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In brief

W.Va. fines Massey, ICG

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia has levied the maximum fines against mine operators International Coal Group and Massey Energy for safety violations investigators say contributed to the deaths of two miners in accidents last May.

The Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training said Thursday ICG was fined \$10,000 apiece for two violations related to the May 30 death of contract worker run over by equipment at a Barbour County mine.

Spokesman Ira Gamm says ICG intends to contest the violations. ICG has operations in Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia.

Massey was fined \$10,000 for a violation found during the investigation of a May 16 electrocution at a Logan County mine. Massey spokesman Roger Hendriksen declined to comment.

Massey operates in West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia.

LEARNING FROM DISASTER



photos by Jack Latta

Students got hands on experience at last week's second annual First Responders camp held at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Students get hands-on emergency experience

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Sirens were blaring Friday after a wanted criminal stole a tanker truck from the Prestonsburg BP station and quickly lost control of the vehicle, upending it in the parking lot of the East Kentucky Science Center.

There, first responders battled the blaze, collected evidence and managed the disaster.

This was the scene two days ago during the East Kentucky Science Centers second annual First Responders Camp mock disaster, where youngsters from around Floyd County got hands-on experience in being an emergency responder.

"We started this camp last year to introduce the kids to careers in emergency response, and the science behind it," said Eric Thomas, director of the science center. "All the kids enjoy the

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After Friday's mock disaster students in the First Responders Camp gathered in a classroom in the East Kentucky Science Center to be debriefed on their experiences gathering evidence, fire fighting, providing emergency medical assistance, and team communications.

2 indicted for drugs, money laundering

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Indictments were handed down Wednesday in United States District Court in Pikeville against two men with Floyd County ties on three counts of drug-related charges.

According to court records, William and Paul Mitchell, "did conspire together and with others to knowingly and intentionally distribute oxycodone, a schedule II controlled substance."

Both were also charged with conspiring to "conduct financial transactions affecting interstate commerce, the purchase of controlled substances in Michigan ... and the unlawful distribution of controlled substances in Kentucky."

Paul Mitchell was singled out in the third count for trafficking in interstate commerce and the distribution of schedule II controlled substance.

The charges could carry a combined prison sentence up to 45 years and up \$1 million in fines.

Women charged with stealing postal money orders

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Knott County woman was indicted last week on charges of theft from United States Postal Service by issuing fraudulent money orders.

According to the court records, Teresa J. Cornett, issued nearly \$2,500 to herself in fraudulent postal money orders from September 2004 through January 2005.

According to the court records, Cornett issued the money orders, "without having previously paid to the United States or the United States Postal Service the full amount payable, and did so with the purpose of fraudulently obtaining ... a sum of money from the United States or the United States postal service."

If found guilty, Cornett could face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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2 congressmen fly over mountaintop mining sites

The Associated Press

HAZARD — A pair of congressmen took an aerial tour of mountaintop mining sites on Friday before meeting residents of the central Appalachian coalfields.

U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler (D-Ky.) and U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks, (D-Wash.) twice flew over the mining sites in West Virginia and Kentucky, squeezing a meeting with Appalachian residents

in between.

Chandler, whose district is based in central Kentucky, called the visit a "fact-finding trip."

The congressmen were accompanied by representatives from the Office of Surface Mining, as well as Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, a group that opposes mountaintop removal, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported on its web site.

Dicks chairs the House

Appropriations subcommittee overseeing environmental matters, which gives him control of the budget of the Office of Surface Mining. On what his first trip over the area, he said he was struck by how large some of the mining sites were.

Dicks said he will look at whether the OSM is doing its job adequately, and whether it has the money and staff to do its job.

"I'm here to learn," Dicks said.

"There's a lot of concern in the state about the extent of mountaintop mining and how the environmental issues are dealt with. We are trying to find out as much as we can so next year, as we look at the budget, we will be in a better position to ask questions and do our oversight responsibility."

Chandler, who is a member of the subcommittee, and Dicks were also

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ John Riley Cole, 69, of Shelby, Ohio, a native of Betsy Layne, died Saturday, July 19, in the Hospice House in Ashland, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Reed Cole. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Charles William "Chuck" Gibson, 73, of Riverview, Florida, a native of Prestonsburg, died Friday, July 18, in a hospital in Florida. He is survived by his wife, Arlene. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 22, under the direction of Stowers Brandon Chapel in Florida.

■ Charles Steven Hall, 31, of Harold, died Saturday, July 19, at home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Burnis Hamilton, 59, of Galveston, died Sunday, July 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Sue Adkins Hamilton. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Charlene G. Ousley Johnson, 53, of Blue River, died Sunday, July 20, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Bobby Johnson. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Christine Pennington Kidd, 62, of Harold, died Thursday, July 17, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, July 21, under the direction of Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals in Morehead.

■ Edith Looney May, 91, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, July 20, at Riverview Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 22, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Jeffrey Dean Mitchell, 30, of Teaberry, died Wednesday, July 16. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Timothy Murphy, 39, of McDowell, died Wednesday, July 9, at the McDowell ARH. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Helen Hiscock Bennett Music, 91, of Williamstown, formerly of Prestonsburg, Dexter, Michigan, and Meriden Connecticut, died Tuesday, July 22, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, in Williamstown. Private services were conducted under the direction of Elliston-Stanley Funeral Home, Williamstown.

■ A. June Robinson, 80, of Harold, died Friday, July 18, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Carolyn Slone, 43, of McDowell, died Tuesday, July 22, at McDowell ARH. She is survived by her husband, Rush (Baba) Slone Jr. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Nancy Jane Slone, 87, of

Betsy Layne, died Tuesday, July 22, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, July 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Estill Eugene "Gene" Taylor, 70, of Auxier, died Monday, July 21, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, July 25, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Stanley B. White, 66, of Southgate, Michigan, died Wednesday, July 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Karen Isaac White. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Shawn David Allen, 33, of Taylorsville, N.C., formerly of Pikeville, died Friday, July 18, in Pikeville. Funeral services were held in the Adams Funeral Home Chapel, Taylorsville. Arrangements are under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home, of Pikeville.

■ Ernest Turner Bentley, 87, of Long Fork, died Thursday, July 17. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 20, under the direction of the Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Foley Bentley, 88, a native of Rockhouse, died Wednesday, July 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Bowling Bentley. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 26, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ina Mae Maynard Bostic, 54, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, July 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Bostic. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 27, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Harry Thomas Bradley, 79, of Pikeville, died Saturday, July 19, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 23, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Intha Wright Burke, 80, of Beehide Creek, died Saturday, July 19, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 22, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Bertha "Helena" Robinson Clifton, 60, of Pensacola, Fla., a Pikeville native, died Monday, July 21, at West Florida Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, July 25, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ruth E. (Keene) Hatfield Daugherty, 88, of Phelps, died Tuesday, July 22, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Robert Daugherty. Funeral services were held Friday, July 25, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home Chapel.

■ Charlie Steven Hall, 31, of Harold, a Pike County native, died Saturday, July 19, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Lynn Hall. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Irene Osborne Hall, 74, of Jonancy, a Knott County native, died Sunday, July 20, at the Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center,

Robinson Creek. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 23, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Frank Helms, 74, of Pikeville, died Sunday, July 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Betty Alice Stepp Helms. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 23, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Emmett Wilson Justice of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Monday, July 21, in Columbus. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 24, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Louie Randall Kinney, 62, of Pikeville, died Saturday, July 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Kinney. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 22, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Janet Lorraine Maynard, 56, of Zebulon, died Tuesday, July 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 26, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Virginia "Bea Bea" Bolton Ratliff, 79, of Robinson Creek, died Monday, July 21, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, July 25, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Keene Slone, 72, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Tareta Slone. Funeral services were held Friday, July 25, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Mary Milkovich Yagodich, 89, of Toler, died Sunday, July 20, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 23, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Reneca Renia Bradley, 58, of Louisa, died Wednesday, July 16, in Cabell Huntington Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Eddie Bill Bradley. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Dixie M. Cordle, 88, of Blaine, died Thursday, July 17, in J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. She is survived by her husband, M.J. Cordle Jr. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 20, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Estelene Maynard Moore, 73, of Louisa, died Monday, July 14, at Rt. 1714, in Martin County. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 17, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ John Franklin Pannell Jr., 69, of Louisa, died Friday, July 18. He is survived by his wife, Janet M. Cox Pannell. Funeral services were held Monday, July 21, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Linda Risner Arnett, 42, of Salyersville, died Friday, July 18. Funeral services were held Monday, July 21, under the direction of Magoffin County

Funeral Home.

■ John David Elam, 60, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, July 22, in the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Hopkins Elam. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 26, under the direction of Herald & Stewart & Halsey Funeral Home in West Liberty.

■ Lloyd Jenkins, 92, of Salyersville, died Monday, July 14, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Alma Castle Jenkins. Funeral services were held Friday, July 18, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Christina Manns, 30, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, July 8, at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 13, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Martha Puckett Combs

McCarty, 71, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, July 23. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 27, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Erik Dean Scott, 35, of Salyersville, died Saturday, July 12, in Salyersville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 15, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Madge Allen, 89, of Mousie, died Friday, July 18. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Lucille Barnett, 62, of Hazard, died Thursday, July 10, at the UK Medical Center, in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Freddie Darrell Barnett. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 13, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Helen Juanita Blair, 85, of Redfox, a Knott County native, died Wednesday, July 9, at the Whitesburg ARH. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 13, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ John M. Conley, 73, of Williamsburg, Ohio, a native of Lackey, and formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, July 8, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Bobby Sue Conley. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 12, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Geraldine Friar, 68, of Pensacola, Florida, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, June 29, at the Covenant Hospice Center in Pensacola. Graveside services were held Saturday, July 12, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Louemma Hall, 89, of Leburn, died Monday, July 14.

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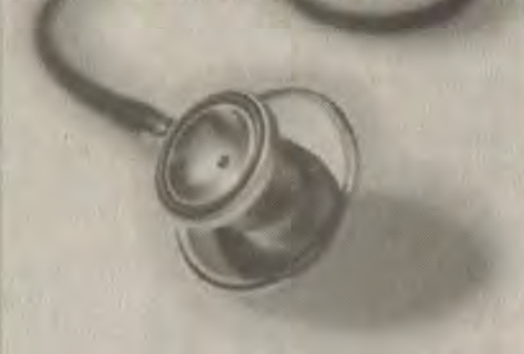
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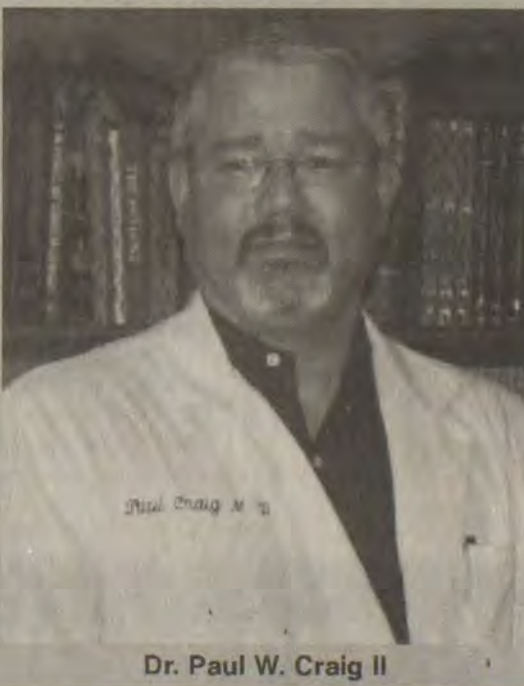
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Twenty-four students from Floyd County participated in the second annual First Responders Camp at the East Kentucky Science Center. Those students participating this year include Zachary Butcher, Logan Burke, Nicholas Hites, Tyler Bays, Thomas Flanery, Aaron Curnutte, Katie Hager, Chris Ousley, Joshua Howard, Summer Stanley, Jenna Compton, John Rose, Austin Lafferty, Abby Lewis, Chelsea Dickerson, Cory Little, T.J. Hager, Samantha Thomas, Johnathon Boyd, Dustin Moore, Robert Trafelet, Stephen Delong, Jacob Carpenter and Jessica Stevenson.

photo by Jack Latta

Mining

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scheduled to take a bus tour led by International Coal Group Inc. of an active mining site in Montgomery Creek in Perry County. That tour was closed to reporters.

Doug Doerrfeld, chairman of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, said mountaintop removal mining pollutes and destroys a diverse ecosystem by dumping leftover debris into neighboring valleys and burying natural streams.

Doerrfeld said the tour would allow Chandler and Dicks to see "how pervasive the abuse by the mine industry has become on Kentucky's mountains, forests and streams and the people."

Doerrfeld said he hopes the visit leads to the passage of the Clean Water Protection Act in Washington and the passage of the Stream Saver bill during the next Kentucky General Assembly session. Chandler and Dicks are sponsors of both.

"We hope this leads to an ongoing conversation and more fact finding," Doerrfeld said.

Industry officials defend the practice of mountaintop removal mining, saying it cre-

ates jobs in areas where there are not many other jobs and creates flat land in an area where there is little of it available for development outside flood-prone areas.

Bernie Faulkner, 60, of Hazard, said that mining gets a bad name from the media and others who seem to focus only on active mining sites.

"We all agree that active mining is ugly," Faulkner said. "It's like an open heart on the table during surgery, but what they put it back to is, in some cases, better and more beautiful than before."

Camp

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camp, and they learn a lot as well."

"The camp is really designed to teach kids the ins and outs of these jobs," said Becky Casto, an instructional specialist at the center.

This year the week long camp had 25 students taking part, ages 11 to 14. The camp has the additional perk of being free of charge.

"Everyone is volunteering their time," Casto said. "All the departments pitched in and provided lunch for the kids."

Mike Ormerod, director of Public Safety for the city of Prestonsburg, said that for the police section of the camp, the kids were taught how to gather evidence, process it, and package it.

Also during the camp, children were instructed on hose use, fingerprinting, swift water rescue, the basics of first aid and extraction by means of the

jaws of life, and examined patrol cars and police standard equipment. They were also certified in CPR.

During the camp the students got a tour of the Prestonsburg Police and Fire Departments, the 911 center, and the Life Flight helicopter.

Casto said the mock disaster on Friday was a culmination of all that the students had learned during the week.

"They've practiced all week long with each department, and today they got to use what they have learned by responding to a mock incident," Casto said.

During the mock incident, students took part in every facet of a disaster scene, from helping to man the water hose, to incident commander, who coordinated and monitored all the different teams' status.

After the mock disaster the students were brought back

into the classroom to give their thoughts on what went right during the incident, what went wrong, and how they might improve things in the future.

After their debriefing, students were presented with their certificates of completion from Mayor Jerry Fannin, Deputy Judge-Executive Barry Davis and BSCTC President George Edwards.

Students who participated in this year's camp were Zachary Butcher, Logan Burke, Nicholas Hites, Tyler Bays, Thomas Flanery, Aaron Curnutte, Katie Hager, Chris Ousley, Joshua Howard, Summer Stanley, Jenna Compton, John Rose, Austin Lafferty, Abby Lewis, Chelsea Dickerson, Cory Little, T.J. Hager, Samantha Thomas, Johnathon Boyd, Dustin Moore, Robert Trafelet, Stephen Delong, Jacob Carpenter, Jessica Stevenson.

Volunteer help for the camp was provided by the Prestonsburg Police and Fire Department, Kentucky State Police, Floyd County Volunteer Rescue Squad, the American Red Cross, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Transtar Ambulance Services, Life Net, and both the Floyd County and Prestonsburg 911 dispatch centers, the East Kentucky Science Center and Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

"We're really grateful for all the time the different agencies put out to help the kids learn about these careers," said Thomas.

Obituaries

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at Leburn. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 16, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Rebecca Marie Hall, 27, of Monecks Corner, South Carolina, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, July 12, at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Burnis Hamilton, 59, of Galveston, died Saturday, July 20, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mark Johnson, 38, of Topmost, died Saturday, July 19, at Topmost. He is survived by his wife, Tina Johnson. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Jerome (Jerry) Kitch, 73, died Monday, June 23, in Eustis, Florida, of heart failure. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Tency Mae Stone, 85, of Pippa Passes, died Wednesday, July 16, at the Knott County Nursing Home. She is survived by her husband, Eles Stone. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral

Services. Carl Whitaker, 64, of Hindman, died Tuesday, July 15, at the VA Center in Huntington, West Virginia. Memorial services were held Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Kendrick Blanton, 67, of Kenova, West Virginia, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, July 22, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 26, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mamie Butcher, 88, of Van Lear, died Tuesday, July 22, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 26, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mary Louise Ward Cavins, 62, of Paintsville, died Saturday, July 20, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Clarence Cavins. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 23, under the direction of Childers Funeral Home.

Leota M. Derosett, 104, of East Point, died Tuesday, July 22, in Riverview Health Care Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 24, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Nellie Jane Crislip Grim, 85, of South Charleston, Ohio, a native of Sitka, died Sunday, July 6, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Garry Dean Grim. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 9, under the direction of Jones-Kenney-Zechman Funeral Home.

Bobbie A. McCall, 72, of Wittensville, died Wednesday, July 23, at her residence. Graveside services were held Saturday, July 26. Graveside services were held Saturday, July 26, at 2:30 p.m., at the Circle Hill Cemetery, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Anthony "Tony" Phelps, 46, of Staffordsville, died Wednesday, July 16, at Paul H. Hall Medical Center, in Pikeville. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Joe K. Provence, SFC retired, a native of Tomahawk, was buried with full military honors at the Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, July 25.

Gladys (Webb) Richards, of Rocky Mount, Virginia, an Inez native, died Tuesday, July 15, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, John W. (Billy) Richards. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Flora Funeral Services.



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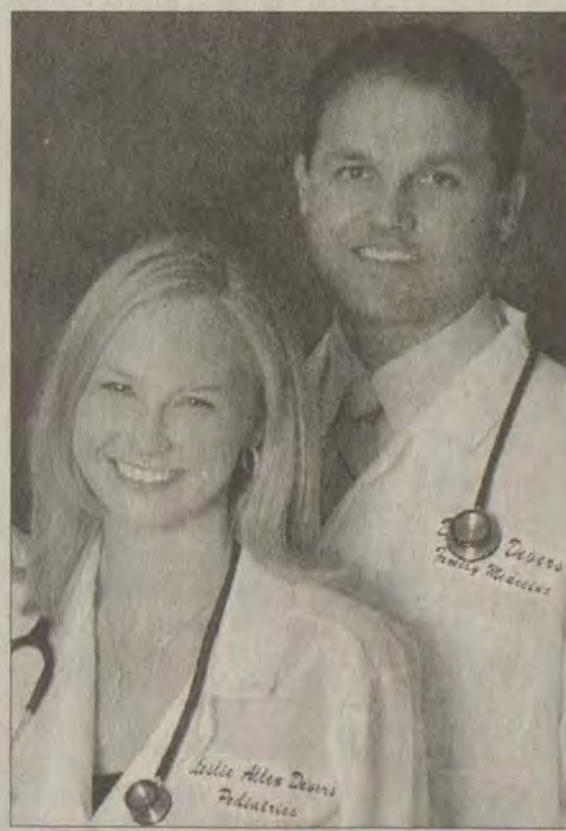
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Guest view

Democrats vs. fried food

Stephanie Simon of The Wall Street Journal reports that organizers of the Democratic National Convention in Denver are having trouble planning a party that will please all of the disparate elements of the party.

Take food, for example. The Denver organizers issued a 28-page set of specifications for caterers that included:

- No fried food (the better to please the party's health nut wing).

- Each meal had to include "at least three of the following colors: red, green, yellow, blue/purple and white" (and garnishes don't count), and at least half the content of each plate had to be fruits and vegetables, the better to please the party's nutrition zealots.

- At least 70 percent of the food was to be organic and locally grown, the better to please both the health nuts and environmentalists — often one and the same — who are worried about the high carbon cost of transporting foods long distances.

And then there was the organic fanny pack dilemma. Each of the convention's 15,000 volunteers are to receive a souvenir fanny pack, but to please various constituencies, the packs have to be union-made in America of organic cotton and stenciled, if possible, with soy-based ink.

After Simon's report and a similar story in The New York Times appeared, party planners claimed that the dietary rules are all voluntary, not mandatory. Delegates and others at the convention will be able to get chicken nuggets, hot dogs, french fries and other politically incorrect food.

Will any true Democrat eat fried food in public? Besides Bill Clinton, that is?

Will Rogers was right.

Yes, Oklahoma's favorite son nailed it when he said, "I'm not a member of an organized political party. I'm a Democrat." The convention's planning problems illustrate that.

Many contracts have yet to be awarded and already are spiraling out of budget, including the fancy \$6 million stage set. Only three state delegations have accepted the environmental challenges set by Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper. Will balloons actually biodegrade? And how do you drop balloons after an acceptance speech when it's being held in Denver's outdoor football stadium?

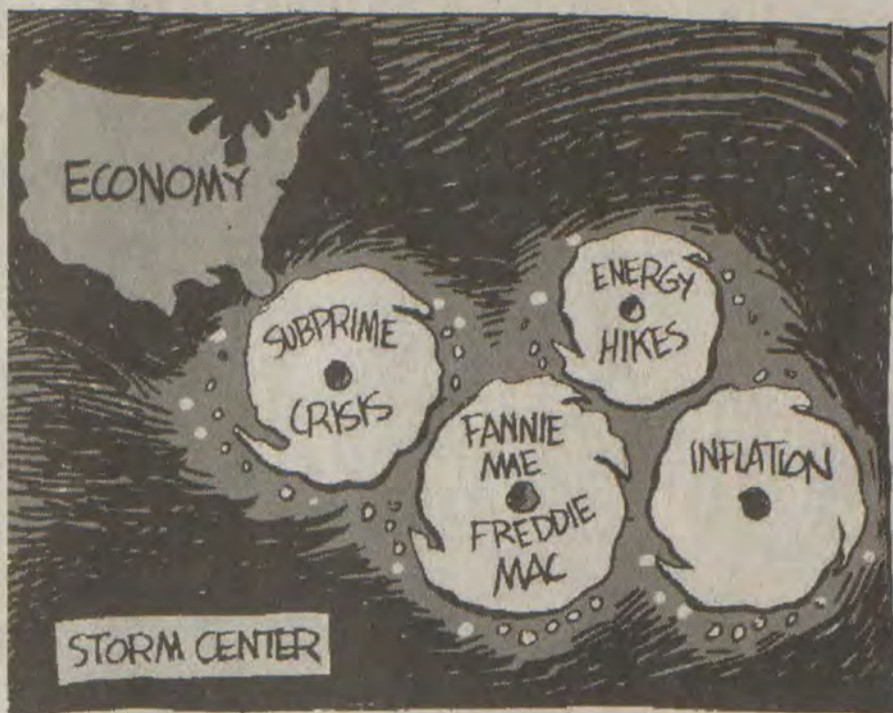
Where do you stick the protesters? Next to the media tent, the organizers said. Not so fast, media representatives said. We're working here.

The party has hired an official carbon adviser whose job it is to measure the carbon cost of every piece of paper, every plane and car trip, every spoon, every fork, every spork and every coffee cup (yikes! Styrofoam). It has a squadron of volunteers assigned to sort through the trash and recycle it immediately. If the convention goes over carbon budget, the party says it will reimburse the planet by investing in renewable energy projects.

And even when there's a green triumph — Colorado's Coors Brewery is donating biofuel made from beer waste — it runs into old Democratic animosities. Coors, before it was absorbed by SABMiller, was owned by a notoriously conservative, anti-union Republican family.

Still, all of the costs — in carbon, in money, in time and effort and certainly in silliness — will be worth it to end the suspense about who the nominee actually will be.

— St. Louis Post Dispatch



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Rich Lowry Column

The global warming bubble

Rarely has so much hectoring produced so little.

After all the magazine covers, celebrity sermonizing and U.N.-certified-expert hand-wringing, the fight against global warming got a real-world test in the U.S. Senate in the debate over a proposal to limit carbon emissions through a cap-and-trade system. After a small dose of the argument, supporters of the proposal couldn't wait to drop it. It was leading opponent Mitch McConnell, the Republican Senate minority leader, who declared he'd be happy to talk about cap-and-trade for a month.

As an indirect tax on carbon, cap-and-trade would increase energy prices when people are already straining under \$4-a-gallon gas. Even a political naif — which McConnell assuredly is not — would realize the benefit of hanging the proposal around its supporters' necks. Lately, we've seen the tech and housing bubbles burst, and now — at least as an urgent political issue — the global warming bubble is getting pricked.

Let's count the ways: First, those gas prices. They are just one way that the soaring price of oil has put a crimp in the standard of living of Americans. They have little taste for seeing it cramped more, and why should they? The cost-benefit analysis

of battling global warming is never going to make sense for Americans.

The places that would be hurt by global warming tend to be warm, wet and low-lying. Think Bangladesh. For the U.S., warming isn't much of a threat. So, stringent measures against global warming are really a

massive foreign-aid program, but an intangible and speculative one. If the predicted warming materializes, people living in faraway countries a century from now may be adversely affected — in short, a theoretical benefit to people as yet unborn.

Until then, our consciences should rest easy, given the \$20 billion annually we spend on development assistance, including billions of dollars fighting AIDS, malaria and other diseases affecting people whose suffering isn't theoretical.

Second, there's China. It has passed the U.S. as the world's leading emitter of carbon dioxide, and it accounted for two-thirds of the increase in the world's emissions in 2007. Global action against global warming makes little sense without China taking part, and it won't.

Finally, there's the global cooling

spell. The world hasn't been warming since 1998, and an article in the journal Nature says warming won't pick

up again until 2015. The stall in temperatures shows how little we know about global warming. It means that the .3 degrees Celsius increase in global temperatures predicted during the next decade by the U.N.'s

much-vaunted Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change may not happen.

No matter what the price of gas is, the most sensible U.S. policy is to avoid costly schemes to fight global warming. If our economy keeps growing, we will be better positioned — richer, and more technologically proficient — to help others mitigate its effects decades from now.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid huffs that global warming is "the most critical issue of our time." Really? More critical than energy prices? Than health care? Than wages? Than terrorism? Than nuclear proliferation? Keep huffing, Mr. Reid — that deflating bubble needs all the air it can get.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

beyond the beltway

Readers have trouble with reality

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

A couple of weeks ago I took what I thought was an unassailable position on gun control. I said I was through with it.

The gun-sellers' lobby had won the day, I said, and I was waving the white flag. Unregulated sale of lethal weapons was a lousy idea but it was a lousy idea whose time had come.

That seemed like a reasonable response to the Supreme Court's ruling that it was unconstitutional for cities and states to try to stop people from owning guns. It was a sign that I was moving toward the center, I thought.

But were the gun nuts satisfied? No. They assailed my unassailable position. For example:

"I was saddened to read that you are no longer going to be writing about gun control ... I really will miss the laughs I get reading columns from people who talk about 'sensible' gun control laws as if such laws actually existed."

Also: "Gun control advocates ... are all either idiots, liars or worst of all cowards."

And: "You're an anti-gun bigot and we gun owners don't expect logic or knowledge about guns or gun owners from you. Good riddance to your articles on guns."

OK, if that's the way you want to play it, I rescind my pledge of neutrality. Instead, I vow to keep attacking the stupidity of unfettered gun

ownership until I have vanquished the gun sellers' lobby and broken the back of the NRA.

You think I can't do it? Ha! That's what they said when I declared war on cigarettes in 1960. Before you knew it, Johnny the Philip Morris Bellhop was a homeless panhandler.

And they laughed at me in 1972 when I went to Washington to drive Richard Nixon from office. Two years later, it was, "Sayonara Tricky Dick."

So enjoy yourselves, gun-persons. Your end is coming. And when the black helicopters land on your lawn and ATF agents shoot you for resisting arrest, I'll be proud to show up and pry your weapon from your cold, dead hand.

Laughing maniacally as I do it. So there.

But guns aren't the only thing Americans are irrational about. There's oil. A good many readers found my conspiracy theory about Iraq and oil unpersuasive.

They simply don't want to believe that Bush and Cheney took us to war in Iraq primarily to gain control of the oil reserves there. That, while it didn't quite work out as they'd planned, set off a chain of events that ended with oil companies getting rich and Americans getting poor. (We are probably the only country in the world, civilized or un-, that believes we invaded Iraq to bring it democracy.)

Then, Phil Gramm-like, I advised people to stop whining about the price of gas and just use less of it.

More letters: "We live in a rural

area where there are no buses or trains. No sidewalks by our roads to take a walk on. We've already cut back on gas consumption so far that we hardly go anywhere except to the grocery store."

Also: "You are as nutty as the rest of the Dems. Stop blaming this mess on George Bush and 'Big Oil' ... It is time to promote American ingenuity, entrepreneurialism, capitalism, etc."

And one that found wisdom in an unlikely place:

"According to an article by Ann Coulter, consumers now pay about 46 cents per gallon in gasoline taxes ...

the government is the 'monster taking our money' instead of 'big' oil."

Let me respond to those in reverse order:

- Ann Coulter is a ham sandwich shy of a picnic. Don't believe a word she says. That includes "and" and "the."

- Most American ingenuity and entrepreneurialism is spent figuring out how to get \$30 million bonuses from companies the bonuses have just run into the ground. That's modern capitalism.

- And it's not my fault you live in the country. You noticed there were no sidewalks when you bought the place, right?

Enjoy the crickets. And stop whining.

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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.

Hot as it is, I can't seem to raise a temperature about any of these Presidential candidates. Come November, though, and some frosty mornings and a full load of fuel added to the political fires, and I'll probably be under a full head of steam.

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CONGRATULATIONS

The Times doesn't hand out compliments like passing the cream or sugar. But it does congratulate the people of Maytown (Langley) for planning and working so hard for the Homecoming they're going to enjoy, this week-end.

Going home, meeting again the old "boys" and "girls," reminiscing, leaving business and most of the cares behind for a few hours—this is what a troubled world needs more of, these days.

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REUNION POSTPONED

Some months back, an old schoolmate whom I haven't seen in 45 years suggested we meet with another friend, just for old time's sake, and I was all for it, for a while. Then the thought occurred that you can't go back. I wondered, if this gay, young blade that I once knew had become paunchy, lost his hair—and teeth—and most of his eyesight. Decided I couldn't stand another like that.

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Bee Hays and I have been fishing. Caught fish, too. So there's nothing worth noting here. If I had got skunked, or had fallen in the blamed lake, or got lost, then this column wouldn't be so hard to fill.

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Why jokes about drunks are told, and enjoyed, I don't know. Drunks are the most unfunny people I have had the misfortune to encounter. But here's one:

This fellow was wading the alcoholic fog on his way home, late of an evening, and through a deserted street. He was thinking along with one foot on the sidewalk, the other down in the street.

"Hey! Why don't you get that other foot up on the walk?" a passer-by yelled.

"Much 'bliged," muttered the drunk. "Shay, you're a good fren"—I thought for a minute there that I was crippled."

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Anna Mae Yates' home on 107 East Richmond Street was named Yard of the Month for July by the Prestonsburg Woman's Club.

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SMALL-SPACE SPLENDOR

Yates home is July Yard of the Month

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

The yard surrounding Anna Mae Yates' home in Prestonsburg may be small, but it displays more colorful flowers and plants than a yard twice its size.

This substance over stature approach to gardening brought the attention of the Prestonsburg Women's Club who named Yates' yard as its Yard of the Month for July.

Near the side of the house, large elephant ears, ferns, lilies, and other plants are lined up next to each other, but not so close as to appear smothering to the landscape of the yard.

"I really didn't have to do anything special," Yates said. "When we moved here from Watergap three years ago, I brought some flowers with me. My neighbors gave me some flowers, too."

While there are a lot of different plants and flowers around the house, Yates says they don't require much upkeep.

"I just have to pull a few weeds here and there," Yates said. "We mulched it and I just keep adding flowers."

Starting next year, Yates plans to expand her flower garden by taking it on up the alley where she lives at 107 East Richmond Street.

"My neighbors suggested that I



plant flowers around the wall to draw attention away from it when we first moved here," Yates said. "We plan to go all the way up the alley next year."

Yates was surprised when she saw the sign in her yard designating it as Yard of the Month.

"My daughter, Ashley, she's 22, and she was really, really excited," Yates said. "It's an

honor, and I just love living here. I don't think I would live anywhere else."

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

'Borderland'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

"Scarface" meets "Hostel" in this edgy south of the border-set chiller that arrived on DVD last March as part of the "After Dark Horrorfest."

The story opens with a tense scene that finds two Mexican detectives bursting into a remote dwelling in search of a drug lord named Santillan. The place appears to be deserted and houses all manner of creepy evidence that indicates the previous tenants wouldn't be welcome at your annual block party. Said detritus includes blood-spattered floors, dead animals and human teeth in the fireplace.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

If all of that were not bad enough, it also turns out that the tenants are still very much on the scene, as they spring out of the shadows and attack. The ensuing battle is short lived and sees one of the "policia" survive, though that's a mixed blessing as he also bears witness to the death by dismemberment that is inflicted on his bound partner.

Next the film hits a dull patch that almost promises that the rest of the film is gonna make like a Hoover product. We are introduced to three well-to-do young men who are heading off to Mexico to celebrate graduating from college. The trio includes Ed, who is unsure about going to grad school and drawn to humanitarian causes; Phil, a theology major headed for the ministry; and Henry, a macho jerk who despises the poor and lives for his next buzz.

For 10 minutes we watch these pampered preppies drink tequila and chase skirts, but the movie abruptly switches gears when Phil is nabbed by some of the thugs who appeared in the opening scene. When the law turns out to be less than the sympathetic to a pair of over-privileged "Americanos," Ed and Henry grow some integrity and begin searching for their pal on their own, with the aid of local barmaid Valeria.

While they search we also get to drop in on Phil, who has been chained up in a sweaty shack where he is looked after by a zoned-out thug, and fellow Texan, named Randall, who sings the praises of Santillan.

We eventually meet the man of the hour and he's a solid villain who sports a load of tats, tailored clothes and an uncanny belief that sacrificing human victims will please the dark gods who will then make his drug mules invisible to border guards.

Eventually the tourists hook up with Ulysses and the group decides to take on the bad guys on their own turf. The results are mixed and most of the characters don't make it to the end credits but it is a decent showdown that echoes the work of Sam Peckinpah and, best of all, was actually inspired by true events.

It's obvious that the success of "Hostel" got this one made, but it stakes out its own territory and should

(See LAGOON, page six)

Even exchanges

by TESSA FLOEHR

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: A TRIBUTE TO MOMS"

I have found that being a mom is all about exchanges. Sometimes the exchange doesn't quite seem fair, yet at other times I have made an exchange that is so far in my favor that I know God is watching over all of us moms, helping us balance the scales. He helps to ease the pain of the unfavorable exchanges by blessing us with more than we could ever imagine when we become mothers.

Some of the exchanges elicit a sigh as I longingly remember the way things used to be. As a mom, I've exchanged deep, uninterrupted sleep for recurrent late-night nursing sessions with a newborn. I've traded in the flashy, two-door convertible for a sensible, no-nonsense minivan. I've exchanged a firm, smooth stomach for a little extra jiggle adorned with stretch marks. The sexy little string bikini has been swapped for a one-piece swimsuit with attached skirt. My spotless walls are now decorated with peanut butter and jelly fingerprints.

I've replaced candlelit, romantic dinners for two with bright, noisy dinners for four in restaurants that serve toys with their meals. My perfectly styled hair has been switched to a quick pull-it-all-out-of-my-face, didn't-have-time-for-a-shower ponytail. My cute little Gucci handbag has been switched with a mammoth diaper bag.

Other exchanges cause me to pause and take in the wonder of it all and realize how grateful I am to be a part of the sisterhood of moms. For example, I've exchanged my commonplace view of the world for the wonder and excitement of seeing everything for the first time through my child's eyes. My serious personality has been transformed into a fun-loving temperament with a knack for

making up silly songs and dances that make my child smile when she is hurt or sad. I have traded my rigid, structured routine for a spontaneity that allows time for an extra story at bedtime and one more hug. My constant rushing and hurriedness have been replaced by a slower pace, which allows time to stop and catch a firefly or pick a dandelion. My materialistic priorities have been substituted with a knowledge of what truly matters in

this world — health and family. And of course, most important of all, I have exchanged my self-centered heart with a heart that overflows with more love, care and concern for another human being than I ever thought possible.

Truly as a mom, I am actually making the ultimate exchange: exchanging my self-centered life for a life full of willing sacrifice. I am dedicating my life to caring for and nurturing another human soul that will carry on after I've gone. Now that is an exchange worth making.



Fired customer wonders what to do next

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I have been taking my cars for repairs and service to the same repair/tire shop for more than 10 years. The last time I went in for an oil change, the shop manager called me aside. He said, "You've been coming in here for years for oil changes and so on, but I notice you have a brand-new set of tires and you didn't buy them from me, and I'd like to know why." He was visibly upset, so I was very careful to say that it was just a matter of price, and that I had bought tires from him in the past. He then got very upset and said, "Well, then you can let that other guy do your oil changes from now on too!" And he stormed off. I felt like I'd been caught cheating on my wife! (NOT that I actually know what that feels like, of course!) Why did he throw me out of his shop? Can't I shop around for tires? The worst part is, now I have to find a new shop that I can trust. — Peter

TOM: Geez, Peter. Your mechanic does not have what we refer to in the shop as "good heapside manner."

RAY: He was doing fine until he got visibly upset and fired you as a customer.

TOM: I think it was perfectly OK for him to inquire as to why you didn't buy the tires from him. Maybe that would have produced some useful information for him. Maybe you would have said, "I didn't know you sell tires," and he could have told you that he does, and taken steps to make sure other customers know that.

RAY: And if you said it was due to price, he could have considered lowering his prices, or responded by saying, "Well, since you're a longtime customer, I'd be happy to give you a discount and match anyone else's price, so I hope you'll think of me next time you need tires." That would have been fine, right?

TOM: Or he might have said, "That's true, I can't compete with those big tire places on price, but since I see your car regularly, I can keep an eye on your tires for you, rotate them regularly and replace one if anything goes wrong." That would have an acceptable response too, right?

RAY: I can sympathize with the guy, to some extent. He probably feels like he's been good to you through the years, and he wishes you had at least called him and said: "Frank, I need tires, but they cost 10 bucks less per tire at Tires R Us. Is

there anything you can do for me, or should I just get them over there?"

TOM: He just handled the situation poorly. So, now you have two choices, Peter. You can call him up and say: "Frank, listen, I'm sorry about buying my tires elsewhere. And I assume you were just having a bad day. I've been a customer of yours for a long time, and I'd like to keep being your customer if we can get past this." And if he truly was just having a bad day — if he was unscrewing a spark plug, stripped the threads, dropped his wedding ring into the cylinder, and then went to the restroom and accidentally wiped himself with 100-grit sandpaper that day — he'll have a chance to apologize and get a good customer back.

RAY: Or, if you don't want to do that or don't think you should have to, you can go to our Web site, www.cartalk.com, and look at the Mechanics Files. Enter your ZIP code, and you'll get a list of nearby shops that other readers and listeners of ours have personally recommended. Good luck, Peter.

Smart car maybe not so smart on highway

Dear Tom and Ray:
We're getting a new Smart Car

dealership in town, and I was wondering if you could tell me what you think about it? On the surface, if you can live with a two-seater, it sounds good: great mileage, safe and cheap. — Aaron

RAY: We agree with "great mileage" and "cheap," Aaron. I'm not so sure about "safe."

TOM: Yeah. If you do nothing but "around-town" driving, it's probably safe enough. But I don't think I'd want to drive a Smart on the highway unless I first covered the seats with plastic and put on my brown pants.

RAY: We haven't test-driven a Smart yet, but we've driven Miatas and Minis. And when you're going 65 miles an hour right next to a semi, "safe" is not the first feeling that comes to mind.

TOM: So before you buy one, try it yourself. When you go for a test drive, tell the salesman you want to take it out on the highway, and then try weaving in between some semis

and F-350 pickup trucks.
RAY: If the salesman isn't covering his eyes and crying for his mommy by then, you may be onto something.



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TOM: We actually love little, fuel-efficient cars. And if you live in a city or do mostly stop-and-go suburban driving, this could be a great car. It probably gets spectacular gas mileage, and you can park in all those spaces that other cars can't quite fit into.

RAY: And someday, if there comes a time when everybody is driving more reasonably sized cars, we might consider this a safe alternative for all-around transportation. But in a high-speed crash with some killer vehicle like a Lincoln Navigator? I don't think you'd stand a chance, Aaron.

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Estimate your Social Security retirement benefits online

by MICHAEL J. ASTRUE
SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSIONER
BALTIMORE, MD

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, today unveiled a new online calculator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator that will provide immediate and personalized benefit estimates to help people plan for their retirement. The Retirement Estimator is tied to a person's actual Social Security earnings record and eliminates the need to

manually key in years of earnings information.

"Deciding when to retire is one of the most important and difficult decisions many people face," Commissioner Astrue said. "The Retirement Estimator greatly improves the information available when trying to decide the right time to retire. It is simple, easy-to-use and will provide highly accurate benefit estimates for those nearing retirement age. For younger workers, it will provide valuable informa-

tion to help them plan and save for their retirement."

The Retirement Estimator is interactive allowing the user to compare different retirement options. For example, a person can change retirement dates or expected future earnings. Individuals also can print out up to three different scenarios at one time, in addition to information about their benefits at age 62 (current age if older), full retirement age and age 70.

Best of all, the Retirement

Estimator is secure. The only thing it provides online is retirement benefit estimates. It does not show the earnings record information on which the final benefit estimate was calculated, nor does it reveal other personal information.

"The Retirement Estimator is just one of many things we are doing to make more information and services people need available over the Internet," Commissioner Astrue stated. "We recently unveiled a new

www.socialsecurity.gov that reduces visual clutter and is easier to navigate. Since its release, we have received many positive comments. In the fall, we will introduce the public to our next initiative: a total overhaul of our online retirement application that will reduce the average filing time from 45 minutes to about 15 minutes. These initiatives will help us better handle the baby boomer wave and make it easier for the public to do business with us online."

Lagoon

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appeal to fans of crime dramas and horror fans alike. The Mexican scenery is well rendered and a game cast helps keep this one on the rails.

Rider String ("Cabin Fever") emotes well as Phil, but the real surprise here is the affable Sean Astin (Sam Gamgee in "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy), who is cast against type as the goonish Randall. He's pretty good here, though the best role goes to Beto Cuevas, who has a field day as the charismatic and highly delusional Santillan.

The only drawback is Ed, who makes for a dull lead. It doesn't help that he's indeci-

sive and poorly written, which is best illustrated by the following dialogue sample:

Ed: "Since we crossed the border I don't feel like me anymore."

Valeria: "Who do you feel like?"

Ed: "Myself."

Believe it or not, Valeria kisses him after that deep exchange, though it was probably the best way to shut him up. Henry turns out to be decent character and his showdown with the gang, set on the roof of an old hotel, is a highlight.

Best line: "Papa wants a cop's eyes for his Nganga." 2007, unrated.

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Owens wins Southern Nationals feature

Kinzer starts 11th, finishes eighth in regional series race

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — Breaking a two-driver stranglehold on victory lane with the O'Reilly Southern Nationals, Jimmy Owens of Newport, Tenn., took command on the 13th lap Friday

night at the Cleveland Speedway to win the eighth leg of the 10-race mini-series. Owens earned \$3,500 for the 35-lap victory at the third-mile oval as he outran series dominators Dennis "Rambo" Franklin and Chris Madden, both of South Carolina.

Allen driver Brandon Kinzer started 11th and finished eighth.

The polesitting Franklin led the first two laps before fellow front-row starter Skip Arp of Georgetown, Tenn., took over for two laps. Franklin was back ahead on the fifth lap, but the fourth-

starting Owens made his way to the front eight laps later and stayed in command the rest of the way for his second straight special event victory at Cleveland. He won an O'Reilly Southern All Star race at the same oval five days earlier.

Owens, Franklin, and Madden were followed across the finish line by Randy Weaver (Crossville, Tenn.) and Jamie Perry (Ringgold, Ga.) Arp was the first dropout in the 24-car field. Results of O'Reilly Southern Nationals Series Event No. 8 of 10 at Cleveland Speedway

(Cleveland, Tenn.) on Thursday, July 24 follow.

Car Count: 42. 1. (4) Jimmy Owens, \$3,500; 2. (1) Dennis Franklin \$2,000; 3. (3) Chris Madden \$1,200; 4. (7) Randy Weaver \$800; 5. (5) Jamie Perry \$600; 6. (10) Tony Knowles, \$580; 7. (14) Kevin Gibson, \$570; 8. (11) Brandon Kinzer, \$560; 9. (6) Ronnie Lee Hollingsworth, \$550; 10. (19) D.J. Myers, \$540; 11. (9) Eric Jacobsen, \$530; 12. (18) Tommy Kerr, \$520; 13. (21) Lamar Scoggins, \$510; 14. (12)

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photo courtesy of Southern Nationals Series
Allen driver Brandon Kinzer is a former Southern Nationals Serties runner-up.

Pikeville included on UK basketball camp tour

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky basketball coach Billy Gillispie and his staff will travel around the state of Kentucky in August to introduce the game of basketball to the youth of the Commonwealth with an upcoming series of basketball instructional day camps.

The tour will include six sessions in four cities, including Pikeville, from Aug. 15-27. Gillispie and his staff will also make a public appearance for non-campers after their stop in Pikeville with details and locations of the appearance yet to be determined.

"We are excited about the opportunity to travel around the Commonwealth and share the game of basketball with the youth of the state," said Gillispie. "Basketball is one of the many things that make Kentucky so special. We welcome all ability levels and are looking forward to some fun days of basketball."

The camps, which will include instruction from the Kentucky Basketball coaching staff, allow participants to learn the game of basketball through a fundamental, intensive learning environment. The camps will give individuals the chance to learn more about the game of basketball, introducing drills that can be used at home. The camps will also help the individuals develop positive attitudes, as well as gain more confidence on and off the court. In addition to learning the game, participants will also receive a Kentucky Basketball t-shirt, opportunities for autographs and photographs, a Kentucky Basketball Highlights DVD, a chance to participate in a question and answer session and chances to win prizes in camp competitions.

The fee for each camp is \$80 per child. Registration is available online. All campers must be pre-registered and paid in full and are encouraged to show up 30 minutes prior to the start of camp. For more information, contact the Kentucky Basketball office at 1-800-852-2875. Area camp dates are as follows:

Session I: Aug. 15
Ashland,
Ashland Blazer High School
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
For Boys and Girls
entering 1st-8th grades.

Session II: Aug. 16
Pikeville,
Pikeville High School
9 a.m.-Noon
For Boys and Girls
entering 1st-4th grades.

Session III: Aug. 16
Pikeville,
Pikeville High School
2 p.m.-5 p.m.
For Boys and Girls
entering 5th-8th grades.

Session IV: Aug. 17
Hazard,
Hazard High School
1 p.m.-4 p.m.
For Boys and Girls
entering 1st-4th grades.

Session V: Aug. 17
Hazard,
Hazard High School
5 p.m.-8 p.m.
For Boys and Girls
entering 5th-8th grades.



photos by Amanda Webb

THUNDER RIDGE RACEWAY recently concluded its harness racing meet. Twenty-year-old Ridge Warren (not pictured) was named the top driver. The meet included drivers, trainers, horses and owners from numerous states. Johnson County resident Eddie Blair covers harness racing for The Floyd County Times.



Not biting: Bass suspend in summertime

by LEE McCLELLAN
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — The intense sun and summertime temperatures in the 90s stifles the desire of most of us to move around much. A glass of tea in the shade or a nap in an air-conditioned room are much more inviting than digging a hole for a fence post or putting up hay.

Black bass are just like us. Their activity slows down in the heat of a summer's day. Bass suspend in the water column and rest like a human sitting on the porch in a rocking chair, letting the heat of the day pass. While fishing topwater baits at night, dusk or dawn is an effective way to catch bass, many anglers believe that they can't catch bass during the heat of a July afternoon.

However, you can effectively target bass suspended over deeper water in the middle of the day by downsizing your lures and tackle, then slowing down your presentation. If you can find the fish, this can be one of the most reliable ways to

catch bass than at any other time of the year.

"Bass are going to pick off an easy meal, but they aren't actively feeding," said Chris Hickey, black bass research biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "But, once you find them, they'll spend all summer there."

Water temperature, dissolved oxygen and the lake's water fertility all play a role in where bass will suspend during the dog days of summer. "It's an issue of comfort," Hickey explained. "They don't want to sit in 3 feet of water that is approaching 90 degrees. Their metabolism increases as water temperatures increase, and that can stress them. They find a neutral zone of comfortable water temperatures."

That cozy zone usually resides just above the thermocline - the breakpoint between the warmer, oxygenated water on top and the colder oxygen-depleted layer underneath. Fish rarely venture into this bottom layer because of the lack of oxygen.

"They'll chase food under the thermocline," Hickey said, "but can't hang out there."

In fertile reservoirs such as Barren, Taylorsville, Nolin, Green and Guist, the summer thermocline is roughly 12-16 feet deep. Bass suspend over humps, points and channels at this depth in July and August.

A lightweight jig-and-pig combination in green pumpkin, black-and-blue, green-and-brown or brown-and-orange swum just above these structures will produce strikes. The channel drops in the lower one-third of Barren River Lake are a dynamite place to practice this technique in summer. You may catch all three species of black bass. A skirted grub worked in the same manner as the jig is another excellent presentation for these fish. Good colors to try include watermelon with red flake, pumpkinseed or black.

Don't overwork your jig or skirted grub. Simply swim them just above bottom on a slow, steady retrieve. You want your lure to stay in the strike zone in

front of the fish for as long as possible. A lot of anglers would try a crankbait for these suspended bass, but the erratic nature of the lure often turns off idle fish.

"Bass don't want to spend their metabolic energy chasing prey in summer," said Jeff Ross, assistant director of fisheries and former black bass biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "They are in a lazy mode. They aren't going to chase a lure."

Things get a little more complicated for clear, low fertility lakes such as Cumberland, Paintsville, Laurel, Dale Hollow and most mountain lakes east of Interstate 75. These lakes can hold dissolved oxygen in their depths. This is the reason they can support cool water fish species such as walleye, striped bass, trout and smallmouth bass.

Black bass, especially smallmouth bass, often suspend 6-10 feet deep over ledges that start at 40 feet and fall off into the old river channel. Bass also hold at the same depths over 25-50 feet deep long, sloping points.

Brooks taking his time on QB decision

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Rich Brooks is in no hurry to name a starting quarterback.

The Kentucky head coach said Thursday there is no timetable for when he'll decide if Curtis Pulley or Mike Hartline will be under center when the Wildcats open the season at rival Louisville on Aug. 31.

"When it feels right, we'll make that decision," Brooks said during the annual Governor's Cup luncheon.

Brooks was quick to praise the play of both Pulley and Hartline during spring practice as the two battle to replace Andre Woodson, who led the Wildcats to consecutive 8-5 seasons and a pair of Music City Bowl victories.

If they pick up where they left off following the Blue-White game, Brooks didn't rule out using both quarterbacks when the season begins.

"I do anticipate that they both may see some action this year, be it injury or otherwise," Brooks said. "I think both of them are going to have a role on this football team."

Hartline, a sophomore, threw for all of 34 yards in mop-up duty last year. Pulley, a junior, redshirted last season but saw limited time at quarterback in 2005 and 2006 primarily as a backup to Woodson.

They played to a draw during spring drills, and both looked comfortable running the offense during the Blue-White game in April. Pulley completed 12-of-26 passes for 134 yards with a touchdown and an interception and added 82 yards on the ground, including the game-winning 17-yard touchdown in the final minutes. Hartline hit 11-of-28 passes for 124 yards with a pick and a score and added 38 yards and a touchdown rushing.

Though neither has Woodson's polish, both have shown they're capable runners who should have little problem tucking the ball if the pocket collapses.

"I'm confident that position won't have as many sacks, won't have as many negative plays from the rushing position," Brooks said. "What we need to do is make sure we don't have a big increase on the interception end from that position."

That may have as much to do with who starts against the Cardinals as who makes the most big plays.

"What they do well is going to determine who is going to

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Ashland native named EKV baseball coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Former Eastern Kentucky University infielder Jason Stein, an Ashland native, was named the school's new baseball coach, EKV Director of Athletics Mark Sandy announced on Thursday. A two-time All-OVC honoree from 1992-95, Stein later served as an assistant coach to Ward from 1998-2000. Stein

comes to Richmond from Belmont University where he served seven years as an assistant coach, the last two as assistant head coach.

"To be able to return to my alma mater and coach on the field where I bled and cried as a player is unbelievable," Stein said. "Every young coach wants the opportunity to take over a program with a history of excellence and winning championships. To inher-

it such a program to which I already have strong emotional ties is a dream come true."

A graduate of Paul G. Blazer High School, Stein arrived at EKV in 1992. Noted initially for his glove, specifically his ability to turn the double play, Stein proved his worth at the plate as a sophomore when he won the 1993 OVC batting title with a .378 average. The second baseman was named second

team All-OVC that year, and was selected to the OVC All-Tournament team after hitting .400 in post-season play. Stein collected 19 multiple-hit games his sophomore season.

"Eastern has a great baseball tradition," Eastern Kentucky University President Dr. Doug Whitlock said. "Coach Stein has already been part of that heritage and I am pleased to wel-

come him home. We look forward to continued greatness in our baseball program."

Stein finished his Colonel career with a .334 batting average, and was named OVC Player of the Week three times.

Stein replaces Elvis Dominguez, who left the EKV baseball program after seven years to assume the head coaching position at Bradley University.

Entire Kansas men's basketball schedule to be nationally televised

Ole Miss releases 2008-09 schedule

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LAWRENCE, Kan. — All 31 Kansas men's basketball games will be televised nationally during the 2008-09 regular season, Kansas Athletics announced Thursday. The highlights include three games on CBS (at Michigan State and home vs. Texas and Missouri), and 21 games on the ESPN family of networks, which includes three games on ABC and four Big Monday appearances.

KU's ESPN Big Monday contests will be Jan. 19 against Texas A&M, Feb. 2 at Baylor, Feb. 9 at Missouri and Feb. 23 at Oklahoma.

Fox Sports Net (FSN) will televise the Kansas-Arizona contest Dec. 23 in Tucson, Ariz., as part of the Big 12/Pac-10 Hardwood Series and the Fiesta Bowl Basketball Classic. Last year, KU defeated UA 76-72 in overtime in Allen Fieldhouse.

Besides the network and national cable telecasts, three KU games will air on the Big 12 Network, while six (including two exhibition games) will air on the in-state Jayhawk Television Network (JTV). The Big 12 Network and JTV contests will be available on ESPN's Full Court package.

The Jayhawks will open regular-season play when they host the first two rounds of the O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic on Nov. 16 and 18. Those two opponents have yet to be announced; those games will be televised on ESPN. KU will play the final two games of the event at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Nov. 24 and 25. The Kansas City field includes Florida, Syracuse and Washington. Semifinal pairings will be announced at a later date.

Kansas will play three exhibition games in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, August 30 and 31. The Jayhawks will play two games on Saturday, August 30 - at 10 a.m. Central time against McGill University at the University of Ottawa and at 6 p.m. Central vs. Carleton University at Scotiabank Place, home of the NHL's Ottawa Senators. The following day, KU will play the University of Ottawa at 6 p.m. Central at Montpetit Hall. Those three contests will not be televised but will be carried on the Jayhawk Radio Network.

The 2007-08 Jayhawks won the school's fifth national championship, winning their last 13 games to finish 37-3. The Jayhawks won their fourth consecutive Big 12 regular-season title and third straight Big 12 postseason tournament championship.

Ole Miss releases 08-09 men's hoops schedule: A pair of showdowns with nationally ranked BIG EAST teams and eight Southeastern Conference home games highlight the 2008-09 Ole Miss men's basketball schedule, head coach Andy Kennedy announced Tuesday.

On the docket for Ole Miss are 16 teams that won 18 or more games a year ago and 13 teams that advanced to post-

season play. The Rebels will host a total of 16 games in Oxford.

The non-conference slate features eight contests in Tad Smith Coliseum, where the Rebels went 16-2 in front of a school-record number of fans last season. Included among this year's home games is a Dec. 3 tilt with the BIG EAST's West Virginia Mountaineers, who reached the NCAA Sweet Sixteen a year ago.

Ole Miss also hosts Arkansas State (Nov. 14), NCAA participant South Alabama (Nov. 18), Morgan State (Nov. 26), UCF (Nov. 29), Alabama State (Dec. 15), Florida A&M (Dec. 22) and Nicholls State (Jan. 3).

Other non-league highlights include a pre-Thanksgiving tournament in Daytona Beach, Fla. (Nov. 21-23), and a nationally televised matchup with Louisville (Dec. 18 on ESPN or ESPN2) as part of the SEC/BIG EAST Invitational in Cincinnati. The Cardinals return four starters from last season's team that reached the NCAA Elite Eight and finished at No. 6 in the national rankings.

The Rebels also hit the road for back-to-back away games at New Orleans (Dec. 6) and New Mexico (Dec. 13) and a neutral-site encounter with Southern Miss (Dec. 30) at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

An ESPN "Super Tuesday" game versus Kentucky on Jan. 27 highlights the Rebels' home conference slate, which also includes dates with Arkansas (Jan. 14), LSU (Jan. 17 on Raycom), Auburn (Feb. 4), Tennessee (Feb. 18 on Raycom), Georgia (Feb. 21), Alabama (Feb. 28 on Raycom) and the regular-season finale against Mississippi State (March 7).

Ole Miss opens league play at Florida on Jan. 10, which will mark the ninth time in the last 11 years for the Rebels to play their SEC opener on the road. In addition to a nationally broadcasted CBS game at Vanderbilt (Feb. 7), they will make trips to Alabama (Jan. 21), South Carolina (Jan. 24), Mississippi State (Jan. 31 on Raycom), LSU (Feb. 14), Auburn (Feb. 25) and Arkansas (March 4).

"We are in year three now, and we have a better understanding of the challenges you face in this conference," said Kennedy, who was the 2007 SEC Coach of the Year in his initial campaign. "There are no nights off in SEC play, and we've got to be up to the challenge every night, regardless of the order of games. I know our guys are excited to get started."

The 2009 SEC Tournament will be staged for the first time in league history at the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, Fla., March 12-15.

Seven games on the Rebels' schedule are already slated for television, with three of those being national telecasts. The Feb. 7 Vanderbilt game marks the first time for Ole Miss to appear on CBS since March 2, 2003, at Alabama. Additional TV games will be announced in the coming days. Ole Miss set a school record with 22 TV appearances in 2006-07 and added 20 more last year.

Brooks

start, but also the one that has less negative plays is probably making a major step forward," Brooks said.

Louisville's quarterback position is a little more settled. Senior Hunter Cantwell is firmly entrenched as the starter after spending three years backing up Brian Brohm. Cantwell has sparkled when called upon, though coach Steve Kragthorpe admits things will be different now that Cantwell will have the spot-

light to himself.

"Now he's truly 'The Guy,'" Kragthorpe said. "I think in terms of his focus, his preparation, he has a little bit different mindset in terms of what he has to do in terms of being the quarterback."

Cantwell might be one of the few spots where the Cardinals don't have question marks heading into camp. There are major holes at wide receiver and linebacker, as well as a handful of new coaches the players must

SEC intrigue: Fulmer and the subpoena

by JOHN ZENOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOOVER, Ala. — Lawyers for a former Alabama football booster said they staked out the annual Southeastern Conference football media days Thursday and served Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer with a subpoena to testify about a lawsuit against the NCAA.

Fulmer repeatedly denied seeing a subpoena. But the scene was much like the one he tried to avoid four years ago when he refused to come to the event in suburban Birmingham and spoke only by phone, incurring a \$10,000 fine from the league.

A process server hired by lawyers for Wendell Smith of Chattanooga, Tenn., approached Fulmer as he stepped out of an SUV outside the suburban hotel where SEC media days was held, said Brandon Blankenship, an attorney for Smith.

"He said, 'Coach Fulmer, I've got something for you,' and gave it to him," said Blankenship, of Birmingham.

Fulmer initially denied it. "I have not seen a subpoena," he said. "This is not the place for that kind of thing. There are great fans that are very passionate about the Southeastern Conference that aren't interested in that kind of B.S."

"And I would have some other choice words if there weren't so many cameras in here." In a statement later in the day, Fulmer acknowledged receiving "a piece of paper," but said he didn't realize what it was.

"I was getting out of the car and was tossed a piece of paper that I picked up, stuck it in with a whole bunch of things that I had been reading on my way in from the airport and handed it to (media relations official) Bud Ford to put in his briefcase and forgot about it," the statement said.

He said he will let his lawyers handle the subpoena. Fulmer also said he won't let the flap distract him or the team and added, "About being in Birmingham, I wasn't trying to mislead anybody. I hadn't

looked at anything." A judge may have to decide whether Fulmer actually received the subpoena.

"I'm confident the evidence will prove he was served," said Blankenship.

Attorneys have been seeking Fulmer's sworn statements in a lawsuit filed by Smith, a former Alabama booster, against the NCAA. A clerk in Jackson County confirmed to The Associated Press that the subpoena was issued Wednesday.

The clerk said Fulmer was ordered to appear to give a deposition on Sept. 25 in Birmingham. The date is two days before Tennessee plays at Auburn; Blankenship said they picked it because they knew Fulmer would be in Alabama.

Fulmer participated in SEC media days by telephone from Tennessee four years ago. That move let him avoid coming to Alabama and possibly being forced to testify in another case involving an NCAA investigation of the Crimson Tide.

Tennessee appealed after Fulmer was fined \$10,000 for

failing to show up in 2004, but the league denied the challenge.

Blankenship said Fulmer didn't try to avoid the latest subpoena.

"He wasn't dodging us because I don't think he knew we were trying to serve him," said Blankenship. "We had hoped we could get him last night before (Fulmer's part in) media days began, but this was the best we could do."

Smith is suing the NCAA for defamation, claiming the organization and several members of the infractions committee slandered him in accusing him of violating NCAA rules.

Alabama disassociated Smith as a booster after the sanctioning body accused him of providing money to a high school recruit. Smith denied the allegation and questioned Fulmer's role as a source for the NCAA during its investigation of the Alabama football program.

Associated Press writer Beth Rucker in Knoxville, Tenn., contributed to this report.

Prosser's recruiting class keeps memory alive

by JOEDY McCREARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — When Tony Woods came off the court at the AAU tournament in Florida, the five-star recruit had an unsettling voicemail waiting for him.

The voice — future Wake Forest teammate Ty Walker — was familiar. The tone was not.

Skip Prosser, the beloved coach who had convinced Woods to commit to play for the Demon Deacons, was dead of an apparent heart attack. For Woods, the news simply couldn't be true. Just one day earlier Prosser was right there, in Orlando to scout him and AAU teammate and fellow blue chip big man Al-Farouq Aminu.

"Coach Prosser's last night alive, he was at my and Farouq's basketball game in Orlando," Woods said Thursday. "Seeing his last night on earth, and then the next day he died that morning. ... He was just at my game."

Indeed, Prosser's name will forever be linked to those three high-profile players he spent the final days of his life recruiting, the future stars that Wake Forest counted on to return the program to the lofty status it enjoyed with Chris Paul. And as the anniversary of Prosser's untimely death approaches Saturday, the three members of his final recruiting

class have arrived on campus with a determination to honor the coach they never got to play for.

"I still feel as though I'm still playing for him," Walker said. "He's in my heart always."

Walker has a tattoo on his left arm that says, "R.I.P. Coach Prosser." That way, he always remembers the man whose death has been impossible to forget in this basketball-crazed state, where big-name coaches like Mike Krzyzewski and Roy Williams are larger-than-life deities.

The subtle reminders of Prosser are everywhere for Dino Gaudio, the long-time right-hand man and eventual successor.

He is uneasy about this year's trip to the Florida AAU tournament. He knows he'll become flooded by the memories of his final moments with his best friend.

"I don't want to stay in the same hotel that Skip and I stayed in when we were down there," Gaudio said. "... Two days after Skip passed, (Florida coach Billy Donovan) called me (and said), 'I can't believe it, we were just standing there talking recruiting, basketball and that was the last time I saw him.'"

Prosser spent his last days at two tournaments, watching Walker play in Las Vegas and Aminu and Woods in Orlando before heading back to Winston-Salem last July 26. He went for

a noon jog on the campus track and returned to his office, where he was found collapsed and unresponsive on his couch and was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The campus took his death hard, and so did the three young players who had given Prosser their word that they would play for him the following season.

Walker collapsed in tears upon hearing the news, then lost his appetite and barely slept while being "kind of depressed, in a slump" for a few days. Woods kept playing in his tournament, but had trouble keeping his mind on basketball, and Aminu found himself dealing with death for the first time.

"The thought of him not being here tomorrow or the next day hit me kind of hard," Aminu said.

Then came the phone calls and messages from other coaches, some calling to offer genuine condolences while others — the players wouldn't name names — subtly attempting to persuade them to reconsider their nonbinding verbal commitments to Wake Forest. Woods said soon after Prosser's death, he received roughly eight text messages each day.

"As soon as Coach died, my phone started blowing up again," Woods said. "When you commit, they kind of back off. But as soon as he died, my phone

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1. Kyle Busch, 2,881
2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,619
3. Jeff Burton, 2,590
4. Carl Edwards, 2,509
5. Jimmie Johnson, 2,494
6. Jeff Gordon, 2,384
7. Greg Biffle, 2,318
8. Matt Kenseth, 2,317
9. Kevin Harvick, 2,308
10. Tony Stewart, 2,305
11. Kasey Kahne, 2,295
12. Denny Hamlin, 2,283
13. Clint Bowyer, 2,256
14. Brian Vickers, 2,188
15. David Ragan, 2,185

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Johnny Chastain, \$500; 15. (15) Billy Mayo, \$495; 16. (20) Jeff Franklin, \$490; 17. (13) Anthony Burroughs, \$485; 18. (17) Shon Flanary, \$480; 19. (24) Scott Jones, \$475; 20. (23) Daniel Baggerly, \$470; 21. (22) Mike Collins, \$465; 22. (16) Gabe Wilson, \$460; 23. (8) Ivedent Lloyd, \$455; 24. (2) Skip Arp, \$450.

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Hoosier Racing Tires B-Main (Top Four Advance): Johnny Chastain, Billy Mayo, Tommy Kerr, Lamar Scoggins, April Farmer, Dan Tipton, John Winge, Scott Jones, Junior Brown, Bobby Giffin (DNS), Jake Knowles (DNS).

Masterbilt Race Cars B-Main (Top Four Advance): Anthony Burroughs, Gabe Wilson, D.J. Myers, Mike Collins, Brad Coffey, Mike Hill, Preston Graves, Danny Mitchell, Eric Wells, Cody Barnett.

LMS, hotels partner to lower rates

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CONCORD, N.C. — Building on Benjamin Franklin's simple concept of "a penny saved is a penny earned," Lowe's Motor Speedway has developed a multi-faceted program to lower the cost of attending a NASCAR race despite rising fuel costs during these difficult economic conditions.

Working with area hotel operators, its souvenir and concession vendors and corporate sponsors, Lowe's Motor Speedway has reduced the overall cost for fans to attend the Bank of America 500 Sprint Cup Series race on Saturday night, Oct. 11.

"Consumers are constantly faced with very difficult economic decisions and we've worked hard to make attending our race a more affordable entertainment opportunity. It should be about fun, not finances," said Marcus Smith, president and general manager of Lowe's Motor Speedway. "We've

been able to make this a group effort. Not only have we put together a ticket package that will save race fans 30 percent, they will also enjoy reduced prices on hotel rooms, concession items and souvenirs."

In an unprecedented move for a NASCAR race market, 35 hotels located within approximately 30 miles of Lowe's Motor Speedway have agreed to reduce their nightly race week room rates by 15 percent and waive their minimum stay requirements.

"Collaborative efforts such as this are the essence of the Charlotte region," said Tim Newman, chief executive officer of the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority. "We are proud to represent the hospitality industry in this unique promotion. The hotels understand the importance of NASCAR here in Charlotte, and truly embrace it by giving fans the extra incentive to enjoy the fantastic sport that helps define this region."

"Lodging is a major expense for race fans and we greatly appreciate the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority working with its member hotels to roll back prices and eliminate minimum stay requirements," Smith added. "The CRVA is truly setting an example for other NASCAR markets around the country."

In conjunction with Circle K and Coca-Cola, Lowe's Motor Speedway has introduced the Circle K Family Four-Pack for \$159.

The unique race-day experience includes four reserved Diamond Tower seats for the Oct. 11 Bank of America 500 along with four hot dogs and four 20-ounce Coca-Colas. The \$159 price represents a savings of 30 percent if the same tickets and concession items were purchased separately.

In addition, each person purchasing the Family Four-Pack will receive a coupon

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Jones not uttering what he thinks about Cowboys

by STEPHEN HAWKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OXNARD, Calif. — Jerry Jones was already sounding excited, smiling and exclaiming as he spoke. Only then did it become clear that he wasn't talking about what everybody else was thinking.

With an NFL-record 13 Pro Bowl players returning from a team that won a franchise-record 13 games before an unexpected ending last season, there are some super expectations for the Dallas Cowboys.

From the fans, from the media, and yes, even the team's owner — even as he tried to be careful with how he expressed his feelings about the upcoming season and never uttered the term Super Bowl.

"You guys know I'm prone to hyperbole, but I don't think it's a stretch to say that the next 12 months will be the most exciting and intriguing time in the history, really, of this franchise," Jones started his comments Thursday after

the Cowboys reported to training camp.

Then, instead of the expected championship declaration, Jones talked about the team's upcoming final season at Texas Stadium and the transition to their new \$1 billion stadium.

OK, so when the new stadium opens in 2009, will it be the home of a defending Super Bowl champion?

"I'm not going to make any predictions," Jones said. "I think that's not for me to say; maybe I've lost my credibility in that area about saying we're going to go to the Super Bowl."

After their divisional play-off loss to the New York Giants in January, following two regular season victories over their NFC East rival, the Cowboys have now gone through 11 seasons since they've even won a postseason game.

And it has been 12 seasons since the Cowboys last won the Super Bowl, when it was their third championship in a

four-year period under Jones.

Jones may avoid saying Super Bowl, but he's certainly acting like an owner who believes his team should be able to get there.

Terrell Owens and four other Pro Bowlers got multi-year contracts this offseason, which translated into a commitment of \$70 million on those players from Jones.

"The real world is that we wouldn't have committed the money had we not had the expectations that we have a chance to be the very best," Jones said. "We all know what best means."

The Cowboys had their first practice Friday, the first of 15 straight days on the field before they go to San Diego for their preseason opener Aug. 9.

On the night before their first practice, the only players unsigned were veteran receiver Terry Glenn and the team's two first-round picks, running back Felix Jones from Arkansas and cornerback Mike Jenkins from South

Florida.

Glenn has refused to sign an injury waiver that would reduce his salary from \$1.74 million to \$500,000 if he hurt his right knee again and was unable to play. Glenn had two operations on his knee last year and didn't play until the regular-season finale.

Jones, who said he has spoken directly with Glenn and his agent, said the injury waiver and the money "probably is not the biggest issue." But Jones refused to elaborate, and indicated several times that he would have something more to say about Glenn on Friday, when the team practices for the first time.

The 34-year-old receiver didn't take part in offseason workouts. The Cowboys wouldn't let Glenn participate without signing the waiver.

Glenn's agent, James Gould, didn't return messages Thursday.

Stephen Jones, the team's vice president, said negotiations with Felix Jones and Jenkins were progressing.

Both players have the same agent, and Stephen Jones felt that something could be done Friday.

While it wasn't clear if Glenn or the two first-round picks would be on the field, cornerback-kick returner Adam Jones will be at practice Friday.

The still-suspended player who wants to be formerly known as "Pacman" and was acquired by the Cowboys from Tennessee in April, was cleared in June to participate in the final three weeks of off-season workouts and can play in preseason games.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, however, has said he may not decide until the week of the team's Sept. 7 season opener to determine if Jones will be fully reinstated.

Coach Wade Phillips plans to practice Jones "as if he's going to be here."

The Cowboys don't expect to hear anything regarding Jones' reinstatement until closer to the season.

The Cowboys are back in

California because they weren't going to be able to conduct their entire camp in the Alamodome, where the Church of God is holding its international general assembly meeting.

Bengals release CB Adams

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals have released cornerback Blue Adams.

The Bengals terminated the fifth-year pro's contract on Thursday. Signed as a free agent last year, the University of Cincinnati product played in 13 games. Adams had seven tackles on defense, 11 special teams tackles and a special teams forced fumble.

He previously played for Tampa Bay and Jacksonville.

The Bengals open training camp today in Georgetown.

Colts scramble to get rookies in camp

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Mike Pollak insisted he would show up for work on time.

After a series of whirlwind negotiations, Pollak, the Indianapolis Colts' top draft pick, and most of his rookie classmates reported to camp together Thursday.

Pollak and five other Indy draft picks agreed to four-year deals Wednesday, with Pollak expected to earn roughly \$3 million, according to a source with knowledge of the negotiations who requested anonymity because the contract includes a confidentiality clause.

"That was one of the major prerequisites for him and his family when I first sat down with them," said Ken Zuckerman, Pollak's agent. "He said 'holdout' was not a category he wanted to be in."

Zuckerman confirmed the agreement in a text message to The Associated Press on Wednesday afternoon and later said Pollak was expected to sign the contract Wednesday night.

For the Colts it was a busy final day before heading to Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, where practice begins Friday.

Besides signing Pollak, a college center taken 59th overall, they also agreed to terms with fourth-round pick Jacob Tamme, a tight end from Kentucky; fifth-round pick Marcus Howard, a pass rush-

ing defensive end from Georgia; two sixth-rounders — offensive lineman Steve Justice of Wake Forest and running back Mike Hart of Michigan; and seventh-rounders Jamey Richard, an offensive lineman from Buffalo.

Agents for third-round pick Philip Wheeler, a linebacker from Georgia Tech, and Virginia tight end Tom Santi, another sixth-round pick, did not return messages left by The Associated Press.

Until Tuesday, the Colts were 0-for-9 in signing draft picks. But when receiver Pierre Garcon, a sixth-round choice from Mount Union, a Division III school in Ohio, signed Tuesday, the floodgates opened.

"We knew all along we would work something out," said Howard's agent, Brian Ayrault. "He wanted to be in camp on time, I wanted him to be in camp on time and we were fighting for the best deal we could get."

Ayrault would not divulge financial details of the deal. Like Howard, who is moving from linebacker to defensive end, Pollak is switching positions.

He was considered one of the nation's best centers last season at Arizona State, but the Colts expect him to compete for the starting guard spot vacated by Jake Scott, who signed with Tennessee in free agency. Scott and tight end Ben Utecht, who signed with

Cincinnati, are the only starters missing from last year's team that went 13-3 and won its fifth straight AFC South title.

The Colts' other starting guard, Ryan Lilja, is expected to open training camp on the physically unable to perform list, giving Pollak and Justice — also a college center — more time to learn the Colts' system.

It was one of the reasons Pollak realized he couldn't afford a lengthy holdout.

"Right now, that's the biggest issue, adjusting to the (guard) techniques," Pollak said during one of the team's minicamps last month. "I'm playing good, but that's been the biggest focus other than the playbook."

Tamme also is expected to make an immediate contribution.

Known at Kentucky as more a receiver than a blocker, Tamme is expected to help fill the void created by Utecht's departure. Tamme said he studied the Colts offense in college, but understands he needs to learn the details and get comfortable within the Colts' trademark no-huddle offense quickly.

"He's ready to get to work, the team is eager to have him and the Colts were very fair," said Bill Johnson, Tamme's agent.

Hart adds depth to a backfield that already includes the reunited Super Bowl-winning tandem of Joseph Addai and Dominic Rhodes. Addai went

to the Pro Bowl last year, his first season as a full-time starter. Rhodes re-signed with the Colts after spending one season in Oakland.

Team president Bill Polian, however, wasn't scared off by Hart's poor showing in the 40-yard dash. Hart, who spent draft weekend enduring a long wait, believes he can be just as productive in the NFL as he was at Michigan, where he finished as the school's career rushing leader.

The plethora of announcements Wednesday was no surprise to coach Tony Dungy, who said one day earlier he expected everyone to report by Thursday afternoon's deadline.

Yet even with the signing scramble, the Colts won't open camp anywhere near full strength.

Two-time league MVP Peyton Manning and Bob Sanders, the 2007 defensive player of the year, are expected to be placed on the PUP list after having offseason surgery. The Colts also plan to put former sacks champion Dwight Freeney and linebacker Tyjuan Hagler, both starters, on the PUP list along with Santi.

Manning had surgery last week to remove an infected bursa sac from his right knee and is scheduled to make his first public comments Thursday.

All are expected to be healthy for the regular-season opener Sept. 7 against Chicago.



photo by Amanda Webb
ALL-AMERICAN LIBRA was one of the harness horses in action during Thunder Ridge's recent meet.

Memory

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would blow up again, and I was getting text messages, calls. It was like my recruiting just opened up on its own all over again."

Added Aminu: "They weren't negative, but a coach just might say something like, 'Oh, I hope you get through it,' trying to be more like my friend in order to get me to roll to their team."

Ultimately, all three players remained committed to Wake Forest, signing their letters of intent in November. Walker — a Wilmington native and North Carolina prep co-player of the year — insisted he never wavered, and Georgia AAU teammates Aminu and Woods kept in contact with

assistant Pat Kelscy, who Woods said was referring to Gaudio when he assured them "the right guy was going to get the job."

Gaudio went on to propel Prosser's program forward last season by finishing No. 2 Duke and not only keeping the Demon Deacons together but giving them reason to smile again.

Through it all, the late coach has never been — and may never be — far from anyone's mind.

"I wouldn't say (it's) bittersweet — I am disappointed that I'm not getting to play for him," Woods said. "He was a great guy for the short time that I knew him."

MIS recycling successful with help from Coca-Cola

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BROOKLYN, Mich. — With two NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race weekends and multiple capital improvement projects that occur each year, Michigan International Speedway is stepping up its efforts to recycle materials it produces.

The first step of the speedway's new year-round recycling program actually began during the Sprint Cup Series LifeLock 400 weekend in June. With the support of the Coca-Cola Co., MIS placed recycling bins throughout the speedway's 1,400-acre property, which allowed fans and workers to discard cans and plastic bottles during the weekend. It was an immediate suc-

cess following Sunday's big race.

Recycling efforts don't stop at just cans and bottles at MIS. The Irish Hills track has also recycled construction materials following capital improvement projects. To date, MIS has recycled more than 765 tons of construction material and is reusing steel from Nazareth Speedway and Pikes Peak International Raceway to build new and improved grandstand seating.

Additionally, MIS started an office recycling program in June with the idea of recycling paper, newspapers, cardboard and plastics that the speedway offices produce Monday-Friday.

"I'm glad we instituted an office recycling program,"

MIS staff accountant Kelly Daniels said. "It's a small way that we can participate in this program, which will help our environment. It's the right thing to do."

These various recycling programs are all voluntary and are part of the overall conservation efforts the speedway announced in mid-July. MIS has also voluntarily enrolled in the Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership (MBP3) and Retired Engineers Technical Assistance Program (RETAP) through the State of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality, while also participating in wetland conservation and looking at wind and solar power alternatives.

With all these initiatives moving forward, the Conservation Fund, a national non-profit organization based just outside of Washington, D.C., has asked Curtis to speak at its board of director's meeting, scheduled for Thursday, July 24 in Washington, D.C.

Earlier this year, MIS and the Conservation Fund partnered with the Ryan Newman Foundation to form "Racing for Wildlife." MIS is working with Racing for Wildlife to restore the Mill Lake Youth Camp in Waterloo Township, which is just 30 minutes from the track. As part of its relationship, Racing for Wildlife has also become the title sponsor of the speedway's ARCA RE/MAX Series event until 2010.

Rates

for a free 12-pack of Coke Zero that may be redeemed at a participating Circle K store.

The savings will continue when fans arrive at the speedway for the Bank of America 500, round five of the 10-race

Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup. A special souvenir package, featuring a Lowe's Motor Speedway T-shirt and hat that would normally sell for \$48, will be available for just \$20. At concession stands, fans will find four new combina-

tion packages reflecting 10 to 25 percent savings on their favorite items.

Race fans are reminded that Lowe's Motor Speedway offers 160 acres of free parking and numerous affordable camping options are also available.

Tebow, Meyer discuss mission at SEC media days

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOOVER, Ala. — Football, mission trips and a bid for a second Heisman Trophy were among Tim Tebow's topics at Southeastern Conference media days.

The Florida quarterback said Wednesday he's more worried about winning games than another Heisman.

Tebow was the marquee figure at

media days on Day 1 at the Wynfrey Hotel in suburban Birmingham.

He also discussed mission trips he took to the Philippines, Thailand and Croatia after spring practice ended.

The mission work rubbed off on his coach. Urban Meyer took a mission trip with his wife and three children to the Dominican Republic in early July.

As for his football team, Meyer said

the Gators have plenty of talent. He's still waiting to see how the chemistry and leadership develop.

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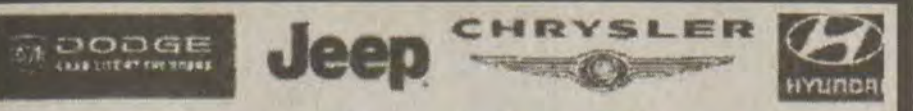
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Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE1 Pursuant to Application Number 858-5064 Amendment No. 3

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Deborn, Kentucky 41214 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.5 miles southeast of Odds in Martin, Floyd and Johnson Counties. The amendment will add 0.0 acres of surface disturbance and 1,876.94 acres of underground mining area making the total area within the permit boundary will be 8,498.95

acres. The amendment area is approximately 2.5 miles south of Kentucky Route 3's junction with Big Sandy Regional Airport Road and located at the mouth of Bear Water Branch of Daniels Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the Thomas and Lancer U.S.G.S. 771/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the underground mining methods of mining. The operation will underlie land owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation and New South Mining Company, Inc. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0346, Renewal No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has applied for a

renewal of a permit for a surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.91 mile northeast of Wayland in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 161.67 surface acres and will underlie 201.11 acres for auger of which 8.64 acres are included in the surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 354.14 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.85 miles southwest from KY Route 777's junction with KY Route 680 and is located along in Martin Branch of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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Stuffed French toast? On a campout? Absolutely! More people are moving beyond traditional camping food and are going gourmet. Hot dogs and sun tea are being replaced with things like herbed salmon, couscous and good wine.

The key to gourmet camp cooking is preparation. Do as much prep as possible before you leave.

- Chop fresh vegetables and store in plastic containers in the cooler.
- Bring your favorite herbs and spices in small, resealable bags. Curry, cumin, dried orange peels, ginger, cinnamon and fresh garlic add gourmet flavor to just about anything.
- Mix up favorite sauces or marinades ahead of time to dress things up. Try fresh pesto, or spicy dry rubs.

To complement your delicious campfire meal, choose a good wine. To help you pair wines with your menu, there is a food and wine matching tool at www.rosemountstates.com.

You may want to transport your wines in an insulated carrier to keep them at the appropriate serving temperature. And keep the entire experience gourmet by serving your wine in elegant stemless tumblers.

There's no need to completely rough it when you're camping. Fine dining is possible anywhere, even by the campfire.

Red Wine and Garlic Marinated Beef Skewers

Makes 4 servings

- 3/4 cup Rosemount Pinot Noir
- 1/3 cup top quality balsamic or olive oil vinaigrette
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon crushed rosemary, basil or herb blend
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced
- 1 pound boneless beef, cut into very thin bite-size strips

Combine all ingredients *except* beef in a large resealable plastic bag. Remove 1/4 cup mixture and set aside. Add beef to marinade; seal bag and chill for several hours or overnight. Thread beef onto skewers and grill over medium heat for about 5 minutes on each side. Place in shallow dish and pour reserved marinade over the top.

Make ahead tip: Prepare marinade at home and store in a large resealable bag in the cooler. Beef may also be sliced and frozen and stored in another resealable bag in the cooler. It will be ready to add to the marinade once it's thawed, making this dish a snap to prepare on site.

Foil Wrapped Potatoes Au Gratin

Makes 4 servings

- 2 (1.6-ounce) packets Alfredo sauce mix
- 1 cup Rosemount Chardonnay
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 (5-ounce) package shredded Swiss cheese blend (or 1 1/4 cups shredded Swiss cheese)
- 1 1/2 pounds small Yukon Gold potatoes, halved and sliced
- Sliced green onions and black pepper

Whisk together Alfredo sauce mix, wine, milk and mustard in a medium saucepan until smooth. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened; stir in cheese. Place equal amounts of potatoes onto 4 large pieces of lightly buttered heavy-duty foil. Top with equal amounts of cheese sauce then fold in top and sides of packets to seal, leaving room for air to circulate. Place on a grill or near a fire over medium-low heat and cook for 30 minutes or until potatoes are tender, turning packets occasionally to avoid hot spots. Top with green onions and black pepper.

Make ahead tip: Prepare cheese sauce at home and store in a tightly sealed container in the cooler. Warm slightly before pouring over potatoes.

Campfire Crepes

Makes 8 small crepes

- 1 cup all fruit berry preserves
- 1/3 cup Rosemount Pinot Grigio
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- Fresh berries (optional)
- 1 (8-ounce) package 1/3 less fat cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons honey or sugar
- 1 cup just add water pancake mix
- 3/4 cup water
- Butter

Simmer preserves and wine together in a small saucepan for about 10 minutes; let cool to warm. Stir together cream cheese and honey in small bowl until smooth; set aside. Stir together pancake mix and water in medium bowl until smooth. Melt about 1/2 teaspoon butter in 7-inch skillet. Add 3 tablespoons batter to skillet, tipping so that it coats bottom of skillet. Cook over medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes or until crepe is golden brown on the bottom. Remove to a plate and cover to keep moist. Repeat with *remaining* batter. Spoon equal amounts of cream cheese filling into each crepe and fold into quarters. Place 2 crepes on each plate and serve with warm topping and fresh berries, if desired.

Make ahead tip: Prepare fruit topping and cream cheese filling at home. Store in tightly sealed containers in the cooler. Warm fruit topping before spooning over crepes.

Leftover tip: For an ultimate s'more, top a soft oatmeal or molasses cookie with a piece of white chocolate and a toasted marshmallow. Add a drizzle of leftover fruit topping and top with another cookie.



Gazpacho Salad

Serve with some good crusty bread to soak up the delicious juices of this salad.

Makes 4 generous servings

- 3 large tomatoes
- 1 small green bell pepper, seeded
- 1 medium cucumber, peeled and seeded
- 1/2 small red onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/2 cup Rosemount Shiraz
- 1/4 cup top quality balsamic or olive oil vinaigrette
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

Very finely chop 1/3 of the tomatoes, bell pepper, cucumber and red onion with *all* of the garlic. Place in a medium bowl and stir in Shiraz and vinaigrette. Dice remaining tomatoes, pepper and cucumber and cut onion into slivers; add to bowl. Cover and chill for at least 1 hour for flavors to blend. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Make ahead tip: Finely chop 1/3 of the vegetables in a blender or food processor at home. Add vinaigrette and store in a tightly sealed container in the cooler.

