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briefs

Blood drive scheduled at ARH hospital

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — Nearly 400 healthy Kentuckians are needed each day to make blood donations to meet the needs of the 67 hospitals in this area of the state and local businesses will be aiding in this effort with prizes and autographs on Tuesday.

The Kentucky Blood Center will be holding a blood drive at McDowell ARH on Tuesday, from 10:30 am to 5 pm. Donors will receive a free tire rotation and safety inspection from S&S Tire. They may also register to win one of four sets of Firestone Firehawk GT tires valued at \$400, a pair of 2008 NASCAR Nextel Cup race tickets to Bristol, a shirt autographed by Ryan Newman and much more.

As always, donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

The entire process takes less than one hour and donors can repeat the process every 56 days.

LAST-MINUTE STOP



Attorney General Greg Stumbo, who is a candidate for lieutenant governor on Bruce Lunsford's gubernatorial slate, visited the Floyd County Justice Center Friday for a meet and greet session with residents and a few old friends. Pictured from left to right are Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, County Attorney Keith Bartley, Stumbo and Deputy Judge-Executive Barry Davis.

photo by Jessica Hale

Tuesday's primary to narrow field for state offices

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

Campaigns are nearing their end as election day looms, with voters casting their decisions on Tuesday.

Voting hours are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and all

voters must provide some form of identification at the time of their vote.

Positions up for election are:
■ Governor and Lieutenant Governor

- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- State Treasurer

Commissioner of Agriculture

Contact the county clerk's office if you are not sure which precinct you are designated in.

Election results will be posted via internet at www.elect.ky.gov as the votes from each county are tallied.

Democratic race likely to go into overtime

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — With a politically weakened Republican incumbent and a fractious GOP primary, once demoralized Kentucky Democrats see a prime opportunity to recapture the governorship — an office they monopolized until losing four years ago.

But first Democrats must choose their own nominee — and with multiple candidates running in the May 22 primary, the outcome seems likely to go into political overtime.

"Unless somebody makes an amazing late run, I just don't see how there's not going to be a runoff," said Michael Baranowski, a political scientist at Northern Kentucky



Election Preview

University. A candidate must get at least 40 percent of the vote to avoid a runoff pitting the top two finishers five weeks later on June 26. In jockeying to break away from the pack, the Democrats mostly refrained from attacking each other, aiming criticism at Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher — who spent part of his term defending his administration against an investigation of its hiring practices.

The Democratic field (See **DEMOCRATS**, page 3)

Politically troubled governor running strong campaign

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Critics speculated that Gov. Ernie Fletcher's political career was in ruins after his indictment a year ago on charges that he violated state hiring laws.

The speculation intensified when Fletcher struck a deal with prosecutors to have the charges dismissed instead of facing them in a jury trial.

Despite those dire predictions, the state's first Republican governor in more than 30 years, could be considered the man to beat in the May 22 primary election, said Kendra Stewart, a political scientist at Eastern Kentucky

University. "Voters have very short-term memories," Stewart said. "A month is a lifetime in politics. All those events occurred a lifetime ago in the political realm."

That's not to say his chief opponent, former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup of Louisville, isn't reminding voters in campaign stops and in political advertisements. Northup said GOP voters need to nominate the candidate who can win against the Democratic nominee in the Nov. 5 general election. She says she, not Fletcher, is that candidate. The third candidate is businessman Billy Harper of Paducah, who was

(See **REPUBLICANS**, page 3)

2 DAY FORECAST

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Johnson men face gun charges

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Two Johnson County residents have been indicted on several counts regarding the possession and sale of stolen firearms.

A joint indictment filed on Thursday alleges that on March 27, 2006, Darrell Edward May and Carl Lee Cook aided and abetted each other in the receipt and possession of 13 stolen firearms.

May is named in each of the four counts; felon in possession of a firearm, sale of a stolen firearm (2 counts), receipt and possession of stolen firearms, and aiding and abetting (2 counts).

Cook is only named in counts three and four. According to the indictment, while knowing the firearms were stolen, he both received and possessed 13 such firearms.

Counts 1 through 4 carry a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, three years supervised release and restitution if applicable.



Teams were out early Friday morning at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College preparing for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The relay's purpose is to generate money for cancer research while raising awareness for cancer survivors and remembering those who have succumbed to the disease.

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Regional Obituaries

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■ Billy Gene Conn, 65, of Ivel, died Saturday, May 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Florence Hall, 77, a native of Auxier, died Friday, May 11, at her home in Sumpter Township, Michigan. She is survived by her husband, Billy Hall. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 15, under the direction of David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

■ Esta Hamilton Mitchell, 81, of Teaberry, died Wednesday, May 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 19, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Albert Benjamin (A.B.) Robinson, 73, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, May 13, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Russell Shepherd, 59, of David, died Saturday, May 12, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Caren Prater Shepherd. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Harold Abshire, 72, of Lick Creek, died Monday, May 14. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Abshire. A

Obituaries

Bart DeRossett Jr.

Bart DeRossett Jr., 20, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, died Sunday, May 13, 2007, at his residence.

Born March 26, 1987, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, he was the son of Bart DeRossett Sr. and Sherry Osborne DeRossett. He was a 2006 graduate and honor roll student of Ypsilanti High School; and a member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Other survivors include a twin brother, Brent Edward DeRossett and a sister Natasha LaDonna DeRossett, both of Ypsilanti, Mich.; grandparents: D. Edward and Donna Harrington Osborne of Hunter, Fannie Lafferty DeRossett of Prestonsburg and a great-grandmother, Thelma Osborne of Hunter.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Donald Chester DeRossett and great-grandfather, Edgar Osborne.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 19, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bob Carpenter officiating.

Burial was in the Osborne Family Cemetery, in Hunter, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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(Paid obituary)

memorial service was held Thursday, May 17, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Clarence R. Adams, 69, of Asheboro, N.C., a Pikeville native, died Tuesday, May 15, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Betty Luck Adams. Funeral services were held Friday, May 18, under the direction of Ridge Funeral Home Inc. of Asheboro.

■ Larry Douglas "Double L" Allen, 60, of Ferrells Creek, died Tuesday, May 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Delores Farmer Allen. Funeral services were held Friday, May 18, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Bertie May Blackburn, 93, of Lorain, Ohio, a native of Grapevine, died Tuesday, May 15, at New Life Hospice Center of St. Joseph, Lorain. Funeral services were held Friday, May 18, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Oscar Combs, 54, of Phelps, died Wednesday, May 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. Arrangements, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Bertha Wolford Dotson, 82, of Phelps, died Saturday, May 12, at Good Shepherd Community & Nursing Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 15, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ John Wesley Grossl, 59, of South Williamson, a native of Canada, died Friday, May 11, in Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services were held Monday, May 14, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ William Buddy Hall, 73, of Jackhorn, a native of Goosecreek, died Monday, May 14, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Mollie Berry Hall. Funeral services were held Friday, May 18, under the

direction of Carty Funeral Home.

■ Elizabeth Ann Ratliff Jordan, 74 years old, of Oxford, Georgia, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, May 8, of a massive stroke.

■ Homer Fredrick "Big Freddie" Lewis, 56, of McAndrews, died Tuesday, May 15, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Kay Thacker Lewis. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 19, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Tommy Ray McIntosh, 35, of Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, died Thursday, May 10, at Izard County Community Hospital, Calico Rock, Arkansas. He is survived by his wife, Lynn McIntosh. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 15, under direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Evelyn Lynn Parson Meadows, 41, of Mouthcard, died Saturday, May 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Johnny Meadows. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 15, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Marie Mounts, 88, of Canada, died Thursday, May 10, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 13, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Gladys M. Newsome, 93, of Raccoon, died Sunday, May 13, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 16, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Zella Stiltner, 86, of Kimper, died Thursday, May 10, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, May 14, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ardena Damron Wheeler, 82, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, May 15, at the home of her son, Arnold Wheeler. Funeral services were held

Saturday, May 19, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ William Wright, 83, of Pikeville, a native of Praise, died Friday, May 11, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 15, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Ronnie Neil Adams, 59, of Salyersville, died Monday, May 7, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Deloris "Dutch" Arnett, 79, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, formerly of Magoffin County, died Saturday, April 21, in the Community General Osteopathic Hospital, Harrisburg. Memorial services were conducted Tuesday, April 24, at Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.

■ Shirley Jean Caudill, 66, of Salyersville, died Sunday, May 6, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Arlon Caudill Jr. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 9, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Temmie Lynn Gamble, 42, of Salyersville, died Saturday, April 28, in Rowan County. He is survived by his wife, Penny Lynn Brengartner Gamble. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 1, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Lois Jean Nipper, 76, of South Bend, Indiana, a Magoffin County native, died Friday, April 27, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 1, under the direction of Chapel Hill Funeral Home.

■ Melvin Reed, 85, of Salyersville, died Saturday, May 5, at King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral ser-

vices were conducted Tuesday, May 8, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Lucy Ann Spradlin, 71, of Lima, Ohio, a Magoffin County native, died Wednesday, May 2, at a nursing home. Arrangements, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Dow Blair, 75, of Highland County, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, May 12, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Marcia Peaslee Blair. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 16, under the direction of Turner & Son Funeral Home.

■ Eugenia Conley, 94, of Lexington, formerly of Johnson County, died Wednesday, May 9, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 12, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Loretta Fannin, 80, of Ashland, a Paintsville native, died Friday, May 11, at Bryant Health Care Center in Ironton, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Ray Fannin. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 15, under the direction of Lazear Funeral Home.

■ Brian Allen Lowe, 26, of West Van Lear, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, May 6, in Bradenton, Florida. Arrangements, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Margaret Goble Ramey, 70, of West Van Lear, died Monday, April 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Howard B. Ramey. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 2, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Tollie Williams, 76, of Lowmansville, died Thursday, May 3, at his residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Esther D. Williams, 94, of Flat Gap, died Wednesday, May 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 13, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Beulah Ann Hall, 64, of Toney, Alabama, formerly of Kite, died Monday, May 14, at the Huntsville Hospital, in Alabama. She is survived by her husband, Hubert Glenn Hall. Funeral services were held Friday, May 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

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The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The Environmental Protection Agency allowed Massey Energy Co. to continue selling coal to government power plants after two subsidiaries pleaded guilty to violating the federal Clean Water Act five years ago.

The agreement is outlined in a new government lawsuit that accuses Massey and 27 subsidiaries of thousands new Clean Water Act violations from 2000 to 2006. Federal prosecutors filed the new lawsuit last week.

Provisions of the Clean Water Act could have allowed the EPA to bar other Massey operations from government contracts in 2002. That's because subsidiaries Omar Mining and Independence Coals pleaded guilty to Clean Water Act violations.

Instead, court records show the EPA agreed that it would-

n't expand the ban to other Massey-owned operations. The agreement was negotiated before Omar and Independence pleaded guilty.

According to the agreement, EPA considered the Omar and Independence violations represented one-time violations that had been fixed, according to documents obtained by The Charleston Gazette.

The deal allowed the Richmond, Va.-based company to sell coal to the government-owned Tennessee Valley Authority, which buys about 40 million tons of coal a year for 11 power plants in Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky.

Court records show Massey's sales to the TVA increased after the agreement, but the government power plants were never particularly big Massey customers. The TVA bought 300,000 tons of Massey coal in 2001, the year

before the agreement. By 2004, the TVA had upped its purchases to 1.2 million tons. That's about 3 percent of the 40.4 million tons of coal Massey sold in 2004.

As for the new lawsuit, Massey says some alleged violations occurred at mines before it purchased them. In other cases, Massey says permits allowed for excess discharge during heavy rain. Overall, Massey says most of the alleged violations caused minimal damage.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Southeast Floyd County Area Volunteer Fire Department announces a special public meeting.

Where: Wheelwright Cafeteria.

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From left to right, Bethany Goodwin, Chiffonia Doby and Dominique McCloud.

Carl D. Perkins students attend fine arts banquet

Three Carl D. Perkins Students were honored recently by the Job Corps Community at a banquet that took place in Philadelphia, Pa.

Region II of the Job Corps Program honored numerous distinguished artists in the Job Corps Community. The Region II Fine Arts Program began months before the awards ceremony with students at all Region II centers, which is the region that Prestonsburg's Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center is located in, designing their art pieces in various media. Oils and Acrylics, Pencil or Charcoal, Graphic Design, Textiles, Pottery, Watercolors, Two and Three Dimensional

Design, Ink Drawing, Print Making, Sculpture, Jewelry, Photography, Mixed Media, Pastels and Creative Writing were all represented and judged in the competition.

The Fine Arts Event cumulated in Philadelphia with the Annual Awards Ceremony, Art Show and Banquet. Three students from the Perkins Job Corps Center received awards for their fine work and traveled to Philadelphia to take part in the banquet.

Those honored were Bethany Goodwin, who received first place in Mixed Media, Chiffonia Doby, who placed second in Creative Writing and Dominique McCloud, who received honorable mention for her entry in the Textile or Jewelry division. Winners received plaques, certificates and monetary awards.

Following the art show and banquet, several students were able to sell their artwork to those attending the conference.

Democrats

includes past and present state officeholders, a wealthy businessman and two other candidates portraying themselves as outsiders.

The race turned into a free-for-all after U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler — who loomed as the clear front-runner — decided against a follow up run for governor. In 2003, Chandler lost to Fletcher, who became the first Republican to hold the office in more than 30 years.

Fletcher's election continued a Republican winning streak in Kentucky. The GOP holds both U.S. Senate seats, four of six U.S. House seats and controls the state Senate. Democrats halted the GOP momentum in last year's election, when they won a congressional seat and padded their majority in the state House, and now have their sights on reclaiming the governorship.

The Democratic candidates include two former lieutenant governors — Steve Henry and Steve Beshear — along with longtime state House Speaker Jody Richards. Also running is Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford, who has pumped \$3.5 million of his own money into his campaign. Rounding out the field are Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith and eastern Kentucky demolition contractor Otis Hensley Jr.

State Treasurer Jonathan Miller withdrew from the race with two weeks to go, and threw his support to Beshear. His withdrawal, however,

came too late to remove his name from the ballot. Instead, notices will be posted at polling places.

On the Republican side, Fletcher's re-election bid is being challenged by two former political allies — former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup of Louisville and western Kentucky businessman Billy Harper.

The big field of Democrats has made it difficult to handicap the race.

"When I talk to people, they are absolutely all over the place," said state Sen. Perry Clark, who represents a heavily Democratic district in south Louisville.

In the weeks leading up to the primary, the race wasn't creating much buzz in Marshall County in western Kentucky, said longtime county Judge-Executive Mike Miller.

"It's the quietest governor's race that I can remember," said Miller, whose first involvement in a governor's race was as a youth chairman for Ned Breathitt in the 1960s.

The Democrats have outlined plans to improve education, health care and the economy.

Every candidate, except Hensley, supports putting a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot so voters can decide whether to permit casino-style gambling in Kentucky.

The most ardent supporter, Beshear, says additional revenue collected from expanded gambling would pay for need-

ed health care and education initiatives.

"There are a lot of candidates who are saying very similar things," Baranowski said. "That's not exactly a recipe for a rip-roaring campaign."

Lunsford, who ran for governor four years ago but dropped out days before the primary, has drawn fire from organized labor leaders for breaking ranks with Democrats to support Fletcher in the 2003 general election. Fletcher later angered organized labor by trying to repeal the prevailing wage law and proposing to open union-represented workplaces to nonunion workers — a measure known as "right to work." Both proposals died in the General Assembly.

Bill Londrigan, head of the Kentucky AFL-CIO, said the labor vote could be splintered among several Democratic candidates. The labor federation has expressed its dissatisfaction with Lunsford, but otherwise has remained neutral in the Democratic primary.

The candidates also waged a competitive race for financial contributions.

Beshear and Miller each raised \$1 million or more, while Lunsford drew \$720,000 in contributions on top of his own \$3.5 million he loaned his campaign, according to recent financial reports. Richards raised nearly \$515,000, while Henry reported just less than \$500,000 in contributions, plus a \$1 million personal loan to his campaign.

Galbraith and Hensley

raised little money.

Whoever wins the nomination should be positioned for a strong run against the Republican choice, who will have to mend hard feelings after the GOP primary, Baranowski said. Fletcher's challengers have focused on the probe of the Fletcher administration's hiring practices.

Fletcher was indicted last year on charges that he illegally rewarded political supporters with protected state jobs. That indictment was dismissed in a deal with prosecutors, but a special grand jury said Fletcher had approved a "widespread and coordinated plan" to skirt state hiring laws. Fletcher has said the grand jury's probe was politically motivated.

"Whenever ... an incumbent gets a strong primary challenge, it's never good for the party," Baranowski said. "So the Democrats have got to be licking their chops."

Republicans

finance chairman for Fletcher's successful 2003 campaign.

In one of her latest political ads, Northup criticizes Fletcher for invoking his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination during the special grand jury investigation and for pardoning members of his administration who were also indicted in the case.

The television spot shows five Democratic gubernatorial candidates with a narrator asking why they're smiling.

"They think their opponent will be Ernie Fletcher, and their commercials are ready," the narrator says.

The Democratic primary drew a total of seven candidates, though State Treasurer Jonathan Miller has since dropped out. The remaining candidates include two former lieutenant governors, Steve Beshear of Lexington and Steve Henry of Louisville; Speaker of the House Jody Richards of Bowling Green and millionaire Louisville entrepreneur Bruce Lunsford.

The special grand jury issued a report that said Fletcher had approved a "widespread and coordinated plan" to skirt state hiring laws. The goal, according to the grand jury, was to reward Fletcher's political supporters with protected state jobs.

Fletcher called the special grand jury's investigation a political witch hunt. He charged that Attorney General Greg Stumbo, now the running mate of Lunsford, pursued the charges for political gain.

Fletcher campaign manager Marty Ryall said polls show the first-term governor is extending his lead among likely voters.

"We clearly have the momentum in the race," Ryall said. "I feel great about where we are."

Fletcher had spent \$2 million on the primary race as of April 25 compared to Northup's \$543,000, according to campaign finance reports. Both campaigns reported having more than \$900,000 on hand at that point.

Harper, who is covering the cost of his campaign, had spent nearly \$4.6 million on the race. His campaign spokesman, Sam Edelen, said Harper shouldn't be ruled out.

"The Kentucky electorate is just now turning its attention to this race, and Billy's strong stance against higher taxes and his opposition to more government spending puts him in a position to win, and stands in stark contrast to his opponents' records," Edelen said.

Fletcher won his first race for governor on the promise to clean up the mess in Frankfort, becoming first Republican to hold the office in more than 30 years. Northup and Harper say he fell short of that promise.

However, political scientists say Fletcher still is capable of winning the Republican nomination, and of winning re-election in November.

Paul Beck, a political scientist at Ohio State University, said Fletcher wouldn't be the first governor to overcome

legal troubles to win re-election. He pointed to former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards, who was elected to four terms despite corruption charges that eventually led to a 10-year federal prison sentence.

Beck said criminal charges don't necessarily cripple a candidate, especially in states that have raucous political cultures.

"Incumbency has a lot of perks when it comes to re-election," Stewart said. "He has the ability to get a lot of free press coverage. He has the greatest name recognition. He has a record that he can talk about, that he can campaign on."

And, Stewart said, Fletcher can win new friends right up to Election Day by using the power of his office to help people. He's been doing that by traveling the state handing out huge, ceremonial checks for state-sponsored projects.

"That's certainly one of the privileges of the office," she said. "That's almost always the case with incumbents; they have access to things people want that other candidates don't have."

Stewart said Fletcher is considered the front-runner at this point in both the primary and general election campaigns.

"At this point, there isn't a single Democratic candidate who has the name recognition that Fletcher has," she said. "So he would bethe man to beat."

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by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

Letcher man indicted for over 100 pot plants

PIKEVILLE — A drug bust in Letcher County has yielded an indictment charging a man with manufacturing over 100 marijuana plants.

Courts documents say that from May through mid-August 2006, Herman Polly conspired with others to grow and pro-

duce in excess of 100 marijuana plants.

If convicted, Polly will face a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison, a \$2 million fine, and up to four years of supervised release. However, if Polly has any prior felony drug convictions he could see a maximum of life imprisonment, a \$4 million fine and up to eight years of supervised release.

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Guest view

Wiseguys

So the underboss, having fingered the boss, decides to go on the lam, but the boss tries to rat him out anyway. Meanwhile, the old underboss drops a dime on the boss by talking about how, before he was boss, he tried to squeeze the old boss into signing off on a squidgy deal, even though the old boss was laid up in the hospital at the time.

This week's episode of "The Sopranos?" No. The latest developments in the increasingly sleazy soap opera at the top of the U.S. Department of Justice. How much longer is President George W. Bush going to allow this relentless water-boarding of the nation's faith in the administration of justice to go on?

To recap for those who may have missed the latest episode: On Monday, Paul J. McNulty, the No. 2 man in the Justice Department, resigned as deputy attorney general. It was McNulty who, testifying before Congress in February, first revealed that the White House had been involved in the firing of at least one of the eight U.S. attorneys who left office in December.

On Tuesday, Attorney General Alberto "Mistakes Were Made" Gonzales, in a speech at the National Press Club, tried to lay the blame at McNulty's feet. "You have to remember, at the end of the day, the recommendations (for who got fired) reflected the views of the deputy attorney general (McNulty). He signed off on the names ... and he would know better than anyone else, anyone in this room, anyone — again, the deputy attorney general would know best about the qualifications and the experiences of the United States attorneys community, and he signed off on the names."

As Gonzales was mixing the concrete for McNulty's feet down at the Press Club, up on Capitol Hill, James A. Comey, McNulty's predecessor as deputy attorney general, was telling the Senate Judiciary Committee about a secret late-night hospital visit Gonzales made in March 2004. At the time, John D. Ashcroft was attorney general, but he had been hospitalized for emergency gall bladder surgery. Gonzales was White House counsel at the time and badly wanted Ashcroft to approve the legality of a presidential order reauthorizing the warrantless wiretapping of people in the United States suspected of terrorist ties.

Comey had discussed the matter with Ashcroft before he fell ill and had reviewed a report on it by the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel. All agreed that the program was not legal. Filling in for his sick boss, Comey refused to certify the surveillance program as legal.

So on the evening of March 10, 2004, Comey was alerted that Gonzales and then-White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card were going to try to sneak into George Washington University Hospital's intensive care unit and get the desperately sick and disoriented Ashcroft to approve the deal. Comey testified that he alerted FBI director Robert Mueller to the White House's attempted end run, then rushed to the hospital and prepared to protect Ashcroft from the wheedlings of Gonzales and Card. Mueller ordered the FBI agents with Comey's security detail to keep Gonzales and Card from trying to evict Comey from the hospital room.

Let's see ... where have we seen that scene before? Oh, sure, "The Godfather," where young Michael Corleone thwarts a plot by the Tattaglia family and a crooked cop to sneak into the hospital to finish off Don Vito Corleone, who is recovering from an assassination attempt.

This editorial page had its differences with Ashcroft as attorney general and, before that, as a U.S. senator and governor of Missouri, but that night on his sickbed, he showed personal, professional and political courage. Flat on his back, he did what was right, reiterating his objections to the spying program and underscoring that he had passed the authority of the attorney general's office to Comey.

Would that we could see any hint of that kind of courage in Gonzales, instead of his unrelieved toadying to the White House political operations. Would that we could see a little of Ashcroft's and Comey's belief in the tough and impartial administration of justice in President George W. Bush. That doesn't seem like too much to ask.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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Rich Lowry Column

Madness at Virginia Tech

In early 21st-century America, what do you do when you encounter a severely mentally ill person?

Anyone who lives in the city knows the answer to that question — you step around him on the sidewalk, you hope he doesn't hassle you, and maybe you give him some money if he's panhandling.

The authorities at Virginia Tech did their own version of this urban shuffle in their handling of Cho Seung-Hui. It's obviously much easier to realize that someone is dangerously deranged after he has killed 32 people than when dealing with uncertain knowledge in an environment where any wrong (or even correct) move means a lawsuit. But Virginia Tech often tiptoed around Cho's mental disturbance.

When his "poetry" was read aloud in a class, it was so terrifying that at the next meeting of the class only seven of 70 students showed up. Cho was removed from that class, and another professor began to tutor him one-on-one, but only after establishing a secret code word with her assistant to signal when she should call security.

Another alarmed professor went to her dean with worries about Cho.

She was told that nothing could be done, so he was simply placed off to the side of the seminar, where he said nothing and his disturbing writings weren't read aloud. This is a microcosm of how we've handled many of the mentally ill during the great deinstitutionalization of the past 30 years, when they have been left to their own devices — and often to the streets or prison — rather than treated.

There are many reasons for this — the rise of psychotropic drugs, budget cuts, expanded conceptions of civil rights — but one intellectual current behind the trend was a moral disempowerment of sanity. One of the most influential academics of the late 20th century, Michel Foucault, argued that attempts to label and treat madness were inherently arbitrary and repressive. Academia has been celebrating "transgression" ever since.

Any attempt to romanticize madness has an incontrovertible answer in Cho Seung-Hui. This is what madness truly is: lonely, painful, shattering and, potentially, murderous. After seeing the sick trail of misery left by such transgression, can we expend

some of the same intellectual energy honoring wholesome normality?

According to an extensive survey in The New York Times a few years ago, about half of rampage killings are committed by mentally ill people, a much higher percentage than the roughly 5 percent that commit all murders. Dr. E. Fuller Torrey, president of the Virginia-based Treatment Advocacy Center, believes

there has been a rise in such killings in the past 20 years, which coincides with the period when we have dumped many severely mental ill people out into society without treating them.

There is, of course, a balance to be struck between civil liberties and treating the mentally ill. But that balance is now badly off-kilter. Cho Seung-Hui was basically abandoned to his private mental hell at Virginia Tech. While he hatched his lunatic and hateful plot, everyone tried to ignore the scary guy in class behind the sunglasses.

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The Rich Lowry column

beyond the beltway

Administration fights scandal after scandal

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

These cannot be the happiest of times for our President, George (The Decider) Bush. Hardly a day goes by without a new administration scandal popping up or an old one rising from its shallow grave. Let's look at a few of them:

■ Alberto Gonzales — The attorney general is in hot water for the firing of eight U.S. attorneys for reasons that have not held up under ethical scrutiny. He denies wrongdoing but it's pretty obvious that he was carrying water for Republican politicians (Karl Rove, anyone?) who, for political reasons, wished these attorneys dead, in a figurative sense. Democrats keep calling for calling for his dismissal — shouts of "Bring me the head of Alberto Gonzales!" ring through the Capitol — but President Bush has said he's doing a heckuva job and that he trusts him.

■ Paul Wolfowitz — The embattled World Bank president, who has made fighting corruption in the world a priority, is in hot water for, among other things, giving his girlfriend a cushy job at a fancy salary. He denies wrongdoing but the bank's board members, perhaps prejudiced by his arrogant ways, are trying to tie a can to his tail. President Bush, who gave him the bank presidency as a reward for doing such a bang-up job in planning the Iraq war, has said he's doing a bang-up job at the bank, too, and he

trusts him.

■ George Tenet — The former CIA director has been relentlessly flogging his book, "At the Center of the Storm," the inside story of the run-up to the Iraq War. He says that the decision to invade was not primarily the result of faulty intelligence but preordained by the administration's unshackled lust to invade Iraq. The CIA made mistakes, he said, but the real dunces were the neo-cons — Dick Cheney, Paul Wolfowitz, I. "Scooter" Libby, Jr., and the rest of the Bush gang. No word on whether the decision still trusts Tenet.

■ Iraq — Despite repeated claims of "the surge is working" spinning out of the White House, Iraqis and Americans keep dying in record numbers. In addition, terrorist attacks on non-combatants in Afghanistan are up 53 per cent over a year ago and the Taliban seems to be gaining ground there. Also, our reconstruction projects in Iraq, into which we poured billions of dollars, are falling apart. The former chairman of the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq has called the situation "dire" and said that the rebuilding effort is all but doomed. The White House response has been to launch an investigation of the special inspector general for Iraq who has uncovered much of the corruption that has confounded reconstruction.

But the scandal that most titillated official Washington had nothing to do with the president, Iraq or world politics.

It was the federal racketeering case involving Deborah Jeane Palfrey, who has been accused of

operating a \$300-an-hour call girl ring in Washington.

Ms. Palfrey has, unsurprisingly, denied everything. She says she merely provided an escort service to men who wanted company. What went on after the couple met was not her business.

She didn't even know the names of her clients, she said. She did, however, have a 46-pound stack of phone numbers of clients, many of whom are believed to be prominent politicians, government officials and lobbyists. This she turned over to ABC News so that they could seek out people who would confirm her innocence.

Before you could say Randall Tobias, they had found Randall Tobias, a deputy secretary of state whose job included the promotion of sexual abstinence around the world.

And sure enough, he confirmed Ms. Palfrey's innocence. He only got massages from her girls, he said, no sex. Then he resigned his job. I have no idea why.

"My hope [that] defense witnesses could be found by combing through the information indeed is being realized," Ms. Palfrey said.

With official Washington atremble and atwitter, the alleged call girl madam stood bravely before the microphones and said: "I abhor injustice."

You can't make up stuff like that.

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Fletcher, Beshear appear to lead in governor's race

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Gov. Ernie Fletcher is leading among Republicans in the governor's race while former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear is apparently ahead in the Democratic race, according to a newspaper's poll. The Bluegrass Poll, published by The Courier-Journal on its Web site Thursday, also showed large numbers of undecided voters in both parties. The poll showed Fletcher was the

choice of 41 percent of likely Republican voters, while former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup was the choice of 26 percent. Paducah businessman Billy Harper, the third GOP candidate, trailed with 10 percent. The poll results also showed that 18 percent of likely Republican voters still hadn't made up their minds. On the Democratic side, Beshear was slightly ahead of other candidates with 27 percent of the vote. Louisville

businessman Bruce Lunsford was second with 21 percent. Former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry was third with 12 percent of the vote, and House Speaker Jody Richards was next with 7 percent. Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith polled 4 percent and Otis Hensley less than 1 percent. The poll found 23 percent of Democratic voters undecided. To win a nomination in the May 22 primary, a candidate must receive at

least 40 percent of the vote in his party's primary. If that doesn't happen, a runoff election would be held five weeks later, on June 26. The poll surveyed 404 likely Democratic voters and 353 likely Republican voters. Likely voters were defined as registered voters who said they definitely or probably would vote in the primary. Of the registered voters the poll surveyed, 89 percent of Democrats and 87 percent of Republicans were

considered likely voters. However, Secretary of State Trey Grayson, a Republican who is unopposed in the primary, is predicting an overall voter turnout on Tuesday of around 15 percent. The Democratic sample was taken from May 10 to 14 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points. The Republican sample was taken from May 10 to 15 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 5.2 percentage points.

Biographical information of candidates in Tuesday's primary

The Associated Press

Governor

REPUBLICANS

■ Ernie Fletcher
AGE: 54
HOME: Frankfort
FAMILY: Married to Glenna Fletcher, with two children.
OCCUPATION: Kentucky governor
PARTY: Republican
EXPERIENCE: Fletcher began his political career as a state representative in 1994. He was elected to the U.S. House in 1998. He ran for governor and was elected in 2003, beating former Attorney General Ben Chandler. His administration has been dogged by a patronage investigation that he has called politically motivated. Before politics, Fletcher served as an F-4E aircraft commander and NORAD Alert Force commander. He worked as a family practice physician for 12 years and served as CEO of the Saint Joseph Medical Foundation.
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1974; medical degree from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.
RUNNING MATE: Robbie Rudolph, secretary of the Executive Cabinet
WEB SITE: <http://www.erniefletcher.com>

■ Billy Harper
AGE: 62
HOME: Paducah
FAMILY: Married to Laura Harper, with four grown children.
OCCUPATION: Owner of Harper Industries, a holding company for several construction-related businesses
PARTY: Republican
EXPERIENCE: He was chairman of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in 1989-90 and has promoted education reform as a stimulus for economic development. He once was the chief fundraiser for Gov. Ernie Fletcher but decided to run against Fletcher, saying he is too politically weak to win a second term. He's also a professional racecar driver.
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1966.
RUNNING MATE: Paducah businessman Dick Wilson
WEB SITE: <http://www.harperforgovernor.com>

■ Anne Meagher Northup
AGE: 59
HOME: Louisville
FAMILY: Married to Robert "Woody" Northup and mother of six children.
OCCUPATION: Former member of Congress, state representative, teacher and Ford Motor Co. employee
PARTY: Republican
EXPERIENCE: Northup was a state representative from 1987 to 1996 and won five terms as a member of the U.S. House from 1997 to 2006.
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in economics and business from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., in 1970.
RUNNING MATE: Kentucky House Minority Leader Jeff Hoover
WEB SITE: <http://www.northup-hoover2007.com>

■ Steven L. Beshear
AGE: 62
HOME: Lexington
FAMILY: Married to Jane Beshear, with two children and one grandchild.

OCCUPATION: Lawyer at Stites & Harbison
PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: Elected to state House of Representatives in 1974, elected Kentucky attorney general in 1979 and elected lieutenant governor in 1983. Ran for governor, but lost, in the 1987 Democratic primary. Also lost 1996 bid for U.S. Senate.
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in history from the University of Kentucky in 1966; law degree from UK in 1968.
RUNNING MATE: State Sen. Daniel Mongiardo
WEB SITE: <http://stevebeshear.com>

■ Gatewood Galbraith
AGE: 60
HOME: Lexington
FAMILY: Single
OCCUPATION: Attorney
PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: Galbraith is a perennial candidate in Kentucky politics. He's run for governor four times, twice as a Democrat, twice as a Reform Party candidate. He was a Reform Party nominee for U.S. House in 2000. He ran as an independent in the 2003 attorney general's race. He's been a longtime advocate of medical marijuana use.
EDUCATION: Law degree from the University of Kentucky in 1977.
RUNNING MATE: Transportation Cabinet employee Mark Wireman
WEB SITE: <http://www.gatewood.com>

■ Steve Henry
AGE: 53
HOME: Louisville
FAMILY: Married to Heather French Henry, a former Miss America; two children.
OCCUPATION: Orthopedic surgeon
PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: Served two terms as lieutenant governor under the administration of Gov. Paul Patton from 1995 to 2003. He became embroiled in a medical misbilling case brought by federal prosecutors. He maintained he did nothing wrong, but settled the lawsuit by paying the federal government more than \$150,000. He also helped develop beads containing large doses of antibiotics that can be packed directly into soldiers' wounds on the battlefield or in other emergency situations. He holds appointments at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in biology from Western Kentucky University in 1976; medical degree from the University of Louisville in 1981.
RUNNING MATE: Renee True, Fayette County property valuation administrator.
WEB SITE: <http://HenryTrueforKY.com>

■ Otis Hensley
AGE: 51
HOME: Wallins Creek
FAMILY: Married Sidney Mae Hensley, with two grown sons.
OCCUPATION: Owner of Hensley Construction, a firm that demolishes buildings on land acquired for highway right-of-way projects.
PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: Hensley has owned his company for eight years. He also worked for Harlan Farmer's Supply for 20 years as a delivery truck driver and salesman. He's been hauling a large fiberglass bull from town to town, remarking that he'll "run the bull out of Frankfort."

■ Bruce Lunsford
AGE: 59
HOME: Louisville
FAMILY: Divorced; three daughters.
OCCUPATION: Chairman and chief executive officer of Lunsford Capital, a Louisville private investment firm. He also is a thoroughbred horse owner and breeder and partner in a Louisville film production company.
PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: Commerce secretary in the administration of former Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. in early 1980s; dropped out of race for Democratic gubernatorial nomination days before the primary election of 2003.
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in political science from University of Kentucky; law degree from Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University.
RUNNING MATE: Attorney General Greg Stumbo
WEB SITE: <http://www.lunsfordstumbo2007.com>

EDUCATION: High school graduate.
RUNNING MATE: Coal miner Richard Robbins
WEB SITE: <http://www.otisbullmanhensley.com>

■ Philip C. Kimball
AGE: 62
HOME: Louisville
OCCUPATION: Lawyer
DEMOCRATS
■ Robert V. Bullock
AGE: 69
HOME: Frankfort
OCCUPATION: Lawyer, former assistant attorney general

■ Jack Conway
AGE: 37
HOME: Louisville
OCCUPATION: Lawyer

■ L.J. "Todd" Todd
Hollenbach
AGE: 46
HOME: Louisville
OCCUPATION: Lawyer

■ Mike Weaver
AGE: 68
HOME: Elizabethtown
OCCUPATION: Former state legislator, retired Army

■ Jody Richards
AGE: 69
HOME: Bowling Green
FAMILY: Married to Neva Richards, with one son.
OCCUPATION: House Speaker; owner of Superior Books Inc.
PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: Richards has been House speaker since 1995. He was first elected in 1975. He has been chairman of the House Education Committee; was elected chairman of the Majority Caucus in 1987-1994; and was chairman of the Southern Legislative Conference from 2000-01. He narrowly finished second in the 2003 Democratic gubernatorial primary to Ben Chandler, who lost to Fletcher.
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in English from Kentucky Wesleyan; master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia.
RUNNING MATE: Former Secretary of State John Y. Brown III
WEB SITE: <http://www.jodyandjohny.com>

Secretary of State

DEMOCRATS
■ Bruce Hendrickson
AGE: 56
HOME: Pineville
OCCUPATION: Teacher, former mayor

■ Dick Robinson
AGE: 66
HOME: Georgetown
OCCUPATION: Businessman, former state administrator

■ MaDonna White
AGE: 54
HOME: Louisville
OCCUPATION: College instructor, nurse

Attorney General

REPUBLICANS
■ Timothy Coleman
AGE: 49
HOME: Morgantown
OCCUPATION: Butler County commonwealth's attorney

■ Jon Larson
AGE: 61
HOME: Lexington

OCCUPATION: Lawyer
■ Stan Lee
AGE: 45
HOME: Lexington
OCCUPATION: Lawyer, state representative

■ Jack D. Wood
AGE: 55
HOME: Valley Station
OCCUPATION: Former district court judge

REPUBLICANS
■ Lonnie Napier
AGE: 66
HOME: Lancaster
OCCUPATION: State legislator, auctioneer, Realtor

■ Brandon Smith
AGE: 39
HOME: Hazard
OCCUPATION: State legislator, investment company owner

Treasurer

DEMOCRATS
■ Patrick R. Dunmire
AGE: 53
HOME: Frankfort
OCCUPATION: Quality auditor in manufacturing

■ Melinda Wheeler
AGE: 58
HOME: Georgetown
OCCUPATION: Former director of Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts

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■ Richie Farmer
AGE: 37
HOME: Frankfort
OCCUPATION: Agriculture

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■ Don Stosberg
AGE: 66
HOME: Frankfort
OCCUPATION: Retired budget analyst

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HOME: Glasgow
OCCUPATION: Retired cable contractor

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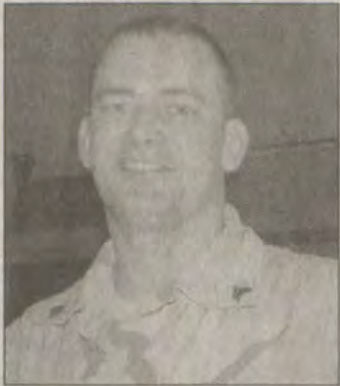
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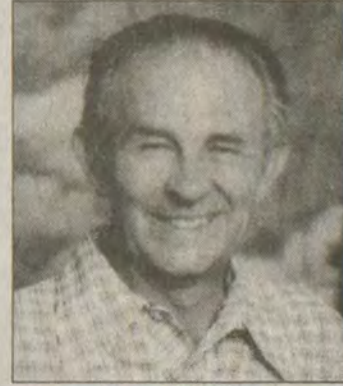
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An important reminder: Don't feed the bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Black bear activity is on the rise as these animals have emerged from their wintering sites and are on the prowl for food.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources recently received complaints about bears from Lewis, Laurel, Pike, Floyd, Letcher, Harlan, and McCreary counties. The number of bear sightings in outlying counties will likely increase in the coming weeks as yearling bears leave their mothers and adult males

wander great distances in search of mates.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife does not stock bears. Instead, bears are naturally reproducing here, while also spreading into Kentucky from neighboring states. Because many Kentuckians have not dealt with bears, department officials are working to educate the public about bear biology and how to avoid problems between these animals and humans.

Steven Dobe, black bear biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, said bears become more noticeable at this

time of year because the animals are trying to regain weight that was lost while denning. "Right now is the transition phase between winter and summer," Dobe explained. "There are not a lot of nuts or berries out there, so bears are looking for food. In the wild, bears will eat other foods, such as grasses, and do just fine."

Feeding bears is illegal in Kentucky. However, that hasn't stopped some people. "This year, the incidence of people feeding bears is much more widespread," Dobe said. "People should never feed

bears. When you feed a bear, you're teaching it that humans are a source of food. That will inevitably cause problems in the future."

While leaving food scraps on a park picnic table to lure bears and their cubs close enough to photograph them may seem innocent enough to the person doing it, bears quickly learn to raid these areas and become a nuisance. Relocating a problem bear is not always a solution. In the worst cases, they must be euthanized.

Feeding bears unintentionally

can cause similar problems. That's where people can help keep Kentucky's bears wild. In southeastern Kentucky, pet owners shouldn't leave bowls of pet food outside or overnight. Instead, leave enough in the bowl for one meal. This will also reduce problems with nocturnal visits by other animals, such as coyotes, raccoons and opossums.

The most effective way people can help prevent problem bears is by waiting to put out their garbage until the day of pickup, rather than the night before. Otherwise, keep

garbage in a secure shed or garage.

Campers also should be mindful of how they handle their food. In McCreary County, campers at Great Meadows have created problem bears by leaving food in fire pits instead of using the area's bear-resistant garbage cans. "If you're in a campground, store your food inside of your car or truck," Dobe said. "Don't leave it unattended on a picnic table or inside your tent."

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Ky./W.Va. All-Star Series announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — A group of high school basketball coaches spanning from Pikeville to Charleston, W.Va., hope to change the face of basketball all-star games across the region with a new and exciting approach to give graduating seniors one last shot to play on the region's biggest stage against top-rate talent.

"It's just the right thing to do," Logan (W.Va.) Coach Mark Hatcher said. "This part of the country is a hot bed for basketball, and I feel we have the venues and support necessary to make this one of the best all-star games in our part of the country." Hatcher, who guided the Wildcats to the 2005 Class AA state championship and a runner-up finish in 2007, hopes that the Kentucky/West Virginia All-Star Series, scheduled for Friday, June 22 at the East Kentucky Expo Center, will provide basketball hungry fans one final glimpse of the best that high school had to offer the region this past season. Teams will return on Saturday, June 23 to play for a second time at a West Virginia site to be announced this week.

"The Expo Center is a state-of-the-art venue and it is appropriate that we play this game here as a way to not only showcase the talent, but what this facility has to offer," Hatcher, who has led the Wildcats to four consecutive state tournament appearances, added.

The event, which will feature a boys and girls game, will pit the best graduating players from southern West Virginia battling it out with the best from Eastern Kentucky.

"This has been needed for quite some time," Pikeville High School girls' basketball coach Cindy Halbert said. "A game of this magnitude will not only give graduating players one last time to play, it will help better showcase our brand of basketball in Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia."

"This is a natural fit for our

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U19 SOCCER



The spring soccer season has already produced many highlights for teams in Floyd and other Eastern Kentucky counties. Above: Floyd County U19 Wolfpack midfielder Ryan Johnson was in a battle for possession of the ball with a Belfry midfielder as teammate Joshua Ousley moved in during a contest Friday, May 11. Belfry blanked the Wolfpack 4-0. After suffering the setback, the Wolfpack bounced back and returned to the win column with a 7-2 win over the Johnson County U19 team. Left: Daniel McKinney (right) of the Floyd U19 Wolfpack moved in for the tackle against a Belfry offensive player.



Paintsville ranked 14th in final regular-season poll

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Former state champion Paintsville is ranked 14th in the final regular-season Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association poll. The Tigers were one of two 15th Region teams ranked. Lawrence County was in a four-way tie for the 24th spot along

with former 16th Region rival Boyd County, Male and Ryle.

High school baseball and softball teams around the state will begin district tournament play this week. The final regular-season KHSBCA polls follows.

1. Lexington Catholic; 2. Paul Dunbar; 3. Pleasure Ridge Park; 4. Eastern; 5. Owensboro Catholic; 6.

Ballard; 7. Henry Clay; 8. Apollo; 9. Tates Creek; 10. George Rogers Clark; 11. St. Xavier; 12. Danville; 13. Trinity; 14. Paintsville; 15. Madisonville-North Hopkins; 16. Christian County (tie), Lexington Christian (tie); 18. Covington Catholic; 19. Oldham County; 20.

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Kinzer finishes 18th in Indiana

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BROWNSTOWN, Ind. — The Kinzer Motorsports team invaded the legendary Brownstown Speedway in on Wednesday night for a \$10,000-to-win World of Outlaws Late Model Series show. Veteran Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer timed his No. 18 GRT machine in 11th quickest of the nearly fifty entrants in qualifying. The Allen native later turned in a fifth-place performance in his ultra-competitive heat race prior to winning his consolation event. Kinzer then started the 50-lap 'Hall of Fame Classic' feature event from the outside of the ninth row. After fifty green flag racing laps, Kinzer found himself credited with an 18th-place finish.

Complete results from the Late Model event at Brownstown Speedway follow.

Fast Qualifier: Steve Shaver 14.639.

Heat One (Top 4 Transfer): Dennis Erb, Steve Shaver, Duane Chamberlain, Scott James, Bryan

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Blackburn's car passes inspections

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA — Prestonsburg-based Late Model driver Steve Blackburn, following his most recent ARCA RE/MAX Series race at Kentucky Speedway, passed all post-race inspection procedures. He plans to race at the Kentucky track again late this year. Some of his fellow drivers, however, weren't as lucky. Based on post-race technical inspection after the Buckle Up Kentucky 150 ARCA RE/MAX Series event held Saturday, May 12 at Kentucky Speedway, four teams have been penalized for 2007 ARCA Rulebook violations as follows:

The Cunningham Motorsports No. 4 team has been fined \$3,000

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The Tigers dealt the Cubs a loss on Tuesday when the two Prestonsburg Little League teams met in a mid-May matchup. Before falling to the Tigers, the Cubs were undefeated.

Tigers defeat Cubs

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — It was another thrilling evening of Prestonsburg Little League action Tuesday (May 15) at the Prestonsburg SportsPark. In the 9-12-year-old Little League division, the Tigers faced the undefeated Cubs in an exciting showdown of offensive powerhouses. The Tigers made the most of a huge seven-run fifth inning and topped the previously undefeated Cubs 15-6.

Each had enjoyed a productive first inning. The Cubs struck first, scoring five runs in the top half of the opening inning as Cody Chaffin, Alex Kidd and Stratton Rorrer provided RBI hits. But the Tigers roared back, scoring six runs of their own in the bottom half of the

same inning.

Brothers Chase and Blake Baldrige kept the inning rolling for the Tigers as each were hit by a pitch. Josh Carriere provided the big blow of the inning for the Tigers, connecting on a two-out, three-run triple. It was a pitcher's duel after the offensive-heavy inning as Tigers pitcher Adam Crisp and Cubs hurler Cody Chaffin provided excellent pitching. Crisp ended the game with 12 strikeouts. Chaffin recorded seven strikeouts for the Cubs.

The Tigers resumed their high-scoring pace in the bottom half of the fifth inning, plating seven more runs. Jordan Slone, Austin Jarrell and Blake Baldrige delivered the big hits in the fifth inning, accounting for two RBIs.

In good company again, Demsey inspired to get back

by DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

One week on the PGA Tour was enough to remind Todd Demsey where he wants to be — not only because of the perks and the prize money, but also because of the players he once called his peers.

Demsey walked past Tiger Woods on his way to sign his scorecard after the third round of the Wachovia Championship. They were teammates at the 1994 World Amateur Team Championship in France, where the United States won by 11 shots.

"It was good to catch up with him," Woods said. "He was one of the best putters."

As he stood on the steps of the Quail Hollow clubhouse, Phil Mickelson saw the 34-year-old Demsey and came over to bump fists. They played one year together at Arizona State. Mickelson won the NCAA title as a senior, Demsey won it the next year as a sophomore.

"Very talented golfer," Mickelson said.

Also playing that week was Justin Leonard, one of Demsey's teammates at the

1993 Walker Cup, where the United States set a record for the largest margin of victory (19-5) against a Great Britain & Ireland team that included Pádraig Harrington.

"He had the best-looking swing of anyone," Leonard said. "He had a pretty sweet motion."

They all went on to win majors and play in the Ryder Cup.

Demsey had brain surgery twice to remove a tumor the size of a golf ball.

"It puts things in perspective," Demsey said. "I used to live and die on every shot. It's still my job. It's what I love to do. It's not quite as important to me as it was before all this. But I feel real lucky to be able to play golf for a living, especially after back problems and a brain tumor. I have nothing to complain about."

Back injuries slowed his momentum out of college. The real jolt came five years ago when he missed the cut in half his starts on the Nationwide Tour while coping with constant pressure in his left sinus. An MRI revealed a large tumor going into his brain, requiring two operations to remove it.

A month ago, he found out the tumor had returned. All indications are that it is benign.

"I'll have to go in for radiation at some point," Demsey said. "It's a slow-growing tumor. It just needs to be managed."

He continues a slow road back to the PGA Tour, where everyone figured he would be all along.

Demsey tied for 23rd at the Henrico County Open in Virginia, then decided it was too far to drive to the next Nationwide Tour stop in Arkansas. Instead, he stopped off in Charlotte, N.C., to try to qualify for the Wachovia Championship, and earned a spot in a playoff.

It was his first time on the PGA Tour in 10 years.

His previous start came at the Las Vegas Invitational in 1997, his final event of his only year in the big leagues. Demsey was four shots off the lead until shooting 81 in the third round to miss the cut by one shot in the 90-hole event.

"I took this for granted," he said. "I didn't think it was that big of a deal. But after playing the Nationwide Tour, and being away from this, it was a reminder that this is where you want to be."

Through it all, Demsey never complained about why his career took such a hairpin turn. The back injuries were one thing. Demsey won't forget the voice mail his doctor left on his cell phone after the '02 season.

"He said there was a very large tumor behind my left

sinus going to my brain," Demsey said. "That was tough to hear."

He got married 24 days before the first surgery in January 2003, and doctors had to go back in at the end of the year to remove the remaining 20 percent of the tumor. He still feels numbness in his face, although he doesn't think it affects his game. Next up is Cyberknife treatment, a powerful radiation that attacks tumors without having to cut open his skull for a third time.

Demsey doesn't look different from other golfers, at 6-foot-2 with a fluid swing. The only difference is when the temperatures dip below 65 degrees, and he pulls a ski cap

over his head. It leads to some peculiar stares.

"I've got some titanium in my head, so my head still gets cold," he said. "People give me a hard time."

He doesn't take time to tell them his story, that he was one of those can't-miss kids who never anticipated brain surgery, and who refuses to give up his dream even as his peers are enjoying success he figured would belong to him.

He doesn't waste time wondering how his career might have turned out, if not for the brain tumor.

"I just have faith it's going to work out," he said. "I guess there's a chance it can still cause problems, but I feel like

I'm in good hands."

Demsey was back on the Nationwide Tour, playing this week in the BMW Charity Pro-Am in Greenville, S.C. He probably won't try another Monday qualifying on the PGA Tour, preferring instead to concentrate on getting his card. He is 34th on the Nationwide money list, and the top 25 are exempt to the big leagues next year.

He used to see Mickelson quite a bit when they belonged to the same golf club in Scottsdale, Ariz. Mickelson has moved back to San Diego, but he still tries to keep in touch.

"He's a great player," Mickelson said. "His day will come."



NEW ADDITIONS TO PIKEVILLE COLLEGE: East Ridge High School seniors Mariah Looney and Kaitlyn Ratliff, cousins, have signed to play softball next season at Pikeville College.

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facility and our region," East Kentucky Expo Center General Manager St. John said. "This is a tremendous idea, and we are looking at it from a long-term standpoint for it to be a staple not only at our facility, but the region as well." St. John, who assumed the role as general manager at the Expo Center in October, said the all-star event could also give players who have yet to sign with a college one last chance to make their claim in front of college coaches.

"This can present so many opportunities to participants," St. John added. "If one kid can land a chance to go to college out of this event, it will be well worth it."

Casey said the Expo Center

has already proved itself as a venue to hold this caliber of event.

Since its opening in 2005, the 7,000-seat arena has held the 15th Region Tournament for the past two years, setting records in profit for participating schools and breaking attendance records on two occasions this past March.

"It's a facility that gives you the big-game atmosphere," Casey said. "When brainstorming the idea, we knew that the Expo Center would really be the only place that could give this type of game the stage it deserved."

Kinzer

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Barber, Patrick Sheltra, Jason Jameson, Greg Johnson, Ray Cook, Dan Sturgeon, Jason Smith, Eddie Carrier.

Heat Two (Top 4 Transfer):

Billy Moyer, Don O'Neal, Chub Frank, Josh Richards, Steve Francis, Darrell Lanigan, Donnie Moran, Michael England, Jesse Lay, Greg Kendall, Derek Ramp, Justin Blackwell.

Heat Three (Top 4 Transfer):

Earl Pearson, Shannon Babb, Rick Eckert, Rick Aukland, Brandon Kinzer, Steve Casebolt, Steve Barnett, Damon Eller, Casey Vitale, Lee Thomason, Tim Prince, Joe Godsey.

Heat Four (Top 4 Transfer):

Shane Clanton, Justin Ratliff, Jimmy Owens, Brian Shirley, Clint Smith, Tim Fuller, Chris Madden, Doug Ault, John Blankenship, Mike Jewell, Roy Mitchell.

Consy One (Top 3 Transfer):

Patrick Sheltra, Greg Johnson, Donnie Moran, Steve Francis, Dan Sturgeon,

Eddie Carrier Jr., Ray Cook, Justin Blackwell, Jesse Lay, Jason Jameson, Jason Smith, Derek Ramp, Darrell Lanigan, Michael England, Bryan Barber, Greg Kendall.

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Feature: Dennis Erb Jr., Earl Pearson Jr., Don O'Neal, Shannon Babb, Billy Moyer, Patrick Sheltra, Steve Shaver, Josh Richards, Rick Aukland, Scott James, Steve Francis, Greg Johnson, Clint Smith, Shane Clanton, Chub Frank, Jimmy Owens, Duane Chamberlain, Brandon Kinzer, Chris Madden, Rick Eckert, Mike Jewell, Steve Barnett, Justin Ratliff, Brian Shirley, Donnie Moran.

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Henderson County; 21. Daviess County; 22. Boyle County; Russellville (tie); 24. Boyd County (tie), Lawrence County (tie), Male (tie), Ryle (tie).

Others receiving votes: Butler County; LaRue County; Pendleton County; Somerset; Lafayette; DuPont Manual; Butler; Central Hardin; Hopkinsville; Elizabethtown; Harrison County; West Jessamine; Mercer County; Taylor County; Barren County; Campbell County; Johnson Central; Madison Central; Warren Central; Woodford County.

The final regular-season high school fast-pitch softball poll looks like this: 1. Ryle; 2. Christian County (tie), Greenwood; 3. Owensboro Catholic; 5. Ballard; 6. Butler; 7. North Laurel; 8. Scott County; 9. Allen County-

Scottsville; 10. Reidland; 11. Grayson County; 12. Anderson County; 13. Assumption; 14. Mercy; 15. Marshall County; 16. Dunbar; 17. Apollo; 18. South Laurel; 19. Russell; 20. Clark County; 21. Manual; 22. Union County; 23. Lexington Catholic; 24. Presentation; 25. Lafayette.

Others Receiving Votes: Garrard County; Edmonson County; West Jessamine; Warren East; Heath; North Hardin; Grant County; Montgomery County; Raceland; Nelson County; Dixie Heights; Fern Creek; CAL; Estill County; Barren County; Rowan County; Corbin; Ashland; Oldham County; Woodford County; Shelby County; Lawrence County; Covington Holmes.

As WNBA begins 11th season, women's pro sports remain a niche

by TIM DAHLBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The WNBA started its 11th season on Saturday, a cause for celebration among women sports advocates even as the league's attendance keeps sinking. To them, just surviving that long is reason enough to break out the champagne.

Another 10 years from now it's likely the WNBA will still be around. NBA commissioner David Stern will make sure of it by using profits from the men's game to subsidize the league as long as needed.

The game itself, proponents will tell you, has vastly improved even as teams struggle to draw fans. I'll have to take their word for it, because in 10 years I've never felt the desire or need to see one in person.

Apparently, there are a lot of people like me. Attendance dropped to about 7,500 a game last year, the team in Charlotte folded, and the championship game had to be moved to another arena because of a Mariah Carey concert.

It's not that we're all male chauvinists when it comes to sports. I enjoy watching Serena Williams hit a tennis ball, and I pay attention to women's golf. I'll be rooting for Danica Patrick to win the Indianapolis 500.

Besides, the problem isn't just that men don't follow women's sports. Women don't watch, either, and that's the biggest reason the WNBA struggles, the WUSA folded and the LPGA barely registers on the sports marketplace.

The truth is, women would rather watch men play sports than watch their own gender — and by a large margin.

A survey three years ago by New York-based Scarborough Research showed that three times as many women were loyal followers of the NBA than they were the WNBA; five times as many women were major league baseball fans than they were LPGA fans; and women watched the NFL more than anything else.

It's been 35 years since Title IX opened sports opportunities to women in college, which means two generations have taken advantage of increased scholarships. But while more women play sports, that doesn't automatically guarantee there will be audience to watch them.

That was part of the discussion a few weeks ago when a meeting of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights turned into a heated debate over the future of Title IX and whether women were all that interested in sports.

"There are a lot of little

girls out there that want to play, but there are a lot of little girls that don't," commissioner Jennifer Bracer said. "There are still very many girls that don't want to play. The law can't change that. You can't force people to do something they don't want to do."

You can't force them to watch, either.

When Title IX was enacted back in the 1970s, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert and Peggy Fleming were the biggest women stars. The argument could be made today that no woman since has matched their ability to get people to watch despite the increased opportunities.

Actually, the most popular female athlete of her time barely registers today. That would be Gertrude Ederle, who thrilled the nation when she became the first woman to swim the English Channel in 1926, and was given a ticker-tape parade that drew millions.

Wonder who is the most popular female athlete today? The answer is both surprising and telling.

The people at Marketing Evaluations Inc., which has compiled its Q-score familiarity ratings for more than 40 years, asked sports fans in March who their favorite athletes were.

Michael Jordan topped the list as usual, followed by Tiger Woods. The first female ranked No. 22, just behind Larry Bird.

Her name? Kristi Yamaguchi.

Yes, Kristi Yamaguchi. She won a gold medal in figure skating in 1992, then toured with "Stars on Ice." More recently she was skating in her own "Friends and Family" ice

show. All fine accomplishments, but she hasn't competed in 15 years.

Three of the top five women in the sports Q ratings are retired figure skaters, which by itself should tell you something about the state of women's sports. The top active player was Serena Williams at No. 50, followed a few spots later by softball player Jennie Finch.

And for all the hype over the 1999 women's World Cup and its promise to transform women's sports in the United States, Mia Hamm is the only player from that team to crack the top 100.

My guess is that Laila Ali may surpass them all in the next survey, not because of her boxing skills but because of her name and the fact she has become a hit on "Dancing With The Stars."

The WNBA has had a decade to prove itself but remains a niche sport, the women's pro soccer league is no longer around, and the LPGA has to buy its own time if it wants to be on network television.

Yes, Saturday's a big day if you're a WNBA fan. The league opens its second decade with five games, including a game between Sacramento and Detroit that will be televised on ABC, and opening game crowds should be respectable.

They might even get a few highlights on ESPN if Arena Football doesn't hog them all.

But until women fans become fans of women sports, this may be as good as it gets.

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Blackburn

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and driver Scott Lagasse Jr. and team owner Kerry Scherer have been penalized with the loss of 50 championship points for violation of minimum roof

Bears

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This is a good idea no matter where you camp in Kentucky, because it prevents other wildlife from raiding your food.

Bear cubs are now out with their mothers. Year-old bears, which can easily travel 10 miles a day in rough terrain, will soon be dispersing.

Enjoy bears, but enjoy them at a distance. Feeding bears is not only illegal in Kentucky, but it creates an unsafe situation for you, your neighbors, and the bear.

height, second violation in 2007.

The Evernham Motorsports No. 98 team has been fined \$1,500 and driver Erin Crocker and team owner Ray Evernham have been penalized with the loss of 25 championship points for violation of minimum roof height.

The Jones Group Racing No. 30 team has been fined \$1,500 and driver Chad Blount and team owner Terry Jones have been penalized with the loss of 25 championship points for violation of maximum engine compression.

The Bill Davis Racing No. 02 team has been fined \$1,500 and driver Bobby Santos III and team owner Bill Davis have been penalized with the loss of 25 championship points for violation of the maximum front air dam width.

Had no idea: Kentucky's top recruit kept new coach in dark

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — New Kentucky coach Billy Gillispie says he wasn't surprised that coveted power forward Patrick Patterson picked the Wildcats. What surprised him was that Patterson kept it a surprise.

When the recruit from Huntington High School in West Virginia announced his collegiate choice Wednesday from a short list that also included Florida and Duke, even his new coach remained in the dark until the news conference.

"I've been involved in a few recruiting situations," Gillispie said Thursday. "You always know before the announcement is made. This is like being a bubble team and seeing your name appear on the screen on Selection Sunday. We didn't know. We had no idea until he

put his hat on."

The hat — beige with a blue UK — marked the first major recruiting coup for Gillispie, just six weeks after taking the reins of college basketball's winningest program from Tubby Smith, who departed for Minnesota.

Gillispie gave Smith and his staff much of the credit for landing Patterson, who fills a glaring need on the guard-heavy team. The 6-foot-8 Patterson helped lead his high school to an unprecedented three-straight Class AAA championships, the last one with the help of O.J. Mayo, a Southern California recruit.

"When you draw up a power forward for me, he possesses everything you need to have," Gillispie said. "He has great size and athletic ability, extremely long arms. He has really good hands. He's tougher than anything. He's a very, very

competitive guy, a very intelligent player."

Patterson was one of the final blue-chip high school prospects to designate a college choice, and his decision came after other Kentucky targets — including point guard Jai Lucas — opted to go elsewhere. Lucas decided to join Billy Donovan with the two-time defending national champion Florida Gators and urged his friend Patterson to join him.

But Patterson picked Kentucky — largely because it was so close to where he played his high school ball.

"Proximity was the X factor," he said. "It was the deciding factor. I wanted to stay close to home. I didn't want to have to move my family to Jacksonville. The key thing was distance. I do get homesick a lot."

In addition, Gillispie said Patterson embraced the

Kentucky fan base — known for its basketball passion. He sent the recruit text messages urging him to be a leader, not a follower, although he insisted that wasn't meant to suggest that Patterson would be a follower if he joined Lucas at Florida.

Gillispie previously helped land Alex Legion, a top guard

from Detroit who had been attending Oak Hill Academy in Virginia. Legion helped seal the Patterson signing by calling him and talking up the program, Gillispie said.

Kentucky has one unfilled scholarship position for next year. Gillispie didn't indicate whether he would fill the spot

but said he never considers the recruiting process over, even when the team is largely set.

"We're going to step up to the plate with recruiting," he said. "We're going to swing and miss, but we're going to hit some home runs too. I'm not afraid to fail, and I don't think those guys are either."



MOVING FORWARD: Fireball Hannah MacElhose went for the tackle against the a Pike County Pink Panther forward. The Pike County team prevailed 7-0.

BIG STOP: Goalkeeper Garrett Brown of the Floyd Supersonics was fearless as he made a save against Pikeville Irish forward Catherine Dawahare. The Floyd County team won 4-2.



Morehead State names 07-08 cheerleading squads

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University has announced the Co-Ed and All-Girl cheerleading squads for the 2007-08 school year.

Members of the 2007-08 Co-Ed squad are: Keri Adami, Snellville, Ga., freshman; Joe Arkansas, San Diego, Calif., senior; Patrick Boyer, Simi Valley, Calif., senior; Ali Chapparone, Escondido, Calif., sophomore; David Clemons, Detroit, Mich., graduate student; Tony Crump, San Marcos, Calif., junior; Jenna Dorman, Crittenden, freshman; Molly DuChemin, West Alexandria, Ohio, senior; Emily Eversole, Morehead, junior; Cassie Fields, Hurricane, W.Va., freshman; Lauren Floyd, Parker, Colo., sophomore; Brandon Garvey, Independence, freshman; Sean Gully, Batavia, Ohio, freshman; Meaghan Huffman, Ludlow, freshman; Brittany Kaczetow, Centereach, N.Y., junior; Patrick Lee, Buford, Ga., freshman; Laurel Long, Chillicothe, Ohio, senior; Shawn Meyer, Eaton, Ohio, freshman; Miranda Noel, Waverly, Ohio, senior; O'Shea

Parker, Bowling Green, senior; Dave Ranck, Fort Collins, Colo., junior; Mo Rodriguez, Escondido, Calif., senior; David Schuch, Traverse City, Mich., graduate student; Kelsey Sirhpson, Lexington, senior; Jennifer Smith, Union, freshman; Greg Terlau, Sharonville, Ohio, freshman; and Jeff Van Horn, Fort Collins, Colo., senior.

Members of the 2007-08 All-Girls squad are: Lindsey Baker, Lakeville, Minn., freshman; Michelle Barton, Florence, freshman; Brittany Brown, Sharpville, Pa., senior; Stefani Cook, Sacramento, Calif., junior; Crystal Courtney, Orlando, Fla., junior; Andi Deaton, Viper, freshman; Jennifer Dusing, Ft. Mitchell, freshman; Sara Folwell, Atlanta, Ga., sophomore; Katelyn Ellis, Verona, freshman; Danielle Garone, N. Massapequa, N.Y., junior; Brittany Grimes, Russell Springs, senior; Terresia High, Cambridge, Ohio, sophomore; Aubrey Hunter, Sylvania, Ohio, freshman; Marika Jones, East St. Louis, Ill., senior; Amanda Lewis, Olive Hill, senior; Chelsea Mauck, Crestview Hills, sophomore; Beth

Millard, Kennewick, Wash., junior; Mallory Mings, Brentwood, Tenn., freshman; Becca Moughler, Lexington, freshman; Claire Mozer, Rochester Hills, Mich., junior; Tracie Prickett, Newnan, Ga., freshman; Leslie Pulley, Post Falls, Idaho, junior; Kristi Randel, Orangevale, Calif., junior; Krista Sanders, Millbury, Ohio, freshman; Rheanna Sargent, Collierville, Tenn., freshman; Kimberly Schaller, Springfield, Mo., freshman; Holly Stromgren, Sammamish, Wash., freshman; Alison Tinsley, Fenton, Mich., freshman; and Paige Tracey, Martins Ferry, Ohio, freshman.

Morehead State University's coed and all-girl cheerleading squads both won national championships in their respective divisions in the 2007 College National Cheerleading Championships. The coed squad won its sixth consecutive national title and 17th overall in Division I. The all-girl squad has now won six overall championships in All-Girl I.

Tony Nash is the head cheerleading coach and spirit coordinator for the University's cheer squads.

MSU VB schedule includes 16 home matches

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Sixteen home matches, including 10 Ohio Valley Conference matches and home dates with national powerhouses University of Louisville and University of Cincinnati, highlight the 2007 Morehead State University volleyball schedule as announced this week by fifth-year head coach Jaime Gordon.

"We are very excited about this upcoming season's schedule and the challenges it will bring us. This is the first year of our new double round conference format so the way we prepare for OVC play and the teams that we face becomes that much more important," he said. "I think our fans will really enjoy our home schedule and the excitement that will be present in Wetherby Gym this fall."

As Gordon alluded to, the OVC has changed to a 20-match double round-robin schedule, meaning the Eagles will play every OVC school twice — once in Morehead and once on the road. In the previous seasons, the schedule was a 16-match format, meaning each team played six other schools twice and four schools just once. The 2006 MSU team went 21-13 and 10-6 in the OVC, a

15-game winning improvement over the 2005 squad's record.

The 2007 schedule begins with the Morehead State/Comfort Inn Invitational, sponsored by Comfort Inn of Morehead, on Aug. 24-25. Five teams will participate this year, including Southern Illinois, West Virginia, Towson State, Eastern Kentucky and MSU. The Eagles will open the season on Aug. 24 against the West Virginia University Mountaineers. MSU will also face Southern Illinois and Towson State on Aug. 25.

The University of Cincinnati will visit Wetherby Gym on Aug. 28 before MSU travels to the Elon University Invitational in North Carolina on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. The Eagles will continue the September portion of the ledger in Lawrence, Kan., on Sept. 7-8. MSU will battle University of Kansas, University of Wyoming and St. Peters University at the Kansas Invitational.

A home date with Miami University on Sept. 12 precedes the OVC opener on Sept. 15 against Austin Peay. That's part of a five-match homestand that also includes Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 19), Tennessee State (Sept. 21) and Tennessee Tech. The

Eagles have three road OVC matches before returning home for a quick OVC weekend with Samford (Oct. 5) and defending league champion Jacksonville State (Oct. 6).

A tough OVC road stretch then looms as the Eagles will travel to Murray State (Oct. 12) and UT Martin (Oct. 13) and also Austin Peay (Oct. 19) and Tech (Oct. 23).

MSU then opens up another five-match homestand with four league contests and the battle with 2006 NCAA Tournament participant University of Louisville. That match will occur on Halloween night (Oct. 31) and will feature some exciting promotions as well as a great match with a regional juggernaut. U of L has not played a volleyball match in Morehead since 1994.

"We have always tried to put together a very challenging schedule, and I think this year's is no exception. The team is looking forward to each opportunity to prove themselves and move closer to a conference championship," Gordon said.

The regular season will conclude with matches at EKV (Nov. 6), Jacksonville State (Nov. 9) and Samford (Nov. 10). The OVC tournament is scheduled for Nov. 15-19.

MARTIAL ARTS FAMILY

Kendra Gambill, Jonna Craft, Kenni Gambill and Michael Gambill are all black belt martial artists. The family is one of several involved in martial arts in Floyd and several other Eastern Kentucky counties.



Tubby hits ground running at Minnesota

by JON KRAWCZYNSKI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — When Tubby Smith left Kentucky for Minnesota in March, he traded basketball royalty for a program in ruin.

Less than two months into the job, he likes what he sees.

"I'm impressed with, No. 1, the level of support — from facilities to Joel Maturi, from the president, Dr. Bruininks, we have everything in place to be successful," Smith said Tuesday after a news conference touting the launch of the new Big Ten Network. "I think we've had to upgrade some areas and we're in the process of doing that. But it all starts with the person at the top. The face of this program is important to us, and we have to surround ourselves with the type of players we recruit."

Smith has been a busy man since he was all but shoved out of town by Kentucky's demanding fan base in

March, only to arrive to a hero's welcome in Minneapolis.

He is charged with turning around a Gophers program that collapsed under the weight of an academic fraud scandal during Clem Haskins' regime, followed by seven years of mediocrity with Dan Monson at the helm.

Smith has spent the past two months assessing the program, recruiting players and making various public appearances in an effort to breathe life into a dormant program.

"Gopher basketball has been pretty sound," Smith said. "There's been some slippage, but you go through cycles. One of the reasons I came here was because I see the potential in Minnesota basketball and what it means to so many people. There's a lot to sell."

On the court, that's a different story. The Gophers went 9-22 last season, 3-13 in the Big Ten.

Smith brings instant credibility to

a program that had none when it came to recruits. All he has to do is wear that national championship ring, and he's got a high school player's attention.

"It's been excellent," Smith said of the reception he's gotten from recruits. "It's been very encouraging, very positive."

"We've had local coaches, local players and others calling. You can really gauge that by the number of unofficial visits people make that want to come and see what Minnesota is all about, and see how we're going to go about it and share the vision of our plan to make Minnesota a national power, and not just a Big Ten power."

The Big Ten Network will only help Smith's cause. Starting with the football season in the fall, the network will televise conference competition — including football, basketball and Olympic sports — across the country.

Smith said the network is "something we hope to partnership and piggyback on in selling this new staff, new regime, and new direction to Gopher basketball with us coming here."

He is still working on finalizing his coaching staff, setting the schedule and finding a place to live, but he called the transition to Minnesota "smooth."

Maturi, the director of athletics, is still getting pats on the back for the hire.

"I call him a rock star, and I don't know if that's the right or appropriate description," Maturi said. "But I don't mean just here in the cities, but every place I go. People I know and people that I know in the business say, 'How in the world did you get Tubby Smith to Minnesota?' And they question that in a positive way because they're all shocked that it happened."

The move will help the upstart Big

Ten Network, president Mark Silverman said.

"When they hired Tubby Smith, we were celebrating," Silverman said. "Somebody the level of Tubby Smith brings fantastic benefits to the school and to the network because fans want to tune in to see him."

Smith's resume includes a national championship, five SEC championships and 14 straight 20-win seasons spanning his tenures at Tulsa, Georgia and Kentucky, a pattern of success that has energized Minnesota's disillusioned fans.

"There are a lot of Gopher fans that are excited about us coming here and they are absolutely ecstatic about helping in any way possible," Smith said. "I told them the best thing they can do is get the package, get their ticket, because it might not be available to them, so I don't want them complaining when they can't find a seat."

Floyd drivers make racing a family affair

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CORBIN - Three natives of Floyd County, two of them still residing there, are making a family affair out of racing at Corbin Speedway.

Randy Frasure of London, a native of McDowell, started things off a few years ago when I-75 Speedway opened in Rockcastle County, driving a Camaro in the Pure Street division.

He moved up to the Sportsman level in 2004 at Corbin, and in 2006 placed second in points. He started 16 feature races and was never out of the top ten in the final race standings, with two feature wins and four times placing second.

All three family members drive their own cars, and Randy's is a Monte Carlo which began life as a Camaro.

So far this season he's finished fifth once and third



Eddie Caudill



Randy Frasure



Storm Roop

twice in the Interstate Truck Service Sportsman/Supertruck Series. Under a revised format for 2007, the Sportsmen and Supertrucks race together in the main event but for separate points. Each week, Frazier has been the first Sportsman to finish, and he leads the point standings.

Randy Frasure, the son of Randell and Judy Frasure, who still live in McDowell, is a project engineer for ABC Group in London.

Second of the group to

decide he wanted to try the sport is Eddie (Deuce) Caudill of Hi Hat, the son of Eddie and Shirley Caudill and a coal truck driver.

Beginning in the latter half of the 2006 season, he began competing in the Wagers Auto Parts Chevette Racing Series, and earned consistently high feature finishes plus a trophy dash win.

In 2007, he's already recorded a fourth place and a third place in the extremely competitive series.

Frasure's stepson, Storm

Roop, the son of Shawn Roop of Prestonsburg and Haley Frasure, has jumped into the sport in Corbin's "entry level" division, the Mitchell Foods Mini-Slammer Series, which features smaller front-wheel drive cars powered by four-cylinder engines. He's an eighth grader at Adams Middle School who will graduate and move on to high school this year.

"He decided he wanted to try it, so we got him the Chevrolet Cavalier which won the championship in that series last year," Frasure said.

Storm Roop has competed in only one race since getting the car ready, but he placed second in that one and earned some compliments from veteran drivers who were observing.

"It's a lot of fun for all of us to get our cars ready and to get together and race, and it's a good atmosphere," Frasure commented.

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP REMAINING RACES

- May 27 - Coca Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
- June 3 - Dover 400, Dover, Del.
- June 10 - Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- June 17 - Citizens Bank 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- June 24 - Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
- July 1 - LENOX Industrial Tools 300, Loudon, N.H.
- July 7 - Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- July 15 - USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill.
- July 29 - Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis.
- Aug. 5 - Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- Aug. 12 - NEXTEL Cup at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
- Aug. 19 - 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- Aug. 25 - Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- Sept. 2 - TBA, Fontana, Calif.
- Sept. 8 - Chevy Rock-and-Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
- Sept. 16 - Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
- Sept. 23 - Do ver 400, Dover, Del.
- Sept. 30 - Kansas 400, Kansas City, Kan.
- Oct. 7 - UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
- Oct. 13 - Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
- Oct. 21 - Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
- Oct. 28 - Georgia 500, Hampton, Ga.
- Nov. 4 - Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Nov. 11 - Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
- Nov. 18 - Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Newman's No. 12 team wins Pit Crew Challenge

by MIKE CRANSTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Ryan Newman's team kicked off NASCAR's All-Star week activities by winning the Nextel Pit Crew Challenge on Wednesday night, beating Bobby Labonte's team in the final round.

Newman's seven-member crew changed four tires, filled the car with gas and pushed it 40 yards in 24.66 seconds to

collect the \$70,300 first prize.

Labonte's jackman reached the car first, but Newman's crew was able to get the No. 12 car to roll quicker to win the event. And thanks to a new rule, Newman's team will get to choose its pit box for Saturday's Nextel All-Star Challenge.

Labonte's team completed its stop in 24.99 seconds. Mark Martin's team finished third and Kyle Busch's crew was fourth.

Newman's winning crew included George Whitley (gas man), Brian White (gas catch-can man), Ben Brown (front tire changer), Scott Reiniger (front tire carrier), Joe Piette Jr. (rear tire changer), Trent Cherry (rear tire carrier) and Britt Goodrich (jackman).

The event also included individual prizes of \$10,000 each to crew members for completing their tasks the fastest in the opening round.

Those awards went to: Nick

O'Dell and Jason Gay, front tire changers for Kasey Kahne; Daniel Rankin and Bryan Rockwell, rear tire changers for Labonte; Mitch Lash, jackman for Dale Jarrett; and Jeff Patterson and Brian Larson, gas man and catch-can man for Tony Stewart.

The event pitted 24 crews - seeded based on the Nextel Cup points standings - facing each other in head-to-head stops with the winners of each heat advancing to the next

round.

The competition strayed from normal race pit stops. Teams changed tires on two unmarked cars, filled the tank on another and a jackman lifted a fourth car. The jackman then ran to the team's regular car and began pushing it to the finish line, joined by the rest of his crew as they finished their tasks.

Teams received time penalties for infractions ranging from loose lug nuts to spilled gas, which caused several teams to be eliminated after initially winning their heats. There were penalties on at least one team in each of the first 15 head-to-head stops.

Defending champion Martin Truex Jr.'s team was knocked out in the first round. It beat Clint Bowyer's team to the finish line, but was penalized 3 seconds for a loose lug nut.

A lug nut violation also not knocked out Kahne's crew in the first round. Kahne's team, which won the inaugural event in 2005 and finished second last year, beat Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s crew to the finish line, but the penalty put Junior's team into the second round, much to the delight of the fans at Charlotte Bobcats Arena.

Junior's team reached the

quarterfinals, but was eliminated due to a 5-second penalty for spilled fuel. A day earlier, Earnhardt was docked 100 points, while crew chief Tony Eury Jr. was fined \$100,000 and suspended six races for an illegal car modification at Darlington Raceway last Sunday.

Eury Jr. and Earnhardt Jr. were not seen at the event, but many drivers, including Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson, were rooting on their team mates.

While Gordon and Johnson's teams have dominated this season on the Nextel Cup circuit, Hendrick Motorsports continued to struggle in this competition.

Hendrick, which has won four consecutive races and eight of nine, did get Busch's crew into the semifinals before it lost to Newman's team. It was the first time a Hendrick team reached the final eight.

Denny Hamlin's team lost in the quarterfinals, the same day three crew members were replaced and two were given new jobs in response to Hamlin's criticism following a mistake during a late pit stop Sunday at Darlington Raceway.

Hamlin's team won its first two heats before losing to Labonte's team.

Elliott to drive No. 21 car for Wood Brothers Racing

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Former 1988 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Champion Bill Elliott has agreed to a race to race deal to drive the No. 21 Little Debbie/Motorcraft/Air Force/Ore Ida Ford Fusion for Wood Brothers Racing, starting with the Coca-Cola 600 event weekend at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

Bill Elliott has over 30 years of Cup racing experience, with 756 starts and 44 wins, 175 top-fives, 320 top tens at the series' top level. He also has 55 pole positions to his credit.

"I was pretty honored to get a call from the Wood Brothers to drive the 21 car," said Elliott. "I've seen them struggle the last few weeks, being outside the top-35, and it breaks my heart to see them miss races. I hope I can get in the car, get us qualified well every week and see what we can make up in the points battle along the way. Eddie and Len and, in fact, Glen and Leonard, have always been very close and dear friends of mine and I'm very glad to be able to help them out."

"We certainly welcome Bill

Elliott back to the Ford Racing Camp, where he's had so much previous success," stated team owner Eddie Wood. "Bill, his family and our family have been great and close friends for over 30 years and it's more special to us than we can put into words that he'll be getting behind the wheel of the 21 car. Ken Schrader and Jon Wood are the ultimate team players. They are looking beyond their own interests toward what is best for the company right now. We look forward to working with both of them as the season progresses. Right now, what's

best for everyone involved is for the No. 21 team to gain ground in the points battle. Bill Elliott is a long time family friend and we certainly appreciate his help right now," he added.

Elliott won the 1988 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Championship. In 1985, Elliott had the best overall year of success. In 28 starts, 11 pole positions, 11 wins, 16 top fives, 18 top tens and the Winston Million to boot. He earned the nickname "Million Dollar" Bill to go along with the original "Awesome Bill from Dawsonville" moniker.

New role: Wallace to spot for nephew in Busch Series

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - In order to accelerate teenager Steve Wallace's learning process in the Busch Series, officials of RWI Racing announced Wednesday that NASCAR veteran and television analyst Kenny Wallace, the 19-year-old's uncle, will serve as the team's chief spotter and driver coach to his nephew for the remaining 2007 Busch Series events that serve as companion races to the Nextel Cup Series.

The elder Wallace drives the No. 78 Furniture Row Chevrolet in the Nextel Cup Series and also works on pre- and post-race programs on SPEED from those events.

There are many people in the garage who think Steve

Wallace has potential. He bested more than 20 Cup drivers to win the pole for the spring 2007 Busch Series race at Bristol Motor Speedway. Wallace, the youngest full-time driver in the Busch Series however, is still working to gain valuable experience.

In his 10 full seasons in the Busch Series, Kenny Wallace set the bar for consistency. He finished nine of those 10 seasons ranked among the top-10 in the point standings and never finished worse than 11th. It is this consistency he hopes to add to his teenage nephew's skills.

"Steve is incredibly fast; there's no doubt in my mind that he's going to be one of the best out there," Kenny Wallace said. "We're a lot alike and we really get along. I

totally think that having another racer on the radio with Steve is going to help him a ton and I'm excited about the chance to help him earn his first Busch Series win."

The younger Wallace was equally excited about the opportunity to work with his uncle.

"My uncle Kenny and I like to have fun together, but we're both really serious about racing," Wallace said. "He has gotten the job done for a long time in the Busch Series and knows better than almost anyone what it takes to get good finishes in these races."

"I'm really excited about having him on the radio with me for the rest of the year and can't wait to see how we do together."



TURNING LAPS IN FAST FASHION: Knott County native Eddie Carrier Jr. is racing a dirt Late Model race schedule that consists of many of the sport's premier events.

Bristol Dragway releases revised 2007 schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. - Bristol Dragway's revised schedule for 2007 kicks off with the biggest event of the year, the O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals, setting the tone for an action-packed season.

The Seventh Annual O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals presented by Q revs up the season with a spectacular July 6-8 event. One of the circuit's mostly highly touted events will feature the National Hot Rod Association's biggest and brightest stars in the Top Fuel,

Funny Car and Pro Stock categories, as well as drivers in the Sportsman categories. Among the drivers making the trip to Thunder Valley are reigning Top Fuel champion Tony Schumacher, 14-Time Funny Car champion John Force, and Pro Stock ace Greg Anderson.

Bristol Dragway's popular Street Fights series will return to Thunder Valley on Tuesday, July 17. The Street Fights schedule consists of 12 events set to take place on Tuesday and Thursday nights throughout the summer. The Street Fights finale occurs on Thursday, Oct. 4.

Sunoco Thunder Valley Shootouts drivers will have their chance to take to the track Saturday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Oct. 6. Dragway officials are planning special promotions for these events, including a season-ending blowout at the Oct. 6 event. Both races will feature a Test and Tune session on Friday afternoon.

Rich Christensen and his SPEED Channel crew will be in Thunder Valley July 20-21 to film an episode of the hit show "PINKS ALL OUT." The initial field will consist of 350 cars. Drivers will make qualifying runs to determine

the performance of their machines. After qualifying is complete, the PINKS crew will narrow the field to 16 drivers, with the winner walking away with \$10,000.

Junior Dragsters will call Bristol home for two separate events in 2007. The Fourth Annual NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts Junior Drag Racing League Eastern Conference Finals will roll into town July 11-14. One of the largest Junior Dragster events in the country, the fourth annual event will see over 700 racers from all states east of the Mississippi River. The Junior Dragsters will return for the

Sept. 1-2 running of the Mike Bos Chassis Craft Jr. Dragster Nationals.

Drivers will put their skills to the test when the sport's greatest footbrake race, the World Footbrake Challenge, comes to Bristol, July 27-29. The World Footbrake Challenge is a 1/8-mile event that will see racers from across the country attempt to take home an impressive top prize. The reward will be worth the effort, as Saturday's winner will take home \$50,000. Winners on Friday and Sunday will pocket \$10,000 each.

Fans of the blue oval will

want to visit Bristol Dragway Aug. 3-5 to take part in the 16th Annual O'Reilly Thunder Valley Fun Ford Weekend. Two-wheel racing will invade Bristol when the S & S Cycle Thunder In The Valley Nationals presented by Smith Brothers Harley Davidson roars into town Aug. 10-12. The Super Chevy Show makes its 27th trip to Bristol Sept. 21-23, and Mopar fans will have their weekend Sept. 28-30 when the Eighth Annual Hensley Performance Mopar Thunder presented by Part Depot/Bumper to Bumper hit the strip.



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Does this oil-changing idea suck?

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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.

Either these bifocals of mine are the greatest, or I'm looking harder these days. Anyway, I know the hills and their trees, the lake and all else around us, are more beautiful this year, than I've ever seen before.

THE PICTURE TELLS THE STORY

A few weeks back, this newspaper published some photographs pointing up the need for cleanup. Now some low fellow has snapped a picture of the editor's desk.

This should even matters. I doubt if any property in the city is more cluttered than what is pictured there. But I will not accept any help, thank you, from any cleanup squad. My files are such that they can't stand any more disaster.

Consider that chair, you youngsters who dream of journalism as a profession, and brand that fiction about "the editor's easy chair," for the lie it is. You know why that chair has a newspaper lying where the occupant would set?

There's a crack in that chair-seat which, if left uncovered, may cause the sitter to take off with chair attached.

A telephone, a cluttered desk, a plain chair, a waste-basket, and a typewriter—what else does an editor need, except patience, a thick skin, and somebody to keep him from starving?

OUR MIND (IF ANY) IS CHANGED

This senior citizen had an idea, that since the daughter had become interested in horses, maybe he would buy a nag, and perhaps sneak in a ride, once in a while, when nobody was looking. But since his neighbor, Carl Watson, had his experience with the genus equus, last Saturday, the idea doesn't seem so good. Carl boarded a pony while visiting in Woodford County, at the home of his brother-in-law, the Rev. Franklin Conley, and the pony promptly deposited him on terra firma, fracturing his left arm.

There's nothing funny about falling off, or being thrown from a horse, but we who have come our croppers should remember the days when the Prince of Wales parted with his mount at every hedge and water-hole. But the Duke had his talents. He of the unsteady seat, used it to land on.

OF NECKWEAR

Friend of mine was discussing our item of last week about the fellow who wanted a tie so strong, two men would be needed to tie it, and this reminded him of another story. Said Grandpa had never worn a tie in his life, and scorned all who had. But when a relative died and he was to attend the funeral, the folks insisted he would have to adorn his neck.

"They held him and tied one on him," my informant avows. "But just as they turned him loose a gust of wind blew the tie across his shoulder and scared him so bad he ran away."



Keith Caudill, MAC Executive Director, Billie Jean Osborne, MAC Founder, Randy Lawson, Artist, and Don Cecil, Lois May, Willard Kinzer, MAC Commission members.

MAC unveils new paintings by Lawson

The Mountain Arts Center commissioned local artist Randy Lawson to create two paintings which represent the commitment of its individual instruction teachers as well as the dedication of the students who study music and the other arts at the MAC in addition to honoring the contribution the arts have brought to the local region. The paintings, unveiled at the May Commission meeting, are on permanent exhibit in the Band Room located in the Arts Education Wing of the Mountain Arts Center.



Painting commissioned by the MAC board of executives from local artist Randy Lawson in celebration of dance.

'Arts Education Classes Spring Exhibition' In MAC Art Gallery now

The Spring Arts Education classes artworks are on exhibit this month in the art gallery at the Mountain Arts Center. The works, created by those who participated in the Digital Photography Workshop and the Drawing Cartoon Characters and Portrait and the Human Figure visual arts classes, includes a wide variety of subjects. Wooded landscapes, panoramic skies, and whimsical portraits of children as well as familiar cartoon characters and everyday people are among the highlights of what you will see when you visit the gallery to view this exhibit.

Those contributing to the exhibit include: Gayle Hall, Darla Majilang, Kayla Nelson, Haley Burton, Christopher Ward, Cindi Hughes, Ben Salisbury, and Digital Photography instructor Charlie Hall are the artists featured in this exhibit. Each work of art is unique and showcases the talent found in the people of Eastern Kentucky.



A sampling of the student artwork now on display in the Mountain Arts Center art gallery.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Golden Temple Amazons'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

An orphaned girl raises herself in the Amazon jungle after her parents are murdered in this mid-1980s mish-mash from prolific filmmaker Jess Franco.

The opening scene sets the tone here as a parade of half-dressed Amazons slowly trot past the camera on horseback. The cameraman appears distracted during this moment and occasionally lets the focus slip so that every other Amazon comes across as a blur (in fact, the film is filled with such moments, leading one to believe that a second take on any scene would have busted the budget).



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

The ladies arrive at a mission and hail the owner. He emerges and is promptly shot through the heart with an arrow. His wife appears next and gets the same treatment, but the Amazons leave before the couple's 6-year-old daughter, Liana, emerges to check out the commotion.

The film then leaps forward about 12 years and Liana is glimpsed frolicking in the jungle with her buddy Rocky, a chimp. Liana is a bit of a fashion disaster and adorns herself in a Victoria's Secret thong and a top made of three squirrel pelts which only occasionally obscure her cleavage. She is observed talking with the animals before awkwardly mounting a baby elephant for a brief ride through the foliage.

Liana ends up at the mission and meets the long overdue replacement for her parents. He introduces himself as Mr. Johnston before producing her parents' diary and reading it to her. Turns out that Dad discovered the Blue Mountains retreat of the Amazons and found out they were using male slaves to mine gold.

Dad was apparently spotted on the excursion and duked it out with one member of the tribe before retreating to the mission, where he hatched a plan to sack the fortress. Rather than curse her dad for forsaking his calling out of greed, Liana decides to journey to the Amazon fortress for some overdue paycheck.

Her quest gets sidetracked immediately when she is captured by natives. Luckily for her they are only interested in her safety and try to talk her out of her suicide mission. When she refuses to do so, they throw up their hands and assign their bumbling medicine man, Koukou, to help her out.

Liana and Koukou (who wouldn't know a pronoun if it bit him) soon hook up with an archaeological party

(See LAGOON, page twelve)

The footprint

by PAULA F. BLEVINS

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE NEW MOM'S SOUL"

"Oh," I moaned as I readjusted the pillows to accommodate my ever-growing belly. Hadn't I just done that very thing 10 minutes ago? I sighed and rubbed my enlarged tummy. Oh, how I missed sleeping on my stomach.

The girl in the apartment above me was active and noisy again. It was difficult to sleep through the night during this last trimester, but with her

and her visitors talking and listening to music above my head each night, it was nearly impossible.

I pulled my slumping body back up against the headboard.

My husband was at work. His hours were horrendous. I knew he'd much rather be here, but that was beyond his control. So that left me solo again. Being awake and alone this late at night, and at the end of my pregnancy, was a bad combination. Worries always seem the greatest in the dark.

What about this child inside me?

Is it a boy or a girl? I was pretty sure it was a girl, even though we had chosen not to officially find out from the ultrasound. Will our baby be healthy? Will we be the parents she or he needs? And what of the birth process? There was no guarantee that I could have this baby without a Caesarian. The unknown is always scary and intimidating.

With little prior knowledge of babies other than babysitting many years ago, I forced myself to read every pregnancy and parenting book and magazine for guidance through this crazy, exciting and scary ride to becoming a mother. Everything was progressing just as all of those books said it should.

Oh, sure, there were unusual things — nosebleeds first thing every morning and crackers on the bedside table to nibble on before getting up each day so that I could rise without nausea or dizziness. And the cravings? All I ever wanted was vanilla milkshakes, and I needed them frequently. Oh, I could sure use one of those now.

I rolled my head toward the nightstand to see the time. The bedside clock read 2

a.m. If this baby stuck to pattern, it was time for the kicking show. Every four hours the child would have a grand time playing, usually at the expense of my ribs or pelvis.

I rubbed my belly again. I found myself doing that a lot lately. "Well, little one, how are you doin' in there?"

In response, I felt a kick to my right rib.

(See SOUP, page twelve)



When should spark plugs be replaced?

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

How do I know when I should change my spark plugs? I mean, will my car do anything different? I was getting my oil changed, and the guy said I should change my spark plugs. How would he even know? Thanks. — Maureen

RAY: Well, generally speaking, there are four reasons to change your spark plugs, Maureen. One is, simply, time. A lot of cars now use platinum plugs that are supposed to last 100,000 miles, so you shouldn't need to change them often. But if your car has 110,000 miles on it and you know for a fact that you've never had your plugs changed, your mechanic would be correct in recommending a new set.

TOM: The second reason we sug-

gest new plugs is if we've examined them and found that the electrodes are worn out. When the electrodes wear out, the spark-plug gap (the space that the spark jumps between) grows. That leads to reduced mileage and can lead to a misfire, which is when a cylinder fails to fire.

RAY: We might also notice that the ceramic insulation around the center electrode is cracking. That can cause a plug to fail, too. If we notice either of these signs of impending spark-plug geezerdom (ISPG), we'd probably recommend that you replace all of the plugs.

TOM: The third reason we might change your plugs is if you already have a misfire that we suspect is caused by a bad spark plug.

RAY: And the fourth reason we tell our customers they need new plugs is if we got a special "case price" on

them from our supplier, and we need more room in our parts department.

High speeds and bad tires can contribute to hydroplaning

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a history of hydroplaning. I slid and rolled over in a GMC Jimmy while making a sharp right turn during a rainstorm. I also have hydroplaned in a Jeep Cherokee while driving in a light drizzle and going in a perfectly straight line. I now own a Honda Civic. As I will obviously be driving in the rain once more, what is the best strategy for not letting it slide around? I had thought that not turning too fast would be a grand solution, until the Jeep incident. Any thoughts on the matter? Thanks! — Adam

RAY: Yeah. Slow down.

TOM: It's hard to know what happened in each situation, Adam. But there are several factors that often lead to hydroplaning.

RAY: The first one is speed. If you're going too fast and you hit standing water, the vehicle is going to hydroplane (that is, the tires will not be able to channel enough water out through their grooves, and the tires

will ride up on top of the water, losing their contact with the road).

TOM: So if you drive like a knucklehead in the rain, whether you're going straight ahead or not, you're a candidate for hydroplaning.

RAY: Tires also can be an issue. Knobby, aggressive SUV tires are notoriously bad on wet pavement. It has to do with both the nature of the rubber compound used and the fact that they have deep grooves and, therefore, a smaller rubber patch on the road to begin with. So they tend to slide fairly easily. And while the deep grooves can help evacuate water, if you're going too fast, that's not enough.

TOM: Another factor is the size of the puddle you hit. If you live where there's flash flooding and standing water builds up on the roads, you have to be extra careful. If you drive into 2 or 3 inches of water, even at what normally is a reasonable speed, you easily can hydroplane.

RAY: And finally, your four-wheel-drive system could have been a factor. The GMC Jimmy and the Jeep Cherokee both have old-style "on-demand" four-wheel-drive systems

(as opposed to modern, full-time all-wheel-drive systems). Those old-style systems are never supposed to be used when driving on normal roads — dry or wet — because they force the two front wheels to turn at the same combined speed as the pair of rear wheels.

TOM: If you try to steer a vehicle without letting each of its wheels turn at different speeds, you easily can lose control and flip it over. Or you could make it hard to regain control once you start to hydroplane.

RAY: Those old-style four-wheel-drive systems are supposed to be engaged only when you're stuck, or when you're actually driving on mud, sand or snow.

TOM: So make sure you have good tires on your Civic, watch out for large puddles and slow down, Adam. That should keep you on terra firma. Did we mention that you should slow down?

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Do you get SSI? Let Social Security know about any changes in living arrangements

by STACEY OUSLEY
CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE
PRESTONSBURG

Did you know that more than seven million Americans receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments monthly? If you are an SSI recipient then you should remember that whenever your "living arrangements" change you must let your local Social Security office know.

Here's why.

Your monthly benefit may vary depending on where you live and whether someone else

pays for your living expenses. Generally, you can get up to the maximum SSI payment if you live in your own place or you live in someone else's residence, but you pay the full cost of your food and shelter.

However, your SSI benefit may be reduced if:

■ You live somewhere else and you pay only a part of your share of food or housing costs; or

■ You live in a house, apartment or trailer but someone else pays for your food, rent or mortgage expenses, and other things like electrici-

ty and garbage removal; or

■ You're in a nursing home or hospital for the whole month and Medicaid pays for over one-half of your bills.

Your SSI payment is based on your income, not on your expenses. However, the cost of living expenses such as food or shelter that someone else provides may be considered income to you and could reduce your SSI payment. Items you receive that cannot be used for food or shelter are not considered income and will not affect your SSI payment.

For more information about SSI benefits call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525 between 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Offices are located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg, KY. Representatives are available to answer questions about your SSI case.

And remember, we have representatives available in both locations to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information.



Stacey Ousley

Odds & Ends

■ DALLAS — A little candy can add up to a rainbow of trouble.

A man caught removing tires from a truck has been charged with stealing the tractor-trailer containing \$250,000 worth of Skittles, police said.

Seven pallets of the 28 in the truck are still missing, authorities said. Alan Chavez, 22, has been charged with first-degree felony theft. It was unclear Monday whether he had a lawyer.

Chavez said he had paid someone else \$500 for the truck's rims and tires, police said. The truck has an estimated value of \$85,000, and the trailer's value is \$30,000.

■ GAHANNA, Ohio — Students arriving at Gahanna Lincoln High School on Monday morning were greeted by a 7-foot statue of a rosy-cheeked lad that was pilfered from a Frisch's Big Boy restaurant.

The 200-pound fiberglass figure of the chubby boy in red and white suspenders was reporting missing Saturday morning from its concrete base, only to turn up on the roof of the school in the Columbus suburb, police said.

Officers believe it may have been a prank by seniors, Gahanna police Lt. Jeffrey Spence said. No arrests had

been made.

A school maintenance crew removed the statue with a forklift and returned it to the restaurant, Spence said. The statue, valued at \$7,000, was not damaged.

"We're just glad to have it back," said Karen Maier, a vice president with Cincinnati-based Frisch's Restaurants Inc.

The company operates 88 Frisch's Big Boy restaurants in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Big Boy restaurants operate in other states under different franchisee names.

■ KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — It's safe to say Elna Marie Johnson will never forget her pen pal's birthday.

Johnson, 71, who has lived in Klamath Falls for 43 years, was living in Colorado in 1947 when she spotted a notice in a newspaper that circulated in the Sunday schools of Lutheran churches.

The notice said a 10-year-old Michigan girl named Elma Marie wanted a pen pal. Johnson's mother encouraged her to write to the girl because they had similar names.

After an exchange of letters, Johnson learned that her new pen pal's name was Elna, not Elma, and they had the same date of birth — April 9, 1936.

The two Elna Mariés have stayed in touch ever since. Last

week, Johnson went to Reese, Mich., to visit Elna Marie Kempff — her third trip to Michigan since the two became pen pals.

"I have a tenacious spirit when it comes to hanging on to my friends," Johnson said.

The correspondence began with the girls writing about their pets, schools and families. Over the years, the subjects changed to college, Kempff's teaching career and Johnson's marriage and four children.

They first met during their freshman year of college, when Johnson took the train to visit Kempff at her small Lutheran college in Illinois. Johnson was enrolled in an Indiana college at the time.

When grown-up life intervened, the Elnas scaled back their correspondence to mostly Christmas and birthday cards. But when Kempff took vacations out West, she'd stop and visit Johnson. One time they unintentionally wore the same outfit.

Even with their similarities, the friends have their differences.

Johnson thinks Kempff is more outgoing and talkative, and Kempff thinks Johnson is more domesticated. But they are kindred spirits, Johnson said, sharing a Christian faith, a love of family and sightseeing.

■ CORTE MADERA, Calif. — He has flippers instead of feet — and certainly no sneakers or hiking boots. But that didn't stop a sea lion from joining schoolchildren on a walk-a-thon.

The marine mammal apparently noticed children doing laps Friday morning around a course they had set up at the Marin Country Day School next to the shores of the San Francisco Bay. The 185-pound Steller sea lion waddled ashore, shocking students and teachers.

"He did a whole lap," said Kelly Watson, director of constituent relations and web communications at the private school.

It was the latest brush with humans for the 1-year-old sea lion, called Astro by staffers at the Marin Headlands-based Marine Mammal Center.

Astro's mother abandoned him at Ano Nuevo Island off the San Mateo coast in June, prompting biologists to bottle-feed the pup. They released the adolescent on April 25 with a radio tag.

But Astro keeps returning to civilization. About a week ago, he swam under the Golden Gate Bridge to the shores of Corte Madera. The Marine Mammal Center again picked him up and released him in the Farallons, 27 miles from San Francisco.

But returned again Friday, just in time for the walk-a-thon.

"They are very intuitive, like dogs, and he was able to find his way back," said Marine Mammal Center spokesman Jim Oswald.

Astro's run-ins with humans could pose danger to both species, so the center will try to find him a permanent home, possibly the Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut, which keeps threatened Steller sea lions.

"This just shows the effect human contact can have," Oswald said. "It's not a happy story for Astro."

■ ELDERON, Wis. — Around here, it may be tough to pass up anything deep-fried.

Wisconsinites have deep-fried cheese curds, candy bars and Twinkies. They now have deep-fried livestock testicles, too.

More than 300 people paid \$5 for all-you-can-eat goat, lamb and bull testicles Saturday at the ninth annual Testicle Festival at Mama's Place Bar and Grill in Elderon in central Wisconsin.

"Once you get over the mental (aspect) of what you're eating, it's just like eating any other food, and it tastes good," Buster Hoffman said.

Festival founder Nancy Fenske said the festival grew out of her late husband Roger's birthday party 12 years ago. They decided to have "a nut fry" at Mama's Place after bringing back lamb fries from a trip to Montana.

The event grew every year and now they fry up to 100 pounds of testicles, she said.

"What else can you do in a small town?" Fenske said.

Butch Joubert, 58, likes the parts sandwiched between bread with tartar sauce. They're not so different from regular meatballs also served at the festival, he said.

"After a few beers, you can't really tell the difference," Joubert said.

■ SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Four teams and some strange machines competed for a quarter-of-a-million dollars from NASA, but all walked away empty-handed.

NASA's Regolith Excavation Challenge invited teams to build machines for digging mock moon dirt, or regolith, in a competition held in a one-ton sandbox on Saturday.

But all the teams fell well short of the winning requirement of 330 pounds of regolith deposited in a container in 30 minutes, and no one claimed the \$250,000 purse.

An excavator built by Technology Ranch of Pismo Beach did the best, collecting just over 143 pounds in half an hour. All the other machines broke down while digging.

The other three teams were from Berkley, Michigan; Rolla, Missouri; and Rancho Palos Verdes.

The prize rolls over to next year's competition, which will be worth \$750,000.

Lagoon

consisting of a geologist named Harvey, his wife Bella and their guide Mason. Bella turns out to be an exhibitionist but she pays dearly for that lifestyle choice when she is nabbed by the Amazons after a skinny dip.

The party rushes after her but are captured after falling prey to gas which is seeping out of the Amazons' mining operation. The group is trussed up and brought before the leader of the Amazons, who turns out to be a guy named Uruck.

They are all sentenced to be executed except for Liana. Uruck recalls ordering the death of her parents and decides to give her a shot at survival by ordering a duel between her and his chief Amazon, Rena. Uruck isn't exactly big on fair play, however, and coaches Rena to have the party tortured in front of Liana to weaken her spirit.

Liana triumphs anyway and is awarded

a sexual assault by Uruck for her efforts. Afterwards she is tossed back in the torture dungeon where she meets up with Rocky the chimp. The monkey winds up having more on the ball than the rest of the cast and rescues them from the dungeon for a final battle which, though poorly staged, finally brings this sucker to a finish.

This movie may be a trial for most, but it has its moments. Franco, to date, has directed 188 films according to the Internet Movie Database. One might assume that he is pretty accomplished at making movies by now, but statistics can be deceiving.

Perhaps he was issued only a minimal amount of film to use. That would explain why you get some pretty amazing gaffs here. The best one is at the beginning when Liana is frolicking. It doesn't take a sharp eye to observe cars moving by in the

distance, which kind of kills the sense that this jungle is anywhere near the Amazon.

Other choice bits that should have called for a second take include one actor tripping as he runs up some stairs and a very dull walking through the forest scene which becomes amusing when you realize that the barefoot Liana is having a tough time on the rugged terrain.

The weapons all appear to be made out of plastic and you will love the gold colored aluminum foil spread liberally throughout a cave to simulate a gold mine. If that's not enough for you, then get a kick out of the atrocious dubbing and abrupt conclusion which fails to inform you about the fates of several characters.

Here's hoping that Franco keeps making movies till he gets it right.

Best line: "Nobody can call Koukou a clown and live."
1986, unrated.

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"Oh, hello." The show had begun, and right on time too.

Several punches to my lower abdomen followed. "Goodness, honey. You sure are getting strong."

The baby continued the gymnastics routine for several minutes. I'd push the little body back to center whenever it flopped to one side or the other.

"Oh, little one," I sighed. "I hope everything will be OK."

Suddenly all movement stopped. A tiny hard spot had

formed into a funny contortion just below my left rib cage. I placed my right hand gently onto the unusual lump.

The outline was unmistakable. It was a tiny, perfect foot. I could feel the entire thing from the heel to all five toes. A new peace washed over me. Although the child could not speak, I knew in that instant that my baby was going to be OK. For with that smallest of gestures, she had placed the first of many footprints upon my soul.

Savvy Summer Strategies for Healthy Kids

School's out!

FAMILY FEATURES

For kids, the annual exodus from school means the fun begins. But parents worry that a relaxed schedule can mean regular meals and healthy eating go the way of the textbooks during summer months.

Granted, many kids will be physically active, which is a happy, healthy benefit of school break. But escape from the usual routine can also translate into lazy eating habits — and for many kids, too much free time is spent in sedentary activities such as computer games or watching TV.

Parents can help kids stay active and eat healthfully this summer with these tips from the American Heart Association:

- **Move it!** Encourage physical activities that kids really enjoy. If they like it, they'll stick with it.
- **Plan times** for the whole family to take a walk, go to a farmers' market, ride bikes, swim, garden (kids love to play in the dirt and watch things grow) or just play outdoors.
- **Be the role model.** Your healthy, active behavior says, "Do as I do!" If you park yourself in front of the TV and eat unhealthy snacks, your kids may want to do the same.
- **Set specific goals and limits** that kids can understand and work toward, like completing one hour of physical activity per day, or cutting back on desserts (other than fruit) to two per week.
- **Be supportive and reward good behavior** with a fun activity or a new pair of walking shoes — anything except food, especially candy and sweets.
- **Get children involved in planning and preparing meals.** Not only do most kids really enjoy this activity, but research shows they're much more likely to try new foods if they've had a hand in preparing them. Summer is a perfect time to encourage your kids to help with their breakfast, lunch and snacks. Make it part of the daily routine.

- **Turn off the TV and video games** and enlist the kids' help to create a grocery shopping list together. The American Heart Association's free, online "My Grocery List" builder at heartcheckmark.org is a great way the kids can use the computer to browse, with your help, through more than 800 certified heart-healthy products. Together you can click on favorite foods and create a shopping list to print and take to the store. (The kids may enjoy making their own special list.) Kids will get a kick out of this easy-to-use tool. And, grocery shopping just got faster and more fun!
- **Consider dinnertime family time.** When you dine together as a family, there's less chance of kids eating the wrong foods or snacking too much.
- **Make reading food labels a family game.** Everyone can get involved in learning about what's good for their health. This is a habit that can help change behavior for a lifetime.



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Take time to teach healthy habits that can last through adulthood.



Fruit Parfaits

Serves 4: 1/2 cup fruit, 1/2 cup yogurt mixture, and 1 heaping tablespoon cornflake mixture per serving

- 1/3 cup cornflakes
- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds
- 2 tablespoons sweetened shredded coconut
- 2 cups fat-free or low-fat plain yogurt, combined with 2 tablespoons sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, or 2 cups fat-free, sugar-free or low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1 medium mango, diced, or 1 cup blueberries or sliced strawberries
- 1 8-ounce can pineapple tidbits packed in their own juice, drained

Put cornflakes in small plastic bag. Crush to make about 2 tablespoons coarse crumbs. Heat medium nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Dry-roast almonds and coconut 1 1/2 minutes, or until beginning to brown, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

Stir in cornflakes. In medium bowl, stir together yogurt mixture and orange zest. In another medium bowl, stir together mango and pineapple.

In each of 4 parfait or wine glasses, layer mixtures in following order: 1/4 cup yogurt mixture, 1/4 cup fruit mixture, 2 tablespoons yogurt mixture, 1/4 cup fruit mixture, 2 tablespoons yogurt mixture. Top each serving with 1 heaping tablespoon cornflake mixture.

Nutrition Analysis (per serving): Calories 191, Total Fat 3.0g (Saturated 1.0g, Polyunsaturated 0.5g, Monounsaturated 1.0g), Carbohydrates 35g, Sugars 31g, Fiber 2g, Cholesterol 3mg, Protein 8g, Sodium 124mg

Dietary Exchanges: 1 fruit, 1 skim milk, 1/2 other carbohydrate

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NOTICE OF PERMIT CONFERENCE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0338 AM #1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that a permit conference is scheduled for June 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office for the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, concerning the above application filed by Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601. The operation 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.

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 Raccoon 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, Reed, Shepherd - Heirs, Eugene Shepherd, Carl D. Whitaker, Gorman Shepherd, Bobby & Lenora Slone, Clinton Handshoe, Marigold Warrix, Clayton Ramey, 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 Dallas Sparkman.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Ste. 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Any person whose interest may be adversely affected by the issuance of the proposed permit may present information relevant to the permit, in oral or written form, at the time of the conference.

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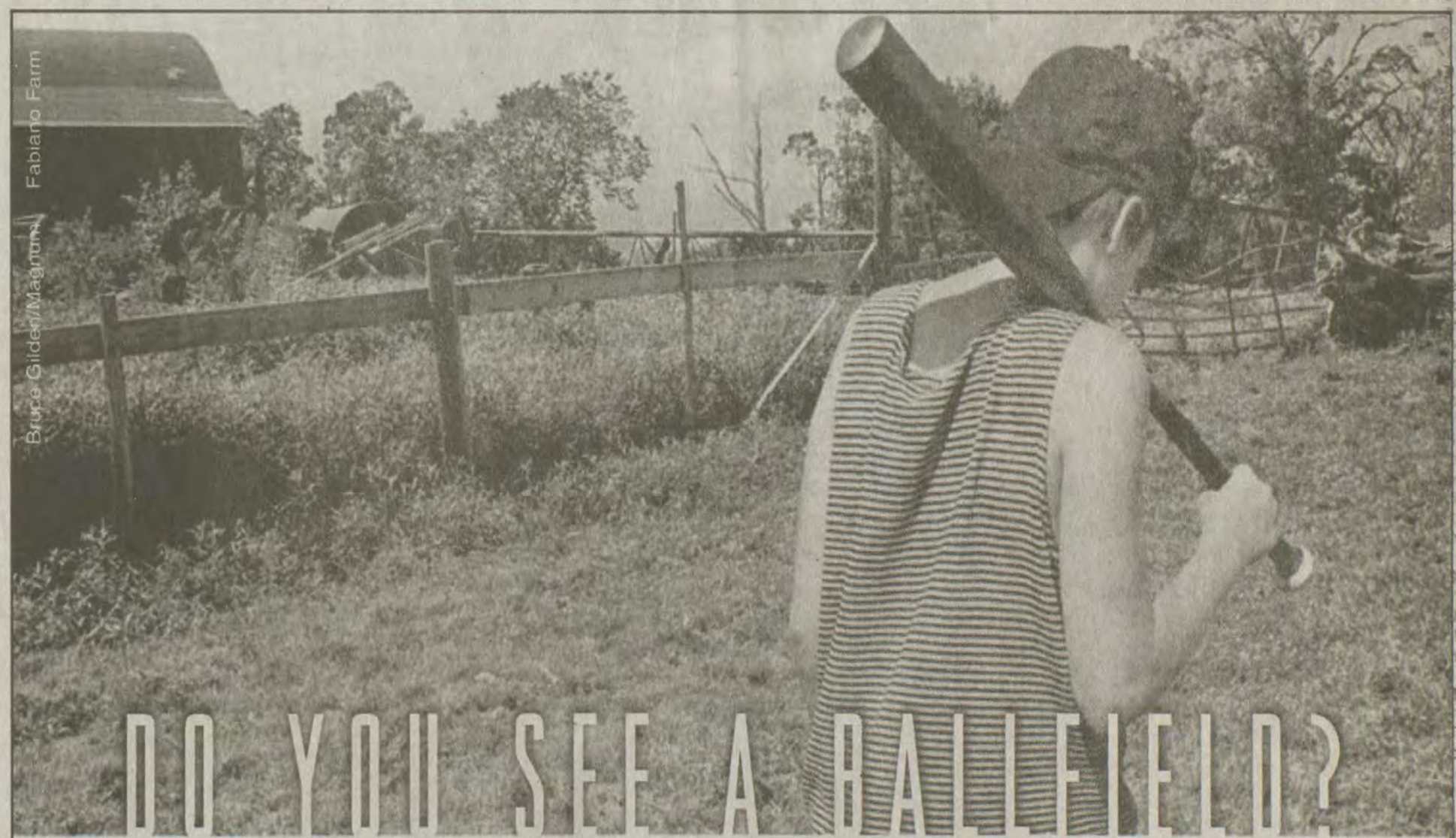
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