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In brief

Cowgill to head CPE

The search committee to appoint an interim president for the Council on Postsecondary Education named Brad Cowgill, state budget director, to the position late yesterday.

Cowgill's contract begins Sept. 1 and he is expected to serve through the next session of the general assembly. He will be paid \$275,000 a year.

"We are extremely pleased with the appointment of Mr. Cowgill. The search committee is confident that he will be an effective and talented leader for the important work ahead," stated John Turner, chairman of the Council.

"I am honored by the confidence which the members of the Council have placed in me and I look forward to working with the university presidents, legislators and the governor in fulfilling the state's 2020 goals," said Cowgill.

There will be a one-month transition period when Cowgill comes on board. Tom Layzell, current Council president, will retire Sept. 30.

The Council terminated its search last week for a permanent replacement for Layzell. The Council charged Turner and two other Council members, Dan Flanagan and Walter Baker, with the authority to appoint an interim president. The Council plans to reopen its search for a permanent replacement at a later date.

The Council is the state's coordinating agency for postsecondary and adult education. The Council is charged with leading the reform efforts, including doubling the number of Kentuckians with a bachelor's degree by the year 2020, as envisioned by state policy leaders in the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997.

Police defuse situation at MAC

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man has been arrested on charges of impersonating a police officer after a dangerous incident played out late Thursday night at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

According to the citation issued by the Prestonsburg Police Department, the Floyd County Sheriff's Office dis-

patched city police after a call received through their dispatch communication radio. The subject who communicated with the sheriff's department advised dispatchers that he was Unit 286 and was headed to the Mountain Arts Center to meet a male subject and was concerned that there "might be trouble."

When officers arrived, they allegedly found Jimmy D. Reed, 57, standing beside his vehicle holding an AR-15

assault rifle pointed toward the sky. Officers quickly forced Reed to surrender at gunpoint and Reed complied by dropping the weapon to the ground.

Following his immediate arrest, officers discovered that Reed's vehicle was equipped with a fully functional police radio which was set to Prestonsburg police frequency, allegedly so he would know when police were en route to the MAC.

Reed also exhibited slurred speech

and a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. Upon inspecting the weapon it was discovered that the assault rifle was loaded with 30 rounds of ammunition, with one in the chamber and the safety disengaged.

Reed is charged with impersonating a peace officer, possession/use of a radio that sends/receives police messages, second-degree disorderly con-

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STORM DAMAGE



Hail and high winds caused moderate damage to areas of Prestonsburg Thursday evening. This tree at Archer Park fell onto a picnic shelter located near the horse ring. Archer Park Director David Baldrige says there were several other trees throughout the park which sustained damage following the storms.

photo by Jessica Hale

Halliburton job fair hours extended

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Halliburton Energy Services has extended the hours of a second job fair to be held in Prestonsburg this week.

The Times reported last week that Halliburton plans to bring approximately 150 new jobs to the region, with salaries ranging from \$35,000 to \$52,000 a year.

Halliburton met with staff at the Prestonsburg

Office of Employment and Training last week in order to schedule the fair. They had originally planned the second job fair to take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, but have extended the hours.

The job fair will now be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday at the Prestonsburg Office of Employment and Training. No experience is required for the positions open, however applicants must have either a GED or a high school diploma.

Federal inmate indicted for murder

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A former inmate of the U.S. Penitentiary Big Sandy in Martin County has been indicted on numerous

charges relating to the murder of a fellow inmate last year.

According to the indictment, Terrell Lamar Johnson killed fellow

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Honeybee Homeplace Johnson County tourist attraction becomes home for threatened insect

Times Staff Report

PAINTSVILLE — The Mountain HomePlace in Paintsville is the new home to the state's first honeybee preservation site.

The Paintsville Tourism Commission formed a committee in 2006 concerning the nationwide disappearance of honey bees. Collaboration

with local bee keeper, Jeff Horne, led the commission to discuss the safe options for the placement of the honeybee hives.

According to Horne, honeybees are not aggressive and the Mountain HomePlace farm would be an ideal location for the hives.

Paintsville tourism general manager Nancy Price says the

site will serve several purposes. The site will preserve the bees at the same time it will provide to the community through education.

Horne says that by the summer of 2008, he hopes to be able to host a three-day class on honeybees and the honey they produce. Horne also hopes to host school field trips.

Seven charged after KSP uncovers drug ring in Pike jail

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A criminal syndicate operating out of the Pike County Detention Center has been uncovered.

According to the Kentucky State Police, seven Pike County Detention Center inmates and other individuals have been arrested and charged

with both the promotion of contraband and engaging in organized crime. Inmates were allegedly conspiring with other individuals to smuggle marijuana and pain medications into the detention center.

The seven people arrested and charged were Angel Shanowat, David Thacker, William Hitchcock, Larry Heath Phillips, Dorothy

Williams, Christian Phillips and Jason Wesley Williams.

All are charged with engaging in organized crime and conspiracy to promote contraband.

Additional arrests are pending and the incident is under continued investigation by KSP detectives Kevin Newsome and Mitchell Adkins.



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Skies over Prestonsburg appeared threatening shortly before a severe thunderstorm Thursday evening, and the resulting weather did cause some wind damage, but a funnel-shaped cloud seen above the city was not a tornado. Thomas Johnstone, warning coordination meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Jackson, examined pictures of the storm taken by The Floyd County Times and determined that they showed a "scud cloud," rather than a tornado. Scud clouds often appear on the leading edge of a storm system and pose no danger.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Burton Allen, 57, of Betsy Layne, died Tuesday, July 24, at Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Emma L. Tackett Allen. Funeral services were held Friday, July 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Arnie Amburgey Baisden, 72, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, July 19, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. Funeral services were held Monday, July 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Charles Ray Broglin, 67, of Erin, Tennessee, formerly of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, July 18, at Centennial Medical Center, in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services were held Monday, July 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Janet Kaye Hall Cottage, 63, of Waynesville, North Carolina, formerly of Bonanza, died Tuesday, July 17, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Robert Cottage. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 28, at the Garrett Funeral Home, in Waynesville.

■ Anna Margaret "Mag" Bolling Gray, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, July 25, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 28, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Loraine Slade Halbert, 84 of Martin, died Monday, July 23, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted, Wednesday, July 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Ruth Ilene Light, 72, of Beaver, died Saturday, July 21, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ James Gregory Ratliff, 56, of Sitka, formerly of Langley, died Monday, July

23, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Michael Stanley, 49, of Melvin, died Monday, July 23, at U.K. Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 26, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Reva Crider Terry, 43, of Newport News, Virginia, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, July 22, at her home. She is survived by her husband, James Terry. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 26, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Raymond "Red" Walker, 72, of Farmers, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, July 22, in the St. Claire Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Beulah Sparkman Walker. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 25, under the direction of Lane-Stucky-Gray Funeral Home, in Morehead.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Brenda J. Davis, 56, of Newcomerstown, Ohio, a native of Van Lear, died Friday, July 20, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Gary Preston. A memorial service was held at her home in Newcomerstown on July 23. A second memorial service will be held at her brother's, Darrell's, residence located at 5162 Kentucky Route 321, Auxier, on Friday, July 27, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Inurnment of Brenda's cremated remains will take place alongside her son at Highlands Memorial Park at Staffordsville.

■ Randall Dewayne Davis, 50, of West Van Lear, died Thursday, July 19, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Lois Moore Davis. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 22, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Elizabeth Ann Dennison,

54, of West Van Lear, died Friday, July 20, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, July 23, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Dr. Robert Ashley Hall, 82, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, July 24, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Friday, July 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Clarence Richard Kerns, 77, of Cosby, Tennessee, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, May 31, at Baptist Hospital in Cooke County, Tennessee. Graveside services and internment were held Sunday, June 3, under the direction of the Brown Funeral Home of Newport.

■ Alex Preece Jr., 85, died Friday, July 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 22, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Shirley Robinson, 92, of West Jefferson, Ohio, a Paintsville native, died Friday, July 20, at Arbors West in West Jefferson. Funeral services were held Monday, July 23, under the direction of the McKinley Funeral Home of Lucasville.

■ Joane Daniel Townsend, 83, a Paintsville native, died Wednesday, July 18. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 21 under the direction of the Parklawn Funeral Home in Hampton, Virginia.

■ Bessie Ward, 93, of Gold Canyon, Arizona, formerly of Van Lear, died Tuesday, July 17, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 22, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Ruby Adkins, 83, of Versailles, formerly of Pike County, died Saturday, July 21, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Elbert Adkins. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 24, under

the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Thelma (Inez) Mullins Brown, 81, of Pike County, died Friday, July 20, at her nephew's home. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 22, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Ronnie Gene Fields, 67, of Elkhorn City, a Pike County native, died Saturday, July 21, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Sally Stacy Fields. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 25, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Robert Dean Hall, 57, of Robinson Creek, died Wednesday, July 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 22, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Kaylee Elizabeth Hall, infant daughter of Tammy Bartley and John Hall, died Sunday, July 22. Graveside services were held Thursday, July 26, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Gene Sanford Ison, 83, of Jenkins, died Tuesday, July 24, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Castle Ison. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 28, at Burdine Freewill Baptist Church. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas and Sons Funeral Home.

■ Alfred Justice, 56, of Kimper, died Saturday, July 21, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Opal Marie Justice. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 24, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ James Kilgore, 71, of Hellier, died Wednesday, July 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Willie Dale Lewis, 72, of

Virgie, died Thursday, July 19, at his residence. Funeral services were held Monday, July 23, under the direction of RS Jones and Son Funeral Home.

■ Elsie (Blackburn) May, 88, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 24, at Pikeville Health Care Center. She is survived by her husband, Clayton May. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 28, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Doyle Junior Swiney, 59, of West Liberty, formerly of Belcher, died Saturday, July 21, in Wrigley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 25, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Alice M. Syck, 96, of Winns Branch, died Thursday, July 19, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 22, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Elizabeth "Libby" Ellen Williamson, 30, of McAndrews, died Thursday, July 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 22, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Thelma (Inez) Mullins Brown, 91, of Pike County, a native of Pilgrim, died Friday, July 20, at the home of her nephew. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 22, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Alex Preece Jr., 85, of Tomahawk, died Friday, July 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 22, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Larry Joe Runyon, 64, of Louisa, died Sunday, July 22, at her home. He is survived by his wife, Betty Fields Runyon. Funeral services were held

Wednesday, July 25, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Michael Stanley

Michael Stanley, 49, of Melvin, died July 23, 2007, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Born December 25, 1957, in McDowell, he was the son of Belvia McCown and the late Charles Homer. He was a disabled coalminer and of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia "Bunny" Stanley.

Other survivors include four brothers: Teddy (Jean) and Gary, all of Melvin; and Gordon of Wheelwright and Ronnie (Tammy) of Michigan; Randal of Russell Springs; one sister, Betty (Roger) McKinney of Falmouth; a sister-in-law, Johnnie (Rodney) Mosley; brother-in-laws: Danny Tackett and Ronnie Tackett; seven nephews and seven nieces.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Ricky and Paul Doug Stanley.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 26, at 1 p.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist with Richard Johnson officiating.

Burial was in the Matthew Tackett Cemetery, in Melvin, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home, Robinson Creek. (Paid obituary)

Wide disparity in treatment of adults who leave kids to die in hot cars

by ALLEN G. BREED
AP NATIONAL WRITER

MANASSAS, Va. — Kevin Kelly is a law-abiding citizen who, much distracted, left his beloved 21-month-old daughter in a sweltering van for seven hours.

Frances Kelly had probably been dead for more than four hours by the time a neighbor noticed her strapped in her car seat; when rescue personnel removed the girl from the vehicle, her skin was red and blistered, her fine, carrot-colored hair matted with sweat. Two hours later, her body temperature was still nearly 106 degrees.

What is the appropriate punishment for a doting parent responsible for his child's death? A judge eventually spared Kelly a lengthy term in prison. Still, it is a question that is asked dozens of times each year.

Since the mid-1990s, the number of children who died of heat exhaustion while trapped inside vehicles has risen dramatically, totaling around 340 in the past 10 years. Ironically, one reason was a change parent-drivers made to protect their kids after juvenile air-bag deaths peaked in 1995 — they put them in the back seat, where they are more easily forgotten.

An Associated Press analysis of more than 310 fatal incidents in the past 10 years found that prosecutions and penalties vary widely, depending in many cases on where the death occurred and who left the child to die — parent or caregiver, mother or father.

—Mothers are treated much more harshly than fathers. While mothers and fathers are charged and convicted at about the same rates, moms are 26 percent more likely to do time. And their median sentence is two years longer than the terms received

by dads.

—Day care workers and other paid baby sitters are more likely than parents to be charged and convicted. But they are jailed less frequently than parents, and for less than half the time.

—Charges are filed in half of all cases — even when a child was left unintentionally.

In all, the AP analyzed 339 fatalities involving more than 350 responsible parties. July is by far the deadliest month, accounting for nearly a quarter of the total.

A relatively small number of cases — about 7 percent — involved drugs or alcohol. In a few instances, the responsible parties had a history of abusing or neglecting children. Still others were single parents unable to find or afford day care. Many cases involved what might be called community pillars.

"But no one thinks it's going to happen to them," says Janette Fennell, founder and president of Kids and Cars, a nonprofit group that tracks child deaths and injuries in and around automobiles. The AP's analysis was based largely on a database of fatal hyperthermia cases compiled by Fennell's organization.

Some of these children crawled into cars or trunks on their own, but most were left to die by a caregiver. Most often, it was a parent who simply forgot the child was inside.

There were deaths recorded in 44 states — most in the Sun Belt, but many in places not known for hot weather.

The correlation between the rise in these deaths and the 1990s move to put children in the back seat is striking.

"Up to that time, the average number of children dying of hyperthermia in the United States was about 11 a year," says Jan Null, an adjunct professor of meteorology at San Francisco State University

who has studied this trend. "Then we put them in the back, turned the car seats around. And from '98 to 2006, that number is 36 a year."

Few understand just how quickly a car can heat up, even on a moderate day.

According to one study, the temperature inside a vehicle can rise more than 40 degrees in the span of an hour. And researchers found that cracking the windows did little to help.

Children, often too young to escape, are particularly vulnerable because their immature respiratory and circulatory systems do not manage heat as efficiently as adults'. Already this year, at least 16 children have died in hot vehicles from Hawaii to Virginia.

Since 1998, charges were filed in 49 percent of cases. In those that have been decided, 81 percent resulted in convictions or guilty pleas, and half of those brought jail sentences — the median sentence being two years. Parents were only slightly less likely to be charged and convicted than others, but the median sentence was much higher — 54 months.

In cases involving paid caregivers, 84 percent were charged, with 96 percent of those convicted. But while they are jailed at about the same rate as parents, the median sentence in those cases was just 12 months.

Women were jailed more often and for longer periods than men. But when the AP compared mothers and fathers, the sentencing gap was even wider.

Mothers were jailed 59 percent of the time, compared to 47 percent for fathers. And the median sentence was three years for dads, but five for moms.

"I think we generally hold mothers to a higher standard in the criminal justice context

than in just family life generally," says Jennifer M. Collins, a professor at the Wake Forest University School of Law who has studied negligence involving parents and such hyperthermia cases.

In 27 percent of the cases the AP studied, the children got into the vehicles on their own. Those cases are much less likely to be prosecuted.

The AP identified more than 220 cases in which the caregiver admitted leaving the child behind. More than three-quarters of those people claim they simply forgot.

It's easy to forget your keys or that cup of coffee on the roof. But a child?

The awful truth, experts say, is that the stressed-out brain can bury a thought — something as trite as a coffee cup or crucial as a baby — and go on autopilot. While researchers once thought the different parts of the brain worked in conjunction with each other, they now realize that different portions dominate at different times.

"The value of the item is not only not relevant in these competing memory systems," says memory expert David Diamond, an associate psychology professor at the University of South Florida. "But, in fact, we can be more complacent because we tell ourselves, 'There's no way I would forget my child.'"

Nationwide, about 60 percent of cases where the child was left unintentionally result in charges. But policies vary wildly from one jurisdiction to the next.

At least nine children in Las Vegas have died in hot vehicles since 1998, but charges were filed in only two of those cases. For several years, it has been the policy of the Clark County prosecutor's office not to file charges unless

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Arrest

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duct, menacing and alcohol intoxication in a public place.

The citation reads that Sheriff John K Blackburn said Reed was not a deputy for his department.

According to court records, Reed was also charged with impersonating a peace officer in December.

A pre-trial hearing regarding the most recent charges is scheduled for August 1.

Murder

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inmate Calvin Speight at the prison on Oct. 24. The weapon used, according to the indictment, was a metal shank sharpened to a point. The indictment alleges the killing was premeditated.

Johnson is charged with murder, assault resulting in serious bodily injury and possession of a weapon in prison. If convicted on the murder charge, Johnson could face mandatory life imprisonment.



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Odds & Ends

■ **PATERSON, N.J.** — Daisy Valdivia is annoyed that someone stole her backyard pool — and baffled at how they did it without leaving behind a splash, drip or trace of the 1,000 gallons of water it contained.

Valdivia awoke to find her family's hip-high, inflatable, 10-foot diameter swimming pool gone from her back yard Wednesday.

Valdivia told The Record of Bergen County the theft must have occurred between 1 a.m., when her husband went to bed, and 5 a.m., when she awoke.

She's amazed someone could steal the pool that quickly and just wanted to know "what the heck they did with the water," she said.

■ **OSHKOSH, Wis.** — An 11-year-old boy who was robbed at his lemonade stand is seeing another side of humankind in the outpouring of support he has received since his story was reported.

Austin Cundy says some people have asked if he would like to set up a lemonade stand at their businesses, while others have sent cards with money or offered to replace the \$20 that was in his plastic container when it was taken Tuesday.

"I think it's very nice that people care," he said Thursday.

Austin was using the stand to raise money to go camping with his grandparents and to buy his mother a birthday present.

He told police he saw two teens cymballing him as they bicycled past, then one of them punched him, shoved him off his chair and took the container along with his wallet.

A tip from the public led officers to the home of a 17-year-old boy on Wednesday

where officers found a container but no money, police Sgt. Steve Sagmeister said. The teen was being held on suspicion of robbery and physical abuse of a child, pending formal charges, he said.

Austin's mother, Nicole Cundy, said the community's response has been impressive.

"All of these people are showing how much they care about a little boy they don't even know," she said. "It's wonderful."

■ **NEW YORK** — Frank Van Buren gets a lot more credit than he deserves.

The Manhattan accountant found himself flooded with plastic in recent weeks, as ExxonMobil credit cards kept on coming. Van Buren, who said he has had an ExxonMobil account for his business for 17 years, had ordered two copies of his card because it was expiring.

He got the cards he requested — and then got two boxes with 1,000 cards each. Van Buren said it took hours to shred the cards, which all had his name and account number.

"How could you send me 2,000 cards by mistake?" Van Buren said he asked customer-service representatives.

ExxonMobil Corp. spokeswoman Paula Chen said the Irving, Texas-based oil company was looking into the mix-up.

■ **LAKE CITY, Fla.** — The state attorney general's office removed the toll-free number for a sexual assault counseling center from its Web site after an 8-year-old girl was connected instead to a sex chat line.

The North Central Florida Sexual Assault Center shut down months ago, and the company that runs the chat

line bought the number.

The girl's mother, Karen Carter, said her daughter called because she witnessed inappropriate behavior and was upset over it. Carter said it was nothing serious enough to involve authorities.

"I convinced my daughter this phone call was going to help her," Carter told WCJB-TV of Gainesville. "But it made things immensely worse."

The chat line's number has been removed from the attorney general's Web site, and his office has apologized to the girl's family.

"Again our sincerest apologies to the family that was affected," said Sandi Copes, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Bill McCollum.

The mother did not return a phone message left at her home Wednesday by The Associated Press.

■ **SAN FRANCISCO** — Some call it the number of Satan, but the city's taxi commission sees no reason to get rid of taxi medallion No. 666.

Cab driver Michael Byrne asked the agency to retire the number that was assigned to him last year, saying it has brought him nothing but bad luck.

Some other cabbies, however, brought a touch of levity to the debate Tuesday as they argued against retirement.

"How dare you take Lucifer's number away?" said Thomas George-Williams, president of the cab drivers union, who was sporting red horns. "This is a serious issue."

The commission voted 5-1 Tuesday to keep No. 666 on the streets.

Commissioner Ton Oneto said the 666 medallion had been around for at least 30 years and San Francisco has somehow survived.

■ **CARLISLE, Ark.** — A California man suspected in bank robberies in three states drove up next to a patrolman and said he wanted to confess, blaming his crimes on a gambling habit, police said.

Thomas Michael Everett, 57, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., told Patrolman Chris Castleberry that he had a problem and needed to get help. Everett admitted robbing the banks and losing the money at casinos, Castleberry said.

FBI agents questioned Everett after he surrendered Tuesday. Agents said surveillance video and Everett's statements tie him to robberies in Nipomo, Calif.; El Paso, Texas; and one Tuesday in Jackson, Miss.

John Strong, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI's Little Rock office, said all the robberies were unarmed, with Everett passing notes to tellers demanding money.

Everett was in jail in Little Rock on Thursday, being held for the U.S. Marshals Service. A jail worker said there was no indication that Everett had an attorney yet.

Everett first will be returned to Texas to face charges, officials said.

■ **DUBUQUE, Iowa** — Large chunks of ice, one of them reportedly about 50 pounds, fell from the sky in this northeast Iowa city, smashing through a woman's roof and tearing through nearby trees.

Authorities were unsure of the ice's origin but have theorized the chunks either fell from an airplane or naturally accumulated high in the atmosphere — both rare

occurrences.

"It sounded like a bomb!" 78-year-old Jan Kenkel said. She said she was standing in her kitchen when an ice chunk crashed through her roof at about 5:30 a.m. Thursday. "I jumped about a foot!"

She traced the damage to her television room, where she found a messy pile of insulation, bits of ceiling, splintered wood and about 50 pounds of solid ice.

Karle and Mary Beth Wigginton, who live a block away, heard a loud "whoosh" coming through the trees. They discovered several large chunks of ice in front of their home and some smaller ones in the yard and in the street.

"I could see where branches were shredded, which told me it was definitely coming out of the sky," Karle Wigginton said.

He estimated the original chunk of ice was the size of a basketball. "It was pure white," he said. "The main parts I picked up were very smooth."

Elizabeth Cory, a spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said investigators would contact Kenkel to try to determine the source of the ice.

"It is very uncommon for something like this to come from an aircraft," Cory said. "That is really unusual if it is pure white ice, especially at this time of year."

Occasionally, aircraft latrines discharge contents at altitude, resulting in chunks of descending ice. Airplanes also sometimes accumulate ice on their edges in certain atmospheric conditions, including high altitude and extreme moisture, said Robert Grierson, the Dubuque

Regional Airport manager and a pilot.

The moisture involved in such a scenario could have come from the tops of strong thunderstorms. However, Dubuque had clear skies at the time the ice fell, said Andy Ervin, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Davenport. "There was nothing unusual going on," he said.

David Travis, a professor of geography and geology and an associate dean at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, has studied the phenomenon of large chunks of ice falling from a clear sky. He said it's possible the ice could have been a megacryometeor — "similar to a hailstone, but without the thunderstorm."

Travis is part of a research team that has documented more than 50 possible megacryometeor cases during the past five years. Some involve ice chunks the size of microwave ovens.

"It is hard to keep something like that suspended in air without a thunderstorm," Travis said.

Most megacryometeor sightings have occurred in coastal areas, where atmospheric turbulence helps keep ice suspended long enough to grow into large chunks.

Travis' research team speculates the phenomenon could be linked to global warming, suggesting that climate change might make the tropopause portion of the atmosphere colder, moister and more turbulent.

"But those don't typically happen in the summer time," Travis said. "It seems like they are mostly associated with the passage of passing cold fronts."

Cars

there is proof of "some general criminal intent ... to put the child in harm's way," says chief deputy DA Tom Carroll.

But in Memphis, Tenn., District Attorney General William L. Gibbons scoffs at the notion that he wouldn't charge someone — especially a parent — who claims to have simply forgotten a child.

"We're not talking in most cases about sending anyone to prison," says Gibbons, whose office has prosecuted five cases involving nine parents and day-care workers since 1998. "We are talking about placing someone on probation, maybe requiring them to go to some parenting classes or something like that, and giving them a felony record as a result of what happened."

Not surprisingly, the harshest treatment is reserved for those who intentionally left their children. According to the AP's analysis, those people are nearly twice as likely to serve time than people who simply forgot the child. And on average, they received sentences that were 5 1/2 years longer.

But in many cases, police, prosecutors and judges must wrestle with whether to charge, try and punish an already grieving parent.

In Lexington, Ky., Fayette Circuit Judge James Ishmael said the question of what to do with Leon Jewell was perhaps the toughest of his career.

According to police, Jewell admitted buying beer and vodka at a liquor store on Aug. 1, 2005, and drinking in his SUV on the way home. When his wife returned home from work later that day, she found 9-month-old Daniel still strapped in his car seat.

Jewell pleaded guilty to second-degree manslaughter. Ishmael placed him on probation and ordered alcohol treatment.

But six months later, on what would have been Daniel's second birthday, Jewell got drunk and was kicked out of his treatment program. Ishmael revoked the probation and sent Jewell to prison for seven years.

"Where ever I am is the

worst place in the world," Jewell wrote to Ishmael. "I have violated man's laws. I have violated God's laws."

So what did Kevin Kelly deserve?

Would it influence your opinion to know that the day Frances died, May 29, 2002, the Manassas engineer was watching 12 children alone while his wife and oldest daughter were abroad visiting a cancer-stricken relative?

Does it matter that when he returned home that day, he'd asked two teenage children — both of baby-sitting age — to attend to their younger siblings while he went back to school for another daughter who was late getting out of an exam?

Or that during the next seven hours, he was accosted by an air conditioning repairman with news that he was going to have to spend several thousand dollars on a new

unit? That he fixed lunch, did laundry, mended a gap in the fence that the little ones were using to escape the yard, drove to the store for parts to fix his air conditioner, took a son to soccer practice and fixed a leaking drain pipe in the basement?

A jury convicted Kelly of involuntary manslaughter and child endangerment, and recommended a year in prison. But the judge instead ordered Kelly to spend one day a year in jail for seven years and to hold an annual blood drive around the anniversary of his daughter's death.

"The judge was very, very merciful," Kelly said recently while waiting in line at All Saints Catholic Church to donate blood. "I have always loved life. And this is an opportunity to honor my daughter and save lives."

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

So much for appearances

Give Gov. Ernie Fletcher credit. When he finds someone he can depend on, he knows to go to him again when the situation demands.

Soon, cases involving five current and former members of Fletcher's administration accused of merit system violations will be heard by the Executive Branch Ethics Commission. The newest member of that commission is Ronald Green, appointed July 13 by Fletcher.

How convenient.

Back in the '90s, Green contributed \$2,800 to Fletcher's congressional campaigns. Last year, Fletcher appointed Green and another of his financial supporters, Circuit Judge Jeffrey Burdette, to fill vacancies as special justices on the state Supreme Court just as the court was about to consider a suit challenging a grand jury's right to return additional indictments in the merit system investigation that enveloped the Fletcher administration in 2005.

When it became known that Burdette had given money to a Fletcher political campaign, he withdrew from the case. The conflict of interest was obvious. Green, despite Attorney General Greg Stumbo's objection, remained and voted with the majority that the grand jury could not issue indictments for violations that occurred on or before the date of the blanket pardon issued by Fletcher. That 4-2 decision, overturning the lower court, effectively ended the investigation.

Green said his contributions to Fletcher won't have any bearing on his decisions on the ethics board. Considering his dependable service to Fletcher in the past, we aren't comforted by that pledge.

With this brazen appointment of a political supporter, Fletcher thumbed his nose at the notion that even the appearance of conflict of interest must not be tolerated within the justice system, or government in general. In this situation, the case could be made that more than an appearance of conflict of interest is at play.

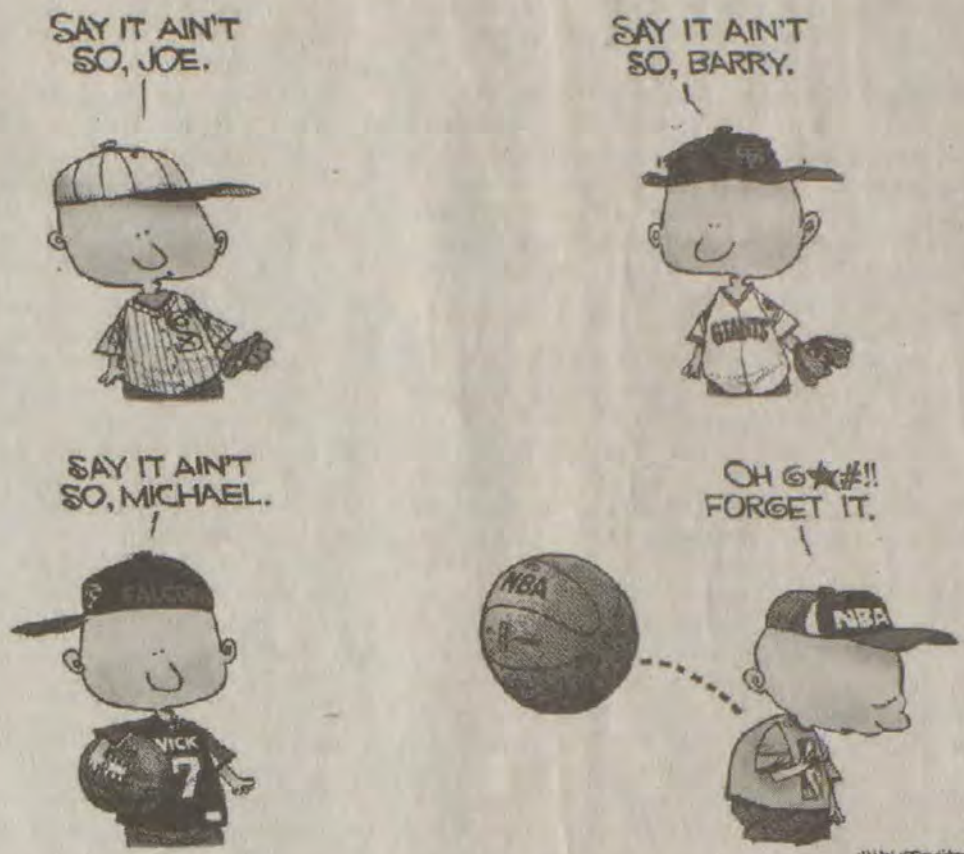
It may be possible for Green to set aside his allegiance to Fletcher and render totally unbiased legal decisions as a member of the ethics commission. But his service on the panel will be called into question if his votes favor the governor's employees. If that happens, it will be unavoidable that the public's confidence in the system will be diminished. Just the appointment of Green to the board has already accomplished that much.

Fletcher is trying to get re-elected. But moves like the Green appointment are just ammunition for his critics, not to mention damaging to judicial fairness. It makes us question his political acumen. The more sinister explanation is that Fletcher and his advisers are arrogant enough to believe they can get away with just about anything, no matter how wrong it is.

Either way, the public loses.

— Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer

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— Rich Lowry Column

Imbalanced on talk radio

Rush Limbaugh, the conservative talk-radio pioneer, has been called many nasty things before, but never a "structural imbalance." That's the fancy term a liberal think tank uses to characterize his success — and to dress up its proposal for counteracting that success through new government regulation.

The report of the Center for American Progress on "The Structural Imbalance of Political Talk Radio" marks the latest phase in liberalism's grappling with conservative talk radio. First came the attempts to create a liberal Limbaugh — Mario Cuomo, Jim Hightower, et al. — that fell flat. Then an entire left-wing network, Air America, was founded, and foundered. So there's only one option left — if you can't beat them, and you won't join them, you can agitate for government to regulate them.

The report looks at a slice of 257 talk stations and concludes that more than 90 percent of total weekday talk programming is conservative. The supposed reason for this is, essentially, that media companies are conspiring to shove conservative radio down the throats of listeners in a way they couldn't if, among other things, gov-

ernment required broadcasters "to regularly show that they are operating on behalf of the public interest."

This is a pinched view of radio.

There are upwards of 2,000 talk stations in the country that deal with news and issues, according to Michael Harrison of Talkers magazine, and they encompass all sorts of formats from National Public Radio to urban radio to shock jocks, none of which are dominated by right wingers. Conservative talk radio is a vibrant niche within that market, but there are many other places to go for news and opinion.

What is hard to find are liberal replicas of Rush Limbaugh, and that is due to the deepest structural imbalance of all — talent. Limbaugh and other top conservative talkers are silver-tongued, informative and — importantly — entertaining. These are qualities that can't be conjured out of nowhere, and designated liberal-radio saviors have tended not to have the requisite talent "on loan from God" (as Limbaugh puts it).

There have been conservative failures at talk radio for the same reason.

Without the right mix of substance and entertainment, a host will fail to get ratings, and with that, be yanked from the air. "Ratings" is a word that

appears only once in passing in the Center for American Progress report, because then it would have to acknowledge that conservative radio is successful exactly because it gets listeners.

The report avoids directly calling for a renewal of the constitutionally dubious Fairness Doctrine that mandated equal time for conservative and liberal opinions, although some Democratic lawmakers aren't so circumspect. After maintaining that the First Amendment protects nude dancing, they are ready to argue that it doesn't quite apply to people broadcasting conservative views over the airwaves.

In our toxic contemporary politics, it's a sign of success if you drive your opponents batty. Rush Limbaugh might be a structural imbalance, but his critics appear simply imbalanced.

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



— beyond the Beltway

System creates wishy-washy candidates

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

One of the great myths of American politics is that voters like candidates who have the courage of their convictions.

It is an incessant whine of the Man on the Street:

"These guys, they don't believe in anything," he'll say. "They gotta take a poll before they go to the bathroom. I wanna guy who has the guts to stand up for what he thinks is right."

Which sounds good but it's not what the American voter really wants. What he wants — what we all want — is a candidate who will stand up for what (begin ital) we (end ital) believe.

The only problem with that is that this is a big country and people believe a lot of different things, many of them contradictory. What's a poor candidate to do?

Well, he takes poll to find out what a majority wants, then tries to craft his message to satisfy those desires. That may not be the most noble approach in the world but it's the way you get elected. And if you're not elected, what difference does it make what you believe in?

I'm sure that Real Conservatives and Real Liberals are shocked — shocked — at this cynical attitude. Which is why so few Real Conservatives or Real Liberals are ever elected to anything.

Push-me-Pull-you political candidates are the inevitable result of our

two-party system. When you only have two major political parties, each of them national in scope, both must appeal to a diverse, national constituency, which results in opposing candidates who cannot afford to be too far apart on the issues.

(Indeed, one could argue that the Democrats lost power in the '80s and '90s because they came to focus on too narrow a segment of their political coalition. You could also make the case that Republicans are suffering the same fate right now.) If voters really wanted a candidate who stood up for what he believed in, regardless of the popularity of the conviction, John McCain would be the runaway leader in the polls.

As a presidential candidate, McCain is a virtual encyclopedia of unpopular issues. If it weren't for his unpopular stances, he wouldn't have any stance at all:

■ At a time when the war in Iraq is about as popular with voters as diphtheria, he is for staying the course.

■ He also favors a kinder, gentler immigration policy aimed at helping immigrants become U.S. citizens. This at a time when a good share of the nation — and particularly his part of the nation — has expressed opposition to that approach bordering on the hysterical. It wants a punitive immigration policy; one festooned with fences and border guards and midnight roundups.

(I have a theory about immigration. People who cut their own laws are against letting more immigrants in. People who hire others to cut their laws are in favor of looser immigra-

tion policies. I call it the Lawn Care Theory of Immigration.)

■ He is perhaps the chief Washington advocate of campaign-finance reform, favoring restrictions on the ability of corporations and special interest groups to influence elections. Voters don't care much about this one way or the other, but lobbyists, whose job it is to influence elections, hate it. Consequently, money for McCain's campaign has pretty much dried up and his candidacy is about to disappear beneath the waves, leaving only an oil slick.

So much for the rewards of political courage in our electoral system.

If you really want candidates with a clear, hard edge who believe as you do, you'd best seek out a multi-party, parliamentary system. Some countries have six or seven parties vying for attention all across the political spectrum.

In a system like that, you should be able to find someone who speaks your language. In our system, probably not.

In our system we get candidates with outward diversity — black, white, man, woman, Catholic, Protestant — but who underneath are pretty much the same person.

So stop complaining about our wishy-washy candidates. They're the kind we demand.

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This Town, That World

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

Just sweat it out.

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Why I wait till Wednesday afternoon, till the very last minute, so to speak, to do this stint I cannot explain, for I do not know. It could be habit, or the quiet stalking of an idea...or just plain laziness. I am inclined to think all three factors are involved.

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The moon was so big against the sky last night that you couldn't imagine anybody missing it with a "moon-shot." Why a boy could have hit this one with an oversize pea shooter.

INFLATION AHEAD?

A periodical sales pitch received at this desk yesterday say that the next few years will see history's greatest boom in the United States. It adds the inflation is coming, too.

Ever since, we've been wondering what this is that we already have. And we're not referring to the first part of that prediction, either.

BY WAY OF CONTRAST

The Russian astronaut declared the earth "so beautiful" from his perch 150 miles up. A young Communist in an orbiting space ship is a far cry from the innocent fantasy of the child-loving Robert Lewis Stevenson. Yet the statement and the man who made it and the conditions under which it was made recalled to us, somehow, some of those lines of sheer delight from "The Swing." Remember?—How I like to go up in a swing/Up in the air so blue... The child of the poem spoke of a garden wall and the wonder that lay beyond. And the young man from Russia looked down and may have thought of a wall in Berlin and the horror it may hold for the world he thought so lovely.

THANKS

We have a nice letter from Sgt. Denny Stewart of the U.S. Army, who pulls guard duty on the East-West border and gets pretty lonesome doing it. What makes the letter so nice is his appreciation of this newspaper you're reading. Says all his yankee compatriots read it, including the mail clerk, to see how many stills have been cut.

DISEASE GERMS FOR SALE

A speaker estimated, the other day, that there are 37,000 alcoholics in the city of Louisville and Jefferson county, with thousands of others who are borderline cases. Said that in 1960 there were 6,000 arrests for drunkenness made in Louisville and that it cost \$65 a head to process them; added that it has been estimated that welfare

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PROMOTING SAFETY



Parents and children teamed up to learn about safety recently at Osborne Elementary School Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center.

Family Resource Center and Family Literacy Center team up for safety

Cissy Williams, Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center coordinator, Osborne Elementary School, and Stephanie Conn, Big Sandy Community and Technical College Family Learning coordinator, teamed up to conduct a parent/child summer safety camp this past June 25-29.

Area students, along with their parents, gathered for daily learning sessions on related topics such as: sun safety, internet safety, pool safety, food safety, and bicycle safety.

In return for all their hard work and attention, participating students

received such gifts as bicycle helmets, sunglasses, hats, and safety related books and reading materials.

Making the learning sessions even more fun each day, those attending had the opportunity to participate in crafting activities. Additionally, a safety poster contest was also conducted. Winners of the poster contest received prizes donated by area businesses and individuals.

Both Williams and Conn would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to the parent volunteers who assisted each day, the Osborne Elementary cafeteria staff, the

Floyd County Health Department (bicycle safety session), McDowell ARH (pool safety session), the Floyd County Extension Service (food safety session), Our Lady of the Way Hospital (sun safety session), KSP Trooper, Scott Hopkins (internet safety session), the Wheelwright Senior Citizens Center, Wheelwright Pool staff, and all those who donated prizes and supplies.

Both coordinators say that they are excited about the upcoming school year and the many anticipat-

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Members of the McDowell ARH staff joined with the staff at the Wheelwright pool to teach children about water safety.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Manster'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A foreign correspondent in Japan learns about the duality of man when he unwittingly becomes involved in a mad scientist's experiment to speed up evolution in this ghoulish entry into the two-headed man genre.

The film opens with a lurid sequence that starts out tamely enough as a camera tracks several geishas in various states of undress frolicking at a hot spring. Things take a turn for the worse when a gorilla-like creature intrudes on the fun and viciously attacks a young woman in her room before turning his attention to the bathing beauties downstairs. It all ends with a splatter of blood that stays on screen throughout the opening credits.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Next we meet Dr. Suzuki as he hustles to his remote mountain laboratory, which sports a great view of a very active volcano. Suzuki finds the beast therein and calmly reacts by gassing him and insuring his demise by pumping a few bullets into him before dumping the remains into a convenient incinerator.

Suzuki complains about this latest failure in his experiments to his nurse, Tara. She reminds him that an American reporter is scheduled to arrive any minute for an interview so Suzuki puts on a happy face.

When Larry Stanford shows up, Suzuki turns the tables on him and peppers him with questions. Once Suzuki is convinced that Larry is in good health, he slips him a mickey. The sleeping Larry is in no position to argue when Suzuki injects him with his serum. Tara complains that all of the other subjects volunteered for the experiment, but Suzuki blows off that argument by reminding her that to be a great scientist you have to be willing to see all subjects as potential lab rats.

Larry wakes up and heads back to his office at the "World Press," and we learn some back story. Turns out his tenure is up and he's about to move back to New York to be with his wife Linda. Then the serum kicks in and Larry decides to use his last days in Tokyo to explore the night life with his new best friend, Dr. Suzuki.

They turn out to be a pair of wild and crazy guys who hit every geisha house in Tokyo. Lots of Sake is consumed as these two middle-aged madmen snuggle up with the ladies and imbibe till they pass out.

After a Ted Kennedy montage of boozing and womanizing, reality smacks Larry in the face when his wife shows up at his doorstep alongside his editor. It appears Larry was due back in New York a month ago. Linda isn't happy to see nurse Tara on Larry's arm, but she gives him till midnight to come to his senses.

Larry opts to stay with Tara but begins getting pains in his shoulder, which are followed by blackouts during which he grows hair on his hand

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I love you more

by CHRISTIE A. HANSEN

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL:
CELEBRATING MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS"

Meet my daughter, Amanda. Four years old and a fount of knowledge. The other day she was reciting a list of all the facts and tidbits she has memorized. One plus one is two. If you mix yellow paint with blue you get green. Penguins can't fly. ... On and on she went.

Finally, she finished. "Mom," she said, looking very smug. "I know

everything."

I let on as if I believed her, but chuckled to myself thinking of all the this and that's that a 4-year-old child couldn't possibly know. Comparing her four years to my almost three decades of life experiences, I felt sure I knew what she knew and then some.

Within a week, I'd learn I was wrong.

It all began as we were standing in front of the bathroom mirror, me fixing Amanda's fine, blond hair. I was putting in the final elastic of a spunky

pair of ponytails and finished with, "I love you, Amanda."

"And I love you," she replied. "Oh, yeah," I taunted, "well I love you more."

Her eyes lit up as she recognized the cue for the start of another "I love you more" match. "Nuh-uh," she laughed. "I love you the most."

"I love you bigger than a volcano!" I countered — a favorite family phrase in these battles of love.

"But, Mom, I love you from here to China." A country she's learning about thanks to our new neighbors up the street.

We volleyed back and forth a few favorite lines. I love you more than

peanut butter. ... Well, I love you more than television.

... I even love you more than bubble gum.

It was my turn again, and I made the move that usually brings victory. "Too bad, chickadee. I love you bigger than the universe!" On this day, however, Amanda was not going to give up. I could see she was thinking.

"Mom," she said in a quiet voice, "I love you more than myself."

I stopped. Dumbfounded.

Overwhelmed by her sincerity.

Here I thought that I knew more than she did. I thought I knew at least everything that she knew. But I didn't know this.

My 4-year-old daughter knows more about love than her 28-year-old mom.

And somehow she loves me more than herself.



There's more than one way to jump-start a car

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
My wife, who must be obeyed, has brought home a device to replace her car's regular emergency-jumper cables (which are still in pristine condition). The device she purchased connects from her car's cigarette lighter to the cigarette lighter of a good Samaritan's car. Are these things safe? — Jer

TOM: Sure, they're safe, Jer — they're safer than jumper cables. They're just inefficient.

RAY: Right. It's like drinking a gallon of water through one of those really thin stirring straws that bartenders use.

TOM: In order to jump-start your car, you have to get a bunch (note: technical term) of electricity from one battery to the other. Usually, you do that with jumper cables, which are thick copper wires that can move a lot of electrons.

RAY: If you make the wire thinner by using really cheap jumper cables, or by using one of these lighter-to-lighter devices, the "pipe" is thinner,

and fewer electrons can travel through the wire at one time. That means it takes longer to transfer the electricity. And in the case of the lighter-to-lighter connections, which use, like, speaker wire, it takes a lot longer.

TOM: So, depending on how dead her battery is, your wife could be sitting there waiting for an hour or two before she can start her car — assuming the good Samaritan thinks she's cute and doesn't mind chatting her up for that long.

RAY: If your main concern is safety, however, and time is less of an issue, then they're fine, Jer, and you must obey.

TOM: On the other hand, you might consider getting her a jump pack. A jump pack is basically a plastic-encased auxiliary car battery with its own built-in jumper cables. You plug it in at home to charge it up once every six months or so, and then toss it in your trunk.

RAY: It's not quite as easy to use as the lighter-to-lighter cables, because you still have to attach the clamps to your car battery, but — on

the plus side for safety — you never need to flag down a stranger to jump-start your car.

TOM: Some jump packs also have emergency lights, AC power adapters and even air compressors built in to fill a flat tire. You can get a basic one for \$50 or less now at any automotive department or parts store.

RAY: They're particularly good for people who have cars that frequently break down. My brother owns two of them!

Say goodbye to flooded car

Dear Tom and Ray:
I was just in a flood, and my Honda Del Sol got flooded up to the hood latch. It was not running then, and I have not tried to turn it on since then. It was in the water for about six hours. Will my engine be ruined? Will my computer be ruined? If the answer to both of those is no, would my car be fine at that point, or do I have to worry that it is going to rust and fall apart slowly? — Diane

RAY: Give it a big, wet kiss, Diane. A goodbye kiss.

TOM: Your engine's not ruined,

and neither is your transmission, most likely. But the rest of the car is toast. Or, more accurately, compost.

RAY: The computer is cooked. The interior of the car is going to rot. And even if you did get the thing to run again, the smell would kill you.

TOM: If you have insurance, this is an excellent time to call your agent and ask him or her to send the appraiser by for a little look-see. He or she will confirm that the car is a total loss, and will write you a check for two-thirds of the value of the car. Then you can fight with them to get the rest of your money.

RAY: If you don't have insurance, you can still get some money by selling the car to a junkyard (oops, I mean auto recycling center), which can resell the engine and transmis-

sion. But DO NOT TRY TO START THE CAR. There's probably water inside the cylinders, and if you try to start it up, you'll bend all kinds of important internal engine parts and make the engine worthless.

TOM: The safest thing to do is to get the water out of there, just to make sure no one else wrecks the engine by trying to crank it. To do that, remove all four spark plugs, then crank the engine for a few seconds. Water will shoot out of the spark-plug holes. Then call the junk man, make a deal and move on, Diane.

Good luck.

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.



CLICK & CLACK
Talk Cars



State Sen. Daniel Mongiardo spoke at the Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meeting on April 9. The senator shared his views on improving education by expanding Head Start, working with teachers and studying KERA, providing treatment and inpatient rehabilitation for young people with drug addictions, overhauling the health care system, helping locally-owned businesses that stay in the region and transforming the coal industry from solid to liquid coal. Mongiardo also shared ideas about ways to improve the economy in the region through tourism development. He answered questions at the end of the meeting. The Democratic Woman's Club meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the public library in Prestonsburg.

Allen

work necessitated by drunkenness in Jefferson county costs \$790,000 a year. "So," he concluded, "the taxpayer is spending \$100,000 on an illness

which we must learn to deal with more effectively."

Alcoholism may be an illness—we don't know. But, if it is, it certainly is the only dis-

ease known to man which has the germ advertised in the finest magazines and newspapers (see "The Men of Distinction" series, ecetera).

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Lagoon

and indiscriminately kills whoever is nearby. Things only get worse from here on in and, in a trademark sequence, Larry's shoulder sprouts an eyeball which eventually springs out of his shoulder attached to a simian head.

Larry goes on a kill-crazy rampage and takes out three members of the Tokyo P.D. before heading back to the mountain lab. There he encounters a sober Suzuki, who has slain his failed experiments. Suzuki delivers a speech about his experiment being a failure but learns that his biggest mistake was leaving a Hari-Kari knife out where any two-headed madman can easily pick it up.

After dispatching Suzuki,

things get even wilder when Larry's other half splits off from him, putting him and Tara in danger as well as ruining a perfectly good suit. The police arrive in time to see Larry save the day by chucking his worse half into a volcano while editor Ian makes some sort of goofy speech about how hard this case will be to prosecute. He also mentions something about not tampering in God's domain but he trails off as the sun springs up and the music swells signaling that the film is out of time.

This is a fun one that doesn't wear out its welcome and wraps things up in a neat 70 minutes. Though it is only meant to rip-off "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," this film did a lot

more by inspiring Sam Raimi ("Spider-Man" and "Evil Dead") to make movies as well as creating the two-headed man genre which is in serious need of some remakes. I'd pay big money to see Mel Gibson and Samuel L. Jackson in a remake of "The Thing with Two Heads," but Hollywood is too busy remaking 1970s films and hasn't had time to mine the 1960s.

Till then we'll just have to settle for this, which averages about \$2. You don't need another head to see that's a bargain.

Best line: "I never put you in your place before, slapped you around when you needed it."

1960, unrated.

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Commissioner Astrue proposes to extend Social Security's quick disability determination process to all states

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, today announced that Social Security will publish a proposed regulation to extend the quick disability determination (QDD) process to all State disability determination services. The process is now operating in the Boston region, comprised of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts,

New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Under QDD, disability claims identified where there is a high potential that the claimant is disabled and where evidence of the claimant's allegations can be quickly and easily obtained.

"At my confirmation hear-

ing, I promised to look closely at the disability changes we were testing in New England and implement nationally those things that were working well," Commissioner Astrue said. "We have seen the success of the QDD model in identifying cases that are most likely to be allowed. To date, 97 percent of the cases identified have been decided within 21 days and the average decision time is 11 days. We plan to build on the success of QDD by expanding it to all States because it is both efficient and compassionate for us to do so."

Social Security currently receives more than 2.5 million new disability cases each year. "The length of time many

people wait for a disability decision is unacceptable," Astrue said. "I am committed to a process that is as fair and speedy as possible. While there is no single magic bullet, with better systems, better business processes and better ways of fast-tracking targeted cases, we can greatly improve the service we provide this vulnerable population."

The proposed regulation provides for a 30 day comment period. It is on display at the Federal Register today and, starting tomorrow, can be read online at www.regulations.gov. For more information about Social Security's disability programs, go to www.socialsecurity.gov.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Families reading together and engaging in learning activities strengthen both parents and children alike. School resource centers are teaming with area literacy programs to bring families together.

Safety

ed activities involving Floyd County Schools family resource centers and family literacy programs.

For more information on upcoming programs and activities, please contact Cissy Williams (Rainbow Junction

FRC) at 452-4553 or Stephanie Conn (Big Sandy CTC Adult Education and Family Learning) at 886-7397.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Blackcats ranked eighth in preseason poll

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Beechwood, Prestonsburg's opponent for Week Seven of the upcoming high school football season, claimed the number one spot in this year's BluegrassPreps.com Preseason Class 1A poll. The Tigers (9-3) grabbed the number one position ahead of Mayfield, Frankfort, Pikeville and Lexington Christian, additional top-five teams. Prestonsburg is ranked eighth in the Class 2A preseason poll. Danville (Class 2A), Central (Class 3A) Lexington Catholic (Class 4A), Highlands (Class 5A) and Trinity (Class 6A) also claimed top spots. The complete BluegrassPreps.com preseason polls for each of the six classes follow.

Class 6A: 1. Trinity (14-1); 2. Saint Xavier (9-3); 3. Male (11-1); 4. Henry Clay (12-2); 5. DuPont Manual (6-5); 6. Pleasure Ridge Park (7-4); 7. Scott County (7-4); 8. Boone County (6-5); 9. Ballard (7-5); 10. Lafayette (10-1). **Class 5A:** 1. Highlands (7-5); 2. Bowling Green (13-2); 3. John Hardin (7-4); 4. Johnson Central (13-1); 5. Dixie Heights (5-6); 6. Owensboro (9-2); 7. Hopkinsville (7-6); 8. Warren Central (10-3); 9. Christian County (7-4); 10. Covington Catholic (12-3). **Class 4A:** 1. Lexington Catholic (10-2); 2. Bell County (9-3); 3. Boyle County (6-6); 4. Franklin County (9-3); 5. North Bullitt (7-4); 6. Rockcastle County (11-2); 7. Bullitt East (6-4); 8. Valley (9-3); 9. Warren East (10-2); 10. Fairdale (4-6). **Class 3A:** 1. Central (11-3); 2. Paducah Tilghman (6-6); 3. Belfry (11-3); 4. Russell (13-2); 5. Mason County (7-4); 6. Breathitt County (8-3); 7. Somerset (9-5); 8. Sheldon Clark (9-2); 9. Elizabethtown (7-4); 10. Russellville (8-4). **Class 2A:** 1. Danville (13-2); 2. Owensboro Catholic (9-5); 3. Fort Campbell (8-3); 4. Newport Central Catholic (10-5); 5. Bardstown (11-1); 6. Corbin (7-6); 7. Trigg County (10-3); 8. Prestonsburg (7-5); 9. Middlesboro (11-2); 10. DeSales (5-5). **Class 1A:** 1. Beechwood (9-3); 2. Mayfield (11-3); 3. Frankfort (9-3); 4. Pikeville (8-4); 5. Lexington Christian (9-3); 6. Louisville Holy Cross (7-4); 7. Campbellsville (2-8); 8. Raceland (11-2); 9. Cumberland (7-4); 10. Hazard (9-4).



photo courtesy of Kinzer Motorsports
Brandon Kinzer finished third in the O'Reilly Southern Nationals Series race Thursday night at Cleveland Speedway. More on the race appears inside today's edition.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Night is right for bass fishing

by LEE McCLELLAN
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — Not all of us can afford or have the room for a glittery bass boat, johnboat, canoe or float tube to indulge in our fishing hobby. We fish from the bank. Although we may feel left behind on shore, bank anglers may have an advantage during the long, hot days of summer because the best time to fish for bass is night and the bank is the easiest place to night fish.

Fishing from shore in the darkness is easier because an angler can concentrate on detecting strikes and catching fish, not boat positioning, kicking gear off the casting deck or stepping on an expensive fishing rod. The bank is also the most stable platform from which to fish.

Plus, the fact that you must carry all of your gear forces you fish hard with what you have and not worry as much about lure colors or styles. If bass anglers spent more time fishing with lures instead of changing them, they would catch many more fish.

There is likely a good night bass fishing spot just a short drive from your house. Smaller lakes are the easiest to fish for a shore-bound angler at night. Subdivision lakes are excellent places as are community park lakes. Some golf courses allow fishing on their lakes - and these lakes hold surprising numbers of fat largemouth bass. Workers usually mow the banks of golf course lakes, making these lakes easy to fish from the bank in the darkness. Farm ponds that hold largemouth bass are hard to beat at night.

Many farms in Kentucky, especially in the western and southern parts of the state, have watershed lakes on them. The Natural Resources and Conservation Service built most these lakes decades ago to conserve topsoil and prevent flooding. You can find these lakes on topographic maps - just be sure to get the landowner's permission to fish them.

You can fit all of the lures you need for night fishing in a small tackle box, a soft sided pouch or a small paper bag.

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photos courtesy of UK Athletics
Kentucky will host Louisville in this year's Governor's Cup. The game is scheduled for Sept. 15.

Coaches say Cardinal-Wildcat rivalry is still important

by MALCOLM C. KNOX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SIMPSONVILLE — This year's Governor's Cup between Louisville and Kentucky won't open the season — it's been pushed back to the third game — but it hasn't lost any shine.

That's what the coaches say anyway.

Steve Kragthorpe, in his first year at Louisville's helm, has been a fan of the annual game for 10 years, he said before a charity golf tournament Thursday.

Kragthorpe compared it to better known college football feuds like Texas-Texas A&M and Oregon-Oregon State, though nationally, the Cardinals' big state rivalry is still a "well-kept secret, but I think it's becoming more and more known to everyone."

Kentucky, playing host in this year's installment to be played Sept. 15, bucked tradition, moving the game to the third of the season from its customary first-game spot.

The move cost the game some viewers on the national scene. It will be broadcast on ESPN Classic, which reaches about 65 million homes. Louisville's WHAS and Lexington's WKYT will also show the game live.

As the first game of the season, the Cardinals and Wildcats were often the only game on or one of a few. ESPN, which reaches around 90 million homes, or ESPN2 carried the broadcast the past five years.

Doesn't matter, Brooks said. He'll take a possible 60 million-plus viewers.

"It doesn't make any difference if it's first, third, fifth, eighth, 12th in your schedule, it doesn't lose importance," he said. "And I understand how important this game is in this state."

The Cardinals are on a four-game win streak against the Wildcats, but Brooks thinks he'll have some advantages this time. He'll have Louisville's first two games of the season to review, rather than guessing based on last season's action. Then again, Kragthorpe will have examined the Wildcats' first two games too.

Brooks also believes the talent gap between the two teams has shrunk.

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Former University of Kentucky head coach Fran Curci spoke during the Governor's Cup event held Thursday in Simpsonville. Curci enjoyed a considerable amount of success during his tenure at the helm of the Wildcat football program. ESPN college football analyst Lee Corso was also present at Thursday's event. Curci predicted a Kentucky win. Corso, a former head coach at Louisville, claimed the Cards would again prevail when the two longtime rivals hooked up on the gridiron in less than two months.

South Floyd announces youth football signups

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — South Floyd is set to host signups for a pair of its youth football programs. Signups for South Floyd football players in grades 4-6 are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. at the South Floyd football field. The South Floyd flag football league for players in Kindergarten through Third Grade will host signups on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 10 a.m.-Noon at the South Floyd football field. The fee for flag football is \$10 per player. Each flag football participant must also present proof of insurance when signing up for the fall league.

South Floyd has enjoyed growth and success on all levels of the gridiron. The South Floyd High varsity football program went through a rebuilding process during the 2006 season.

In terms of the number of participants, football is the most popular high school sport for boys. According to the 2005-06 NFHS (National Federation of High Schools) High School Athletics Participation Survey, 1,071,775 boys played 11-player football, with another 25,000 involved in six-, eight- and nine-player football. In addition, 1,264 girls played high school football in 2005-06.

Raiders to attend camp at KCU

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Veteran South Floyd football coach Donny Daniels is set to lead another high school team into battle. Daniels has been pleased with his latest team's early effort in the preseason.

"Practice is going okay; they're working hard," Daniels commented. "We've got 23 kids out. That doesn't sound like a whole lot, but all of those kids are coming to practice ready to work hard everyday."

The South Floyd football program is closing in on the start of another camp session. South Floyd will attend camp at Kentucky Christian University,

(See RAIDERS, page two)

McKenzie takes over JCHS boys' basketball program

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — This past week, Johnson Central High School hired one of its own to take over the Golden Eagle boys' basketball program. Tommy McKenzie, who as a player led Johnson Central to the 2000 15th Region championship, got the nod to take over the Golden Eagle basketball program earlier in the week. JCHS officials announced McKenzie as the new Golden Eagle head coach during a press conference held Wednesday.

McKenzie is taking over Mark Starns, who coached Johnson Central to an 11-17 record in the 2006-07 season. Starns, who took over for Les Trimble, guided Johnson Central to a

regional title in 2006, his first season as head coach of the Golden Eagles.

Earlier in the month, Starns accepted the position of Henderson County High School head boys' basketball coach.

No stranger to the Kentucky high school basketball scene, McKenzie was on the bench as an assistant coach when Johnson Central captured its most recent 15th Region championship. The Golden Eagles lost to Jeffersonton.

As a player, McKenzie was an All-State honorable mention selection in 1998, 1999 and 2000. He was named the 15th Region Player of the Year in 2000, earning an invitation to tryout for the Kentucky All-Star team in the process.



photo by Jamie Howell
TRACK TIME: Beaver Junction Motocross is scheduled to resume racing today. Races in all classes are slated for the Dwale track.

TODAY'S NASCAR NEXTEL CUP RACE: Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis.

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
12. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,151
13. Ryan Newman, 2,121
14. Kurt Busch, 2,074
15. Jamie McMurray, 2,040

Reds rally late, beat Brewers 6-5 in 10 innings

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The NL Central leaders have big problems. Not even All-Star closer Francisco Cordero can save them now.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 588th homer Thursday, and the Cincinnati Reds rallied against Milwaukee's nearly automatic closer for a 6-5, 10-inning victory that added to the Brewers' growing woes.

They're still in first place, but not by much. And, they're playing like they don't deserve to be there.

"We definitely have to start playing better," manager Ned Yost said, after Milwaukee lost three of four to what was a last-place team. "If anybody thinks we're just sitting here doing fine, they're fooling themselves."

After leading the division since late April, the Brewers are starting to look like fool's gold.

They pulled out to an 8 1/2-game lead on June 23, when they weren't getting much pressure from the rest of the division. They've gone 13-15 since then, allowing the fast-closing Cubs to nearly pull even.

The Cubs lost to St. Louis 10-1 later Thursday, leaving the Brewers with a two-game lead.

"We're not trying to hold anybody off," said starter Dave Bush, who lasted only 5 1-3 innings. "We've still got a lot of games to win if we're going to be in position to get into the playoffs. I don't pay any attention (to the standings) at all. There are many more things to worry about than that."

Usually, Cordero is the least of their worries.

For only the fourth time this season, Cordero (0-3) let the Brewers down in a save situation. He came on with a 5-4 lead in the ninth and gave up a leadoff double to pinch-hitter Norris Hopper, who slapped a pitch to right field. Scott Hatteberg followed with a tying single to center.

"I wasn't mad at myself," Cordero said. "I made the pitches I wanted to make there. It was a pretty good pitch (to Hopper), a slider down and away, and he just blooped it to right field."

It was only the fourth time in 36 tries that Cordero has failed to come through. All four of his blown saves have come on the road: back-to-back in Texas on June 9-10, and at Wrigley Field on June 29.

Adam Dunn led off the 10th with a double off Cordero, then came around on Edwin Encarnacion's single and Javier Valentin's single to right field — his second game-ending hit of the series.

The Reds have gone 13-8 since interim manager Pete Mackanin took over for Jerry Narron on July 1, relinquishing their distinction as the major leagues' worst team.

"The last couple of weeks, we've played the way everybody thought we would play," Valentin said.

Jared Burton (2-1) pitched one inning for the victory, which came after the NL's worst bullpen blew a lead of its own.

Milwaukee came to town hoping for a turnaround. The Brewers traded three pitching prospects for setup man Scott Linebrink on Wednesday —

he'll join the team for a week-end series in St. Louis — in a move that showed their determination to hold onto first place.

A balky offense has to come around in order for the deal to make a difference.

"It's not the best baseball we're playing now," Cordero said.

Rookie Ryan Braun had three hits, including a solo homer and a run-scoring single, but also hit into a pair of double plays, one of them with the bases loaded. Tony Graffanino also had a solo homer.

Griffey broke out of his slump with three hits — a single, a run-scoring double and a solo homer off Dave Bush. Griffey is sixth on the career list, trailing Sammy Sosa at 603.

The three-hit game pulled

Griffey out of a 2-for-28 slump.

"Basically, this game's a roller coaster, and you've just got to ride them out — weather the storms," Griffey said. "We might not be able to make the playoffs, but we can go out and make it tough for other people."

Jeff Keppinger, who broke open Cincinnati's 7-3 win on Wednesday night with a three-run double, singled with the bases loaded to drive in two more on Thursday for a 4-2 lead that the bullpen couldn't hold.

Graffanino tied it with his solo homer in the seventh off Kirk Saarloos, who has allowed the last 10 batters he faced to reach safely — eight hits, a walk and a hit batter. Corey Hart's RBI single off Todd Coffey gave the Brewers a 5-4 lead in the eighth.

MILESTONE: SEC celebrating 75 years

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — In February 1933, the presidents of the 13 Southern Conference schools west and south of the Appalachian Mountains met on two occasions to discuss the now-historic decision to reorganize as the Southeastern Conference. Seventy-five years after its inaugural season in 1933, the SEC is one of the nation's top intercollegiate conferences and its student-athletes continue to make an impact around the world.

To commemorate its 75th Anniversary, the SEC will launch a yearlong observance at the start of the 2007-2008 academic year that celebrates the thousands of student-athletes who have represented the conference for eight

decades.

"Throughout our storied history of athletic and academic achievements, the SEC has had numerous occasions to celebrate," Commissioner Mike Slive said. "The SEC student-athlete experience has been our greatest legacy and is the focus of our 75th Anniversary celebration. We are proud to share these remarkable stories of service, commitment, dedication, and distinction."

The celebration entitled, Stories of Character, will highlight 75 former student-athletes and the contributions they have made to society since the completion of their collegiate careers, applying what they learned in the classroom and in athletic competition to make an impact in their communities and beyond.

Nominated by their

respective SEC institutions and selected by a conference panel, these former student-athletes represent the diversity of the league, its women's and men's sports programs, and a span of generations. The list of 75 includes six individuals from each of the conference's 12 member institutions and one each from Georgia Tech, Sewanee and Tulane, three of the original members of the conference.

Throughout the 2007-2008 academic year, the "Stories of Character" will be communicated through a multimedia initiative that includes television, radio, internet and print. Atlanta-based Creative Presence Partners (CPP) served as the SEC's Agency of Record on the project.

The stories of 12 former student-athletes (one from

each of the modern-day SEC schools) will air on national and regional broadcasts by SEC television partners CBS, ESPN, Lincoln Financial Sports and FSN South, and will be told by noted "storytellers," all of whom have an association with the school or state. Among those are former President Bill Clinton (Arkansas), actress Ashley Judd (Kentucky), bestselling author John Grisham (Mississippi State) and Winston Groom (Alabama), Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning (Tennessee), television personalities Robin Roberts (Ole Miss) Deborah Norville (Georgia), musician Darius Rucker (South Carolina), Olympic gold medalist Rowdy Gaines (Auburn), television commentator Steve Melnyk (Florida) and political strategist James Carville (LSU).

All 75 Stories of Character will be communicated through the other mediums, including a custom-designed interactive section of the SEC's website: SECsports.com and in print publications. Veteran CBS Sports broadcaster Verne Lundquist lends his voice as narrator for the radio spots that will air on the 12 institutional networks, as well as the SEC Radio Network.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, a 75th Anniversary logo will appear on the uniforms of all SEC student-athletes. The specially designed blue-and-gold emblem was created to commemorate this important milestone in the history of intercollegiate athletics.

Kentucky's Stories of Character include: Shawntie Hall Kraft (Gymnastics) — Family medicine doctor who

mentors students at a magnet school. Jim McDonald (Basketball) — The CEO of three tech companies who is recognized by the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Jim Kovach (Football) — Played in NFL while earning his medical degree. Also obtained a law degree. Jill Krukoski Gregory (Rifle) — Works for Exxon-Mobil finding new energy sources and endowed the Boone Graduate Fellowship at Kentucky. Derrick Ramsey (Football) — Currently Kentucky's Deputy Secretary of Commerce. Paul Varga (Tennis) — Rose from intern at Brown-Forman to become the company's CEO.

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Coaches

"There's no question in my mind that we have better talent now than we did when we played Louisville two years ago, or three years ago, or four years ago," he said. "It's night and day."

Kentucky returns preseason All-SEC first-teamers André Woodson at quarterback and Jacob Tamme at tight end. Wide receiver Keanan Burton and running back Rafael Little

also received preseason honors in the conference and have had big games against Louisville in the past.

Brooks is happy to have to worry about spreading the ball around.

"That's a good problem," he said, "and I'm finally glad I have it."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Throughout the 2007 college

football season, The Floyd County Times will cover the following area and statewide teams:

- UK
- UofL
- EKU
- WKU
- Marshall University
- Pikeville College

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Fishing

What should you use? Try 4-6 inch lizards in black, pumpkin or watermelon, 7-10 inch plastic worms colored black, purple or wine, a blue and black jig-and-pig combination and a black spinnerbait.

Scout the lakes you plan to fish in the daytime to form your plan before you go. Bass locate in a few predictable areas in a small lake at night during the summer. You don't need expensive electronic equipment to locate them.

Weedlines, brush, rip-rap rock on the dam and fallen trees all hold bass at night. A black spinnerbait thumping along a weedline draws strikes. A large weightless

plastic worm worked painfully slow in brush or amongst fallen tree branches is often rewarded with a sharp thump on the end of your line.

A 1/8-ounce black and blue jig-and-pig crawled along the dam face among rip-rap rocks could produce a trophy largemouth bass. A lizard worked the same way also works well.

Subdivision lakes usually have some lights around them for security or to illuminate a dock or marina. The circle of light is the place to cast. Lights draw insects, which in turn attract small bluegill and baitfish. Bass then move in to gorge themselves. You can spend an entire night fishing

lighted areas and catch a dozen bass or more.

You don't need a boat or expensive equipment to enjoy excellent bass fishing. Throw a handful of lures in a small paper sack, stuff it in your back pocket and head for your nearest small lake when the sun goes down.

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Raiders

located in Grayson, Wednesday-Friday (Aug. 1-3). The first-ever KCU football team, under the guidance of Dane Damron, gets the green light to begin play later in the year.

"The Kentucky Christian camp is a good atmosphere," said Daniels. "Going to camp will allow us the chance to get in a lot of work."

South Floyd won its first two games last season before coming up short in three straight outings. The Raiders posted wins over Magoffin County, Jackson County and Betsy Layne, finishing the season 3-7. However, South Floyd was less than two touchdowns from ending the campaign 5-5. Allen Central edged the Raiders 20-18. Paintsville

defeated South Floyd 8-0 in a hard-fought game played amid wet, sloppy conditions.

Under the new KHSAA (Kentucky High School Athletic Association) alignment, South Floyd is in Class A, District 8 along with Pikeville, Paintsville, Phelps, Allen Central and Betsy Layne.

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PRESTONSBURG YOUTH FOOTBALL SIGNUPS

Prestonsburg Youth Football will hold signups Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. each day at StoneCrest. The signups are for players in Grades 3-8.



photo by Jamie Howell

MOTOCROSS: Each Sunday, Beaver Junction Motocross in Dwale entertains racers from several Kentucky counties. Motocross athletes from other surrounding states have also ventured to the Dwale track.

Miners offering special pricing on season tickets through Aug. 10

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The East Kentucky Miners are bringing an exciting brand of basketball to all of Eastern Kentucky. In November, East Kentucky will begin play in its first season as an expansion team in the CBA (Continental Basketball Association). The time to secure season tickets, however, is now. The Miners organization is currently offering various season ticket packages. Through a non-refundable deposit, Miners fans can now secure their tickets for the 2007-08 season. Special Early Bird pricing that allows fans to purchase season tickets at discounted rates is available through Aug. 10.

The Miners, during their debut season, will play 24 regular-season home games (exactly half of their schedule) at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Tickets, priced affordably, begin at \$5 each.

When purchasing a season ticket, fans gain the following benefits: 10-percent discount off individual game tickets (save even more with Early Bird special); Same great seat

for all 24 home games; Advanced ticket access to playoffs; 10-percent off all team merchandise throughout the season; Priority access to special team events; Advanced ticket access to all team sponsored concerts at the Expo Center; Weekly newsletter

Three (Green) - \$200 (\$8.33 per game); Class Four (Red) - \$100 (\$4.16 per game).

Individual single-game tickets are priced as follows: Courtside (Purple) - \$40; Class One (Blue) - \$20; Class Two (Yellow) - \$15; Class Three (Green) - \$10; Class Four (Red) - \$5.

In extremely close proximity to the CBA action, Courtside seats allow Miners fans the opportunity to watch professional basketball being played at a high level from the nearest possible setting.

Group tickets are another option for Miners fans. The East Kentucky professional

basketball franchise is offering group tickets to groups of 20 or more. The family atmosphere of the East Kentucky team's home games is suitable for families, businesses and organizations. To reserve tickets for a particular game at a group rate, designate a representative to call for pricing.

For more information on any tickets, call the East Kentucky Miners ticket office at 606-444-5500.



(delivered via e-mail); Dining room discounts on game days.

Fans can view the Miners seating chart online at www.ekminers.com/tickets/index.html. Sections are clearly designated as a color-coded layout of the East Kentucky Expo Center allows fans to pick their seats.

Through the Early Bird special, Miners season tickets are priced as follows: Class One (Blue) - \$400 (\$16.66 per game); Class Two (Yellow) - \$300 (\$12.50 per game); Class

Ginn saw merger with DEI as only way to compete

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bobby Ginn had grand plans to build a contender when he bought a NASCAR team last summer. But he learned rather quickly that winning takes a lot of money, and without solid sponsorships, it's almost impossible to do.

Faced with scaling back his program to a noncompetitive level, Ginn instead merged his organization with Dale Earnhardt Inc. on Wednesday to form a four-car team that will debut this weekend at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"We absolutely would have

survived without merging, but what we would have wound up doing is taken on lesser sponsors," Ginn told The Associated Press in a Wednesday telephone interview.

"We would have had to continue to cut costs, and that is disgraceful to me. I am proud of the merger. I would not have been proud of putting a car out there that couldn't compete."

The new deal makes Ginn a partner at DEI, which had been owned outright by the late Dale Earnhardt's widow, Teresa. She remains the majority owner under the merger.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. will continue to drive the No. 8

Chevrolet for DEI for the remainder of the season, and Martin Truex Jr. remains in the No. 1 Chevy.

Paul Menard, who has struggled to make races this season in the No. 15 for DEI, will get the owner points from Ginn's No. 14 entry.

That car had been driven by Sterling Marlin, who had locked it into the field each week based on owner points. Now Menard is assured a spot in the field.

Ginn driver Mark Martin will now pilot the No. 01 Chevrolet for DEI and split seat time with Aric Almirola.

Ginn's third car, the No. 13 that had been driven by Joe Nemechek, has been parked

and won't compete under the merger as NASCAR rules limit a single organization to just four entries.

"Teresa is very excited about this merger," said Max Siegel, president of global operations at DEI. "She wakes up every day making sure 400 people have a job doing what they love, and today she has done something that has strengthened her company and positioned it for another 25 years."

Ginn, who will be listed as the car owner for Martin and Menard at least this weekend, thinks he's done the same. A Florida-based land developer, he made a splash last summer when he bought controlling

interest in MB2 Motorsports.

He quickly pumped money into the cash-strapped team and was determined to pull it above its midlevel status and turn it into a contender. Ginn built a new 200,000-sq. foot race shop, bought expensive equipment that only the elite teams have, assembled a deep driver development program and lured Martin away from Roush Racing in a deal that expanded the organization to three Cup teams.

Then the team shocked NASCAR by nearly winning the Daytona 500 — Martin was nipped at the finish by Kevin Harvick, but his strong start to the season made him the points leader through the first

four races of the season.

Even though he was on top, Ginn stuck to his word and allowed Martin to keep his plan of running a partial schedule this season. So Martin climbed out of the car at Bristol in March and forfeited the points lead as he turned the wheel over to Regan Smith.

That strong start should have lured big-money sponsors to the organization, but they never materialized and Ginn was forced sponsor Marlin and Nemechek himself with his Ginn Resorts brand.

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Keller gets feel for new surface during Bristol test

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — When it comes to experience in the Busch Series, few have Jason Keller beat. The 17-year series veteran is closing in on Tommy Houston's all-time starts record (417) and is only two starts away from tying Dale Jarrett's Bristol Motor Speedway record. So, after 27 races at "Thunder Valley," Keller had no problem identifying changes made during the track's recent resurfacing.

"It's definitely different," Keller said. "There is not as

much transition down in the corners, which makes the car more comfortable getting in and should lead itself to side-by-side racing."

His observations came during a Busch Series test at Bristol on Tuesday. Thirty-three teams were at the track testing on the new concrete surface installed after the Nextel Cup Series race on March 25. Although no major changes were made to the track, variable banking was added to the turns to help smooth the transition to the straightaways. The new surface also eliminated many of

the bumps in the track.

"I didn't believe it was going to be so smooth," Keller said. "And I honestly didn't remember it being so rough, until you feel how smooth it is now."

As more laps are run on the track and the groove widens, more cars are expected to race two- and perhaps three-wide.

Keller doesn't believe that will change a driver's preparation for the race.

"I don't think you can change your approach here because you better go all out, all the time," he said. "Even if the groove widens out, you'll

still have to go as fast as you can, as hard as you can."

"Typically, the Busch Series race here goes by pretty fast. I don't think the approach to the race will change but the actual race may change, as far as getting some two-wide and perhaps three-wide racing coming off the corner. But it looks like we'll see some side-by-side racing."

Keller's anticipated 28th start at Bristol will be the most for the 37-year-old at any track. His results are among his best anywhere — he has three poles, one win and 12 top-10 finishes. His win came

in 1999, three years before Victory Lane was moved from the middle of the track to the top of the Goodyear building.

"I've never been in that Victory Lane, but I have been in Victory Lane at Bristol," Keller said. "Anytime you've been in Victory Lane, you get good vibes coming [back] to the track. I looked at my trophy [recently] when I was in my office and reminisced for a little bit. That's always nice."

The Bristol race, on the night of Aug. 24, is one of the highlights of the Busch Series schedule. Keller is among the many drivers who enjoy racing

at the .533-mile track.

"I'm one of the guys that looks forward to Bristol and always have ever since I came here for the first time," Keller said. "This is a huge race for us. Anytime you come to a track and there are 100,000 fans, it's a big race."

As the event draws near, don't count on Keller to share the information his team learned from the test session.

"I'm going to tell everybody it's the same old Bristol," he said with a smile.

Kinzer finishes third in Southern feature at Cleveland Speedway

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — Brandon Kinzer posted another top-five finish in the O'Reilly Southern Nationals Series Thursday night. In Event Number 8 of 10 as part of the 2007 edition of the Southern Nationals Series, Kinzer finished third in a feature race at Cleveland Speedway. Kinzer exited the race third in the Southern Nationals Series points standings. Randy Weaver won the Southern Nationals feature at Cleveland Speedway, holding off series points leader Chris Madden, the race's runner-up.

Results of the O'Reilly Southern Nationals Series Event No. 8 of 10 held Thursday at Cleveland Speedway (Cleveland, Tenn.) follow.

Car Count: 44. Feature: 1. (1) Randy Weaver \$3,500; 2. (3) Chris Madden \$2,000; 3. (5) Brandon Kinzer \$1,000; 4. (4) Skip Arp \$800; 5. (6) Anthony White \$700; 6. (14)

Lamar Scoggin \$600; 7. (2) Dennis Franklin \$575; 8. (7) Kevin Gibson \$550; 9. (10) Ronnie Lee Hollingsworth \$525; 10. (8) Brian Booze \$500; 11. (16) Jamie Perry \$480; 12. (11) Chris Wall \$470; 13. (22) John Blankenship \$460; 14. (15) Shane Tankersley \$450; 15. (19) Bobby Mayse \$440; 16. (23) Josh McGuire \$430; 17. (20) Ethan Hunter \$420; 18. (17) Damon Eller \$410; 19. (21) Dewayne Powell \$400; 20. (12) Tony Knowles \$390; 21. (18) Jason Welshan \$380; 22. (9) Dale McDowell \$370; 23. (13) Mark Douglas \$360; 24. (24) Chesley Dixon \$350.

Integra Shocks / Alturna Mats Fast Qualifier (\$200): Randy Weaver 13.676. PPM Racing Products Hard Charger of the Race (\$50.00): John Blankenship (9 Positions - 22nd to 13th). Lap Leaders: Randy Weaver (1-35) Cautions: 3. Barry Wright Race Cars Highest Finisher (\$100): Dennis Franklin. Rocket Chassis Highest Finisher (\$100): Kevin

Gibson. GRT Race Cars Highest Finisher (\$100): Randy Weaver. Delph Communications Highest Finisher (\$50): Randy Weaver. Wilwood Tough Brake Award (\$50): Jamie Oliver. Premier Racing Suspensions B-Main Winner (\$50): Chris Wall. American Racer Tires B-Main Winner: Tony Knowles. Hoosier Racing Tires B-Main Winner: Mark Douglas.

Current Point Standings: 1. Chris Madden - 988; 2. Dennis Franklin - 932; 3. Brandon Kinzer - 924; 4. Josh McGuire - 900; 5. Brian Booze - 880; 6. John Blankenship - 868; 7. Tony Knowles - 826; 8. Shane Tankersley - 807; 9. Anthony White - 764; 10. Chesley Dixon - 731; 11. Seth Winpey - 632; 12. Ethan Hunter - 626; 13. Jeremy Masters - 611; 14. Jamie Oliver - 561; 15. Casey Vitale - 515; 16. Benji Cole - 500; 17. Randy Weaver - 496; 18. Damon Eller - 397; 19. Jonathan Davenport - 382; 20. Rick Rogers - 328.



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Allen driver Brandon Kinzer continued to contend for an O'Reilly Southern Nationals Series title Thursday night, finishing third at Cleveland Speedway in Cleveland, Tenn.

Bengals defense on the spot in preseason camp

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Defensive coordinator Chuck Bresnahan knows what everyone is thinking as the Cincinnati Bengals get ready to open training camp this week: If the defense drags Cincinnati down again, someone is probably going to take a fall.

The Bengals finished 8-8 last season in large part because the defense ranked among the league's worst again. They spent a lot of time and money in the offseason rearranging a unit that has con-

sistently failed.

If that doesn't change, the coaching staff might be in for change.

"It's time for us to go as a unit, and it's right on me," Bresnahan said Tuesday, before the team's preseason luncheon. "I'll accept that responsibility. It's time for us to step up this year and take our game to another level."

There's a sense that careers and reputations were on the line heading into the first workout Friday in Georgetown. The Bengals have finished 8-8 and missed the playoffs in three of coach

Marvin Lewis' four seasons.

The common thread is the defense, which has been among the league's worst during that four-year span.

It underwent a makeover in the offseason. Cornerback Tory James was allowed to leave as a free agent after a poor season, linebacker Brian Simmons and defensive lineman Sam Adams were released, and safety Kevin Kaesviharn was allowed to leave for more money with New Orleans.

The newcomers include defensive tackles Michael Myers and Kenderick Allen,

linebacker Edgerton Hartwell, and first-round draft pick Leon Hall, a cornerback out of Michigan who will be counted on to help a pass defense that was tied for last in the league.

They'd better produce.

"Yeah, to me, the pressure's on," Bresnahan said. "And it should be on."

Staying out of trouble would be a good start.

The Bengals had 10 players arrested in a 14-month span, by far the most in the league. Six of them were defensive players, including middle linebacker Odell Thurman.

Thurman was suspended

for all of last season by commissioner Roger Goodell for violating the league's substance abuse policy. He pleaded no contest to driving drunk in February, and was sentenced to six days in a treatment program.

Thurman has applied for reinstatement, but Goodell hasn't made a decision. The Bengals haven't received an indication about whether he will be available for training camp.

"I have no idea, nor do I lose any sleep or thought over it," Lewis said Tuesday, cutting off discussion of the trou-

bled linebacker.

The Bengals tried to fill Thurman's spot by picking linebacker Ahmad Brooks in the supplemental draft last year. Brooks, who was kicked off the team at Virginia, played in 11 games and started five of them.

Bresnahan said Brooks, who started only two of the last five games, needs to get over his fear of making mistakes in order to play a bigger role this season.

"There's a lot of pressure on him now to step up and accept the challenge," Bresnahan said.

Reds SS Lopez goes on DL with broken cheekbone

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Pedro Lopez broke a cheekbone when he was hit on the left side of the face by a pitch, but the Cincinnati Reds shortstop probably won't need surgery.

Lopez was hospitalized overnight for tests after he was hit by Matt Wise's pitch in the eighth inning of a 7-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday night. He was expected to be released from a hospital on Thursday.

Cincinnati put Lopez on the 15-day disabled list and activated Juan Castro, who has a partially torn ligament in his throwing elbow and expects to have reconstructive surgery. Castro had been on the disabled list since July 7.

"I'm hoping I don't have to make many throws, but I'm OK with it," Castro

said.

A pair of injuries and a family illness have left the Reds short-handed in the infield.

Starting shortstop Alex Gonzalez is on the restricted list, occupied with his young son's illness. The Reds don't know when he will be available to rejoin the team.

Lopez started the season in Triple-A for the White Sox and was claimed off waivers on May 21. The Reds called him up from Triple-A Louisville on July 8 to fill in while Castro tried to get his sore right elbow healed.

The elbow bothered him when he played catch on Wednesday, so Castro was planning to talk to the medical staff later this week about having surgery. When Lopez got hurt, the Reds were in a bind.

"They talked to me and wanted to see if I could (play) in an emergency," Castro

said. "It's not like they're going to be really using me. I was a little bit surprised."

Interim manager Pete Mackanin plans to use him as a last resort.

"Casto can fit the bill for what we need right now," Mackanin said. "It's convenient, especially in lieu of Gonzalez's situation. He might come in tomorrow and say he's ready."

The Reds also are missing their starting catcher.

David Ross dislocated the small finger on his right hand while sliding into second base on his double Wednesday night. The finger was put back into place, and Ross was expected to be ready to play again soon.

"I don't think that's going to be an issue," Mackanin said.



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PAST AND PRESENT, FROM ONE COACH TO ANOTHER: Former University of Kentucky men's basketball coach Joe B. Hall interviewed current Wildcat football mentor Rich Brooks during the annual Governor's Cup Luncheon held Thursday in Simpsonville.

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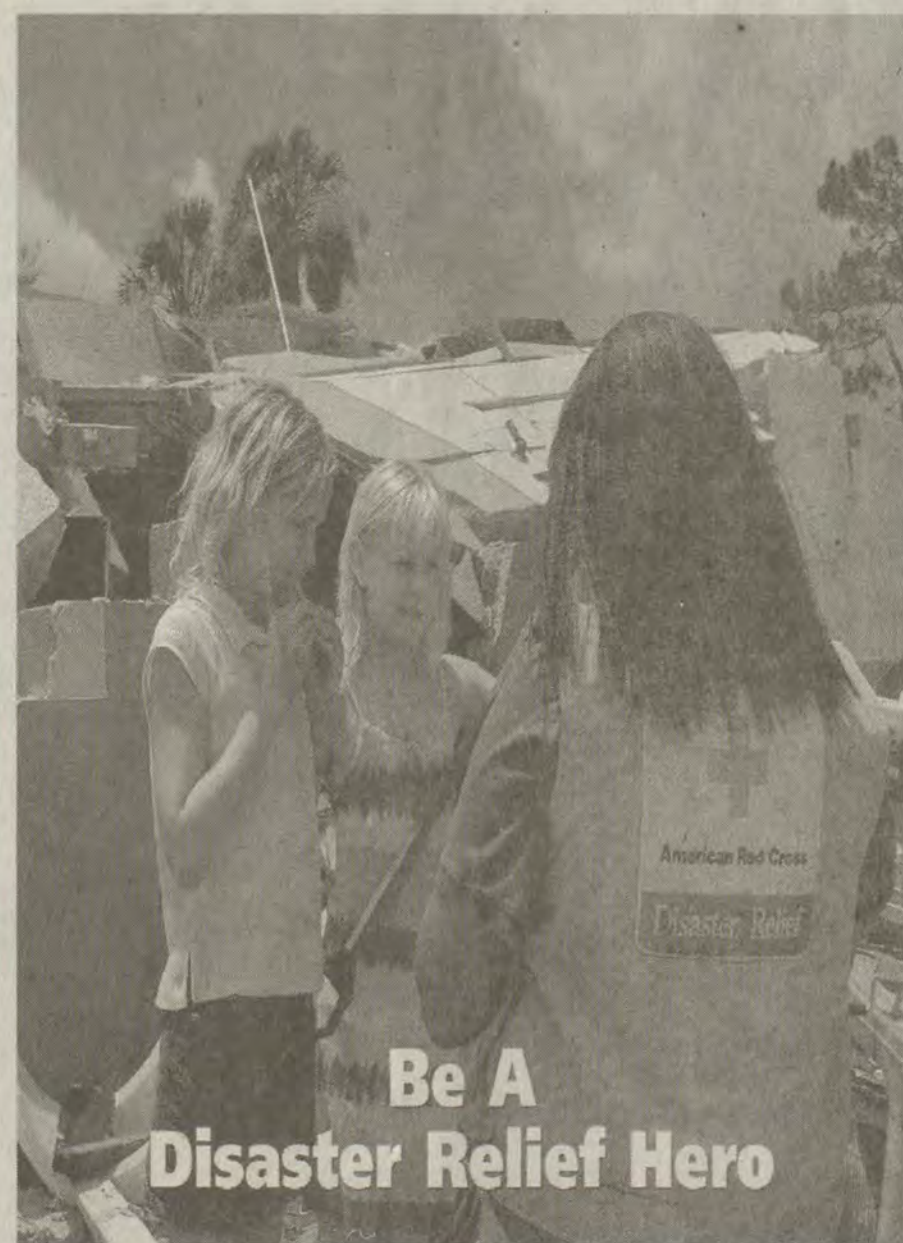
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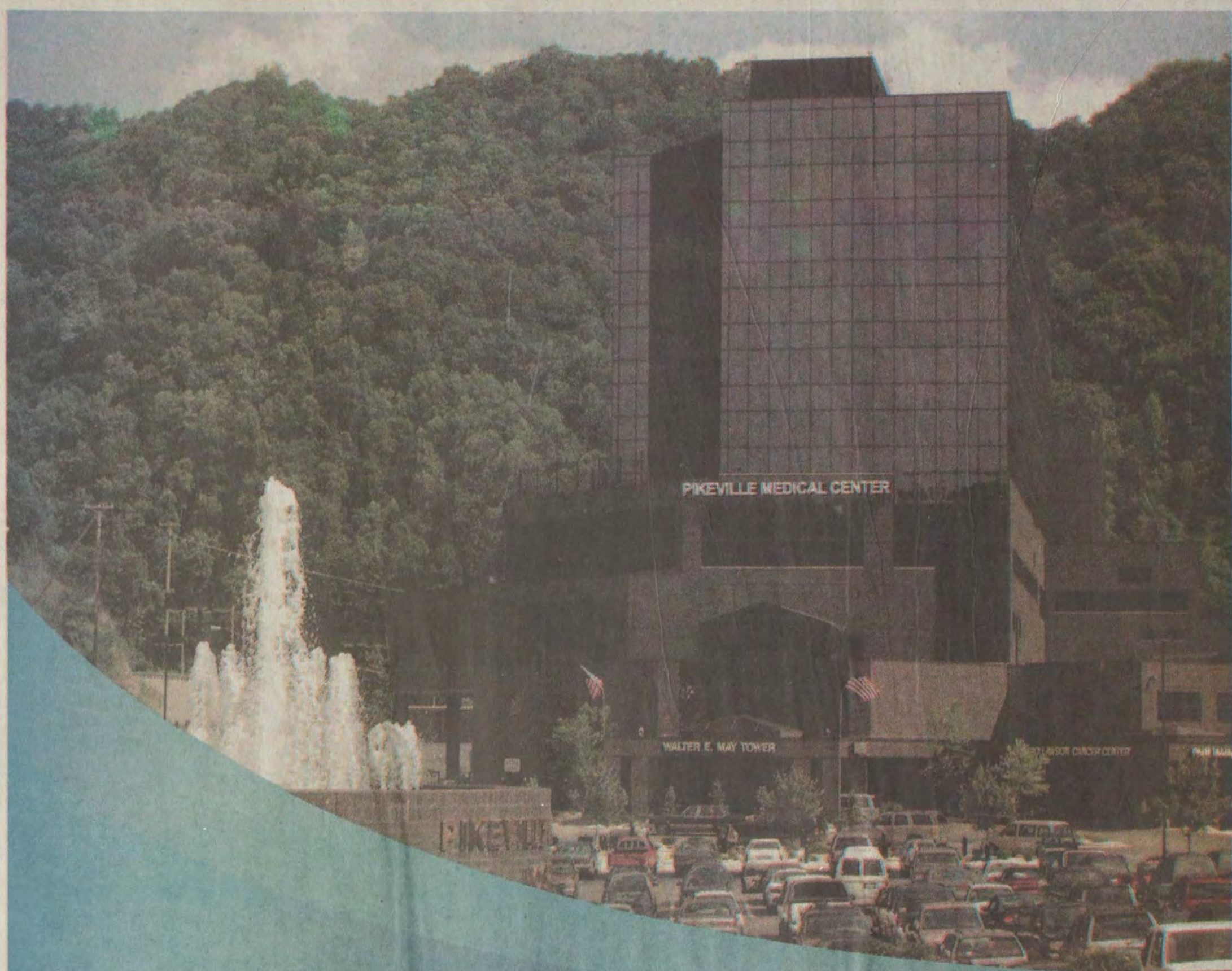
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