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In brief

Stumbo names replacement for Glass

Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced today that Corey Bellamy, long-time deputy communications director, has been promoted to communications director in charge of media relations for the Office of the Attorney General.

Vicki Glass resigned as communications director effective July 29, 2007 to pursue other ventures. "Vicki Glass is a capable and highly qualified individual," said Stumbo. "We wish her well in all future endeavors."

Bellamy has worked in state government for fifteen years. He has served with the Attorney General's Office since 1995. Most recently, he worked with Glass as deputy communications director.

"Corey is an outstanding employee with great people skills," said Stumbo, "I am pleased to welcome him to his new position."

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Halliburton to hire up to 150

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

Job fairs to be held over next two weeks

PRESTONSBURG — An international natural gas drilling company has plans to add an additional location in the Big Sandy region which would bring in nearly 150 new jobs ranging in pay from \$35,000 to \$52,000 per year. Halliburton Energy Services, based

in Houston, Texas, employs operations throughout several countries and has seen much success since their beginning in 1919. Seeking to re-establish a facility and service center in the region, Halliburton says they see a bright future in the area.

"We see sustainable opportunity here," said staffing specialist Chad Matheny.

According to Matheny, Halliburton will create approximately 150 new jobs in the area by April of next year. The company will be looking to hire entry

level operator assistants. Matheny says although experience would be a plus, they are more than willing to train individuals who show an interest in the job. A CDL license is required but the company will provide the training necessary to acquire the license if need be.

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RIVER CLEANUP



photo by Jessica Hale

Prestonsburg's economic development director Brent Garden pitched in Thursday during the cleanup of a portion of the Big Sandy River, for which the city received a \$10,000 grant from PRIDE.

City gives river a facelift

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

effort made possible by a \$10,000 PRIDE grant.

PRESTONSBURG — A portion of the Big Sandy River which runs through the City of Prestonsburg will soon be a lot cleaner thanks to a cleanup

Work began this week on the cleanup, which spans the river from the Town Branch bridge through the city to Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Prestonsburg city economic development director Brent Graden said on Thursday that crews had been working very hard over the last several days and their work is greatly appreciated.

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OxyContin maker, executives fined \$634.5 million for misleading public

by SUE LINDSEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABINGDON, Va. — A federal judge on Friday fined the maker of OxyContin and three executives \$634.5 million for misleading the public about its risk of addiction.

U.S. District Judge James Jones said he would have preferred to have the plea agreements call for spending money on education of those at risk of drug abuse and treatment of those who are addicted to OxyContin. But Jones said he would not reject the agreement.

"Many young people mistakenly believe today that prescription drugs are safer than other drugs," Jones said.

Purdue Pharma L.P., its top lawyer and former president and former chief medical officer pleaded guilty in May and under an agreement for claiming that OxyContin was less addictive and less subject to abuse than other pain medications.

Michael Friedman, who retired in June as Purdue's president, general counsel Howard Udell and former chief medical officer Paul Goldenheim each pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of misbranding the drug. Of the total fine, \$34.5 million was levied on those three.

Jones placed the company on probation for five

years and each of the executives on probation for three years. He also ordered the three to perform 400 hours of community service related to prevention of prescription drug abuse.

The hearing lasted about four-and-a-half hours with statements by numerous people who said their lives were changed forever by the addiction potential of OxyContin, a trade name for a long-acting form of the painkiller oxycodone.

Many of those who gave statements had spoken at a rally before the hearing.

"The first time I heard the word OxyContin was when I was told my 18-year-old son died of an overdose," said Ed Bisch of Palm Coast, Fla.

Bisch drove to the hearing with two other parents, including Lee Nuss, who held up an urn slightly larger than a pill bottle that she said contained her son's ashes.

"I feel you are legal drug users, nothing more than a large corporate drug cartel," Nuss said addressing the Purdue Pharma contingent. Designed to be swallowed whole and digested over 12 hours, the pills can produce a heroin-like high if crushed and then swallowed, snorted or injected.

From 1996 to 2001, the number of oxycodone-related deaths nationwide

(See **FINES**, page three)



photo by Jessica Hale

Floyd County Judge Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and county code enforcement officer Randy Bryant observed the illegal dump discovered at the former landfill at Martin.

Old landfill gets new business; charges filed for illegal dumping

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — County officials have once again discovered an illegal dump site, but this time the violators have actually been charged with a crime thanks to the city's new code enforcement officer.

Floyd County has not utilized the former landfill at Martin for quite some time and since then it has been cleaned up, but someone has decided to take it upon themselves to change that. The county's code enforcement officer

Randy Bryant, who was sworn in earlier this year by Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, discovered that the gate to the landfill had been pulled up out of the ground.

Upon inspecting the site, Bryant discovered that someone had attempted to conceal a very large pile of trash and household items behind some rocks on the property. While sifting through the trash looking for evidence of who the violators were, Bryant found several prescription medication containers on which a

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Kentucky looking to spur growth in high-tech companies

by **JOE BIESK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Sure, Kentucky's built its reputation nationally on old-school things like bourbon, tobacco and even the banjo twang of bluegrass music.

But, high-tech stuff?

That's the plan, Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Thursday.

"This is the beginning, I believe, of a new era in Kentucky," Fletcher said at a ceremony for small, high-tech Kentucky businesses.

Fletcher was on hand to recognize 20 Kentucky startup businesses for having received state matching grants aimed at getting their technology companies off the ground. State matching grants for the new program totaled nearly \$2 million, and each eligible company received from \$70,000 to \$100,000, all of which the companies had previously received.

The grants coincided with a

similar federal program.

The 20 Kentucky companies received the grants to help them survive the research phase of their venture and test their idea's feasibility. Beginning this year, Kentucky also has a federal-grant matching program in which companies are eligible for up to \$500,000 from the state to help with research and development, said Deborah Clayton, commissioner of the state's commercialization and innovation department.

The programs help high-tech entrepreneurs reduce their personal financial risk when launching such startups, Clayton said. None of the companies that applied for the state grants were turned down, she said.

It is the technology being developed in those very companies that officials are hoping will one day lead to more jobs throughout the state's economy, Fletcher said.

"We must as a common-

wealth diversify our economy and these are the types of jobs that we want our kids and grandkids to have," Fletcher said.

Kentucky is one of five states that offer matching funds for the businesses' first phase of development, Clayton said. And, it's the only state that offers second phase funds, she said.

"We now have the most comprehensive program in the country," Clayton said.

Patrick Hu, of Lexington-based Advanced Dynamics, said he recently moved his company from Utah to Kentucky in part because of the grants.

"Here, it's very cool," Hu said of Kentucky.

Companies that received state grants throughout the past year had a wide range of specialties. For example, one biotechnology company based in Woodford County is developing cancer research tools, while another based in

Jefferson County is developing tests aimed at quantifying the risk someone might have of developing mental illness.

To be eligible, a company has to be based in Kentucky or be willing to move there, and at least half of its operations have to be within the state, according to a state press release.

It's part of a \$2 billion federal grant program that helps countries nationwide, said Edsel Brown, assistant administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration's office of technology. Kentucky's program would likely speed up the pace of developing technology, Brown said.

"If Kentucky can stay out in front and show some results, I'm sure other states will be behind them," Brown said.

Economic Development Secretary John Hindman said high-tech companies based in other states were beginning to

look toward Kentucky. The matching funds program has attracted interest from technology companies from California to Florida, Hindman said.

"We can and are changing people's perceptions of Kentucky when it comes to competing in a global, high-tech economy," Hindman said.



Our Lady of the Way Hospital honored Billie Peters as Employee of the Month for June. Billie began her tenure with OLW in 2002 as a file clerk and continues today as a member of the Health Information team. Billie enjoys spending time with family and friends. She and her husband Johnny live at Langley with their two daughters Shawna and Sarah.

Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Belvie Hall, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, July 12, in the Cabell Huntington Medical Center, in Huntington, WV. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Clyde Hamilton, 63, of Jeffersonville, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, July 14, at Mary Chiles Hospital, in Mt. Sterling. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Warren A. Lewis, 86, of Williamsport, a Floyd County native, died Wednesday, July 11, at his residence. He is survived by his wife Bernetta Gibson Lewis. Funeral services were held Friday, July 13, under the direction of the Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Bobby Lee Messer, 40, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, July 16, at Elkhorn City, the result of injuries suffered in an accident at a strip mine site. He is survived by his wife, Kristi Osborne Messer. Funeral services were held Friday, July 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Marcus Owens, 94, of Bevinville, died Sunday, July 15, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Inez Reedy Owens. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Vernon Salisbury, 61, of Hueysville, died Sunday, July 15, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Easter Young Salisbury. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Margaret Anna Tackett, 90, of Allen, died Tuesday, July

17, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, July 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Nellie Tackett, 78, of Beaver, died Monday, July 16, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, July 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Monica Lynn Younce, 27, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, July 15, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, in McDowell. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Pauline Ratliff Epling, 85, of Monticello, formerly of Elkhorn City, died Monday, July 16, at Wayne County Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 19, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Robert Dean Hall, 57, of Robinson Creek, died Wednesday, July 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Josephine Harris. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 22, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Tommy Henson, 58, of Collins Highway, died Tuesday, July 17, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were held Friday, July 20, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Barbara Hinkle Lester, 55, of Chapmanville, West Virginia, formerly of Thacker, West Virginia, a native of Thacker, died Friday, July 13, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 17, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Gaynell Smith McCraney, 65, of Lyons, Indiana, formerly of Marrowbone Creek, died Saturday, July 14, at Sullivan County Community Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 18, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Edith Mable Phillips, 83, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, July 20, under direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Mack Willis "Bill" Potter, 84, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, July 14, at the Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. He is survived by his wife, Elva Martin Potter. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 17, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Bernice Reynolds, 75, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, July 17, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Arnold Reynolds. Funeral services were held Friday, July 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Emma Evelyn Smith, 74, of Pikeville, died Saturday, July 14, at Pikeville Medical Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, July 16, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

■ Sarah M. Thacker, 79, of Pikeville, died Sunday, July 15, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 18, under direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Arnold Thacker, 69, of Red Creek, a Pikeville native, died Monday, July 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Bethel Thacker. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 19, under direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Robert Alsobrooks Sr., 59, of Nippa, died Friday, July 13, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sheila Adams Corky Alsobrooks. Funeral services were held Monday, July 16, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Alice Branham, 97, of Fairborn, Ohio, formerly of Sitka, died Friday, July 13, in

Fairborn. Funeral services were held Monday, July 16, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Irene Hampton, 84, of Wabash, died Saturday, July 14, at Miller's East. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 18, under the direction of the Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service of Wabash.

■ James Harry McKenzie, 78, of Theford, Michigan, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, July 8, in the McLauren Regional Medical Center, in Flint, Michigan. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 14, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Clarence Ratliff, 80, of Wyandotte, Michigan, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, July 8, at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital in Wyandotte. Funeral services were held Friday, July 13, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ James Arthur Vanhoose, 75, died Tuesday, July 10, at Bourbon Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Pridemore VanHoose. Funeral services were held Friday, July 13, under the direction of the Hinton-Turner Funeral Home.

■ Nida VanHoose, the daughter of the late Tom and Ella Belle Ackers Moore, died Wednesday, June 11, in the Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. She is survived by her husband, Joe Howard VanHoose of Paintsville. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 15, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Howard Hannah, 64, of Salyersville, died Friday, June 1, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Linda Jackson Hannah. Funeral services were held Monday, June 4, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Obituaries



Scottie A. Stumbo

Scottie A. Stumbo, 24, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at Hi Hat.

Born January 22, 1983, in Martin, he was the son of Glenda Sue Spears Stumbo of Hi Hat and the late Jimmy R. (Dickie) Stumbo. He was a auto mechanic for Bruce Walters, in Pikeville.

He is survived by his wife, Paula M. Curtis Stumbo.

Other survivors include two brothers and sisters-in-law; Keith and Michelle Stumbo of Hager Hill, Brian Stumbo and

Stephanie Martin, both of Minnie; paternal grandfather, Cecil Stumbo of Hi Hat; maternal grandmother, Alberta Hill Spears of Price; niece, Hollie LaShae Stumbo; two nephews: John David Stumbo and Dalton Alan Stumbo; father-in-law, Wonnice (Toddy) Curtis of Flat Gap.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Isaac Spears Jr.; paternal grandmother, Mertie Moore Stumbo; and mother-in-law, Lunna Mae Estep.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 21, at 11 a.m., at Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, in Price, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Stumbo Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was Thursday at the funeral home and Friday, at Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, in Price. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

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on July 30, the Prestonsburg office on July 31, and the WIA office in Louisa on August 1, between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m. each day.

For more information about the company or available jobs, you may visit their web site at www.halliburton.jobs.

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Fines

increased fivefold while the annual number of OxyContin prescriptions increased nearly 20-fold, according to a report by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. In 2002, the DEA said the drug caused 146 deaths and contributed to another 318.

The coal-mining region of southwest Virginia where the sentencing took place has had a number of oxycodone-related deaths — 119 from 2003 through 2005, according to the state medical examiner's office.

W. C. and Jane Phillips

started a Community Residents Against Drug Dealers group in Dickenson County that attracted more than 100 members, and several others groups also have been formed in the area. The Phillipses said their daughter was addicted to OxyContin for 10 years but is recovering.

Purdue, based in Stamford, Conn., has said it accepted responsibility for its employees' actions and has put in place training and monitoring programs to ensure overpromotion of OxyContin doesn't happen again. But officials

objected to any ties between the plea agreement and abuse of the drug.

"One of my main infuriations with that company is that for years they denied there was an epidemic," said Bisch, who has a Web site called www.oxyabusekills.com.

The fines are to be distributed to state and federal law enforcement agencies, the federal government, federal and state Medicaid programs, a Virginia prescription monitoring program and individuals who had sued the company. About \$5 million will go

toward a six-year company program to monitor compliance with the agreement.

Survivors of the victims want the Food and Drug Administration to reclassify OxyContin for use only for severe pain. The drug currently can be prescribed for moderate pain.

However, Phyllis Whitehead, a Roanoke nurse who works in pain management, said medications to ease chronic pain are necessary and OxyContin is a helpful drug if prescribed properly.

"It can be done safely and it can be done effectively," she said.

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Cleanup

ciated. J&L Trucking won the bid several weeks ago to conduct the cleanup.

"They are the best on price and quality," Graden said.

Currently, the recent drought has brought the level of the river down tremendously, which Graden says has actually been good for the

cleanup.

"It helps that the river is down so low," Graden said, adding it's easier to remove debris from the water at its current level.

Crews have pulled out everything from metal newspaper boxes to televisions and even a lady's purse. The purse

still contained identification which helped authorities actually track that person down.

Mayor Jerry Fannin and Graden worked hands on with the project on Thursday. They and the other crew members walked along the riverbank pulling out everything they could possibly reach.

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Dump

name was still visible after being exposed to the elements.

In cooperation with local law enforcement officials, Bryant was able to track down the people whose

names were on the containers and charge them with illegal dumping.

"They will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," said Marshall, while viewing the dump site on

Friday. "People have got to understand they can't just dump garbage like this."

Marshall declined to release the name of the individual who was charged with the violation.

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Beshear sees cutting out waste as another revenue source

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Steve Beshear supports limited casino gambling as a new state revenue source, but the Democratic gubernatorial nominee also mentions a more traditional method of finding money for his agenda — weeding out government waste.

At a forum with Gov. Ernie Fletcher, his Republican opponent, Beshear said Wednesday he would order a sweeping review of state government operations if elected.

"We're going to look at everything — from the kind of light bulbs we buy, to where we buy gas for the state fleet," Beshear said at the event sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau.

He suggested the review could yield as much as \$180 million a year in savings.

The idea of making state government more efficient is nothing new.

"Every would-be governor is going to come in saying, 'I think we can do things a little better,'" Joe Gershtenson, director of the Center for Kentucky History and Politics at Eastern Kentucky University, said Thursday.

Four years ago, Fletcher promised to root out "waste, fraud and abuse" in state government on his way to being elected governor.

Soon after taking office, Fletcher ordered a review to try to squeeze out inefficiencies in government. In one move, the governor trimmed the number of cabinets to nine from 14. Fletcher says his administration also canceled hundreds of state credit cards, toughened scrutiny of construction projects and collected tens of millions in delinquent taxes.

Fletcher said Thursday his efforts to streamline government have netted big savings.

"I would say, has Steve Beshear been asleep?" Fletcher said of his opponent's call for a comprehensive review. "Does he know what's going on in Frankfort?"

Beshear shot back, "It seems to me they've been more interested in hiring their political friends than making government more efficient."

The comment referred to a probe into allegations that the Fletcher administration illegally rewarded political supporters with state jobs. The investigation resulted in more than two dozen indictments, including charges against Fletcher. The governor's charges were dropped later after an agreement with prosecutors.

Beshear's estimate of savings from a government review was based on studies in other states that reaped savings averaging 2 percent of state general fund budgets, he said.

Fletcher agreed that more savings can be achieved in state operations.

"I'm saying we'll probably save another \$180 (million) plus," he said.

Bruce Lunsford, a Louisville businessman who finished second behind Beshear in the May Democratic gubernatorial primary, said anyone trying to trim government has one overriding challenge: "Are you willing to take on the special interest groups to do it?"

Lunsford, who stressed government efficiency in his two runs for governor, said government programs got started because they had strong supporters.

"What you have to figure out is how do you become more efficient with the production, without changing policy," he said. "Because policy is always hardest to change."

Beshear said the study he envisions would look at how state government does business: "How we buy things, where we buy them and what we buy."

He said he wanted to involve state employees in the review, adding "Who knows better where efficiencies lie in state government than state employees." He said the findings wouldn't lead to a reduction in state government's work force. If the study found ways to combine operations, he said, "we'll find other needs for people who are there."

Lee A. Jackson, president of the Kentucky Association of State Employees, said he had no problem with a review as long as it didn't involve reducing the state work force.

"State government is cut, personnel-wise, to the bone," he said.

At the forum Wednesday, Beshear mentioned savings from government operations, along with economic growth, as ways to fund some of his initiatives. "If that's all the money I've got, then I'll move this state forward with that money," he said.

At the forum, Beshear said he wanted to expand early childhood education, extend health coverage to uninsured children and assist the elderly with prescription drug costs.

Beshear also touted a constitutional amendment legalizing limited casino gaming, saying the state won't move "as far, as fast" without the extra revenue. He supports allowing casino gambling at racetracks and a handful of freestanding facilities along Kentucky's borders, predicting it would generate at least \$500 million a year in state revenue.

Fletcher opposes putting the expanded gambling issue on the ballot, saying it would lead to social ills without producing the kind of long-term revenue touted by Beshear.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view Unsatisfying Beverage

Ask Gov. Ernie Fletcher what his least favorite beverage is, and it's doubtful the governor — an ordained Baptist minister — would say whiskey, gin or some other alcoholic beverage. Instead, as Fletcher seeks election to a second term, the governor's least favorite Beverage could well be Sam Beverage.

Beverage, a former Transportation Cabinet engineer, has pleaded guilty to official misconduct and was originally sentenced to a year in jail. However, Franklin County Circuit Judge Thomas Wingate suspended the jail time and sentenced Beverage to two years' probation and fined him \$500 plus \$115 in court costs.

In exchange for that probated sentence, Beverage has provided Franklin County Commonwealth's Attorney Larry Cleveland with a wealth of information concerning his days with the Transportation Cabinet, and the more Beverage talks, the more damage he does to Fletcher and his administration.

The governor did receive something of a victory when Judge Wingate ruled that a videotape of an interview Beverage had with prosecutors would remain sealed. The judge ruled that releasing the video would cause more damage than maintaining its confidentiality.

That at least stops more damaging accusations by Beverage from being made public.

Beverage claims Governor Fletcher personally directed funding for road projects only to districts represented by state senators who supported his legislative agenda. Governor Fletcher came to office with a promise "to clean up the mess" in Frankfort, but if Beverage is to be believed, the only thing Fletcher did was reward Republicans in much the same way Democratic governors had rewarded members of their party with favors.

Beverage claims the Transportation Cabinet's \$42 million annual discretionary fund was "where the real politics were played" in the Fletcher administration.

"Political favors are given to party supporters and to the legislators that vote favorably with the administration," Beverage told Cleveland. "There is a computer listing of all the project requests ... that could easily be traced to political favors. This fund is essentially a large campaign chest and is used accordingly."

Not surprisingly, Governor Fletcher and his supporters deny the charges, and even Democratic senators say they were not aware highway projects were doled out as political favors. And besides, says Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, even if they were, that's the way politics are played in Frankfort.

"It's traditional in our system for governors to reward people who support their programs, or to be friendly to people who help support their programs," said Williams.

To be sure, generations of legislators have been awarded pet projects in their districts in exchange for their votes in favor of a key bill backed by the governor. For example, the landmark Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 would never have been approved if reluctant legislators had not been awarded projects in exchange for their "yea" vote.

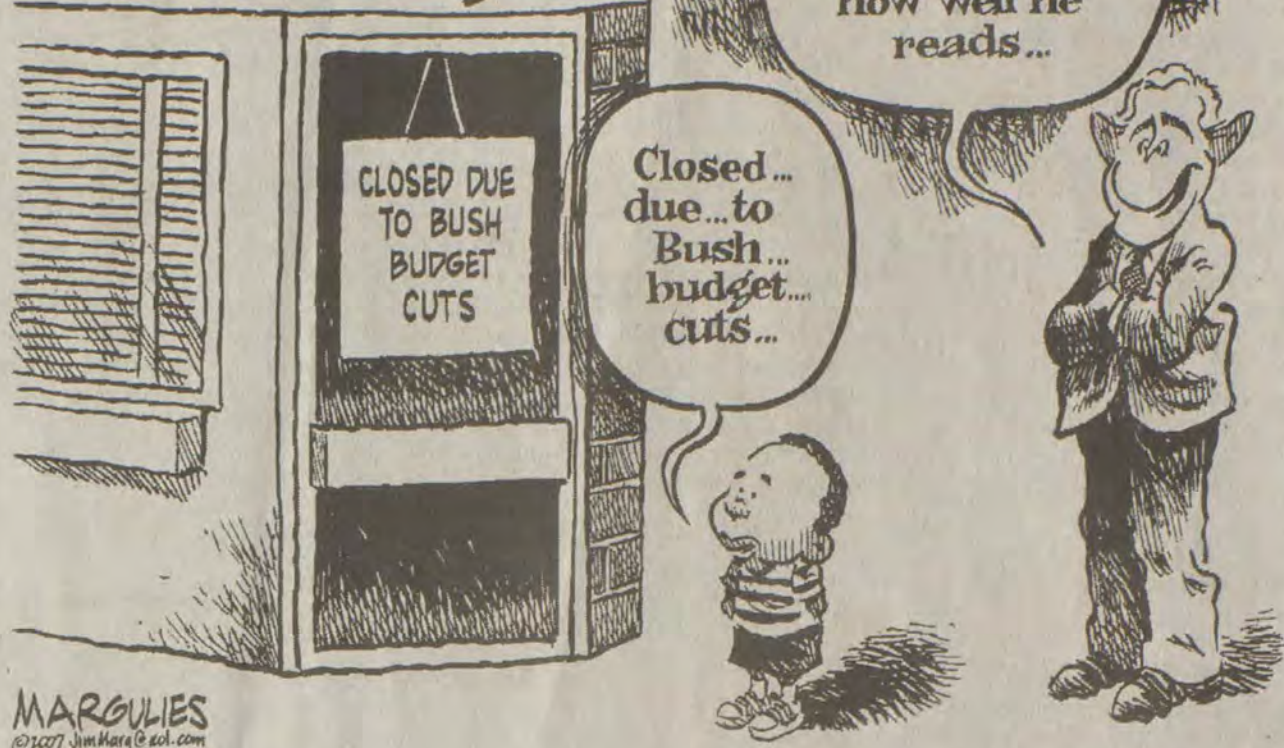
So why should it be any different under Ernie Fletcher? It's because Fletcher promised to be different, and some of us were actually naive enough to believe that cleaning up the mess in Frankfort meant awarding projects based on need instead of whose district they were in — and that jobs and promotions would be given based on abilities instead of political connections.

None of Beverage's allegations have been proven, of course, but even without that proof, they are serious enough to cause more problems for this governor and his administration. If nothing else, they are keeping serious allegations of political favoritism by the governor in the headlines just as Fletcher is in the midst of a tough battle for re-election.

No wonder this Beverage is putting a bad taste in Ernie Fletcher's mouth.

— The Daily Independent, Ashland

State Children's Health Insurance Program



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— Rich Lowry Column

The inevitability of the car

Americans have arrived at an answer to high gas prices and concerns about global warming — buy more cars. According to a report in The New York Times, households with a small, gas-efficient car own, on average, almost three cars.

They are just adding the small car to their driveway fleet. The Times reports that last year more than 500,000 small models — the Toyota Prius and Corolla and the Honda Civic — were purchased as a second or third car. Which couldn't have been what small-car evangelists had in mind when urging people into more efficient vehicles. Ever since Henry Ford alighted on his vision of mass-produced cars affordable to the average consumer, there is no question to which Americans haven't found the answer to be more cars and more driving.

By 1930, three of four American households already owned a car. Today, more than 90 percent of even urban households have cars, as do 80 percent of poor households. So any plan to save the planet or anything else by getting Americans to drive less is a fantasy.

The White House and top Democrats are proposing to increase

mandatory fuel-economy standards for cars as a way to lessen our dependence on foreign oil and reduce greenhouse emissions. By increasing the efficiency of cars, however, they only will encourage more driving. In the Cato Institute publication Regulation, Andrew Kleit writes, "The latest estimates are that for every 10 percent increase in fuel efficiency, people increase their driving by 2 percent."

Europeans enjoy top-notch transit and endure five-dollar-per-gallon gasoline, and yet they don't drive that much less than we do," Ted Balaker and Sam Staley write in their book "The Road More Traveled." "In America, automobiles account for about 88 percent of travel, and in Europe the figure is about 78 percent. And the Europeans are gaining on us. In Europe, per capita driving has been increasing more than twice as fast as in the States."

Mass transit is the supposed alternative to driving, but outside of the imaginations of urban planners and environmentalists (and a few large cities), it's not practical. The number

of workers increased by 63 million from 1960 to 2000, according to Balaker and Staley, but 2 million fewer people took transit to get to their job. Less than 5 percent of Americans use transit to get to work, and most who do simply don't own cars.

Do all the new cars clog the roads? Sure, if no new roads are built. The amount of driving has doubled in the past few decades, but roads have hardly been expanded, and so congestion has increased 200 percent since the early 1980s. But urban areas with more roads don't have a congestion problem. "Of the 10 largest urban areas," Balaker and Staley write, "Los Angeles has the least amount of pavement per person. Dallas has twice as much pavement per person, and congestion is only half as bad as it is in L.A."

The automobile is an inevitability of modern American life. For good reason, the average American loves his cars — each and every one of them.

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The Rich Lowry column



— beyond the beltway

There is no substitute for oil

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

The entertainers of the world banded together last week to end global warming by giving a series of concerts. All to the good, I'm big on good intentions. (After all, we ended the Vietnam War with folk songs, didn't we?)

But this time I'd put a hold on feelings of optimism if I were you. The world is doomed.

Doomed to ever-increasing global warming, cities wreathed in toxic fumes, endless traffic jams and all that those things signify. Extinction, basically.

That revelation came a few weeks ago while I was stuck in a traffic jam in Warsaw. Up until then I had been moderately hopeful about our ability to respond intelligently to an ever-warmer world.

I thought, when push came to shove, we'd accept a \$2-a-gallon gas tax, start using public transit, develop alternative fuels and abandon our love affair with overweight SUVs and (ugh) Hummers.

I thought we'd return to the day of one-car families, car-pools and walking.

Warsaw disabused me of those illusions.

Poland is a poor country, so poor that many there are happy to let the United States locate a "missile shield" on its soil. The "shield," far from shielding Poland from nuclear attack, will make it a target, but Poland welcomes it as a jobs pro-

gram. It's that poor.

Yet not too poor to have rush hour traffic jams made up largely of people alone in their cars. And gasoline there costs about \$6 a gallon, twice what it is here.

So I figured if six-buck gas doesn't make Poles forsake their cars, why should a \$2 gas tax force relatively rich Americans to do so?

Now, to be fair, cars in Poland tend to be smaller, much smaller, than American cars. But as I said, it's a poor country. When I got to Austria, which is not, (and gas is still \$6) the cars got bigger — Mercedes, BMWs, Audis; it looked like Beverly Hills. There were rush hour traffic jams there too, by the way.

I know what you're going to say, you optimists out there. What about President George W. Bush's favorite answer to the energy problem — high-tech alternatives?

Don't hold your breath.

"The New York Times" recently published a supplement on the future of the auto, written by Rich Taylor, a former editor of "Car and Driver" who now freelances. Here is what I took away from his analysis of the most popular potential solutions to our gasoline problem.

■ Ethanol — A hoax, basically. Corn ethanol takes about as much energy to produce as it saves when you put it in your car. In addition, a rising price for corn means a rising price for food at the supermarket. It's worthless. The twin reasons it's so heavily subsidized by government is: 1) The presidential nominating season begins in Iowa and politicians are afraid of antagonizing Iowa farmers,

who favor ethanol because it keeps the price of corn high, and 2) Archer Daniels Midland, which finances the political campaigns of politicians who then lick its hand, is heavily into producing ethanol.

■ Hydrogen — Wonderful fuel, except ... it's harder to produce than you might imagine and, in addition, contains only about 4 percent of the energy possessed by an equivalent amount of gas. Which means that to be useful it has to be compressed to about 10,000 pounds per square inch. If you have an accident with a full tank of hydrogen, you could easily become a Bruce Willis movie.

■ Hybrids — OK for what they are but you're building two power plants where only one was needed before. Moreover, it means you've brought another battery into the world and it will eventually have to be disposed of. Not the best environmental idea.

And all of these technologies are expensive. Someone would have to pay for them. And if the American people are about anything, it's an unwillingness to pay anything for anything. So then ... The fuel of the future is ... gasoline; and with it more cars, pollution and global warming. The upside is we get more feel-good concerts.

Rock on.

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**This Town,
That World**

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

We may pine for the good, old days, but just try to drive us away from air-conditioner.

AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY

Hollywood took and molded to its satisfaction a teen-age girl who had been kicked from pillar to post most of her earlier life. She won fame and fortune, but she had never a chance. Now she is dead, apparently a suicide and the maudlin who saw in the victim while she was alive only a pretty face and a seductive figure put on the sackcloth and ashes. Meanwhile, Hollywood prepares to cash in to the millions on the girls death by digging out her old pictures and reissuing them to a curtain popstutice. Marilyn Monroe's life belongs high on the list of American tragedies.

TALENT WE LOST

We had a strong suspicion that our fishermen around here are the most talented liars since Anantias, but it appears we've lost some of our talent to Arkansas. We arrive at this conclusion after hearing that Dexter Horn, an expatriate to the Razorback State, claimed he hooked a monster of a fish. But so the story goes, the fish was never landed. "When I saw an eye on each side of the boat, I yelled. "Cut him loose, boys—he'll sink us, sure!" Horn recalls.

SWALLOWED ONE TOO MANY

I keep thinking of that snake battle pictured on Page 1. Somebody suggested suggested that that copperhead was a failure, even though he wound up in the black. The capacity of a black-snake is something to marvel at and some of the stories most of us have heard stretch the credulity.

Perhaps the most tragic black-snake yarn. I've heard is the one Buck Scalf tells of the snake which frequented a barn up on the farm, years ago. It seems that this snake raided a hen's nest and gobbled all be found. But he made one mistake. He gulped down the nest-egg, which was made of glass. Upshot of the matter was, the snake finally died, and a post-mortem uncovered the missing nest-egg which the reptile, for all his writing and contorting, could not break and digest.

THINK WE HAVE TROUBLE?

Fellow writes to say, "I hear tell you fellers in Prestonsburg are getting a new water system and disposal plant... and you have the privilege of paying for it along in monthly payments..." Then he proceeds to tell his experiences in the field of sanitation in a sewerless area.

"We just put our water system in new last year, had to have a new well drilled and everything, as the

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BRIDGING GENERATIONS



photos by Kathy J. Prater

Nursing home residents enjoyed crafts, storytelling, and refreshments during a vacation Bible school held recently at Riverview Health Care Center.

**Vacation Bible school brings children,
nursing home residents together**

Riverview Health Care Center held its first Vacation Bible School on July 9 - 13th at the facility. The theme for the week was "Eagle Express Flight 40:31." The children received tickets and passports each night before boarding the plane. A short devotional and a summary of the evening events was given by the flight attendant before they exited the plane for fellowship, crafts, story time, and

snacks. At the end of the week, participants were treated to a pizza party, games, and cake. The children were presented with a certificate and were pinned with their "wings" as they became official Eagle Express pilots.

The activity, according to Activities Director Missie Crider, "was great for our residents."

"It brought together children, staff, and residents," Crider said.

"The children already want to have another one. The residents also participated each night. We had classes just for them, too. They did crafts, had story time, and enjoyed snacks. This will be one activity that we will continue, not just for the residents and staff, but for the community, as well. We want to change the way people look at nursing homes," Crider said.



Pairing children with the elderly is beneficial to both age groups, according to Riverview Activities Director Missie Crider.

MOVIES FROM
THE BLACK LAGOON

**'Terror at
Red Wolf Inn'**

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Films about cannibal families never go out of style and this early 1970s effort created a template for the genre that was largely observed by Tobe Hooper's "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" two years later and later repeated in films like "Motel Hell" (which will be remade this year).

The film kicks off in ultra-1970s mode with groovy music playing as co-ed Regina races back to her apartment on a bicycle laden with books. Perusing her mail, she giggles when she opens a letter announcing she's won a vacation. She calls the enclosed number and states that she's sure there must be a mistake but is won over by the folks at the Red Wolf Inn, who tell her that a cab is on the way to bring her to the airport.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

She's met at the airport by the pilot flying her chartered plane and he assures her that she will have time to call her mother when they arrive at their final destination. Like a lamb to the slaughter she barely manages an "okay" before she's packed aboard.

Upon landing at a small airport, she once again ignores that voice inside her head when she's met by the socially backward John, who says, "I'm baby John. Everyone calls me baby." Baby then proceeds to tear through the town at 95 miles per hour and ignores the flashing lights and siren of a police cruiser, noting, "I have too many tickets."

Eventually she arrives safely at the Inn and meets two other young female guests and John's grandparents, Henry and Evelyn, who run the place. She finds that the telephone doesn't work and once again ignores her survival instincts in order to settle down to a meal of mystery meat that everyone snarfs under a soundtrack of exaggerated chewing. Over dinner she talks with the other guests, Edwina and Pamela, and learns that Pam is a snooty fashion model who is leaving the next day.

When Regina rises it appears that Pam has already left, so she heads down to the beach for an exceedingly bizarre encounter with John. While noshing on more mystery meat, she begins making overtures to the socially awkward lad as they build a sandcastle. Just as they are leaning in for one of those uncomfortable first kisses, John hooks a big fish on the rod he has planted near by. Turns out he hooked a small shark which he proceeds to beat to death against a hunk of driftwood while repeatedly exclaiming "shark."

This is followed up by a surreal dinner scene that would feel right at home in a David Lynch movie. The group sits down to dinner dressed in party garb and celebrates the last meal

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Coming together

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

sewing more avidly than ever. She smiled and said, "I'll use it in my scrapbook."

It just so happens that my mother, who sewed a good deal before her eyes went bad, wanted some pretty cross-stitched things in her album, but couldn't see well enough to do it. Now, when she sees something that she wants in her

album, she hands it to me, and I sew it and return it. Maybe my mother is a scrapbook junkie. Maybe I'm a sewing junkie. And maybe, just maybe, that's what makes us close.



Cruise control is dangerous in some situations

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

My husband and I are the proud parents of a 16-year-old boy. Yes, he does have his driver's license. Oh my! While he was driving 70 mph on the interstate on a rainy night, he had a hard time hearing my suggestion that he slow down and cancel the cruise control. He thought that I (Mom) was interfering with his driving and that I didn't understand modern technology. He said that just because I drove for years without this device doesn't mean he needs to do the same. My son's opinion is that cruise control is meant for the interstate and higher-speed situations, and is not influenced by rainy weather, nighttime driving or crowded roads. He thinks that he can stop quickly, and he likes cruise control because he doesn't vary his speed so much. My son's thoughts concern me. Besides going too fast for unsafe conditions, I don't think cruise control helps my son learn to stay alert and develop a feel for the car he is driving. Fortunately, this situation was temporarily resolved by my son being replaced by his

father, and we did get to our destination safely. Please help settle our disagreement. What is the "purpose" of cruise control? Thanks. — Joyce

TOM: Isn't it interesting how

human knowledge and wisdom seem to peak temporarily at age 16, Joyce?

RAY: This kid could use a gentle dose slap. The first issue to address is speed itself. If he's been driving for a few months, and he's going 70 mph at night in the rain, he might not understand the laws of physics — which, I'm sure he'll be surprised to learn, do apply to him.

TOM: Second, you're absolutely right about cruise control. It's a convenience designed to be used on wide-open roads; it's dangerous to use it in moderate to heavy traffic. A good rule of thumb is that if you have to cancel the cruise control — because you've come too close to another car — more than once in a 10- or 15-minute period, you probably shouldn't be using it in those road conditions.

RAY: Cruise control can be beneficial on long highway drives. It can help keep you from speeding up accidentally, and it saves fuel by not varying your speed too much.

TOM: But when you're in traffic or when visibility is limited or road conditions are poor, cruise control can be dangerous. Normally, when an experienced driver sees a situation ahead that may require him to brake, he lifts his foot off the gas pedal and holds it over the brake while assessing the situation. If it proves to be nothing, his foot goes back on the

gas. If a car is stopping up ahead or there's something in the road, he steps down on the brake.

RAY: During that crucial time when his foot is off the gas, the car is beginning to slow down, making his stopping distance shorter — whereas if the cruise control is on, the car is maintaining its speed while the driver makes his assessment. And at highway speeds, those extra seconds before you release the accelerator can mean the difference between being able to stop or swerve in time and performing an unplanned government crash test.

TOM: The same is true if you hit a big puddle with the cruise control on and start to hydroplane. You don't want the car continuing to try to accelerate once you're already hydroplaning, even for a few seconds.

RAY: So, you're right, Joyce. The question is, How do you get a kid who thinks he already knows everything to stop using the cruise control in heavy traffic?

TOM: I know what I'd do if I were you. I'd take the car to my mechanic and have him disconnect the cruise control. It's easy to do, and easy to reattach if you want it back someday (after he goes to college).

RAY: Good idea. When Junior asks what happened, tell him he must have broken it by overusing it. And if

he continues to drive too fast for the conditions, use the same solution you used last time: Have Dad drive, and put him in the back seat. It's harsh, but it's your job to keep him alive until he's wise enough to do it himself.

It's finally time to put away the snow tires

Dear Tom and Ray:

Now that I'm 75 percent certain that there will not be another major snowstorm in the Northeast, I want to switch from snow tires to summer tires.

Do I need to have them balanced and aligned, or can I just swap them out? — Erin

RAY: They don't need to be aligned, Erin — unless the mechanic is still trying to pay off his alignment machine. Alignment is something you do to the car, and it's independent of the tires.

TOM: But you DO have to balance the tires, unless your summer tires are mounted on their own set of wheels.

RAY: Balancing involves adding

small weights to the inner and outer rims of the wheel to make up for the small inconsistencies in weight in different parts of the wheel-and-tire combination. If you didn't balance the tires, you'd probably notice a wobbling sensation or a vibration, particularly as the tires got up to higher speeds.

TOM: That's why we recommend that those of you who live in the freezer sections of the country consider buying four steel wheels when you buy your snow tires, and mounting the snows permanently on those four wheels. You can buy a set of used wheels for \$150, or a new set for \$250 or so. And then you'll never have to mount or balance your snow tires or summer tires again. Just pull the winter tires off, toss the summer tires on and ... three weeks later, put the winter tires back on again.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.



Odds & Ends

■ ANGOLA, Ind. — The personal touch earned a waitress a \$10,000 tip.

Jessica Osborne, 20, received the gift from a family of regulars at the Pizza Hut where she works in this northeastern Indiana town.

The family — a mother and two sons — stopped in recently for their usual: two Mountain Dews, a cup of hot water for tea and a large Meat Lover's Stuffed Crust pizza. They requested Osborne as usual and chatted about their lives.

"They make your day better when they come in," Osborne said.

She said she told them how she had started college twice but had to drop out because she didn't have enough money. They told her of their plans to move away, and she asked that they say goodbye before leaving town.

They returned last week and handed Osborne a check, folded in half, with money from an education fund they had set up after a death in the family.

"I didn't want to look at it because I thought I was going to cry," Osborne said. She did just that when she looked inside.

Osborne said she is now considering her options for where to study photography and journalism. "I haven't had time to figure it out," she said.

■ ESTES PARK, Colo. — You can't think about rock without thinking of Elvis. Not this rock, anyway.

Rock collector LaDell Alexander, 60, has found a stone she swears has the face of Elvis Presley on it. You don't have to think Elvis is everywhere to see it: A pattern on the rock resembles a human head with dark hair and the king of rock's trademark mutt-on-chop sideburns.

Alexander, who splits her time between Estes Park and Texas, said the rock was one of many she bought in various places last summer. She didn't notice the pattern until she took the rocks to Texas and

cleaned them before using them to decorate her yard.

"I was about 20 feet away and the first thing I said was, 'That is Elvis,'" said her husband, Lynn Alexander, 63.

The Alexanders plan to sell the rock on eBay in August and donate the proceeds to one of Presley's foundations. The singer died on Aug. 17, 1977.

"People are calling me the Elvis Rock Lady," LaDell Alexander told The (Fort Collins) Coloradoan. "Seven out of 10 people see Elvis" on the rock, she said.

■ CENTREVILLE, Va. — A man who was apparently trying to make fireworks touched off an explosion in his garage and set his house aflame Sunday, authorities said. No one was hurt. Flash powder, used in fireworks, was found among chemicals in the garage, said Mike Campbell, a spokesman for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

A side of the attached garage was gutted, but the house didn't appear to be badly damaged.

"It just appears he may have been wanting to make his own homemade fireworks," Campbell said. "This is what happens when you do that."

Dangerous chemicals were stored in the garage and in a shed behind the house, said Capt. Chris Schaff, a spokesman for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Local officials asked the ATF and FBI to assist because of the nature of the chemicals.

Two adults and two teenagers had to evacuate the home. Authorities were interviewing the man Sunday evening, and no charges had been brought.

■ NEW YORK — With this murder trial, I thee wed.

Love blossomed in a trial last year between alternate juror No. 3, Traci Nagy, and juror No. 6, Jonathan Cinkay. They picked up their marriage license last week, and Queens

Supreme Court Justice Daniel Lewis, who presided over the case, is to marry them next month.

The Daily News reported Sunday that the two made goo-goo eyes on the first day of the trial. Fellow jurors encouraged Nagy, a 36-year-old market analyst, to date Cinkay, 33, a physical therapist. The two went out to lunch during one long break.

"From there it just grew," Nagy said. In the jury room they discussed movies, travel — everything but the case, which was banned from discussion. "It was a very good way to get to know someone," she said.

After the trial, Cinkay said he called Nagy "as soon as I got out the door" and proposed by year's end.

"My friends said to me, 'It would take a murder trial for you to meet the right person,'" he said.

Lewis said he knew during the trial there was something unusual about the jury.

"Some juries are serious, some are somber, but this jury seemed like it was full of beaming, happy people," the justice said. "I didn't imagine they were all playing matchmaker."

The warm feelings didn't do the murder defendant much good. He was convicted.

■ NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It's JailTV!

Nashville's night court, a place to see some of the city's most famous characters at their worst, is expected to go online.

Davidson County officials are planning an Internet site that will show live video of proceedings in night court as defendants are booked into the city jail. Faces of undercover police officers will not be broadcast, and defendants whose identities need to be protected for lineups will have their faces covered.

Night court commissioners are responsible for reviewing criminal charges and setting bond amounts within hours of a suspect's arrest.

For years, night court drew gawkers interested in curious cases and the chance to see someone famous. Entertainer Kid Rock, former Titans quarterback Steve McNair and Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones have made appearances in recent years.

"Frankly, we are proud of what we do, and we want the public to know what we do," said Deputy Police Chief Steve Anderson.

Not everyone is excited about the prospect of tuning in, however. Davidson County Public Defender Ross Alderman said he worries the public broadcasts will affect potential jurors. He also worries that falsely accused defendants will have their names smeared.

Allen

doctor told us that old, dug well out in the back yard wasn't safe...It cost us \$520 to get the well drilled and cased and piped, and everything, and by the time we got the pump on it we have got about \$1,000.00 in it. It costs us about \$3.50 a month for electricity to pump the water up, and then you know these old drilled wells are—the water is so hard it turns everything red, and I'll be doggone if I ain't seen so much red, red toilet bowls, red wash basins, red teacups and

"I don't think they'll like it. Would you?" Alderman said.

■ DES MOINES, Iowa — Sarah Pratt is a wiz with butter. Just ask her next subject, Harry Potter.

The character will get his likeness carved in the stuff and be placed in a refrigerated glass case next month at the Iowa State Fair, next to the traditional butter cow.

"The marketing department at the fair and I were looking for something that would be a timely pop-culture thing to do, and with the new movie and new book coming out, it seemed appropriate," said Pratt, 30, a special education teacher.

She expects her dairy Potter to look more like the character

depicted on the book covers than Daniel Radcliffe, who plays the boy wizard in the movies.

Visitors can expect to see Harry's trademark glasses and scar, but Pratt said she is still deciding on a pose.

The butter cow is a state fair tradition, and it's typically accompanied by a more topical, pop-culture-themed sculpture. Last year, Pratt crafted a butter Superman, when Iowan Brandon Routh starred in the newest version of the film.

The fifth installment in the "Harry Potter" film series, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," opened last week.

This year's Iowa State Fair runs from Aug. 9-19.

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had trouble with pipes freezing, and one faucet cost me \$18.00 and another broken pipe cost me \$12.00.

"Now, wouldn't you know that on top of all that we gotta put in one of those septic tanks and drain fields.

"We got a contractor to come up here and give us a bid on putting it all in, septic tank and drain field and all, and just the septic tank and drain field are going to run another \$1,250.00.

Lagoon

for Edwina by having more fun than any adult has a right to with party favors.

Amidst kazoos and noise-makers Henry stands up and burst into song. His rendition of "Red, Red Robin" is accompanied by a spastic tap dance while the party guests chant and clap like they're at a Grateful Dead concert. This segues into a truly gripping scene where John and his grandparents, all dressed in night shirts, creep into Edwina's room and drag her back to the kitchen to be eviscerated to the tune of a sleepy time lullaby.

When Regina wakes up, she finally gets a clue and checks out the walk-in fridge, where she spies the heads of the other guests. The fight-or-flight response finally kicks in and she almost makes it out, except for one of those scenes that abruptly ends with the vehicle she flags down turning out to house the villains.

That night she is set to be slaughtered, but baby John tries to help her get away. This leads to a truly weird moment where Grandma Evelyn makes him drop his trousers before gently whipping his bare behind with his own belt.

Baby John takes the licking but isn't ready to abandon Regina just yet, which leads to a bloody showdown with the family in a garden shed. The final scene is a real mind blower, with John and Regina sitting down to dinner while the camera reveals two new heads stored in the fridge.

This one has a lot to recommend it and it starts with a sly script by Allen Actor. He creates a dysfunctional family before the term was even invented and several touches here would be borrowed for other films. The bizarre dinner sequence and the town cop turning out to be a member of the family were both hallmarks of "Chainsaw Massacre." The idea of a hotel eating its guest was entirely used for "Motel Hell" and countless other films. What sets this one apart is not just that they did it first but they did it well.

Credit has to be rendered to the cast which is made up of young hopefuls and character actors. Linda Gillin is just fine as Regina and bears more than a passing resemblance to "Willow" from "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." Margaret Avery evokes sympathy as Edwina and would go on to

receive an Oscar nomination for her work in "The Color Purple."

The real stars here though are Mary Jackson as Evelyn and John Nielsen as baby John. Their bizarre relationship gets ample mileage from their work here. Nielsen is letter perfect as a socially repressed baby/man who lacks any degree of impulse control. Jackson, who TV fans might recognize as Mrs. Baldwin from "The Waltons," manages to be evil while always observing good manners and sporting a drab house dress. She is a mad housewife to be reckoned with and it's very clear that she runs the show despite Henry's history as a butcher in the army.

This is great stuff and the final image involves a wink from a severed head and it sums up the film's tone beautifully, as do the closing credits, which are humorously presented in the form of a menu. "Chainsaw" may have done this material with more flash, but Red Wolf is a lot more fun.

Best line: "When Henry and I were young we used to have lots of gay times. We were in the military." 1972, unrated.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Social Security retirement benefits

by GREG REYNOLDS
DISTRICT MANAGER

Social Security is part of the retirement plan of 96 percent of American workers. You should know how the system works and what you will receive from Social Security when you retire.

When you pay Social Security taxes you earn "credits" toward benefits. The number of credits you need to get retirement benefits depends on when you were born. If you

were born in 1929 or later you need 40 credits (10 years of work).

Your retirement benefit is based on how much you earned when you were working. Higher earnings result in higher benefits. Your benefits are also affected by the age at which you decide to retire. The earliest age is 62. The full retirement age is 65 for people born before 1938. Because of longer life expectancies, the law was changed to gradually increase the full retirement age until it

reaches age 67. This law affects people born in 1938 or later. For example, workers born in 1955 have a full retirement age of 66 and 2 months; finally persons born 1960 and later have a full retirement age of 67.

Social Security can assist you with your retirement decision by providing you with all available information about retirement. This service is free and is offered at all Social Security offices in your area and online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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Five Wildcats named Preseason All-SEC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Five University of Kentucky football players were named to the preseason All-Southeastern Conference team, selected by league coaches, that was released Thursday by the league office.

Two Wildcats were chosen for the first team, two were selected to the second team and one was tabbed for the third team.

UK's first-team selections featured senior quarterback Andre' Woodson (Radcliff), along with senior tight end Jacob Tamme (Danville). Woodson, the 2006 Music City Bowl Most Valuable

Player, threw for an impressive 3,515 yards last season and led the SEC in passing yardage per game (270.4), total offense (259.8) and TD passes (31). Tamme caught 32 passes for 386 yards and two touchdowns, leading all SEC tight ends in pass receptions.

Second-team picks included senior wide receiver Keanan Burton (Louisville) and senior linebacker Wesley Woodyard (LaGrange, Ga.). Burton was second in the SEC in pass receptions last season, catching 77 passes for 1,036 yards and 12 touchdowns. His 12 TD receptions led the league and is the second-highest single-season mark in school history. Woodyard led

the team for the second consecutive season in total tackles with 122 (also second in the SEC and 18th nationally in tackles per game) and tackles for loss with 9.5.

Senior Rafael Little (Anderson, S.C.) was named to the third team as both a running back and kick returner. Despite a nagging knee injury for parts of last season, Little rushed for a team-leading 673 yards and three touchdowns, caught 31 passes for 392 yards and averaged 22.6 yards per punt return and one touchdown. He would have led the nation in punt returns but did not play in enough games to qualify officially.



photo by Steve LeMaster

PRACTICE TIME: Prestonsburg senior quarterback Bobby Hughes looked to pass during a workout session Friday morning.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Shotgun shell reloading

by HAYLEY LYNCH
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT – There comes a point for every avid shotgunner when reloading your own shells starts to look better and better. You're making frequent trips to the sporting goods store, shelling out \$5-8 a box on your favorite target load. You're throwing out hulls by the hundreds. Perhaps you're starting to shoot one of the more expensive rounds, like 28-gauge or .410 bore. If you're shooting more than 100 rounds a week, it may be time to consider reloading.

Many shooters cite saving money as their primary reason to reload. Not counting the initial purchase of reloading equipment, you should be able to save a couple of dollars on each box of shells. That's nothing to sniff at for an avid skeet, trap or sporting clays shooter. However, many shooters find they may spend just as much as the shooter who buys new shells – but they shoot a lot more for the money. If your aim is to shoot as much as possible for the money, reloading will help you do just that.

Cost isn't the only reason to reload your own shells. Reloading can become a hobby in itself, like tying flies, making jigs or fletching your own arrows. Although some reloaders see the task as just a job to get through so they can head back to the range, others find sitting at a workbench and reloading to be a relaxing activity. They enjoy the careful work of re-building each shell, thinking of their next round of trap or the upcoming dove season.

Crafting your own shotshells brings you closer to the action – every time you break a clay target or bring down a dove, you'll have the additional satisfaction of knowing you loaded the shell that hit its mark. If you prefer a load that your local discount or sporting goods store doesn't normally carry, you can re-create the load yourself rather than driving to another town or ordering them. And a properly reloaded shell can rival or even exceed the quality of factory shells.

To start reloading, you'll need a reloading press in your

(See **OUTDOORS**, page eight)



EAST KENTUCKY MINERS ARRIVE



The East Kentucky Miners professional basketball organization was introduced during a press conference Thursday evening at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Above, pictured from left to right: Kevin Keathley (East Kentucky Miners Head Coach), Rob Blackwell (East Kentucky Miners President/GM) and Trinity Sports & Entertainment Group, Inc., co-founders Demetrius Ford and Jay Fiedler, looked on as a local dignitary spoke during the event. Trinity Sports & Entertainment Group owns the East Kentucky Miners.

Tickets for Miners home games are now on sale. The Miners, a CBA expansion team, will play all of their home games at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Some fans in attendance at Thursday night's press conference took advantage of the early chance to secure seats for the upcoming campaign, purchasing season tickets.

The East Kentucky pro basketball franchise will hold free agent camp Aug. 4-5. Not open to the public, the free agent camp will feature players from various parts of the country.

More on the East Kentucky Miners will appear in Wednesday's edition of The Times.



photos by Steve LeMaster

Trinity Sports & Entertainment Group, Inc., Co-Founder and Chairman Jay Fiedler addressed members of the media and fans during Thursday night's press conference.

Hamlin stands up to Stewart as team rivalry brews

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – When Denny Hamlin refused to quietly take teammate Tony Stewart's criticism, it marked a rare occasion of a young driver not rolling over for the two-time NASCAR champion.

And sending word through the media that he didn't appreciate being publicly blamed for their accident in Daytona showed that Hamlin has the confidence – or ego – to go toe-to-toe with his teammate. After all, the budding young star is the future of Joe Gibbs Racing and probably believes he's above being bullied.

The public sniping forced team owner Joe Gibbs to interrupt his vacation and make a pit stop in Chicago, where he gave a 30-minute lecture on playing well with others to his top two drivers.

It was a strong stand by Hamlin. A power-play of sorts.

But when it was over, Stewart took to the track to prove he's still the star of that team.

By driving his way into Victory Lane for the first time this season, and doing it a day after being chastised by Gibbs, Stewart again showed his remarkable ability to thrive during adversity. When the going gets tough, nobody is better than Stewart at ending a controversy by stepping up on the race track.

His resume is checkered with wins that came during controversy, such as the Watkins Glen victory in 2002, which came a week after Stewart punched a photographer, and Chicago in 2004 after he wrecked Kasey Kahne, which led to a fight in the pits between their crews.

Sunday's win at Chicagoland Speedway proved that Stewart does his best work during the most chaotic times.

"You know, there is something to be said for that," team president J.D. Gibbs acknowledged. "Of course, with Tony there's always a lot of chaos going on."

Most of it self-inflicted, including this spat with Hamlin.

The two were running first

(See **HAMLIN**, page eight)

Blackcat football program to meet media Aug. 4

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The Prestonsburg High School football program will host its annual Media Day on Saturday, Aug. 4 from 6-11 p.m. Many activities are planned as part of the Media Day event. Activities will include the following: live music on stage, a pig roast and fireworks. The event is sponsored by the Blackcat Touchdown Club.

"We'd like to invite everyone out to this event," said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett. "This will be an exciting afternoon as we get ready for another exciting season."

LJ Productions will be present, conducting its annual interviews with Blackcat

players, cheerleaders, Dance Cats, band members and future PHS players from Adams Middle School and Allen Elementary.

The Blackcat Touchdown Club will have several items for sale during the upcoming Media Day. One of the items will be the Prestonsburg High School football program's T-shirt for the 2007 season.

The PHS football program conducted its annual youth football camp Friday. NFL veteran Jay Fiedler visited the football camp after playing golf at nearby StoneCrest Golf Course. Fiedler is co-founder of Trinity Sports & Entertainment Group, Inc., owner of the East Kentucky Miners.

ONLINE: www.blackcatfootball.com



photo by Steve LeMaster

LISTENING TO AN NFL VETERAN: Youth football campers and Prestonsburg High School players and coaches listened to 10-year NFL veteran Jay Fiedler during a visit Friday afternoon. Fiedler, who was a starting quarterback for the Miami Dolphins, co-founded Trinity Sports & Entertainment Group, Inc., owner of the East Kentucky Miners.

Houchens Industries gives \$5 million for stadium expansion

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN – A longtime corporate supporter of Western Kentucky University has made a \$5 million commitment to enhance an expansion and renovation project for the school's football stadium.

In honor of the gift, WKU will add Houchens Industries to the name of L.T. Smith Stadium.

"We think that this facility at WKU reaches much of the geographic area of our businesses," said Jimmie Gipson, Chairman and CEO of Houchens Industries. "This stadium is an integral outlet

for us to give back to our community.

The stadium is undergoing a \$37.5 million renovation and expansion project and the gift from Houchens Industries will enable WKU to include additional features in the new west grandstand, the building out of the south end zone and enhance the renovation of the existing grandstand, according to Wood Selig, WKU's Director of Athletics.

WKU President Gary Ransdell said the University "cannot achieve national competitiveness in the manner our fans expect without significant support from local corporate leaders such as

Houchens Industries. With this support, we can, and will, achieve national prominence in our athletic programs and elsewhere."

WKU Football is in a transition season from Division I-AA to Division I-A and will complete the transition next season and become a member of the Sun Belt Conference in football.

Houchens Industries: Houchens Industries, the largest 100 percent employee-owned company in the U.S., currently operates businesses in conventional retail grocery, convenience and fuel centers, limited assortment and price impact, hybrid grocery,

SONIC Drive-Ins and SUBWAY stores under its food group banners. Houchens also has interests in insurance, manufacturing, construction, paving and stone quarries, trucking, recycling, Web development, tanning supply distribution, and property management. Established in 1917 in Glasgow, Houchens Industries now services communities throughout a wide variety of trade areas across the U.S., providing the "Necessities of Life" to its 11,000-plus employee owners and customers alike.

Stadium Renovation: At the end of the 2006 season, WKU began a \$37.5 million

renovation of L.T. Smith Stadium. The renovation includes approximately 5,000 seats in the new west grandstand, which will also house football offices, locker rooms, a weight room and training room. The south end zone will be developed and there will be additional improvements to the existing stadium, including office and classroom space for the Physical Education Department and locker rooms from soccer and track.

L.T. Smith: L.T. Smith joined WKU in 1920 to organize the Department of Industrial Arts. He developed the first industrial arts teacher

education program in Kentucky and was known as the dean of industrial arts education. He coached football in 1920 and 1921 and basketball from 1921-22. He helped form the faculty athletic committee in 1922 and served as chair almost continually until his retirement in 1965.

Academic-Athletic Building No. 2, or L.T. Smith Stadium, was dedicated in his honor on Oct. 26, 1968.

ONLINE:

www.wkusports.com

EAST KENTUCKY MINERS PRESIDENT/GM Rob Blackwell spoke to the media and fans in attendance at press conference at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Blackwell is a former CBA player.



Hamlin

and second in the early part of the Pepsi 400 at Daytona a week ago when Stewart ran into the back of Hamlin, causing both cars to crash into the wall. Stewart immediately blamed Hamlin for the accident, claiming the lead driver slowed in front of him.

That explanation was ridiculed by rival drivers, and didn't sit well with Hamlin.

"Even if it was a situation where I had wrecked him from behind, he still probably shouldn't have thrown me under the bus as far as he did," Hamlin said. "He's still the leader at Joe Gibbs Racing, without a doubt. He's the guy who really, when I need help, I'll still go to regardless."

"But there's a point where being a leader doesn't make you right."

Perhaps that's the message Gibbs sent after escorting Stewart into a meeting with Hamlin that caused both to miss 30 minutes of valuable practice time on Saturday.

Whatever the coach said worked, because the teammates were seemingly best buddies by the time it was over.

They laughed and joked during driver introductions, with Stewart playfully putting Hamlin in a headlock in a show for the cameras. And they worked together on the race track, too, using hand signals to communicate track position.

How long the harmony lasts remains to be seen.

It's not in Stewart's disposition to play second fiddle to anyone, especially a 26-year-old kid with less than two Nextel Cup seasons under his belt. But as Stewart's winless streak stretched to 20 races, and Hamlin beat him to Victory Lane this season by winning at New Hampshire earlier this month, Stewart might have felt a bit threatened.

After all, Hamlin made the Chase for the championship last season and finished third in the points. Stewart missed

the Chase and wasn't eligible to defend his 2005 title.

And, Hamlin has spent most of this season locked into second-place in the standings, while Stewart has hovered around sixth.

If Stewart is the slight bit jealous, he'd never admit it. Besides, his handling of the Daytona disaster spoke volumes.

Barring a total collapse, both will be racing for the Nextel Cup title this season and it will be interesting to watch how the two handle the competition. Because when push comes to shove, Hamlin has shown he'll shove back.

Stewart, with two titles and 30 wins, can take it right now. He's earned his spot atop the JGR talent pool, and cemented his position Sunday.

But if Hamlin starts creeping back into Stewart's spotlight, Gibbs might wind up playing mediator again before the season ends.

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Outdoors

chosen gauge and a sturdy workbench to attach the press. There are reloading presses on the market that allow you to change dies and other hardware to handle multiple gauges. However, many people who reload find that it's more convenient to have a separate press entirely if they wish to load more than one gauge.

An accurate scale is a necessary addition, so you can periodically check that your press is measuring powder and shot accurately. You will also need a shotshell reloading manual, which lists the exact specifications, or recipe, for a particular load. It is absolutely essential to follow the recipe for the shell you are loading. The recipes are developed and tested extensively by manufacturers under controlled conditions. Changing them can cause dangerously high or low pressures that at the very least can damage your shotgun and at worst cause serious injury.

Finally, you will need to purchase all the components to reload shot shells – hulls, primers, powder, wads and shot. Buy quality loads, shoot them, then save the hulls for reloading. Good quality hulls are essential for reloading a quality shell. Some cheaper hulls cannot be reloaded, and others will not stand up to repeated reloading. Quality hulls can be reloaded as many as 10 to 20 times. Buy the remaining components in bulk to save money.

Reloading a shotshell begins with removal of the primer and resizing of the metal base. Then, a new primer is seated and the powder charge dropped into the shell. Top that with a new wad, add the shot and finish the shell with a new crimp. Some presses will combine some of these steps.

The two most popular kinds of shotshell reloading presses are single-stage and progressive. A single-stage press requires a pull of the

handle for each step in the reloading process before a finished shell is produced. You must complete one shell before beginning another. A progressive reloader allows you to move several shells through the steps at the same time. You start a new shell, and also produce a finished shell, with every pull of the handle. With both types of presses, the charge bar is set to drop the exact amount of powder and shot needed for the recipe you are using.

You can buy a good entry-level, single-stage reloader for as little as \$50, while entry-level progressive reloaders start at about \$250. Some progressive reloaders rotate the shells through the steps automatically every time you pull the handle. If you want the ultimate in speed and convenience, you can buy a hydraulic progressive reloader and never have to pull a handle – but this will run you \$750 or higher.

Reloading is a safe activi-

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photo by Steve LeMaster
Floyd County Special Olympics coordinator Ed Senig (right) accepted a donation Friday morning from the Prestonsburg VFW. Representatives from the VFW pictured with Senig are Larry Sexton (Quarter Master), Sid Richardson (member) and Paul Edwards (Commander).

REDS WIN: Cincinnati 7, Florida 5

by STEVEN WINE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI – Even Ryan Freel is playing a part in the Cincinnati Reds' surprising surge.

The struggling outfielder hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning Thursday night, and the Reds won their fourth straight game, rallying past the Florida Marlins 7-5.

Cincinnati blew an early 3-0 lead and trailed 5-3 before scoring four runs in the eighth against Armando Benitez (2-5). Freel capped the comeback with his third home run, giving him 15 RBIs this season.

"It's obvious – my numbers show I've just been horrendous this year," said Freel, who came into the game hitting .238. "I actually saw the ball today, as opposed to the last three months. I had been closing my eyes and swinging. ... Hopefully we can put some more of those together."

Cincinnati, sixth and last in the NL Central for most of the season, climbed ahead of Pittsburgh and Houston with the win.

"What do we need to go to first?" interim manager Pete Mackanin asked. "We need to keep winning."

The Reds are still 13 1/2 games behind division leader Milwaukee, but they are 10-4 since Mackanin became interim manager, replacing Jerry Narron.

"It just seems coming to the ballpark is a lot different than it was," said David Weathers, who pitched for the fourth straight day and earned his 19th save in 23 chances.

"We were so tense about everything. Pete has a laid back personality. He's a funny guy. It has kind of filtered into us, and we come in here

expecting to win."

The Reds have two four-game winning streaks this month, their longest of the season.

"I've got to take notes," Mackanin said. "There are so many good things going on right now that it's hard to remember everything."

The Reds even had a little help – they scored three runs in the first after right fielder Jeremy Hermida appeared to lose a routine two-out fly in the sun.

Matt Belisle was unable to protect the lead. Winless since May 29, he allowed nine hits and five runs in 4 2-3 innings.

Cincinnati loaded the bases with no outs in the seventh but failed to score, then mounted another rally in the eighth. Javier Valentin led off with a double, took third on Edwin Encarnacion's single and came home on a single by Norris Hopper.

A sacrifice bunt advanced the runners before Freel homered over the scoreboard. He came into the game 3-for-29 since the All-Star break and went 3-for-4.

"It's just a matter of time before he gets on track," Mackanin said. "He's that spark plug you can always use."

Todd Coffey (2-1) pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings, and Weathers followed with a hitless ninth.

Miguel Olivo and Josh Willingham homered for the Marlins, who fell to 20-29 at home. One consolation: Few saw their latest loss. The crowd of 10,344 was the smallest at home this season for Florida, last in the NL in attendance.

The game started well for the Reds, coming off a three-game sweep of Atlanta,

including a 15-inning victory Wednesday. With two outs and two on in the first, Adam Dunn's fly dropped in front of Hermida and bounced past him to the wall.

"The ball seemed like it had a lot of topspin, and he had the sun right in his face," Marlins pitcher Sergio Mitre said. "It's not his fault. You can't do anything about it."

Dunn was credited with a two-run double, and he scored on a double by Valentin.

Mitre shook off the misplay, shut out Cincinnati over the next five innings and left with a 5-3 lead. But he remained only 4-4 this season despite a 2.82 ERA in 17 starts.

"It seems like something bad happens when he pitches," manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "He just doesn't get the win."

A slumping Dan Uggla, back in the lineup after sitting out a game for the first time this season, hit a two-out double in the fourth to put Florida ahead.

Willingham hit his 15th homer in the fifth, but that was the Marlins' final run. Jared Burton, Jon Coutlangus, Coffey and Weathers shut them out over the final 4 2-3 innings.

"We've been playing some really good ball," Freel said. "Shaking up things with Pete coming in here, it looks like it has made a difference."

Notes: The ball bounced the Marlins' way in the fifth on a grounder by Cincinnati's Scott Hatteberg. His chopper deflected off the glove of 1B Mike Jacobs high into the air, and Mitre caught it as he crossed first base ahead of the batter for a bizarre 3-1 putout. ... Freel made a diving catch in center to rob Miguel Cabrera of a hit in the sixth.

FIEDLER ON FOOTBALL



photos by Steve LeMaster



NFL veteran Jay Fiedler took time out of his schedule to talk with youth campers and Prestonsburg High School football players and coaches Friday afternoon. Trinity Sports & Entertainment Group, Inc., which Fiedler co-founded along with Demetrius Ford (above, left) owns the East Kentucky Miners. A CBA (Continental Basketball Association) expansion team, the Miners will play their games in Pikeville at the East Kentucky Expo Center. The CBA is in the process of finalizing its schedule for the 2007-08 season.

RECOGNIZING A LEGEND: Ohio, Tony Stewart to honor Earl Baltes during ceremony Friday evening

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio — In recognition of his tireless efforts to promote Eldora Speedway and the sport of auto racing, the State of Ohio and Tony Stewart will honor Earl Baltes on Friday evening (July 27) just prior to the start of the Subway 50.

The Ohio Legislature adopted and passed a law that has designated a portion of State Highway 118, which passes directly in front of the fabled speedway, as "Earl Baltes Highway". While the

law became effective July 1, 2007, the signed proclamation will be presented by Stewart, who purchased Eldora from Baltes in November of 2004, along with representation from the State of Ohio.

The "Earl Baltes Highway" will extend from State Route 47 in Ansonia North to State Route 119 in Saint Henry, and will be marked with special signage prepared by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

A special ribbon cutting

ceremony will take place at 4:30 on July 27 and that will be followed by a reception at the Eldora Ballroom prior to the on-track presentation that evening.

Baltes, usually never short of words, was flattered and nearly speechless when told of the legislative action. "I'm deeply honored. Never in a million years would I have expected something like this."

Commented Stewart, who will also be racing in the World of Outlaw (WoO) Late Model Subway 50 that night,

"Earl has single handily advanced the sport of auto racing more than anyone else in this business. We have all known that for a long time, and now the State of Ohio has stepped up to the plate, this is just great. I wouldn't miss this opportunity to help commemorate Earl's accomplishment."

Baltes, with no previous racing experience, began carving Eldora Speedway out from a cornfield in the fall of 1953, with first race taking place that following year. His keen sense of entertaining

people and promoting the unexpected quickly escalated the prominence of Eldora, to the point that it became recognized as one of the leading short track operations in the entire Nation.

That flare continued right through the sale of the facility to Stewart, who Baltes hand-picked among those seeking a purchase of Eldora. "I knew all along that Tony was the right man to buy Eldora, and he hasn't let me down. His schedule is very busy, so it means a great deal to me that he will be on hand

to celebrate this road dedication with me", concluded Baltes.

Baltes and the dignitaries have indicated their desire to stay and watch the WoO Late Models as they make their first-ever appearance on Eldora's legendary high-banked one-half mile clay oval.

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DirecTV, others organize league to cash in on video game mania

by GARY GENTILE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Four race cars barrel down a virtual track, jostling for position. Announcers shout their commentary over growling engines until a winner speeds past a checkered flag.

The frenetic race televised on DirecTV wasn't a NASCAR event. It was staged as part of a new video game league that aims to turn gaming into a full-fledged sport, as compelling to watch as the National Basketball Association or Major League Baseball.

The Championship Gaming Series debuted last week in the U.S. and has franchises around the world that pay top players base salaries of \$30,000 plus bonuses.

Organizers hope to attract an audience of the same young gamers who pushed computer and video game software sales to \$7.4 billion in 2006 — a 6 percent increase from 2005, according to the Entertainment Software Association.

Advertisers are eager to reach those 18 to 24 year-old consumers.

The challenge for the league is making the on-screen action compelling enough to persuade those gamers to stop playing and start watching.

"Are those guys willing to put down their controllers and pick up their remote control to watch their television?" asked Steve Lipscomb, founder and CEO of World Poker Tour Enterprises.

Lipscomb helped turn poker into a TV hit by placing cameras under tables to give viewers a look at the

cards held by each player.

He said he turned down chances to start a video game league, fearing the challenges might be too great to overcome.

"If they can find a way to translate the experience of gaming into a great spectator sport, there is an opportunity there," Lipscomb said.

DirecTV is spending relatively little on the new league. It is one of several homegrown channels the company hopes will catch on.

"Today, it doesn't move the needle," said Steve Mather, an analyst at SMH Capital. "But strategically, it is in this basket of items that could develop into something. They're in the game, at least."

The two-hour video game matches, which began July 9, are staged twice a week on a movie sound stage in Manhattan Beach.

A studio audience of about 200 people cheers on cue while players face off in front of video screens. Team managers crouch nearby to offer encouragement.

Most games played in the league, such as "Dead or Alive 4" or the soccer game "FIFA 07," are one-on-one matches. Others, like "Counter-Strike Source" involve five-person teams squaring off in multiple rounds.

The key feature of the broadcasts are the multiple "in game" cameras that follow the action, making viewers feel like they are on the soccer field or peeking over the shoulder of a gun-toting mercenary. Flashy graphics help tell the story of what is happening on the screen.

"It's got the elements of strategy, skill and the camaraderie of team sports that people love," said Dave

"Moto" Geffon, general manager of New York 3D, one of six U.S. teams in the league.

The new league has six U.S. franchises — Chicago Chimera, Carolina Core, San Francisco Optix, Los Angeles Complexity, Dallas Venom and New York 3D.

Teams have also been created in Asia, Europe and South America. Regional winners will compete in a world championship later this year.

DirecTV owns the league with partners British Sky Broadcasting PLC and Asian satellite broadcaster Star.

Competitive video gaming isn't new. The Cyberathlete Professional League was formed in 1997 and hosts tournaments around the world that aren't televised. Organized matches are also popular in Europe and Asia.

In addition, the two-year-old World Series of Video Games has a deal to air some of its matches on CBS.

The Championship Gaming Series hopes to differentiate itself by offering regular broadcasts of team competitions with high-tech showmanship.

League Commissioner Andy Reif is banking on his experience turning beach volleyball into a popular televised sport as former chief operating officer of the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour.

"The trick is to make something entertaining both to the hardcore gamer and also to a mainstream audience that is either a casual gamer or not a gamer at all," he said.

equates to consistently strong on-track results.

"Although we have faced difficulties this season, everyone involved is committed to turning our program around across the board."

Bliss already has started four races this year for BAM — Atlanta, Bristol, Martinsville and Texas. His best finish was a 17th-place run at Bristol.

Last season, Johnson served as crew chief for two races and the team successfully qualified on time in Bristol and California. He assumed the role of chassis specialist for the remainder of the season.



photo courtesy of Bristol Motor Speedway
Veteran NASCAR driver Rusty Wallace checked out the new surface at Bristol Motor Speedway during a stop Thursday evening. Wallace enjoyed some of his best races at the Bristol track.

Rusty Wallace pays surprise visit to BMS, touts new surface

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Late Thursday afternoon Bristol Motor Speedway President Jeff Byrd received a surprise call from Rusty Wallace. The nine-time winner at the World's Fastest Half-Mile was in the area and wanted to stop by and take a spin on the new concrete surface.

And the former NASCAR NEXTEL Cup champion had no intention of taking a nice, leisurely drive around the .533-mile oval. Instead, Wallace climbed into the BMS pace car and ripped off lap after lap at speeds around 95 miles per hour.

His verdict?
"On a scale of 1 to 10, what do I think?" It's a 10," Wallace said.

Wallace, who knew the old BMS surface as well or better than anyone, was so excited about his impromptu test that it made him reconsider his retirement — at least momentarily.

"Man, I think I retired about two years too early," he said before deciding on the spot that he was going to participate in Tuesday's Busch Series test at BMS. "I'm going to get on this track in Steven's Busch car on Tuesday. You bet I am."

"Darrell (Waltrip) might have gotten to tear the track up (after the March race) but it's pretty darn cool that I got to be the first on the new surface. I'm really glad I got to do this. Nothing could be cooler."

"This place is great. I love the transition. The straightaways are so smooth. It's a little bumpy in the corners but it's got character and you've

got to have character. It's going to be faster, yeah. And there's going to be side-by-side racing. If at some point during the races (in August) you don't see 'em three wide a couple times, I'll be really surprised."

Wallace says drivers are going to be able to put their cars in a lot of places on the track.

"Honestly, I think they will run all over the place," he said. "I think they will qualify low because it's the shortest way around but I think they will race all over this track. I think they are going to be able to carry speed off the corner and pass on the straightaways."

"It looks fantastic. I didn't really know what to expect before I got here. I was a little worried about how this was going to turn out but I tell you, these guys did an unbelievable job."

How "unbelievable?" Asked how he rated the BMS resurfacing compared to other tracks who had undergone facelifts, Wallace had nothing but high praise.

"I've been through a lot of these (resurfacing) at different places," he said. "This, this ranks right up there at the top. I don't know how these (Nextel Cup) guys can't love this. It's so, so much better. Man, it's really good."

BMS will host the Craftsman Truck Series for a test session on Monday, and the Busch Series on Tuesday in preparation for the O'Reilly 200 (Aug. 22), Food City 250 (Aug. 24) and sold-out Sharpie 500 (Aug. 25).

Schrader returns to No. 49 car for Indy; Bliss coming back

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — BAM Racing announced Thursday that Ken Schrader will drive the No. 49 Dodge in the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard in Indianapolis.

"We are very grateful to Wood Brothers Racing for allowing Schrader to drive the No. 49 Dodge in Indy," team owner Beth Ann Morgenthau said. "We had great success and great fun with Schrader in the three years that he drove for BAM Racing. We are thrilled to have him join us for the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard."

Schrader joined BAM in 2003. He left after the 2005 season to join the Wood Brothers.

The team also announced the return of Dean Johnson and David Hyder. Johnson assumes the role of crew chief and Hyder will serve as suspension specialist.

Driver Mike Bliss also will return to BAM on a full-time basis, beginning at Pocono.

"We are so excited to have Dean, David and Mike back together again," Morgenthau said. "No one can deny that there is a unique chemistry between this combination that

Reds' Harang on bereavement leave; Stone returns to Cincinnati staff

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Cincinnati Reds right-hander Aaron Harang went on the bereavement list Thursday and left the team for San Diego to be with his family following the death of his grandfather.

Harang is expected to make his next start as scheduled Monday against Milwaukee. He was replaced on the roster by right-hander Ricky Stone, whose contract was purchased from Triple-A Louisville.

Harang allowed two runs and 10 hits in 7 2-3 innings in Cincinnati's 5-

4, 15-inning win over Atlanta on Wednesday. He pitched shortly after learning that his grandfather, Dusty Harang, died.

"He wanted to pitch," interim manager Pete Mackanin said. "He said that's what his grandfather would have wanted. He had that look in his eye that he wanted to do his best job, and he did. And he got mad at me because I took him out."

Shortstop Alex Gonzalez is also on the bereavement list to be with an ill son. His stint on the list must end Friday, and he may then be put on the restricted list, Mackanin said.

The Reds transferred left-hander Eric Milton, who had season-ending arm surgery in June, to the 60-day disabled list to make room for Stone on the 40-man roster.

Stone was promoted from Louisville last month, but was designated for assignment July 7 after running up an 8.10 ERA in three appearances. He cleared waivers two days later and was outrighted to Cincinnati's top farm club.

The Reds are in Miami for a four-game series with the Florida Marlins.

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- 2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Remaining Schedule**
 July 29 — Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis.
 Aug. 5 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
 Aug. 12 — NEXTEL Cup at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
 Aug. 19 — 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
 Aug. 25 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
 Sept. 2 — NASCAR Nextel Cup Series 500, Fontana, Calif.
 Sept. 8 — Chevy Rock-and-Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
 Sept. 16 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
 Sept. 23 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
 Sept. 30 — Kansas 400, Kansas City, Kan.
 Oct. 7 — UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
 Oct. 13 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
 Oct. 21 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
 Oct. 28 — Georgia 500, Hampton, Ga.
 Nov. 4 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
 Nov. 11 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
 Nov. 18 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

- NASCAR Nextel Cup Driver Standings**
 1. Jeff Gordon, 2,911
 2. Denny Hamlin, 2,608
 3. Matt Kenseth, 2,565
 4. Jeff Burton, 2,491
 5. Carl Edwards, 2,473
 6. Tony Stewart, 2,429
 7. Jimmie Johnson, 2,423
 8. Kevin Harvick, 2,337
 9. Kyle Busch, 2,314
 10. Clint Bowyer, 2,281
 11. Martin Truex Jr., 2,208
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REAL ESTATE

House

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-8064, Transfer
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Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642. The new permit number will be 836-8064. The operation disturbs 273.13 surface acres and underlies 193.47 acres. No new acreage is affected by this transfer.

2) The operation is located 1.9 miles Southeast of Printer in Floyd County, approximately 1.4 miles Southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030 and located 0.004 miles Northeast of Spurlock Creek. The latitude is 37° 31' 25". The longitude is 82° 43' 30". The operation is on the Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map.

3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within (15) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following

is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County. The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC 836-0305

issued 07/06/25; PIA Company, Inc. 836-0337 issued 07/06/11; Motts Branch Coal Inc. 836-5482 issued 07/06/11; Prater Creek Coal Corporation 836-9024 issued 07/06/18; Miller Bros. Coal, LLC 860-5275 issued 07/06/07



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THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF NATURAL GAS

Gas accidents can be avoided if you understand the potential hazards.

(1) FIRE

Natural gas can be a fire hazard, if you let it. Don't let it. A very hot stove, open flame or pilot light can ignite any combustible materials that happen to be near. Keep paper, curtains, paints, solvents, etc., away from gas appliances.

(2) EXPLOSION

Natural gas can be ignited by open flames or sparks. That's why unburned natural gas should never be allowed to escape into a room. A spark, flame, lit match or cigarette, even the flick of a light switch may be enough to cause an explosion.

(3) CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Even though natural gas itself isn't poisonous, gas burners that aren't adjusted properly can produce deadly carbon monoxide. You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but it's a killer. To avoid its dangers, always make sure that any natural gas appliances in your home are properly adjusted and vented to the outside...so they'll burn safely and efficiently.

(4) SUFFOCATION

Natural gas can cause suffocation if it replaces air containing oxygen. (Only air that has oxygen can sustain life.) This is another reason why natural gas should never be allowed to leak from appliances or build up in an enclosed area or room.

FOLLOW THESE COMMON SENSE SAFETY RULES... IT'S UP TO YOU TO USE SAFE GAS APPLIANCES AND TO USE GAS APPLIANCES SAFELY!!!

- (1) **KEEP COMBUSTIBLES** such as papers, fluids, paints, curtains and rags away from furnaces, water heaters and gas ranges and dryers.
- (2) **TEACH CHILDREN** never to light or play with the controls of any gas appliances.
- (3) **KEEP PILOT LIGHTS** of your gas range lit. If you put them out to save energy, a dangerous gas build-up can occur if someone accidentally turns on the range.
- (4) **KEEP GAS RANGE CLEAN** — make sure burner bowls are free of used matches, grease, paper, etc.
- (5) **AND, NEVER USE YOUR GAS RANGE** to heat your home or apartment. This practice creates a serious fire hazard and puts you and your family at risk from dangerous carbon monoxide fumes.
- (6) **MAKE SURE APPLIANCES ARE VENTED** — Natural gas needs air containing oxygen to burn safely and efficiently. Without enough air, dangerous carbon monoxide is produced. For this reason, always make sure that your gas furnace and water heater are vented to the outside of the building. If you're not sure your appliances are vented properly, have them checked by a qualified heating contractor or plumber.
- (7) **KEEP FLUES AND CHIMNEYS CLEAR** — Have your fluepipe and chimney checked to make sure they're not blocked with debris such as nests, branches, or ivy. (Your heating contractor can inspect and clean fluepipes for you.)
- (8) **SIGNS OF POOR FLUE VENTILATION** — Indoor wetness (condensation); unusual smell in your home that doesn't go away; sick houseplants; yellow or wavering appliance flames; soot in your home; pilot light that keeps going out.

CERTAIN OLDER GAS CONNECTORS MAY BE DANGEROUS!

Gas connectors are corrugated metal tubes used to connect gas appliances in your home to fuel gas supply pipes. Some older brass connectors have come apart, causing fires and explosions resulting in deaths and injuries.

These older brass connectors have a serious flaw in the process used to join their tubing to their end pieces. Over time, the end pieces can separate from the tubing, and cause a serious gas leak, explosion, or fire. To our knowledge, these dangerous uncoated brass connectors have not been made for more than 20 years, but many of them are still in use. The older these connectors get, the greater the possibility of failure.

Although not all uncoated connectors have this flaw, it is very difficult to tell which ones do. Therefore, any uncoated brass connector should be replaced immediately with either a new plastic-coated brass or a new stainless steel connector. Connectors can wear out from too much moving, bending, or corrosion. Connectors should always be replaced whenever the appliance is replaced or moved from its location.

WARNING: Only a qualified professional should check your connector and replace it if needed. Don't try to do this yourself! Moving the appliance, even slightly, whether to clean behind it or to inspect its gas connector, can cause the complete failure of one of these older weakened connectors, possibly resulting in a deadly fire or explosion.

DO NOT MOVE YOUR APPLIANCE TO CHECK THE CONNECTOR!

HOW DO I KNOW IF A GAS HAZARD EXISTS??? — YOUR SENSE OF SMELL SHOULD TELL YOU

(1) A GAS LEAK IS POTENTIALLY VERY DANGEROUS! — Gas may leak from faulty appliances, broken pipes or broken mains. Make sure all members of your family know what to do if they smell gas.

(A) IF THE ODOR IS STRONG:

- 1) Do not light matches.
- 2) Do not turn lights on or off.
- 3) Do not operate any controls or pull any plugs from outlets.
- 4) Do not use the telephone.
- 5) Notify everyone in the building or house to leave immediately, and leave the door open.
- 6) If possible, ventilate the building by opening doors and windows, starting where the odor is strongest. Do not re-enter the building for this purpose.
- 7) Call the utility company or fire department from a nearby building or house. Do not use the telephone in your house.
- 8) Do not re-enter your home until the utility company or fire department has released you to do so.
- 9) **Never take chances!** If your safety is threatened, get out quickly.

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HOW TO RECOGNIZE A GAS LEAK OUTSIDE HOUSE OR BUILDING — Gas leaks outside are uncommon, but it is a good idea to know how to recognize them. Common signs include:

- 1) A gas odor.
- 2) A blowing or hissing sound.
- 3) Dirt being blown or thrown into the air.
- 4) Water bubbling or being blown into the air at a pond.
- 5) Fire coming from the ground or burning above the ground.
- 6) Brown patches in vegetation on or near gas pipeline.

If you detect any signs of a gas leak outside, call Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission immediately.

NOTICE TO PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES COMMISSION NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS ABOUT CUSTOMER SERVICE LINES

1. Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission does not maintain customers' service lines beyond the gas meter setting. Customers are responsible for properly maintaining and repairing their service lines.
2. If customers' buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.
3. Buried gas piping should be:
 - I. Periodically inspected for leakage.
 - II. Periodically inspected for corrosion if piping is metallic.
 - III. Repaired if any unsafe conditions are discovered.
 - IV. Repaired, located, inspected and maintained by plumbers or heating contractors.
4. When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance, and the excavation done by hand. Safety comes first with Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission. Below are some of the steps taken by Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission to insure the safety of our employees and customers.

1. Continuous patrolling of gas system.
 2. Monitoring pressures at various points in gas system.
 3. Annual/ semi-annual leak surveys.
 4. Immediate response to any reported problem.
 5. Proper operation and maintenance of system
 6. Continuing education of gas pipe line employees, including emergency response to gas emergencies/ accidents.
- Together with the help of our customers we can maintain a safe and reliable gas system.

NOTICE TO ALL CONSTRUCTION AND EXCAVATION COMPANIES

In accordance with federal and state regulations governing natural gas pipeline safety, Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is pursuing a damage prevention program to minimize accidents and/or disruptions that could involve its underground pipeline facilities. If you observe any type of construction or excavation, or if you plan to do any work requiring digging near a company pipeline, please call the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission so that we can send qualified personnel to locate and properly mark the exact location of the pipeline. Knowing the exact location of the underground pipeline will reduce the possibility of property and/or personal and financial loss to both parties.

David M. Ellis, Superintendent
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission

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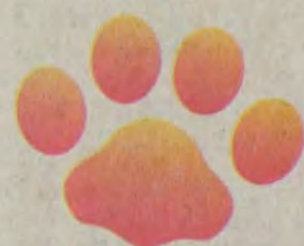
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