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## briefs

### State urges using stop smoking programs

FRANKFORT — Keeping with the spirit of last week's World No Tobacco Day, state health officials are urging Kentuckians to take advantage of state-sponsored programs to help people stop using tobacco products.

Health and Family Services Cabinet Secretary Mark D. Birdwhistell recommended programs that offer counseling and services to help people successfully give up tobacco.

"World No Tobacco Day was designed to inspire people who use tobacco products to stop. What better way to honor this health observance than to take advantage of the Kentucky Tobacco Quit Line," said Birdwhistell. "Research shows that a smoker's chances of quitting are almost four times higher with a combination of counseling and medication. We understand that each person's smoking habits are unique to the individual, and we want to ensure we're doing everything we can to offer smokers a personalized quit approach and the necessary resources to help them quit for good."

The Kentucky Tobacco Quit Line (1-800-QUIT-NOW), which is administered through the Kentucky Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program (KTPCP), is a free tobacco

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## WAITING FOR RAIN



photo by Jessica Hale

Prestonsburg resident Pauline Owens surveys her rain thirsty garden after stringing up a few rows of green beans. Owens and her husband Hershel have been using a garden hose to water their crop to keep from losing it due to the high temperatures and lack of moisture throughout the unusually dry month of May.

## Dry weather making local gardeners anxious

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

The lack of rainfall during the month of May has local gardeners worried that their summer dinner gatherings won't include fresh vegetables this

year. Prestonsburg resident Pauline Owens says she and her husband Hershel have resorted to purchasing two 100-foot garden hoses so they can water their garden to keep from losing it to the extreme heat and

dryness. "We've watered it three times in the last three days," Owens said. "It wouldn't look as good as it does if we hadn't." Experts say the best time to

(See **WEATHER**, page three)

## Panel charges Fletcher aides with ethics lapses

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A commission investigating a state hiring scandal approved ethics charges Friday against four former high-ranking officials in Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration.

The Republican administration was under investigation for more than a year over allegations that the governor's political supporters were being given protected state jobs based on their connections instead of qualifications. The governor himself was indicted on three misdemeanor charges that were dropped in a negotiated deal with prosecutors.

In 2005, Fletcher issued a blanket pardon for anyone else in his administration who might be criminally charged. However, the Kentucky Executive Branch Ethics Commission that approved the charges Friday said it does not believe that pardon will have an effect.

The panel, most of which was appointed by Fletcher, approved ethics charges against Darrell Brock, James L. Adams, Basil Turbyfill and Robert Wilson Jr. Wilson and Turbyfill had been fired. All four face potential fines and public reprimand. None still works for the state.

Brock, a former chairman of the state Republican Party, is a former commissioner of the governor's office of local development. Adams is the former deputy

secretary of transportation.

Turbyfill was the director of the governor's office of personnel and efficiency. Wilson is a former director of personnel in the Commerce Cabinet.

The commission accused each of the four with different levels of involvement in a plan to subvert hiring laws guiding the state's version of a civil service system to install Fletcher's political supporters.

Turbyfill said the commission's charges are "totally off the wall and something I'm not familiar with at all," he said.

Wilson's attorney, Jerry Wright said he was unaware of the charges and did not have an immediate comment.

The Associated Press was not immediately able to find telephone numbers Friday for Brock and Adams.

The commission previously charged former Fletcher administration official Dan Druen with violating state ethics law.

Fletcher, a former congressman and doctor, became governor in 2003 on a promise to clean up the state Capitol. Despite the ongoing investigation into his administration, Fletcher, the state's first Republican governor in more than 30 years, won the GOP primary May 22 in his bid for a second four-year term.

Fletcher faces Democrat Steve Beshear, a former lieutenant governor, in the Nov. 6 general election.

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## Local soldier puts Iraq experience into verse

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

Though we often see all of the photos and footage of the war in Iraq on television, it is very hard for most of us to understand the reality of the violence that takes place.

Lawton Allen, a 23-year-old raised in McDowell, is currently serving in Iraq. He began his mission in October last year and has since witnessed and experienced things that many could never imagine.

His father Irvin says Lawton told him of a very close call he had recently with a roadside bomb, something we've heard about all too often since the war began.

Allen began his military career as a machine gunner, but one day while he was driving a military vehicle, a roadside bomb detonated and struck the vehicle he was driving. Luckily, Allen was spared from the bomb which made its way through the two-inch-thick metal fashioned armored vehicle. One of Allen's comrades, acting as the gunner that day, was not so lucky.

Unfortunately, the armored truck caught on fire and so did his comrade. Allen and others were able to pull their comrade from the truck and extinguish

the flames which ravaged his body. Allen is expected to receive recognition for his courage during this incident.

He writes to his parents often and shares his experiences with them. Recently, he enclosed the following poem along with one of the letters.

### Words From a Soldier

Choppers hovering overhead  
Looking for a glimpse of the dead  
For the battle we still fight  
Wondering if it's wrong or right  
Never mind the consequences  
They will pay for their sins  
They kill and promote suffering,  
when will it end  
Those who can't we will defend  
Some say they know how we feel  
But their feelings just aren't real  
They're all with their loved ones at home  
While we sit here all alone  
Never knowing what will be next  
For the gunfire keeps coming so we get no rest  
Four hours of sleep on average we get  
To help out people we've not yet met  
Packing all of our gear in a minute or two



Lawton Allen, 23, of McDowell, has been serving in Iraq since October 2006. He is expected to return to the States this December.

Wondering what will happen before head  
the convoy is through  
The passenger broke an arm, so they will pull him aside  
We load up our weapons and gas up the trucks  
The gunners in trouble, he's now a flat line  
Head out the gate, wish us luck  
A bomb hits the truck right in your view  
They bring him to life, he's missing an arm  
Most people don't know what to do  
The security sees a man on a nearby farm  
We set up security all around the truck hit  
Holding an AK under his arm  
The mechanic and medic come to check on it  
He tries to take aim and do more harm  
The gunner is injured, the driver is dead  
The gunner fires first, he falls to the  
Because a piece of shrapnel hit his

(See **POEM**, page three)

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Glenn Bernard Burchett, 79, of Lebanon, Tennessee, a Prestonsburg native, died Thursday, May 24, of an apparent heart attack. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 29, under the direction of Ligon and Bobo Funeral Home.

■ Millard Conley, 79, of Albion, Michigan, a native of Garrett, died Friday, May 25, at Battle Creek Health System. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 30, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, Albion.

■ Knova (Nova) Adkins Slone Conn, 88, of Martin, died Monday, May 28, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Richard Keathley, 67, of Teaberry, died Friday, May 25, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Elsie Hamilton Keathley. Funeral services were held Monday, May 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Estill King, 91, of Indianapolis, Ind., formerly of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, May 23, at the Community East Hospital in Indianapolis. Funeral services were held Monday, May 28, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Arnold R. Lester, 61, died Saturday, May 26. He is survived by his wife, Linda Lester. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 31, under the direction of Morris Sons Funeral Home, Kettering, Ohio.

■ Clarence Larry Logan, 65, a native of Maytown,

Tuesday, died May 29. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Logan. A celebration of his life was held Saturday, June 2, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Lexington.

■ Clark Mills, age 70, of Wayland, died Thursday, May 24, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Roy C. Montgomery, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, May 26, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jean Harmon Montgomery. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Marigold Neeley, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, May 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Melvina Perry Newman, 92, of Grethel, died on Sunday, May 27, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 30, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

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

■ Jonathan Bruce Turner, 25, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, May 27, on Rt. 979, at Grethel. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 31, under the

direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Hilda Grace Ward Weedman, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, May 27, at her residence. Memorial services were held Thursday, May 31, under the direction of the Carter Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Crit Case, 65, of Hopkins Fork of Caney, died Saturday, May 26, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 30, under the direction of the Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Jack Clevinger, 82, of Pikeville, died Saturday, May 26, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Huffman Clevinger. Funeral services were held Monday, May 28 under direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

■ Martha Hamilton, 95, died Sunday, May 27, at Pikeville Medical Center. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Sabrina Johnson, 90, of Neon, died Friday, May 25, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 29 under the direction of Carty Funeral Home.

■ Phillip Justice, 82, of Pikeville, died Saturday, May 26, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mary Frona Justice. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 29, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Dana Jane Parks, 34, of Phyllis, died Sunday, May 27, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Estil Parks. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 29 under

the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Emogene West, 81, of Canada, formerly of Cedar Creek Assisted Living, Pikeville, died Sunday, May 27, at ARH Skilled Nursing. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 30 under direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

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

■ Gilbert Ray "Smoky" Brown, 47, of Westerville, Ohio, died Thursday, May 17, at the Kobacker House Home Reach Hospice of Riverside in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 22, under the direction of the Lazear Funeral Home.

■ Josephine Hitchcock, 82, of Hager Hill, died Saturday, May 26, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 29, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Orbin Fleetwood Roman Jr., 85, of Paintsville, died Sunday, May 13, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 15, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Judith Ealey Sullivan, 65, a native of Thealka, died Monday, May 21, at U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 24, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Linda Burchett Trimble,

57, of Van Lear, died Saturday, May 26, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Burl Richard Williams, 25, of Williamsport, died Sunday, May 20, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 26, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ Jeremy Brayden Jarvis, 4-1/2 months old, the son of Jeremy and Amanda Scott Jarvis, of Pilgrim, died Sunday, May 20. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Okla Mae Blackburn, 92, of Inez, died Sunday, May 27, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 30, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

## Obituaries

### Polly Collins

Polly Collins, 80, of Van Lear, died Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at her residence.

Born January 2, 1927, in Johnson County, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin H. and Suzana Richmond Wells. She was a member of the Philadelphia Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Collins, on February 23, 2000.

Survivors include two sons: Mike Collins of Flat Gap, and Larry Collins of Van Lear; a daughter, Bennette Howard of Florida; three sisters: Nevada Wells and Emma Adkins, both of Van Lear, and Mary Frances Walton of Lexington; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 2, at the Preston Funeral Chapel, with J.M. Scott and David Powers officiating.

Burial was in the Collins Cemetery, in Van Lear, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville.

Visitation, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

### Denver Lafferty

Denver Lafferty, 61, of Water Gap, in Prestonsburg, died Thursday, May 31, 2007, at his residence.

Born September 19, 1945, in Water Gap, he was the son of the late Jim Lafferty and Susie Mae Justice Lafferty. He was a retired maintenance worker for Floyd County Schools.

Survivors include two brothers: Dennis Lafferty and Carl Douglas Lafferty, both of Prestonsburg; a sister, Eula Robinson of Prestonsburg; two nieces: Jamie Sue and Lesia;

three great-nieces: Jasmine, Samantha and Kelly; three nephews: Paul, Mark and Kelly; and four great-nephews: Timothy, Aidan, Griffin, and Brett.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Delmer Lafferty.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 3, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Jim Smith officiating.

Burial will be in the Jim Lafferty Family Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

## Dry weather cuts hay production, leads to some water restrictions

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky's usually lush spring is taking on a brownish tinge this year from a dry spell that's causing concern from farms to golf courses.

Statewide precipitation shortfalls range from 6-to-9 inches in the south to 2-to-4 inches in the west, said Tom Priddy, a University of Kentucky extension agricultural meteorologist.

The bluegrass and southeastern regions are in a moderate drought, while the rest of the state is in a mild drought, Priddy said Wednesday.

The lack of rain has curtailed hay production and prompted water conservation measures in some areas. The dry spell follows a freeze in early April that inflicted at least \$70 million in crop losses statewide, hitting winter wheat, peach and apple crops the hardest.

"It's been a very strange spring," said Tony Whitmer, director of golf maintenance for the city of Bowling Green in south-central Kentucky.

Steve Moore, Henry County's agricultural extension agent, called it a "double whammy" for farmers. Growers have delayed setting some tobacco because of the parched soil, he said, and at least one farmer started irrigating to keep his tobacco alive.

"It's about as dry as we ever see it on the first of June here, which is a little scary knowing that we're going into ... our drier months," Moore said.

Cattle farmers are worried that lower hay production will cause winter feed shortages.

Todd Herrcl, who farms in Henry County with his brother Dennis, said their hay yields are off by 50 percent and sections of pastures are turning brown.

"It's not looking good right now," he said.

Ted Holland, a Scott County cattleman, said his hay fields have produced yields ranging from a third to 60 percent below normal. If the dry spell persists, pastures will be useless within another month, forcing cattle producers to dip into hay stocks, Holland said.

"If you start feeding hay that early with a low hay crop

to start with, it's going to be tough," he said. "There's not going to be enough hay ... to put cattle through the winter."

That could lead to a glut of cattle on the market, which would depress prices, he said.

Thirty-five percent of the state's hay crop was rated poor or very poor, according to the latest weekly report by the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Kentucky field office.

Spring-planted row crops were faring better. Nearly three-quarters of the state's corn and soybean crops were rated good or excellent, the report said. Just over half the tobacco crop was in good shape.

Meanwhile, the dry spell prompted water restrictions usually not seen until summer droughts. Customers of North Shelby Water Co. and U.S. 60 Water District were told to avoid watering lawns and gardens, washing cars or filling swimming pools. The water districts serve portions of Shelby, Franklin and Spencer counties.

"I've never had this situation in May," said Darrell

Dees, manager of both water districts.

In Scott County, customers of Georgetown Municipal Water & Sewer Service were asked to voluntarily conserve water. Besides limits on washing cars and watering lawns, residents were urged to consider delaying the sodding of new lawns.

Elsewhere, crews have used more water to keep golf courses from turning brown.

In Bowling Green, fairways and roughs that normally are watered twice a week in spring are getting watered every other day now, Whitmer said.

Whitmer has been keeping a close eye on the Barren River — where water is pumped to CrossWinds Golf Course. Once the river drops to a certain level, water can't be pumped to the golf course, which then relies on city water, he said.

"We're not to that point yet, but it's not far away if we don't get some rain in the very near future," Whitmer said.

Some relief might be on the horizon with a chance of rain this weekend.

It won't be enough to "wipe out the drought in one fell swoop, but maybe it will prevent conditions from getting worse," said Mike Callahan, a National Weather Service hydrologist.

Kentucky's long-term forecast from June through August calls for normal temperatures and precipitation, he said. Those months are typically drier, which could make it difficult to make up the rainfall deficit that worsened in May, he said.

"If we can get a couple thunderstorms, we'll be OK," he said.



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# Kentucky standing pat on presidential primary date

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — With a growing number of states pushing up their presidential primaries, Kentucky could

strengthen its political muscle by keeping its traditional late May election, Secretary of State Trey Grayson said Thursday.

Grayson said Kentucky has no plans to change the date of

next year's presidential primary, set for May 20, despite the rush by other states to move their elections and caucuses to January and February.

By standing pat, Grayson said Kentucky could become a

player in the presidential race, but only if the race is so close that the likely nominees aren't decided until the last votes are counted.

"It would be very ironic if a state like Kentucky that hasn't moved up becomes a player by doing nothing," Grayson said.

Grayson called such a scenario "possible but unlikely."

Fifteen states, including New York and California, have moved their primary voting to Feb. 5. At least five states, including Illinois and Texas, are close to making a similar shift.

Iowa opens the presidential nomination process with its caucuses on Jan. 14. Nevada Democrats hold their caucus on Jan. 19 and New Hampshire is tentatively scheduled to hold the nation's first primary on Jan. 22.

Last week, Florida joined South Carolina Democrats with plans for a primary on Jan. 29.

Kentucky's primary is set for May 20. Only four states

have later primaries — Idaho and Washington on May 27 and Montana and South Carolina on June 3.

Grayson, Kentucky's top election official, said he doesn't recommend moving next year's presidential primary because it would cost \$5 million and likely not benefit the state.

State Rep. Dottie Sims, D-Horse Cave, vice chairwoman of the House elections committee, said Kentucky lawmakers don't seem inclined to change the primary date. It could conceivably be done in a special session, but Sims said she has detected no sentiment to do that.

Grayson favors a plan to hold rotating regional presidential primaries beginning in 2012, a move that would end the rush by states to be the first to vote.

Proposed by the National Association of Secretaries of State, the plan would group states into four geographic region — East, South,

Midwest and West — and the regions would rotate the right to vote first every four years. A lottery would determine the order.

Grayson said the proposal would give states like Kentucky that are largely ignored by primary candidates some clout in choosing presidential nominees.

The current system, where states are competing among themselves to be the first to hold primaries, isn't working well, Grayson said.

"It's setting up a real free-for-all," he said.

Earlier this year, lawmakers in Kentucky adjusted the general election filing deadline to ensure the Republican presidential candidate would appear on the state's ballot in 2008.

Kentucky's filing deadline for presidential candidates would have passed before Republicans officially choose the nominee at the 2008 national convention.



Amy Adkins, Garrison Yates, and Harrison Ward, students in Mrs. Geneva Ward's kindergarten class at Wesley Christian School, were recently recognized as first-, second- and third-place winners for kindergarten art entries for the Floyd County Conservation District 2006-07 school art and writing contest. Amy was also recognized as kindergarten first-place winner for Floyd County for her art entry.

## Weather

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water outside plants is in the evening hours, this way the leaves have time to dry before the nighttime dew and temperatures take over.

According to the National Weather Service at Jackson, Eastern Kentucky only saw a little less than two inches of

precipitation throughout the entire month of May, three-and-one-third inches below normal. May turned out to be the driest month on record, replacing the previous record May in 1997 which saw 2.25 inches of precipitation. May was also the seventh month in

a row of below normal precipitation since November 2006.

However, hope is just around the corner as the weekend weather forecast calls for a 40 to 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms and a slight chance each day throughout the week.

## Poem

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ground  
Medics get on the radio and yell, "Man down!"  
A chopper will soon be hovering overhead  
To pick up the wounded and cover the dead  
Once they are through, they get back on the road

The convoy isn't over, forty miles to go  
The mission is first, not turning back  
We get to a base then we can relax  
No mourning the dead until it is over  
We are soldiers, not a

chauffeur  
Next time you think you know how we feel  
Think about this, you know it isn't real  
This is everyday life for us over here  
Go to McDonald's while we're here for a year

## Smoking

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cessation resource for Kentucky residents. In recent months, the KTPCP worked with the Department for Medicaid Services on an outreach program to encourage Medicaid-eligible citizens to utilize the Quit Line's free telephone resources and counseling by offering free NRT products to Medicaid eligible tobacco users who use the Kentucky Tobacco Quit Line.

"Since the expansion of quit line services and medication for the Medicaid population, we've seen a tremendous response rate," said Chris L. Corbin, executive director of Get Healthy Kentucky. "We're learning that more and more people want to quit smoking — and are willing to try if they have the proper resources."

While health officials are pleased with the interest they've seen in the program, which is funded for one year, they encouraged more people

to take advantage of both the Quit Line and the Medicaid NRT program.

"The best way to ensure that these programs stay in place is to make sure they're being used," said RaeAnne Davis, Kentucky's Quit Line coordinator. "The counselors and staff for 1-800-QUIT-NOW are incredibly insightful and supportive. This program is a wonderful resource — whether you are ready to quit today or simply want more information — for tobacco cessation."

The Medicaid program was created to encourage more Medicaid recipients to take advantage of Quit Line services. Now, when recipients or Medicaid eligible Kentucky residents call the counseling service, they receive free support and advice from an experienced quit specialist, a personalized quit program and the latest in self-help and medication information — all designed

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Approximately 40 percent of Kentucky's Medicaid population smokes, and more than \$1.2 billion is spent annually in Medicaid and Medicare funds to treat Kentuckians for illnesses caused by tobacco use. Quitting tobacco has immediate and long-term health benefits, regardless of age or how long and how much someone has been using tobacco. People who quit using tobacco reduce their risk for a variety of health conditions and illnesses.

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 1 Corinthians 6:12 (NKJV)

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— Felix Frankfurter

## Guest view

### A step in the right direction

The Council on Postsecondary Education recently took a long step toward elevating Kentucky's higher education system to national status and ranking.

Beginning in 2009, incoming freshmen will be required to score a 19 in math and 21 in reading on the ACT college-admission exam to take courses that earn credits toward a degree.

Currently, the minimum ACT score is 18 on both math and reading. The national average is a score of 21.1. The highest possible ACT score is 36, which means the current minimum is half the total possible, hardly an impressive academic resume for students seeking degrees.

And even with the lower minimum, nearly one in three entering freshmen requires remedial work to be able to take college-level courses. The higher minimums, therefore, will mean even more freshmen will need remediation. The council estimates the higher minimums will affect 4,000 to 5,000 students.

This, of course, is the scandal of Kentucky secondary education. Kentucky high schools simply are not preparing a significant number of their college-bound graduates to study college-level courses.

The result is that Kentucky taxpayers are spending millions of scarce higher education funds each year for universities and colleges to do what the high schools did not do. For thousands of Kentucky students it represents a fourth education tier: elementary and middle school, high school, remediation year and higher education.

Clearly, there is a serious disconnect between secondary school educators and college and university educators on how best to prepare Kentucky young people for successful academic careers. And we expect only when that disconnect is eliminated and everyone begins working from the same education plan will that remedial level and its costs disappear.

We expect also the continued low minimum math ACT score for incoming freshman is a sad recognition of the state of high school math instruction in Kentucky.

By raising the ACT bar, however, the council also is laying down a challenge that Kentucky high schools simply must meet.

— The State Journal, Frankfort



## Rich Lowry Column

### The great Clinton/Obama feminist pander

The front-runners in the Democratic presidential race have discovered the power of an idea whose time has passed: socialism in women's wages. Its power is in pandering to feminist voters, and its time passed because it never made any sense even when it was a bright, shiny new bad idea some 30 years ago.

It deserved its place on the junk heap, given that women have been improving their place in our economy without far-reaching governmental intervention. Nonetheless, Hillary Clinton has renewed her push for her Paycheck Fairness Act, and Sen. Barack Obama has endorsed the Fair Pay Act. Whenever the word "fair" features so prominently in Democratic legislation, the odds are that it is economically illiterate, and this legislation doesn't disappoint.

Discrimination against women is already illegal and employers have to give women equal pay for equal work. What Clinton and Obama want to establish is the more nebulous concept of "comparable worth," or equal pay for different work in female- and male-dominated professions.

This intervention is supposedly so urgent because women make only 77 percent of what men do. Feminists believe that this wage gap is caused by The Man — and that's not just a metaphor: He's really a man — who carefully sets women's wages to keep them below that of members of the patriarchy in good standing.

Never mind that the 77 percent figure is, in the words of Hudson Institute economist Diana Furchtgott-Roth, "flawed and bogus," failing to account for the most basic variables. The figure for men and women who work 40 hours a week is 88 percent. Baruch College economist June O'Neill finds — adjusting for factors like schooling, lifetime work experience and workplace characteristics — that the gap almost disappears, with women making 95 percent of men's wages.

Different pay for different professions persists, of course. Nurses aides (89 percent female) have more education than truck drivers (97 percent male), but their median earnings are just 57 percent that of truck drivers. This isn't discrimination, but a reflection that driving cross-country is unpleasant work. Women tend not to

want to do it. That kind of choice is a key factor in the male-female wage differential. Average earnings for male physicians are \$170,000, for female physicians \$100,000. Bias? No, as Furchtgott-Roth has noted, "many women choose to go into pediatrics, psychiatry and family practice, all lower-paying fields than surgery, which is more demanding in terms of hours."

Many women choose professions that are compatible with having kids, and when they have children, tend to take a break from their careers (whereas men actually work more). Economist O'Neill writes, "Women continue to work part time more than men and to choose work situations such as work in nonprofit institutions and occupations that more easily can be accommodated with home responsibilities."

Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama might wish this fact weren't so, but there's no way for them to legislate it out of existence, even with a very bad, dated idea.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



## beyond the beltway

### Bush, Blair fading into the gloom

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, fading like a sad smile, made his farewell appearance at George Bush's White House last week. Even as he and The Decider were having their final tête-à-tête (one head of state to another), Blair's Labor Party was choosing his successor.

The star-crossed couple, wallowing deep in the trough of public opinion, was full of praise for each other in a joint Rose Garden appearance. And, indeed, they made a lovely pair—reminiscent of Damon and Pythias, Laurel and Hardy, Bonnie and Clyde.

No, wait. They were more like "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." Remember the final scene of that movie, when Butch and Sundance (Paul Newman and Robert Redford) are pinned down in a building by a squad of federales?

They decide to shoot their way out, unaware that in the meantime a small army of soldiers has joined the squad. As the outlaws sprint into the sunlight, guns blazing, the camera freezes. That's the way the film ends, with Butch and Sundance in freeze-frame, dashing to certain doom.

Which is pretty much where George and Tony are. Dead men walking. Blair has been thrown out of office and branded by Brits as Bush's

poodle. President Bush's approval ratings are lower than Paris Hilton's.

But the two leaders continue to be a comfort to each other. Bush told of sitting with Blair on the Truman balcony, talking over old times. Failing presidents love the Truman balcony, named after that patron saint of despised politicians, Harry Truman. It reminds them that one can leave office in disgrace, yet have one's reputation redeemed by history.

It's obvious that they expect just that. In response to a series of tough questions at the press conference, Blair said:

"We took a decision that we thought was very difficult. I thought then and I think now, it was the right decision. History will make a judgment at a particular time."

"But one thing I know is that what we represent coming here today, speaking in the Rose Garden, to you people and getting your questions and being under your pressure...that is a finer and better way of life than either a brutal, secular dictatorship or religious extremism."

Yeah, Tony, but isn't that setting the bar a little low? Maybe there's a Third Way.

The thing about this war that its dwindling band of supporters refuses to admit is that it was unnecessary to the war on terror. We went into Afghanistan because al Qaida—the terrorist organization that gave us the bombers of the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon—was there. And before we got that job finished and knocked off Osama bin Laden, we diverted

our attention to Iraq—where al Qaida was not.

Saddam Hussein, brute that he was, was keeping al Qaida out of his country because he was afraid it would subvert his despotic regime. When we got rid of Saddam, al Qaida moved in, much to our misfortune.

So what has our war done for us? It has opened Iraq to al Qaida, made our archenemy Iran stronger and weakened our strongest Arab ally, Saudi Arabia. We are virtual pariahs in the region.

If you're going to fight terror, you should at least do it in a way that reduces terror, not inspires it.

I know, we are trying to bring democracy to the Middle East. Great. Woodrow Wilson would be very proud.

But the secret that no one wants to talk about is that majority rule in the Middle East is the last thing we should be seeking.

The people there hate us; they want us out of their homelands. In addition, they lack a real concept of minority rights, and without minority rights democracy is just another form of tyranny. If you don't believe me, ask the Founding Fathers.

Still, I shall miss Blair. He had a nice way with a phrase. Too bad he fell in with bad company.

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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.

### JUST WONDERING

Whatever may come of all this hearing business protesting the C.&O. move to cut off the last two passenger trains in the valley, it all has not been dull. John Ward, publisher of the Pike County News, got into the record, a quip about the Budd Cars used on the line. They're the RDC-BUDD models, and John wondered if RDC could mean, "Reconditioned to Discourage Customers."

### THANKS!

I lost a big bass, last Friday afternoon, over at the lake. This morning, I received from an anonymous giver, a "crying towel!" I admit. I yelped with anguish to some extent, but it didn't occur to me they'd hear me all the way to town.

### ERRATUM, ETCETERA

A few weeks ago, in "Our Yesterdays" column, we dated our "Thirty Years Ago" department, April 29, 1832. It so happened that the young lady who does the bowling column for us was mentioned in that column as having been born April 22. Wrote she of her contribution the next week:

"I am sorry this has run so long again...but I'm rather wordy—perhaps because a woman of my many years has many words to say. At that, I think I'm right well-preserved to be 130 years old."

### CREDIT

For the excellent article on school drop-outs which we reprinted last week, from GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, we are indebted to Mrs. Glenn Blackburn of Betsy Layne. She read the article in the magazine, was interested enough in other folks in the county to get permission from the publishers for us to use it.

### THE SILENCE WAS BROKEN

Speaking of losing big bass, I was reminded, the other afternoon, after I had cooled off, of the story told of the preacher. He lost a five-pounder, right up at the boat, yet preserved his ministerial calm, and went on fishing without a murmur. Then came the big strike, and a seven-pounder was cutting capers. Right up to the net he brought the big one, and off he came.

Whereupon the man of the cloth arose in his wrath and solemnly intoned, not once, but two or three times, "Boulder!"

His fishing partner wanted to know what boulder had to do with a fellow who had lost two big fish.

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Kentucky National Guard 202nd Concert Band

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What if John Philip Sousa, Glen Miller, and Maynard Ferguson could have "jammed" together in concert? What would the music have sounded like? Find out firsthand by experiencing a performance of the 202nd Kentucky Army National Guard Band this July 10, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. and the 202nd Army Rock Band on July 11, 2007 at the Mountain Arts Center. During the first two weeks in July, the Guard's forty-two piece, premier military show band is touring Kentucky to share its high energy music. Unit Commander Chief Warrant Officer Greg Stepp noted, "Jazz, Big Band, pop tunes, patriotic music, rock-n-roll, and traditional concert and military music—we are comfortable with all of the various styles. Our goal when performing is to reach out musically to every person in our audience."

The 202nd band is made up of citizen soldiers from throughout the commonwealth of Kentucky and from other states as well. In its fifty-plus years, the band has traveled extensively throughout the United States and internationally to perform. A perennial favorite at Danville's "Great American Brass Band Festival," gubernatorial inaugural parades, and a frequent guest at festivals, parades and community concerts across Kentucky, the group is constantly seeking talented young musicians who want to serve

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Kentucky National Guard 202nd Rock Band



Kentucky National Guard 202nd Jazz Band

## Leave 'em laughing

by LILLIE SHOCKNEY, R.N., M.A.S.

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL HEALTHY LIVING: BREAST CANCER"

A very dear friend of mine sent me a Christmas gift: stick-on nipples. They're made of silicone, but they didn't come with instructions or adhesives. My husband suggested, "Put a few drops of water on the back and maybe it will stick to your prostheses."

I tried this, and it seemed to work. Why I thought my husband was an

expert in the use of stick-on nipples remains a mystery to me.

I had to give a formal presentation at work, so I decided to take my new nipples for a test drive. I felt very risqué. I had on a silk shell, and I looked in the mirror and thought they were very subtle, but, oh yes, I could see them.

My presentation went well. I had slides, so I was doing a lot of pointing and arm waving. Afterward, I sat down next to a male colleague I hadn't seen for a year. It was hot, so I took off my jacket. I felt very pleased

with myself in my sleeveless silk shell.

Coming around the table on a beautiful china plate were those Pepperidge Farm cookies. I reached over to take the plate from my colleague. Then I looked down at my little dessert plate, where I was supposed to place my cookie. There was already a cookie on it.

It was my left nipple. So I'm sitting there, holding this

heavy dessert plate, and the man looks at my plate and says: "Oh, I didn't see they had those thin wafer cookies. That's my favorite! Darn, it looks like you go the last one."

"It's my favorite too," I said. "I'm going to save it for later." In a flash, I grabbed the nipple and shoved it in my pocket. He looked at me like I was crazy.

My husband said later it was a good thing I grabbed it first, or "that man would still be chewing."



## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'Class of 1984'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

A ruthless gang of juvenile delinquents square off against a sensitive music teacher in this extremely violent and well made thriller that updates "The Blackboard Jungle" for a new generation.

The film opens with music teacher Andrew Norris starting his first day at Lincoln High School, which is situated in an urban neighborhood that is meant to represent "Anywhere USA" (though this was actually filmed in Canada). He gets off to a poor start by immediately inspiring the wrath of Peter Stegman, whose gang is clearing \$10,000 a week from a variety of criminal acts which include selling protection to nerds, selling drugs to the student body and running prostitutes. Norris kicks Stegman and his crew out of his class when they try to disrupt it, but he hasn't seen the last of them.



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

They show up at his home later that night and pepper him with stage blood loaded into water guns. The incident unnerves Mrs. Norris, but Andy insists that everything is alright.

Turning to the principal for help turns out to be a mistake. Norris finds that the top dog is content to hide in his office and monitor the hallways on video monitors so he can radio the security guards to handle any trouble. He does find a confessor in the form of a veteran biology teacher named Corrigan. Unfortunately Corrigan, while sympathetic, has begun to lose control and has taken to self medicating with bourbon and packing a pistol in his briefcase.

Norris tries to concentrate on turning the school band into a solid musical ensemble. Problems erupt when Norris tries to bust Stegman for selling dope in the boy's restroom. The principal opts to give Stegman the benefit of the doubt as Norris didn't actually see the transaction. The boy who bought the drugs suffers a major freak out and climbs the school flagpole, only to remember he's not very fond of heights before plummeting 60 feet to his death.

The student who can make or break the case turns out to be none other than a young Michael J. Fox, who decides to report what he saw after a rousing speech by Norris. Fox quickly takes back his story when he is stabbed by the newest member of Stegman's gang but another speech by Norris, about only deserving freedoms that are worth fighting for, gets him to cooperate.

Things escalate from there and before you know it the school has turned into a war zone, with teachers brandishing guns, vandalism directed against teacher vehicles and, in the most shocking scene, the wholesale slaughter of every animal in the biology lab.

If you think this is all leading to a physical confrontation between music

(See LAGOON, page six)



# Crossover SUVs are a good middle ground

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:  
I've always owned an "old lady" car (i.e., Pontiac Bonneville, Oldsmobile 88, Buick LeSabre). But I recently bought a 2007 Toyota Highlander. While I love the vehicle, I'm concerned about how easily SUVs "tip" over. I know there's a higher percentage of these vehicles that end up in the "turtle on its back" position. My husband assures me that my driving skills will not tip it over; it's just the idiots who think they can do anything because they have an SUV. Am I worrying for nothing, or do I have to learn to drive all over again and not take corners like I did in my old-lady cars? Thanks. — Cheryl

RAY: I don't think you have to worry, Cheryl. But I think Toyota might be concerned that its Highlander is winning the "old lady"

market!  
TOM: First of all, your Highlander is not a traditional SUV. It's what is often called a "crossover." Not to be confused with my brother, who is often called a "cross-dresser."

RAY: The term "crossover" usually refers to a vehicle that looks like an SUV and has many of the advantages of an SUV, but is actually built on the underpinnings of a car. In the Highlander's case, it's based on the chassis of the Toyota Camry.

TOM: That means its center of gravity is lower to the ground, it handles better and it's less likely to flip over. Think of it as more like a station wagon than a truck. And as an old lady, you certainly remember when station wagons ruled the earth.

RAY: Plus, the Highlander comes with electronic stability control, which is a wonderful safety enhancement that works with the anti-lock

braking system to help prevent you from losing control of the vehicle, even if you do something stupid (up to a point), like turning too sharply.

TOM: Can you flip it over? I'm sure, given enough effort, you could — or given an unfortunate set of gravitational circumstances in just the wrong kind of accident. But that's true of almost any vehicle.

RAY: But your Highlander is much closer to the old-lady cars than to traditional SUVs. So, drive reasonably — which I'm sure you do, Cheryl — and you'll be fine.

## Radiator leak not something to mess around with

Dear Tom and Ray:

I recently found out that my '88 Subaru needs a new radiator because there is a place where it is spewing a small amount of water, causing my motor to overheat about every 7 miles. I asked my son if it safely could be put off for a while. He said I would have to get a new radiator, but it could be delayed a bit if I put a beaten egg into the radiator and then drive it for a while. He made me promise to have the radiator replaced. My question is this... should I worry? He is a Black Hawk crew chief in

Iraq, on his second tour. Do you think he is fixing helicopters with eggs? Was he just having a laugh on Mom, or is this really an option? — Lynne

TOM: Trust me, Lynne. If he ever started putting eggs into Black Hawk helicopters, his platoon mates would get him permanently reassigned to latrine duty.

RAY: This is what's known as a "repair of last resort." Or, in layman's terms, something my brother would do.

TOM: Let's say you overheat late at night, in the middle of nowhere, and you happen to have a dozen eggs — who knows why? Maybe you're Martha Stewart and you're on your way to make a frittata.

RAY: Anyway, you realize that you've got a radiator leak. If the leak is small enough and you drop a raw egg into the radiator, pieces of the egg might "cook" and harden, then clog up the hole that's letting coolant leak out. Maybe.

TOM: People have written to us and told us this has worked, at least temporarily. And we've heard similar stories about large quantities of black pepper. But duct-taping yourself to a tree limb also works if you want to keep from stepping in dog doo. That

doesn't mean it's the best solution to the problem.

RAY: If you're in a position where you can't afford to replace the radiator now, Lynne, you'd be better off using a commercial additive that works in a similar way. We've had some success with something called AlumAseal (although there are lots of similar products). AlumAseal consists of small pieces of aluminum that turn into a muddy blob when tossed into the radiator. Then they follow the flowing current to the hole, and harden once they fill the hole and are exposed to air. That may be a little more long-term than the egg.

TOM: But your best bet is to just get the radiator replaced. Overheating can do permanent and expensive damage to your engine, so you want to overheat the engine as little as possible. And if you're overheating every 7 miles, it's probably time to skip the temporary solutions and fix it for real, Lynne.

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## Odds & Ends

■ PROVIDENCE, Utah — Balloons apparently were boring. A young man returning home from a church mission in Mexico found his family's home completely wrapped in newspaper.

"As soon as the headlights hit the house it was like, 'What has happened?'" said Kelly Wigington, the father of Mormon missionary Brian Wigington. "I've never seen anything like this before."

The family returned from the Salt Lake City airport about 1:30 a.m. Thursday to find the unusual welcome home decorations.

The pranksters were Brian Wigington's friends, who volunteered to remove the newsprint. It took three hours to wrap the house.

"Some of these guys have too much free time on their hands," Kelly Wigington said.

■ HONOLULU — Real estate is often a long-term investment. But 10,000 years?

Lo'ih Development Co. will soon start offering ocean-view lots speculators won't even be able to stand on for many millennia. That's because they're currently submerged more than 3,000 feet below sea level — on an underwater volcano called Lo'ih, located about 20 miles southeast of the Big Island.

His Web site will be renovated in the next couple of weeks to officially begin selling parcels for an introductory price of \$39.95. Buyers will receive a brochure and a "deed," but much like Internet groups that claim to sell stars, they probably can't call themselves owners.

"What's the scam?" said Norm Nichols, co-developer of the online venture. "If you really think there's something here that you can't live with, nobody's forcing you to buy it. It's meant to be fun."

The Web site advertises, "Lo'ih Seaview Estates: Real Estate for the Future. Grand

Water View Front Lots." A photo of the sales office is a raft in the middle of the ocean.

Nichols and his business partner, Linda Kramer, both Honolulu entrepreneurs, envision online chat rooms and newsletters to discuss everything from street names to what kind of government to install. They want to hold a "homeowners association" meeting — a boat ride over the volcano — every April Fool's Day.

Scientists don't really know when, or if, Lo'ih will break the surface of the Pacific Ocean. Many guess about 10,000 years, but it could be much longer than that.

Stephen Levins, head of the state consumer affairs office, said the offer could be a problem if it were serious. "However, if the Web site is clear it's a parody and you're not going to be receiving an actual interest in real estate, that's something else," he said.

■ LEVITTOWN, Pa. — Most Pennsylvania gamblers aren't betting on their self-restraint.

Just 52 people have signed up so far for a new state program that allows compulsive gamblers to ban themselves from casinos.

Those who participate in the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's self-exclusion program could be ejected from casinos or have their winnings forfeited.

An estimated 124,000 people in Pennsylvania, or 1 percent of the state's population, are "pathological gamblers," according to the National Council on Problem Gambling. The group estimates that 3 percent of the state's residents are "problem gamblers."

Pennsylvania's program began last year with the opening of the Philadelphia Park Casino and the Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs near Scranton.

It is similar to a six-year-old program in New Jersey, where the state's Casino Control Commission said there are 580 people signed up.

Pennsylvania could become one of the nation's largest gambling states soon, with five casinos slated to open by the end of next year.

■ WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — A special prosecutor could not have had worse timing for telling a judge he'd cleared him of theft for taking a college student's ringing cell phone during a class.

Special prosecutor Rob Ives had just delivered his report Friday in Tippecanoe Superior Judge Les Meade's crowded courtroom when his own cell phone began ringing.

Ives quickly left the courtroom, which has a posted sign instructing those entering to turn off their cell phones. Other attorneys waited nervously to see Meade's reaction.

As it turned out, the judge liked Ives' ring tone — the song, "I Fought the Law (and the Law Won)."

"It was the perfect ending to this little annoyance," Meade said.

Six weeks ago, Meade was teaching a business law class at Purdue University when a student's cell phone began ringing. Meade took away the student's phone after he said the student failed to turn it off promptly.

Meade said he intended to turn it over to the dean's office the next morning. But the student, in a hurry to get his phone back, called Purdue police.

Officers told Meade if he failed to return the phone to the student his refusal would constitute theft.

While Meade was talking with officers, Richard Cosier, dean of Purdue's School of Management, arrived and took the phone. He returned it to the

student after lecturing him about rules against using cell phones during class.

Prosecutor Pat Harrington said he sought a special prosecutor to avoid the appearance of impropriety.

■ TUMWATER, Wash. — Talk about a blunder. A bomb technician discovered that a suspicious package that forced more than 300 workers to evacuate a state building contained a bobblehead doll awarded to public officials for perceived errors.

The package, sent by an intern at KOMO-TV in Seattle, was addressed to Department of Corrections Secretary Harold Clarke at the department's headquarters in this town near Olympia.

It didn't have a return address and the mailing label was handwritten. It also had stains on the outside, which could have indicated that the item inside had leaked, said Washington State Patrol Sgt. Ted DeHart.

"It had the classic indicators of a suspicious package," DeHart said.

The building's 350 employees were evacuated for about 45 minutes Friday after the package was found in the mailroom.

A bomb technician from the State Patrol who opened the box found a "Schrammie," which television commentator Ken Schram hands out to public officials he thinks have done wrong.

"To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time that the bomb squad was called in when we sent a 'Schrammie,'" said Jimm Brown, a KOMO spokesman.

Brown said Schram sent the doll to Clarke because he was upset about the announcement earlier this year that the state had released 83 felons from jails early.

"I'm going to have to wind up giving myself a 'Schrammie,' for crying out

loud," Schram said.

■ NEW YORK — Saks Fifth Avenue says its new shoe department is so big that it's getting its own ZIP code.

The Manhattan store is revamping its shoe department, and when it moves from the fourth floor to an 8,500-square-foot space on the eighth floor in August, customers will be able to send mail to 10022-SHOE.

"We believe it's such a big move for us it deserves its own

## Concerts

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their state and their nation. "A young high school or college musician, could not find a better group of people to share their talents with," commented unit First Sergeant Sharon R. Cates. "It's really a wonderful opportunity for a young woman or man to have their education paid for, while doing something for their country," Cates stated.

Members of the 202nd come from all walks of life and include teachers, computer specialists, college professors, professional musicians, and full-time college students. Performers have released solo albums and play with such well known groups as the Louisville-based "Crossgate Woodwind Ensemble." The 202nd band is currently seeking recruits and welcomes inquiries from interested musicians.

"I hope every time that we finish a concert that we've touched someone's life, made them remember a special moment, and encouraged pride and patriotism," commented Stepp. "That's what this is all about and we love doing it."

For more information about the 202nd Kentucky Army National Guard band, it's summer tour schedule or recruitment opportunities, contact SSG Alan Robinson, 202nd KANG, Unit Readiness NCO

ZIP code," Saks spokeswoman Lesley Langsam Kennedy said Thursday. "We wanted to make it a destination."

The retailer worked with the U.S. Postal Service on the new ZIP code — but only the last four characters, which aren't necessary when mailing something, are specialized. The rest of the neighborhood shares 10022.

Saks operates 54 stores in 25 states and two stores in the Middle East.

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## Mission and Organization

The mission of the 202nd Kentucky Army National Guard band is to provide exemplary musical support to the constituent units that compose the Kentucky National Guard; to serve in a public relations capacity so as to foster a positive image of the Guard and to facilitate recruitment and retention; and to perform in collaboration with other military bands throughout the joint forces structure when called upon to do so.

The 202nd Band achieves the above goals through an array of small group ensembles (jazz, rock, brass, woodwind, blues, and Dixieland), solo, concert, and marching band performances.

The unit is organized into four platoon-strength elements based on instrumentation — percussion, low brass, woodwind, and high brass. Currently, authorized strength is 41 members, with unit strength at 42 as of September 30, 2006, the end of the annual history reporting period.

The 202nd is a constituent element of the 751st Troop Command, based in Ft. Knox, Kentucky, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Pope.

## Lagoon

teacher and teen gang, then go to the head of the class. Said confrontation climaxes the film on the night of the big concert.

Norris finally goes on the offensive and attacks the gang. He turns out to be a pretty resourceful guy who finds new uses for the wood and auto shops as he slices, dices and burns his way through Stegman's gang. It's a fierce finale that offers plenty of payback and gross-out effects as Norris saves the juvenile court

system from doing a ton of paperwork.

In lesser hands this could have easily been a soulless revenge movie, but director Mark L. Lester refuses to let the audience off that easily. He allows the action to build until the passionate Norris finally breaks down and gives the gang what they had coming, but it only after sacrificing all of the values he has been adhering to throughout the film. Lester lets you see that this breakdown is coming only once in an effective moment that has Norris impulsively destroy Stegman's car after a failed attempt to connect with his mother.

What really makes this film work is the melding of high tension with higher minded ideas. This is no better exemplified than in a scene where Corrigan loses it and gives a lecture at gunpoint. The sad truth is that it works and the members of Stegman's gang actually pay attention and give proper answers to the teacher's questions upon pain of death. The scene is masterfully played by former child actor Roddy McDowall, who excels as Corrigan, and the extras include a fond remembrance of McDowall by Lester,

who admits that they gave the scene an extra day of shooting because everyone realized it was going to be the highlight of the movie.

High marks also go to Perry King ("Mandingo"), as Norris, and Timothy Van Patten, as Stegman. Patten would go on to become a respected director ("The Sopranos") but shows here that he was an actor to be reckoned with when he had good material.

Film fans will get a kick out of references to other films, with the best homage being a spin on the opening scene of "The Godfather," in which Stegman interacts with members of the student body from his office beneath a punk rock night club. Lester followed this up with a noteworthy sequel ("Class of 1999") in which the state of schools got so bad that three Terminator-type robots are recruited to straighten out a Seattle-based high school.

Best line: "Half of the graduating class is going out of here with a substandard education, and you compound the problem by beating a student senseless." 1982, unrated.

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"Well, said the preacher," "I'll tell you—it's the biggest dam I can think of."

## "THE SADDEST WORDS..."

This column doesn't go in for verse very often, but the following which appeared in Allan Trout's "Greetings" column recently, seems to me to speak such a special message for most of us, that here it is:

Around the corner I have a friend

In this great city that has no end;

Yet days go by and weeks rush on

And before I know it, a year is gone.

And I never see my old friend's face;

For life is a swift and terrible race.

He knows I like him just as well

As in the days when he rang my bell

And I rang his; we were younger then,

And now we are busy, tired men.

Tired with playing a foolish game,

Tired of trying to make a name;

"Tomorrow," I say, "I will call on Jim,

Just to show I'm thinking of him."

But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes

And the distance between us grows.

Around the corner, yet miles away,

"Here's a call, Jim died today."

That's what we get, deserve in the end,

Around the corner, a vanished friend.

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## Nextel Cup contingent grows for Kentucky Busch race

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — Seven NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series regulars and five of the Top 10 in the current NASCAR Busch Series standings are scheduled to compete for a share of the \$1.4 million Meijer 300 Presented by Oreó™ purse at Kentucky Speedway June 16.

Current NASCAR Busch Series leader Carl Edwards will join his Roush-Fenway Racing teammates Greg Biffle and David Ragan in a 43-car field that also will feature Bill Davis Racing driver Dave Blaney, Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates pilot David Stremme, Ginn Racing competitor Regan Smith and Michael Waltrip Racing rookie David Reutimann.

"It's no surprise that our top-five series purse and expected seventh consecutive capacity crowd continues to attract the best NASCAR has to offer to our venue," Kentucky Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager Mark F. Cassis said.

Edwards, Biffle and Stremme have experienced previous Kentucky Speedway success.

Edwards, who holds a 423-point lead in the current standings over second-place driver and inaugural Kentucky NASCAR Busch Series race winner Kevin Harvick, earned his first NASCAR-sanctioned win at Kentucky Speedway on July 12, 2003 in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and fol-

lowed up with a Meijer 300 Presented by Oreó win June 18, 2005. He will look to rebound from last season's 36th-place Kentucky Speedway finish.

Biffle, who will compete in the Central City-based BREWCO Motorsports No. 37 Cub Cadet Ford, has collected more than \$243,000 in Kentucky Speedway prize money after generating three second-place and a total of four top-10 finishes through five career NASCAR Busch Series starts at the track dating back to 2001. The Vancouver, Wash., driver also was part of the closest series finish in track history when he was nipped at the finish line by 0.036 of

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photo courtesy of Kentucky Speedway  
Carl Edwards celebrated a win last season at Kentucky Speedway.

## Pike County teams still dominate 15th Region softball

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Softball season was scheduled to end Thursday night with Shelby Valley meeting East Ridge in the regional finals. But regardless of who the winner was, it's pretty clear the breakout

stars of this season have been a pair of freshmen who have dominated from the pitcher's circle — Ashleigh



Rick Bentley

Stanley of Shelby Valley and Caitlin Conley of East Ridge.

The three-headed monster that is the 59th District in softball was in for a letdown this season. All three lost longtime pitchers to graduation, so the rest of the region had to figure that if they'd ever make up ground on the 59th, this would be their year.

But that, clearly, hasn't happened. The reason for that has been that these teams — particularly from a pitching standpoint — don't so much rebuild as they reload.

Stanley headed into last night's championship game 4-0 in the postseason, having pitched three shutouts and allowed only 10 hits — and seven of them came in the district finals to East Ridge.

"She got to throw in a number of varsity games since her seventh-grade year, and all my JV games," said Coach Greg Napier, wrapping up his 18th and final season at Shelby Valley. "She worked hard in the winter because she knew what all those people were saying."

Meanwhile, East Ridge has a freshman of its own it's pretty proud of in Conley. In Wednesday night's semifinals, she really stepped up big in the top of the seventh with her team nursing a 4-2 lead.

An infield error and botched fielder's choice put the tying runs on base with nobody out. Pinch hitter Jordyn Combs moved them into scoring position when she grounded out to short.

But Conley stood in the center of the diamond cucumber cool, and calmly finished off the

(See SOFTBALL, page eight)

## BACK ON TRACK



TODAY ON DIRT: Beaver Junction Motocross is scheduled to host its next set of races today. The track, which has already hosted racers from Kentucky and other states, is located at Dwale. Beaver Junction Motocross offers classes for racers of various ages.

## Ranier helps Sorenson post career-best finish at Lowe's Motor Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CONCORD, N.C. — Last Sunday's Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway (LMS) came down to survival and gas mileage. Reed Sorenson and the No. 41 Target team turned a 36th-place starting position into a fourth-place finish, which vaulted them into the top 25 of the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup (NNCS) championship points standings. It was the best finish of Sorenson's NASCAR Nextel Cup career.

The top-five finish was not an easy accomplishment for the No. 41 driver and crew. Two major hurdles

were presented early on last Sunday as two colossal wrecks collected almost 20 cars total in the first 70 laps of the 400-lap competition. A combination of Target team spotter Lorin Ranier's good directions and Sorenson's fast reflexes helped the No. 41 Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates (CGRFS) Dodge avoid both incidents. Each of the two mishaps hindered the efforts of numerous other Nextel Cup drivers and teams.

Ranier, a Prestonsburg native, has been instrumental throughout Sorenson's career.

The fourth-place finish marks

Sorenson's second top-five in his young NNCS career and his best finish to date.

The No. 41 CGRFS team gained five positions in the NEXTEL Cup championship standings and is now listed in 24th place, just 111 points outside the top 20, and just 288 away from the cutoff for the current Chase for the NEXTEL Cup contenders.

Sorenson, Ranier and the rest of the No. 41 team will be back in action today at Dover International Speedway in the Autism Speaks 400. Drivers are set to get the green flag for the Dover race at 1 p.m.

## Faulkner University to join Mid-South Conference

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The Mid-South Conference has announced that Faulkner University (Montgomery, Alabama) is joining the conference as a football member beginning in the fall of 2008. The Eagles will be fielding their inaugural football squad next season (fall 2007) under head coach Jim Nichols. Faulkner will compete in its first season as a NAIA independent member.

The Mid-South Conference has the

following teams currently playing football: Belhaven College (Mississippi), Bethel College (Tennessee), Campbellsville University (Ky.), University of the Cumberlands (Ky.), Cumberland University (Tennessee), Georgetown College (Ky.), Lambuth University (Tennessee), Pikeville College (Ky.), Shorter College (Georgia), Union College (Ky.), University of Virginia-Wise and West Virginia Tech. Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.) is a full member of the MSC, but does not play

football.

With the addition of Faulkner, the Mid-South will have 14 schools located in seven states.

Pikeville College is a full member of the Mid-South Conference. Student-athletes at Pikeville College can compete in the following sports: baseball, basketball, bowling, cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball.

Mac Bryan guides the Pikeville College football program.

## 'Copper' John headed into KHSAA Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Twelve former high school coaches, athletes, officials administrators and/or contributors make up the 21st class to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The class, which includes former Wayland boys' basketball coach "Copper" John Campbell, will first be recognized at the annual Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame golf outing scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington.

The class of 2008 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the Lexington Convention Center. The induction of the 12 will bring the total number

of individuals honored to 355.

The 2008 class is as follows: "Copper" John Campbell — "Copper" played basketball for Hindman Settlement where he was a three year starter. In 1939, he helped Hindman to the State Tournament and was selected All-State Tournament for his efforts. Later, he coached the Wayland Wasps for 11 years, winning four district titles, three regional titles, including his 1959 squad that set many State Tournament records.

Joe Carr, Jr. — Carr was an All-American wrestler for Woodford County where he amassed 242 high school career wins. He was a four-time state champion including his eighth

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photo by Jamie Howell  
CONFERENCE CHAMP, DISTRICT RUNNER-UP: The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats claimed the Floyd County Conference regular-season championship and finished runner-up in the 58th District Tournament. Prestonsburg will return a talented group of players for the 2008 season. Jack Pack coaches the Lady Blackcats.

## Golden Eagles capture region title

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Johnson Central is now just a couple of games away from returning to Applebee's Park for the state baseball tournament. Behind the right arm of senior Matt Fyffe, Johnson Central defeated Lawrence County 4-2 Thursday night in the 15th Region Tournament championship game. The regional championship is Johnson Central's second under the guidance of head coach Shawn Hall.

Fyffe dominated several Lawrence County batters en route to the regional championship triumph.

Johnson Central prevailed on an emotional night. The Golden Eagles claimed the regional championship win in the final game on Paul G. Fyffe Field. The stadium which hosted professional players such as Greg Maddux, Kirby Puckett, Jose Rijo and Daryl Strawberry during its stint as the

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## Fyffe named tourney MVP

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — After pitching Johnson Central to a 4-2 win over 57th District rival Lawrence County in the 15th Region Tournament title game Thursday night, Matt Fyffe picked up some individual hardware. Fyffe, who has signed to play baseball at Eastern Kentucky University, claimed the 15th Region Tournament MVP award after recording 16 strikeouts in the regional title tilt.

Johnson Central's Aaron Haney, Mike Conley and Justin Blanton joined Fyffe on the all-tournament team. Blanton has signed to play baseball at Marietta College in Ohio.

Others named to the 15th Region All-Tournament team were Jeremy King (Pike Central), Heath Varney (Belfry), Peyton Elswick (East Ridge), Josh Rodebaugh (Prestonsburg), Alex Hammonds (Allen Central), Scott Little (Allen Central), John Michael Mayo (Pikeville), Luke Huffman (Pikeville), Morgan Roberts (Lawrence County), Tim Hayes (Lawrence County) and Chandler Shepherd (Lawrence County).



# BUMP IN THE ROAD: Reds fall to Astros, 10-2

by CHRIS DUNCAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Finally, and all at once, everything clicked for the Houston Astros.

Lance Berkman hit a three-run homer and Woody Williams had a season-high nine strikeouts as the Astros snapped a 10-game losing streak with a 10-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday night.

The Astros reached their highest run total in three weeks and matched a season high with 16 hits. Their five pitchers set a season high with 16 total strikeouts.

"You knew, sooner or later, it was going to end," said Craig Biggio, who went 3-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored. "It was nice to end it in this fashion."

Carlos Lee had a two-RBI double during a four-run third inning off Bronson Arroyo as the Astros won for just the second time in 14 games. One more loss would've matched the longest skid in franchise history, set in August 1995.

Williams (2-7) allowed seven hits and two walks in five innings. He threw 117 pitches, also a season high, to earn his first win in four starts.

"It was a fun night for everybody," Williams said. "I know it's one win, it's not 15 in a row. But it sure seems like that."

Houston scored four runs or fewer in 10 consecutive losses. Brad Ausmus gave the first hint that the Astros were going to finally shake out of their tailspin when he led off the third with just his third triple in four seasons.

Williams grounded out, but Biggio came through with an RBI single to left.

Mark Loretta singled and one out later, Lee lined a double into the left-field corner, scoring Biggio and Loretta. Rookie Hunter Pence followed with a double off the left-field wall to put Houston up 4-0, only the fifth time in 14 games the Astros had scored that many runs.

"It was a nice night, obviously," said Houston manager Phil Garner. "One we definitely needed."

Williams struck out six Reds in the first three innings, but also gave up three hits and a walk. The Reds loaded the bases with two outs in the fourth and Williams fanned Arroyo to end the threat.

"I was able to locate my fast-

ball the way I need to," Williams said. "I was ahead in the count most of the night."

Scott Hatteberg doubled and scored on Brandon Phillips' two-out single in the fifth. Adam Dunn then blooped a hit to shallow center to score Phillips and make it 4-2. Williams struck out Alex Gonzalez to end the inning and his night.

"Woody was just awesome tonight," said Dunn. "When a pitcher is on like that, there's not a lot you can do."

In the Astros' fifth, Biggio and Loretta had consecutive one-out singles off Arroyo (2-6) before Berkman hit a 3-2 pitch into the right-field seats, his first homer in 19 games. The four-time All-Star had only three hits in his previous 34 at-bats.

"You don't want to be left out of the 10-run party," Berkman said. "We did a good job up and down the lineup. It's something we hadn't been doing."

The homer was Berkman's only hit and the switch-hitting slugger said he's still not feeling comfortable at the plate.

"It's one of those things you have to go through at some point in your career," he said. "It's unfortunate that it's been this year because I think it's impacted this team negatively. I wish it wasn't that way."

Arroyo had thrown only six total innings in his previous two starts and Cincinnati manager Jerry Narron decided to keep him on the mound, even as the Astros pulled away.

Lee singled and Luke Scott tripled to score him later in the

inning to make it 8-2.

"We really needed as many pitches out of him as we could to get him back on track," Narron said. "It's a shame he had two bad innings." Chad Moeller pinch-hit for Arroyo in the sixth. Arroyo gave up 11 hits with two strikeouts, losing for the fourth time in five starts.

"I hit my spots and thought I had good stuff," Arroyo said. "Sometimes, you get beat around the yard. When you go through a stretch like this, sometimes you don't get that luck of guys popping up a pitch across the plate."

Rick White relieved Williams and the Reds loaded the bases again with two outs in the sixth. White got Ken Griffey Jr. to fly out to deep center on a 3-2 pitch.

Scott and Adam Everett added RBI singles in the seventh off Mike Stanton.

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grade year in 1993. He received First Team All-America honors in 1997 by Wrestling Magazine and was a two-time National High School Finalist. In addition, he qualified for the NCAA Tournament four times while on the mat for West Virginia University and his 101 career wins rank seventh all-time at WVU.

Gloria Compton — Compton started the gymnastics program at Bryan Station High School in Lexington in 1962 and the Track program in 1964 where she coached those teams until 1974. It is in the area of Spirit and Cheerleading that Compton has made her mark. She coached varsity cheer from 1962 until 1990. Under her guidance, the Defenders captured the Sweet 16 Cheer competition championship in 1972 and again in 1974. She was one of the primary leaders in KAPOS (Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors) and continues to serve the organization to date as a member of the advisory board. In addition, Compton was a co-founder of the Kentucky Girls Sports Association.

Nancy Crutcher Martin — Crutcher Martin was a three sport athlete at Oldham County where she earned five individual state championships and was a member of four team state championships. She captured the Class 3A Cross Country State Championship twice as an individual and was a member of the State Championship team three times. She also captured individual championships in the 1600 Meter and 3200 Meter State Track and Field Meet. Crutcher Martin was a member of the 1986 Girls' Sweet 16 State Championship basketball team and was named "MVP" of the tournament.

Charles "Doodle" Floyd — "Doodle" Floyd was a star and leader in basketball for the legendary Cuba Cubs. He was a member of the 1951 State Runner-up team and the 1952 State Championship team. He led the team in both scoring and rebounding in both trips to the State Tournament and was named to the All-Tournament team both years.

Gene Hilen — Hilen was a great contributor to high school athletics in the sport of golf. He was a golf teacher to those from the Frankfort area and instrumental in many high school players improving their game and going on to receive college golf scholarships. Hilen was a three-time "Teacher of the Year" honoree and was inducted into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame in 1992.

E.G. Plummer — Plummer was a track standout for Danville from 1953-65. He captured seven state championships while setting a state record in the mile run. He went on to run for the University of Kentucky and finished as Southeastern Conference runner-up in the Mile Run in 1958 and was a member of UK's undefeated SEC Championship Cross Country team in 1958. In addition, Plummer captured the SEC Championship in the 880 yard dash while tying the SEC record in the event. Plummer went on to enjoy a successful career as track and field coach for Danville. His teams captured five girls' cross country, two boys' cross country, seven

girls' track and three boys' track State Championships. Plummer has also served as a track official for many years.

William Burton Rankin — Rankin was a star runner for Somerset in the sports of track and cross country. He was cross country state runner-up in 1965 and state champion in the two-mile run in 1966 — the first state champion in any sport for the Briarjumpers. He was one of the first three minority athletes to receive an athletic scholarship to the University of Kentucky.

Ervin Stepp — Stepp was an all-star basketball player for Phelps High School. During his prep career, he tallied 3,228 points en route to an incredible career scoring average of over 40 points-per-game. He was named All-State his junior and senior seasons. His career accolades include a senior year scoring average of 53.7 points-per-game highlighted by receiving the honor of Mr. Basketball in 1980.

Grant Talbott — Talbott was girls' basketball coach for Owensboro. Taking the reigns of a second year program in 1975, Talbott built the Lady Devils into a power. Over the course of the next six years his teams captured six district titles, five regional titles and one regional runner-up finish. His coaching mark during that time was an impressive 152-21. Following his coaching career, "GG" continued as an ambassador for the third region by helping those from the area advance to the college level. Talbott also is a former Board of Control member of the KHSAA.

Brad Wilkerson — Wilkerson was a multi-sport standout for the Apollo Eagles. He was a three-time AllState honoree in baseball and soccer and received honorable mention All-State honors in football and basketball. In all, he earned 15 letters in four different sports from 1991-1995. He was finalist for Mr. Soccer in 1994 and was named Kentucky's Mr. Baseball in 1995. It was on the diamond where he enjoyed his greatest success. He ranks among career state leaders in many categories including 194 runs scored, 198 RBI, 165 walks, 1.58 ERA and 151 strikeouts in a season. After a collegiate career playing for the Florida Gators, he was a first round draft selection by the Montreal Expos in 1998. At the time of his induction he continues his Major League Baseball career as a member of the Texas Rangers.

Rozella Young — Young has served as a contributor to high school athletics for over 60 years. She started her service in 1946 as official scorer while attending Blandville High School in Ballard County. She later moved to Carlisle County and has worked as official scorekeeper for the Comets since 1965. In addition, she has served as the official scorekeeper for several district and regional tournaments. Two other individuals have previously been voted into the Hall of Fame but declined induction at that time. Wayland's Kelly Coleman (1989) and John Reynolds (1994) have yet to accept the honor. They or their representatives would be added to the induction class in the year the honor is accepted.

## DRAG RACING: Field set for PINKS ALL OUT at Bristol Dragway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — When racers heard an episode of PINKS ALL OUT would be filmed in Thunder Valley July 20-21, the phone lines at Bristol Dragway lit up like a Christmas tree.

Therefore, it should come as no surprise that it took only 10 days for the field to be set

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homestanding Lady Eagles of Johnson Central. She recorded a strikeout and induced leadoff batter Courtney Callis to ground out to wrap things up and secure the win.

"Caitlin seems to have added some velocity to her ball, and that's what you're looking for," said Coach Jill Morgan. "We had five strong seniors coming back and we knew the pitching would be the question mark. But if you're willing to work hard enough, you'll get better as the season goes along and can give big-time performances in the district and region, and that's what Caitlin has done for us."

For the record, it still stands that to look for a regional championship trophy in softball that isn't in Pike County, you have to go to Prestonsburg, which won the crown in 1999. Since then, it's been Shelby Valley, Elkhorn City, Pikeville, Belfry, Belfry, Shelby Valley and Shelby Valley.

The baseball tournament was also schedule to wrap up Thursday night with Johnson Central and Lawrence County playing in what was being billed as the last game ever at Paul G. Fyffe Field. When the tournament wraps, they will begin to flip the field, putting home plate in the area of left field, which will bring an end to the legendary sun delays the field was so famous for in years past.

This brought to mind the end of an era, when Mr. Fyffe was responsible for bring professional baseball to Eastern Kentucky. The Highlanders, an independent team, then the Yankees and Brewers had Rookie League teams in Paintsville, all playing in the Appalachian League.

Thanks to Jason Blanton, himself a legend and Johnson Central product, we can recall some of the legendary names that called Fyffe Field home during the summers of my youth. The two most famous names to play for Paintsville were future Reds stars Jose Rijo and Glenn Braggs.

Two other guys who are pretty famous locally played their as well — Paintsville's legendary basketball coach and Pikeville College Hall of Famer Bill Mike Runyon and former Boyd County baseball coach Jody Hamilton.

Guests to Fyffe Field include the likes of Hall of Fame member Kirby Puckett and former Twins star Kent Hrbek, along with former Mets star Darryl Strawberry.

And then there's Greg Maddux, who spent his first summer of professional baseball in Pikeville and was the winning pitcher in the last Appalachian League game ever played in Paintsville.

Ah, the summers of my youth.

with more than 300 competitors. Drivers from 17 states and one racer from Canada will make the trip to compete in legendary Thunder Valley.

On Saturday, July 21, the 350-car field will make two qualifying runs in front of Rich Christensen and his crew from PINKS. Information from the first round of qualifying will be shown on the track's scoring lights. Times from the second round will only be seen on the timing system computer located in the control tower. The

PINKS team will compare times to determine which 16 drivers will make the final bracket.

The group of 16 cars, all having similar performance numbers, will compete for the \$10,000 grand prize. During the event, drivers will be given money for each round win. Before each race, the drivers will have the option to put any amount of money they have won to that point on the line.

While the competitor field is full, there still are tickets available for fans who want to

take part in the filming of the exciting PINKS ALL OUT, where emotions can run high and at times, low. Spectator tickets may be purchased online through TicketMaster and are only \$20. Children 12 and under will be admitted free.

A Test and Tune on Friday, July 20 will give registered drivers the opportunity to make sure their cars are racing, they can purchase a two-day combo ticket for only \$25.

Camping will also be available during the PINKS ALL OUT weekend.

For more information about PINKS ALL OUT at Bristol Dragway, call 423-764-DRAG or visit the PINKS All Out Events Page.

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home of minor league baseball, will soon be demolished, making way for a new facility.

Fyffe was strong from beginning to end. The Johnson Central senior struck out the side in the seventh inning. Fyffe finished the game with 16 strikeouts.

The game was knotted at 2-2 in the half of the fifth inning when Johnson Central senior Aaron Haney delivered a two-run double, allowing Taylor Smith and Mike Conley to cross home plate, pushing Johnson Central's lead out to a 4-2 advantage.

Johnson Central got some sweet revenge. Lawrence County had defeated the Golden Eagles 4-1 in the 57th District championship game a little over one week earlier.

Lawrence County ended its season 29-11.

With the win, Johnson Central improved to 25-12. The Golden Eagles will take on 14th Region champion Letcher County Central Wednesday at Pikeville in a Semi-State 8 matchup.

## NFL bans alcohol from all team functions

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — NFL clubs may no longer serve alcohol at team functions or on buses or flights, extending a ban that until now applied only in locker rooms.

NFL owners and executives were told by commissioner Roger Goodell that the rule pertains not only to players but to owners, coaches and guests.

ATLANTA — AirTran Airways has ended its relationship with Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick, who has been a pitchman for the airline since 2004, but whose image has been tarnished in several off-field incidents.

AirTran spokesman Tad Hutcheson said Vick had appeared on five billboards and did radio commercials under a one-year contract, which had been renewed twice before. He said AirTran has Falcons running back Warrick Dunn under contract, and other sports celebrities in other cities.

Most recently, Vick's name has been dragged into a Virginia investigation of dog fighting after authorities confiscated dozens of dogs at a property owned by Vick and said they found evidence related to fighting.



YOUNG MARTIAL ARTISTS: Amber Hayden (left) and Andrew Goble (right) are both green belt students in the Family Academy of Arts Prestonsburg class. Family Academy of Martial Arts also holds classes in Inez.

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a second by Todd Bodine in June 2002. He placed seventh in the 2006 Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo after starting 30th.

Stremme raced to top-10 finishes in two his three previous NASCAR Busch Series starts in the Commonwealth.

The full day of activity begins when speedway gates open at 3 p.m., with Legends Series racing on the paved quarter-mile track. NASCAR Busch Series Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo qualifying follows at 5 p.m., and legendary rock artist Peter Frampton takes the stage on the Turn 1 Concourse at 6:30 p.m. The seventh NASCAR Busch Series event in speedway history will take the green flag at 8 p.m. Collectible event rally towels will be distributed to fans throughout the day courtesy of Cincinnati Bell, Edy's Grand Ice Cream, Fifth Third Bank, Holiday Homes, Tickets.com and WLWT-TV

Channel 5 in Cincinnati.

Kentucky Speedway's third of five 2007 event weekends begins Friday, June 15 with ClearChannel Cincinnati Fanfest when gates open at 5 p.m. Fans will be able to enjoy free infield access throughout the day along with interactive games. NASCAR Busch Series drivers will practice until 8 p.m., and a one-hour driver autograph session will begin in the garage area at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets for ClearChannel Cincinnati Fanfest and the Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo can be reserved online at <http://www.kentucky-speedway.com>, by phone at 888-652-RACE (7223), through Tickets.com outlets and Meijer stores, or at Kentucky Speedway ticket offices located at 400 Buttermilk Pike, Suite 100, in Ft. Mitchell, and the speedway Fan Center in Sparta, located off of I-71 Exit 57 and Ky. Hwy. 35 N.



FLOYD COUNTY CONFERENCE BASEBALL: Allen Central's Logan Crowder (above) and restonsburg's Bobby Hughes (below) each made significant contributions for their team during the 2007 baseball season.





# STILL NO. 1: Earnhardt sales going strong despite DEI defection

by JENNA FRYER  
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CONCORD, N.C. — On the day he announced he was leaving his late father's company, Dale Earnhardt Jr. fretted over fan reaction.

He worried the "Red Army" wouldn't understand his decision, and the loyalists would resent him — maybe even boo him — for walking away from Dale Earnhardt Inc. But based on souvenir sales in the three weeks since he made his decision, NASCAR's most popular driver had nothing to be concerned about.

Sales of Earnhardt merchandise at race tracks is up 17 percent since his May 10 announcement, industry analysts said. At NASCAR.com, where his figures spiked 107 percent the first week, sales have now leveled off but are still slightly above last season's pace.

"I knew people were going to collect. I knew they were going to want a piece of his legacy," said Chris Williams, director of trackside sales for Motorsports Authentic, the company that manages 60 of the souvenir trailers that are stationed at every race

track. "His Daddy wanted Dale Jr. to win a championship at DEI, and people want a memento from that part of his career. Now, if he should start winning races and get into championship contention this season, his sales are going to be like nothing we've ever seen before."

Hats, shirts, beer holders, pins, and the diecast cars — a collector's staple — are flying off the shelves at a frantic pace. It's a stark contrast to say, Greg Biffle, who is in flux right now at Roush Fenway Racing.

Because Biffle's sponsor wants to leave at the end of the season, and he's in the middle of contract negotiations that could end with him

leaving Roush, his souvenir sales have dipped.

Earnhardt is for certain leaving his team at the end of the season, and nobody has any idea if he'll be with sponsor Budweiser in 2008. But it doesn't stop the fans from shopping at a dizzying pace.

"I think it all has sentimental value now," said Lee Madson, of Asheville. "He's part of history. The red Budweiser 8, get it while you

can." Earnhardt had a series-high five trailers surrounding Lowe's Motor Speedway last weekend, and a sixth truck sold merchandise for both Junior and the elder Earnhardt.

Rob and Suzanne Carpenter crowded around one of them early Saturday with their three sons looking for new gear. They had plenty already — Suzanne wore her Budweiser bikini, with a gold '3' charm on her bellybutton as a nod to Earnhardt Sr. — but needed to pick up the latest fashions.

"We spend about \$500 a year, usually on hats, a (beer) cozy or two, maybe a T-shirt. Anything I need to replace," Rob Carpenter said as he picked up a limited edition camouflage '8' hat for his son to wear.

The family didn't flinch after dropping \$53.38, and Carpenter was certain he'd spend more at trailers closer to the track.

Because he makes up 30 percent of the market, Earnhardt has the most trailers and gets the best locations every week. Laying out the sales is a surprising science and Motorsports Authentic has to carefully plan the grid each week.

Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart rank second and third in sales, owning about 15 percent of the market each, and Williams said he can never

put an Earnhardt trailer across from one of them because the shoppers would clog the lane. Although he spaces Junior's trailers around the facility, there's no mistaking that each one is in an upfront location.

"As consumers, we shop at the same stores and usually the ones closest to your house," Williams said. "The fans who go to races are the same way. They park in the same locations, walk into the track through the same entrances, follow the same routine. Since the market shows a high percentage want to buy Junior's merchandise, you hit all the high-profile areas with his trailers."

"The places that draw the most volume, interest and sales is where you put two or three of his trailers. Whatever it will bear, which right now is quite a lot."

Tony and Cindy Smith of Roanoke, Va., snapped up a pair of new T-shirts, fully aware Earnhardt's merchandise will look different next season. Unless his stepmother stops leasing the No. 8 from NASCAR, he most certainly will have a different car number — at minimum.

"That just means I'll have to buy a whole new wardrobe," Tony Smith said. "I'm hoping it will be a 3 for Richard Childress, but it doesn't matter. We'll follow him anywhere."

Kelley Earnhardt Elledge wants to

sign a new deal for her brother by the end of June, a deadline partially set by Motorsports Authentic.

Because souvenir sales make up such a huge part of his annual income — he's estimated to earn \$20.1 million a year, and about \$10 million of that is believed to come from merchandise — Earnhardt must have licensing approvals in hand by late summer to ensure he'll have stocked trailers at next year's season-opening Daytona 500.

There's a fan push for him to sign at RCR, where the elder Earnhardt won six of his seven championships in the famed No. 3. Bill Miles from Montana said he'll abandon Junior if he moves to Hendrick Motorsports, and the Carpenters don't want to see him a Ford.

Williams is convinced Earnhardt's numbers won't suffer either way.

"Everyone is waiting for him to win that championship, and if he goes to RCR to do it, everyone will be extremely happy," Williams said. "But if he goes somewhere else, he'll still be fine. He's got it all, everything going for him — the name, the fans, the legacy that his Daddy left behind."

"He's sitting pretty no matter where he goes."

# A SECOND LOOK: NASCAR to re-examine testing policy

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR is considering opening up its restrictive testing policy, which several teams already have skirted this season.

Currently, rules limit teams to seven tests on Nextel Cup-sanctioned tracks, and crew chiefs help NASCAR decide the venues and dates. NASCAR adopted that policy two years ago to help underfunded teams keep up with big-budget organizations, who could afford to test anytime.

But as the Car of Tomorrow was rolled into competition, the top teams found ways to test it outside of the rules.

"It appears that we've got teams that want to test more and teams that want to test less, and teams that test on tires that are not made by our tire supplier," Robin Pemberton, NASCAR vice president of competition, told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"So we're going to start looking at a lot of different things, from eventually lifting the test ban completely, or get as restrictive as we cannot let teams test anywhere at any time, or land somewhere in between."

NASCAR most likely will relax the restrictions, because it's having a hard time policing teams. More than 20 teams tested Tuesday and Wednesday at Virginia International Raceway, a road course where they could simulate the June 24 race in Sonoma, Calif.

Because VIR is not a sanctioned track, any team can go there and still be within NASCAR's guidelines. But teams can't use current Goodyear tires because of a leasing agreement intended to prevent extracurricular testing. To circumvent the lack of available tires, teams have started using other manufacturers for test sessions. They also snapped up much of Goodyear's inventory from 2005 and earlier.

Goodyear officials declined a request from The Associated Press for comment Wednesday, and NASCAR said the teams have not technically broken the rules.

Hendrick Motorsports, winners of nine of the first 12 races this season, is believed to have lapped the field in testing this year. Team officials said they've used a variety of test drivers about 30 times this year, and rival car owner Jack Roush said that's unfair.

He said his own five-car team is behind the competition, because he didn't purchase tires from Hoosier or B.F. Goodrich for tests.

"The teams that have been successful ... they've gone to tracks outside NASCAR's control with tires that were not from Goodyear," Roush said. "Right now, Goodyear is sitting on millions of dollars worth of tires that are growing obsolete and hard in their warehouses. Teams have gotten around NASCAR's policy by buying other people's tires and testing at tracks that aren't on the Nextel Cup schedule."

"I got behind on that. I didn't do that."

But using tires other than what Goodyear provides on race day is a crapsheet, many crew chiefs said.

"Relaxing the testing policy only makes sense if we can use current Goodyears," said Mike Ford, crew chief for Denny Hamlin. "You can really end up going pretty far down the wrong road that way, but you have no choice because everyone is doing it."

Hamlin tested at VIR on "some really old Goodyears," but Ford said it was only the second time this season the No. 11 team has gone outside a NASCAR-sanctioned test. Joe Gibbs Racing's research and development team has tested cars at various times independent of Hamlin's team this year.

Ford said he believes NASCAR's prohibitive policy created the testing

problems.

"They are forcing teams to spend money with other tire manufacturers instead of with Goodyear, the company NASCAR supports," he said. "One way or the other, everybody is going to test."

## Yeley's NBS chief fined for rule infraction at Lowe's

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR announced Wednesday that Chuck Meyers, crew chief of the No. 1 Chevrolet driven by J.J. Yeley in the Busch Series, has been fined due to rule violations this past weekend at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

Meyers was fined \$1,000 for violating Sections 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing), 12-4-Q (car, car parts, components and / or equipment used that do not conform to NASCAR rules) and 20A-3.2.3A (right side window too thin), of the 2007 NASCAR Busch Series Rule Book.

The infraction was discovered during practice on May 26.

## NASCAR NEXTEL CUP DRIVER STANDINGS

1. Jeff Gordon, 1,921
2. Jimmie Johnson, 1,789
3. Matt Kenseth, 1,714
4. Denny Hamlin, 1,682
5. Jeff Burton, 1,577
6. Tony Stewart, 1,530
7. Kevin Harvick, 1,415
8. Carl Edwards, 1,414
9. Kurt Busch, 1,402
10. Clint Bowyer, 1,378
11. Kyle Busch, 1,359
12. Jamie McMurray, 1,320
13. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1,307
14. Mark Martin, 1,289
15. J.J. Yeley, 1,261
16. Martin Truex Jr., 1,232
17. Bobby Labonte, 1,231
18. Ryan Newman, 1,214
19. Greg Biffle, 1,189
20. Elliott Sadler, 1,182

# Jeff Gordon back on dirt for charity

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's been a long time since NASCAR star Jeff Gordon skidded his way around a dirt track.

The four-time Cup champion and current points leader will join other Cup stars Wednesday at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio.

The unique all-star race will feature Chevrolet racers, including Gordon, Eldora owner Tony Stewart, Kevin Harvick, Mark Martin, Denny

Hamlin and Juan Pablo Montoya. They'll race 2,300-pound dirt late-model stock cars.

"I can't remember the last time I was on dirt," Gordon said. "It would have been in the early '90s when I was still racing midgets and sprint cars, before I went full time into the Cup series."

The HBO pay-per-view event will be broadcast live nationwide, with proceeds going to the Victory Junction Gang Camp and the Tony Stewart Foundation.

The format includes practice sessions, two-lap qualifying, inverted heat races, a last chance race and the 25-lap main event.

"It's a typical Saturday night short-track format, but it's the largest field of Cup drivers outside of an official NASCAR Nextel Cup event," Stewart said. "You get to race against your peers and the guys you compete against every weekend, but in a lot more relaxed atmosphere."

Online: [www.eldoraspeedway.com](http://www.eldoraspeedway.com)

# Kinzer wins heat race at Show Me 100

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — The Kinzer Motorsports team made their yearly trip to the West Plains Motor Speedway in West Plains, Mo. over the Memorial Day holiday weekend to compete in the 15th Annual O'Reilly Show-Me 100. Brandon Kinzer timed in 23rd-fastest of the 73 entrants in qualifying on Friday night, May 25 and later won his

heat race, outdistancing both Kellen Chadwick and Jimmy Mars. The Allen native then rolled off from the inside of the third row for the \$41,000 to win A-Main Saturday evening.

Kinzer hung around the top-10 during the first half of the 100-lap feature event, but was involved in an incident with Michael England on a lap 60 restart. Even after sustaining some

damage to his No. 18 GRT machine, Kinzer was still able to finish 15th in the final rundown of the mega-event.

By virtue of his strong qualifying effort on Friday night, Kinzer was also eligible for the Manufacturer's Dash on Saturday and he represented GRT Race Cars by JB Performance to the tune of a fifth place effort.

# Hornish turns laps in ARCA car

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reigning IndyCar Series champion Sam Hornish Jr. made his first laps around Michigan International Speedway in a stock car earlier this week, posting the fastest lap among 18 drivers testing ARCA cars.

"This is my first time in anything

other than an IndyCar here at Michigan," Hornish said. "It's definitely different in a stock car. They run a different line here; it's a little more bumpy, but it's fun."

"We ran the California Busch (Series) race, and the tracks are very similar. I'd love to run the ARCA race in June, sponsorship dependent. It just

works out that my two off weekends in the IRL are the two (NASCAR Nextel) Cup weekends here at Michigan."

ARCA will race at Michigan on June 15. Hornish, who finished fourth in the Indianapolis 500 and is fifth in the season points, has drive in seven Busch races, including five this season.



photo by Thomas Hendrickson

Joey Kramer looking to return to victory lane Saturday night at 201 Speedway in the Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series. The feature race ended too late to make this edition.



photos courtesy of GroundNPound

GFC AT JCHS: Donny Greathouse was named GNP Fighter of the Night and Anthony Patrick claimed the GFC KO of the Night award when Johnson Central High School hosted Gladiator Fighting Championships Saturday, May 25. Below: Floyd Countian Les Stapleton is pictured officiating during a bout.





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2 BR House for retired couple as neighbors are elderly. Central heat and air, city water, garage. Rent \$500 plus utilities and deposit. Call 437-6507 or 434-9008. Located at level, KY.

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2 BR House at McDowell. Call 377-2869

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3 BR house at Allen. \$700 per month plus deposit. 794-0249.

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3 BR in Allen for rent, \$700 per month plus deposit. Call 791-0249. 5/20 1wk

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3 BR 2 Bath Log Home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. Central H/A low utility bills. Large covered deck, Large storage barn. Acres of privacy. \$980.00 month. 850-222-2226. Leave message. See pix at www.washington-publishers.com/ForRent/index.htm

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**LEGALS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
RE: Public Service Commission of Kentucky Case No. 2007-001188  
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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**  
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5422, Major Revision No. 2  
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc. 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining operation located 1.0 mile north of

Dana in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 0.0 surface acres and will underlie an additional 20.0 acres making a total area of 432.96 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.2 miles southeast from Johnson Fork Road's junction with Cecil Branch Road and located within Johnson Fork.  
The proposed major revision is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The major revision will underlie land owned by J. R. Conn.

The major revision proposes the addition of 20.0 underground acres.  
The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Scott Johnson 1831 KY RT 1498, Bevinville, KY 41606 had filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to reconstruct a stream bank that has been eroded by high waters. The property is located approximately 2 miles South from KY RT 1498's junction with KY RT 122 along Jacks Creek in the community of Bevinville KY. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410

**Notice of Blasting Schedule Application Number 836-0329**

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120, Section 4, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 77, level, Kentucky 41642, (606) 889-8440, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 199.05 acres located 0.65 northeast of David in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation is located approximately 0.19 miles northwest of State Route 404's intersection with Rough and Tough Creek County Road and is within the Mill Branch, Rough and Tough Creek, and Buckeye Branch watersheds. The mine site is located at Latitude 37°36'28" and Longitude 82°52'58". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur Sunday through Saturday, sunrise to

sunset, from 6/13/2007 to 6/13/2008. Control of the blasting area will be maintained by blocking the access roads to the area at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast. Traffic on all public roads within 800 feet of the blast site will be controlled at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast to prevent any vehicles from entering the blasting area. Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative (flagman) will check the area for unauthorized persons or property and prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least ten minutes prior to each detonation. The pre-detonation warning signal shall consist of one (1) minute series of long siren blasts five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal. The blast signal shall consist of a short siren blast one (1) minute prior to the shot. The all clear signal shall consist of a prolonged siren blast following the inspection of the blast site. All roads leading to or near the blast site will remain closed until the all clear signal will be audible within one-half (1/2) mile from the blast point. Signs will be posted and maintained which outline the blasting schedule and the meaning of the blast warning signals.

All of the 4-wheel drive roads and trails near the permit boundary will be blocked using earthen berms or large boulders to prevent access. Signs will be posted regarding the blasting in the traveled areas. Before blasting, these areas will be checked by personnel.

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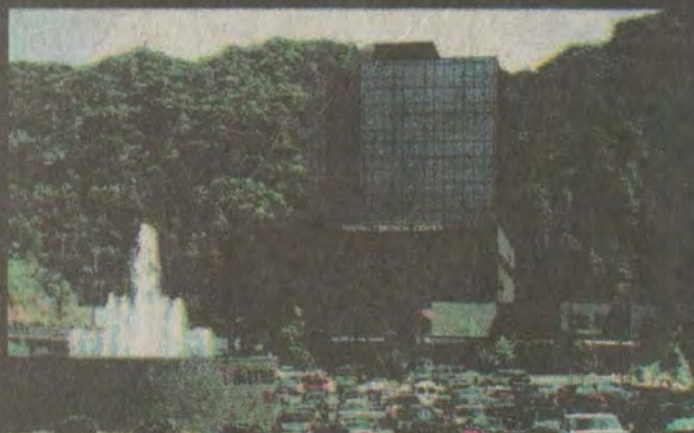
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