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In brief

Upper atmosphere balloon to be launched tomorrow

MOREHEAD — The Kentucky Space Consortium will launch its first edge of space science mission named Balloon-1, a high altitude balloon carrying a scientific payload designed and built by college students from Kentucky, on Monday.

The experiment will be launched from Bowling Green and is expected to reach an altitude of 100,000 feet (nearly 20 miles). At this altitude, the science experiment will reach the upper regions of the Earth's stratosphere, where intense interactions among radiative, dynamical and chemical processes are studied by scientists to better understand the Earth's atmosphere and climate.

Current MSU student enrolled in the Kentucky Space program: Jason Smathers of Mt. Sterling; Jessamyn Delgado, of Bardwell; and Marc Beck, of Owensboro (Badsoden, Germany).

The primary science payloads carried includes a magnetometer and an inertial measurement unit, or IMU, which is the main component of inertial guidance systems used in air and spacecraft, including guided missiles.

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P&Z to try it Carpenter's way

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg code enforcement officer presented a plan to reorganize his responsibilities in the face of mounting criticisms from the Planning and Zoning Board during a special meeting Thursday.

Bobby Carpenter, who acts in several capacities including fire chief, building inspector, floodplain inspector and code enforcement officer, presented a plan to streamline his responsibilities in order to address several issues that the board has pointed out.

Planning and Zoning Board members have been critical of Carpenter's multitasking after complaints began piling up about projects around the city.

"Our biggest concern is all his positions, and things getting missed," said Dixon Nunberry.

"We're trying to work it out and not be adversarial," said fellow board member Frank Fitzpatrick.

Carpenter's new plan calls for delegating some of his minor duties to other officers in the fire department, and scheduling.

Carpenter says that code

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Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Bobby Carpenter discussed Carpenter's new plan to improve the code enforcement office during Thursday's special meeting.

photo by Jack Latta

LOOKING FOR GROWTH

Wayland optimistic about 'adventure'

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

WAYLAND — The city of Wayland may soon become one of the first areas in the Big Sandy region to take advantage of adventure tourism.

Representatives from the Big Sandy Area Development District came to the Wayland Community Center on Thursday for a public meeting to discuss planning for adventure tourism. The meeting was part of 10 public meetings scheduled throughout the area, with Prestonsburg and Wheelwright previously hosting the informative sessions.

According to Jon Dennis, with Big Sandy Area Development District, Wayland has the unique position of owning the property where ATV and horse trails would be in place for adventure tourism.

"You don't have to worry about private landowners holding things up or causing problems," Dennis said. "You could pretty much get started right now if you wanted to."

Dennis, who mapped the area, told those in attendance that the trails were already in place naturally and very little would have to be done to get them ready for tourism

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Bobby Carpenter discussed Carpenter's new plan to improve the code enforcement office during Thursday's special meeting.

Pike man facing cruelty charge

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County man was arrested this week after a Kentucky State Police investigation into reports of cruelty to animals.

According to KSP, Rodney Moore, 43, of Hardy, was arrested after he allegedly poisoned several domestic animals in his neighborhood.

Moore is charged with eight counts of cruelty to animals and one count of disposal and storage of pesticides not used in accordance with label or of restricted pesticides.

Kentucky State Police are still investigating the matter. Moore is currently lodged in the Pike County Detention Center.

May Valley eligible for top award

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

MARTIN — May Valley Elementary has been nominated for the chance to become a National Blue Ribbon School, according to a release from the Floyd County Board of Education.

"My staff and I are honored to be considered as a nominee for this most prestigious national recognition," said Tonya Williams, principal at May Valley. "Without the dedication, commitment and teamwork that is evident within our building on a daily basis, this would not have been possible."

The selection process is due to the excellent performance of the school and the fact that it placed in the top 10 percent of schools on the CATS test.

In 2007, May Valley scored well over 100 on the CATS test.

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Foreclosure help available

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Mary Wills was in trouble. A 10 percent increase on a two-year home loan left her scrambling for options to avoid foreclosure.

The increase put her monthly loan payments at \$965, which just wasn't economically possible after her husband became disabled and was no longer able to work.

Luckily for Wills, a resident of Prestonsburg, she had attended some seminars in the past where she learned about short sales. A short sale occurs when a bank or mortgage lender dis-

counts a loan balance due to economic hardships on the part of the mortgagor. A short sale usually takes place to prevent foreclosure on a home. Banks will normally allow a short sale if it provides a smaller financial loss than a foreclosure.

After approval for the short sale, Wills soon came up against another obstacle when it came time to sign the papers for the sale of the house. Even though she was listed as the legal guardian of her husband, she wasn't able to sign the papers for him. Wills was given 30 days before the home would be foreclosed and she would be forced to move out.

"I called the Attorney General's Office to see if they could help," Wills said. "They told me to get in contact with the Kentucky Office of Financial Institutions."

A call from a representative of the Kentucky Office of Financial Institutions resulted in a hold on the foreclosure for an extra 30 days, giving Wills the time she needed to get everything in order.

"I just wanted people to know that there is help out there," Wills said. "The short sale is an option that they can utilize. A lot of people don't even know they can do a short sale. It can save you from having your home foreclosed."

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

James R. "Buster" Addis, 81, of McDowell, died Tuesday, June 24, at the McDowell ARH. Funeral services were held Friday, June 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lucy Ellen Atrip, 78, of Drift, died Tuesday, July 8, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Atrip. Funeral services were conducted, Friday, July 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Buford Conn, 61, of Martin, died Monday, June 23, at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Terria Francis Gearheart, 48, of Printer, died Saturday, July 5, at the Prestonsburg Health Care. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Angie Bell Justice, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, June 21, at the St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, W.V. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James Darwin McGuire, 91, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, June 21, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 25, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Juanita Harvey Caldwell Morrill, 94, of Lexington, died Monday, July 7, at Hospice Care Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conduct-

ed Thursday, July 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Aileen Blackburn Collins Mullins, 76, of Langley, died Tuesday, July 8, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, July 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Bonnie L. Slone, 73, of Chillicothe, Ohio, a Wayland native, died Friday, July 4, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 10, under the direction of Botkin Funeral Home, Waverly, Ohio.

Stella Margaret Stumbo, 92, of Harold, died Sunday, July 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Gracie Jean Tackett, 73, of Betsy Layne, died Friday, July 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Elmer Tackett. Funeral services will be held Sunday, July 13, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

PIKE COUNTY

Mattie Cole Boyd, 68, of Kendrick Fork, died Saturday, July 5, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 8, under direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Sherry Coleman, 44, of Ransom, died Saturday, July 5, in Ransom. Funeral services were held Monday, July 7, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Arthur C. Dillon, 81, of Newark, Ohio, died Saturday,

July 5, at Licking Hospice Center, Newark. He is survived by his wife, Rosie Dillon. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 10, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Autumn Edwards, 10, of Phelps, died Monday, July 7, in Richmond. Arrangements, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Merle Jean Fannin, 76, of Williamson, W.Va., a native of Hardy, died Sunday, July 6, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 9, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Emory J. Fleming, 65, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, July 3, in Elkhorn City. He is survived by his wife, Jacque Jean Flora Fleming; Funeral services were held Sunday, July 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Larry "Chris" Hall, 37, of Blaze Branch, Dorton, died Wednesday, July 2, at Jenkins Community Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 6, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Charlie B. "Buck" Hamilton, 58, of Ashcamp, died Sunday, July 6, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Coleen Gibson Hamilton. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 9, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ronnie Honaker, 54, of Pikeville, died Sunday, June 29, at the Harmony Court Nursing Home, Cincinnati. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 5, under the direction of J.W.

Call & Son Funeral Home.

Pansy Prater Hopkins, 84, of Greasy Creek, died Tuesday, July 1, at Middle Tennessee Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 5, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Jonathan Darrell Justice, 27, of Stopover, died Sunday, July 6, at Majestic. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 10, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Emma Zell Young Kennedy, 86, of Hardy, died Thursday, July 3, at the home of her daughter at Narrows Branch. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 8, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Justin Alvin Albert Lockhart, 17, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 8, at Pikeville Medical Center, the result of a house fire. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 12, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Tammy Renee Lockhart, 41, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 8, at her residence, the result of a house fire. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 12, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Marvin Samuel May, 73, of Pinsonfork, died Thursday, July 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 6, under direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry.

Billie Lois "Sissy" Mullins, 60, of Ashcamp, died Wednesday, July 2, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 5, under the direction of Pikeville Funeral Home.

Gregory Jackson Rife, 49, of Rosenberg, Texas, formerly of Pike County, died Wednesday, July 2, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Debra Rife. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 8, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Arlis Seward, 81, of Pikeville, died Saturday, July 5, at Pikeville Medical Center. Graveside services were held Monday, July 7, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Frederick Stuart, 68, of Toler, died Wednesday, July 9, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Linda May Stuart. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 12, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Jerry Keith Taylor, 38, of Phyllis, died Thursday, July 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. Private services were held Sunday, July 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Dorothy Varney, 91, of Stone, died Tuesday, July 8, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, July 11, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Rose Estep Wolford, 82, of Belfry, died Friday, July 4, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 6, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Ronald "Ronnie" Clark Jr., 55, of Lexington, died Friday, June 27. Memorial services were held Thursday, July 10, under the direction of Milward Funeral Home.

Carol Sue Cottleid, 65, of Lusby, Maryland, a Johnson County native, died Friday, June 27, at her residence. Graveside services were held Tuesday, July 1, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Grant William New, 43, of Paintsville, died Sunday, July 6, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 9, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Christopher Joseph Park, 41, of Hager Hill, died Monday, July 7, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Anna June Ward Tackett, 67, of Richmond, a Johnson County native, died Monday, July 7, at U.K. Hospital in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Fred Tackett. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Willis Vance Jr., 58, of Van Lear, died Thursday, July 10, in Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Sue Robertson Vance. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 13, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

James Earl Wasson, 50, of Dearborn, Michigan, died Thursday, July 3. He is survived by his wife, Diane Barnes Wasson. Arrangements, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Kaynard Webb, 83, of Hager Hill, died Thursday, June 23, at Riverview Health Care Center, in Prestonsburg. He is

survived by his wife, Laura Leek Webb. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Gennis C. Younce, 63, of East Point, died Tuesday, July 8, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, July 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Catherine Bishop, 76, of Louisa, died Thursday, July 3, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 6, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Jamie Lee Daniel Jr., 6 months old, the son of Jamie Lee and Amanda Lee Corde Daniel, of Louisa, died Thursday, July 3, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 9, at the Phillip Cove Freewill Baptist Church and burial was in the Jerry and Janice Daniel Cemetery in Tomahawk.

Betty Lou VanHorn, 69, of Louisa, died Friday, July 4, following a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, Ira G. VanHorn. Funeral services were held Monday, July 7, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Dale Stephens, 48, of Salyersville died Saturday, July 5. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 8, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Robert Combs, 76, of Fisty, died Tuesday, June 24, at his home. Funeral services were held Friday, June 27, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Maude Collins Sykes, 85, of Pinetop, died Sunday, June 29, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 3, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Obituaries

Debra A. Meltzer

Debra A. Meltzer, 51, of Collins, Ohio, died Thursday evening, June 26, 2008 at Fisher-Titus Medical Center in Norwalk, the result of having been struck by lightning in the yard of her home.

She was born May 30, 1957, in McDowell, and had lived in the Wakeman-Collins area for more than 20 years.

She was a homemaker who loved taking care of her grandchildren and her animals.

She is survived by Ken, her husband of more than 32 years; parents, Hargis and Bobbie Jo (Vanderpool) Tuttle; daughters: Jodie (Jesse) Kerby of Norwalk; and Jessica (Justin) Becker of Oberlin; two granddaughters; a grandson; a sister, Sherry (Mike) Boos of Wellington; a brother, James (Tina) Tuttle of Elyria; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, June 30, at the Mormon Funeral Home, 16 Cooper Street, Wakeman, with Elder Raymond Gayheart officiating.

Burial was in Wakeman Cemetery.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at: www.mormanhf.com

Memorial contributions may be made to the donors choice.

Kermit Tyrome Murphy. He was a night watchman for MCI.

In addition to his mother, survivors include two sons: Earl Combs Murphy and Matthew Combs Murphy both of Columbus, Ohio; a daughter, Shelby Lynn Paige Murphy of Wayland; four brothers: Terry Glen Caudill of Hucysville, Mitchell Lewis Murphy of Garrett, Jeffery Murphy of McDowell and Kermit Murphy Jr. of Columbus, Ohio; three sisters: Sherry Caudill of Printer, Melinda Hall of Ashland and Carolyn Clay of Columbus, Ohio; his nieces: Pamela Niece and Jennifer Marcum; and several other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 12, at 1 p.m., at Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church of the New Salem Association, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Union Cemetery, in Eastern, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Millard Woodrow.

Survivors include four daughters: Sharon K. Lawson and Cynthia A. Hernandez, both of Prestonsburg, Glenda E. Suiter of Atlanta, Michigan and Januari A. Fitzpatrick of Louisville; two brothers: Riley Johnson of Ohio and Tommy Johnson of Kite; three sisters: Rose Annie Martin of Prestonsburg, Beulah June (Jane) Tackett of Michigan and Joyce Edge of Cleveland, Ohio; eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four sons: Aulden E. Woodrow, Jack Woodrow, Robert (Bobby) Woodrow and Jimmy Woodrow; a daughter, Freda Hooper; two brothers and four sisters: Russell Johnson, Hershell Johnson, Lousie Elswick, Lona Childers, Leona Newsome, and Juanita Caudill.

Funeral services will be held Monday, July 14, at noon, at Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, in Bevinville, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Marie Woodrow

Marie Woodrow, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, July 10, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born June 16, 1922, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Riley and Pearl Osborn Johnson. She

Timothy Murphy

Timothy Murphy, 39, of McDowell, died Wednesday, July 9, 2008, in the McDowell ARH.

Born October 13, 1968, in Kenderville, Indiana, he was the son of Avanel Sparkman Kidd of McDowell and the late

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The career and technical educational programs offered at the school are Administrative Support, Automotive Technologies, Carpentry, Industrial Maintenance, Information Technology, Machine Tool Technology, Health Sciences, and Welding.

AARP

Jenny Wiley AARP Chapter to meet Tuesday, July 15 at Highland Terrace

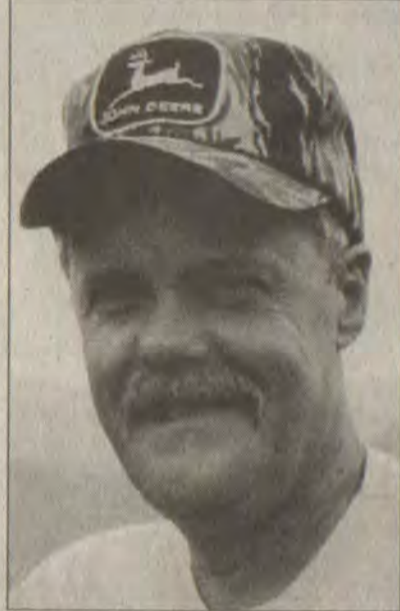
Jenny Wiley Chapter 3528 AARP, will hold its monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 15, in the Highland Terrace High Rise Apartments. After a brief business meeting, the group is invited to watch and/or participate in ball-room dancing. All members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Card of Thanks

The family of Quintin Gearheart would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort us during this time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers, or who spoke kind words.

A special thanks to St. Joseph Hospital of Martin; Arkansas Church of Christ; Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home; and to the Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Post 10 for their services.

THE FAMILY OF
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FCT ONLINE POLL

RESULTS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 29 - JULY 6, 2008

What do you think of the detour in Prestonsburg?

- Pay down city debts (47 Votes, 27%)
- Spend it on improving existing city services (9 Votes, 5%)
- Spend it on new city services (4 Votes, 2%)
- Return it to the taxpayers -- it's their money (117 Votes, 66%)

Go online today and answer this week's question!

Who do you favor for president?

- Democrat Barack Obama
- Republican John McCain
- Libertarian Bob Barr
- Independent Ralph Nadar
- None of the above

FCT ONLINE POLL

State: Mentally ill killer released too early

by DYLAN T. LOVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A mentally ill inmate convicted of killing a police officer in Jefferson County was released from prison five years too early, state officials said.

Peter Bard was released to a state mental health facility July 1 after serving six years in prison, though he was sentenced to 20 years in 2002 for the killing. Bard was returned to a state prison Wednesday night.

Bard fatally shot Jefferson County sheriff's deputy Floyd Cheeks on Oct. 27, 1993. He was twice deemed too insane

to stand trial in the 1990s, but a judge reversed that ruling in 2000.

J. Michael Brown, head of the state's Justice Cabinet, said Thursday that Bard was wrongly credited for the years he spent in a state hospital after charges against him were dismissed.

Brown called Bard's release "inadvertent."

"Once I had all the documents in hand, I was immediately convinced at that point ... that in fact, Mr. Bard had been credited some time against his jail sentence that should not have been credited ...," Brown said.

Bard, 43, has been diag-

nosed with chronic schizophrenia and has either been in prison or a state hospital since his arrest in 1993. His original trial attorney, Don Meier, said Thursday that Bard should be credited for the time he was kept in a state institution though charges against him had twice been dismissed.

"He was incarcerated and getting treatment" during that time, Meier said.

Peter Schuler, an attorney with the Jefferson County's public defender's office, said he may ask a judge to weigh in on the issue. Schuler acknowledged that case law supports state officials' actions, but said prosecutors should have stipu-

lated at Bard's 2002 sentencing that he would not receive the five years of credit.

"We're going to keep our options open," Schuler said.

Cheeks, 37, was trying to serve an emergency protective order on Bard's brother, Ivan Bard, who wasn't home when the shooting happened.

Contact information for Cheeks' family could not be found.

Bard was indicted on a murder charge in 1993 but was declared incompetent to stand trial on Sept. 12, 1995 and the indictment was thrown out. On Aug. 5, 1998, Bard was indicted again but 20 days later that indictment was dismissed for

the same reason. Bard was indicted a third time in March of 2000 and went to trial in 2002, when he was found guilty but mentally ill of first-degree manslaughter.

Brown said Bard was wrongly credited for the time from 1995 to 2000 when he was not under indictment for a crime.

Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney David Stengel said his office's

system of tracking inmate releases will be reviewed.

When asked if other inmates could have been granted early release for the same reason, Stengel replied: "There's a possibility, but we're watching it pretty closely."

Brown said Bard was returned to the Kentucky State Reformatory in LaGrange, on Wednesday night.

Tourism

purposes. Melanic Stevens, project developer for the Big Sandy Area Development District, explained the purpose of adventure tourism to the crowd.

"Adventure tourism is about economic development and pro-

moting the environment at the same time," Stevens said. "It's about taking advantage of the resources that your area provides."

Jerry Fultz, a resident of Wayland and director of the community center, is excited

about the prospect of adventure tourism for his home city.

"With ATV and horse trails, I think it would bring in people of all ages to Wayland, from 6 to 96, you can get them all," Fultz said. "The impact of adventure tourism is far-reaching."

The initial plan for adventure tourism in the Big Sandy region is scheduled to be completed in November.

The next scheduled public meeting will be held at the Martin Community Center at 6 p.m. on July 17.

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enforcement is better than it has been in a long time — "Everything is going a lot better."

But the opinions of board members differed slightly.

"We've found more code violations in the last 2-to-3 years than in the last 25," Nunnery said. "There are procedures that need to be followed."

One building in particular, the "West Virginia Electric" building being built at the corner of South Central Avenue and South Lake Drive, reportedly has a number of faults, not the least of which is the fact that it is being built in the 100-year floodplain. According to the committee, a stop work order is now in effect for the property until the issues can be resolved.

Board members say that the perception that some people are getting a pass on codes and ordinances is a problem. "Don't give people the impression that certain people are being treated differently,"

Nunnery said.

Randy Burchett said that while perceptions are important, the most important issue is that the buildings are safe. "The codes are in place for a reason. It's a life safety issue."

Two buildings which the committee has been most concerned with were the old Blue Sky Motel building and the Ratliff Farm Supply building, which according to Nunnery need to be condemned and torn down. "If that farm supply building caught fire, it would take the whole block," said Nunnery during an interview on Friday.

Also an issue for the committee is the mobile home on North Lake Drive which once housed a business co-owned by Jerry Fannin and Philip Simpson, T&K Signs, which was allowed to be placed in town despite ordinances against it. "We've been onto Bobby for 18 months to do something about that trailer."

Committee members all agree that they are not against

new construction or growth, but that there is a way things need to be done.

Board members said that they were willing to try Carpenter's new plan. "We'll see how it works, give it a try," said Fitzpatrick.

Nunnery said, however, if things don't improve, "we might be looking for a new code enforcement officer."

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Award

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placing it third out of 1,167 schools in the state.

May Valley Elementary was established in 1997 from the consolidation of Martin and Maytown elementary schools.

Kentucky Interim Education Commission Kevin Noland nominated May Valley along with four other schools for Blue Ribbon status.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program is a federal program created to honor schools. The Blue Ribbon award is considered the highest honor that an American school can receive.

The selection of Blue Ribbon Schools for 2008 will be announced in September.

Balloon

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These instruments will record valuable data at the edge of space for attitude control and determination respectively and will aid in the design of future Kentucky Space orbital satellites.

Each of these two sensors will be connected to a logger circuit to record the serial data on an SD card for later processing. Future Kentucky Space missions involving orbital spacecraft will use passive attitude determination and control (ADC) systems utilizing torque coils that can be activated from Earth to adjust the spacecraft's orientation by "pushing" off of the Earth's magnetic field. This experiment will provide the team valuable data that quantifies the field strength of the magnetic field at the edge of space to facilitate the design of ADC systems.

Custom-built components of the payload include an

MSP430 processor interface for a GPS receiver, instruments for temperature and pressure measurements, and a downlink radio. The collected data will be stored on an SD card, and transmitted over VHF for live tracking and recovery by mobile Earth stations operated by the students.

The experiment includes a continuous-wave radio beacon built by the students to facilitate tracking of the system.


The payload also will include a set of cameras, allowing the students to stitch photos and create panoramic photos of the curvature of the earth. One of the cameras will video the entire flight, viewing the Bluegrass from the edge of space.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Ben Malphrus, professor of space science and director of the Space Science Center, at (606) 783-2212.

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

— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Less could be more

Some Kentucky school districts, Jenkins Independent for one, have moved from a five- to a four-day school week. The district saved an estimated \$90,000 over the past year in fuel and utility costs, in addition to increasing morale and decreasing burnout among school staff and students.

Kentucky State law allows school districts the flexibility to make such a change requiring only that the equivalent of 177 six-hour instructional days be maintained. ...

States such as Colorado, where 62 out of 178 school districts are on a four-day schedule, have been pleased with the results, both in cost-savings as well as the flexibility it provides parents. For instance, the opportunity to work in dentist and doctor appointments. Districts offering four-day weeks use the flexible schedule as a recruiting tool as well, offering teachers an extra day to prepare for classes.

The benefits of making the change in local districts make it seem like a good idea, based on its success elsewhere. But at what costs and imposition on parents?

Those with younger children enrolled in after-school programs know the complexities of after-school care. Altering child care to accommodate a four-day school week would create an initial burden on parents and child-care providers to readjust schedules and possibly lead to additional expenses.

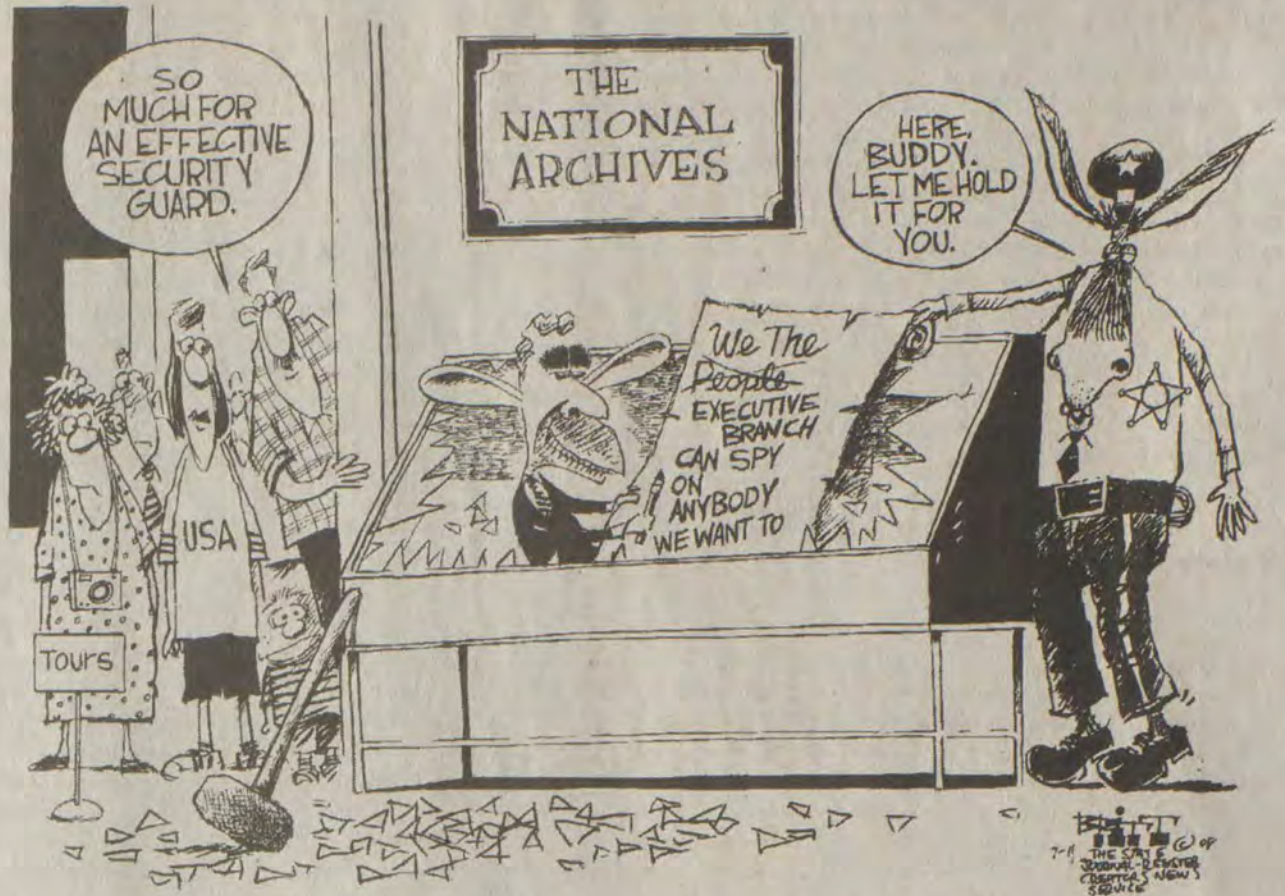
Students involved in extracurricular activities such as band, academic teams or sports also would be challenged by the increased hours in the classroom followed by practice or competition after an extended day of study. Even the current six-hour day sometimes makes fitting everything in difficult for students, parents and teachers.

On the surface, the idea sounds like a good one. However, it might be too impractical considering the five-day work week that is the norm around here. A longer day at school inevitably would force other businesses, such as child-care providers, to alter their schedules as well.

School officials here and across the state would be well advised, however, to continue to look at such alternatives to offset the rising costs of transportation, heating and cooling, and the dramatic cutbacks forced on them by declining state financial support. ...

As options are explored and plans are made, everyone involved needs to do their homework, remain open-minded, and keep focused on quality education and what is best for everyone, especially students, to adapt to a dramatically changing economic environment.

— The News-Enterprise, Elizabethtown



Rich Lowry Column

Mark Steyn: Enemy of the state?

At its best, Western civilization has fostered freedom of speech and of thought. But Canada has a better idea.

Last month, a Human Rights Tribunal in British Columbia considered a complaint brought against journalist Mark Steyn for a piece in the Canadian newsweekly *Maclean's*. The excerpt from Steyn's best-selling book "America Alone" argued that high Muslim birthrates mean Europeans will feel pressure to reach "an accommodation with their radicalized Islamic compatriots."

The Canadian Islamic Congress took offense. In the normal course of things, that would mean speaking or writing to counter Steyn. Not in 21st-century Canada, where the old liberal rallying cry "I hate what you say, but will fight for your right to say it" no longer applies.

The country is dotted with human-rights commissions. At first, they typically heard discrimination suits against businesses, then branched out into policing "hate" speech. Initially, they targeted neo-Nazis; then religious figures for their condemnations of homosexuality; and now *Maclean's* and Steyn.

The new rallying cry is, "If I hate what you say, I'll accuse you of

hate." The Canadian Islamic Council got the Human Rights Tribunal in British Columbia and the national Canadian Human Rights Commission (where proceedings are still pending) to agree to hear its complaint. It had to like its odds.

The national commission has never found anyone innocent in 31 years. It is set up for classic *Alice-in-Wonderland* "verdict first, trial later" justice. Canada's Human Rights Act defines hate speech as speech "likely to expose a person or persons to hatred or contempt." The language is so capacious and vague that to be accused is tantamount to being found guilty.

Unlike in defamation law, truth is no defense, and there's no obligation to prove harm. One of the principal investigators of the Canadian Human Rights Commission was asked in a hearing what value he puts on freedom of speech in his work, and replied, "Freedom of speech is an American concept, so I don't give it any value." Clearly.

In British Columbia, the Steyn hearing proceeded with all the marsupial ungainliness of a kangaroo court. No one knew what the rules of evi-

dence were. Hilariously, one of the chief complaints against Steyn was that he quoted a Muslim imam in Norway bragging that in Europe "the number of Muslims is expanding like mosquitoes."

The hearing has appropriately exposed the commissions to ridicule — and maybe some hatred and contempt (if that's allowed). There are calls to strip them of their power to regulate the media.

Free speech is a very clean, neutral concept — "Congress shall make no law..." Once a government begins policing offensiveness, things get much murkier. It has to decide which groups are protected and which aren't. So, even though there are plenty of fire-breathing imams in Canada, no one ever pesters them about their hatefulness.

It is the genius of Muslim grievance groups to leverage Western anti-discrimination laws to their advantage. In his *Maclean's* essay, Steyn noted how in much of the West, "the early 21st century's principal political dynamic" is whether something offends Muslims. Indeed — but in Canada, truth is no defense.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

The Rich Lowry column



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beyond the beltway

From my cold, dead hand

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I had given the speech and was taking questions from the audience (always easier than giving a speech). A man asked me if I had any ideas about how to achieve a rational system of gun control in this country.

My answer surprised me. "No," I told him. "I've given up on gun control. That battle is over. We've lost. I no longer think it's an achievable goal and if I were a politician I wouldn't lose an election over it."

The audience, a liberal group, was properly aghast. That answer was so unlike me.

I've been writing a newspaper column for nigh on to 45 years now and in that time I have written something on the order of 75 columns calling for more stringent gun control. Every time some misbegotten teenager dragged a duffel bag full of automatic weapons to school in order to punish classmates for laughing at him, every time a postal worker has gone postal, every time an innocent child has taken a stray bullet in the head, I have been there. With a column.

A fat lot of good it has done me or anyone else.

And so I have written my last gun control column. As Roberto Duran might say: "No mas."

I'm not even going to comment on last month's Supreme Court decision striking down Washington D.C.'s ban on handguns. And a curious

decision it was. By a 5-4 vote, the Court ruled that the Second Amendment to the Constitution conferred upon Americans a right to own a gun "for private use" that cities and states couldn't take away.

But in the next breath Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for the majority, said:

"Nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms."

To which I can only say: "Huh?" Make up your mind, Tony. Do we have the right to bear arms or not?

Perhaps a curious decision is all we should expect on this issue; the Second Amendment is pretty curious itself, after all. It says:

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

You might think (as gun-control advocates have argued) that the amendment limits the right of gun ownership to the context of militia membership. But when it comes on with that "shall not be infringed," it sounds about as absolute as it gets. It's confusing. The real significance of the decision is that it breaks the chain between gun ownership and

militia membership. Scalia waved his wand and the militia went away.

Less than a week after the Court handed down its opinion, a grand jury in Texas refused to indict a white man who had killed two black men who had just burglarized his neighbor's house. The shooter had called 911 and told the operator, "I'm not going to let them get away with it. I'm going to shoot. I'm going to kill them."

The operator told him not to shoot, police were on the way. Just as the cops arrived, the guy killed the fleeing burglars.

"He was put in a place where he didn't have any other choice," his lawyer said.

Whatever. The decision — surprise-surprise — seems to be going over well in Texas.

Meanwhile, in Georgia they have passed a law that lets people with gun permits carry their shooting irons into restaurants, state parks and onto public transportation. The head of the Atlanta airport, the nation's busiest, has said he won't honor the law in his airport. Guns will be banned from the premises. He's being sued by gun-rights advocates of course.

Second Amendment, schmsecond amendment. This country is nuts on the subject of guns.

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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.

Last week I brought on a cool spell by referring to the heat. It might help this week if I would make a firm prediction to the effect that the thermometer will boil over

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dr. J. H. Allen remarked this week that he might be getting old, since he had a birthday recently. Out of my experience I assured him he wasn't, that it was only when a fellow gets to skipping birthdays that he's, as they say, really gettin' on in years.

OFT-TOLD TALE

The yarns told about a certain hotel at Hindman which in other years, was a gathering piece for all the legal lights and others of this and Knott counties are many. This caravansary "set a good table," and its hospitality was widely known, yet its owner took a lot of ribbing, and stories about the place came back to him that he knew never happened.

One they tell is of the court term held when the late O.C. Hall was commonwealth's attorney, while Knott and Floyd were in the same judicial district. It seems that a hog's head, well-cooked, appeared on the big hotel table, first day of the term, and remained there, day after day, while the clientele picked away at it. On the last day of the session the well picked head of the late porker still was in the middle of the table.

Court over and ready to go home, Hall stalked in an other court officials stood by, seized the head by the snout and, holding it aloft, intoned in his best courtroom manner:

"I summon you to appear here at the first day of the next term of the Knott circuit court."

HUMAN BATTLEGROUND

We meet all kinds. This fellow was, shall we say, distraught.

"I," he returned, "believe there is constant warfare between good and evil, but I tell you, bein' the battleground every time they fight finally wears a-body down."

FARM REPORT

"Snow" White hasn't been around, all week. Lenna Moore is absent, too. Last time, I saw the former, I expressed some concern about both. They had recited in great detail their labors in their respective gardens, and I feared for them in this heat. Then Mr. White allayed my fears with a right pertinent question: "Did you ever hear of a man having sunstroke, just spouting hot air?"

I had thought I might get a mess of corn from Moore, but he killed these hopes the other morning by telling how the muskrats were working his corn patch over, something awful. Was very careful to remind me that those critters were eating the very corn out of the hill that he had intended to give to neighbors and other less-fortunate people.



The home of the late Myrtle Hill Davis, now maintained by Jane Howard, was selected as the June Yard of the Month by the Prestonsburg Woman's Club.

photos by Jarrid Deaton

A PARADISE ON DAVIS STREET

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER



Driving by the house on 182 Davis Street in Prestonsburg, it's easy to see why it was selected as the June Yard of the Month by the Prestonsburg Woman's Club.

The yard is maintained by Jane Howard, and her selection of flowers and shrubs that are strategically placed in the yard made the selection of the yard an easy one for the club.

Along with the well-maintained shrubs at the front of the residence, a variety of flowers and plants are in full bloom around the yard. In fact, both the house and the fence surrounding the area are framed with beautiful flowers and shrubs that highlight the landscape of the yard and the home itself.

"It's a very lovely place," said Shirley Thomas, member of the Prestonsburg Women's Club.

The plants and flowers that draw attention to the yard include irises, conifers, nigella, azaleas, ivy, ferns, wild geraniums and hardy begonias.

While it would seem that the large amount of plants and flowers present in the yard could appear cluttered, they are actually placed in a manner that looks open and natural.

To learn more about the Prestonsburg Woman's Club and its wide variety of activities, programs and scholarships, or to nominate a home within city limits for the Yard of the Month Award, contact Sabra Jacobs, president, at 889-0760.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Ricco: The Mean Machine'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

An ex-con sets out to avenge his father's murder in this graphic Italian crime thriller that takes a little while to get started, roughly about one hour and 18 minutes.

Christopher Mitchum, second son of Robert, stars as Ricco. As the film opens he has just been released from jail, a year earlier than expected due to good behavior (okay, so he's not that mean a machine), after attempting to assault his gangster dad's murderer, Don Vito.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

He gets a ride home from two policemen who had intended to arrest him but are won over by his pleasant personality (actually, he's sort of an agreeable machine). When Ricco gets home he's met by his sister and her husband who are so happy to see him that the three cavort on the ground while 1970s la-la music plays in the background (alright, he's a downright goofy machine).

Ricco's mom is also happy and immediately sets in on how Ricco can now get some revenge for the family as she whips out a pistol from under her shawl. It isn't long before Ricco's having flashbacks about dad. Turns out pop was a soap factory owner/gangster who was always trying to toughen up Ricco by sending warehouse goons around to rough him up. Ricco managed to defend himself with some awkward kung-fu moves, but it's not the kind of flashback which endears any of the characters to you.

Ricco decides to strike back in his own fashion and enlists the aid of a female grifter, played by Italian super model Barbara Bouchet, to help him steal money from Don Vito's enforcers. Apparently the plan is to just annoy the guy, but it goes awry when Vito figures out who he is up against. He gets old school on our hero and wipes out his family, which finally energizes Ricco into coming after him.

The final showdown is fast, gritty and violent, with bullets flying like may bugs as just about everyone goes down in a hail of gunfire.

This one works because there are just enough thrills injected into the proceedings to keep any Sam Peckinpah fan glued to their couch. First you get some wild gun fights that give the effects guys a chance to squib just about every body part as characters are shot in their heads, torsos and even posteriors.

This one also features the most brutal on-screen castration sequence ever committed to celluloid (it even out grosses a similar bit from Bob Guccione's "Caligula").

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Jumping in with both feet

by DAHLYNN MCKOWEN
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE WORKING MOM'S SOUL"

There is a time in life when one must look at the puddle being half full, not half empty.

My 10-year-old son, Shawn, is an optimistic kid. As soon as he turned 9, he told people he was "almost 10." When he has trouble mastering one of his pre-algebra problems (yes, pre-algebra is the new fourth-grade math), he never gives up trying to figure it out. And he has his sights set on owning an exotic car someday, so he

spends his free time learning as much as he can about these expensive cars, very much aware of the fact that the one he wants starts at a quarter of a million dollars. "No problem," he says.

One recent Saturday night when Shawn and I found ourselves walking across a nearly empty parking lot in the pouring rain, a huge smile appeared on his face. Wearing his good school shoes, he jumped into the middle of a very deep puddle and grinned at me, daring me to do the same.

The logical side of me was

appalled that Shawn would take a chance on getting in trouble by soaking his designer shoes right through to his socks. "Doesn't he appreciate that I work hard to make money to put those shoes on his feet, as well as a roof over his head and food in his belly?" my logical self questioned. Because I am a full-time author and writer, my husband and I budget years out at a time; since most of our income is based on book royalties, which are typically paid anywhere from a year to even three years after a manuscript is completed, we have to plan well and stick to that plan.

As I stood staring at my son in disbelief, I realized that his optimistic anticipation that I would jump into the puddle along with him was

stronger than my pessimistic vision of the puddle ruining my good leather shoes and outfit. It was then that my life as a hardworking mom flooded into my reality. How many times had I begged off playing GameCube or building LEGOS with Shawn because of a manuscript deadline? How many times had I rushed him out of the car when dropping him at school to make it home in time for a conference call with a publisher? How many times

had I said to him that we couldn't go to the movies because I had to edit a chapter for yet another book? It was then the most disconcerting question popped into my head: Will the memories of my working hard to provide for Shawn and his older sister outweigh fond memories of acting silly and enjoying his childhood with him? Luckily it was raining hard, because if it hadn't been, Shawn would have seen tears of gratitude for his lesson flowing



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Reader helps mom avoid getting hosed over battery

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI



CLICK & CLACK
Talk Cars

Dear Tom and Ray:
My mother owns a Lexus. The Lexus dealer is telling her she must replace her aging battery with a Lexus battery, because others aren't "big enough." Is this true, or are they merely trying to take advantage of an older, non-car-savvy lady so they can sell her one of their own, much more expensive batteries? — Melissa

TOM: Your mother can use any brand of battery she wants, Melissa.

RAY: As long as the battery meets the same specifications as the original battery that came with her Lexus (the same physical size, and a similar number of cold-cranking amps), she can put in a DieHard, an AC Delco, an Interstate or a boatload of Energizer D cells, and they'll all work just fine.

TOM: Well, not the D cells. But she should have no trouble finding an aftermarket battery that meets the specifications required by her Lexus. Most places that sell batteries have a chart where they can look up the year, make and model of a car, and tell your mom which batteries are appropriate for

her car.

RAY: Batteries for nonhybrid cars are largely interchangeable, because the technology is all the same. There are a bunch of lead plates and about a two-liter bottle of sulfuric acid. The primary difference between batteries is the number of plates, which determines the amount of power the battery can store and deliver.

TOM: In fact, Melissa, Lexus doesn't even make its own batteries. It buys its batteries from somewhere else. So, why shouldn't your mom?

Adequate power is all you need

Dear Tom and Ray:
I need some straightfor-

ward and honest guidance on how important torque and horsepower are for a small car. My husband recently passed away, and now I must downsize my F-150. I have done research during the past few weeks, looking for the best four-cylinder/automatic that would meet my needs. I am down to the Ford Focus and Nissan Versa. My question: The Focus has a slight edge in torque at 136 (at) 4250 rpm and horsepower at 140 (at) 6000 rpm, while the Versa has a torque listed at 127 (at) 4800 rpm and horsepower of 122 (at) 5200 rpm. Both have comparable size, curb weight, quality and warranty. I am just not sure if the difference is worth the slightly higher cost of the Focus. Can you tell me if it would make a positive difference in power and pickup during highway miles?

P.S.: Just a word about our family: My 11-year-old grandson recognized your voices when we went to the theater to see "Cars." He has heard NPR in his grandma's truck often during the past few years! — Kathleen

RAY: First of all, we're awfully sorry to hear about your husband, Kathleen, but we're glad you're continuing to corrupt your young grand-

son in his absence.

TOM: When looking at power numbers (horsepower is the overall power of the engine, and torque is the amount of twisting power the engine can generate), it's not enough to take the numbers by themselves. You also need to consider the vehicle's weight.

RAY: Right. If you were asked to choose between two potential suitors, both of whom were 5 feet 9 inches tall, wouldn't you want to know that one of them weighed 375 pounds?

TOM: When we divide horsepower by the weight, we get a horsepower-to-weight ratio. That tells us that the Focus (.051 horsepower per pound) is, indeed, more powerful than the Versa (.045). But the question is, do you need that extra power? Because, when it comes to power, the gold standard that you're shooting for is "adequate."

RAY: My brother's been shooting for "adequate" for years, and has yet to even come close. But he's right about engine power. If you

don't have enough, you can be a menace on the roads, or put yourself in danger by being in the way of faster-moving vehicles. But if you have too much, you'll be paying for that extra power in wasted fuel every time you run the engine.

TOM: So, how do you decide what's adequate? Well, the best way is to drive the car. I suspect you're going to find both of these cars to be perfectly adequate, especially around town.

RAY: But don't limit your test-drive to around town. Try getting on a highway. In some parts of the country, where traffic is heavy, you really have to get up to speed quickly on a highway entrance ramp to avoid having an F-150, for instance, making intimate cooing noises near your rear bumper. So, try that and make sure you feel secure doing it.

TOM: Another factor is how many passengers you carry. Do you usually drive alone? Or do you take your grandson's basketball team out for milkshakes after the game?

A heavier load calls for more power as well. So, if you often carry passengers, invite a few along for the test-drive, and try the highway test again. If your heart is in your throat as you try to stay ahead of that semi that's coming up on you in the right lane, that'll be a signal that you need a little more oomph.

RAY: But if you're like most people, and usually drive alone or with one other passenger, and death-defying highway stunts aren't a regular part of your routine, almost any four-cylinder car will provide adequate power.

TOM: So, drive them both again and see which one you like better. I don't think the amount of horsepower or torque should be the determining factor in this particular decision, Kathleen. And in either case, enjoy your new car.

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.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Check out the new look of Social Security's home page

by PAUL D. BARNES
SOCIAL SECURITY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, ATLANTA

Social Security's homepage has a brand new look. In June, we launched a new home page at www.socialsecurity.gov.

The new look is more welcoming and user-friendly; it follows the standard for design principles in the industry by reducing clutter, improving navigation, making better use of graphics, reducing the need to scroll down and prioritizing items on the page.

The new page focuses on the primary reasons people contact Social Security. We put those items front and center. The three main topics that take up the prime real estate are:

- Filing for retirement benefits;

- Applying for disability benefits; and
- Requesting a Social Security card.

Meanwhile, major program topics run along the top of the page—Retirement, Survivors, Disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicare. The left side of the home page answers "What you can do online." And that's where you're also linked to Your Social Security Earnings Statement, forms and publications, and more.

On the right side of the page, you'll be able to search the site, get answers to frequently asked questions and find information for specific groups or organizations on the web site. Social Security news rounds out the page.

For the first time, people also can watch a brief video

greeting on the site delivered by one of our agency employees.

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Check out our new home page now and see how easy it is to use at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Lagoon

There's also a little something here for 1970s purists, who will marvel at the fashion disasters on display here which include Ricco, who likes to rock a tangerine turtle-neck and visit discos, where

the locals dance like they've been injected with industrial strength ex-lax.

Old Hollywood fans will also appreciate this for the return of the Mitchum dynasty, as well as a solid turn by silver

Soup

down my cheeks. Without warning, I leaped into the puddle; delighted beyond belief, Shawn kicked water at me. I returned his water attack, and the two of us kicked and splashed and even pulled each other into deeper puddles, laughing until our sides hurt. Then, hand in soaking hand, we skipped across the flooded parking lot to the ice-cream store and treated our cold and shivering selves to double

scoops of cookies-and-cream and mint-chocolate-chip ice cream.

So the next time you're with your kids and you come across a rain puddle, tempt yourself to look at it as not half empty, but overflowing with possibilities and fun. Then make a big, carefree splash. I guarantee you that they'll remember that moment for the rest of their lives, and so will you.

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screen veteran Arthur Kennedy as the sadistic Don Vito, who uses his soap factory to melt down his rivals into fragrant bars of product.

Good fun for gore hounds, but if you're a stickler for little things like dramatic tension and classy production values, then you are advised to seek your brand of thrills elsewhere.

Best line: "Don't you know by now that I can't stand soap or men who sweat?"

1973, unrated.

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Stewart to leave Gibbs, become owner-driver in '09

by CHRIS JENKINS
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JOLIET, Ill. — Tony Stewart knows he's taking a gamble by leaving NASCAR's elite Joe Gibbs Racing team to join one that usually runs in the middle of the pack.

But Stewart also can imagine what it might feel like to be in victory lane at the Daytona 500 both as a driver and a car owner, so it's a risk he's willing to take.

Having recently negotiated a release from his Gibbs contract at the end of this season, the two-time Cup series cham-

pion announced Thursday that he will join the team currently known as Haas-CNC as an owner-driver in 2009.

"There's no guarantees that this is going to be successful," Stewart said. "But after sitting down and evaluating what the potential of this team is, I wouldn't have made this decision if I didn't think it would be successful and if I didn't think it had the potential to be great."

Stewart will be given a 50 percent ownership stake in the team, which will be renamed Stewart-Haas Racing. The two-car team currently fields

the No. 66 car for Scott Riggs and the No. 70 car for Jason Leffler, and both cars are outside the top 35 in owners points going into Saturday's race at Chicagoland Speedway.

The move had been widely anticipated, but Stewart confirmed it to his current crew members and other Gibbs employees at the team's race shop Wednesday.

"I wondered how it was going to feel," Stewart said. "I wondered how everybody was going to react."

But Stewart said after he spoke, several employees

stood in line to congratulate him.

"We could never be mad or hold that against him," said Stewart's longtime crew chief, Greg Zipadelli. "His success, our success as a group, would not be possible without him."

Stewart said the hardest part about his decision to leave was the fact that Zipadelli isn't coming with him. Zipadelli will stay with Gibbs, and may end up being paired with 18-year-old racing phenomenon Joey Logano on the No. 20 team next year.



photo by Stacy Blanton

TIMEWAITSFORNOONE was a recent winner at Thunder Ridgeway Raceway. The exciting harness racing continued this weekend at the Floyd County track.

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Sportsplex to host Back to School Basketball Camp

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SOFT SHELL — The modern, state-of-the-art Knott County Sportsplex will host the Back to School Basketball Camp on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The one-day fundamental basketball camp will feature instruction from former professional and college basketball players and coaches. Former University of Kentucky and University of Louisville players will be among the camp staff.

Each camper will receive a T-shirt, shorts and participation trophy. In addition to receiving instruction from former pro and college players, camp participants will have the opportunity to compete in various competitions. Over 200 trophies and medals will be handed out during the one-day camp. Four four-foot Top Camper trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the camp, which is for boys and girls ages 4-16. All campers will be grouped in their respective age groups (4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-16).

Cost of the camp is \$60 per participant. Two siblings can attend the camp for \$100. Three or more siblings in the same immediate family can attend the camp for \$40 apiece. Campers who register on the morning of the camp will be charged \$75.

Lunch will be provided. Each camper will also receive Back to School coupons for area businesses valued at over \$100. Over 50 prizes — basketball and non-basketball-related — will be handed out during the post-camp awards ceremony.

Camp applications are available at the Knott County Sportsplex and area businesses throughout Eastern Kentucky. Completed camp applications should be mailed to Back to School Basketball Camp, P.O. Box 1677, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

For more information on the Back to School Basketball Camp, email slsports@suddenlink.net or call 606-534-7177.

Bass hitting topwater lures

by HAYLEY LYNCH
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — Along with warm temperatures and long days, summer brings topwater action to bass anglers. Now is one of the best times of the year to catch fish on surface presentations.

"When fish are more active because of warmer temperatures this time of year, they are more likely to feed on the surface," said Dave Dreves, a fisheries research biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "A lot of people think when it's hot, the fish don't feed as much. Well, their metabolisms are higher, so they have to eat."

Dreves says largemouth bass are biting on the water's surface in ponds now, while white bass and hybrid striped bass, as well

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LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS '08



HAROLD-ALLEN-PRATER 9-10s

The Harold-Allen-Prater 9-10-year-old All-Stars won a pair of games in the district tournament held at Paintsville. Harold-Allen-Prater, Prestonsburg and Beaver Creek represented Floyd County in the district Little League tournament. Paintsville, Belfry, Phelps, Whitesburg and Knott County were among the other charters playing in the postseason Little League tournaments.



Southern Nationals headed into fourth season

by CHRIS TILLEY
SOUTHERN NATIONALS

BRASSTOWN, NC — The O'Reilly Auto Parts Southern Nationals Series will feature 10 different events in just 13 days while racing in five different states.

The series will hold event number one at the Wythe Raceway in Rural Retreat, Va. on Monday night, paying \$3,500-to-win/\$450-to-start. Last year's winner at Wythe Raceway was Chris Madden of Gray Court, SC, who then went on to claim three main event wins and the 2007 title. Madden is also the all-time series winner at six in just the three years of operation for the

Ray Cook-promoted southern traveling group.

The second event on the tour will be on Tuesday night at the Cherokee Speedway in Gaffney, SC paying, \$3,500-to-win/\$450-to-start. The winner during last year's stop was Madden.

The series will take Wednesday off and prepare for first-ever stop on Thursday night to the Hartwell Speedway in Hartwell, Ga., paying \$3,500-to-win/\$450-to-start. The series will also make a first-time visit to the Swainsboro Speedway in Swainsboro, Ga., Friday night, paying \$5,300-to-win/\$530-to-start.

On Saturday night, the series will then visit the

Screven Motor Speedway in Sylvania, Ga. for a \$5,300-to-win/\$530-to-start event which concludes the three-day swing into the Peach State. Former series winners at the track include Henry Carter in 2006 and Jimmy Sharpe in 2007.

The O'Reilly Auto Parts Southern Nationals Series will take next Sunday off before heading to the Green Valley Speedway in Glencoe, Ala. on Monday night July 21. The first-time series visit will pay \$3,500 to the winner and \$450-to-start.

On Tuesday night, the series will make a visit to the Crossville Raceway in Crossville, Tenn. for a \$3,500-to-win/\$450-to-start event. Rain was last year's

winner during the event.

Purse for \$3,500-to-win events: 1. \$3,500, 2. \$2,000, 3. \$1,200, 4. \$800, 5. \$600, 6. \$580, 7. \$570, 8. \$560, 9. \$550, 10. \$540, 11. \$530, 12. \$520, 13. \$510, 14. \$500, 15. \$495, 16. \$490, 17. \$485, 18. \$480, 19. \$475, 20. \$470, 21. \$465, 22. \$460, 23. \$455, 24. \$450. \$17,685 — Total.

Purse for \$5,300 to win events: 1. \$5,300, 2. \$2,500, 3. \$1,500, 4. \$1,000, 5. \$900, 6. \$800, 7. \$750, 8. \$725, 9. \$700, 10. \$675, 11. \$650, 12. \$625, 13. \$600, 14. \$590, 15. \$580, 16. \$575, 17. \$570, 18. \$560, 19. \$555, 20. \$550, 21. \$545, 22. \$540, 23. \$535, 24. \$530. \$22,855 — Total.

Goose Creek Symphony set to play at Blackcat Stadium

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Legendary band Goose Creek Symphony will perform tonight at 8 p.m. at Prestonsburg High School's Blackcat Stadium. Tickets for the concert are \$15. Blackcat alumnus Nick Jamerson and his band will open for Goose Creek Symphony at 7 p.m.

The Blackcat Touchdown Club is sponsoring the concert.

Meet the Blackcats Day is scheduled to get underway at 6 p.m.



MARTIAL ARTISTS UNITE

photo courtesy of Family Academy of Martial Arts

Midwest Academy of Taekwon-Do, located in Elgin, Ill., recently visited the Family Academy of Martial Arts gym in Prestonsburg.

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Feeding an addiction for Reds baseball

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

The Bible says pretty clearly we are to confess our faults. It says its "good for the soul."

So here goes:

My name is Rick, and I'm a Reds-aholic.

I don't know when this happened. Actually, I have a pretty fair idea. The Bible also says honesty is the best policy. Maybe not in so many words, but it's in there. As I've heard it said, you can look it up.

It all started last April when I struck a deal with a lady representing a satellite company. The details of the deal aren't important, but let's just say I drove a hard bargain, stuck to my guns and in the end, I got what I was after.

In addition I got 145 of the 162 Reds games piped right into my house.

I grew up a Reds fan. I remember the Big Red Machine, loved Bench and Rose and Morgan and Perez and the rest. Sparky Anderson was the best manager in the world and if Marty Brennaman said it, I believed it.

Then came 1980 and cable made its way to Rockhouse. With it came about 300 Braves games a year and my chance to watch nearly every swing of their young superstar, Dale Murphy. I was hooked on a new team, one I could actually watch. I only saw the Reds occasionally, usually when they played the Braves or the Cubs.

It's hard to follow a team you never see, so I put the Reds on the back burner, in my mind's equivalent of their normal position in the standings during that time: Last place.

But that all began to change last year when the Braves were down to 45 games on TBS and the Reds were on 145 times. The deal was sealed last September when TBS and the Braves parted company, meaning I'd only see them on ESPN or when they played the Reds. Even WGN seems to have given up on the Cubs these days.

Last year was alright, I'd guess. I'd watch the Reds as I could, following them more often than in the past but not developing any obsession or anything.

Something different happened this spring. I can't really explain what it is, but it's different.

For one thing, the young pitchers are fun to watch. Johnny Cueto was masterful in his first game of the season, and Edinson Volquez has been nothing short

Bass

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as largemouth bass, are biting in reservoirs. Smallmouth bass are feeding on top in streams. Bass generally bite best on topwater baits during the morning and evening.

Shad that were spawned a few months ago are now big enough to catch the attention of bass. Try chuggers that resemble these baitfish, such as a white or silver Pop-R or Chug Bug. Dreves also recommends surface lures with propellers on the back or both back and front. Size can range from 2 1/2 to 5 inches. Dreves suggests fishing a Zara Spook using a "walk the dog" retrieve. Use your wrist to create a rhythmic retrieve.

Letting the lure twitch back and forth on a slack line. Dreves notes that since the 17-year cicada emergence has ended, bass may now key on frogs and other surface prey. Try a frog-imitating lure in green or brown. "I grew up fishing in farm ponds where I would throw a Snag Proof Frog around the edges of the pond on top of filamentous algae - commonly called moss," said Dreves.

"You can throw a frog on top of those thick mats, and the bass will blow up through the vegetation and eat the frog. It's a real exciting way to fish."

Anglers should also try buzzbaits and spinnerbaits for summer topwater action. "Most of the time, buzzbaits are used in the early morning," said John Williams, southeast fisheries district coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "Anglers switch to something a little slower and a little deeper later on."

Some anglers prefer a dou-

ble buzzbait for added noise and action. Bass strike these lures out of irritation, to get the intruder out of their territory - so the more commotion, the better. Good colors are white, chartreuse and black. Buzzbaits must be retrieved quickly so they don't sink.

"The water's warm so the fish ought to be active," said Williams. "I would think burning them, with a fairly fast retrieve would work right now."

Night fishing is warming up now as anglers try to beat the summer heat. Try spinnerbaits in black, fished just under the surface at night. Jitterbugs in black are another good choice. Use either a steady retrieve or work the lure 4-5 feet at a time, and pause for a few seconds between retrieves. Chuggers also work well at night. Williams recommends anglers try fishing these lures over shallow flats.

Finally, be patient. The thrill of watching a bass strike your lure on the water's surface may cause you to set the hook too quickly.

"If you set the hook when you see the strike, you'll pull the lure out of the fish's mouth," cautioned Dreves. "Make yourself wait till you feel the strike before setting the hook."

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Rodriguez, Michigan to pay WVU \$4 Million

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. - Former West Virginia University football coach Rich Rodriguez and the University of Michigan have agreed to pay a \$4 million buyout clause and settle a lawsuit that WVU filed after he broke his contract in December.

Rodriguez will pay \$1.5 million in three annual payments beginning January 2010. The Wolverines athletic department, his new employer, will pay \$2.5 million by the end of July and cover Rodriguez's legal fees, the University of Michigan said in a statement.

"To help Rich focus on the challenges ahead, we have worked with him to resolve the dispute between him and West Virginia University over the terms of his buyout," Michigan athletic director Bill Martin said. "Although he continues to disagree with the validity of the terms, Rich and the rest of us at Michigan felt that it would be best to get this distracting issue behind us."

The WVU Board of Governors held a special meeting Wednesday and approved the agreement, settling a case that attorneys Tom Flaherty and Jeff Wakefield were set to try this fall.

"It's a case that should have settled a long time ago and could have settled a long time ago. It's in the best interest of everyone to resolve it," Flaherty said.

A call to Ohio attorney

Marv Robon, representing Rodriguez, was not immediately returned. Rodriguez's agent, Mike Brown, declined comment.

Gov. Joe Manchin, meanwhile, issued a statement urging an end to the acrimony.

"I am happy that this seems to be coming to a conclusion and believe, as I'm sure many other West Virginians do, that with this agreement in place, it's now time to move on," he said.

Rodriguez quit the Mountaineers in December for the head coaching job at Michigan, only a year after extending his contract with WVU. He had argued that WVU broke the contract first by failing to honor certain promises - a charge WVU denied.

The settlement was reached on what had been a key deadline in the case. As part of the discovery process, a judge had given Rodriguez until the end of Tuesday to reveal whether the University of Michigan or anyone else had agreed to pay WVU on his behalf.

Flaherty said a document was produced, but he could not immediately divulge its contents.

Adding pressure to Rodriguez was a lawsuit WVU filed in a Michigan court last week, asking a judge to order Bill Martin and president Mary Sue Coleman to testify in depositions. A hearing on that request had been set for Wednesday afternoon. WVU also recently got an

Ohio court to issue a subpoena for testimony and records from Mike Wilcox, Rodriguez's financial adviser.

The Rodriguez camp approached the university with a "significant and serious offer" within the past few days, and WVU responded with a counterproposal Tuesday, Flaherty said. That set off a series of meetings with a court-appointed mediator, Frank Fragale.

"Mike Garrison and the people at Stewart Hall worked tirelessly - under the very, very difficult circumstances that he's in - to get this done," Flaherty said. "They also, in my opinion, did everything they could to keep Mr. Rodriguez here."

Garrison is stepping down as WVU's president Sept. 1 over an unrelated scandal involving a master's degree the university wrongly awarded to the governor's daughter last fall.

The \$4 million liquidated damages clause was suggested by an attorney on the WVU Board of Governors in December 2006, after Rodriguez turned down an offer from Alabama.

It was double the amount of the previous contract, but a number attorney Steve Farmer said he believed would protect WVU from lost marketing, merchandising and other opportunities if Rodriguez left early.

Though Rodriguez initially balked, he ultimately signed a contract with that figure in

August 2007. He resigned Dec. 16, taking recruits and assistant coaches with him, and leaving the Mountaineers just before the Fiesta Bowl game against Oklahoma. Bill Stewart replaced Rodriguez after a 48-28 victory over the Sooners.

Stewart has a five-year contract worth \$800,000 a year, plus incentives. The base salary totals \$4 million, the same amount WVU aimed to recover with its lawsuit.

Rodriguez testified recently in a deposition that he signed his contract under pressure from board members and Manchin. He argued that WVU failed to honor some of his demands and Garrison assured him the buyout clause would be reduced or eliminated if he were to resign - a promise Garrison denies making.

Rodriguez also testified that while he considered the amount "excessive" and "unfair," he acquiesced when he was told a major WVU donor had insisted on it.

WVU booster Ken Kendrick, managing general partner of the Arizona Diamondbacks, had insisted on the \$4 million.

"I don't think that anybody wins in litigation," he said. "The university needs to get on with its business and Rich Rodriguez needs to get on with his business at Michigan."

Rodriguez has agreed to a similar \$4 million damages clause at Michigan.

Arizona hoops recruit Jennings opts to play in Europe

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON, Ariz. - Arizona signee Brandon Jennings will pursue a professional basketball career in Europe, backing out on his commitment to the Wildcats.

"Over the course of the last two months I have consulted a number of people in basketball before coming to this decision," Jennings said in a statement released Tuesday night through his attorney, Jeff Valle. "I would like to thank the University of Arizona for their interest and support through this process."

Jennings, who played his final two high school seasons for Oak Hill Academy in Virginia, had not yet become academically eligible to play at Arizona.

He had been awaiting the results of a third college entrance exam, but decided instead to give up his scholarship, Valle

said in a phone interview Tuesday night from his Los Angeles office.

"We don't know the results of the test," Valle said. "He's been trying to make this decision as he waited through the eligibility process."

Jennings was rated one of the top point guard recruits in the country and was expected to start for the Wildcats this season.

Jennings could not jump to the NBA, which requires players to be at least one year removed from their high school classes graduation before being eligible to play in the league.

Valle said several European teams have expressed interest in Jennings, but would not reveal where his client might be headed.

"We're disappointed in terms of Brandon's decision, but we want to wish him the best of luck," Arizona coach Luke

Olson said in a statement. "We hope that things turn out well for him in the future."

EKU suspends player charged in violent shoplifting: Eastern Kentucky University football player Davin Walker pleaded not guilty in a violent shoplifting case that severed part of a shopper's thumb.

The 22-year-old senior wide receiver entered his plea Monday in Richmond.

A statement Monday afternoon by university athletic department spokesman Michael Clark said Walker had been suspended indefinitely.

Police arrested Walker on Thursday after officers said he fled from Wal-Mart employees.

Police Sergeant Willard Reardon said as Walker was running, a shopping cart was overturned, tearing off the tip of a 69-year-old woman's thumb.

Walker's hometown is Miami.

Gladiators advance to Arena conference finals

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DULUTH, Ga. - Raymond Philyaw completed 20 or 20 passes for 295 yards and eight touchdowns to lead the Cleveland Gladiators to a 73-70 victory against the Georgia Force in the Arena Football League playoffs Monday night.

Cleveland will play at Philadelphia in the National Conference championship game Saturday, with a chance to play in the Arena Bowl in New Orleans on July 27.

Otis Amey had six catches for 130 yards and three touchdowns for Cleveland, and Robert Redd added five catches for 43 yards and three scores.

Chris Greisen was 29-for-39 for 343 yards and eight touchdowns passes for Georgia.

Troy Bergeron had a game-high 14 catches for 178 yards and four touchdowns. Tiger Jones caught four touchdown passes.

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Tennessee announces new contracts for Fulmer, Pearl

TIMES STAFF REPORT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - The University of Tennessee Athletics Departments has announced new contracts for two of the school's high profile coaches - Phillip Fulmer and Bruce Pearl. Discussions regarding Pat Summitt's contract are ongoing.

"I can say unequivocally that we have two of the best coaches in America, and I am

excited to know they will continue to be ambassadors of our great university for many years to come. Their roles in the community, as fundraisers for both athletics and the university itself are unparalleled," said UT President John Petersen. "UT Athletics has a tremendous economic impact on our University, city and state. These coaches and their respective programs have helped put UT and Knoxville

on the map."

Both Fulmer and Pearl received contract extensions and raises.

All funding for the athletics department, including coaches' salaries, is from monies generated by athletics' resources and not from appropriated funding by the state of Tennessee or other university-related revenues.

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Stewart

"For myself, I think you've got to look at what's best for me, where am I most comfortable, and where are my obligations," Zipadelli said. "They're with Joe Gibbs Racing. My guys have supported me and most of them have continued to work with me for 10 years or more. That's important to me."

A plan to stay involved in NASCAR after he's done driving is important to Stewart, who already has several financial interests in racing - including ownership of sprint car teams and grassroots race tracks.

Stewart and Haas-CNC general manager Joe Custer did not directly confirm the financial details of Stewart's ownership stake in the team. But both Custer and Stewart strongly hinted that adding Stewart's name and fame to the marquee was enough, and he wouldn't be investing a large chunk of his own money.

Is that really enough to warrant giving him half the team? "He doesn't just put his

name on it. He puts his heart into it," Custer said. "What's Tony Stewart's heart worth?"

The other 50 percent of the team is owned by Haas Automation, a California-based machine tool builder. The company's founder, Gene Haas, began serving a two-year prison sentence for tax evasion in January.

Custer said Gene Haas was not involved in making the deal with Stewart. It was approved by another Haas executive, general manager Bob Murray.

Stewart said the team's sponsors and second driver for next season have not been finalized. It has been speculated that Ryan Newman, who currently drives for Penske, could end up as Stewart's new teammate.

The addition of Stewart - perhaps joined by another big-name driver and some big-money sponsors - could go a long way toward boosting the performance of the team. They already have good equipment, getting their cars and engines

from the Hendrick Motorsports team.

But what if they continue to struggle early on next season? Can Stewart handle running in the middle of the pack after years of running up front and contending for championships?

"I feel like that we have the variables in place to go out and be competitive right away," Stewart said. "At the same time, we know it's a rebuilding process and it's going to be an adjustment period. How long is this adjustment period going to take? We don't know."

Zipadelli said Stewart has matured in recent years, perhaps allowing him to better weather short-term challenges.

"He's done a much better job at controlling his emotions on the bad days, when situations aren't quite to his liking," Zipadelli said. "I think if he doesn't start off with the success he's used to or wants, then when he gets it, it's going to be much more fulfilling knowing that he took it from what it is to hopefully what it will be."

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of sensational since coming over from the Rangers. It was easy to get excited about them.

Then came the first week of May. We made a journey to Great American on the day the Reds embarrassed the Cubs 9-0 thanks to seven - 7! - home runs, three off the bat of young first baseman Joey Votto.

But I really blame my addiction on the next trip to the park. It was May 31 when the Reds played the Braves - a team I now say is dead to me - to end the first week of the Jay Bruce Administration.

Bruce was just mind-boggling that first week, and accomplished something I thought to be not possible: He actually had Junior Griffey and Adam Dunn visibly excited and hustling. True, it didn't

last long, but it was nice to see some bounce return to the step of Griffey the Second for the first time since leaving Seattle.

And on that afternoon, Bruce capped off his first week in the big

leagues with a game-ending, 10th-inning home run, and an entire stadium full of Reds fans were writing his acceptance speech to Cooperstown.

Since then, it's been on. I've been to Great American five times this season, which is about as many times as I went to Riverfront in the 1990s. I'll be back in a couple of weeks - this time on the clock - to bring my season total to seven.

Whereas in the past I'd catch them for a couple of innings most nights, now I set

the DVR and zoom through entire games. I watch even if Bronson Arroyo is melting down or Dunn is dancing around fly balls in left field.

Soon, though, school will be back in session and my chances for getaways will be drastically limited. Perhaps my addiction will fade away as the Reds fall deeper and deeper into the depths of baseball's best division.

But I'll tell you the truth, I do feel good about the future of this club. I think the days of Junior and Dunn are numbered, which is sad in many ways. This team needs some veteran leadership, but to be honest, if they're providing it now it's in the quiet of the clubhouse. They certainly aren't setting a dazzling exam-

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In the courtroom: Henry to be retried

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Former Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chris Henry will be tried again on a misdemeanor assault charge, and his attorney says he's broke.

Attorney Perry Ancona filed a motion asking for taxpayers to pay for a transcript of his first trial.

"He has no funds whatsoever and can't even meet his current obligations," Ancona said.

Henry's new trial was set Tuesday to begin July 14.

Hamilton County Municipal Judge Richard Bernat declared a mistrial last week when jurors said they couldn't reach a unanimous verdict.

Henry, a wide receiver drafted in the 2005 third round out of West Virginia, signed a five-year contract for about \$6 million.

Henry's \$360,000 Florence, Ky., house was auctioned in May when he failed to pay the mort-

gage. His SUV was repossessed last month while he was in court.

The Bengals released Henry on April 3 after his fifth arrest since 2005, and last month he was suspended indefinitely by the NFL.

He was arrested after a March 31 incident in which he was accused of punching Gregory Meyer, 18, in the head. Henry claims Meyer was the aggressor and that he was defending himself.

Torn ACLs, other big injuries hit little athletes

Youngsters now face same pitfalls as idols

by LAURAN NEERGAARD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A 14-year-old gymnast with a stress fracture in her lower back. A 12-year-old who tore his ACL in a soccer game. A 16-year-old runner with a leg stress fracture. A 15-year-old who tore his meniscus playing basketball.

A single morning's patients for Harvard's Dr. Mininder Kocher provides a window into a troubling trend: Injuries once seen mostly in adult athletes are becoming distressingly common in youth athletes — not just in high school, but in Little League and Pee Wee Football.

These aren't simple injuries. In the past decade, "Tommy John" surgeries to repair elbows blown out playing baseball — an operation named for a famous baseball pitcher — have almost tripled among adolescents at a high-

profile Alabama clinic, a meeting of sports medicine specialists will be told by researchers this week.

Worse, some injuries don't have good treatments for young patients. The surgery that fixed the torn ACL in Tiger Woods' knee, for instance, can thwart the growth of a young child's leg. Kocher, an orthopedic surgeon at Children's Hospital Boston, is about to begin a government-funded study to figure out the best treatment for children who tear that anterior cruciate ligament while growth plates around the knee still are active.

But no matter how well certain injuries heal for now, Kocher worries about the long-term consequences for little joints.

"I wonder what these kids are going to be like 20 to 30 years down the road," he says. "Will we have a whole generation of middle-aged adults with early arthritis?"

Why the sudden influx? Orthopedic surgeons say that today's youth sports are more intense, with players often picking just one to specialize in as young as 8. And they can play and train in some sports

virtually year-round — with a school team, recreation league, travel league, summer camp.

"Youth athletes are not the same as small adults," says Dr. E. Lyle Cain Jr. of the Andrews Sports Medicine & Orthopaedic Center in Birmingham, Ala. Certain types of injuries "can cause permanent damage that affect their future growth."

More than 3.5 million children 14 and under receive medical treatment for sports-related injuries each year. Along with the typical sprains and strains are a lot of overuse injuries — stress fractures, tendonitis, cartilage damage.

Pitching offers a prime example. The Andrews clinic counts a five- to six-fold increase in serious shoulder and elbow injuries in youth baseball and softball since 2000.

The worst is a torn ulnar collateral ligament on the inside of the elbow. By 2006, nearly a third of Tommy John surgeries to repair it were on patients under 18, Cain will tell a meeting of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine.

Prompted by such research, Little League Baseball last

year limited how many pitches youngsters of different ages can throw before mandatory rest periods.

Then there's the notoriously painful torn ACL — not an overuse injury but one that can happen to anyone who lands wrong while pivoting on a knee.

It was long thought a rarity in childhood. But among males, one in five torn ACLs occurs before age 18; the figure is 30 percent among females, Kocher says.

In 2006, McCall Maddox of Jacksboro, Texas, tore his ACL during Pee Wee Football at age 12. Three doctors refused to do surgery until he was 16 and had quit growing, ordering no running until then. Join the swim team, one advised.

Why? Standard ACL repair involves drilling through the leg's growth plates, risking a stunting of any still-to-come growth.

McCall was devastated. He was a good athlete and in his small town, "we don't have a swim team. We don't have a chess club. We don't have any other options," says McCall's mother, Roxanna Maddox.

She sought out Kocher in

Boston, who repairs children's ACLs in a different way: Winding the new ligament around the shinbone instead of drilling. Kocher reports patients doing well five to eight years later but acknowledges a big question: "Will it hold up 20, 30 years down the line" like the adult surgery does?

McCall took a chance with the operation and, after six months of sometimes grueling physical therapy, he was back playing football and basketball and running track in seventh grade.

"Was his mother nervous? Absolutely," Maddox says with a laugh. But McCall had "no trouble, none. ... It was a risk worth taking."

But such success stories don't make scientific proof. So Kocher is joining Dr. Allen Anderson of Nashville — whose own pediatric ACL repair involves drilling near but not through growth plates — and about 10 hospitals around the country to compare the different surgeries or waiting to operate, to find the best approach.

Until then, Kocher has some easy advice: Try old-fashioned play, like jumping

rope, playing hopscotch, climbing trees. High school teams now are trained to avoid ACL tears with core-body conditioning and tips on bending knees for jumping — things younger kids can learn on their own just by having fun.

"A lot of the stuff kids used to do in free play was ACL prevention," he says. "Now they don't get that, and they jump into high-level soccer."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Lauran Neergaard covers health and medical issues for The Associated Press in Washington.

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Reds rip Cubs with 7 homers

by RICK GANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — David Ross and the Cincinnati Reds felt right at home with the wind blowing out of Wrigley Field on Thursday.

The Chicago Cubs' friendly confines was even nicer to a visiting team, for once.

Ross hit two of Cincinnati's seven homers, a long-ball barrage that included Ken Griffey Jr.'s 605th, and the Reds avoided a sweep with a 12-7 victory.

It was only Chicago's 11th home loss this season.

"It was a hot and humid day and I've seen that ball travel here on these kind of days big time. Anything that was up in the air, you were always nervous," said Reds manager Dusty Baker, who skipped the Cubs for four years and knows all about wild games at the neighborhood park.

"That was big for the offense to break out like that and keep scoring. In this ballpark you're never comfortable. I don't care what the lead is, especially with the offense that they have over there."

Edwin Encarnacion, Brandon Phillips, Adam Dunn and Joey Votto also homered

with the wind blowing out at 12 mph on a muggy day. The Reds tied their season high for homers — they also had seven against the Cubs at their long-ball-friendly yard, Great American Ball Park, on May 7.

Backup catcher Ross had one homer all season before hitting solo shots in the fifth off Jon Lieber and seventh off newly acquired Chad Gaudin.

"I had a chance to play today and made the most of it," Ross said. "I think everybody wants to hit when the wind is blowing out here."

Griffey hit a three-run drive off reliever Michael Wuertz as Cincinnati scored four times in the fourth to take an 8-3 lead. He also had a run-scoring double and finished with four RBIs.

"We were just trying to get base hits. Sometimes you get the ball in the air and it can go out," Griffey said. "The wind was blowing out."

Griffey's 12th homer of the season got him within four of tying Sammy Sosa for fifth on the career list with 609.

The Reds chased Ted Lilly (9-6) after 2 2-3 innings, his shortest outing of the season. The left-hander gave up six hits and four runs before he was removed by manager Lou

Piniella.

"An ugly inning," Lilly said of the third. "I understand why Lou wanted to go in a different direction."

Mike Fontenot homered for Chicago, which dropped to 35-11 at home.

All-Star outfielder Kosuke Fukudome fouled a ball off his leg in the eighth and was replaced in the field in the ninth. Fukudome said he was OK but playing every day could be wearing on the Cubs' first-year player.

He struck out three times and went 0-for-5 as his average dropped to .282.

"It looks to me like he's swinging awfully tired," Piniella said.

Chicago cut it to 8-5 on Fontenot's two-run drive in the fourth but Ross went deep in the fifth and Dunn's long drive to right in the sixth cleared the stadium and landed on the other side of Sheffield Ave.

Piniella said he lost track of how many homers the Reds hit. "I know the one Dunn hit counted for two," he cracked.

Derrek Lee had an RBI double in the first and Ryan Theriot delivered a two-out, two-run single in the second to help the Cubs build a 3-1 lead.

Notes: Cincinnati finished with 18 hits. ... It was Ross' eighth career multihomer game. ... RHP Rich Harden, acquired by the Cubs on Tuesday from Oakland, threw a light bullpen session on Thursday. Harden could be on a pitch limit of about 100 when he makes his Cubs' debut on Saturday against the Giants. ... Baker said the team likely will recall RHP Homer Bailey from Triple-A Louisville to start on Sunday in place of Aaron Harang, who had an MRI on Thursday that came back normal. It showed he has a strained right forearm. ... INF Jolbert Cabrera (dislocated left index finger), currently on a minor league rehab assignment, is expected to return to the Reds shortly after the All-Star break. ... In the bottom of the second, Lilly's line drive foul ball struck a youngster sitting in the seats about 20 rows behind the Cubs' dugout on the third base side. The youngster was carried out of the stands. A first aid employee said the youngster was taken to the hospital and appeared to be OK. Lilly said he was unaware the kid had been struck.



photos courtesy of Family Academy of Martial Arts
Students from Midwest Academy, a school in Illinois, visited Family Academy of Martial Arts last month.



Kentucky could ban steroids in racing as early as this summer

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
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LEXINGTON — Kentucky's racing officials are preparing to vote soon on whether to ban steroids for racchorses.

Gov. Steve Beshear disbanded the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority last week and replaced it with the renamed Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. Some of Beshear's hand-picked board members said after an organizational meeting Wednesday that the governor made the changes in part because he wants the steroid issue put on a faster track.

"I know he's very against steroids and he wants us to be a leader as far as the treatment of horses," said Tracy Farmer, the commission's new vice chairman. "This is our No. 1 industry in the state. We want to make the right decisions, and not next year. This thing has been studied to death."

Executive director Lisa Underwood said she expects the commission will vote on a steroid ban by the end of the summer. It holds its regular July meeting on Monday, then will next meet in August.

Although at least 10 states have approved a model steroid ban being touted across the industry, the host state of the Kentucky Derby remains a high-profile holdout.

Movement against steroids gained steam after the Triple Crown races this year. Big Brown cruised to victory in the Derby and Preakness with a legal steroid in his bloodstream, then didn't get a dose before the Belmont Stakes and was eased by jockey Kent Desormeaux, finishing last.

There remains debate as to how much steroids can improve a horse's performance, considering that often in racing, huge bulk can ham-

per a competitor. Originally horses took steroids for medical reasons, but lately some studies have shown the drugs spike an animal's appetite and speed up muscle repair after rigorous workouts.

A Kentucky drug research council, led by former authority vice chairwoman Connie Whitfield, created a subcommittee that could recommend a steroid ban as early as next week. However, Whitfield, wife of Republican congressman Ed Whitfield, was among the board members not retained by the Democratic governor. She didn't immediately return a call from The Associated Press Wednesday.

Robert Beck, who remains as the commission's chairman, said there are fewer barriers now to enacting a ban, but he didn't specify which ones were there previously.

"I think we're going to be able to streamline some of the processes and get some things done quicker than maybe we were before the reorganization," Beck said.

The swearing-in of new board members came just one day after the arrival of the commission's new medical director, Mary Scollay. Scollay had previously served as a veterinarian at two Florida racetracks and has been working on compiling a national database to track thoroughbred fatalities.

Scollay says she'll need to take a little time to examine the potential steroid tests Kentucky is considering giving to horses, but she says she supports moving swiftly on the issue.

"It's absolutely a priority, and I don't think there's anybody who would dispute that," Scollay said. "We need to do it, and we need to move forward. Philosophically we're all very close to being on the same page."

Safe at home: Host teams dominating in MLB

by RONALD BLUM
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NEW YORK — Fans who root, root, root for the home team are leaving ballparks a lot happier this year.

Home teams have won nearly 57 percent of games, the highest figure in the major leagues since 1978. They had a 778-590 record entering Thursday, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, which comes to a .569 winning percentage. Last year's mark was .542.

Boston is 34-10 at Fenway Park and just 21-29 on the road, and the Chicago Cubs are 35-11 at Wrigley Field and 20-26 away from home. Four of the six division leaders have losing records on the road, with the Cubs joined by the Chicago White Sox, Arizona and Tampa Bay.

"There should be no reason we should sweep the White

Sox at home and get swept at their place, because everybody's sleeping in their own beds," Cubs second baseman Mark DeRosa said. "It's not like we're flying somewhere, changing times and having to readjust. I can't figure out why. You can understand in different sports, especially football, where home-field advantage is such a key."

DeRosa sure has it right when it comes to other sports.

Home teams had a .601 winning percentage in the NBA last season — it was as high as .628 in 2002-03.

In the NFL, home teams were at .574 last year, down from .613 in 2003.

But baseball, where so much depends on starting pitchers, traditionally has been less influenced by which team wears home whites.

Home teams were at .517 in the strike-interrupted 1994 season, the lowest percentage

since division play began in 1969. The highest mark since then was .573 in 1978.

Homefield advantage would be even more pronounced this year without interleague play: NL clubs were just 56-70 at their ballparks against the AL.

"It could be one of those cycles, where every team has found a grouping of players that really play well in their park," Los Angeles Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "When you're trying to build a team that's going to play 81 games in the same ballpark, you certainly want to pay attention to the little nuances of your park and the type of offensive club you have to bring onto the field."

Having last licks also plays into it.

"When a game is tied and you're at home, you normally bring in your best pitcher, which is your closer, and he helps you get to your next at-

bat," Yankees center fielder Johnny Damon said. "When you're the road team, you don't necessarily bring in your top guy."

Mariano Rivera's four wins this season have all come at Yankee Stadium after he entered with the score tied in the top of the ninth.

And then there is the intimidation factor, especially on the East Coast, which tends to attract more rabid fans. Fenway Park has had 432 consecutive regular-season sellouts dating to 2003.

"Playing at Fenway and winning there might be a little bit of an advantage because of the atmosphere," Red Sox first baseman Sean Casey said. "Maybe teams are backed up a little bit."

AP Sports Writer Janie McCauley and AP freelance writer John Kerber contributed to this report.

Reds

ple on the field. So I suppose it'll be left to Brandon Phillips to do that, and the second baseman isn't exactly long in the tooth. But he is a veteran and plays as hard as anybody could ever ask. He's been a terrific acqui-

sition from day one.

I think Votto and Bruce will be solid big league players for the next dozen or so years, and perhaps Jerry Hairston and Jeff Keppinger can solidify the left side of the infield. Or, if Edwin Encarnacion can set-

tle down at third, Hairston can join Bruce in the outfield.

The top half of the staff is set with Cueto and Volquez. Daryl Thompson showed all kinds of promise in his three starts with the big club, and I'm not sure I'm ready to

write off Homer Bailey just yet.

Down the road, I think this Reds team could be a contender. I think a lot of the pieces of the puzzle are in place. And baseball's best general manager is in house now too.

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NOTICE OF SALE
On the 13th day of May, 2008, the City Commission of the City of Wayland, Kentucky, adopted an Ordinance directing the sale, at public outcry, of a city electric power franchise. The Ordinance is in words and figures as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-001
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAYLAND, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT AND SALE OF A FRANCHISE AUTHORIZING THE OWNER THEREOF TO OWN, MAINTAIN, CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINES UPON, ALONG, OVER AND UNDER THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, BRIDGES, PUBLIC WAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF SAID CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, is incorporated under the provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statues, and desires to grant a franchise for an electric power company to own, maintain, construct and operate its electric power transmission and distribution lines upon, along, over and under the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, there exists a public necessity for adequate service of electric power and energy to the citizens of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, it appears that it is in the interest of the public that a franchise be advertised and sold, granting and entitling the grantee to use the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and public places for the erection, operation and maintenance of lines for the transmission and distribution of electric power to the citizens of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, and to persons, firms and corporations beyond the limits of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky.

THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAYLAND, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1
That there be sold at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, the franchise, privilege, right and authority to acquire, maintain, construct and operate in, above, under, across and along the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places (as the same now exist or may hereafter be laid out) of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, lines, poles, and equipment for the distribution of electric energy, either by means of overhead or underground conductors, with all necessary or desirable appurtenances for the purpose of supplying electric energy to said City and the inhabitants thereof, and persons and corporations beyond the limits thereof, for light, heat, power, and other purpose or purposes for which electric energy is now and may hereafter be used, and for the transmission of the same within, through or across said City.

SECTION 2
Said lines and appurtenances shall be constructed so as to interfere as little as possible with the traveling public in its use of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges and public places.

SECTION 3
The franchise, privilege, right and authority shall be in full force and effect for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of the passage of the ordinance granting it.

SECTION 4
The grantee of this franchise shall save the City harmless from any and all liability arising, in any way, from negligence of the grantee in the erection, maintenance or operation of said lines and appurtenances.

SECTION 5
The grantee of this franchise shall have the right and privilege to take up such portion or part of any pavement and make such excavation in the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City of Wayland, as may be deemed necessary for the construction and maintenance of its lines, wires, or cables, but whenever the grantee of the franchise shall begin the erection of any lines or other equipment, it shall promptly and diligently prosecute the work to completion and leave the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways, and other public places where such work is done in as good condition of repair as before such work was commented.

SECTION 6
Wherever in this franchise, either the City of Wayland, or the grantee thereof is referred to, it shall be deemed to include the respective successors and assigns of either, and all rights, privileges and obligations contained in this franchise shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of said City, and said grantee whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 7
The grantee of this franchise may make such rules and regulations covering the furnishing of said electric energy as may be fair and reasonable and consistent with the standard practice of the grantee. Said grantee may charge such rates for electric services as shall be fair and reasonable. The said grantee shall render service under said franchise of like quality that is adequate, efficient and reasonable to that now being rendered in said City.

SECTION 8
The consideration paid by the successful bidder for the franchise, privilege, right and authority provided for herein shall be complete compensation and consideration for said franchise, privilege and right, and for the use and occupancy of the streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways, and other places of the City in lieu of any street or alley rental, or to the charge for the use or occupancy of said streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, thoroughfares, public ways or public places of said City and in lieu of any pole tax or meter tax.

SECTION 9
Sharon Anderson, City Clerk of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, is hereby appointed Special Commissioner to sell said franchise, privilege, right and authority hereby ordered sold, and said Special Commissioner is directed to offer said franchise for sale at public auction and shall sell same to the highest bidder at the front door of the City Building in Floyd County, Kentucky, at 10 o'clock a.m., on August 4, 2008, after she has advertised the time, terms, conditions and place of sale, pursuant to law, by inserting a Notice of Sale in the Floyd County Times, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation in Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the date of said sale, said advertisement to include this Ordinance.

SECTION 10
Bids and proposals for the purchase and acquisition of the franchise, privilege, right and authority hereby granted shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Mayor upon the date and at the time fixed by the Special Commissioner in said advertising for receiving bids. Thereafter, the Special Commissioner shall report and submit to the City Commission at the time and place of its next regular meeting said bids and proposals for its approval, and said City Commission reserves the right for and on behalf of the City of Wayland to refuse any and all bids for said franchise, privilege, right and authority. In the event the bids reported by the Special Commissioner shall be refused by the said City Commission, it may direct, by resolution or ordinance, said franchise, privilege, right and authority to be again offered for sale from time to time, until a satisfactory bid therefor shall be received and approved. Each bid shall be accompanied by a deposit, and each bidder shall post bond in accordance with the provisions and requirements of KRS 96.020. However such deposit and bond need not be made by a corporation or person already owning in or adjacent to the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, a plant and equipment sufficient to render the service required by this Ordinance.

SECTION 11
Each bidder for said franchise, privilege and right shall file, as part of his bid, a certified copy of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Public Service Commission of Kentucky, issued under the authority of KRS 278.020(3).

SECTION 12
The ordinance granting this franchise shall be accepted by the grantee thereof within sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.
Approved this 13th day of May, 2008.

TOMMY ROBINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:
SHARON ANDERSON, Clerk

Introduction and First Reading, May 13, 2008.
Second Reading, June 10, 2008.

Pursuant to the direction of the City Commission of the City of Wayland, Kentucky, as set forth in the foregoing Ordinance, the undersigned will, on the 4th day of August, 2008, at the front door of the City Building in the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, at 10 a.m., offer for public sale, at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder, at electric franchise on the public streets and thoroughfares of the City of Wayland, Kentucky, which electric franchise shall be in terms set forth in the foregoing Ordinance, and said sale shall be made, in all respects, in accordance with the Ordinance set forth above, and all bidders will be required to comply with the terms of said Ordinance.

WITNESS, Sharon Anderson, City Clerk, and Special Commissioner, this 13th day of May, 2008.

SHARON ANDERSON, City Clerk and Special Commissioner

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Legals

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.

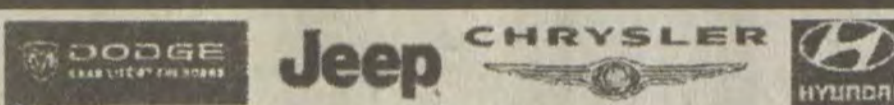
23 and located along Daniels Creek. The latitude is 37° 36' 39". The longitude is 82° 41' 52". (3) The proposed operation is on the Harold and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 ? minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Yancey L. Clark. The operation will underlie land owned by Yancey L. Clark, Daniels Creek Development Corp & Browning Family Partnership, Jimmy Burchett, Dale Mullins, B.B. Burchett, Paul Aiken, Patricia & Susan McGary, Pauline Foley, Edward & Nannie Burchett, Vernon Powers, Able & Hester Goble, Phyllis Crace, Norma Stepp, Joe B. Garrett, Wornie Garrett, Raymond Lowe, and B.M. Compton Estate. The operation will affect an area with-

in 100 feet of public road U.S. 23. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date

given that Equitable Gathering Inc., located at 126 Monument Drive in Dwale, KY 41621, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct an addition to the natural gas compressor facility in Dwale, KY. The property is located approximately 4.5 miles south of Prestonsburg in Dwale, KY, along the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

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