun control advocates, like me, think society would be better off if it had fewer guns. (What can I say? I also believe in global warming. I'm a hopeless liberal.)

I must say, however, that the gun nuts have a hard time making the case that the problem in Virginia is not enough guns. Virginia has perhaps the loosest gun laws of any state on the Eastern seaboard. If you don't have a gun in Virginia, it's because you don't want one. And you can buy cases of ammunition for it.

Oh wait, I forgot. You can't buy more than one gun a month. Not legally, anyway. Don't worry though. The National Rifle Association (NRA) will get that unconstitutional restriction of your rights repealed any year now.

I've come to think of the NRA as our own, homegrown terrorist organization. Its main function is to terrorize our politicians so that they go hide under a bush at times like these. And a good job of it they do. So far as I could tell, none of the initial comments on the Virginia massacre by our presidential candidates even mentioned gun control — except for Sen. John McCain, who said he was against it.

He then went on to make that stupid remark that gun apologists always make — we have to find a way to keep guns out of the hands of those who would abuse them.

Stop with the nonsense already.

The NRA doesn't want guns out of the hands of those who abuse them. It doesn't want guns out of the hands of anybody. It envisions a Hobbesian world of all against all, each of us armed and ready to defend ourselves at the pop of a backfire.

If McCain were to advocate a law that truly sought to keep guns out of the hands of those who would abuse them, the NRA would immediately turn on him and run scurrilous ads against him. It's the secret of its power. "No pro-gun position too absurd to defend to the death," that's its motto.

In any case, it might very well be too late to do anything effective about guns in our society. There are too many of them floating around. You could ban the sale of handguns from this moment on and people who wanted to get guns for evil purposes could still get them.

That's why I'm not going to write a column on Virginia Tech today. It's a waste of my time and yours. My advice to you is not to think about it. Don't try to come up with the meaning of it, nor a solution. Just forget it and go on about your daily business.

It's what we've done every time before, isn't it? It's the American way.

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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.

For a while Metracal held front stage center. Now its Medicare...Haven't made up my mind that I want either.

MAGAZINE TROUBLE

My wife is having all kinds of trouble, with my help, with magazines these days. First of all, she subscribed for AMERICAN HOME. She's getting AMERICAN GIRL. Then I subscribed for her to get BETTER HOME AND GARDENS. And what does she get? TRUE CONFESSIONS—no less.

Hope that preacher-friend of mine for whom I subscribed to THE READER'S DIGEST doesn't start getting an "art" publication.

IGNORANCE IS BLISSFUL

I have many things to be thankful for, and up near the top of the list is the fact that I read such books as TOM SAWYER and HUCKLEBERRY FINN at an age, and during an era, when I wasn't troubled with the foolishness of trying to read into them a lot of hocus-pocus symbolism and deep, deep passages of social portent. So help me, it has come to such a pass, these days, that a youngster can't sit down (if he will sit down) and have an old-fashioned belly-laugh while reading a good, clean, humorous story. Some long-hair will come along and prod the poor child into searching for the "deeper meanings," "the message," and other claptrap, till he won't be able to distinguish Tom Sawyer from Injun Joe.

THEY DO PLAY

Not long ago I wrote in this column to express a growing conviction that boys have quit marble-playing. Since inditing those few lines, I have been informed that marbles still are played. I am reminded that my trouble is, I don't move around in marble-playing circles enough, these days.

This is encouraging. But I wonder if they know what it is to "vent yer roundus" (that's what we said, anyway).

So far as I am concerned, the game of marbles began deteriorating when they began playing "keeps." I know how the railroads must feel about coal pipelines being introduced. You see, I was pretty good with an "aggie," which was the traditional law for a boy of the time, and one day a fellow got progressive and introduced a "steelie" to the game. If there had been a High Commissioner of Marbles, I, then and there, would have lodged a protest.

But, as it was, my aggie sat there looming large like the Merrimac for that Monitor of a steelie to tuck itself away from behind every other marble and undulation in the ring. I think my star began declining in the sport from that day onward.

(See ALLEN, page six)



Pastor Shannon and his wife, Alberta.

photos by Jessica Hale

Serving the Lord and His people

Pastor Ted Shannon celebrates 50 years at Drift Pentecostal

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

"I've had a good time getting to be 80 years old," said Pastor Ted Shannon, as he described his life and his calling to be a man of God's word.

Fifty years as Pastor of Drift Pentecostal Church, Ted has spent the majority of these years working the coal mines and devoting himself to the church and its members, always willing to assist in prayer, guidance, or just be there as a shoulder to cry on.

Well, these shoulders have been soaked with the tears of many over the years, but no matter what time of the day or night, friends and family say that he's there for anyone, no matter what the time or the reason.

Ted was born on December 20, 1926. Now in his 50th year as a pastor, he's still going strong, and says the Lord may bless him and his wife with another 50 years. It may be optimism, but more than likely it's sheer faith and love for God and gratefulness for the blessings bestowed upon him.

Ted and his wife, Alberta, were married in 1948 and share two daughters, five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Both children were saved and joined the church in 1950. Seven years later, Ted says he was called to the church in a different way, a calling asking him to take a job as pastor at Drift Pentecostal. The church only had approximately six members at the time, most of its former members were older and had passed on.

You could say it's all history now, but you won't find these memories in a text book. Ted shares many stories of the trials and tribulations he, his wife, and the church have seen, but he attributes overcoming each of these obstacles to the Lord's guiding way.

Several years after becoming the Pastor at Drift, the church had out-



Drift Pentecostal Church

grown its tiny facilities and would have to move.

"The church got too small for all of our members," said Ted. "So I prayed about it and I said I would build another."

Well, he prayed and he prayed, and a short time later in 1983, with no money in the bank, construction on the new church began. Community members chipped in with equipment, services, and donations. Pretty soon, Drift Pentecostal had a larger location to spread God's word and help those in need.

"I had a lot of people ask me how big my mortgage payment was," Ted says. "But they were really surprised when I told them I didn't have one. God's got a way of taking care of a church."

Ted says God teaches his love and faith through the hearts of many, but doesn't believe money is the way to get to Heaven.

"These preachers on t.v. say if you send them a thousand dollars, the Lord will send an angel to your house," Ted chuckles. "Well, I don't

believe that's the way it works."

Friends and family say it's often you may visit the church and see members in blue jeans and work uniforms, but Ted has always said, "You don't get to Heaven by the clothes on your back, and Heaven ain't a fashion show."

Although his church is derived from the Pentecostal denomination, Ted says everyone is welcome there, no matter where they come from or where they preach.

"There's no name on the church, so people can't tell anyone where they went," he says as he talks about people who visit from other denominations. "We're all God's children and we should all get along."

His wife, Alberta, says being a preacher's wife is hard, but she wouldn't hesitate to do it all over again. Their love for each other is plain for all to see and they hope to spend the rest of their days the same. There's no doubt God is holding a special place for both of them.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Day of the Wolves'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Though it sounds like a horror movie, this one turns out to be a crackerjack heist flick which details the efforts of seven men to sack an Arizona town. Though this was obviously filmed on a low budget, it has style to spare and bears more than a passing resemblance to Quentin Tarantino's "Reservoir Dogs," which it predated by 20 years.

It all begins with a flashy opening credits sequence during which the main characters are introduced and the names of the actors playing them appear as each character is subjected to a freeze frame.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Hard to top an opening like that, but they do by proceeding to focus on six criminal acts after which the individual perpetrators are contacted by a man who cryptically refers to himself as Number 1. He invites each crook to a secret meeting for a job that will net them \$50,000, but they will have to sport a beard and sunglasses to the get-together and refrain from giving their real names or discussing any personal information with anyone they meet. Each subject is also sent an airplane ticket and we are off to the races as they all get together in a remote desert location to hear about the job.

Meanwhile the film shifts focus to a small Arizona town called Wellerton, population 7,000. It's a quiet oasis surrounded by desert and ruled by a city council that is more of a good-old-boy network that frowns upon their police chief pulling over a member's son for speeding and smoking dope. Before you know it the town's mayor is forced to call in Chief Anderson and tell him he has to resign for enforcing the law.

Anderson takes it pretty well (though he does grumble about pot-smoking punks being the root of all evil) and opts to finish out the week before moving on.

Back in the remote desert meeting place, the six hoods meet Number 1, who informs them that they will be robbing an entire town. He then drills them for two days on what their jobs will be, which includes taking out the small police force, cutting the phones and blowing up the power plant before embarking on a shopping spree that will include banks, convenience stores and a well-stocked pharmacy.

The men prove to be good little soldiers and follow the rules that Number 1 has set out. Number 1 makes it clear that all jobs go sour after someone gets caught and spills the beans. The men agree that it is in their best interests to stay dumb about each other and the gig is on.

The heist sequence is well ren-

(See LAGOON, page six)

Stopping and starting

by JANN MITCHELL

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL HEALTHY LIVING: MENOPAUSE"

Go figure. You still feel like a young girl just home from the prom, but suddenly your girlfriends are whispering, "Have you stopped?" instead of "Have you started?"

And then your granddaughter confesses she's started, and you realize your prom corsage is, well, wilted. Just like you feel.

I was crabby. Flushing. Up and down emotionally. An early hysterical

comy had left me my ovaries, but not the most notable sign of menopause. I'd "stopped" two decades earlier.

Unsure, I turned to my funny friend Glennis, a few rungs higher on the ladder to eternity. Was irritability a sure sign of menopause?

"Irritability?" she repeated. "Well, a few years back, my husband, George, developed a very irritating habit. He'd breathe in. Then a few seconds later, he'd breathe out. And he kept doing it!"

Well, I wasn't alone. I had to do something. The women's magazines

urged me toward synthetic hormones. My son the herbalist promised plants could dispel my hot flashes, my moods and, well, all those people who kept breathing around me.

Initially, I opted for the easy route and obtained a prescription from my female GP. Several years later, experts changed their minds and announced that estrogen no longer protected me from heart attacks, breast cancer and accordion players. "Is it hot in here, or is it me?" became my day's lyrics once again, and I bought a huge bottle of the foul-tasting herbal elixir Menopeace, lovingly crafted by my son. He had a few more dollars in his pocket, and my hot flashes disappeared.

But the accordion players haven't.

That's because I moved from Oregon to Sweden, and therein lies the real cure for my "change of life."

Because I took the term seriously. After a 20-year separation during which we'd lost track of one another, the Internet reunited me with my long-lost Swedish sweetheart. We were both available, though reconciled to living alone for the rest of our lives. Relationships, we'd decided, just didn't work out for us.

Until we found each other again. Suddenly, late middle age disappeared and we were teenagers once more, reinventing sex and the flush of fresh love. I moved and we married. I'm still often flushed, but for better reasons.

Sure, my skin is dry and I'm finding out why mature women often wear neck scarves. And I'm forgetting just who I went to that prom with. But hey, life's still an adventure, and now I appreciate it more. Is it happy in here, or is it just me?



Oil-filter magnets don't hurt, but don't help a lot

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I recently saw a car catalog that had an oil-filter magnet for sale. The magnet was placed on the bottom of an oil filter and was strong enough to remove any metal shavings from the oil stream. Is this product worthwhile, or am I just wasting my money? — Ron

TOM: These things have been around for years, Ron. They certainly don't do any harm.

RAY: They sell magnets that go inside the oil pan, magnets that are built into the oil plug, and magnets, like this one, that attach to the filter.

TOM: Now, keep in mind that the oil filter itself already removes any metal shavings, or anything else that's bigger than about 25 microns — or about half the width of a human hair. So they do a pretty good job.

RAY: Does stuff that's smaller than that — stuff that gets through the filter — harm your engine? Probably, at least a little. But with the magnet, you'll only get the metallic stuff that sneaks by the filter. You won't catch any soot or pieces of aluminum, which are also harmful.

TOM: If a magnet really made

engines last longer, don't you think that GM and Ford would already have spent the three cents per car it would take to build one into the oil plug?

RAY: So I'd have to say that oil-filter magnets fall into the general category of "overkill."

TOM: But if you're the kind of guy who believes in overkill, Ron, then go for it. Do you wear a surgical mask on an airplane? Do you go back and double-check to make sure you've turned off the stove before you leave the house? Do you have your brother taste your food before you eat it? If so, you should get one of these magnets, Ron.

RAY: In fact, you should get two, in case one falls off.

TOM: Seriously, it certainly can't hurt anything. And it's possible that there's some small benefit. But in the big scheme of things, it's not high on the priorities list. Changing your oil regularly will probably extend the life of your engine more than any magnet.

Tips for a successful jump-start

Dear Tom and Ray:

My boyfriend insists on revving the engine when he's performing a

jump-start. He revs the good car when he starts it up, and then revs the bad car when he starts it up. Is there any reason for doing this? Is there anytime when it is good or when you need to rev your engine? Thanks. — Amanda

RAY: Bad news, Amanda. Your boyfriend is more or less right. I know that's not the news you were hoping to hear.

TOM: Revving up the engine during a jump-start is not a bad idea, within reason. You never want to "floor" the gas pedal, under any circumstances. But when your engine turns faster, the engine's alternator also turns faster. And when an alternator turns faster, it produces more electricity.

RAY: So by revving your engine up to 2,000 rpm or 2,500 rpm and holding it there while the other car tries to start, you're increasing the output of your alternator and giving your battery a little bit of extra power, which it can donate to the other car. And depending on the respective engine sizes and battery conditions, that extra power could make a difference.

TOM: It's also smart to make sure that when you jump-start another car,

all of the electrical accessories are turned off. The less electricity you're demanding for your own car, the more you can donate. So you want to turn off the headlights, the air conditioner and subwoofer, and the electric butt-scratcher.

RAY: For the donee — the car that's receiving the jump-start — the same rules apply. You want to turn all of the accessories off. That way, all of the alternator's power can be directed to recharging the battery. Once the car starts, you CAN rev it up to charge the battery faster, but the best way to do that is to just drive it.

TOM: Depending on how dead the battery was, you may need to drive it for 20 minutes or a couple of hours.

RAY: Right. If you just left the dome light on, 20 minutes or half an hour of driving should be enough. But if you left the headlights and the Easy Bake Oven on all night, it might

take a lot longer for the battery to fully charge again. In fact, if it's really run down, you might have to take the car to a service station and have the battery put on a charger.

TOM: Of course, there's also the possibility that your battery might be truly dead — i.e., at the end of its life. In which case, you can drive to Fairbanks, Alaska, and back but it won't recharge. You'll need a new battery. Which is why, after you jump-start your car and drive it for a while, make sure — before you try turning it off and restarting it — you stop it somewhere that's "in the way," like in front of some gas pumps. That guarantees that someone will have to give you another jump start!

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Odds & Ends

■ NEW ROCKFORD, N.D. — Forget taking a limousine to the prom. One high school senior drove his date in a 1992 green John Deere 8760 tractor.

"A few people made bets with me that I wouldn't do it," said Levi Rue, a senior at New Rockford-Sheyenne High School. "I guess I won them."

Rue suggested the idea to his date, Alissa Bachmeier, last Thursday, two days before the prom. She wasn't sure, worried about her dress getting dirty.

But after Rue showed her pictures of the tractor and promised to make sure it was immaculate, Bachmeier agreed. "I cleaned it up pretty good," he said.

Bachmeier wore a lime green prom dress that nearly matched the tractor.

Rue said they drove around town and to his grandmother's house to show her the unusual chariot.

"We got quite a few people who stopped and looked and stared and waved," he said.

■ MOBILE, Ala. — There's no use crying over spilled milk, but spilled soda has been a nightmare for one man.

Eric Burns Overstreet was put in jail in September after entering the Mystik Stop & Shop, paying for a fountain drink and spilling three cups of it onto the floor.

The first time he spilled the soda, Overstreet went to fetch a mop and began cleaning up the mess. In the process, he spilled a second and a third soft drink.

"He clearly appeared to be under the influence of something other than good sense," Chief Assistant District Attorney Nicki Patterson said.

Overstreet, who at one point put a yellow "Wet Floor" warning sign out as he mopped, was chased down by a clerk when he grabbed another soft drink and left without paying for it.

Overstreet pleading guilty last week to a reduced charge of third-degree theft. He was given a one-year suspended sentence and ordered to stay out of the Mystik Stop & Shop.

Circuit Judge Rick Stout, noting that Overstreet had spent many months in jail over a carbonated beverage, said he hoped the soda was good.

Overstreet responded: "I should've had a V-8."

■ PHILADELPHIA — They never saw it coming.

City inspectors shut down more than a dozen psychics, astrologers and tarot-card readers after learning about a decades-old state law that bans fortune telling for profit.

Inspectors did not make arrests or issue fines, "but they will if these people try to return to work," said Dominic E. Verdi, deputy commissioner of the city Department of Licenses and Inspections.

Verdi said the law, on the books for more than 30 years, makes fortunetelling "for gain or lucre" a third-degree misdemeanor.

Police alerted his department to the law a few days ago, Verdi said. "I was surprised," he said.

He said inspectors have closed 16 shops since Tuesday and he expected them to close more.

■ KEY CENTER, Wash. — A local fire commissioner was charged with assaulting a fellow commissioner with a coffee mug, the latest outbreak in a feud that a sheriff's spokesman says needs to end "before someone gets killed."

The commissioners, 71-year-old Allen Yanity and 64-year-old Jim Bosch, both of Lakebay, got into a heated exchange Tuesday during a break in a meeting as they were standing with their wives, sheriff's Detective Ed Troyer said.

Yanity bashed Bosch repeatedly on the head with a

coffee mug, Troyer said. A cut on Bosch's head required staples to close, prosecutors said.

Yanity said he didn't know exactly what happened during the struggle but that he might have hit Bosch with a coffee mug, according to prosecutors.

Yanity, elected to the Fire Protection District 16 panel last year, has accused Bosch of trying to force him off the commission by extortion. Bosch, first elected in 1998, has accused Yanity of harassing and intimidating him.

"They need to figure out how to get their organization in order," Troyer told the News Tribune of Tacoma. "We want this stopped before someone gets killed."

Bosch, 64, was taken to Tacoma General Hospital for stitches and other treatment.

Yanity pleaded not guilty to second-degree assault Wednesday and was released after posting \$10,000 bail. He declined to comment after the hearing.

Yanity's wife, Lanetta Yanity, said Bosch was saying nasty things to her during the break, "pushing and pushing and pushing, and I told him to just shut up and leave us alone, and if he didn't, I would beat the crap out of him."

She said that when Bosch raised his arm, she flinched and her husband stepped in because he thought Bosch was going to hit her.

Troyer said other witnesses told deputies that Yanity got involved after Bosch asked Yanity's wife if she was threatening him.

"Either way, they ought to be embarrassed," Troyer said.

The district, west of Tacoma, serves about 18,000 residents and has 21 full-time firefighters, 30 volunteers and six stations.

■ FREMONT, Neb. — Alexander T. Harvey has a choice to make before the end of next month: apologize for skipping out on jury duty or serve 30 days behind bars.

During questioning last week in court by attorneys to determine the jury makeup for a three-day civil trial, Harvey asked to be excused to go to the restroom. When told he would have to wait, Harvey got up and left the courtroom — never to return.

"The court was not amused," Harvey said.

A few days later, Harvey was subpoenaed back to the court, where Judge John Samson told him he had until May 21 to write an apology letter or turn himself in.

"They take fulfilling your complete jury duty very seriously," said Harvey, 51. "It was my mistake and I shouldn't have done that, and I'm going to write the apology."

Harvey gave a number of reasons why he didn't think he was going to make the jury: He said he knew the plaintiff in the case and said he didn't like the way an attorney was questioning him.

But he said he's learned his lesson.

"It's not certainly a landmark case but it was an education," he said.

■ MELBOURNE, Fla. — A doctor dressed as Captain America was arrested after groping a woman at a bar and fighting with her boyfriend, authorities said.

Patrons at the bar were dressed in costumes as part of a bar crawl Saturday night, police spokeswoman Jill Frederiksen said.

A man carrying a burrito and dressed as Captain America approached her, began to say dirty things and touched her inappropriately, police said. He then brawled with her boyfriend, authorities said.

Several patrons who had dressed as the super hero were asked to step outside so the woman could identify the suspect, Frederiksen said.

She picked out Raymond Adamcik, 54, police said. After he was arrested, he

tried to flush marijuana down a toilet at a police station, police said.

Adamcik was released on a \$2,500 bond and faces charges of possession of marijuana, destruction of evidence, disorderly conduct and battery.

A secretary at Adamcik's

office said he was on leave and that the office was not accepting messages for him.

The real stars-and-stripes-clad superhero made news recently after he was killed in a March issue of the comic book.

Allen

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open tackle box or get lost. And if I told you the truth, some Doubting Thomas would demand to know where we bought them...By the way, did you ever get a bait caught in the seat of your pants, just as you were making a mighty cast toward a distant shoreline?

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Lagoon

dered and goes off without a hitch until Anderson, who turned in his badge that morning, gets wind of it and loads up his shotgun. By the time he gets into town, half of the robberies are completed but he throws a monkey wrench into their plans by taking out two of their number and wounding a third.

Number 1 isn't happy about the fly in the ointment but plays it smarter than your average villain and opts to end the job and cut their losses. The reasoning is sound now that the cut will only have to be split four ways, so the remaining thugs make good their escape. The city council begs Anderson to stay on but he shows that he's made of sterner stuff and politely tells them what they can do with his job.

The FBI blows into town

and takes over the case. They cut a deal with the wounded gunman who states he will spill his guts if they get him a TV in his hospital room and promise to go easy on him. They concur and rue the decision when it turns out he knows a whole lot of nothing.

This is a well-executed crime caper that beautifully subverts the genre by allowing the criminals to be intelligent and disciplined while the town officials are blatantly corrupt. The story also scores points by avoiding violent behavior on the part of the criminals, who reason that killing innocents will only make the authorities pursue them harder, so they opt to do the job clean. The only deaths are two of the bad guys and they certainly realized what they were signing on for.

The only story element that

comes off as hokey is a bizarre coda during which we find out that Number 1 has a high profile day job as the host of a children's variety program.

Director/writer Ferde Grofe barely worked in features after this film and it's a shame. I mean, what's in a name, as this proves to be a sly thriller that should have heralded better work to come.

That said, he gets some help here from a tight ensemble. Jan Murray anchors the film as the suave Number 1 and it is inspired casting. Murray was better known as a standup comic when this was made and he does a fine job of subverting his comic persona by playing it very straight.

Richard Egan, who got his start playing gangsters and cops, revisits his tough gut persona here and reigns it in as the Will Kane type chief.

Best of all is the film's sense of style, which has the climactic heist go down while all the characters are dressed in black nylon jumpers and sunglasses. It may not be quite as haute couture as the sharp suits worn by the reservoir dogs, but it makes sense with a desert climate.

Sadly this film has made its DVD debut under the radar. It's been jammed into a 20-movie set called "Mean Guns," which means you get this movie plus 19 "spaghetti westerns." Still it's bargain priced (under \$20) and the set includes plenty of Lee Van Cleef films that include "Death Rides a Horse" and "God's Gun."

Best line: "One wolf can maul a whole flock of sheep. Imagine what seven can do." 1971, unrated.

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PC baseball players earn All-MSC accolades

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN – Several members of the Pikeville College baseball team earned athletics and academic honors at the annual Mid-South Conference Baseball Banquet, which was held Thursday and preceded the conference tournament.

Sophomore Josh Adams (Pikeville) earned First-Team All-Conference honors as a catcher. In his second season, Adams batted .312, while leading the club with a pair of home runs and 26 runs batted in. He also threw out 15 of 34 potential base

stealers.

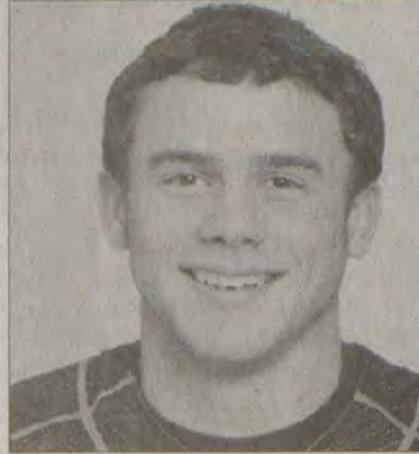
Senior Adam Collins (Paintsville) also was selected to the First-Team as an outfielder. Collins led the Bears with a .412 batting average, drove in 16 runs, scored 29 times, was 10 out of 12 in stolen bases, and led the team with five triples.

Junior Jordan Compton (Bee, Va.) was the lone Pikeville pitcher to earn an All-Conference selection, being named an Honorable Mention. Compton finished with the best record on the Bears' staff, going 4-2 with a team-best 3.22 ERA. The southpaw only allowed 18 earned runs

over 50-1/3 innings of work, while striking out a team-high 59 batters.

Two Bears were also given Academic All-Conference honors: junior left-handed pitcher Matt DeBlaw (Broadview Heights, Ohio) and sophomore Brice Fields (Hyden), who sat out this season with a redshirt.

"Josh, Adam, Jordan, Matt and Brice have set great examples for our club," said Head Coach Don Ashby. "We're very proud of the hard work they've put in this year, both on the field and off."



Adam Collins



Josh Adams

Moak to sign to play soccer

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN – Piarist School senior Jake Moak will sign a National Letter of Intent to play soccer at the University of the Cumberlands on Tuesday at noon during a signing ceremony inside the Piarist School.

In addition to playing soccer on various levels, Moak played basketball, golf and ran cross country for the Piarist School. He ranks as one of the

(See MOAK, page eight)

Weeklong soccer camp scheduled

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Kentucky Youth Soccer, in conjunction with Eastern Kentucky Youth Soccer, has announced its annual player development camp will be held in Floyd County June 18-22. The camp will be open to recreational players who wish to learn more fundamental techniques and tactics necessary to play the game. Players will be given the opportunity to learn elite dribbling skills; perfect their passing ability; score goals and develop their whole game in preparation for the soccer season. Cost of the weeklong recreational camp is \$95.

Kentucky Youth Soccer is a non profit organization founded in 1979 that serves 45,000 players, coaches, administrators and volunteers throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Kentucky Youth Soccer is a member of the US Soccer Federation and US Youth Soccer. Kentucky Youth Soccer pro-

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DISTRICT SOFTBALL



photo by Jamie Howell

OUT IN FRONT: Prestonsburg is the frontrunner for the Floyd County Conference title. The Lady Blackcats finished runner-up in the 58th District last season behind Allen Central. Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack is pictured giving instructions to his team during a recent game.

Date set for T.J. Compton Memorial Panorama

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Allen Central girls' basketball coach Jennifer Hopkins has announced the date for the Second Annual T.J. Compton Panorama. The Lady Rebel basketball program will host the Second Annual T.J. Compton Panorama on Saturday, Nov. 17. All participating teams will receive 15 T-Shirts and a postgame meal. Currently, 11 teams are needed to fill the panorama.

For more information on the Second Annual T.J. Compton Panorama, call Hopkins at 606/205-7788.

High school girls' basketball teams throughout the state are busy putting together pre- and post-season schedules.

■ The Southwestern girls' basketball program in Somerset will host its Third Annual Southwestern Shootout

Panorama on Saturday, Nov. 17. Southwestern Coach Tim Rice, a Floyd County native, is still seeking teams for the panorama. Participating teams in the Southwestern girls' panorama will be given T-Shirts and a postgame meal.

For more information, call Rice between 8:30 and 10 a.m. at 606/670-7516.

■ Defending 15th Region girls' basketball champion Pike County Central is looking for teams to fill out its Second Annual Lady Hawk Shootout on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008. Each participating team in the Pike County Central regular-season shootout will play one game. All teams will receive T-Shirts and meals. For more information, call Coach Stephen D. Butcher at 606/432-4352.

■ Ashland Blazer needs two teams to complete the field for its one-day, seven-game, Kitten Shootout on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008. Teams outside

of the 16th Region will receive a monetary travel allotment. For more information, call Bill Bradley at 606/922-6564.

■ Cordia is currently looking to fill the 3rd Annual Lions/Lady Lions Tip-Off Tournament for next season. The dates are Nov. 27-Dec. 1. Cordia is looking for a total of six boys' and six girls' teams. Each team is guaranteed two games with a chance of a third matchup. T-Shirts will be provided for each team as well as a team trophy based on finish. Last season's participating teams were Cordia, Sheldon Clark, North Laurel, Wolfe County, Betsy Layne, Allen Central, Cawood and Lawrence County. North Laurel defeated Sheldon Clark for the tourney title. For more information on the tournament, call Joel Melton or Jeff Honeycutt at 606/785-4457.

Runyon on Kentucky All-Star coaching staff

by STEVE LeMASTER

Veteran Paintsville High School head coach Bill Mike Runyon will get his turn at coaching the Kentucky All-Stars basketball team later this summer. Runyon will serve as an assistant coach to North Hardin head coach Ron Beavers when the Kentucky team takes

Bill Mike Runyon

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Dials named to Tremendous 26

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Johnson Central High School defensive lineman Nathaniel Dials has been named to the Tremendous 26 – a group of seniors-to-be selected by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association and the Kentucky High School Football Guide. Dials was the only area player to be included on the annual list. Dials was an Associated Press Second Team All-State selection at defensive line this past season. He had over 70 tackles from his defensive end position.

Other players who have been named to the Tremendous 26: Ryan Benzik, OL, Fern Creek; Aaron Boyd, WR, Henry Clay; Shumari Bridgewater, LB, Cambellsville; Logan Bunch, QB, Lafayette; Jared Carpenter, DB, Bowling Green; Clay Cecil, LB, Highlands; John Cole, WR, Somerset; C.J. Croft, QB, Fort Campbell; E.J. Fields, WR/DB, Frankfort; Cory Francis, Boone County; Dontey Gray, RB, Henry

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Mullins among 10 Lady Bears honored

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Five Pikeville College softball players were honored for their outstanding play and five more were recognized for their efforts in the classroom at the annual awards banquet held on the eve of the Mid-South Conference tournament in Louisville.

Sophomore shortstop Krista Kouns was named all-conference, while teammates Terri Mullins, Melinda Ratliff, Cortney Bentley and Kelley Neace were on the honorable mention list.

Kouns, a product of Grayson, led Pikeville in most offensive categories, including batting average at .372, hits (48), doubles (14), home runs (7), RBI (45), total bases (89), slugging percentage (.690) and sacrifice flies (3).

Mullins, a junior second baseman from

Martin, was second on the team with a .339 batting average. The Allen Central High School graduate started all 44 games of the regular season for Pikeville, finishing with 43 hits, seven doubles, a team-high 29 runs scored and 17 RBI. Her .436 was by far the highest on the club.

Ratliff missed the last nine games of the season with a broken nose. The team's starting right fielder, a junior from Elkhorn City, hit .327, scoring 25 runs from her leadoff position while driving in 12. She had six doubles and compiled a .409 slugging percentage and a .373 on-base percentage. Also, she committed only three errors on the season.

Bentley, a freshman from Robinson Creek known more for her pitching exploits, was honored for her play in left field. She hit .287 this season with six doubles, a team high six triples and a pair of home runs. She drove in 20 runs and scored 19, finishing with the second-highest slugging percentage on the team at .484.

Neace, a two-time first-team pick and one-

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Terri mullins

Hall provides defensive spark for Lady Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Allen Central High School senior first baseman Sarah Hall is making a good case for the nod as one of the top players in the 15th Region at her position. In a 9-5 win over Perry County Central on Friday, April 20, Hall recorded two unassisted double plays.

"Sarah has stepped forward this year as a good leader," said Allen Central Coach Don Burke. "She is an improved batter and solid defensive player. Sarah has stepped up and been a leader for our softball team."

At the plate, Hall usually hits out of the fifth-place position

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Mullins

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time second-teamer, was the only Pikeville pitcher honored. She finished with nine wins and a 2.89 ERA, by far the best on the team. She pitched 145-1/3 innings, and her average per game of 6.31 innings per game led the Mid-South Conference. She struck out 115 while walking only 34, and her opponents hit only .250 against her this season.

Among the first players named to the academic all-conference list was Heather Robbins. A junior from Morristown, Tenn., Robbins was named to the 2006 Daktronics Scholar-Athletes list, the equivalent of being named an Academic All-American, in the fall for volleyball. She majors in business administration emphasizing management.

The other four were Kouns, a sophomore majoring in business management; Mullins, a junior majoring in art; Kalaiah Evans, a sophomore from Pikeville majoring in pre-education; and Katie Parsley, a sophomore from Chapmanville, W.Va., who majors in criminal justice.

Camp

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grams are available to players on various levels.

For more information on the camp, call Adrian Parrish at 859/268-1254 or contact via email at adrianparrish@kysoccer.net.

Dials

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Clay; Dexter Heyman, DE, Male; Tyheem Lawton, DB, Fern Creek; Tatum Lewis, S, Clark County; Alex Matthews, QB, Shelby County; D.L. Moore, WR, Bowling Green; Brandon Newman, DT, PRP; R.D. Reynolds, DB, North Bullitt; Sam Robey, OL, Trinity; Matt Smith, DL, St. Xavier; Dave Ulinski, DT, Manual; Ryan Wallace, TE, Bowling Green; Alan Williams, RB, Marshall County; Brad Wright, DL, Apollo; Brandon Young, DE, Manual.

Runyon

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on the Indiana squad in the annual two-game basketball All-Star series. During the 2006-07 season, Bevars brought his North Oldham team to Eastern Kentucky for the Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic.

Kentucky will entertain rival Indiana in Western Kentucky University's Diddle Arena in Bowling Green on June 16. Indiana will host Kentucky in Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on June 23.

The Indiana team has defeated the Kentucky in five straight games. Indiana leads the all-time series 76-40. Last season, Indiana defeated Kentucky 90-74 and 94-66.

The Kentucky All-Stars (Player, High School, Ht., Pos., College) are Steffphon Pettigrew, Elizabethtown 6-5 F Undecided; Twany Beckham, Ballard 6-5 G-F IUPUI; Riley Benock, Meade County 6-4 G Mississippi State; Thomas Coleman, Jeffersonton 6-9 C Undecided; Matt Fralix, Caldwell County 6-5 G Murray State;

Austin Hill, Holmes 6-2 G Southeastern Illinois Junior College; Tanner Jacobs, Trinity 6-8 C Kennesaw State (Ga.); Preston Knowles, Clark County 6-2 G Louisville; Ty Proffitt, South Laurel 6-4 G Notre Dame; Greg Rice, Holmes 6-4 F Columbus State (Ohio) Community College; Reggie Smith, Fairdale 6-4 F Undecided; Robert Troutman, Bullitt East 6-5 F Bullitt East; and Matt Walls, Scott County 6-4 G Marshall;

Pettigrew is the reigning Mr. Basketball. Earlier in the week, Pettigrew was named the Associated Press Player of the Year.

Hall

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in the heart of the Lady Rebel batting order. The Allen Central starting first baseman went two-for-four at the plate in the win over Perry County Central. Hall had both a double and a single in the victory over the Lady Commodores. Showing some speed on the basepaths, Hall stole a pair of bases in that same game.

Allen Central owned a 5-5 record after beating Perry County Central. The Lady Rebels have regular-season games scheduled through mid-May. Allen Central is the defending 58th District champion. The Lady Rebs defeated longtime rival Prestonsburg in the 2006 district title tilt.

Moak

top boys' basketball players in Piast history. Moak is set to join a Patriot soccer program that owns a winning tradition.

The Cumberlands soccer team finished the 2006 season with a 15-5-2 record. The Patriots were also

nationally ranked twice this past season, once in the 24th spot and then the 22nd position for the final ranking.

Paulo Neto is entering his second season as Cumberlands soccer coach. In 2005, Neto led the Patriots

to an impressive 14-5-0 record. He joined the Patriot staff after being assistant coach for the men and women's soccer teams at Lincoln Memorial University.

Neto also works with the Olympic Development Group as a

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coach in the state of Kentucky, Champion Soccer School as a camp director, and White Sharks Soccer Club as the director of coaching and the U-17 boys and girls' head coach.

UK adds six in 2007 Hall of Fame class

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky announced during Tuesday night's CATSPY Awards the 2007 inductees into the UK Athletics Hall of Fame. The class includes volleyball player Marsha Bond, men's basketball player Larry Conley, baseball player Dom Fucci, track athlete Jim Green, former coach and athletics director Harry Lancaster and football player Moe Williams. The class will be formally inducted during Hall of Fame Weekend, Sept. 28-29, in conjunction with the football game against Florida Atlantic.

Bond (1980-83) earned All-America honors in 1982 and 1983, the only two-time volleyball All-American in UK history. She led UK to its first NCAA Tournament appearance (1983) and helped the Cats win two SEC Tournament championships during her tenure. A three-year All-SEC and All-SEC Tournament selection, she continues to hold the UK career record for attack percentage (.380), a mark that

rates fifth in SEC history.

Conley (1964-66), a member of the famed Rupp's Runts, was a three-time All-SEC selection and an Academic All-American in 1966. He still ranks ninth on Kentucky's all-time assists per game list, averaging 3.62 assists during his career. Conley helped the Cats win two SEC championships, and today is known nationwide for his work as a basketball analyst, having done work for NBC, CBS, ESPN and Lincoln Financial (formerly Jefferson Pilot).

Fucci (1948-51), a catcher, was Kentucky's and the SEC's first baseball All-American in 1949. He led UK to its first NCAA Tournament appearances, in 1949 and 1950. Fucci held the school record for batting average in a season (.440) for 45 years.

Green (1968-71) was one of the Southeastern Conference's pioneers of integration and is a member of the State of Kentucky's Athletic Hall of Fame. A two-time NCAA champion, winning the indoor 60-yard dash in 1968 and 1971, he earned All-

America honors six times and won eight SEC individual events, including the indoor 60-yard dash (1968, 1971), outdoor 100-yard dash (1968, 1970, 1971), and outdoor 220-yard dash (1968, 1970, 1971).

Lancaster (1946-75) was a cornerstone in UK Athletics for three decades. As AD, he oversaw the construction of Commonwealth Stadium and the multi-sport Shively Sports Center, along with helping plan for Rupp Arena and directing the revival of varsity women's basketball at UK. He also spent 16 seasons as head baseball coach, but was perhaps best known as Adolph Rupp's top assistant, helping the Wildcats win national championships in 1948, 1949, 1951, and 1958. He is also a member of the State of Kentucky's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Williams (1993-95) is second on the UK career rushing list (3,333 yards), fourth in all-purpose yardage and seventh in scoring. He broke or tied 15 school records during a monster season in 1995, during which he rushed for 1,600 yards and 17 touch-

downs, leading the SEC in rushing, all-purpose yardage, and scoring. Williams was first-team All-SEC and the SEC Offensive Back of the Year, and was a finalist for the Doak Walker Award that year. He still holds 10 Wildcat records and has played 10 years in the NFL.

The UK Athletics Hall of Fame was started in 2005 to recognize and honor persons whose participation and contributions enriched and strengthened the University's athletic program. The charter class included 88 individuals who had previously had their jersey retired by UK.

There is a five-year waiting period — after leaving UK — to be eligible for inclusion into the Hall of Fame, and a 10-year waiting period to have a jersey retired. An individual must be a member of the Hall of Fame to be eligible for jersey retirement.

A committee consisting of Hall of Famers, media members, campus representatives and current coaches and administrators elects new inductees each year.

Padgett elected captain for 2007-08 season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville center David Padgett has been elected as the Cardinals' team

captain for the 2007-08 men's basketball season.

A 6-11 senior-to-be from Reno, Nev., Padgett has been the Cardinals' starting center each of the past two seasons. He earned All-BIG EAST Conference second team honors last season while recovering from knee surgery and helped the Cardinals to a 24-10 record, a No. 16 national ranking in the final Associated Press poll (No. 20 ESPN/USA Today) and a tie for sec-

ond in the BIG EAST Conference with a 12-4 league mark. Louisville, which won eight of its last 10 games and reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament, will return four starters and its top seven scorers next season.

Padgett led the Cards in field goal percentage last season, making 59.7 percent (fourth in the BIG EAST) while averaging 9.5 points and 5.6 rebounds. The political science major has scored in double figures in

30 games over the past two seasons and has grabbed seven or more rebounds on 24 occasions. He scored a career-high 27 points against Connecticut as a sophomore.

Padgett started 19 games at the University of Kansas as a freshman in 2003-04 before transferring to U of L. A McDonald's All-American in high school, he also served as the Cardinals' co-captain as a sophomore. Captains were selected on a game-to-game basis last season.

Senior archery tournament to be held May 19 in Lawrenceburg

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The annual Bluegrass Senior Games will hold its first sanctioned archery event May 19 in Lawrenceburg. The 3-D archery event is open to shooters ages 50 and older and will be held at the bowhunter's range at 1941

Ashby Road.

The Bluegrass Senior Games is sponsored by the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living, a non-profit agency dedicated to helping senior citizens live independently. "Participants will meet a lot of new people that have the same interest — archery," said Randy Lawson, aging program specialist for the agency. "As Baby Boomers turn 60, there's going to be a huge influx of people retiring. We're trying to provide activities for these folks, so they are connected to their communities in ways other than their professional lives."

Lawson says activities like archery help promote a more active

lifestyle, healthy benefits like disease prevention and a way for seniors to socialize. "Any time you are more active, you reduce your chance of illness and increase opportunities for a healthy lifestyle," he said. "The 3-D course is like a hike through the woods."

Shooters can enter either the aided or unaided equipment class. Aided equipment includes any bow with any combination of sights, release aid or stabilizer. Unaided equipment includes any bow with none of these accessories. Shooters will be classed by age and equipment.

Lawson also hopes the event will raise awareness of the National

Senior Games, which will be held in Kentucky for the first time this summer. The national games are scheduled for June 22 — July 7 in Louisville. Participants must have qualified the previous year through participation in the state Senior Games.

Shooters can pre-register for the Bluegrass Senior Games archery tournament for \$10 by calling or visiting the Senior Citizens Center in Anderson County. Registration is also available for \$15 at the range the day of the shoot.

For more information or to register, call 502/839-7520.

Account-wagering company may be left out of Kentucky Derby

by BRUCE SCHREINER

LOUISVILLE — For horse racing fans placing wagers through Youbet.com, the bugler's "call to the post" for the start of next month's Kentucky Derby may ring hollow.

The betting Web site may be left out of wagering on the May 5 Derby amid a dispute with TrackNet Media Group, a partnership between racing giants Churchill Downs Inc. and Magna Entertainment Corp. TrackNet provides the simulcast signal from Churchill Downs and Magna tracks to an array of domestic and international wagering outlets.

Both sides this week reported an impasse in discussions that boils down to a turf battle carrying high stakes in the fast-growing account wagering done online or by telephone.

TrackNet wants its customers to have access to all races carried by account-wagering companies such as Youbet. In return, TrackNet would make races from its tracks available to those companies.

TrackNet insists such a broad distribution would benefit horse racing. TrackNet chief executive Scott Daruty said the growth of account wagering has been "encumbered by exclusive content arrangements"

held by the TVG network.

TVG, another big player in account wagering, has exclusive arrangements with several tracks, including operations in New York and Keeneland and Turfway in Kentucky.

At stake for Youbet is a license to host wagering for the Derby, the first leg of thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown. Last year, \$3.7 million was bet through Youbet for the entire Kentucky Derby race card — the single-biggest day for the company, though the amount was less than 1 percent of its total annual wagering, the company says.

Youbet says TrackNet has insisted it stop accepting wagers for TVG-controlled races as a condition for gaining a license for its own races, including the Derby at Churchill Downs.

Youbet CEO Charles F. Champion called it an "unreasonable either-or scenario." He said his Woodland Hills, Calif.-based company "should not have to choose one content group over another when we are prepared to pay fair prices for both."

Daruty said TrackNet is seeking a deal with TVG for content exchange. TrackNet's goal is for a market in which all account wagering companies have access to all races.

"I believe we're going to get there," he said. "To get there requires TVG to show some flexibility on these exclusive arrangements they've put in place."

TVG attorney John Hindman said he could not comment on any nego-

tiations.

Craig-Hallum Capital analyst Mark Argento said that Youbet was "caught in the crossfire" in the jockeying between TrackNet and TVG.

The stakes are high because advance deposit wagering is the fastest-growing segment in horse wagering — representing about \$1 billion to \$2 billion of the approximately \$15 billion wagered each year on thoroughbred, quarterhorse or harness racing in the United States.

"The industry needs another shot in the arm in terms of growth," Argento said. "The Internet and ADW is it, yet nobody can really agree to how it should work."

Churchill Downs plans its own entry in the advance deposit wagering segment but hasn't yet announced its launch date.

Youbet has left its profit outlook unaltered for 2007 despite the dispute. The company had total revenues of about \$137 million last year, compared with \$89 million the year before.

Youbet's stock was up 4 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$2.85 in afternoon trading Wednesday on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Argento has stuck with his "Buy" rating for Youbet amid the dispute.

Roth Capital Partners analyst Todd Eilers downgraded Youbet to "Hold" from "Buy," predicting "some negative impact" to profit from the dispute.

About a quarter of wagers that Youbet accepts each year are placed on races at tracks whose content is controlled by TrackNet. More than

40 percent of the bets are on races whose content is controlled by TVG.

Argento said \$25 million to \$30 million in wagers placed through Youbet could be in jeopardy during the company's second quarter due to the dispute with TrackNet.

But Youbet also could capitalize on a decision by account wagering competitor AmericaTAB to stop carrying TVG content as part of a deal with TrackNet, Argento said.

Youbet signaled such a strategy, saying it will try to build on its business from TVG-affiliated tracks, which have strong summer and late-year race meetings.

"We intend to turn up our marketing engines to go after customers of TrackNet affiliates and licensees who cannot carry these premier tracks in the months ahead," Champion said.

Youbet will be able to accept wagers this spring on the Preakness Stakes, at Magna-owned Pimlico Race Course, as part of an existing agreement with Magna, Champion said. The Preakness is the second leg of the Triple Crown.

Argento said it's regular "horse players" who are hurt by the infighting.

"The whole industry should be put on notice that they've got to start thinking about the customers," he said. "All this infighting doesn't really do anything for the sport."

Business Writer Dan Seymour in New York contributed to this report.

Pugh first spring signee for MSU baseball program

TIMES STAFF REPORT



Daniel Pugh could play more than one position for Morehead State next season.

MOREHEAD — Daniel Pugh, a Paintsville High School infielder/outfielder, signed his national letter-of-intent to play baseball at Morehead State University earlier in the month. Upon signing, Pugh became MSU's first spring signee.

Through April 25, Pugh was hitting .500 with 30 hits in 60 at bats and has 19 stolen bases, 21 runs scored, 33 runs batted in, eight doubles and two triples.

"We are excited to have Daniel as a part of the Eagle baseball program, said MSU Coach John Jarnagin. "He is a quality athlete, and most importantly, he is a quality young man. We

expect Daniel to have great success as and MSU Eagle."

Last fall, the MSU baseball program signed Michael Fear, an infielder/pitcher from South Ripley High School in Versailles, Ind., Josh Schneider, a pitcher from Oxford Area High School in Oxford, Pa., and Trey Smith, a pitcher from South Laurel High School in London.

At MSU, Pugh will join Pikeville High School graduate Chase Huffman, who is in his first season with the Eagles. Huffman is a starting pitcher in his initial campaign.

Scott County's Rebecca Gray, Lex. Christian coach honored

by MALCOLM C. KNOX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Coach Jason Seamands and Lexington Christian Academy's girls basketball team had to do the impossible on their way to winning the state championship this season. It had been impossible for every team in the state for the past two years.

The Lady Eagles would have to beat mighty Lexington Catholic in the playoffs. Twice.

The Lady Knights had won three of the last six state championships, including the last two.

But Lexington Christian did the impossible, and Seamands was named Friday as girls high school coach of the year by The Associated Press.

Also Friday, Rebecca Gray of Scott County, a 5-foot-10 senior guard, was named AP player of the year.

Seamands' teams hadn't beaten the Lady Knights in years and years.

After losing to Catholic twice earlier in the season, by six points each time, the Lady Eagles beat them in the 43rd District Championship, then again in the 11th Region Championship.

"It was huge," he said. "I think probably the key game for us was in the district final. I think that game got us over the hump mentally."

After their second loss to Lexington Catholic, the Lady Eagles won 23 games in row, including their state championship win over Louisville Iroquois. Lexington Christian finished the season 34-3.

Seamands knows the expectations and competition will be more intense but his team will always be 2006-07 state champs. That's why he doesn't care for the phrase "defending state champions."

"Nobody can take away what we did," Seamands said. "We don't have to defend anything."

Meanwhile, Scott County's girls basketball team had the misfortune of competing in the 11th Region, with Lexington Catholic and Lexington Christian.

Gray averaged 26 points and six rebounds per game, leading the Cardinals to a record of 25-4.

"She's what made Scott County tick," coach Steve Helton said.

Their season ended with a loss to the Lady Knights in the first round of the Regional Tournament.

Gray has been around the program since sixth grade, when she was a water girl. In seventh grade she dressed with the varsity team and the next year she was a starter.

And every year she's gotten better, adding something new to her game. It helps having two basketball coaches in the family too. Both of Gray's grandfathers are coaches.

They taught her the fundamentals, she said. Her father, Todd Gray, also the booster president, helped too.

"Freshman year, I was definitely just a shooter," Rebecca said. "Each summer my dad would add another dimension to my game. I'm pretty grateful to have the best dad in the world."

Whatever he taught her worked. She made 89 percent of her free throws this season, and is the school's career leading scorer with 2,907 points. That includes boys, too.

Next year Rebecca takes her game to North Carolina.

She's known since visiting as an eighth-grader that that's where she would go to college.

"If you've ever been there, it's breathtaking," she said of that first visit. "You walk in the gym and you just feel like home."

The coach and player of the year were selected by a panel of 18 media members across the state.

Lexington Christian's Emily London, Lexington Catholic's Natalie Novosel, and Warren East's Ashley Rainey also received votes for player of the year.

Jeff Haile of Henderson County, Mike Harper of Muhlenberg North, Al Northington of Iroquois, Cheryl Darpel of Notre Dame, and James Burchell received votes for coach of the year.

2007 AP Kentucky high school girls' all-state team

The 2007 Kentucky high school girls' All-State basketball team, as selected by 18 members of The Associated Press (with school, height and position):

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Rebecca Gray, Scott Co.

FIRST TEAM

Rebecca Gray, Scott Co., 5-10 G
Emily London, Lex. Christian, 5-7, G
Natalie Novosel, Lex. Catholic, 5-10, F
Emily Queen, Rose Hill Christian, 6-1, F
Keyla Snowden, Lex. Catholic, 5-8, G

SECOND TEAM

Hope Brown, North Hardin, 5-6, G
Elizabeth Campbell, Lou. Sacred Heart, 6-2, C
Adia Mathies, Lou. Iroquois, 5-9, F

Haley Ratliff, Pike Co. Central, 5-9, G
Monique Reid, Lou. Fern Creek, 6-1, F
Rinesha Soaper, Henderson Co., 5-7, G

HONORABLE MENTION

Whitney Ballinger, Carroll Co.; De'Sarae Chambers, Mason Co.; Nicole Dickman, Notre Dame; Pressley Doom, Marshall Co.; Jessica Doran, Graves Co.; Rikiah Gatlin, Christian Co.; Thia Gholson, Lou. Assumption; Tia Gibbs, Lou. Butler; Melly Heaton, Caldwell Co.; Janae Howard, Owensboro; Kristen Madden, Perry Co. Central; Asia Mathies, Lou. Iroquois; Ashley Rainey, Warren East; Laura Terry, Rose Hill Christian; T.J. Thomas, Barren Co.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jason Seamands, Lex. Christian

2007 AP Kentucky high school boys' all-state team

The 2007 Kentucky High School boys' All-State basketball team, as selected by 18 members of The Associated Press (with school, height and position):

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Steffphon Pettigrew, Elizabethtown

FIRST TEAM

Preston Knowles, George Rogers Clark, 6-2, G
Bud Mackey, Scott Co., 6-4, G
Steffphon Pettigrew, Elizabethtown, 6-5, F
Ty Proffitt, South Laurel, 6-4, G
Matt Walls, 6-3, G

SECOND TEAM

Jeremy Anderson, Warren Central, 6-3, G
Antiquawn Beckham, Lou. Ballard, 6-5, G

Matt Fralix, Caldwell Co., 6-5, G
Darius Miller, Mason Co., 6-6, G/F
Clark Stepp, June Buchanan, 6-3, G

HONORABLE MENTION

Douglas Beaumont, Lou. Male; Nick Britt, Warren Central; Jeff Brooks, Lou. Doss; Thomas Coleman, Lou. Jeffersontown; Josh Crawford, Corbin; Jarrod Crowder, Henderson Co.; Johonne Hamilton, Lou. Ballard; Austin Hill, Holmes; Shelvin Mack, Lex. Bryan Station; Aaron Morris, Muhlenberg North; Corey Pelle, Silver Grove; Spencer Perrin, Boyle Co.; John Smith, Harlan; Keith Tandy, Christian Co.; J.D. Vanhoose, Paintsville.
COACH OF THE YEAR: Tim Riley, Warren Central.

Pettigrew is Associated Press player of year; Riley honored as coach

by MALCOLM C. KNOX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Elizabethtown High School's Steffphon Pettigrew just wants to play basketball.

The availability of playing time is one of the biggest factors he's considering as he wraps up the process of selecting a college. His desire is also one of the things college suitors like about him, he said.

"They like my strength and my heart to go out there and play, because I got the passion for the game and I don't like to lose," Pettigrew said. "They like winners and people that want to go out there and win."

Pettigrew's passion is also one of the factors that led to his selection

Thursday as The Associated Press Kentucky boys high school player of the year.

Warren Central's Tim Riley, whose team made it to the semifinals of the state tournament, was selected as Coach of the Year.

Pettigrew, according to his coach, James Haire, has narrowed his college options to Western Kentucky, Georgia and Xavier. The 6-foot-5 senior forward won the AP honor although wins didn't come easy for him and the Panthers this past season.

Nine seniors were gone from the previous year and two senior teammates were injured at the beginning of this season. They finished this year with a record of 17-11. It would have been easy for Pettigrew to get down.

"All of a sudden every team can focus on defending Steffphon," Haire said. "And he still averaged 30 points per game. He never wavered any."

Instead Pettigrew turned it up, averaging 33 points and 13 rebounds per game.

It's taken a lot of work for Pettigrew to become the player he is, Haire said. It's common, when school's out, for Pettigrew to spend the night working out in a local 24-hour gym, the coach said.

"There might be better players than him," Haire said. "There probably are. But nobody works harder than him."

It's also been a journey for the coach of the year.

Riley's Warren Central teams have won six regional championships in a

row, and won the state championship in 2004.

But as successful as Riley and the Dragons have become in his 10 years there, it didn't start that way.

"It was tough," he said of his early years at Warren Central. "I reached a point when I had lost 60 more games as a head coach than I had won."

The Dragons won nine games in Riley's first two years combined. Since then, they've won at least 20 every season.

This season their record was 30-5. The Dragons lost to Louisville Ballard in the semifinals of the state championship tournament. Warren Central missed a 3-pointer that would have given them the lead with less than a minute to play.

The AP coach and player of the year were selected by a panel of 18 media outlets across the state.

Also receiving votes for coach of the year were Obvington Holmes, David Henley, June Buchanan's Gary Stepp, Clark County's Scott Humphrey, Central Hardin's J.C. Wright, Cumberland's Jerry Edwards, Lexington Tates Creek's Joe Pat Covington, Christian County's Kerry Stovall, and Bishop Brossart's Mike Code.

Also receiving votes for player of the year were Jeremy Anderson of Warren Central; Matt Fralix of Caldwell County; Darius Miller, Mason County; Ty Proffitt, South Laurel; and Matt Walls of Scott County.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: MSU signs Texas prep school standout

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — T.J. Clark, a 6-3, 185-pound guard from God's Academy Prep in Dallas, Tex., has signed a national letter-of-intent to play basketball at Morehead State University.

Clark averaged 23.7 points and six

assists per game last season, helping lead God's Academy to a 23-10 record.

"T.J. is an extremely versatile combo guard who will bring skill and toughness to our team," said MSU Head Coach Donnie Tyndall. "He was a member of the Texas prep association all-state team, and more than

that, he is an exceptional young man who will be a great asset to the Morehead community."

A native of the Dallas suburb of Cedar Hill, Tex., Clark attended Cedar Hill High School where he averaged 14 points and seven rebounds as a senior.

"I had a great visit to Morehead

State and enjoyed meeting the coaching staff and all the players," Clark said. "It was a good experience. Everyone got along well, and I liked the campus and facilities. I'm looking forward to getting to Morehead and getting started."

Clark is MSU's third signee of the recruiting campaign. 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 award. Kenneth Faried, a 6-8 forward from Newark (N.J.) Technology High School signed earlier this spring. Faried earned First Team All-State Group I honors in New Jersey.

CATSPY Awards presented

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky Athletics Association presented 26 honors at the fifth annual CATSPY Awards, held Tuesday at Rupp Arena to recognize athletic and academic performance from April 2006 through April 2007. A total of five teams and 29 individuals were recognized.

Baseball and women's soccer won the Male and Female Team of the Year awards for Southeastern Conference championships in their respective sports in 2006. The Mr. and Miss Wildcat Awards went to Nathan Li of men's soccer and Ashley Fertic of softball for their all-around excellence in athletics, academics, character, and service.

The K-Association Female Athlete of the Year went to softball slugger Brooke Marnitz while the K-Association Male Athlete of the Year was given to quarterback Andre'

Woodson for leading the football team to its best season in 22 years.

The Male Performance of the Year Award went to John Richardson in track and field for his feats at the 2006 SEC Outdoor Track Championships. Richardson won the 1,500-meter run and placed second in the 800-meter run, with both events coming on the same day. The Female Performance of the Year Award was received by swimmers Jennifer Bradford, Heather Bradford, Nikia Deveaux, and Lauren Willis for winning the 200-yard freestyle relay at the SEC Championships, the first SEC relay title in school history.

The Academic Teams of the Year were men's soccer and softball. The Scholar-Athletes of the Year were Julie Gagnon of volleyball and Nick Reeves in track and field.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to UK President Dr. Lee T. Todd for his support of the Wildcat athletic programs since his term began in 2001.



SOFTBALL TALK: South Gray Coach John Little talked it over with his team during a road game at Prestonsburg earlier in the season.

photo by Jamie Howell

FEATURE TRIUMPH: Bloomquist captures \$50,000 Colossal win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHARLOTTE, NC – Veteran dirt Late Model driver Scott Bloomquist outlasted Chris Madden to the finish line Saturday night, April 21 in the Circle K Colossal 100 at The Dirt Track @ Lowe's Motor Speedway. The Mooresburg, Tenn., native, claimed his second straight victory in one of dirt Late Model racing's most lucrative feature races.

"That was anything but easy," Bloomquist said following his win. "We took our time early. We knew it was going to be a long race, and then the stud broke on the carburetor and I lost my air cleaner. I hoped it wouldn't get too much dirt in it and end up the motor. But it held together and I don't think it has too much damage." Complete results from the race

follow.
First C Feature (20 laps): 1. Brian Shirley; 2. Shannon Buckingham; 3. Scott Shirey; 4. Jason Dupont; 5. Chris Hackett; 6. Dave Hess Jr.; 7. Darin Duffy; 8. Damon Eller; 9. Furman Parton; 10. Lewis Hudson; 11. Brady Smith.

Second C Feature (20 laps): 1. Jimmy Owens; 2. Reggie Oliver; 3. Ricky Elliott; 4. Jayme Zidar; 5. Al Shawver Jr.; 6. Jill George; 7. Zack Forster; 8. Ronny Lee Hollingsworth; 9. Robert Fletcher; 10. Keith Barbara; 11. Matt Dillard; 12. Brian Nuttall.

First B Feature (25 laps): 1. Jack Pennington; 2. Steve Shaver; 3. Mike Balzano; 4. Billy Moyer; 5. Brian Shirley; 6. Shannon Buckingham; 7. Jeremy Miller; 8. D.J. Miller; 9. Scott Shirey; 10. Jason Dupont; 11. Austin

Dillon; 12. Bruce Hall; 13. Brian Birkhofer; 14. Josh McGuire; 15. Ray Cook; 16. Jeff Smith; 17. Eric Jacobsen; 18. Bobby Hogge IV; 19. Ed Basey; 20. Larry Blankenship; 21. David Scott; 22. Jeff Cooke; 23. Robert Sanders.

Second B Feature (25 laps): 1. Kellen Chadwick; 2. Donnie Moran; 3. Eddie Carrier Jr.; 4. Jimmy Mars; 5. Jimmy Owens; 6. Wendell Wallace; 7. Tim Fuller; 8. Rick Rickman; 9. Petey Ivey; 10. Derek Ellis; 11. Danny Breuer; 12. Eddie Rickman; 13. G.R. Smith; 14. Ricky Elliott; 15. Jeep VanWormer; 16. Garrett Durrett; 17. Bob Gordon; 18. Jayme Zidar; 19. Reggie Oliver; 20. Chad Ruhlman; 21. Shane Clanton; 22. Walker Arthur; 23. Doug Sanders.

Circle K Colossal 100 (100 laps): 1. Scott Bloomquist; 2. Chris

Madden; 3. Jimmy Owens; 4. Tim McCreadie; 5. Shamon Babb; 6. Steve Francis; 7. Steve Shaver; 8. Earl Pearson Jr.; 9. Mike Balzano; 10. Darrell Lanigan; 11. Michael England; 12. Ricky Weeks; 13. Dale McDowell; 14. Jackie Boggs; 15. Shane Clanton; 16. Ben Adkins; 17. Eddie Carrier Jr.; 18. John Blankenship; 19. Brian Shirley; 20. Clint Smith; 21. Kellen Chadwick; 22. Brian Birkhofer; 23. Wendell Wallace; 24. Jack Pennington; 25. Billy Moyer; 26. Dennis "Rambo" Franklin; 27. Dan Schlieper; 28. Josh Richards; 29. Chuck Harper; 30. Jimmy Mars; 31. Shannon Buckingham; 32. Donnie Moran; 33. Chub Frank; 34. Rick Eckert; 35. Jeremy Clements; 36. Ray Cook.



photo by Dale Barbee
Scott Bloomquist, a favorite driver of many area dirt Late Model fans, captured the Circle K Colossal 100 feature win.

KENTUCKY BOUND: Dale Jr., Stewart returning to dirt track

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PADUCAH – In less than a week, NASCAR's most popular driver as voted by the fans, Dale Earnhardt Jr. will return to Paducah International Raceway for NASCAR Night I, presented by Harrah's Metropolis Hotel & Casino Thursday (May 3). Joining Earnhardt Jr. will be two-time NASCAR Nextel Cup Champion Tony Stewart, another fan favorite. Stewart, who has competed in all

of the previous NASCAR Nights at PIR, will once again compete in his BASS PRO SHOPS Late Model racecar. In his last attempt at PIR, Stewart took his BASS PRO SHOPS No. 20 from the 13th starting position in the feature race to finish third in a race that saw the veteran drive running multiple grooves on the 3/8th mile high-banks. With the laps winding down, the leaders knew that the Champ was on his way to the front. Earnhardt has been in the media a

lot lately with the press talking about his race team JR Motorsports and his future at Dale Earnhardt Incorporated with his contract set to expire at the end of this season. As negotiations continue, Earnhardt is as busy as ever. His TV show "Back in the Day" relives the races of the "old school days" featuring Cale Yarborough, the Alabama Gang, David Pearson and the King Richard Petty plus many more. On Thursday, Dale Earnhardt will be back at Paducah

International Raceway, a track that he Co-Owns with NASCAR drivers Stewart, Ken Schrader and Midwest promoter Bob Sargent.

The gates will open for NASCAR Night I presented by Harrah's Metropolis Casino & Hotel at 2 p.m. with an autograph session tentatively scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Reserved tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under and are available by calling 270-898-SHOW (7469). Earnhardt, Ken Schrader and

Promoter Bob Sargent purchased Paducah International Raceway in November of 2005. Stewart joined the trio of co-owners as a partner in September of 2006. The 3/8th mile high banked oval will host several high profile events including three NASCAR Nights, The USA World 50, and the Tri-Track Challenge. Paducah International Raceway races every Friday night and is located off Interstate-24 at exit 11 in Paducah.

Kobalt Tools Crew Chief Race added to All-Star lineup

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CONCORD, N.C. – The top crew chiefs in NASCAR NEXTEL Cup racing will trade their wrenches for driving suits during the inaugural Kobalt Tools Crew Chief Race Saturday night, May 19, at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

The event will be the featured pre-race entertainment for the NASCAR NEXTEL All-Star Challenge.

Utilizing Thunder Roadsters manufactured by 600 Racing and decaled to replicate the paint schemes of the NEXTEL Cup cars they oversee, the crew chiefs will compete in a 30-minute racing program that will include two qualifying heats and a feature race. The racing action will take place on the speedway's quarter-mile oval, located on the frontstretch of the 1.5-mile superspeedway, and will be televised by SPEED Channel.

"SPEED is really looking forward to covering the crew chiefs' race," said Hunter Nickell, SPEED's executive vice president and general manager.

"In fact, the race will be featured live as part of 'NASCAR RaceDay All-Star Edition' leading into the NASCAR NEXTEL All-Star Challenge. We realize that some of the competitors host SPEED programs, but we assure fans we will be

totally impartial. OK, mostly impartial."

"These guys are all closet racers," said H.A. "Humpty" Wheeler, president and general manager of Lowe's Motor Speedway. "And they think they would be good drivers. Now they can show just how good (or bad) they really are."

"Mainly, it will be a lot of fun and we need more of that in our sport." Expected participants include: Alan Gustafson, Kellogg's/Hendrick Motorsports No. 5; Billy Wilburn, Coca-Cola/Petty Racing No. 45; Chad Knaus, Lowe's/Hendrick Motorsports No. 48; Darian Grubb, National Guard/Hendrick Motorsports No. 25; Gil Martin, Jack Daniel's/Richard Childress Racing No.

07; Jeff Hammond, SPEED Channel No. 11; Jimmy Elledge, Target/Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates No. 41; Kevin "Bono" Manion, Bass Pro Shops/Dale Earnhardt, Inc. No. 1; Larry McReynolds, SPEED Channel No. 28; Paul Andrews, Cheerio's/Petty Racing No. 43; Scott Miller, Cingular/Richard Childress Racing No. 31; Steve Lane, Coors Light/Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates No. 40; Steve Letarte, DuPont/Hendrick Motorsports No. 24; Todd Berrier, Shell-

Pennzoil/Richard Childress Racing No. 29; Tony Eury Jr., Budweiser/Dale Earnhardt, Inc. No. 8.

"This is a very neat deal," said former crew chief McReynolds, who now serves as a popular analyst for NASCAR on Fox and SPEED. "With everything going on, from the NASCAR NEXTEL Pit Crew Challenge to Saturday night's big race, All-Star week is a very intense few days, even with no points on the line. Crew Chiefs today get a lot of accolades and share in the spotlight, but this event will give them the unique opportunity to say 'Hey, I'm the best driving crew chief in NASCAR.'"

"There will be a lot of smack talked in the garage area before and after this event," McReynolds continued. "It's about bragging rights. It's like the Masters; those cats just want that green jacket. This is a great addition to NASCAR NEXTEL All-Star Week activities."

"NASCAR RaceDay All-Star Edition," which includes live coverage of the Kobalt Tools Crew Chief Race, will begin at 4 p.m. (EDT) and will be on the air for three hours leading up to coverage of the NASCAR NEXTEL All-Star Challenge.

2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule/Results

Feb. 10 – x-Budweiser Shootout, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Tony Stewart)	July 1 – LENOX Industrial Tools 300, Loudon, N.H.
Feb. 18 – Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Kevin Harvick)	July 7 – Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 25 – Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Matt Kenseth)	July 15 – USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill.
March 11 – UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400, Las Vegas (Jimmie Johnson)	July 29 – Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis
March 18 – Kobalt Tools 500, Hampton, Ga. (Jimmie Johnson)	Aug. 5 – Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
March 25 – Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kyle Busch)	Aug. 12 – NEXTEL Cup at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
April 1 – Goody's 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jimmie Johnson)	Aug. 19 – 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
April 15 – Samsung 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Jeff Burton)	Aug. 25 – Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
April 21 – Subway Fresh Fit 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Jeff Gordon)	Sept. 2 – TBA, Fontana, Calif.
April 29 – Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.	Sept. 8 – Chevy Rock-and-Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
May 5 – Crown Royal 400, Richmond, Va.	Sept. 16 – Sylva 300, Loudon, N.H.
May 12 – Dodge Avenger 500, Darlington, S.C.	Sept. 23 – Dover 400, Dover, Del.
May 19 – x-NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge, Concord, N.C.	Sept. 30 – Kansas 400, Kansas City, Kan.
May 27 – Coca Cola 600, Concord, N.C.	Oct. 7 – UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
June 3 – Dover 400, Dover, Del.	Oct. 13 – Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
June 10 – Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.	Oct. 21 – Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
June 17 – Citizens Bank 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Oct. 28 – Georgia 500, Hampton, Ga.
June 24 – Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.	Nov. 4 – Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
	Nov. 11 – Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
	Nov. 18 – Ford 400, Homestead, Fla. x-non-points race

Bowyer looking for new strategy at Talladega

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clint Bowyer has never had much luck at Talladega Superspeedway, but he has learned a lot about what not to do.

The Richard Childress Racing driver finished 40th and 35th last year in the two Cup races on the 2.66-mile Alabama oval, the longest and fastest track in stock-car racing.

"It's funny because I've always run really well at Daytona, and, for some reason, I seem to crash at Talladega," Bowyer said. "It seems like I always run into bad luck when we go down there."

There's always danger at Talladega, where nearly the entire field often runs in huge packs, two- and three-wide at speeds around 200 mph for the entire race.

"In the spring race last year, I knew they were going to wreck, and I elected to fall back and hang out in the back. Me and (teammate) Kevin (Harvick) both did the same thing. There were about three cars behind us when they started wrecking up front. We got checked up, and, I'll be darned if those three cars didn't run us over."

Now, Bowyer's ready to try a different approach.

"That was proof enough for me that dropping to the back and waiting for them to wreck doesn't work," he said. "You have to go out there, try and lead laps and win the race."

Montoya fined for gesture during practice at Phoenix

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR announced Wednesday that Juan Montoya, driver of the No. 42 Dodge in the Busch Series, has been fined \$10,000 and placed on probation until Dec. 31 because of an inappropriate gesture made during a practice session on April 19 at Phoenix International Raceway.

Montoya was in violation of Section 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) of the NASCAR Busch Series rule book.

In addition, Todd Brewer, crew chief for the No. 25 Ford driven by David Gilliland in the Busch Series, has been fined \$2,000 after it was found the No. 25 had unapproved, hollow jacking bolts.

Brewer was in violation of Sections 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing); 12-4-Q (car, car parts, components and/or equipment used that do not conform to NASCAR rules); and 20A-12.1A(8) (unapproved jacking bolts, hollow bolts). The violation was found during opening day inspection April 18 at Phoenix International Raceway.

TRACK RENOVATIONS



In Johnson County, 201 Speedway has underwent some renovation. New owners Chuckie May and Travis Miller are working hard to make the track better. The 201 Speedway season-opener is scheduled for Saturday.

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In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.2 miles northeast of Handshoe in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 84.1 acres of surface disturbance and will add an additional 14.8 underground acres making the total area within the permit boundary 149.4 acres.

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LEGALS
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 Reclamation and Enforcement, 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 Reclamation and Enforcement, 121 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501.

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The amendment area is approximately 0.1 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located on an unnamed tributary of Flaccoon Branch. The proposed amendment is located on the Wayland, David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour strip and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., Delphia M. Hale and Carol S. Wireman, Betty Reed, Virgil Shepherd - Heirs, Eugene Shepherd, Carl D. Whitaker, Gorman Shepherd, Bobby & Lenore Slone, Clinton Handshoe, Marigold Warrix, Clayton Ramey, Craig Hicks, and Dallas Sparkman. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, CONSOL of Kentucky, LLC, Clinton Handshoe, Marigold Warrix, Clayton Ramey, and Craig Hicks.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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