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Jobless rate drops

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 5.4 percent in March 2007 to 5.3 percent in April 2007, its lowest point since December 2004, according to the Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education Cabinet. April 2007's jobless rate also was below April 2006's rate of 5.8 percent.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate increased from 4.4 percent in March 2007 to 4.5 percent in April 2007, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

"Kentucky's April 2007 unemployment rate of 5.3 percent was the lowest rate we have had since December 2004 when it also was 5.3 percent. Kentucky was one of 13 states that had a lower unemployment rate in April 2007 than in March 2007," said Carlos Cracraft, the department's chief labor market analyst.

"Also, our April 2007 unemployment rate was well below last April's 5.8 percent jobless rate. Altogether, 30 states recorded a lower unemployment rate in April 2007 than in April 2006," said Cracraft.

Two of the 11 major nonfarm job North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) sectors reported employment increases in April, while eight decreased, and one was unchanged, according to Cracraft. A decrease of 5,100 jobs in April 2007 brought Kentucky's non-

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Equine Center growing in popularity

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Equine Center at Stonecrest Mountain is moving into its two year anniversary and its impact on tourism is being felt throughout the area.

The equine center is one of few in the area and horse show enthusiasts from all over the United States have traveled to

the local area to showcase their horses. The impact of so many out-of-town visitors leaves Prestonsburg's city economic development director Brent Graden with high hopes for its ever-growing popularity.

"Last year, we hosted about eight days worth of events. This year we are hosting about 20 days worth," Graden said.

According to Graden, some of the horse shows are two-day

events and one is even a five-day event. Hotels are being completely booked and some horse show participants have even had to travel to neighboring Pike County just to get a room. The Prestonsburg Equine Center is growing quickly becoming both a regional and statewide attraction.

Besides the equine center

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Trainers spent most of the day Friday preparing for an upcoming horse show at the Prestonsburg Equine Center on Stonecrest Mountain. The center will be hosting numerous events throughout the summer months.

photo by Jessica Hale

FLOATING INTO SUMMER



photo by Jessica Hale

Prestonsburg Elementary students and staff enjoyed hot air balloon rides last week in celebration of the school year coming to a close.

Bank employee charged with embezzlement

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A former Paintsville bank employee has been indicted on charges of embezzling nearly \$43,000.

The indictment was filed on Thursday and charges Maria Danielle Scott with one count of embezzlement by a bank employee. The offense occurred at the Paintsville branch of Community Trust Bank where Scott was formerly

employed. According to the indictment, from January through December 2006, Scott embezzled \$42,722.38 of money belonging to the bank.

Scott now faces maximum penalties of up to 30 years in prison and up to five years of supervised release.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney's Office was unable to provide more information concerning the indictment, because Scott had not been arrested as of press time.

Johnson sheriff seeks dismissal of lawsuit

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten has filed a response in regards to a racial discrimination and wrongful discharge complaint filed against him last month by a former deputy.

Former Deputy Axel

Simonetti, who is of Puerto Rican descent, alleged that he was subjected to racial taunting by fellow deputies on numerous occasions and his complaints to Witten were ignored.

Simonetti was fired from his job on Jan. 28, 2005, and was later the target of

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Corps bans cliff diving at lakes in local area

by JOHN RABY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The summertime thrill of diving off cliffs into exhilarating water is no longer allowed at 19 lakes in four states including West Virginia and Kentucky.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Huntington District announced the ban on Friday, noting that since 1993, 69 people have died in water-related accidents in the district, including seven last year.

"This is a risky behavior," said Peggy Noel, a

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photo by Jessica Hale

Clark Elementary School students celebrated their last day of school on Wednesday. Classroom delegates presented Adams Middle School Principal Mr. Goodman and Assistant Principal Mr. Branson with a plaque and flag in honor of Clark's appreciation for the kindness and hospitality shown to them by all of the AMS faculty, staff and students during the past year. Fifth-grade student Blake Baldrige read the following: "In Social Studies we learned about immigrants who traveled from far places to get to a land that offered them shelter and a new home. Two years ago, we came to Adams Middle School because we needed a home. In many ways, we were like the immigrants. Soon we will move to another home. Today, we want to say thank you to you."

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Jobie Click, Jr., 69, passed away Sunday, May 20, at his home on Main Street in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Orville Dotson, 90, a native of Oak Log, died Tuesday, May 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ann Compton Dotson. Carter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

■ Fanny J. Hatcher, 84, of Green Cove Springs, Florida, a native of Harold, died Sunday, May 20, at All Saints Nursing Home, Jacksonville, Florida. Funeral services were held Friday, May 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Henry Kidd, 72, of Harold, died Friday, May 18, at his residence. Funeral services were held Monday, May 21, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Melissa Ann Lewis, 27, of Allen, died Sunday, May 20, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Bethel Newsome, 68, of Hi Hat, died Monday, May 21, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, James Scott Newsome. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 24,

under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Gary H. Osborne, 68, of Louisville, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, May 19. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 23, under the Schoppenhorst, Underwood & Brooks.

■ Marie Salyers, 88, of Ashland, a native of Minnie, died Sunday, May 20, at Woodland Oaks Healthcare Facility. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 22, under the direction of Miller Funeral Home, in Ashland.

■ Clarence (Pete) Slone, 52, of Mooresville, Indiana, formerly of Blue River, died Monday, May 14, at the residence of a nephew. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Morrison Slone. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Kenneth Lee Steele, 47, of Stanville, died Monday, May 21, at the CSX Railroad in Ivel. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Crum Steele. Funeral services were held Friday, May 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ McKinley "Haney" Akers, 65, of Little Robinson, died Friday, May 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Nellie Akers. Funeral services were held Tuesday,

May 22, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Helen Holms Branham, 89, died Tuesday, May 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Ray Conway, 67, of Lower Pompey, died Thursday, May 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Geneva Thacker Conway. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 20, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ James "Jim Boy" Mounts, 81, of Phelps, died Monday, May 21, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 24, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Shirley Sue Owens, 67, of Belcher, died Monday, May 21, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Ben Willard Owens. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 24, under the direction of Bailey 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.

■ Magdalene Williamson, 83, a resident at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps,

died Sunday, May 20, at the center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 22, under direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ William Paris Young, 90, of Zebulon, died Thursday, May 17, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Garnet Deskins Young. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 20, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Ruth Anne Dixon Blevins, 87, of Paintsville, died Thursday, May 17, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Graveside services were held Sunday, May 20, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Michael Dean Osborne, 48, of Sitka, died Monday, May 14, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Susan Justice Osborne. Funeral services were held Friday, May 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Billy Ray Chapman, 55, of Trio, Ohio, died Monday, May 14. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, May 19, at Anderson Cemetery, Kermit, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral

Home.

■ Audrey Chafin Wiles Segee, 92, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Martin County, died Saturday, May 19, in Columbus. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, May 22, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Gary Lynn Setser, 51, of Akron, Ohio, a native of Tomahawk, died Friday, May 18, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Fred Setser. Graveside services were held Saturday, May 26, at 2 p.m., at the Setser Cemetery, at Tomahawk.

■ Gertrude Moore Smith, 85, of Louisa, a Martin County native, died Wednesday, May 16, at Louisa. Funeral services were held Friday, May 18, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Rushie G. Webb, 77, of Inez, died Monday, May 21, at the Huntington Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 23, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Reuel Forrest Wilson, 75, of Johnstown, Ohio, a native of Laura, died Wednesday, May 16, in Johnstown. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 19, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Bible-based museum uses dinosaurs to tell Earth's brief history

by DYLAN T. LOVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PETERSBURG — Adam and Eve fall from grace and Noah survives an epic flood at a new Kentucky museum that tells the Bible's version of history on a theme-park scale.

But it's the life-sized scene near the Creation Museum's front lobby that might stop a puzzled paleontologist in his tracks.

There, next to a gurgling waterfall, a pair of ancient children frolic just a few feet away from a group of friendly dinosaurs.

It's the kind of controversial exhibit that's earned the museum notoriety among skeptics and anticipation from believers who are sure to pack its halls when it opens to the public on Memorial Day.

"We wanted to show people there's no mystery with dinosaurs, we can explain them," said Ken Ham, founder of the nonprofit ministry Answers in Genesis that built the \$27 million facility near Cincinnati.

Scientists say there's a gulf of millions of years between man and the giant lizards, but according to the Creation Museum they lived in harmony just a few thousand years ago. It's part of the literal interpretation of the Bible adopted by Ham and other creationists.

"People are just fascinated by dinosaurs. But they've sort of become synonymous with millions of years and evolution," he said.

Evolution is derided at this 60,000-square-foot facility, packed with high-tech exhibits designed by an acclaimed theme-park artist, animatronic dinos and a massive ark hewn of wood. In this Old Testament version of history, dinosaurs appeared on the same day God created every other land animal.

And what museum would be complete without fossils? Those dusty artifacts are also found here — hung in large glass cases in a room visitors spill into after taking a tour of Old Testament history. Ham

says most fossils, like the ones stored in natural history museums around the world, were created by the massive flood detailed in the book of Genesis.

"The Bible doesn't talk about fossils, but it gives you a basis for understanding why there are fossils around the world," he said.

Ham says the stories of the Bible are supported by science — a notion that has drawn the ire of science educators around the country.

"They make such a point of trying to make it appear scientific," said Lawrence Krauss, an Ohio physics professor, author and outspoken critic of the museum. "Instead of shying away from those things

that clearly disprove what they're trying to say, they use those things for deception."

Krauss said the exhibits rival that of a "very fancy natural history museum," making them enticing to young visitors.

Fancy might best describe the facility's multimedia rooms, where no expense is spared. After a stop at its digital planetarium, museum guides with olive-green vests steer visitors into a 200-seat special-effects theater with seats that quiver as the sound system rumbles. Up on the screen, two angelic characters proclaim to the audience that "God loves science!"

But the creation story found in Genesis is the centerpiece of

the museum. Patrons walk through a lush recreation of the Garden of Eden, see life-sized models of Adam and Eve frolic and then get banished. Then it's on to the era of the Great Flood, where animatronic workers are busy building Noah's giant wooden ark, which rises two or three stories inside the museum.

Ham enlisted Patrick Marsh, designer of the animatronic "Jaws" monster at Universal Studios in Florida, to oversee the exhibits. When fully staffed, the building will house about 160 museum workers, along with another 140 employees at the Answers in Genesis headquarters attached to the Creation Museum.

Ham started the ministry in his native Australia, and came to northern Kentucky in the early 1990s with the idea of building a museum that could stand as a beachhead for creationist study.

He had plenty of supporters, who helped fund the museum, allowing it to open free of debt. Ham said the museum received three gifts of over \$1 million, but three-quarters of the donations were around \$100.

He said Christians eager to see the Bible brought to life

were more than happy to give. "Christians across this nation see this place as a rallying point," Ham said. They "recognize that we live in a culture that no longer believes the Bible is true."

Obituaries

Mary Blevins

Mary Blevins, 74, of Printer, died Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin.

Born December 9, 1932, in Ivel, she was the daughter of the late Floyd and Laura Dillion Ratliff. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Church of Christ, in Honaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jay Blevins.

Survivors include her sons: Robert (Randy) Ratliff, and Tony Ratliff, both of Honaker, Joey Blevins of Galloway, Ohio, and Kenneth Blevins, and Paul Patrick Blevins, both of Columbus, Ohio; stepsons: Larry Blevins, and Darrell Blevins, both of Fairborne, Ohio; her daughters: Linda Goodman of Columbus, Ohio, and Margaret Tackett of Printer; 40 grandchildren, and numerous great-and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sons: David

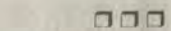
Ratliff, and Jeffery Blevins; and a brother, Andrew (Buddy) Ratliff.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 26, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tommy Bush and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Ratliff Cemetery, in Honaker, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)



Charlie Mitchell

Charlie Mitchell, 76, of Grethel, died Thursday, May 24, 2007, at the VA Medical Center, in Huntington, West Virginia.

Born May 27, 1930, in Craynor, he was the son of the late Robert (Bob) and Arminia Tackett Mitchell. He was a retired steelworker, a member of DAV Chapter, in Pikeville; and a U.S. Korean War veter-

an.

He is survived by his wife, Phylistine Newsome Mitchell.

Other survivors include his sons: Ronald Lee (wife Joetta) Mitchell of Warsaw, Indiana; Paul (wife, Sandy) Mitchell of Pikeville; his daughters: Lola (husband, Fairley) Jones of Grethel; Dorothy (husband, Randy) Adkins of Warsaw, Indiana; Anna Lois (husband, Larry) Howell of Grethel; Bonnie Jean (husband, Astor) Hall of Grethel; June (husband, Mike) Williams of Teaberry; Anita (husband, Hector) Martinez of Warsaw, Indiana; Nadine Mitchell of Grethel; and Amanda (husband, Kermit Jr.) Bell of McDowell; a brother, Kinnel Mitchell of Grethel; 15 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, May 27, at 11 a.m., at Zion Old Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the J.W. Hall Cemetery, in Grethel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church.
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(Paid obituary)

"WHERE'S BILL?"

"Where's Bill?" so often I've heard that said,
When I stopped at his store for a loaf of bread.
I always wanted to see Bro. Bill, too,
So we could share a laugh or two.
For sometimes Bro. Bill didn't feel his best,
So he would have to go home for a little rest.
"How are you, Bro. Gordon?" he would always say.
Bill cared about others, he was raised that way.
Bro. Bill wasn't perfect, and neither am I,
After all, that's why Jesus had to die.
I believe Bro. Bill knew about Amazing Grace,
"Where's Bill?" He's gone to a better place.



Written by Bro. Gordon E. Fitch as a tribute to Bro. Bill Woods Jr.
May 31, 2006

It has been a year since we saw you leave this world, with a grin on your face and tears on ours.

We miss you so much, Dad
Cathy and Family

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Pains of the heart burn like a knife,
Slice you down to size, take away your pride.
You've lost your money, you can cry,
But lose your friends, say good-bye.
A lost love, of so long ago,
Pain so deep, you can't know.
That tender face so far away,
That dream of it, you dream all day.
A cut so deep, it never heals,
Can't compare to how you feel.
You hold your heart in your hands,
But alone is where I must stand.
To walk, to talk, to laugh and cry,
But my friend, this is good-bye.
Deep in my heart you will always stay,
I will never be far away.

Yet in the stars, we will meet,
Then my life will be complete.
As days fly by in time and space,
You must leave, but not I, for this is my place.
In your heart will I stay?
Only God can say.
But in my heart will you stay?
I'll think about you every day.

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Two from Big Sandy CTC among 32 scholars named from 16 KCTCS colleges

PRESTONSBURG — Tonya Sue Hopper and Brett J. Thacker of Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) were honored as members of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System's 2007 All-Academic Team during the 6th annual KCTCS Student Academic Achievement Banquet held recently at the Lexington Convention Center.

Two students from each of the 16 KCTCS colleges were chosen for the All-Academic Team based on a rigorous selection process that focused on academic performance and campus involvement. Each

member of the All-Academic Team received a \$500 gift from their KCTCS college, as well as scholarship opportunities to continue their education from 15 Kentucky public and private universities. Together, the scholarships are valued at more than \$500,000. Students were honored during ceremonies held Wednesday, May 16.

The 2007 KCTCS All-Academic Team Scholars are part of a national program sponsored by national honor society Phi Theta Kappa, USA Today and the American Association of Community Colleges.

Dr. George D. Edwards

said, "I am honored to celebrate the achievement of Tonya Hopper and Brett Thacker. They represent the best of BSCTC and I am proud to participate in the presentation of this award."

Also during the ceremonies, Maria Church of Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) was honored as the 2007 New Century Scholar in Kentucky's two-year college system. The New Century Scholar Award is given each year to the highest-scoring community college student in each state in the All-USA Today Academic Team competition. As the New Century Scholar, Church

received a \$2,000 stipend from the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Additionally, she represented Kentucky at the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Meeting held April 14-17 in Tampa, Fla. Church was also the recipient of the KCTCS Martha Johnson Scholarship for \$2,500. Martha Johnson, a native of Ashland and a graduate of Ashland Community and Technical College, serves as the vice president of communications and corporate affairs for Ashland, Inc. and is a member of the KCTCS Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors.

The list of the All-Academic Scholars include:

■ Ashland Community and Technical College: Catherine S. Capling and Pamela D. Waller

■ Big Sandy Community and Technical College: Tonya S. Hopper and Brett J. Thacker

■ Bluegrass Community and Technical College: Maria E. Church and Christopher A. Clark

■ Bowling Green Technical College: Jeff C. Barker and Jaclyn E. Kirby

■ Elizabethtown Community and Technical College: Brittany R. Hamilton and Dawn L. Hagerman

■ Gateway Community and Technical College: Valerie L. Bush and Jeffrey D.



Tonya Hopper



Brett Thacker

Sheeran

■ Hazard Community and Technical College: Christina L. Breeding and Szilvia Williams

■ Henderson Community and Technical College: Lori A. Bryan and Meagan C. Hendrix

■ Hopkinsville Community College: Jenaya L. Perdue and Catherine M. Foster

■ Jefferson Community and Technical College: Lori D. Capps and Casey Willis

■ Madisonville Community College: Eva K. Renfro and Ashley M. Abney

■ Maysville Community and Technical College: Carrie A. Rollins and Lois M. Rarden

■ Owensboro Community and Technical College:

Rhonda A. Hamilton and Julia K. Johnson

■ Somerset Community College: Carmen L. Anderson and Andrew M. Haste

■ Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College: James L. Ledford and Lyndsey B. Partin

■ West Kentucky Community and Technical College: Angela R. Hatton and Tony C. Nichols

"These 32 students represent the great promise that can be achieved through higher education," said KCTCS President Michael B. McCall. "We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them great success as they continue their education and career development."

Jobless

farm employment to a seasonally adjusted total of 1,856,100 last month.

According to the seasonally adjusted employment data, Kentucky's manufacturing sector rebounded in April 2007 with 1,500 new jobs compared to April 2006, jobs in the sector were down by 2,800 in April 2007.

The state's construction sector had an increase of 200 jobs in April 2007. Since April 2006, employment in this job area has gone up by 800 jobs.

The information sector recorded the same number of jobs in March 2007 and April 2007. This segment, which includes firms involved in publishing, Internet activities and broadcasting and news syndication, had 600 more jobs in April 2007 than in April last year.

On the down side, the educational and health services sector fell by 2,000 jobs in April 2007. Since last April, this segment has gained 2,500 jobs. This sector includes private and nonprofit establishments that provide either education and training, or health care and social assistance to their clients.

"The April employment loss in the educational and health services sector can be

primarily attributed to a labor dispute that occurred in the eastern part of the state," said Cracraft.

The government sector, which includes public education, had a decrease of 1,400 jobs in April 2007. Since April 2006, this sector has added 2,500 jobs.

Kentucky's leisure and hospitality sector had 1,100 fewer jobs in April 2007. Since April 2006, employment in the sector has increased by 3,200 positions. The leisure and hospitality sector includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodations and food services and drinking places industries.

The trade, transportation and utilities sector recorded a 900-job decline in April 2007. This area includes retail and wholesale trade, transportation and utilities businesses, and warehousing, and is the largest sector in Kentucky with 380,200 employees. Since April 2006, the number of jobs in this sector has risen by 500.

Employment in the professional and business services sector fell by 600 in April 2007. This area had 3,500 more employees in April 2007 than in April 2006. The professional and business services sector includes professional, scientific and technical ser-

vices, and management of companies and administrative and support management, including temporary help agencies.

The other services sector, which includes such establishments as repair and maintenance places, personal and laundry services, religious organizations, and civic and professional organizations, lost 600 positions in April 2007. This area had 500 more jobs in April 2007 than last April.

The natural resources and mining sector had 100 fewer jobs in April 2007 compared to March 2007. Since April 2006, the segment has risen by 600 jobs.

The financial activities sector had a decrease of 100 jobs in April 2007. This segment, which includes businesses involved in finance, insurance, real estate and property leasing or rental, has added 1,500 jobs over the past 12 months.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for April 2007 was 1,957,326 on a seasonally adjusted basis. This figure is down 3,907 from the 1,961,233 employed in March 2007, but up 42,579 from the 1,914,747 employed in April 2006.

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Center

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and the golf course, Stonecrest is noted for its scenery and many travel to the area just for the view from atop the mountain.

For more information on the show grounds, contact David Baldrige at the Prestonsburg Park Commission at (606) 886-9757, or for more information on the United Performance Horse Racking and Training Association, call (606) 434-8135.

This year's schedule will include show dates on, June 2, June 8-9, June 16, June 30, July 8, July 13-14, July 21, July 28, Sept. 1, Sept. 11-15 and Sept. 29.

Expo center to host Christmas in July arts and crafts show

PIKEVILLE — The Eastern Kentucky Expo Center will be hosting a Christmas in July arts and crafts show Friday, July 27, through Sunday, July 29. The event is expected to be the largest indoor arts and crafts festival in Eastern Kentucky and will be the first to be held at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center.

Hundreds of craftsmen from all across the country

have been invited to exhibit and sell items, including woodcrafts, metal works, handmade clothing, candles, jewelry, quilts, specialty foods, and much more. Only handmade items will be permitted to exhibit at this event.

Show times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

"There have been several requests for us to have an arts and crafts show," said Jessica Runyon, marketing director.

"Exhibitors are excited to be working an indoor event for the public to enjoy this summer. We have several vendors with a variety of beautiful crafts already registered and are expecting many more."

The Expo Center is still accepting qualified applicants, but vendor space is filling up fast. For more information or a vendor application, contact Runyon at (606) 444-5506 or at Jessica@EastKyExpo.com.

Sheriff

an investigation into money and equipment missing from the sheriff's department. Simonetti says the investigation was prompted by personal reasons.

Simonetti also alleges that the harassment culminated last April when he appeared at at

the Johnson County Courthouse to testify in a criminal case and was attacked by Witten. Simonetti is seeking \$1 million for compensatory damages and \$500,000 in punitive damages.

Witten filed a response to the complaint with U.S.

District Court on Tuesday and has asked that the case be dismissed. According to the response, Witten "at all times acted in good faith and exercised reasonable care and skill in effectuating his duties as required by law."

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Diving

spokesman for the Corps' Huntington district. "This is not an activity that is going to be encouraged and allowed on Corps property."

The move comes on the heels of a 2006 Corps ban around the country on kite tubing — inflatable devices designed to become airborne when pulled behind high-speed boats.

Failing to heed the cliff-diving ban in parts of West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia could result in penalties of up to \$5,000 and

unspecified prison time upon conviction, the Corps said.

But the ban might leave some wiggle room as to what actually constitutes a cliff.

"Jumping off a little flat rock is one thing," Noel said. "Jumping off something high... The water may appear to be deep, but there could be trees. There could be jagged rocks. There could be man-made trash in that part of the lake. You just don't know what you're diving into."

In June 2002, two West Virginia men drowned in sepa-

rate incidents after diving off cliffs at Grayson Lake in Kentucky.

The West Virginia lakes that the ban applies to are Beech Fork, Bluestone, Burnsville, East Lynn, R.D. Bailey, Summersville and Sutton. Lakes in Kentucky are Dewey, Fishtap, Paintsville and Yatesville. The Ohio lakes are Alum Creek, Deer Creek, Delaware, Dillon, the North Branch of Kokosing, and Paint Creek. The lone Virginia lake involved is John W. Flannagan.

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Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.

— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Leave TV violence control to parents

We'd like to believe that the problem with violence in society is tied largely to television and that censoring the images we see on TV will solve the problem, particularly as it relates to children. But we know better. The Federal Communications Commission, however, does not.

The federal agency insists that strict regulations against violence on television are needed and that government is best suited to impose those rules and regulations, according to a report issued by the FCC in late April that is expected to be used as the basis for legislation introduced in the next few weeks. The argument is that because parents aren't using the widely available technologies to keep their kids from watching violent TV shows, restrictions on programming and content must be legislated to protect them.

FCC Chairman Kevin Martin has been pushing for greater control of the broadcast airwaves for more than a year and if given the opportunity would extend that reach into the cable and satellite television markets, as well.

He suggests that so-called violent "entertainment" television shows that are broadcast on the free airwaves be restricted to hours after 10 p.m. The government would set the definition of "violence" and there would be exclusions for such things as real-life violence shown in news stories or, as with the case with indecency, exceptions for those things deemed artistic or literary. Fights in hockey or baseball or deadly crashes in car racing would not be deemed inappropriate. Martin and others say that the V-chip, which has been mandated on every television built since 2000 and allows parents to block specific programming, is too confusing for many and not widely used. The same holds true for the blocking options on digital cable television and satellite receivers, according to the report. In addition, there aren't uniform ratings in place and the warnings now employed occur for such a brief time at the beginning of most shows that they're ineffective.

While some of those observations hold true, they don't warrant government intervention. Even the most technologically impaired among us can muster the basic protections: hitting the "off" button or changing the channel. Remote controls don't even require that we get up.

The problem isn't programming, it's parenting, and government can't - and shouldn't - try and take over that role.

—The Detroit News



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Rich Lowry Column

Paranoia and the U.S. attorney controversy

In "A Beautiful Mind," her best-selling biography of mathematician John Nash, Sylvia Nasar describes the process whereby he went mad. He spun coincidences and unrelated incidents into a pattern utterly detached from reality.

Nash's example suggests that if Attorney General Alberto Gonzales is at risk of losing his job in the flap over the firings of U.S. attorneys, New York Sen. Chuck Schumer might be at risk of losing his mind. He and his fellow Democrats leap from one hypothesis of wrongdoing to another, all in the service of their grand paranoid theory: that Karl Rove orchestrated the firings for nefarious reasons yet to be determined.

Former Secretary of Defense Don Rumsfeld liked to say that the absence of evidence isn't evidence of absence. Democrats have a simpler axiom in the U.S. attorneys case — the absence of evidence is evidence. With every Justice Department document drop that shows no evidence of anything illegal or unethical, Democrats seem more convinced that there is a cover-up of some ill-defined wrongdoing.

Last month, Schumer was on TV

— when is he not? — saying that the firing of Carol Lam, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of California, was the "most notorious" of the eight firings. Lam had prosecuted corrupt Republican Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, who now is in jail. Schumer said that it was known Lam was going to prosecute more Republicans, so the Justice Department shut her down.

Put aside for the moment that the firing of a U.S. attorney alone won't shut down a particular corruption prosecution, which will be carried on by career prosecutors. As National Review reporter Byron York relates, in all the thousands of e-mails released by the Justice Department, there is no mention of Cunningham in connection to Lam, and the concerns about her performance centered on lax immigration prosecutions, which pre-dated the Cunningham case.

So much for the "most notorious" firing. Schumer has shifted of late to saying that the shifting explanations of the firings by Gonzales imply that he is "hiding something." From what we know of Gonzales' incompetent operation at the Justice Department, however, we can be certain that if he

were actually trying to hide something, he would have revealed it by now.

The U.S. attorneys inherently are political positions. They serve at the pleasure of the president and often are recommended by senators. This obviously doesn't mean that they should be partisan in their administration of justice, but they must share the administration's law-enforcement

agenda. The most troubling firing is that of New Mexico U.S. Attorney David Iglesias, whom Republican Sen. Pete Domenici complained prior to the election wasn't pursuing a corruption case against Democrats quickly enough. If his termination was for explicitly partisan reasons, that would be inappropriate, but a senator complaining about a U.S. attorney is not in itself a scandal.

Whatever the wrongdoing is supposed to be at this particular moment in the U.S. attorney controversy, it no doubt will change. As he maneuvers to keep the story alive, let's just hope Chuck Schumer keeps his hold on reality.

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

beyond the beltway

Republican candidates dismiss reality

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I'm trying to remember the names of all the people running for the Republican nomination for president. Let's see...there's Mitt Romney, Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Tommy Thompson, Ronny Paul, Huckabee Brownback, Donner, Blitzen, Grumpy, Happy, Larry, Curly and Mo.

There! Did I miss any? It's hard keeping track of them. When they line up on stage for one of those hilarious televised debates, they look like cardboard cutouts.

But once they begin talking...it doesn't change much. Oh, they disagree — some — mainly over who is more conservative, who loves God more and who is most like Ronald Reagan.

Outside of that, they're mostly on the same page. They're pretty much against illegal immigrants, for lower taxes, against abortion, for continuing the war in Iraq, against gay marriage, dubious about stem cell research and, as I mentioned previously, much in favor of God.

There are differences in degree, of course. A fellow named Tom Tancredo (apparently someone who wanders into these things off the street under the impression that anyone really can run for president) is nutso on the subject of immigration (he wants to buy the Great Wall of China and move it to the Tex-Mex

border) and John McCain, who seems to love the war as much as the Holy Roller candidates love God. But, for the most part, it is a relentlessly moderate group of reactionaries, as unlikely to produce an original thought as it is to give offense to a Baptist Sunday school class.

With the single exception, perhaps, of Texas Republican Rep. Ron Paul, who made the brave decision to blurt out the truth in the second debate. He had the temerity to suggest that the 9/11 attacks were in retaliation for our previous bombing and occupation of the Middle East. Challenged on it, he said:

"They don't come here to attack us because we're rich and we're free. They come and they attack us because we're over there."

Well, they all jumped on him for that, particularly Rudy Giuliani (whose only real qualification for office is a terrific sneer and having been mayor of New York City when the attacks occurred). The fact that Paul's explanation is absolutely correct made little difference. Giuliani won the day. There are few things more unpatriotic in wartime than telling the truth. More typical of the "debates" was this exchange from the first one:

Q. — Gov. Romney, what do you dislike most about America?

Gov. Romney — Gosh. I love America. I'm afraid I'm going to be at a loss for words because America for me is not just our rolling mountains and hills and streams and great cities. It's the American people. And the American people are the greatest people in the world...It's that opti-

mism we thank Ronald Reagan for... that optimism about this great people that makes this the greatest nation on earth."



Gee, I think he likes us, he really likes us.

Of all the blather produced by our political system, the most blathersome is the claim that we are the greatest country in the world. By what standard? We jail a higher percentage of

our population than any other country and stand fourth in number of executions (behind those other bullwarks of liberty, China, Iran and Saudi Arabia); in the number of eligible voters who actually vote, we are 139th among 172 countries. Thirty-three countries (including Cuba) have a lower infant mortality rate and 28 a lower maternal death rate. Our public schools are widely thought to be inferior to those of Europe and Asia and "American Idol" is the number one television show. Donald Trump is a national hero.

If that makes us the greatest country in the world, what's the second greatest, Bulgaria?

At the debate the candidates were asked who among them didn't believe in evolution. Three of them raised their hands. And they were wearing shoes! Yet no one laughed. Not even so much as a snicker.

Maybe Bulgaria is the second greatest country. And gaining.

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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.

If the Cincinnati Reds get any worse, it'll be Khrushchev who'll be protesting about the name.

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Whatever else you may call them, you can't say those who compose the city administration here haven't any nerve. They've done it—kaput!—on the motor-scooter matter, and now they're facing up to this sewerage job without any great amount of flinching. At the risk of getting Hail Columbia, I say, both are jobs that had to be done.

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN LISTENERS

"Snow" White is such a refreshing guy to talk to on a hot day! The other morning, he was holding court on the postoffice steps while resting from what he called work on his farm. The sun was over on the other side of the building, he hadn't sweated enough to attract any sweat-bees, and the cool, marble steps were devoid of ants. It was a good place to sit and make chin music, even if some in the crowd doubted that snow had been literally melting away in the hot sun, keeping up with his farm work.

When such traitorous doubt was expressed, snow tacked and filled and came at us from another direction. Began telling how easy farming is, these days. No corn to thin, you drill it; no weed-cutting, you simply spray 'em with weed-killer; no working the 'rop after it's knee-high—if you do, you lose.

Now, this man, White, will lead you down the primrose path, so to speak, with his fine tales of this and that, and I know it; but, so help me, if he didn't have me wondering if maybe I shouldn't try the farm again, after all. It was the business end of a goose-neck hoe and corn-thinning, (Roland Allen swears neither Jack Howard nor I ever pulled a cornstalk from the good earth by its tender, young roots in our lives, but my back hurts yet when I think about that business)—it was down-to-earth matters such as this, I say, that got me away from the farm, in the first place.

But I shall not rush back to the farm. I shall first go calling on Mr. Snow White and watch him leisurely grow corn and potatoes and beans and such, before I make the big change—if I can find the tree under which he is "working."



Billy Currington

Billy Currington to be in concert at the MAC June 30

Mercury's Billy Currington achieves second career and two-week #1 hit with "Good Directions" from Platinum-selling "Doin' Somethin' Right"

Third album slated for Fall 2007 release

Mercury platinum recording artist Billy Currington tops both the R&R and MediaBase charts for the second consecutive week with "Good Directions," the third single off his sophomore album Doin' Somethin' Right. This is the second #1 hit of Currington's career joining the previous #1 hit "Must Be Doin' Somethin' Right."

"Two weeks at #1, what a great place to be," said Currington. "Thanks to my promo team and all the support at radio. This #1 is extra special for many reasons."

"Doin' Somethin' Right" recently exceeded one million units in sales, delivering Currington his first R.I.A.A. (Recording Industry Association of America) platinum certification.

Currington is currently in the studio putting finishing touches on his third Mercury Nashville album, slated for a Fall 2007 release. Look for a new single this summer.

Currington made his country debut with his '03 self-titled album that spawned the powerful Top 10 hit "Walk A Little Straighter" and the Top 5 smash "I Got A Feelin'." Then superstar Shania Twain heard the Georgia native's soulful voice and chose him for the hit duet "Party for Two." On his second album Doin' Somethin' Right, Currington delivered an even more

mature Southern sound of blues-tinged country songs including "Why, Why, Why," which he co-wrote, and the #1 hit "Must Be Doin' Somethin' Right," for which he won "Hottest Video of the Year" at the '06 CMT Music Awards. He's written or co-written 14 of the 22 tracks off his two albums, has been nominated for a CMA, two ACM's, performed on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Good Morning America and MARTHA, toured with Brad Paisley, Sara Evans and Trace Adkins and chosen as People magazine's "Sexiest Man." Currington is currently on tour.

For tickets to the Saturday, June 30, Billy Currington concert, call 886-2623.

Floyd Chamber welcomes new member Carolyn's 'A Step Ahead' Day Care & Learning Center

The Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for its newest member, Carolyn's "A Step Ahead" Day Care & Learning Center. Located at Bevinsville, Carolyn Blanton owns and operates this state licensed childcare center that is open Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Blanton had dreamed of someday opening a day care center since her high school days. When opportunity knocked with land available, all it took was encouragement from her husband, Millard, and son, Stephen, and her dream became reality. Carolyn's "A Step Ahead" Day Care & Learning

Center is state licensed and has already earned a Stars For Kids Now Level 1 rating from the Cabinet For Health and Family Services. Licensed for 34 children, Carolyn's A Step Ahead" Day Care & Learning Center currently has 11 children enrolled and is currently accepting new students.

Blanton's niece, Kelley Hall Johnson, works at the daycare daily and together it is their mission to provide a safe, secure learning environment for the children who attend. It is their goal to provide quality childcare in a pleasant environment. To contact Carolyn's "A Step Ahead" Day Care & Learning Center call 452-1100.



Carolyn Blanton proudly opened her new business, Carolyn's A Step Ahead Day Care & Learning Center, this week, at Bevinsville.

Stolen conscience

by BRANDON DEITRICK, age 12
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE KID'S SOUL 2"

Last year, my mom tried to tell me that there really is a thing called a "conscience." You know, that little voice in your head that tells you when something you do is wrong? I never really believed her. I thought about hearing a small voice saying: "Brandon, don't do this. Brandon, do that." That's dumb, I thought.

Then one day my dad took me shopping, and we went into a toy store. There were lots of things to

buy, especially in this one store where they sell collectible "Star Wars" cards. I really wanted a pack, but my dad said I couldn't have them, so I got mad. After my dad left the store, I put the pack that I asked for into my pocket and walked out of the store.

The next day, I had a bad stomachache and I felt that I needed to say something or let something out. This was the first time I ever felt this way. I wondered all day if it was my conscience telling me that I did something I shouldn't have done. It was a

horrible feeling, as if someone knew what I had done and told me that I was bad. I felt ashamed of myself.

Then that night I had trouble sleeping. I was thinking scary thoughts about what could go wrong. What if someone finds out? Will I get kicked out of the store for good? Will I go to jail? The next day, I asked my mom if someone did something wrong, would they feel anything.

"Yes," my mom answered. "You would feel sort of sick in a way," she said.

I knew I had to confess. So I told my mom what I did, and she drove me to the store, gave me money, and I paid for the cards that I stole. I also told the lady who ran the store that I was sorry. She was nice and said that I could come back to the store again. After I told the truth, I

(See SOUP, page six)



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Old-car comfort versus new-car safety

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
My 1985 Honda Civic Wagon, with a standard transmission and four-wheel drive, looks terrible but still drives beautifully and gets 30 miles per gallon on the highway (I'm elderly and rarely drive faster than 55 mph). My children don't think the car is safe to drive anymore. But I love the way it handles (even though the windows must be rolled up and down, and it has no power steering or whatever), and I feel quite comfortable driving it. Seriously, what kind of checks can and should be done to know whether a car is safe to drive? OK, we do know that the driver must be "with it" to be driving. If a psychologist vouches for my driving ability, can you suggest how I can check for car safety? Thank you very much for a reply. —



Judith
TOM: What nice kids you have, Judith. My kids keep loosening my lug nuts, greasing my brakes and encouraging me to go for nice, long rides on the highway.

RAY: Well, let's start by answering your actual question (that's thoughtful of us, isn't it?). Any good mechanic can do a thorough safety check of your car, Judith. If you don't have a mechanic you like or trust, check out the Mechanics Files at our Web site (www.cartalk.com) for personal recommendations that come from our listeners and readers.

TOM: Your mechanic can check the frame for rust, the front end for steering components that are wearing out, and the suspension parts to make sure nothing is about to fall off. He can assess the condition of your tires and brakes. And he can check your belts and

hoses to lessen the likelihood that you'll break down on a deserted road at night and end up passing through the digestive system of a feral carnivore.

RAY: So that's the answer to the question you asked. But here's the more difficult question: How do you balance your comfort level in this car versus the advanced safety features you would get in a newer car?

TOM: For instance, your '85 Civic has no front air bags, no side air bags, no head air bags, no anti-lock brakes, no electronic stability control, no reinforced door beams ... you get the idea. By buying a new car or a newer used car, you could avail yourself of many or all of these safety features. Would that make you safer in an accident and more able to avoid an accident? Absolutely.

RAY: But you'd be giving up the comfort level you feel behind the wheel of your old heap. And your comfort and confidence there probably make you a safer driver.

TOM: Here's what I'd suggest. Have your old Honda checked out, just so you know it's safe to drive. But when you have a chance, drive a few new cars that are roughly the

same size. See how comfortable you feel behind the wheel. You might be surprised.

RAY: If you don't really need all-wheel drive, try a Honda Fit, Toyota Yaris or Chevy Aveo, which are similar in size to your Civic and easy to drive. If you do live where it snows and want all-wheel drive, you can look at a Subaru Impreza, or a new car we both loved, the Suzuki SX4. It's a small, all-wheel-drive, four-door hatchback that has an excellent warranty, a bunch of air bags and sells for about \$16,000. It's a deal, Judith. Try it. You might like it.

Old emblems reignite youthful desire to collect

Dear Tom and Ray:

I've been a fan of yours for a long time, and I thought you might be able to help. When I was a kid growing up in the Bronx, I had a fascination with the emblems on VWs and used to steal them. They popped off easily with a screwdriver. I'm not proud of having done that, and my dad actually had to come get me at the police precinct after I was caught in a hospital parking lot trying to lift one of the emblems off a doctor's car. I'm now

in my mid-50s and would like to be able to purchase the emblems (without the cars attached) in order to recreate my adolescent collection. Any suggestions where to go? — Bob

TOM: Well, you can buy them new, Bob. They're sold as replacement parts — mostly to VW owners who've had their emblems stolen by rotten little kids!

RAY: You can get those new ones from any local VW dealer, or find them for sale online from auto-parts stores that do business on the Internet.

TOM: But I suspect that what you really want are used VW emblems — ones that have a history, even if you don't know what that history is. And you probably want a bunch of different ones, from different-size VWs. You want a small one from a Jetta, and a big one from a Microbus.

RAY: You can find those on eBay. Most of them are being sold by rotten little kids who've popped them off VWs in hospital parking lots. Maybe if you threaten to turn the kid in, he'll confess to how he got it, and you'll be able to relive your entire youth vicariously. Good luck, Bob.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Elvis still lives: Social Security presents America's favorite baby names for 2006

by JESSICA NELSON
CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE

In what has become a tradition, Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, today announced the top baby names in the United States for 2006.

"Based on more than 4.2 million Social Security card applications for children born last year, mothers and fathers have picked Emily and Jacob as the most popular baby names for the eighth year in a row," said Commissioner Astrue.

Please click on the Most Popular Baby Names link at Social Security's website — www.socialsecurity.gov — to see the top baby names for 2006. The top ten boys and girls names for 2006 are:

- (2) Michael
- (3) Joshua
- (4) Ethan
- (5) Matthew
- (6) Daniel
- (7) Christopher
- (8) Andrew
- (9) Anthony
- (10) William

Girls:

- (1) Emily
- (2) Emma
- (3) Madison
- (4) Isabella
- (5) Ava
- (6) Abigail
- (7) Olivia
- (8) Hannah
- (9) Sophia
- (10) Samantha

Boys:
(1) Jacob

Emily has been the most popular female name each year since 1996.

Jacob has been the top male name since 1999. Sophia is new to the top ten for the first time and William returns after a one year absence. Elvis lives on at number 761.

In addition to a list of the 1,000 most popular baby names for 2006, there is a list of the most popular baby names for each state. Also, there is a list of the top 100 names for twins born in 2006. Jacob and Joshua are again the most popular twin's names.

The top five names for Kentucky are:

- Madison
- Emma
- Emily
- Hannah
- Abigail

Girls

Boys

- Jacob
- William

- Ethan
- James
- Landon

Social Security started compiling baby name lists in 1997. Today, the Social Security website offers lists of baby names for each year since 1880.

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Our office hours are 9:00 AM through 4:30 PM weekdays. Our web address is www.socialsecurity.gov. Social Security Representatives are available to discuss Social Security with civic, church or other groups.



Jessica Nelson

Odds & Ends

■ FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Police are asking Colorado women a rather delicate question: Are these your panties?

As part of an investigation into widespread underwear theft, police have invited women to view photos of about 1,300 undergarments stolen from laundry rooms near Colorado State University.

Chih Hsien Wu, 43, is suspected of stealing \$6,000 worth of undergarments between Sept. 23 and May 18. He was arrested on suspicion of felony theft, and his bail was set Wednesday at \$15,000. It was not known whether he had an attorney.

Police issued the invitation as part of an effort to see how many victims there are.

But they won't get to reclaim their undergarments — at least not yet. Police say that once the case is closed, the victims can reclaim their underwear — if they still want it back.

■ RALEIGH, N.C. — If a pregnant Stephanie Green asks for a ride to the hospital, beware: She has a history of giving birth in cars.

On Tuesday, for the second time in 17 months, Green had

a baby while en route to a hospital. Doctors had planned to induce labor Thursday, but baby Zaria had other plans.

"I thought I was going to make it this time, but she changed all that very quickly," Green said.

Green's other daughter, 17-month-old Semajai, was born in a car after Mom got stuck in traffic.

Tuesday's first contraction came around 7 a.m., and Green called friend Shanika Lewis for a ride to the hospital. They were on the highway just blocks from a Raleigh hospital about an hour later when the contractions got more intense.

"We saw the exit on Lake Boone Trail and said, 'We are almost there,'" Green said. "But the water broke, and then out came the baby. Yep, we are not going to make it — yet again."

Lewis, who works at a hospital, helped with the delivery until emergency workers arrived.

■ TENINO, Wash. — It was just a little stun gun fun, but a police officer who demonstrated his Taser by zapping a willing subject in the genitals has drawn a warning from his bosses.

Officer Randy Reynolds ran into trouble when video of the incident last spring was posted on YouTube.com. The unidentified man wasn't injured, and onlookers can be heard laughing in the background.

Interim Police Chief Larry Dickerson said Tuesday that Reynolds had been attending a social gathering, but was in uniform and on his way to work at the time. The man repeatedly asked Reynolds to use the weapon on him, and Reynolds eventually obliged — twice.

"He said he just wanted to know what it felt like. Randy didn't want to do it at first, but the guy kept asking," said Dickerson, who interviewed the man.

No uniformed officer should demonstrate his stun gun outside of the line of duty except during training exercises, the chief said.

"You don't just go around doing your own demonstrations," he said.

Reynolds, 30, has been with the police department in the southwestern Washington town since December 2005. He will receive a formal reprimand in his personnel file and a warning not to misuse police equipment, Dickerson said. He

also must review the department's Taser policy and go over them with an instructor.

■ TRENTON, N.J. — A 60-year-old woman became a mother, twice over, when she delivered a pair of boys Tuesday.

Frieda Birnbaum gave birth to "Baby A" at 12:44 p.m. and "Baby B" a minute later by Caesarean section at Hackensack University Medical Center, hospital spokeswoman Nancy Radwin said. The twins each weighed 4 pounds, 11 ounces, she said.

"The mom is in recovery, and she and the babies are doing really well," Radwin said, declining a request to speak with the mother.

Hospital officials believe Birnbaum may be the oldest woman to give birth to twins in the United States, Radwin said.

Birnbaum, a psychologist from Saddle River, underwent in-vitro fertilization last year in Cape Town, South Africa, at a center that specializes in older women. She and her husband, Ken, a New York attorney, have been married for 38 years and have three other children — sons ages 6 and 33 and a daughter, 29.

Birnbaum told Fox News

she wanted her younger son to have siblings closer to his age and wanted to remove some of the stigma attached to older women giving birth.

Coincidentally, Tuesday was the birthday of twins born one year ago to a 59-year-old woman — also to a New Jersey woman. Lauren Cohen gave birth to Gregory and Giselle on May 22, 2006, at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia.

Cohen said Birnbaum contacted her after seeing her name in a magazine and that the two quickly became friends.

"We talked about babies; I suggested things that would be helpful when you try to feed two babies simultaneously," Cohen said.

■ LAS VEGAS — A flap over an outsized American flag and its flagpole has city officials and an auto dealership dueling over patriotism, advertising and neighborhood peace.

The city reports receiving more than 100 e-mail messages since the City Council last week ordered Towbin Hummer to take down its 100-foot flagpole. Most disagree with the council's decision.

Mayor Oscar Goodman blamed the dealership several miles west of the Las Vegas Strip for not keeping a promise

to build a small veterans memorial with the tall pole.

"Get us a memorial, and then we can talk about a flag in excess of 40 feet," said Goodman, who last year endorsed letting the dealership exceed the city's 40-foot flagpole height restriction.

The Towbin Hummer flag isn't the biggest in town. The Terrible Herbst gasoline and convenience store chain has several American flags around the city measuring 30 feet by 50 feet on poles 100 feet tall, said Jim Smith, a purchasing agent.

Dealership owner Dan Towbin said his big flag, which at 30 feet by 60 feet is about the size of a competition volleyball court, fits his dealership.

"The building's oversized, the sign's oversized, the cars are oversized," he told the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

A Towbin aide said a concrete pedestal was being erected at the base of the flag for a plaque to honor veterans.

City spokesman Jace Radke said a City Council member could bring the issue up again. The next meeting is June 6.

Gary Swanciger, a resident who said the flapping of the big flag wakes him at night, said he thought the super-sized Stars and Stripes was designed more to attract customers than build patriotism.

Lagoon

archangels sent to destroy the son of Satan. She teams up with another woman (actually the sister of the priest seen in the opening moments) and the pair discover that Lawrence Bay Castle is built on the corpses of heretics. It doesn't take them long to figure out that they must go there to face down Andrew.

Unfortunately, the school thugs have chosen the same night to have a drunken orgy there and Andrew is already on the scene, having decorated the castle with plenty of animal corpses. The teens are soon set upon by the rotting corpses of the heretics, who are apparently drawn up from their graves due to the odd decorating by Andrew. The ensuing carnage is

not pretty but it's well rendered until the avenging angels show up for a Stephen Spielberg-type finale that involves lots of flashing lights and an unsatisfactory denouement which leaves Andrew looking like he grew gills before extinguishing in a holy pyre.

Despite the goofy climax, this is a pleasant departure from the atypical 1981 horror movie which tended to toss partying teens in the woods alongside a masked slasher. LaLoggia crafts a compelling tale which is aided by New York stage actors, creepy locations and a ton of fog.

He also incorporates an excellent punk rock soundtrack which includes choice cuts from some great bands such as The

Sex Pistols, Talking Heads and The Ramones.

The story also manages to give equal time to most of the characters. The final confrontation is a good example, as it is intercut with scenes of Andrew's dad getting drunk in a neighborhood bar before summoning up the courage to go home and put his wife out of her misery.

All this and the film looks great despite budgetary limitations, which are rarely apparent. It's guys like LaLoggia who give low-budget films a good name, which usually lasts for about minute.

Best line: "You don't mind my calling you Dick. Do you Dick?" 1981, rated R.

Soup

felt better. But I was still embarrassed that I committed a crime, which I never thought I would do in my life. Even today, anytime I think about stealing, I get the shivers and I

feel just like I did when I stole that pack of cards. I also learned an important lesson during that week. That lesson is, listen to your head and heart, not your greed.

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Little named conference player of the year

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DRIFT — Allen Central junior Scott Little ranks as one of the state's most promising high school baseball pitchers. Prior to Thursday, Little had already earned an assortment of honors and accolades. After pitching Allen Central to an 8-5 win over Prestonsburg in the 58th District championship game Thursday evening, Little collected another award as he was named the Floyd County Conference Player of the Year.

Little held Prestonsburg to seven hits in the championship game. The Blackcats were able to put together a pair of two-

run innings.

Little, who has been named The Floyd County Times Athlete of the Week on multiple occasions over the last three years, claimed the Get Healthy Kentucky No-Spit All-Star of the Week award earlier this year.

Allen Central Coach Kenneth Johnson was named Floyd County Conference Coach of the Year.

The Allen Central mentor is quick to praise his standout pitcher.

"Scott is a tremendous athlete with tremendous talent," said Johnson. "He always hustles and always gives everything he has. He is very special because players like this don't come around often

anymore. He is very coachable. He is a leader on our team."

A breakdown of the All-Floyd County Conference Team follows.

BETSY LAYNE — Heath Tackett; Travis Hamilton; Brennan Case.

SOUTH FLOYD — Richie Crum; Cory Wallen; Chris Gibson.

PRESTONSBURG — Josh Rodebaugh, Seth Setser; Bobby Hughes; Nathaniel Stephens.

ALLEN CENTRAL — Scott Little; Alex Hammonds; Logan Crowder; Chad Nelson; Josh Prater.



photo by Steve LeMaster
After pitching Allen Central past Prestonsburg, Scott Little led a group of five Rebels named All-Floyd County Conference.

Reds greets to headline youth baseball camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — Pete Rose, baseball's all-time hits leader, and other Reds legends, are set to appear at the US Army Reds Legends Baseball Camp this summer at Sycamore (Ohio) High School. The camp will take place July 25-28 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is open to all players ages 7-14.

The camp will partner with the Reds Community Fund and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission to provide scholarships for disadvantaged youth. Proceeds from the camp will benefit the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum. Presenting sponsors include AK Steel and Edy's Ice Cream.

Other Reds participating will include Reds Hall of Famers Lee May, Jim O'Toole and "Mr. Perfect," Tom Browning.

The U.S. Army Reds Legends Baseball Camp emphasizes the basic fundamentals of baseball, including throwing, catching, hitting, fielding, and base running. The camp will be directed by Scott Googins, Head Baseball Coach at Xavier University, and Dan Simonds, Head Baseball Coach at Miami University. Top prep coaches from the Tri-State area will also be featured instructors.

The cost of the camp is \$149. Each day the campers will train at various stations specializing in the fundamentals of baseball. In addition, each camper will receive: 12 hours of instruction including excellent coach to player ratio; A Reds Legends camp t-shirt; A New Era Reds hat; One ticket to the Reds Hall of Fame and Museum; Two (2) tickets to a select Reds Home Game; Opportunity to train with the top prep coaches in the area; An autographed camp team photo; Opportunity to win daily prizes.

limited number of camp spots are available, so those interested are encouraged to register soon. The 2007 Dates and Locations: Sycamore High School, Baseball Players ages 7-14 years old; Dates: July 25-28; Times: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For more information and to register, go online to www.reds-legends.com or call 513-247-3032.

STILL NUMBER ONE



NO CHANGE AT THE TOP

Allen Central retained its spot as the top team in the Floyd County Conference/58th District Thursday evening, beating Prestonsburg 8-5 in the district tournament title game. Floyd County Conference MVP Scott Little (right) pitched the Rebels past the Blackcats.

photos by Steve LeMaster



Rebels win third straight 58th District title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DRIFT — Tournament favorite Allen Central plated a half-dozen runs in the first inning and withstood a couple of Prestonsburg rallies Thursday evening at Turner Field in the 58th District championship game. Each of Allen Central's first six hitters

reached base and scored as the Rebels defeated the Blackcats 8-5 for a third straight 58th District championship.

Allen Central junior pitcher Scott Little never let Prestonsburg enjoy a lead. Little bent, but never broke. The Allen Central pitcher allowed Prestonsburg a couple of two-run innings. The Blackcats pushed across one run in the seventh inning before

falling short in a late comeback bid.

"Scott is a warrior out there," said Allen Central Coach Kenneth Johnson. "He goes to work. Even late in the game, he brought it. He pitched a solid game and was able to get out of a couple of jams. We started hard, but didn't finish as strong."

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ALC student-athletes named to KIAC Scholar Athlete Team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The members of the 2007 All-KIAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) Scholar Athlete Team were announced last week. Student-athletes must maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA in order to qualify.

The following ALC varsity athletes from Alice Lloyd College were named to the team: Baseball—Timmy Taylor; Carlos Armenteros; Justin Jacobs.

Men's Basketball—Chris Hurt; Rodney Mitchell; Eric Mullins; Daniel Day.

Women's Basketball—Tabatha Sprouse; Cassie Whitaker; Whitney Lykens; Taran Cody; Elisha Hall; Mara Bilitier; Sierra Wynn.

Men's Cross Country—Jefferson Musgrave.

Women's Cross Country—Jessica Drake; Mara Bilitier.

Men's Golf—Weston Childers; Ryan Martin.

Softball—Taran Cody.

MSU's '77 team on hand for season finale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Several members of Morehead State University's 1977 Ohio Valley Conference Championship baseball team were on hand for the Eagles' final game of the 2007 season. Members of the team present for a special pre-game ceremony were Roy Wright, Bob Wells, Jeff Stamper, Mike Patton, Dan Kiser, Kirk Hudson, Jody Hamilton and Jim Brockman.

The 1977 team advanced to the NCAA Regionals at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla., where they took on Miami and Ole Miss.

Brockman and Hamilton are both members of the Eagle Athletic Hall of Fame. Brockman was a four-time all-conference shortstop and Hamilton was the 1979 OVC Player of the Year.

Hudson, Kiser and Stamper

(See TEAM, page eight)



photo by Steve LeMaster
District champion Allen Central had five players named to the all-tournament team. Four players represented district runner-up Prestonsburg.

Rodebaugh, Hammonds share 58th District Tournament MVP honor

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DRIFT — Two juniors shared the 58th District Tournament Most Valuable Player award. Prestonsburg's Josh Rodebaugh and Allen Central's Alex Hammonds each put together spectacular district tournament efforts and were named co-58th District Tournament MVP at the conclusion of the tournament Thursday evening during an awards ceremony at Turner Field.

Rodebaugh pitched Prestonsburg past Betsy Layne in an opening round game. The Prestonsburg junior was solid from the mound, limiting Betsy Layne to just three hits in a 10-3 victory. Rodebaugh, who played shortstop for Prestonsburg in the district tournament title game against Allen Central, also aided the Blackcats offensive-

ly. Prestonsburg finished runner-up in the 58th District for a second straight season.

Alex Hammonds earned most of his recognition from the plate and on the basepaths during the district tournament. Hammonds was also steady on the defensive end from his outfield position. A breakdown of the All-58th District Tournament Team follows.

BETSY LAYNE — Samuel Keathley; Brennan Case; Brandon Mulkey.

SOUTH FLOYD — Cody Cook, Jonathan Cochran; Tyler Mitchell.

PRESTONSBURG — Josh Rodebaugh; Alan Craynon; Bobby Hughes; Billy Robinson.

ALLEN CENTRAL — Scott Little; Alex Hammonds; John Bryant; Logan Crowder; Josh Prater.

Foreman tells a tale, but it's a tale of the past

by TIM DAHLBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Muhammad Ali was at his bombastic best, just days before he was supposed to have his head handed to him in the Rumble in the Jungle.

Listen to what he said 33 years later, and the words still sparkle to those who remember a magical time, if not such a magical place.

"I rassed with a gator! Tussled with a whale!" Ali said. "I murdered a rock! Injured a brick! I'm so mean, I make medicine sick!"

Apparently medicine made George Foreman sick, too.

At least that's the tale Foreman tells in his new book, which he is busily promoting this week as only he can do. This is, after all, someone who resurrected a career with a smile and fat jokes and sold more than 100 million grills with his name on them.

And what better way to sell a book than bring one of the most famous names and one of the most famous fights into it. Makes the whole religion angle a bit easier to promote.

The problem is, it's not a new story. Foreman said simi-

lar things about a strange bottle of water just after the fight, and repeated them a few years later.

And while Foreman says he's bringing it up again as a cautionary tale of hate and forgiveness, it smacks of sour grapes, directed at a man who helped him become heavyweight champion and is no longer around to defend himself.

"Forgiveness is there, but the story must be told," Foreman said Tuesday between book signings. "There's more to it than meets the eye. I was mad later on. I could have been dead over there."

In the book "God in My Corner," Foreman says that just before the fight, his manager handed him a bottle of water that had a medicinal taste to it. He became tired, he said, part of the reason Ali stopped him in the eighth round in a huge upset.

I don't doubt Foreman believes something was wrong with his water, but you have to wonder why he's rehashing the story after so many years. If Foreman truly believes in forgiveness — and no one questions his evangelical creden-

tials after 30 years in the pulpit — it seems odd that he wants to dredge it up again.

But he is, and he repeated the story of the water Dick Sadler gave him just before the fateful fight in the early morning hours in Zaire.

"We got the ceremonial water like we had in all our fights but it tasted like medicine to me," Foreman said. "He looked me in the eye and said 'Same water as always.' I took another sip and it still tasted bad. He just looked at me and said 'Same water as always.'"

Boxer and manager split after the fight and Sadler died a few years ago, so his side of the story will never be told. Foreman doesn't say why his own manager would want to slip him a mickey.

Others said Foreman blamed Sadler for not getting him out of Zaire when he was cut in training, though President Mobutu was the one who made sure of that. There was too much money invested in the fight, and the people wanted to see Ali win.

"You've got to remember in those days he suspected everything," said Bill Caplan, who was Foreman's publicist at the time and remains a close friend. "He thought the bitter tasting water was something someone had slipped in there. Years later he abandoned that, and I'm a little bit surprised he brought it back."

If anything, Foreman has taken pains to praise Ali and says the loss ended up being the best thing that ever happened to him.

He found God after a near-

death experience in a 1977 fight with Jimmy Young and left boxing to become a minister, only to return to become the oldest heavyweight champion ever and America's favorite pitcher.

"I lost and I'm happy about it," Foreman said. "Ali didn't need any medicine in the water to whip me. If I would have fought him 20 times with organic water he would have beaten me. He had the style to beat me."

Foreman was in trouble long before he entered the ring in Zaire. Ali was so popular among the locals that there was fear for Foreman's safety, and Foreman hadn't gone beyond the second round in his last eight fights.

Ali's business manager at the time, Gene Kilroy, said he and Ali watched tapes of Foreman before leaving for Africa and Ali saw him hang-

ing on the top rope after knocking down Joe Frazier for the sixth time in the second round.

The rope-a-dope had yet to be invented, but something clicked in Ali's mind.

"Ali said, 'I got him, he's got no stamina,'" said Kilroy, now an executive with the Luxor hotel-casino in Las Vegas. "He said, 'Wait until he hears round four, round five, round six. George, you're out of gas and there are no gas stations out there.'"

Ali turned out to be prophetic, but not before Foreman had some moments of his own. If he was drugged, he looked pretty good early as he threw punch after punch at Ali. But he was punching himself out, and Ali turned the fight around late in the fifth round.

By the eighth round, Foreman's punches were

meaningless and Ali used a flurry to knock him down and end the fight.

Foreman was banged up and bitter, and increasingly suspicious.

"I left Africa sore, went to Paris, went to Hawaii and then finally a man who looked after me said, 'Now you look a little better.'" Foreman said. "Nobody believed me. Everyone laughed at me."

They weren't laughing when Foreman came back to become champion again. He hopes they're not laughing now.

"If you think I need to sell books you're wrong. I need to tell my story," Foreman said. "The story is trust in God and forgive your enemies."

An even better story might be to forgive and forget.

Tim Dahlberg is a national



photo by Steve LeMaster

IN SAFE AT THIRD: An Allen Central baserunner reached third base ahead of a Prestonsburg throw Thursday. Blackcat third baseman Chris Schoolcraft is pictured fielding the throw.

Team

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also earned First Team All-OVC honors during their Eagle careers.

MSU freshman infielder Drew Lee has been named to the Ohio Valley Conference All-Freshman Team. The baseball awards were announced at the annual OVC Awards Banquet held on the eve of the league's post-season tournament, Tuesday evening in Paducah.

Lee was the leading hitter among Eagle regulars in 2007.

He hit .362 with 10 doubles, three home runs, 33 runs scored, 23 RBI and nine stolen bases.

Lee wasn't the only MSU freshman to make an impact on the MSU baseball program during the 2007 season. Freshman pitchers Chase Huffman (Pikeville/Pikeville HS) and Quentin Morgan (Hyden/Leslie County HS) each pitched out of starting roles on numerous occasions for the Eagles.

Rebels

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Johnson has now coached Allen Central to back-to-back Floyd County Conference and 58th District championships in each of his first two seasons at the helm of the Rebel baseball program.

The Allen Central coach won the 2007 conference and district titles with a young cast. Many players from the 2006 championship team were lost via graduation.

"This team is a very young group," said Johnson. "It was a great win for this group."

In the latest championship win, Allen Central scored its eight runs on eight hits. The Rebels won, despite committing three errors.

After plating six runs in the opening inning, Allen Central crossed home plate with a single score in both the third and sixth innings.

Junior Alex Hammonds, named 58th District Tournament Co-Most Valuable Player along with Prestonsburg's Josh Rodebaugh, paced the Rebels at the plate, finishing three-for-four with a double and two singles.

Little, Josh Prater, John

Bryant, Josh Manuel and Chris Stumbo each had one hit for the Rebels.

Prestonsburg manufactured five runs on seven hits. The Blackcats left a total of five runners on base during the championship game.

Prestonsburg cut into Allen Central's lead in the second inning, scoring a pair of runs.

Chris Schoolcraft had a double and a single for the Blackcats, scoring two of Prestonsburg's five runs.

Schoolcraft took the loss for Prestonsburg after encountering a hot-hitting Allen Central team in the opening inning. Bobby Hughes pitched out a relief role early on for Prestonsburg.

The Blackcats are left to face a district winner in next week's 15th Region Tournament.

Allen Central will face a district runner-up in the upcoming regional tourney. "I like our chances at the region," Johnson added. "We'll probably have to play flawless to win it. What helps us is we've got some pitchers that the region hasn't seen a whole lot of this season."



FROM KCC TO ALC: Knott County Central High School senior Bryan Stidham recently signed to run cross country at nearby Alice Lloyd College.

Richardson picked to guide Oklahoma CBA team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OKLAHOMA CITY — Micheal Ray Richardson, a former NBA player whose anti-Semitic comments to a newspaper last season drew a suspension from the CBA, was hired as the head coach of the Oklahoma City Cavalry.

Richardson coached the Albany Patroons to the Continental Basketball Association championship series but was suspended after

Game 1, when the league began investigating a report that he told the Times Union of Albany he had "big-time Jew lawyers" working for him.

Richardson, 52, was cleared by the league earlier this month and allowed to return to coaching, but Albany had already decided not to renew his contract.

The Continental Basketball Association was concluding its annual spring owner's meeting on Saturday at the Washington

Avenue Armory, home of the CBA League office and the Albany (NY) Patroons.

The meeting served as the starting point for the 2007-08 CBA season, which will start on Friday, Nov. 16. A variety of topics were to be discussed, including, scheduling, rule changes, league sponsorships and expansion. Each of the member franchises will be represented along with CBA league personnel.

"This is an exciting and important time for the CBA," said CBA Director of Operations Dennis Truax. "We will be completing the expansion screening for a number of

franchises and we will be making final preparations for the 2007-08 schedule along with taking a look at the 2006-07 season and see how we as a league can improve and make the upcoming season even better for our fans and sponsors. I would expect to have some major announcements after the league meeting."

In mid-March, CBA officials visited Pikeville and the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center, exploring the possibility of bringing a CBA team to Pike County.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

Top 3 from Derby, Preakness could make Belmont history

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Even though a Triple Crown won't be on the line, the Belmont Stakes could make racing history.

Should Street Sense, Curlin and Hard Spun run in the Belmont on June 9, it would be the first time the same top three finishers in the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness met again in the final jewel of the Triple Crown.

Street Sense won the Kentucky Derby, with Hard Spun second and Curlin third. Curlin won last week's Preakness, with Street Sense second and Hard Spun third.

The possibility has occurred only five times, but each time only two of the three horses showed up for the 1 1/2-mile Belmont, according to the New York Racing Association.

The last time it happened was 1997, when Silver Charm won the Derby, Captain Bodgit finished second and Free House was third. Silver Charm won the Preakness, too, with Free House second and Captain Bodgit third. Captain Bodgit skipped the Belmont, and Touch Gold won to spoil Silver Charm's Triple Crown bid.

Street Sense trainer Carl Nafzger said after last Saturday's Preakness he doubted his colt would be back for the Belmont, but said this week he'll wait a few more days before making a final

decision.

Curlin, meanwhile, is on target for the race, trainer Steve Asmussen said, and Hard Spun seems likely, according to trainer Larry Jones.

"I think the one thing that everybody wants out of that race (the Preakness) is for the top three finishers to come out of it as they obviously did out of the Derby," Asmussen said earlier this week. "It was so nice to see them all at the Preakness training the way they did."

Street Sense and Curlin are both training again at Churchill Downs, while Hard Spun is at Delaware Park.

"We got beat by two really good horses, we sure don't have anything to be ashamed of," Jones said after the Preakness. "Carl and Steve are both very nice guys, and I'm sure if all three go to Belmont, they're going to feel sorry for him (Hard Spun) and let me have one."

The Belmont could have one of its largest fields in years, with as many as 14 horses. Among the others are the filly Rags to Riches, Circular Quay, Great Hunter, Imawildandcrazyguy, Tiago, Chelokee, Slew's Tizzy, Cristobal and Sightseeing.

Nobiz Like Shobiz, who finished 10th in the Derby and skipped the Preakness, was listed as possible, but trainer Barclay Tagg said Thursday, "I'm not planning on running him in the Belmont."



photo by Steve LeMaster

CO-MVPs: Prestonsburg junior Josh Rodebaugh (left) and Allen Central junior Alex Hammonds (right) shared the 58th District Tournament Most Valuable Player award.

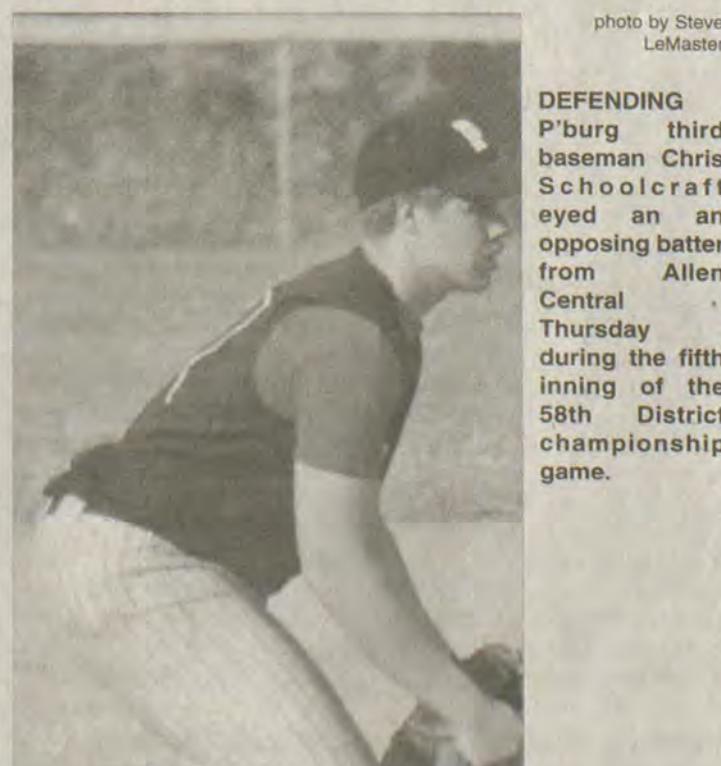


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DEFENDING P'burg third baseman Chris Schoolcraft eyed an opposing batter from Allen Central Thursday during the fifth inning of the 58th District championship game.

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Bengals coach apologizes for police comments

by DAN SEWELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Bengals coach Marvin Lewis, whose team has been plagued by run-ins with the law, apologized Thursday for comments about police possibly targeting his players.

"Yesterday, I gave a radio interview and made some comments that did not illustrate the high regard I have for the Cincinnati Police Department. I apologize that what I said did not reflect my true feelings," Lewis said.

Lewis' statement came a day after a radio interview that drew a response from Cincinnati Police Chief Tom Streicher. Talking on Dan Patrick's ESPN radio show about Bengal off-field problems, Lewis noted that wide receiver Chris Henry was

pulled over in March after not signaling a turn while driving in Cincinnati.

Lewis said he thought such a traffic stop indicated there was profiling at work.

But on Thursday, the Bengals released a statement from Lewis saying that he didn't believe Cincinnati police were targeting his players.

"At no point did I say or mean to imply that these issues had anything to do with race," Lewis added. "When I spoke of our players being perhaps more subject to scrutiny than others, I was referring to their standing as public figures."

Lewis said the Bengals have had a good relationship with Cincinnati police and that he has "great respect" for Streicher and the entire department. He personally expressed his regret to Streicher.

Streicher said that, after

talking with Lewis, he accepted the comments were a case of something coming out differently than what was meant.

"I have known and respected Marvin since he came to Cincinnati, and in no way do I feel he would intentionally disparage our department," Streicher said in a statement.

Henry received traffic tickets on March 25 for driving with a suspended license, failing to use his turn signal and a seat belt violation. He was allowed to go into a license intervention program to settle the charges.

The third-year pro, who has been suspended by the league for the first eight games of 2007, is among nine Bengals players who were arrested over a nine-month span. Henry was arrested four times — none of them in Cincinnati.

He was a focus of reports

this week that initially alleged he had failed a drug test. His attorney and Kentucky state officials said Wednesday that Henry's drug screenings were

clean. They are part of his probation in Orlando, Fla., for carrying a concealed weapon and in Kenton County, for allowing minors to drink in a

hotel room he rented.

On the Net:
Cincinnati Bengals:
<http://www.bengals.com>



REACHING OUT
The June Buchanan Middle School Cheerleaders recently traveled to the Hazard Nursing Home Facility to celebrate National Nursing Home Week. The cheerleaders, residents and staff performed chants and dance games together as they enjoyed a barbecue sponsored by the Hazard Nursing Home.

Cowboys' new stadium to host Super Bowl 2011

by TERESA M. WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE — The Super Bowl has been criticized for not having enough seats for regular fans to watch the NFL's biggest game. Thanks to the Dallas Cowboys, that shouldn't be a problem in 2011.

NFL owners voted Tuesday to play the 2011 Super Bowl in the Cowboys' stadium in Arlington, a \$1 billion stadium seating up to 100,000. The North Texas bid also features video screens in plazas at either end zone, and Dallas owner Jerry Jones said up to 120,000 tickets could be sold.

"Everyone has always told me, 'I wish we could get more fans in the Super Bowl. I wish we could do that,'" he said. "I think the fact we can have 100,000 people in the stadium is important because it includes that many more people in our biggest event in the NFL."

Texas beat out Indianapolis and Arizona to host the game in a close vote. Officials said Texas won 17-15 on a fourth ballot edging Indianapolis when only a simple majority was needed.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said he told Indianapolis officials they would talk about the future. But Dallas' bid with thousands more seats made the difference.

"I also believe the fact they had an extraordinary capacity which allowed more fans to be able to attend the Super Bowl was a very big factor," Goodell said.

They let Hall of Famer Roger Staubach, 2-2 as a Super Bowl starter, pitch their bid, and he touted Texas' long football history. Then there was the stadium with a sliding roof to protect against any winter weather.

"We're going to work real hard to live up to the responsibility we have of winning this bid to make it the best Super Bowl that's taken place in 45 years," said Staubach, chairman of the bid committee.

"We're thrilled about it."

The NFL has taken the Super Bowl to Texas only twice before, and both were played in Houston with 2004 played in the Texans' new stadium. The Cowboys, who have played in eight Super Bowls, now are bringing the game itself to their part of Texas.

Indianapolis tried to overwhelm owners with more than \$25 million in commitments to pay the tab of hosting the Super Bowl with a domed stadium opening in 2008. Colts coach Tony Dungy received a nice round of applause from the owners in making the city's bid and touted the city's history of hosting five Final Fours and the Indianapolis 500 each year.

They even had a Top 10 list from David Letterman capped by the No. 1 reason: His mother's tailgate party.

"I think every other aspect of our bid, candidly, was stronger than Dallas' but for the size of the stadium," said Fred Glass, president of Indianapolis' bid committee. "So based on that, that's the only thing I can think of that was the deciding piece."

Indianapolis last lost a bid to host the 1992 Super Bowl to Minneapolis, but Colts president Bill Polian said owners told him and team owner Jim Irsay that Indy should bid again.

"I don't think those were idle words of consolation. They were true feelings. The committee did as good a job as anyone could possibly do. We just came up a little short," Polian said.

Arizona had no star power in trying to become a part of the Super Bowl rotation like Miami, which hosted the game in February and is on tap for 2010. Mike Kennedy, chairman of the Arizona Super Bowl host committee, said visitors can enjoy the weather.

"Arizona is the best Super Bowl venue in the United States year in and year out," he said.

During the NFL's one-day spring meeting, Goodell: — Met with owners to

review medical standards for managing concussions. That means protecting anyone who anonymously reports doctors pressured to clear players or players pressured to play.

— Said the league will work with the players' union, the NFL Retired Players Association, NFL Alumni Association, NFL Charities and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in an alliance to coordinate medical support for former players.

— Briefed owners on paring down the time it takes to complete the first two rounds of the draft. Pittsburgh's Dan Rooney said he doesn't think teams need 15 minutes per pick in the first round, and the commissioner said he expects to make a decision by fall.

— Talked about player conduct, including situations involving Tennessee cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, Chicago defensive tackle Tank Johnson and Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick.

Player conduct remains a big topic, especially in the town where Jones has been suspended for the 2007 season for off-field conduct Goodell deemed detrimental to the NFL last month.

Jones appealed that suspension in a hearing May 11. But a decision is not expected this week because Goodell said he had been busy prepping for the owners meeting.

As for Johnson, who met with Goodell last week after a two-month stint in jail for violating probation, the commissioner said: "I do not believe there's any information I'm still waiting on. I might be able to move on that faster."

And the league office is monitoring the case of Vick and the questions of dog fighting on property he owned until recently. Goodell said he is writing back to U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.) who asked him to act swiftly in a letter to the commissioner.

"I do share his concern. On the other hand, I want to make sure we understand the facts before we make any decision on this and the acts are still unclear," Goodell said.

photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg's Brittany Collins was named the Floyd County Conference Softball Player of the Year at the conclusion of the 58th District Tournament. Collins battled back from an injury that sidelined her during the 2006-07 basketball season.



Mid-South Conference mandates Champions of Character

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OLATHE, Kan. — The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced today that the Mid-South Conference has made a commitment to the Champions of Character program by mandating that its member institutions fully participate in the initiative to promote and develop student-athletes and character driven intercollegiate athletics. Champions of Character is the association's innovative flagship program designed to intentionally teach character values to student-athletes, coaches and youth in communities across the country.

The NAIA and the Mid-South Conference approach sport and activity as an opportunity to teach beyond the fundamentals through the philosophy of Champions of Character. By applying the five core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship the Mid-South Conference has the ability to maximize talent to the benefit of each individual and build competitive teams.

"The NAIA and the Mid-South Conference recognize the importance of teaching lessons beyond the fundamen-

tals of a game. The Champions of Character program is designed to build great teams that are competitive because the entire team is dedicated to the game and the life skills taught through athletic participation," said NAIA Director of Champions of Character Initiatives Rob Miller. "I commend the Mid-South Conference and its interest to develop the whole student-athlete. Everyone involved will benefit from this initiative."

The Mid-South Conference expects member institutions to comply with the requirements under the Champions of Character institutional award. Those guidelines are: incorporate all character values in public address announcements; require coaches and student-athletes to sign the NAIA Code of Ethics, Coaches Code and Student-Athlete Pledge; provide mentoring opportunities and resources to assist students with academic achievement; commit to serve the community in various service projects; and establish policies related to positive behavior and sportsmanship-like conduct during practice and game situations.

In order for the conference to measure the mandate's effectiveness, conference com-

missioner Mike Pollio will monitor the standards and hold member institutions accountable. To be fully integrated the conference will educate all coaches of the expectations and provide resources for continuous education.

"The Presidents of the Mid-South Conference wanted to make a statement that each school is a Champion of Character, not just in name but also in action," said Pollio. "It is a bold statement and it is up to each school and the conference office to make sure that we accomplish this goal."

Members of the Mid-South Conference include: Belhaven College (Miss.); Bethel College (Tenn.); Campbellsville University (Ky.); University of the Cumberlands (Ky.); Cumberland University (Tenn.); Faulkner University (Ala.); Georgetown College (Ky.); Lambuth University (Tenn.); Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.); Pikeville College (Ky.); Shorter College (Ga.); Union College (Ky.); University of Virginia College at Wise; West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Online: www.mid-south-conference.org.

Reds make moves with relievers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds recalled relief pitcher Gary Majewski from Triple-A Louisville on Thursday and optioned reliever Todd Coffey.

Majewski, acquired from the Washington Nationals in a trade that has resulted in a Reds' grievance, was 1-1 with a 4.50 ERA in 15 relief appearances for Louisville this season.

"The reports have been real good," manager Jerry Narron said. "A lot of times, when a guy's in Triple-A, you don't look at his numbers. You look at how he's pitching. All indications are that he's been pitching good. He's been

locating his pitches."

The Reds also announced that infielder Enrique Cruz cleared waivers and was outrighted to Double-A Chattanooga, leaving Cincinnati's 40-man roster at 39.

Majewski went on the disabled list late last season with inflammation in his right shoulder, and was sent to Louisville near the end of spring training.

The Reds contend that Nationals general manager Jim Bowden failed to inform them about Majewski's shoulder problems when they got the right-hander in an eight-player deal last July 13. The Reds were counting on Majewski, 27, to shore up their faltering bullpen, but he was 1-2 with

an 8.40 ERA for them before going on the disabled list.

The right-handed Coffey, 26, went 1-1 with a 4.94 ERA in 26 relief appearances for the Reds. He gave up consecutive home runs to Ryan Zimmerman and Ryan Church in the Reds' 12-7 loss to Washington on Wednesday.

"He needs to work on consistently locating his fastball, working on both sides of the plate, commanding the baseball better, and working on his off-speed pitches," Narron said.

Coffey, who has been groomed by the Reds as a closer candidate, recently signed a contract extension through the 2008 season.

He reported to Louisville on Friday.



MOAK ON THE MOVE: Jacob Moak, midfielder for the Floyd County U19 Wolfpack, shown slicing through the Perry County youth soccer defense during a recent contest, has signed to play college soccer at The University of the Cumberlands. Floyd County youth soccer teams in various age groups are busy competing in the 2007 spring season. Moak ranks as one of Eastern Kentucky's top U19 players.

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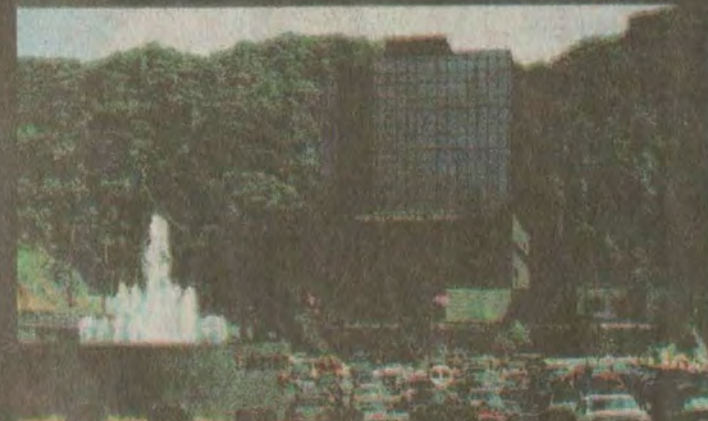
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