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In brief

MSHA gives warning to mine for violations

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration has issued a warning to a mine in Eastern Kentucky for safety violations.

The Courier-Journal reports that the agency issued the warning on Thursday to Stillhouse Mine No. 1 in Harlan County.

In MSHA's letter, District Manager Irvin Hooker says the mine had an average of 9.6 "significant and substantial" safety violations per 100 inspection hours based on a two-year review of citations ending March 31.

Hooker said Stillhouse would have to decrease that number to 6.73 per 100 inspection hours and provide a written plan for improvements to avoid a finding that the mine has a pattern of serious violations.

The newspaper reports that attorneys for Stillhouse did not respond to phone messages.

Kentucky homeless statistics released

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

The Kentucky Housing corporation released figures last week regarding the number of homeless individuals living in the Bluegrass State, with the biggest numbers in Eastern Kentucky coming out of Perry County.

According to figures released with

Report counts 7 in Floyd, 236 in Perry

the data, Floyd County reported seven total homeless persons, Pike County reported 26 and Knott County, 11. Perry County, however, whose population is nearly half that of Floyd County, reported 236 total homeless persons.

It was reported in the Hazard Herald

on Wednesday that Jennifer Weber, Director of Community Programs for Community Ministries, said the most glaring problem facing Perry county is the amount, or lack thereof, of affordable housing in the region.

"The underlying need is affordable

housing, and we don't have it," Weber said. "We don't have enough decent housing units."

Of the seven homeless persons living in Floyd County, two were listed as living in transitional housing, and five were listed as being unsheltered homeless.

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TO THE RESCUE



Emergency personnel secured Danny Rice, 58, of Stambaugh, to a back board and carefully lifted him over the concrete barricade before loading him into an ambulance. Rice was thrown from his vehicle when it collided with a coal truck Friday afternoon.

photo by Jack Latta

Johnson man injured in wreck

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Johnson County man was reportedly seriously injured after being thrown from his vehicle as a result of an accident involving a coal truck Friday afternoon on

U.S. 23 in Prestonsburg.

Danny Rice, 58, of Stambaugh, was reportedly traveling north on U.S. 23 with a loaded trailer in tow when, in the course of trying to pass a coal tuck, he lost control of the vehicle he was driving.

According to the driver of the coal

truck, Jason Vanhose, 25, of Lowmansville, when Rice changed lanes, his trailer began fishtailing, he overcorrected and lost control.

Witnesses who were traveling behind Rice said that his trailer swung out wide

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With deal in place, special session on the horizon

by JOHN WHITLOCK
KENTUCKY PRESS ASSOCIATION

FRANKFORT — After leaders in the House of Representatives and Senate reached an apparent compromise, Gov. Steve Beshear is expected call a special session of the General Assembly focusing on pension reforms for state workers.

A spokesperson from Beshear's office said no timetable had been set to formally announce the special General Assembly call.

"I am pleased that both the House and Senate leadership have announced they have reached agreement on pension reform legislation, which appears to be consistent with my proposal outlined to them on May 29," Beshear said in statement. "My staff and I will be working with the House and Senate leadership to finalize the details of a draft bill. Assuming that these final details are ironed out I will issue a call for a special session of the General Assembly on June 23, 2008, to quickly pass that legislation. My staff has informed me that this is a date acceptable to leadership in both chambers."

Beshear made the announcement that a compromise had been reached June 10.

Last month, Beshear called on members of the House and Senate and officials overseeing the state retirement systems to

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Giant rockslide closes Route 321

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — An overhanging boulder the size of a small house did not give much notice before it finally snapped free from the mountain that had nestled it for eons, but its arrival on the road below was hard to miss.

"It rocked that whole building," said Keith Hyden, pointing at Mighty Muffler, the shop he manages which is just across Route 321 from the rock slide.

Hyden said there was no rumbling before the mountain collapsed, but he had been noticing more rock than usual falling from the hillside over the past couple of weeks. Long before that, however, he said the rock had been a source of worry, as local residents waited for it to fall.

"It's like playing with

death, playing Russian roulette," he said.

Shortly before 1:30 p.m. Friday, the boulder finally fell, covering the road below and making passage impossible.

Todd Harris, an employee of the state Transportation Cabinet who was among the first to arrive at the scene, said it could be some time before the road is reopened. Measuring the largest rock at 13 feet tall, he said crews could spend a couple of days trying to break up the rock and still not finish.

Realizing that rockfall would affect his business by cutting off traffic from Prestonsburg, Hyden could nonetheless see a silver lining now that the boulder no longer threatens the road below.

"It's a bad thing, but it's also a good thing," Hyden said, "because it's down and now nobody will get killed."

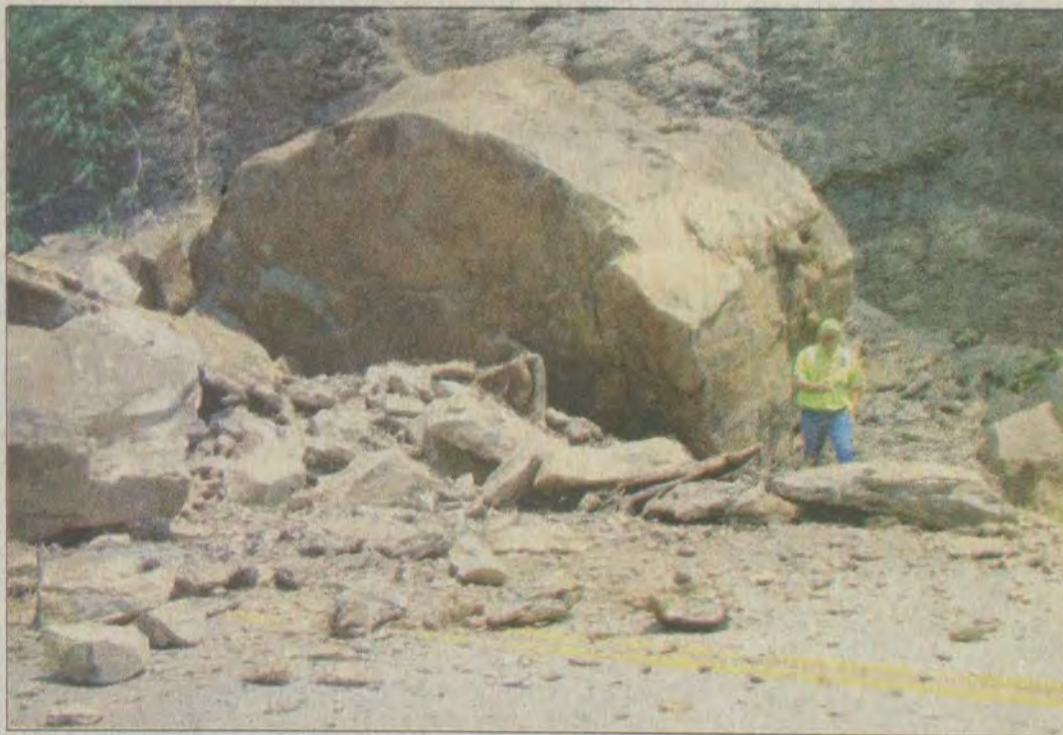


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Transportation Cabinet employee Todd Harris surveyed the job ahead of road workers who will be tasked with removing this boulder from Route 321 between Prestonsburg and Auxier.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ John Andrew Branham, 87, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, June 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, June 9, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Christopher Edward Burke, 33, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, June 8, at the UK Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Jacqueline Johnson Carter, 76, of Weeksbury, a Pike County native, died Sunday, June 8, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 10, under the direction of the Pikeville Funeral Home.

■ Burns E. Hall, 80, of Virgie, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, June 8, at the Prestonsburg Health Care. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Shirley Rae Johnson, 74, of Dwal, died Monday, June 9, at King's Daughters Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Ollie Johnson. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Carmel Kidd, 85, of Lake Station, Ind., a Floyd County native, died Tuesday, June 3, at his residence. Funeral services were held Monday, June 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Christopher Jordan Meadows, 24, of Weeksbury, died Thursday, June 5, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Monday, June 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ John Mullins, 49, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, June 8, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ "L.B." Blackburn, 72, of Canada, died Saturday, June 7, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson. He is survived by his wife, Arlene Mae Wheeler Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 10, under the direction of the R.E. Roger Funeral Home of Bellry.

■ Glen Douglas Blackburn, 53, of Raccoon, died Monday, June 9, at his residence. Arrangements, under the direction of Community Funeral Home of Zebulon.

■ Edna Mae Childress Breeding, 79, of Abingdon, Va., formerly of Buchanan County, and a Pike County native, died Thursday, June 5, at Johnson Memorial Hospital, Abingdon. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 8, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

■ Sheila M. Hall Damron, 51, of Pikeville, died Saturday, June 7, at the Holston Valley Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Gregory A. Damron. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 11, under the direction of the Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Ann Fields, 59, of Lenore, W.Va., a Pikeville native, died Thursday, June 5, at the Williamson (W.Va.) Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 8, under the direction of the Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Glen Gooslin, 87, of South Williamson, formerly of McCarr, died Thursday, June 5, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional

Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 9, under the direction of the Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Ricky Clay Kirk, 49, of Nicholasville, formerly of South Williamson, died Friday, June 6, at his residence. He was survived by his wife, Vicki Kirk. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 9, under the direction of the R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

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■ Harlow Looney, 80, died Monday, June 9, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 11, under the directions of the Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Brian Keith Matlock, 20, of Shelbiana, died Friday, June 6, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 10, under the direction of the Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Harlow Looney, 80, died Monday, June 9, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 11, under the directions of the Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Brian Keith Matlock, 20, of Shelbiana, died Friday, June 6, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 10, under the direction of the Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Douglas Hall, 78, a native of Beehive, died Thursday, June 5, at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Melster Oakes Hall. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Leila Wallace Keene Justice, 74, of Pikeville, died Friday, June 6, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 8, under the direction of the Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Jean Lee Hanna Love, 84, of Pikeville, died Friday, May 23, at Mountain Manor of Paintsville. Funeral services were held Monday, May 26, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Jessie Stone, 89, of Millard, died Friday, June 6, at

the Mountain View Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Monday, June 9, under the direction of Call and Son Funeral Home.

■ Simon Stacy, 84, of Hatfield, died Thursday, June 5, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, June 9, under the direction of West Funeral Home.

■ Archie Daniel Williamson, 59, of Varney, died Saturday, June 7, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 6, under the direction of the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Bessie Lee Moore, 74, of Louisa, died Thursday, June 5, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. Funeral services were held Monday, June 9, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Velma Doris Young, 77, of Louisa, died Thursday, June 5, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. Graveside services were held Saturday, June 7, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Alma Lena Howes Adams of Paintsville, a Magoffin County native, died Wednesday, June 4. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Dennis Blair, 87, of West Van Lear, died Saturday, June 7, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Iris Ward Blair. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 10, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ David Lynn 'Dave' Blair, 59, of Staffordsville, died Wednesday, June 4, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, June 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Neva Evelyn Brown, 87, of Flat Gap, died Monday, June 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 11, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Ilko Cybriwsky, 91, of Paintsville, died Friday, May 30, at his residence. Services were conducted Wednesday, June 4, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ William Scott Hill, 33, of

Staffordsville, died Tuesday, June 3, in Pike County. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Clarence Edmand King, 78, of Staffordsville, died Monday, June 2, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Emma Jean Lemaster King. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 5, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Wanda Williams Davis, 60, of Inez, died Wednesday, June 4, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. She is survived by her husband, William Ronnie "Bill Bo" Davis. Funeral services were held Friday, June 6, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Gertrude Osborne Horn, 80, of Zlicnople, Pennsylvania, formerly of Beauty, died Friday, June 6, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 10, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Clyde Horn, 81, of Turkey Creek, died Saturday, June 7, at U.K. Chandler Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Mills Horn. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ William Kirk, 86, of Kermit, died Monday, June 2, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, W.V. He is survived by his wife, Arietta Packo Kirk. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 5, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Elzava Maynard, 78, died Friday, June 6. Funeral

services were held Monday, June 9, at Union United Baptist Church, with Woodrow Nichols officiating.

■ William (Bill) Preece, 67, of Pilgrim, died Friday, June 6, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Nina Preece. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 8, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Velma F. Smith, "Aunt Bay," 81, of Hamilton, Ohio, a

Martin County native, died Tuesday, June 3. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, under the direction of Brown-Dawson Funeral Home.

■ Simon Stacy, 84, of Hatfield, died Thursday, June 5, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, June 9, under the direction of West Funeral Home.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The second reading and adoption of Floyd County's proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009, ordinance 08.001, is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on June 27, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Fiscal Court on the 16th day of May, 2008, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on the 3rd day of June, 2008.

SECTION ONE: The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009, and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

(01) GENERAL FUND			
General Government	1,977,704.00		
Protection to Persons & Property	138,680.00		
General Health & Sanitation	1,993,500.00		
Social Services	92,000.00		
Airport	10,000.00		
Inspections	60,000.00		
Debt Service	1,786,694.00		
Administration	995,850.00		
TOTAL		7,054,428.00	
(02) ROAD FUND			
Roads	2,669,525.00		
Debt Service	491,000.00		
Administration	639,475.00		
TOTAL		3,800,000.00	
(03) JAIL FUND			
Protection to Persons & Property	1,418,400.00		
Debt Service	479,005.00		
Administration	402,595.00		
TOTAL		2,300,000.00	
(04) LGEA FUND			
Economic Development	400,000.00		
Protection to Persons & Property	220,370.00		
General Health & Sanitation	1,188,000.00		
Recreation & Culture	1,510,635.00		
Capital Projects	125,000.00		
Administration	255,995.00		
TOTAL		3,700,000.00	
(06) STATE GRANTS			
Protection to Persons & Property	15,000.00		
TOTAL		15,000.00	
(07) FEDERAL GRANTS			
General Government	40,000.00		
General Health & Sanitation	5,000.00		
Social Services	5,000.00		
Capital Projects	10,000.00		
TOTAL		60,000.00	
(75) REVOLVING FUNDS			
Revolving Loan Fund	18,000.00		
TOTAL		18,000.00	
(76) E-911 FUNDS			
Protection to Persons & Property	215,800.00		
Administration	36,772.00		
TOTAL		252,572.00	
TOTAL BUDGET		17,200,000.00	

SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall be published in the Floyd County newspaper by title and summary within 30 days following adoption.

SECTION THREE: This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in Floyd County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's proposed budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive Robert D. Marshall during normal business hours.

In Loving Memory

of
Bob Click
July 23, 1931 - June 16, 2003



"Bob"

Five years ago, you could not stay.
Not for just another day.

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.

We thought about you yesterday, and days before that, too.

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name, All we have are memories, and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keep-sake, with which we will never part.

God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.

You are sadly missed with each passing day!
We love you,
YOUR FAMILY

In Loving Memory

MAUDIE ALICE

HORN BAYS

"Granny"



It is hard to believe it has been a year since you left us. Some days it seems like yesterday, and others it feels like years.

One thing for sure is that the pain is still in our hearts. We love, and miss you!

Your Daughter, Geneva; Leesa, Delmer, Darrell, Michelle, Meredith; their families: Betty, Teresa, Jimmy, Rose, Myra, Jim, Michael; and all their families: Crystal, Jennifer, Johnathan, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Cassie; and great-great-grandchildren

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Homeless

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During the statewide count, a total of 7,227 homeless persons were counted.

"Because it is often difficult to pinpoint and survey Kentucky's homeless, particularly our rural homeless where temporary shelter may not be available, the results of the homeless point-in-time count are significant as we see assistance from the federal government to help our homeless," said Gov. Steve Beshear. "We are fortunate to have an organization like Kentucky Housing Corporation we can rely on to organize, promote volunteer help, implement and tabulate this annual count and we thank all Kentuckians who assisted."

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development every other year. In order to more accurately assess the homeless population, Kentucky counts every year.

The data is used by HUD to determine how much funding will be available for homeless assistance in the state. KHC has estimated that, given the number of homeless statewide, Kentucky will qualify for \$15 million in funding from HUD to support homeless programs in the state.

According to KHC, Jefferson County, Fayette County and the balance of the state submit three separate applications for funding to HUD. Because the three areas' funding is separate from each

other, the areas hold counts independent of each other.

KHC coordinates the count in the balance of the state and led the statewide effort this year to hold the count during the same time frame with the same survey instrument.

"Having a statewide coordinated effort is vital to the success and accuracy of the count," said KHC Interim Executive Officer Richard L. McQuady. "We appreciate the efforts of the volunteers, coordinators and partners who participated this year."

HUD defines homeless as persons who are sleeping in places not meant for human habitation, sleeping in emergency shelters or living in transitional or supportive

housing but were previously living on the streets. A person may also be considered homeless if he or she is being evicted from a private dwelling unit, or being discharged from an institution with no expected future nighttime residence.

"Since the count took place, I have had several people say to me, 'I really didn't realize people were living like that,'" said Deborah Williams, executive director of the Housing Assistance and Development Services Inc., in Bowling Green, which coordinated the count in one of the regions. "As with most things, awareness brings action and solutions."

A point-in-time count is one method used to count the

number of homeless persons in a particular place, during a specific time frame, on a given day.

No data was provided for Johnson, Martin or Magoffin counties.

Session

meet and hammer out a compromise.

Only if a compromise could be reached beforehand would the special session be called, Beshear said.

The governor said he would call Speaker of the House Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, and Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, to thank them for their efforts and to discuss matters pertaining to the draft legislation.

Some of the issues addressed in the proposal include reducing the cost of living adjustment to 1.5 percent annually, limiting the amount of sick time that can be used to calculate benefits, raising the age of retirement, ending double dipping and directing employees hired after Sept. 1 to pay an addition 1 percent of their salary for health-care coverage.

The pension problem stems from shortfalls in investment returns, upgrades in benefits and underfunding by the General Assembly in seven of the last 13 years.

Beshear said he hopes the General Assembly could pass any pension legislation in the minimum five-day period.

Sen. Walter Blevins, D-West Liberty, said he is pleased to see another step taken toward pension reform.

"There is no question we have problems," Blevins said. "We hoped to get something during the session but it didn't happen. We ran out of time."

Blevins said the proposal could save the state millions but still needs to insure the retirement systems solvency to provide for retirees.

"I'm not sure how I will vote on it," Blevins said. "I will have to look at it further. I want to make sure it does no harm to current state employees or retirees."

With the cost of fuel and food suffering major increases, Blevins said he is unsure about an idea that would fix the cost of living increase at 1.5 percent each year.

"That is one issue that needs clarification," Blevins said. "Because of gas prices and what the stock market is doing, we need to make sure that our retirees don't have to return to work just to survive."

Despite outside issues that could influence a pension agreement, such as political posturing and a presidential election, Blevins said he feels most of the General Assembly is ready to act.

"We've got to get this bull by the horns," Blevins said.

Beshear also noted a willingness to work for a solution.

"I am particularly pleased with the cooperation that has been demonstrated thus far, not only by House and Senate leadership, but by the various stakeholder groups that are affected by this very important and

essential legislation," Beshear said. "It illustrates how there can be bipartisan success when all affected groups come together for the good of Kentucky and Kentuckians."

During his call for a pension deal, Beshear also announced the formation of a working group that will study all issues that have divided lawmakers. Beshear called on that group to have a report prepared in November.

From its recommendations and the work of former Gov. Ernie Fletcher's Blue Ribbon Panel on pension, Beshear hopes a strong piece of legislation can be drafted that will be supported by the entire General Assembly during the 2009 regular session in January.

Sen. Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, who was involved with the negotiations, said everyone involved cooperated in seeking a solution to meet Beshear's request.

"It was not contentious at all," Thayer said. "That was refreshing. There was some differences of opinion but that's to be expected."

Thayer, who is a member of Beshear's working group, said a lot of work remains to be done to solve the pension problems.

"I'm glad we were able to come to an agreement but this is only progress," Thayer said. "It's not the solution. The working group will come up with further changes for January."

Thayer is optimistic the new proposal will be approved.

"This is a good start," Thayer said. "I suspect it will go through. I'm hoping for a short but meaningful (special) session."

But Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, said he has reviewed a brief prepared by the leadership office and is concerned it doesn't go far enough.

"I feel it may produce a savings of approximately \$200 million per year - a long shot from the amount the plan needs to save for a correction to be accomplished. That number would need to be at least \$1 billion a year," Buford said.

Buford is skeptical that changes in the way investments made by the retirement systems are allocated will have as much effect as some lawmakers hope.

"I have doubt any improvement in our economy is in sight for four years or more. Even then, the improvements will be up and down, depending on fuel, energy, and food cost to our nation and the entire world. It is a small improvement that will only extend the pension's failure out by four to six years," Buford said. "This plan reminds me of the stock broker that says it's 'bridge night,' you wonder whether he means playing cards or jumping."

Buford said political and other influences would have to take a backseat if real reform is to be enacted.

"If our goal is to strive for mediocrity, we have accomplished our goal," Buford said. "If the taxpayers of Kentucky were looking for a financial responsible plan to repair this

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broken debt, we have failed them."

Rep. Jimmie Lee, D-Elizabethown, said both sides of the legislature should work together and the divide may not be as great as some suspect.

"I believe we should have passed this legislation during the '08 session as we certainly had vetted the provisions of House Bill 600," Lee said. "The Senate version of 600 was really not that much different but the conference committee just never seemed to get their arms around the differences to reach a compromise."

Lee said it is critical that some pension reform come about because of the fiscal impact the problem is having at the local level.

"I believe it is important to pass these changes to our pension system since local governments are facing such deficits on top of the required contributions for their employees," Lee said. "At least this bill will give them some relief for this year. It is imperative we get in and get out in the shortest time possible as the public is tired of our not getting our work done in the constitutional sessions."

Wreck

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and hit the truck, and then he hit the coal truck.

The witnesses said that Vanhose appeared to do everything he could to try and get out of Rice's way when he saw him lose control.

When Rice's vehicle hit the coal truck, he was thrown through the passenger side window of his vehicle onto the pavement near the center concrete barrier. Rice was not wearing his seat belt.

Vanhose said if the truck being driven by Rice had not struck him, his vehicle would have most likely flipped.

"He would have been somersaulting down the road," Vanhose said.

Emergency medical technicians responding to the scene said that Rice suffered serious head trauma, but that he was talking and seemed aware of

what was going on.

Fire Chief Bobby Carpenter said, "He isn't out of the woods, but he is talking."

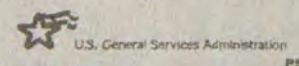
Vanhose was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center by Transtar Ambulance, and later flown to Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Southbound traffic on U.S. 23 was shut down for a lengthy period.

The accident is being investigated by the Prestonsburg Police Department.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

State's belt can't get any tighter

May was not a good month in Kentucky. The General Fund took in \$634.3 million in May. While that sounds like a lot of money to most individuals, it's 20.5 percent less than in May 2007.

The drop in state revenue is a sure sign of a sagging economy. Unfortunately, as the economy flounders, people's needs increase. Thus, there are more demands on government services at a time when the government has less money to spend.

Surprisingly, in April, the state received 36 percent more in tax receipts than it received in April of 2007. Of course, April is the deadline in which most individuals and families in the state must pay their income taxes. Thus, it is always a good month for state revenue. However, instead of being a sign of a strong economy, the 36 percent increase in revenue for April could mean that many Kentuckians waited until the last minute for pay their income taxes.

In reviewing the nosedive General Fund tax collections took in May, Budget Director Mary Lassiter expressed concern about whether tax receipts for the full fiscal year — which ends June 30 — will meet projections made earlier this year. Lassiter said the state General Fund receipts must total \$841.7 million this month to meet state budget needs. Since that represents 3.7 percent less than collected in June 2007, the state should generate enough revenue to meet its budget needs this month — unless the sharp drop in May revenue is repeated in June.

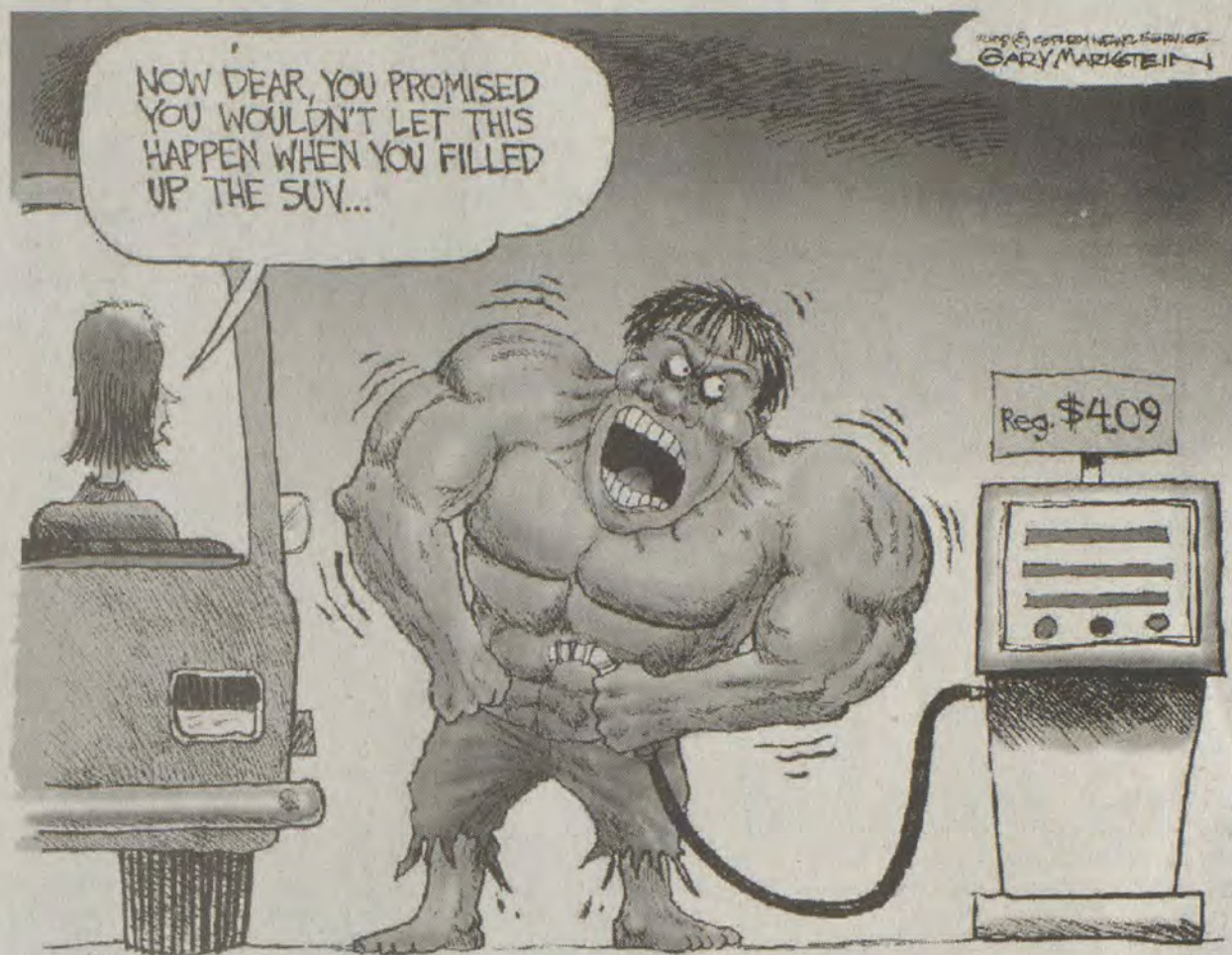
Soon after taking office in December, Gov. Steve Beshear pronounced a budget crisis and ordered state agencies to either make cuts or hold the line on spending. At the time, skeptics were complaining that the budget situation was not that critical and that Beshear had created the "crisis" to generate support for casino gambling in Kentucky.

Now that the fiscal year is in its final weeks, we can be thankful that the governor ordered those midyear cuts. Even with them, it is going to be tough to balance the budget, which is required by the state constitution. Without the cuts, it would be impossible.

Just like the rest of us, sharp increases in the price of gasoline, food, building materials and just about everything else is putting a strain on the state budget. Since much of the state's revenue is tied directly to how much we earn (the income tax) and how much we spend (the sales tax), state revenue is tied directly to the state of the economy. Too many more months like May, and the state won't even be able to balance the lean budget legislators' enacted. That means the governor may be forced to order even more spending cuts.

Since we're convinced the budget is woefully underfunded to meet the real needs of this state, any more cuts will be particularly painful. While the Frankfort politicians who oppose all tax increases keep talking about the need for state agencies to further tighten their belts, what happens when the belt is so tight ordinary people are being hurt? It's already happening in Kentucky, and if revenues continue to sag, it is going to get worse before it gets better.

— The Daily Independent, Ashland



— Rich Lowry Column

The Obama rules

If Barack Obama gets his way, the Oxford English Dictionary will have updated its definition of "distraction" by the end of the campaign: "Diversion of the mind, attention, etc., from any object or course that tends to advance the political interests of Barack Obama."

After his blowout win in North Carolina, Obama turned to framing the rules of the general election ahead, warning in his victory speech of "efforts to distract us." The chief distracter happens to be the man standing between Obama and the White House, John McCain, who will "use the very same playbook that his side has used time after time in election after election."

Ah, yes, the famous distractions with which Republicans fool unwitting Americans. Ronald Reagan distracted them with the Iranian hostage crisis, high inflation and unemployment, gas lines and the loss of American prestige abroad. Then, the first George Bush distracted them with the notion of a third Reagan term, as well as the issues of taxes, crime and volunteerism. After a brief interlude of national focus during two Clinton terms, another Bush arjved wielding the dark art of distraction.

Obama must believe that most Americans suffer from an attention-deficit disorder so crippling that they can't concentrate on their own inter-

ests or values.

Obama has an acute self-interest in so diagnosing the American electorate. His campaign knows he's vulnerable to the charge of being an elitist liberal. Unable to argue the facts, it wants to argue the law — defining his weaknesses as off-limits.

Here are the Obama rules in detail: He can't be called a "liberal" ("the same names and labels they pin on everyone," as Obama puts it); his toughness on the war on terror can't be questioned ("attempts to play on our fears"); his extreme positions on social issues can't be exposed ("the same efforts to distract us from the issues that affect our lives" and "turn us against each other"); and his Chicago background too is off-limits ("pouncing on every gaffe and association and fake controversy"). Besides that, it should be a freewheeling and spirited campaign.

Democrats always want cultural issues not to matter because they are on the least-popular side of many of them, and want patriotic symbols like the Pledge of Allegiance and flag pins to be irrelevant when they can't

manage to nominate presidential candidates who wholeheartedly embrace them (which shouldn't be that difficult). As for "fear" and "division," they are vaporous pejoratives that can

be applied to any warning of negative consequences of a given policy or any political position that doesn't command 100 percent assent.

We could take Obama's rules in good faith if he never calls John

McCain a "conservative" or labels him in any other way. If he never criticizes him for his association with George Bush. If he doesn't jump on his gaffes (like McCain's 100-years-in-Iraq comment that Obama distorted and harped on for weeks). And if he never says anything that would tend to make Americans fearful about the future or divide them (i.e., say things that some people agree with and others don't).

This is, of course, an impossible standard. Obama doesn't expect anyone to live up to it except John McCain.

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The Rich Lowry column

— beyond the beltway

Thank heaven that's over

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I told you after the Indiana primary that it was over, didn't I? Well, it was and still is, although you wouldn't know it from Hillary's concession speech, which was remarkably indistinguishable from a victory speech.

After winning the South Dakota primary, she told a crowd of supporters "Even when the pundits and the naysayers proclaimed week after week that this race was over you kept on voting. You have voted because you wanted to take back the White House. And because of you, we won together the swing states necessary to get to 270 electoral votes."

Say what? Ironically, she was claiming victory at almost the moment that Barack Obama (remember him?) was going over the top in the delegate count. Apparently, Sen. Clinton doesn't know the meaning of the word "lost." Also "class." Her graceless election-night speech was interpreted, credibly, as a bid to strong-arm her way onto the Democratic ticket as the vice-presidential nominee. Essentially, she was telling Obama "If you don't make me the No. 2, I'll take my angry middle-aged women, my disaffected Hispanics, my swing states and go home."

Which put Sen. Obama in a bit of a bind because while Hillary would bring a good deal to the ticket, she'd also take away a good deal. In addition, she has spent much of the past

five months trying to emasculate him in the minds of the voters. How strong a leader would he seem now if he allowed her to push her way onto the ticket?

That seems a moot point right now. Hillary's supporters, Harlem Rep. Charlie Rangel chief among them, sat her down and talked sense to her, saying:

"You lost, Hillary.

It's time to wave bye-bye and play nice."

Or words to that effect. And so, at long last, she threw in the towel, after praising Obama as a friend of Israel to an important Jewish group. End of melodrama.

In the meantime, we got a glimpse of the fall campaign in

the speeches of John McCain and Obama on election night. It was like watching a Model-T Ford race NASCAR's Car of the Future.

McCain is at best a lame speaker. His smile flashes on and off like a highway construction blinker without much relation to what he's saying. His jokes are, for the most part, stale, and it is painfully obvious that he is reading from a script. His arguments aren't that hot either, particularly his attacks on Obama. He said of his future opponent: "For all his fine words and all his promise he has never taken the hard but right course of risking his own interests for yours, of standing against the partisan rancor on his side to stand up for his country ... he hasn't been willing to make the tough calls."

Well, actually, he has. Speaking

out against the war before it happened was an extremely bold thing to do for a politician with national ambitions. If you don't believe me, ask Hillary.

Obama's enemies have labeled him unpatriotic and naïve for his failure to support the president but in light of the fact that he was right on the war the charges sound hollow.

And it was Obama, alone among the candidates, who spoke out against the proposed "gas tax holiday" put forth by McCain and Clinton. It was a pandering proposal that would make the situation worse rather than better, he said, and he was right again.

Obama's speech was the best, conciliatory and lavish in praise of Sen. Clinton, respectful but critical of Sen. McCain. He was particularly good at dismissing McCain's attempt to shoplift his "Change" theme, saying: "While McCain can legitimately tout moments of independence from his party in the past, such independence has not been the hallmark of his presidential campaign...there are many words to describe John McCain's attempt to pass off his embrace of George Bush's policies as bipartisan and new. But change is not one of them."

Right again, again.

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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

SUGGESTION

Honing for the good, ol' days? We suggest a visit to the Highlands Folk Festival at the amphitheatre of Jenny Wiley State Park this week, beginning today. The old lore, music, customs and dances that set the region apart from a stereotyped world, may take you back to the halcyon time, when they hadn't jived up everything.

CHANGE OF PACE

No-wake speed is being required of boaters entering Dewey Lake boat docks. It's hard to slow down after running for your life, out on the lake.

CONTEMPT OF COURT

If the Supreme Court hands down a decision in my time which pleases the sensibilities and commonsense of the ordinary, law-abiding citizen, think I'll celebrate by chasing a cold bottle of sody pop with a hot cup of coffee. Starting out with their edict forbidding prayer in the schools, the august justices have moved on to protect the rights of criminals to the point that you'd think the peace officer is the wanted man, not the fellow who went out for a bit of mayhem.

The death penalty isn't my dish, but I resent the virtual elimination of it by court fiat. The high court got around the matter by simply holding that if a court attempts to qualify a jury for a possible death penalty, it cannot reject any juror who says he will not inflict same, regardless of the proof. Scratch one death penalty.

And now they tell a state it cannot limit pay to any woman for illegitimate children, regardless of her promiscuity or other vagaries. Sure, we know—the poor children aren't responsible, but their mother is. If the Supreme Court can't let the states handle the matter, maybe it can come up with a suggestion as to how these women can be required to spend the money on their children, and not blow it on a month-end drunk, with a pack of men helping carry on the orgy.

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Speaking of the ages of man, there's dolage and dotage. And both, being worthless, come free.

MISSING

Whether the dog is on vacation or in retirement, I can't say. Anyway, he hasn't made it to the office for two days in a row. But we're never without a dog. Sandy Howard, the aging Boxer who bears more scars than any pugilist, is holding the fort today! Yet no dog holds down his desk like this one who is foregoing the pleasure of our company.



Getting FIT

Students at Prestonsburg Elementary are getting healthier through the FIT Club, sponsored by the Prestonsburg Family Resource Center, in collaboration with the Floyd County Health Department. FIT Club, which stands for "Fitness Is Terrific," meets two times a week, Tuesday and Thursday after school for 45 minutes. The students receive information on the importance of healthy choices, nutritional information and the importance of being physically active. Each session the students exercise at least 20 minutes.



MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Rage'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

A mad scientist unleashes a rage virus which then proceeds to spread to vultures and other wildlife in this gory thriller that is short on likable characters, but makes up for that by staging their gruesome demises in a plethora of creative ways.

It begins on a high note with the camera settling on the remote lab of a very mad Russian scientist. He is in the midst of injecting his rage virus (more on why later) into a helpless couple that has wandered into his sights while assorted failures observe from a locked cage. The experiment doesn't go well and one subject escapes and is suitably angry (wouldn't that make it a success?) and beats on the scientist like he burned his breakfast.

He then stumbles out of the lab and kills an obnoxious English guy who has parked with a blond lovely who can't resist his accent. After dispatching the pair in grisly fashion he burns out and drops like a stone as vultures circle overhead.

Cut to an annoying group of five young adults who are about to pay the price for their excessive partying. First we have to suffer through some strained relationships when a midnight orgy turns sour in the morning, with one lass deeply regretting her decision to share her dopey boyfriend with another woman.

This drama escalates as the group repairs to their Winnebago to continue their camping trip. Meanwhile, a kindly uncle is fishing with his young niece and nephew, but their bucolic activity is disrupted by mutated, and highly enraged, vultures who peck Uncle Ben and turn him into the relative from hell.

Back on the road our quintet of 20-somethings comes to blows after discussing the previous night's activities and their brawl distracts the driver, who doesn't spot Uncle Ben till he's slammed against their hood. This development also wrecks their ride, but things only get worse when the vultures attack. Sadly, the only remotely likable character gets it first, but there is plenty of terror to go around — especially when the group seeks shelter in a barn which turns out to be, you guessed it, the mad Russian's lab.

Before you can say, "They mocked me in Moscow," or, "They laughed me out of Leningrad," this guy is spilling his guts. He explains that he developed a cure for cancer but it was usurped by the new regime after the Iron Curtain fell. He blames capitalism and is here to teach us evil Americans a lesson. Then just about everyone dies as the lab experiments attack just as the vultures come home to roost.

The two reasons to see this are the great special effects and an over-the-

(See LAGOON, page six)

Letting go

by MALLORY WARD, age 15
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE TEENAGE SOUL: THE REAL DEAL"

Back when I was in the fourth grade, my family was picture-perfect. If you can imagine a "Beaver Cleaver"-type family that was always going to church and looked like the ideal, well, that was us. But things aren't always what they seem. It took me a while to figure that out, but I did. And it was a lesson I learned the hard way.

My dad got a new job that was about an hour's drive away, so he was only home on the weekends. I didn't really think that much of it at the time, until I noticed that Mom started to seem constantly upset. It just wasn't like her.

I remember what happened next like it was yesterday. My dad sat the family down and told us that he had something important to talk with us about. Then came the worst news: Mom and Dad were getting divorced. He had been seeing another woman.

And that wasn't all — we had a half sister on the way.

I was in shock. And for the first time in my life, I hated my dad. In fact, I hated him so much that I couldn't stand to see him. Eventually, my dad moved out and into an apartment with his new "fling." Then he became an alcoholic. Soon it was like I didn't know him anymore.

A year passed, and my dad realized that what he had done was wrong, and he wanted to be back together with my mom. I was furious, to say the least, but then my dad went to rehab, and all of a sudden it was like he was a changed man.

And slowly, with time, he did

change. My mom and dad are together today, and I love my dad. But when he first came back, all I could think about was how what he did was so wrong and how much it had hurt my family. There was a pain inside of me that I couldn't seem to let go of until I learned I had to forgive my dad. I'll always remember that time in my life, but I know now that everything happens for a reason, even the worst things in life.

When bad things happen, it's OK to be upset and to cry. But it's not OK to let it change you and your life. God forgives me... so how could I not forgive my dad?



What a way to charge a cell phone

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
While on my evening walk, I went past a small SUV with the engine running. On the return leg of my walk, the engine was still running. At the completion of my walk, I went back to check the vehicle. It was still running, so I went up to the house and asked the owner if she knew her engine was running. She was charging her cell phone! Question: How long can a modern passenger car be left idling? How much does it cost in gas? Can a cell phone be charged by using just the battery? Would it be cheaper to get an emergency cell-phone charger battery? And safer? What is the wear and tear on the engine? — Mike



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TOM: Well, we can do the math, Mike. An average car burns about 0.15 gallons of gas an hour while idling. That's 45 cents' worth of gas

at \$3 a gallon. Plus, in an hour you create three pounds of carbon dioxide and who knows how much nitrous oxide emissions? But we don't need to do all of the math to conclude that this is a wasteful way to charge a cell phone.

RAY: It's like air-conditioning your house down to 30 degrees to keep the ice-cream cold, instead of just putting it back into the freezer.

TOM: I assume the cell-phone owner had lost her home plug-in charger, and was using the car adapter because that was the only way she could charge her phone.

RAY: But what she didn't know was that she didn't have to run the engine. If she had simply plugged the adapter into the power point (formerly called the cigarette lighter) and then turned the key to the appropriate position (on some cars, the power point will work without the key in at all, and on other cars the key needs to

be in one of the "on" positions), she could have charged her cell phone using only the car's battery.

TOM: No harm would have come to the battery. Charging a cell phone takes so little energy that it's virtually impossible to run down a healthy car battery by doing that. And the battery would have completely recharged itself the next time she used the car.

RAY: Plus, the added advantage of using the car's battery instead of the engine to recharge your cell phone is that you're less likely to attract the unwanted attention of potential car thieves. Or nosy evening walkers.

What sparked off spark plug?

Dear Tom and Ray:

Yesterday I was driving my 1998 Honda Accord down the highway when I heard this horrible noise, like the tire blew. So I pulled over. All the tires were fine, but the car was still making a horrible noise. I lifted the hood and discovered that one of the spark plugs had blown right out of the engine, blown through the insulation and left a huge dent poking up in the hood. What would cause this? — Shannon

TOM: What would cause this?

More like, WHO would cause this? Whoever worked on your engine last, Shannon.

RAY: Funny things happen at garages. You're putting four spark plugs into a '98 Accord, and suddenly the roach coach shows up, and you get a craving for an anchovy, chipped beef, cheese and cholesterol bomb. So you go out to the truck, you chat with the other guys, you tell a few jokes and you eat your sandwich. Then you come back, pop the wires on the spark plugs and close the hood.

TOM: And, in your postprandial stupor, you forget to tighten the spark plugs. And since the explosions in the cylinders create a tremendous amount of pressure, the loose spark plugs immediately — if slowly — start working their way out of their holes. When one gets completely unscrewed, the pressure sends it flying upward, like the cork on a bottle of champagne.

RAY: So, the first thing you should do is check your other three spark plugs. There's at least a 75 percent chance that they all were left loose and you're soon going to have three more matching dents on your hood.

TOM: If they were just left loose, tighten them back up and you're all set. In that case, no damage was done except the dent.

RAY: The other possibility, though, is that whoever put in that spark plug over-tightened it or cross-threaded it and stripped the threads. That's a mistake a lot of rookie mechanics make. It means that the threads are ground down and there's really nothing to hold the spark plug in there. That's less likely to happen to all four plugs, but if a guy's capable of stripping more than one, so you'll want to check.

TOM: If the threads in the spark-plug hole are stripped, then you have to put in what's called an "insert," which is a metal sleeve with new threads for the spark plugs.

RAY: But whatever happened, it probably was caused by the last person who removed your spark plugs. If it happened to be a relative, Shannon, scratch him off this year's Christmas-card list.

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

This Father's Day, help your dad save \$3,600

by GREGORY REYNOLDS
SOCIAL SECURITY DISTRICT MANAGER IN PRESTONSBURG

It may be that your father has always been there to provide advice, whether he was showing you how to throw the perfect pitch or cast a fishing line. Maybe he told you how to dress for your job interview or encouraged you to save for financial goals in your life, such as a car, a house and retirement.

Now it's your turn to give your dad a bit of helpful advice that he can take all the way to the bank. Show him how he can save as much as \$3,600 per year on the cost of prescription drugs.

We all know the high cost of medicine can be a burden on fathers who have limited income and resources. But there is extra help — available through Social Security — that could pay part of his monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. The extra

help could be worth up to \$3,600 per year.

To figure out whether your father is eligible for the extra help, he must be receiving Medicare and also have:

- Income limited to \$15,600 for an individual or \$21,000 for a married couple living together. Even if his annual income is higher, he still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. Some examples where income may be higher include if he or his spouse:

- Support other family members who live with them;
- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and

- Resources limited to \$11,990 for an individual or \$23,970 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count his house and car as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that you can help com-

plete for your dad. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov. To apply, by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

So this Father's Day, give your dad a bit of advice and help him save up to \$3,600 a year on his prescription drugs. He'll appreciate the tip as much as you appreciate him.

For more information about Extra Help call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525 between 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg.

Lagoon

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top performance by Andrew Divoff ("Wishmaster") as the scientist. The movie really sags in the middle when we meet the so-called heroes, but there is enough mayhem on hand to smooth over the rough spots.

It's only fair though to warn viewers that the film serves up a grim demise for two children, which, though not explicitly shown, is still pretty disturbing. The director cast his own children in those roles (make of that what you will), but as a parent I get a little miffed when movies stoop to hurting kids.

This one delivers very heavily cheesy dialog department so please take your pick from the list below.
2008, unrated.

Best Lines

"I know what I'm doing,

especially when I'm high."

"Be very, very quiet or there will be no beating for you tonight."

"I have an overwhelming urge to pluck out your eyes and eat them."

"Pick on someone your own size you half-pint, transvestite freak."

"Die, you evil oompa loompa."

"I had not put into consideration the unique enzymes found in the stomachs of vultures."

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Dragons torch Letcher for seventh win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WHITESBURG — It wasn't pretty, but the Floyd U16 Dragons remained undefeated with the season sweep of Letcher County. Floyd County got to visit Whitesburg for the second time, and the result of the second trip was a more narrow victory. Floyd County prevailed 3-1.

The Dragons spent practice one day earlier working on ball possession and finishing. Clearly, the drills on ball possession were effective, as the Floyd Countians

dominated time of possession by an estimated 75 percent to 25 percent. Maintaining possession turned out to be very important, since the Dragons were unable to convert the multitude of shots they took — approximately 10 times the number of shots that Letcher County was able to get off.

The Dragons pressed the attack early, but crossing passes were off target as well as shots early in the game. For only the second time all season, they found themselves on the short end of the score, when Letcher County converted on its second or

third offensive attack, approximately halfway into the first period. Ten more minutes elapsed before midfielder Bradley Hicks tied the score by using foot skills to create an opening to the goal, and converting on his shot from just inside the penalty box. Toward the end of the first half, Floyd County center midfielder Jason Waddles took a throw-in from deep in Letcher County territory, and placed it right at the feet of Kathleen Smith who was at far post, and tapped it into the goal.

The midfielder rotation of

Hicks, Waddles, Jerralyn Kelsey, and Heather Joseph did a great job of keeping the ball in play to forwards Smith, Kaitlyn Minix, Evan Bush, Caleb Petry and Joseph Kidd. Unfortunately for the visiting team, switching fields at halftime did not improve the Dragons' shooting accuracy, as they continued to misfire even at an open goal. The multiple corner kicks which the Dragons earned went for naught as well.

Fortunately for Floyd

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Nicholas Conn, right fullback for the Floyd County Dragons, cleared the ball up the sideline to a teammate in the culmination of an excellent defensive maneuver.

Harris, Carter moved by AIA African trip

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Ramon Harris thought Kentucky coach Billy Gillispie's agony-inducing practices were tough, but nothing prepared the Wildcats' forward for what awaited him during a recent trip to Africa with Athletes in Action.

During a visit to an orphanage, Harris started playing with a toddler, a girl Harris guessed couldn't have been more than 18 months old. He picked her up, and the two spent the next two hours watching cartoons and playing together.



Ramon Harris

When it was time to leave, Harris tried to put the girl down. She wouldn't let him go.



Jared Carter

"She started crying," Harris said. "She stopped when I picked her up again. Then I put her down, and she started crying again."

At that point, Harris himself lost it.

"It was so hard to put her back in the crib and just let her cry; because it wasn't the first time she'd been left," Harris said. "I started crying because I felt like I built a relationship, even though she was a little girl."

When Harris and some of his teammates — including Kentucky center Jared Carter — went back to the orphanage the next day, the girl immediately walked over and grabbed his finger. They spent three

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Route 7 Motocross set to host Round 4

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Route 7 Motocross will host Round 4 of the 2008 season Sunday. In addition to Round 4, Route 7 Motocross will also host a special father/son race in observance of Father's Day. Signups are scheduled to get underway at 9 a.m. this morning. Practice is scheduled to follow at 11 a.m. The races are slated to start at noon.

Route 7 Motocross recently hosted Round 3. Among the Round 3 winners were Trey Francis, Cameron Nelson, Chase Salor, Myles Minix, Shane Hamilton, Ryan Rowe, Scott Varney, John Osborne, Justin Jacobs, Colby Casey, Ryan Rowe and Chase Coleman.

Route 7 Motocross has hosted racers from Floyd, Knott, Johnson and several other Eastern Kentucky counties.



The Prestonsburg High School baseball program held its annual banquet Tuesday night. During the banquet, PHS Coach Marc Shepherd (above, right) honored several players, including senior Bobby Hughes (below, middle) and junior Chris Schoolcraft (below, bottom).

PHS baseball program holds annual banquet

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PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School baseball program hosted its postseason awards banquet Tuesday night. Prestonsburg finished the 2008 season 16-9 under first-year head coach Marc Shepherd. One of the area's top young baseball coaches, Shepherd has resigned from his position as PHS baseball coach and won't be back for a second season of guiding the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg finished runner-up to Allen Central in this year's 58th District Tournament. The Blackcats claimed the Floyd County Conference championship. East Ridge eliminated Prestonsburg from the postseason, defeating the Blackcats 4-1 in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament.

PHS baseball award-winners were Nathaniel Stephens (110-Percent Award, Iron Man Award); Josh Rodebaugh (Iron Man Award, Triple Crown Award-home runs, batting average, RBI); Bobby Hughes (Iron Man Award, Defensive Award, Scholar Athlete Award); Chris Schoolcraft (Pitching Award); Allen Craynon (Best Team Role Player Award); Mason Haywood (Most Improved Award); Tyler Hall (Most on Base Award); Seth Setser (Most Stolen Bases Award) and Cameron Tincher (Most Runs Scored Award).



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LAWRENCE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE STEVE BLEVINS is now in the Minnesota Twins organization. Blevins, a former Kentucky high school standout, signed with the Twins this past week. Blevins ranked as one the top pitchers in Conference USA during the 2008 season. The Louisa native pitched at Cincinnati before transferring to Marshall, a NCAA Division I school close to his Lawrence County home. In the spring, Lawrence County hosted a Marshall baseball game.

UK women among nation's attendance leaders

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky women's basketball finished 23rd nationally in average attendance according to the official attendance rankings kept by the NCAA. It marked the fifth straight season the Wildcats have ranked in the top 25 nationally and in the Southeastern Conference's top four.

UK averaged 4,765 fans in 18 home games (13 in

Memorial Coliseum and five in Rupp Arena) during the 2007-08 season, including 5,690 fans per game in seven SEC contests.

Kentucky saw a season-high attendance of 8,335 vs. No. 9 LSU in Rupp Arena on Jan. 27. It marked the fifth-largest crowd to see a women's game in the downtown venue and the seventh-largest crowd overall at UK. The attendance of 7,278 vs. No. 2 Tennessee on Jan. 17 was a season-high in

Memorial, marking the eighth-highest attendance total in the Coliseum in school history.

Tennessee ranked first in the nation in attendance — 236,940 in 15 games. The Lady Vols averaged 15,796 fans per game.

Connecticut (2), Oklahoma (3), Iowa State (4), Purdue (5), New Mexico (6), Texas Tech (7), Maryland (8), Notre Dame (9) and Duke (10) were also in the top 10 in attendance. Louisville ranked 12th

averaging 6,457 fans in 12 games.

Vanderbilt (17), LSU (18) and Georgia (22) were additional SEC teams ranked ahead of Kentucky.

"We have tremendous fan support at Kentucky," UK Coach Matthew Mitchell said. "Our fans mean so much to us and we know every game, home or away, they will be there for us. We appreciate everything they do and we look forward to another exciting season in 2008-09."

Pelphreys launch foundation to benefit children's charities

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — In memory of their late son, University of Arkansas men's basketball coach John Pelphrey and his wife Tracy are launching a foundation to benefit children's charities with a special emphasis on neonatal care, the couple announced Tuesday. The "Pel's Pals Foundation" was created as a memorial to honor their son, John Patrick, who passed away prematurely in 2003. The Pelphreys are Paintsville natives.

"This has been an idea that



John Pelphrey

Tracy and I have shared for quite some time now," said

Pelphrey, who just completed his first year as the Razorbacks coach. "We are very blessed to be in a position to give back, and we hope to rally our friends, this community and the great state of Arkansas to help us make a difference in the lives of children, all in the spirit of John Patrick."

As part of the launch, the foundation will play host to a celebrity roast, auction and golf tournament in Fayetteville, June 30-July 1. The featured auction item — the opportunity to play a round of golf with Pelphrey and Arkansas football coach Bobby Petrino at the upcoming LPGA Tournament pro-am at the Pinnacle Country Club in Rogers — will open to the public beginning Thursday on www.eBay.com.

"I'm nearly speechless at the outpouring of support we have received in creating this Foundation," Pelphrey said. "From Jeff Long and our athletics department, to John Tyson and the Wal-Mart family, nearly everyone we have contacted has said yes."

The Pelphreys will target neonatal research and care facilities as part of their overall outreach from these fundraising efforts. Five years ago, John Patrick died prematurely after being diagnosed with a rare blood disorder. The support the Pelphreys received at that time, including the tremendous care shown to their family by the dedicated men and women who worked with them throughout their ordeal, made a lasting impression on the couple.

The Pel's Pals Foundation event, which will be held annually, will tip off with the John Pelphrey Celebrity Roast & Auction on June 30 at the Fayetteville Town Center. Coach Pelphrey will be the focus of the Roast in honor of his 40th birthday. Those expected to attend include former Arkansas and Oklahoma State head coach Eddie Sutton, Florida's Billy Donovan and Louisville's Rick Pitino. The following day, The Blessings Golf Course will play host to

(See PELPHREYS, page two)

Griffey, Phillips lead Reds to 6-2 win over St. Louis

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Brandon Phillips' day off did him a lot of good.

Phillips hit a three-run triple in Cincinnati's four-run seventh inning and the Reds beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-2 on Thursday night.

The Reds second baseman was in a 2-for-18 rut after Cincinnati's 7-2 loss Tuesday to St. Louis, prompting manager Dusty Baker to rest him Wednesday.

"I don't like them, but it paid off," Phillips said about days off. "I think it really helped me out. I really didn't do anything yesterday. I felt like I had a lot of energy. It paid off."

Cincinnati put together the winning rally against relievers Mark Worrell (0-1) and Randy Flores. David Ross hit a one-out double and Andy Phillips walked. Flores replaced Worrell and got Corey Patterson to ground into a fielder's choice before issuing walks to rookie Paul Janish

and Ken Griffey Jr. to force in the go-ahead run.

"The walks were out of character," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "We weren't aggressive like we usually are."

Brandon Phillips followed with his fifth triple of the year, a drive down the right-field line that got past a lunging Ryan Ludwick and bounced into the corner.

"I was looking for a ball to drive," Phillips said.

Jared Burton (3-1) struck out two in 1 2-3 scoreless innings for the Reds, who ended the Cardinals' four-game winning streak. The Reds had lost seven of their last 10 games.

Joel Pineiro allowed two runs and three hits over five innings in his first start for St. Louis since May 20. Pineiro was activated from the 15-day disabled list before the game after being sidelined with a strained right groin.

"Obviously, you want to put zeros up there, but with not pitching in 21 or 22 days, it

was good," Pineiro said.

Pitcher Bronson Arroyo's third-inning single was the Reds' only hit off Pineiro before Edwin Encarnacion led off the fifth with a double off the left-field wall. Encarnacion advanced to third when Pineiro's errant pickoff attempt went into center field and scored on David Ross' suicide squeeze.

"David's a good bunter," Baker said. "He works at it. He got the sign. That's what baseball's all about — getting the sign and executing."

Arroyo followed with a homer into the left-field seats, the first home run by a Reds pitcher this season and the fourth of his career. Two were against Baker's Cubs team in 2006, Arroyo's first season with the Reds.

"I was like, 'Yeah, man,'" Baker said. "I remember the two he hit previously against me. He finally got one for me."

"Once a year, I get lucky," Arroyo said. "I hope I'm able to say that for the next 10

years. I remember looking over at Dusty after that second one (in 2006) and seeing him shaking his head."

Arroyo allowed just two hits and one walk in six scoreless innings before his forearm started cramping up after the sixth inning. The gametime temperature was 85 degrees, and it never dropped below 80. "I haven't had that before," Arroyo said of the cramps. "I was depleted. I was sweating more than I had all year. I felt like I'd given Dusty all I had to give. I felt like I wasn't going to be able to give him any more quality innings."

The Cardinals tied it in the seventh, taking advantage of Encarnacion's throwing error on Rick Ankiel's grounder to third. Troy Glaus followed with his eighth home run of the season.

Notes: Reds OF Jay Bruce didn't start but hit for Burton in the eighth and doubled to right. He stayed in to play left field in the ninth. Bruce started each of his first 16 games with Cincinnati. ... The

Cardinals made room for Pineiro on the active roster by placing 1B Albert Pujols on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday, with a strained left calf.

Cubs 3, Braves 2, 11 innings: At Chicago, Jeff Ridgway hit pinch-hitter Reed Johnson with the bases loaded in the 11th inning and Chicago beat reeling Atlanta.

The Braves have lost six straight and fell to 7-24 on the road this season. They have lost their last 21 one-run games on the road since August, matching the longest such streak in major league history. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Kansas City lost 21 straight one-run games on the road from 2000-01.

Chicago's Jim Edmonds tied it at 2 with a one-out solo homer in the ninth, setting the stage for the comeback victory.

Manny Acosta (3-5) loaded the bases on two walks — one intentional — and a hit before Ridgway replaced him.

Kerry Wood (3-1) struck

out four in two scoreless innings to get the win.

Reds hire Jerry Walker as special assistant: Reds general manager Walt Jocketty has hired Jerry Walker, one of his former assistants in the St. Louis Cardinals organization, as a special assistant for player personnel.

Walker worked for Jocketty in St. Louis for the last 13 years, including 11 years as vice president of player personnel. Jocketty left the Cardinals last year because of a clash in the front office over the team's direction. He became a special adviser to the Reds, and replaced Wayne Krivsky as general manager 21 games into the season.

Walker pitched for Baltimore, Kansas City and Cleveland. He later managed in the Yankees' farm system for five seasons. He became the Yankees' pitching coach in 1981, and later held the same job with the Houston Astros.

Trip

more hours together. Harris fed her, burped her, played ball with her. When it was time to go, there were more tears, and Harris knew his life was changed.

"When a little child remembers you, it's amazing," he said. "To leave that day was the hardest thing I had to do that trip."

The team competed for Athletes in Action — a faith-based sports organization — in a four-nation tournament. The team began the trip in Senegal before heading to Mali in western Africa, where they played against local teams that somehow managed to treat the visiting team like one of their own.

"Basketball was the even ground between two cultures," Harris said. "By playing the game, we created a lot of friendships. ... The trip showed how it should be and how we should interact with others. We were strangers, and we came into their town and their culture and still they accepted us."

The trip was an eye-opener for Carter. The 7-foot-2 center admits he was stunned at the conditions in some of the local schools.

"There's no air conditioning, no doors or anything like that so there's all kinds of insects and flies and stuff in there," he said.

Yet it didn't stop the chil-

dren from dutifully standing at attention when the players stopped by.

"They would all stand up and wait for the teacher to tell them to sit back down," Carter said. "They had a lot of respect, and just for the situation they were in, I really respected them for that."

Though largely beset by poverty, the locals opened their homes to the players.

"We talked to men and women that only had a hut or just a corner, but they had a smile from ear to ear," Harris said. "It definitely humbled everyone on the trip because they were happy even though they didn't have much to go

home to. It made me think about how I act and how I complain a lot about things that are basically given to me."

In between the visits, there was basketball. Carter, who struggled to get on the floor last season, said playing consistently gave him a much-needed confidence boost.

"It was a good chance for me to go out and get some playing time, to go out there and just play basketball against some pretty good competition," Carter said.

Watching his teammate flourish inspired Harris.

"Seeing Jared out there playing better than I've ever seen him play before really

helped because it made me want to play better," Harris said. "It made me want to up my game and play harder than the competition. Jared definitely did that the entire trip."

Florida's Speights decides to stay in NBA Draft

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida center Marreese Speights has decided to keep his name in the upcoming NBA

draft, hiring an agent and skipping his final two years of eligibility.

Speights told coach Billy Donovan of his intentions Thursday.

Speights averaged 14.5 points and 8.1 rebounds last season. He also led the Gators with 49 blocked shots and 10 double-doubles.

He announced his decision to turn pro in early April, but left open the option of returning to Florida for his junior season. He has since worked out for numerous NBA teams, and said he received enough positive feedback to make the jump to the pros.

Pelphreys

the Pel's Pals Charity Golf Tournament featuring a celebrity in every foursome.

Unique auction items include trips with the team, luxury suites, private basketball fantasy camps, and the like, but perhaps the most impressive auction item is the golf two-some with Pelphrey and Petrino, which was donated by Proctor & Gamble. The

online auction begins Wednesday, June 11 at 6 p.m. CT and concludes Saturday, June 21, at 6 p.m. CT. Given the short time between the Foundation dinner on June 30 and the LPGA Pro-Am on July 2, organizers decided to auction the two-some online in advance. Bidders can search for the item by using "Pel's Pals Auction" or by following

the link provided on www.HogWired.com.

The event is managed by Blue Entertainment Sports Television (BEST). Pelphrey's marketing and event consultants. For more information on sponsorship, dinner tickets, or foursome information, contact Laura Brooks Lundy at 859-317-2200 or go online to www.pelspals.com.

Dragons

County soccer fans, the Dragons' defense held in the second half, with excellent play from fullbacks Paula Jo Roberts and Nicholas Conn. Stopper Devin Clifton had probably his best game of the season, while the speed of sweeper Jeff Searls was once again the Dragons' "ace in

the hole". Goalkeeper Garrett Brown had the most impressive save of the season, when he dropped to the ground to block a quick shot, and blocked the ball off of the ground over the goal.

The only goal scored in the second half was a beautifully placed shot by Jerralyn

Kelsey from beyond the penalty box on the right side, over the outstretched hands of the Letcher goalkeeper into the upper left corner of the goal, setting the final score.

Floyd County improved to 7-0 after posting the win.

Curry accepts 5-year deal as Georgia State's first coach

Former UK coach, 65, headed back to sidelines in Atlanta

by CHARLES ODUM ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Bill Curry said he was speechless for about 20 seconds when first asked if he wanted to be Georgia State's first football coach.

The old center couldn't respond, but his racing pulse gave him his answer. Curry, who has spent the last 11 seasons working as a college football TV analyst, wanted to be back on the field.

Georgia State had its coach.

Curry confirmed Thursday he has agreed to a five-year contract to take over Georgia State's program.

The 65-year-old coach said he was surprised by his response to the proposal from Georgia State athletic director Mary McElroy in late May.

"I sat there in a stupor for several seconds and I said 'I'm shocked number one that you would propose this possibility and I'm shocked even more by the fact my heart is pounding out of my chest and I'm sitting here thinking about blocking sleds,'" Curry said.

Curry's last year in coaching was in 1996 with Kentucky, where he was 26-52 in seven years, but he said he has remained current while

working for ESPN.

The players Curry recruits for Georgia State will know him primarily for his TV work.

"It has given me an opportunity to study for roughly 250 football games in which I was responsible for learning the offenses and defenses for both teams," Curry said, adding he has earned "a Ph.D. in football strategy."

"It's been fun and I like it, but I love coaching," he said.

Georgia State plans to sign its first recruiting class in 2009, have its first spring practice later in 2009 and begin play in 2010. The Panthers will compete in the Colonial Athletic Association and will play their home games at the Georgia Dome.

Georgia State must build a practice facility, weight room and offices for Curry and his future staff.

It won't be quite the same as taking over as the coach at Alabama, where he won the Southeastern Conference championship in 1989.

"The logistical issues are staggering when you start a football program," Curry said.

Curry, who grew up in Atlanta, played at Georgia Tech from 1960 to 1964. He coached the Yellow Jackets for seven years in the 1980s before moving to Alabama in 1987 for a three-year stay. He coached at Kentucky from 1990-97.

Overall, Curry is 83-105-4 in 17 years as a coach.

Curry played 10 years in the NFL with Green Bay, Baltimore, Houston and the Los Angeles Rams, but his heart remained in the college

game.

Former Atlanta Falcons coach Dan Reeves, who has served as a consultant for Georgia State for 14 months, was the first choice as McElroy sought a coach with strong name recognition.

Reeves said that he, like Curry, still has a desire to coach, but he said he thought Georgia State needed leadership from someone with experience as a college coach.

"It's not like I didn't think about it from the start," Reeves said. "I didn't think it would be fair to Georgia State."

"I told Mary early if you can get Bill Curry, it's a slam dunk."

Added Reeves: "My heart and soul is coaching in pro football. ... If an opportunity came in pro football I would be excited about that."

Reeves said he will continue to raise money for the new program.

McElroy said she immediately shifted her focus to Curry.

"I said what have we got to lose by going after him?" McElroy said.

"I dared hope he was still interested in coaching. And here we are. My parents taught me anything is possible, so dream big. I went for it and so it's paying off."

Curry held up a blue Georgia State T-shirt when introduced Thursday. On the back were the words "Still Undeclared."

"I cannot wait to get on the field," Curry said. "Football will be a huge success at Georgia State University. That's a promise."



FLOYD COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER: Floyd County midfielders (pictured above from left to right) Bradley Hicks, fullback Paula Jo Roberts and midfielder Jason Waddles were anticipating the ball and the speedy Letcher County forward. Left: Dragons' midfielder Heather Joseph was not intimidated by the taller stature of the Letcher County midfielders and forwards. Youth soccer teams across Eastern Kentucky are winding down play in the spring season.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5536

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Indeva-Corp Energy, Inc. has applied for a permit for an underground & surface coal mining operation, which includes a closed-circuit coal wash plant system and refuse disposal area. The operation is located 1.1 miles southeast of New Allen in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 66.55 surface acres and underlie 784.00 acres, with the total area within the permit boundary being 850.55 acres.(2) The proposed operation is approximately 1.1 miles southeast from KY Rt. 1428's junction with U.S. 23 and located along Daniels Creek. The latitude is 37° 36' 39". The longitude is 82° 41' 52".(3)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County:

- Buck Coal Inc. 836-5173 05/28/2008
- V & M Mining Company of Paintsville Inc. 836-5332 05/19/2008
- The Elk Horn Coal Company LLC 836-5449 05/15/2008
- The Elk Horn Coal Company LLC 836-5470 05/28/2008
- FCDC Coal Inc. 836-5508 05/05/2008
- FCDC Coal Inc. 836-8064 05/09/2008
- Frasure Creek Mining LLC 836-8066 05/27/2008

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0358

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky

41642, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 0.25 mile south of Hite, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 235.70 acres of surface, and will underlie 279.60 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 352.15 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.8 miles southwest from KY 122 junction with KY 2030, and located in the vicinity of Osborn Branch. The proposed operation is located on the Martin and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Elk Horn Coal Company, Gregory and Christy Ison, Delbert Jr., and Terri Ison, John C. and Regina Ison, and Matt and Pamela Lane. The operation will underlie land owned by Elk Horn Coal Company. The application

has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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