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Virginia men caught, jailed after chase

by LANA FULLER PIKE COUNTY BUREAU

PIKEVILLE — Two Virginia men learned they were neither NASCAR drivers nor Olympic swimmers after they were apprehended by the Kentucky State Police.

Michael Bowen, 23, and Patrick Wilcox, 18, both of Big Stone Gap, Va., were arrested after a high-speed police chase began when Kentucky State Police Sgt. Carter observed Bowen crossing both lanes of traffic and swerving on U.S. 23.

According to the police citation, suspicion occurred when the two men were crossing both lanes of traffic and were obviously driving recklessly.

When the two finally stopped the car, the two men took off running on foot. Carter chased Bowen down the riverbank when he jumped into the river and tried to swim to the other side.

Wilcox refused to place

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Council a no-show to pick new member

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — At just after 11 a.m. Friday, a Prestonsburg City Council special meeting that might have ended with an appointment of a new council member was called off.

A number of agenda items were to be given attention, including a legal service agreement, a report from the per-

sonnel committee and discussion of surplus property. But, most important was an item concerning an appointment of a new council member.

The city has been discussing a replacement for former councilman Billy Ray Collins since Collins' death last month.

The 18-year veteran council member died last month after battling lung cancer for the past year.

Among the council members who were present at 11

a.m. Friday, the scheduled meeting time, were Jimmy Joe Derossett and Danny Hamilton.

Although the city's posted meeting notice included an agenda item for an "appointment of city council member", officials at city hall said the council was still in discussion about a replacement, but had not come to full agreement about who that might be.

Mayor Jerry Fannin could not be reached for comment following the meeting.



FEMA application assistants Ricardo Montes and Rosemary Moran continued to work Friday at the FEMA and SBA Disaster Recovery Center housed at the Martin Community Center. The group plans to stay and help residents receive individual help until the Sept. 2 application deadline.

FEMA office providing help at a steady pace

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Federal Emergency Management Agency volunteer coordinator Jack Brandais says that the number of people showing up for help with disaster recovery assistance at the Martin Community Center has been "steady."

Since opening Thursday morning and with a handful of application assistants, the center has taken in 46 people seeking guidance.

That help can come through grants or loans, Brandais said, adding that it is the center's job to see that the process is as understandable as possible.

"We're here to answer questions to help people get through the

process," Brandais said. "These people have maybe lost their homes and are living with relatives or living in a house that's been destroyed, so it's a confusing time as it is."

Brandais hoped to clarify that people don't have to come in to the community center in order to register for assistance. In fact, Brandais says the process actually begins over the phone, even if people come to the community center first.

"If people come in here we haven't registered, we have a phone set up so they can," he said. "We help them get the call through and get registered and then help them get through the process with assistance."

Although Brandais, who has been in Kentucky for the past five

weeks, says the influx of people arriving for help has been consistent, the trend is that arrivals will taper off after a certain point, only to surge near the end after notices are published announcing application deadlines.

Middle Creek resident Kim Hutchinson, who was seeking SBA assistance at the recovery center Friday, said she had already been given \$5,000 in help from FEMA, but added the money would hardly begin addressing repairs that would be needed to her home.

"The money was a help, but it don't even get started on what needs to be done," Hutchinson said. "I'm just trying to get whatever I can because they had to cut the

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Police say escaped child molester may turn up in church

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISA — As jurors deliberated his fate on child molestation charges, Truman Evans stepped outside of the courthouse for what he told family members was just a breath of fresh air.

But in the short 30 minutes it took the jury to convict the former Baptist minister, Evans was on the lam, slipping quietly away in a car rented a day before his trial and parked near the two-story Lawrence County Courthouse.

Evans, 57, hasn't been seen since he fled July 1, and authorities are cautioning church communities to be on the lookout for a man they say will manipulate people and is a potential threat to their children.

"If he surfaces, I believe it's going to be in a church environment," said Detective Rob Barnes, lead investigator of the case for the Kentucky State Police. "He knows how to use churches."

Deputy Sheriff Rick May said while everyone else was concentrating on the two-day trial, Evans, who was free on \$50,000 bond, was biding his time and waiting to execute a plan designed to keep him from going to prison where he had worked as a guard.

Evans had taken the stand earlier in the day, claiming his two young accusers made up the stories about being molested because he had spanked them.

In case jurors didn't buy his story, May said, Evans had rented a bronze 2003

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Jail escapees caught ... in jail

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

WHITESBURG — Three Letcher County Jail inmates are facing new charges after allegedly trying to escape, only to be arrested in a stairwell of the facility shortly afterwards.

Kentucky State Police Post 13 in Hazard received a

report at 3:30 a.m. Thursday from the Letcher County Jail that three inmates had gotten out of their cells and were attempting to escape.

Police reported that one of the inmates lured a deputy jailer into his cell by pretending to be injured and then joined the other inmates in

(See ESCAPE, page three)

Deputies seize drugs going in Justice Center door

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — When 54-year-old Wanda Garrett went through the metal detector at the Floyd County Justice Center Friday morning and the alarm went off, attending deputies might have thought it was a belt buckle or a pen left in a back pocket.

But, just to be safe, they checked her purse.

It was then Sheriff John K. Blackburn says his officers found an assortment of drugs.

According to Blackburn, when his deputies searched Garrett's purse they found three bags of marijuana and an assortment of prescription medication in various bottles including Lortab, Lorcet, Valium and Xanax.

Still more pills were discovered, according to police, in a makeup case and plastic carrying case with several compartments. In addition, a pipe was allegedly found during the search.

Evidence officers at the sheriff's office had not completed a specific count of the assorted drugs that were held

in their possession as of press time.

Police said Garrett had entered the Justice Center Friday morning to check on her son, Donnie Bentley, who was in jail then, but released later that day.

Bentley showed up at the sheriff's office later that afternoon pleading his mother's case, but was met with little sympathy from Blackburn, who has encouraged his department to make drug-related crime one of its top priorities.

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Police said they confiscated a variety of prescription pills and an undetermined amount of processed marijuana, as well as assorted items of drug paraphernalia, following the arrest of a woman attempting to pass through the metal detector at the Floyd County Justice Center Friday morning.

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Odds and Ends

■ **PITTSBURGH** — A judge has annulled a woman's two-month marriage after she said she didn't remember the ceremony.

When she said "I do," Alma Tremmel, 32, was hospitalized in critical condition, on a respirator, and taking powerful drugs for pneumonia and depression, her attorney said.

Tremmel was taking "six or seven different things at the time" - including morphine and Valium - and "any one of those things alone would have been enough to cloud her reasoning skills, let alone in combination," her attorney, James Huff, said Thursday.

Tremmel said she has a vague recollection of a hospital minister at her bedside. But

Tremmel said she has since learned that she received last rites several times during her 13-day stay at Bon Secours-Holy Family Hospital in April.

"I just remember flashes of people. I don't really remember much about the entire hospital stay," Tremmel said from her home in Altoona, about 85 miles east of Pittsburgh.

Blair County Judge Hiram Carpenter III granted the annulment Wednesday. The ruling means that, under Pennsylvania law at least, Tremmel was never married to Edward Wert, 35.

Virginia Wert, the groom's mother, said she was present for the ceremony, as was Tremmel's mother, when Tremmel signed the license application in her intensive care room.

"It seemed to me like she knew. She had to point out (something) on the paper" application for the marriage license, Virginia Wert said.

Tremmel, a widowed mother of two, said she had known Wert for years because he had been a friend of her late husband, who died three years ago. Tremmel said she began dating Wert "out of loneliness" and the couple lived together for several months.

Tremmel said the couple had discussed marriage "a few times, but I was very, very leery about it."

Wert didn't hire an attorney and didn't contest the annulment, although he reaffirmed his love for her during court proceedings. Wert, who now lives with his parents, didn't immediately return a call seeking comment Thursday.

■ **NORFOLK, Neb.** — Maybe they were on that all-protein fad diet?

A former employee at the Tyson Foods meatpacking plant in Norfolk and an accomplice are accused of making off with more than \$30,000 worth of steaks.

The thefts of more than 7,000 pounds of meat took place between January and March, State Patrol spokeswoman Terri Teuber said Thursday.

The investigation began several weeks ago and two men ages 41 and 45 were arrested at a mobile home in Stanton on Tuesday on suspicion of felony theft, she said.

One of the men was a former employee at the plant, Teuber said. The other man was not believed to have worked there, she said.

Tyson Foods spokesman Ed Nicholson declined to comment, saying he did not have all details of the case.

■ **OVIEDO, Fla.** — The nine Bekayev children, ages 3 to 14, have never lived under the

same roof together, staying in separate orphanages in Russia since their father abandoned them and their mother died.

That is changing this summer, at least for a month, during a stay in central Florida.

Ann and Jim Wottring have raised four children and are nearing retirement. But they have nine empty beds at home and eight acres of land with a pool, trampoline and horses that they can offer the children.

The children arrived in cen-

tral Florida on Tuesday accompanied by a translator.

Wottring, a 60-year-old account executive for 3M Co., and his 59-year-old wife, Ann, a preschool teacher, got the opportunity to host the children through World Links, a Scranton, Pa.-based nonprofit adoption agency.

World Links brought 61 children to the United States during this trip. Some will find permanent homes in the United States.

Children who do find a home

will still have to return to Russia in early August. Adoption paperwork would take a minimum of six months.

"If all I do is give them all a nice vacation in Florida, I've done my job," said Laureen Dempsey, a spokeswoman for World Links.

The siblings spent their first day in Florida shopping for clothes, eating a fast-food lunch

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 13, the 194th day of 2003. There are 171 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 13, 1793, French revolutionary writer Jean Paul Marat was stabbed to death in his bath by Charlotte Corday.

On this date:

■ In 1787, Congress enacted an ordinance governing the Northwest Territory.

■ In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City.

■ In 1878, the Treaty of Berlin amended the terms of the Treaty of San Stefano, which had ended the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78.

■ In 1886, Father Edward Joseph Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town, was born in Roscommon, Ireland.

■ In 1960, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination at his party's convention in Los Angeles.

■ In 1967, race-related rioting that claimed 27 lives broke out in Newark, N.J.

■ In 1974, the Senate

Watergate Committee proposed sweeping reforms in an effort to prevent another such scandal.

■ In 1977, a blackout lasting 25 hours hit the New York area.

■ In 1978, Lee Iacocca was fired as president of Ford Motor Co. by chairman Henry Ford II.

■ In 1979, a 45-hour siege by Palestinian guerrillas began at the Egyptian Embassy in Ankara, Turkey.

Ten years ago:

The American League defeated the National League in the All-Star Game, 9-3, in Baltimore. Race car driver Davey Allison died in Birmingham, Ala., of injuries suffered in a helicopter crash.

Five years ago:

A jury in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., ruled that the Rev. Al Sharpton and two others had defamed a former prosecutor by accusing him of raping Tawana Brawley. Four young cousins in Gallup, N.M., died after becoming trapped in a car trunk.

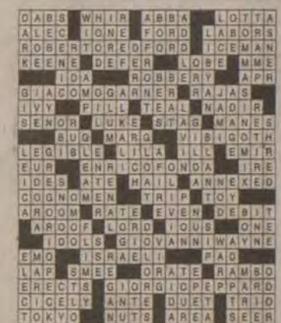
One year ago:

The nation's governors opened their summer meeting in Boise, Idaho, with high health care costs the main topic. Photographer Yousuf Karsh died

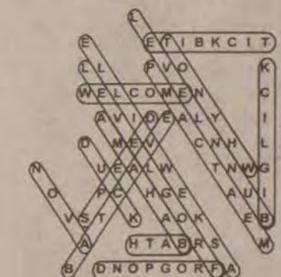
in Boston at age 93.

Today's Birthdays:

Former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp is 68. Actor Patrick Stewart is 63. Actor Robert Forster is 62. Actor Harrison Ford is 61. Singer-guitarist Roger McGuinn (The Byrds) is 61. Actor-comedian Cheech Marin is 57. Actress Didi Conn is 52. Singer Louise Mandrell is 49. Actor-director Cameron Crowe is 46. Tennis player Anders Jarryd is 42. Country singer-songwriter Victoria Shaw is 41. Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent is 41. Actor Michael Jace is 38. Country singer Neil Thrasher is 38. Singer Gerald Levert is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singers Lovell and Laval Jones (Twice) are 32. Singer Deborah Cpx is 30. Rock musician Will Champion (Coldplay) is 25. Country musician Mike Melancon (Emerson Drive) is 25.



INTERESTING TOWN NAMES IN NORTH CAROLINA



Police find crack at motel after complaint

by LANA FULLER
PIKE COUNTY BUREAU

PIKEVILLE — Derrick Brown, 31, of Raccoon, was arrested after police allegedly found approximately four ounces of crack cocaine in his motel room.

Police executed a search warrant on Brown's room after another guest of the Daniel Boone Motor Inn made a complaint.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Spurlock reportedly recovered over \$2,400 in cash and a loaded pistol. Whether the pistol was registered is not known at the present time.

According to the arrest citation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was also notified. The case most likely will land in federal court.

Brown was charged with possession of crack cocaine, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of prescription drugs not in proper containers and possession of drug paraphernalia.

No bond has been set for Brown.

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Mayo receives NATEF recertification

PAINTSVILLE — Mr. Bobby McCool, Chief Administrative Officer, has announced that the automotive training program at Mayo Technical College in

Paintsville and Pikeville, recently received recertification by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and the

National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

"During the past several years we have worked closely with NATEF to make certain that our program would meet industry standards" said McCool.

"We are delighted to continue in the ranks of ASE certified technician training programs. Students will be assured of a quality education, and shop owners will be assured of getting quality job applicants."

In order to achieve this coveted recognition, the training program underwent rigorous evaluation by NATEF. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities, and

equipment were used. Upon completion of the evaluation, NATEF recommended that Mayo Technical College be certified by ASE, a national, non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians in addition to certifying technician training programs.

Certification has been awarded to Mayo Technical College's automotive program in the following program areas:

1. Brakes
2. Electrical/Electronic Systems
3. Engine Performance
4. Suspension and Steering
5. Automatic Transmission and Transaxle
6. Engine Repair

7. Heating and Air Conditioning
8. Manual Drive Train and Axles

NATEF Board of Trustees Chair Al Duebber states, "This is great news for automotive-minded young people and their parents in the Big Sandy area. Certification of automotive training programs increases cooperation between local education and industry leaders. It also gives added assurance that Mayo Technical College graduates will be employable entry-level technicians. As a result, the motoring public will

benefit since more qualified repair technicians will join the work force."

The program is now recertified for a period of five years, after which it will be reviewed to ensure that it continues to meet industry standards and to adjust to the latest technological advances in the rapidly changing automotive world.

For more information about the Automotive Program at Mayo Technical College contact Associate Professor Joe Stewardson, 606-218-2060 ext. 2126 or Associate Professor Roger Owens, 606-789-5321 ext. 4266.

Escape

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fighting with the deputy jailer, eventually breaking free.

The inmates — Joseph M. Lewis, 25, Clifford R. York, 20, and Paul J. Hall, 18 — fled down a nearby hallway leading to the sheriff's office after the altercation, police said.

The three men were arrested after being trapped inside a stairwell when the doors automatically locked behind them.

Three deputy jailers were

taken after the incident to Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital and treated for minor injuries sustained during the escape attempt.

Lewis, York and Hall were charged with first-degree escape, second-degree assault, two counts of first-degree promoting contraband and first-degree criminal mischief.

The case remains under investigation by Trooper Ben McCray.

Preacher

Buick Century at a Kenova, W.Va., airport the day before his trial began and parked it near the courthouse.

May theorized that Evans, who arrived each day in another car, planned to sit through the trial, then drive away in the rental car while the jury deliberated. That way, May said, he could return and face misdemeanor bail-jumping charges if he was acquitted of the sodomy charges or not return at all if he was convicted.

"He may have even left the country," May said. "We really

don't know."

Jurors convicted Evans of first-degree sodomy and criminal attempt to commit first-degree sodomy for forcing the two children to perform oral sex on him. They recommended a life sentence, plus 20 years.

Authorities are investigating tips that Evans may now be using a stolen identity and an altered appearance. His car, which was due back July 3, has not been located.

Evans, who retired from his job at the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex shortly after he was indicted, has been a member of First Baptist Church in Louisa for the past five years.

His ministry at the Bradley Gap Free Will Baptist Church ended, Garnes said, amid allegations of an adulterous relationship and drunkenness. Testimony about those allegations was not permitted in the trial.

Garnes said Evans will likely prey on other children if he has an opportunity. The next victims, Garnes said, could be anywhere in the country if he's

not captured.

"If I had to guess, I would say he has left the area," Garnes said. "He's a convicted child molester, I would say he's a danger to others."

John David Preston, the Paintsville attorney who represented Evans in the trial, said Garnes holds an opinion that isn't shared by everyone. Preston said the evidence presented in the trial was "hotly contested" and that he believes the conviction could be overturned on appeal.

Rev. Ric Frazier, pastor at First Baptist, said he and members of his congregation were

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surprised when Evans was charged in 2001 with molesting children.

"I'm sure folks feel a little blind-sided by this," Frazier said. "He was a very affable fellow."

Tony Skeans, of Prestonsburg, the prosecutor on the case, described Evans as a self-centered man who abused the children with no concern for anything other than his own sexual gratification.

"I've tried a lot of these cases," he said. "This one, there's no doubt that he's guilty."

Drugs

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"Son, just stay away from drugs," Blackburn told Bentley during a conversation shortly before leaving the office Friday afternoon.

Garrett was charged with possession of marijuana, prescription in improper container and use or possession of drug paraphernalia after her arrest Friday morning.

Blackburn said Friday that his battle against drugs, which became even more focused with the formation of the Floyd County Drug Task Force earlier this year, and his investigations into the local crime epidemic "doctor shopping" is something he doesn't plan to relax from.

"Through our continued joint effort with the Prestonsburg Police Department we're getting ready to present several cases to the grand jury this month," Blackburn said. "We're keeping the investigation into 'doctor shopping' going and looking closely at cases where people have forged prescriptions."

Blackburn said Friday that one of the bottles of pills allegedly taken from Garrett at the courthouse was a prescription for 90 Lorcet tablets that had been filled two days before she was arrested, but held far less than the original number for the prescription.

"She had a bottle of 90 Lorcets that had been filled two days ago, but there was only 34 left, which means 56 of them were gone," Blackburn said Friday. "So she either took too many of them in two days or sold them. I feel these doctors are prescribing too many and that pharmacies need to follow up and see if they're legitimate."

Odds

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and getting over jet lag.

"My first impressions are they seem to be happy. They seem to be glad to be here," Jim Wottring said. "I guess the rest we'll find out."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —

When Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Randy Johnson didn't make it here for a minor-league rehab start, the team found five stand-ins: Randy Johnson, Randy Johnson, Randy Johnson, Randy Johnson and Randy Johnson.

The five Randy Johnsons threw out the first pitch Thursday night at the Nashville-Tucson minor league baseball game.

It was part of a promotion that began when it looked like the Diamondbacks' flame-throwing lefty would make a rehab start here, but Johnson instead started his assignment in El Paso, Texas.

So the Nashville Sounds invited every Randy Johnson they could find in the phone book, and five showed up.



NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

1. In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., HC 82, Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41636, has applied for Phase I Bond Release on permit #836-5412, which was last issued on August 22, 2002. The application covers an area of approximately 2.2 surface acres, located 1.3 mile northwest of Price in Floyd County.

2. The permit area is approximately 2 miles southeast from KY Route 122's junction with Spewing Camp Branch Road, and located on Spewing Camp Branch Road of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 24 minutes, 25 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 43 minutes, 10 seconds.

3. The bond now in effect are surety bonds totaling \$27,200.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount is included in the application for release.

4. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed in the spring of 2003. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate vegetative growth for plant species, and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife.

5. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by August 8, 2003.

6. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for August 11, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by August 8, 2003.

7. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be received within 30 days of this date.

Chase

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his hands behind him to be handcuffed. He ran through a yard and jumped a fence. He allegedly told police once he was apprehended that he was drunk and that was the reason he had run. He was found near houses between Jubilee and Colley Avenues.

Wilcox later allegedly told police that the reason he had run was because the vehicle was stolen.

Both were charged with

felony counts of fleeing and evading a police officer. Additional charges facing both are driving under the influence, criminal trespassing, and resisting arrest. Both men refused breathalyzers and blood-alcohol tests.

Whatever the story, both men are lodged in the Pike County Detention Center until at least later this week because the judge they are scheduled to appear before is out of town.



Area children enjoy learning about native crafts, such as basket making, at the David Appalachian Crafts Center, located in David. Jennifer Woodrow (not pictured) will be at the center on Tuesday to conduct a class in basket making. Area residents are invited to participate.

Basket making class to be held July 15 at David center

Each summer children attend crafts classes at the David Appalachian Crafts Center, in David, where they learn the fundamentals of art, weaving, basket making and other native crafts. The summer season of crafting is already underway at the center, but it's not too late to get involved. This coming Tuesday, July 15, Jennifer

Woodrow, of Campton, will be at the center to teach her basket making class. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end when the final egg baskets are made. Those wishing to participate should bring along a sack lunch or have money to order from Sharon's Pizza. There will be a \$10 fee for materials. Call Sr. Ruth Ann Iwanski at 886-2377 to register.

Sex abuse defendant expected to make plea

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Pike County man is set to enter a plea Friday in Floyd Circuit Court to 10 counts of first-degree sexual abuse, according to court records.

Following an offer from the Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office on Wednesday, Gary Gene Lee, 34, of Shelbiana, has now agreed to enter a plea to charges he sexually abused his 11-year-old stepchild on various occasions during 2001.

Lee was arrested Jan. 30 by Kentucky State Police Det. David Maynard and charged with 15 counts of first-degree sexual abuse, according to District Court records. He was indicted March 11 on 10 of those 15 counts.

Lee pleaded innocent March 27 to all charges and was placed under a \$200,000 partially secured bond. He was also ordered to stay at least 1,000 feet from his stepchild and to not be alone with a female, other than his wife, without at least one adult present.

Lee will appear in Floyd Circuit Court Friday, July 18, at 1 p.m.

FEMA

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walls of my house halfway down and I'm going to have to replace all the flooring. It's destroyed."

As of Friday evening, 1,157 people had registered for disaster assistance in the commonwealth.

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Guest View

Positive developments in race for governor

There is a bidding war of sorts under way between Kentucky's gubernatorial candidates, Democrat Ben Chandler and Republican Ernie Fletcher, each hoping to convince voters that he has given them the most, and best, information about personal finances.

This is a fine development.

Chandler offered the first bid. He promised recently to release his tax returns as one small part of a sweeping plan to improve the ethics of state government.

Fletcher called that bet by actually releasing some of his 2002 tax documents before Chandler.

He didn't include the explanatory statements he submitted to the Internal Revenue Service or the IRS schedule on which he detailed capital loss. But he did up the ante, calling on Chandler to release the same kind of personal financial information that he and other members of Congress are required to disclose annually.

Chandler raised the bid again, by making available for inspection not one but three years' worth of his tax returns and by offering to show more specific numbers than those contained on the congressional financial disclosure forms.

That's the spirit.

Anyone who asks for the most powerful elected job in Kentucky should not be surprised if the public wants to know as much as possible.

Kentucky's other members of Congress should follow Fletcher's lead. All should make public their tax returns. All have voted on George Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy. The public deserves to know how their votes affected their personal tax bills.

The whole summer could have passed with no real action in the gubernatorial race. The traditional beginning of the fall campaign is Labor Day. But this is not an ordinary political year.

Things will change in Frankfort, no matter which of these two candidates wins.

Already, both have taken strong, specific positions — Fletcher on economic development and a business-friendly Kentucky, with his special push for a federal research lab; Chandler on ethics in government, with a comprehensive plan that should have the Transportation Cabinet and the highway lobby, in particular, plenty worried.

Both also are bidding for your attention and confidence, with disclosure of information about their personal finances.

That's the kind of political card game in which voters are the real winners.

— The Courier-Journal, Louisville

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SPEAKING OF SLAVERY

— Jim Davidson

It can't be my boy

A few days ago one of my friends in another state sent me something titled, "It Can't Be My Boy" that, for many people, contains a very sobering message. Since I started writing this column I have learned that you can be "sobered up" without having ever been drunk.

Unfortunately, too many people are "sobered up" by something that happens to a loved one that has far greater consequences than simply having too much to drink.

As I have grown older, from time to time I look back on my own life and, like all men, realize that I was once a boy. In those days we did not have the myriad social problems that young people face today but still, I wonder how many of us made it. I think it's because God looks out for those who really need another chance. It is often said that girls are special and, while I don't want to be too emotional, I think boys are special, too, especially those five grandsons we are blessed to have. This gives rise to that old saying, "It's a miracle how

imperfect parents can produce perfect grandchildren."

For parents who have sons, along with those fine young men who read my column, here is something written by Allen Beck that you may find interesting. He said, "A boy has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a steel trap, the enthusiasm of a firecracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand."

Now I'm not sure this would describe all boys, but it does serve to illustrate how special boys really are. If you happen to be a man who was fortunate enough to grow up in a Godly home, to have loving and caring parents and have used this foundation and the opportunities it has afforded to become a great success, then you know how blessed you really are. Please contrast this scenario with the article I mentioned earlier titled, "It Can't Be My Boy" and see if it would apply to you.

It begins, "Once there was a little boy. When he was 3 weeks old his parents turned him over to a babysitter. When he was 2 they dressed him up like a cowboy and gave him a gun. When he

was 3 everybody said, "How cute!" as he went lisp-ing a beer commercial jingle. When he was 6, his father dropped him off at Sunday School on his way to the golf course. When he was 8 his parents gave him a BB gun to shoot sparrows. His aim was bad and he learned to shoot windshields by himself.

"When he was 10 he spent his afternoons squatting at the drug store newsstand reading comic books. His mother wasn't home and his father was too busy. When he was 13 he told his parents other boys stayed out as late as they wanted to, so they said he could too. It was easier that way. When he was 14 they gave him a deadly two-ton machine, wrangled a license for him to drive and told him to be careful. When he was 15 and the police called his home one night and said, 'We have your boy. He's in trouble.' Screamed the father, 'IT CAN'T BE MY BOY!' but it was."

Here are a few comments about this article that will serve to place things in the proper perspective. It is never my motive in writing this column to try to make any person feel guilty. In the long run this kind of motivation will accom-

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— guest column

Minimum wage: R.I.P.

by HOLLY SKLAR

When President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Fair Labor Standards Act on June 25, 1938, during the Great Depression, he wanted to assure workers "a fair day's pay for a fair day's work." On the 65th anniversary of the federal minimum wage, Roosevelt's new deal has become a raw deal. Roosevelt knew that to stimulate the economy, you boost workers and their families; you don't pile on tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires.

For decades, the minimum wage and worker productivity rose together. Between 1947 and 1973, worker productivity rose 108 percent while the minimum wage rose 101 percent, adjusting for inflation. Since then, workers have put in their fair day's work without getting their fair day's pay. Between 1973 and 2000, worker productivity rose 52 percent, but the minimum wage fell 17 percent and hourly average wages fell 10 percent, adjusting for inflation. Between 2000 and 2002, productivity rose 6 percent; the real minimum wage fell 4 percent.

The current minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour is lower than the real minimum wage of 1950 (\$5.71). Today's 53-year-old workers were born in 1950; Truman was president, the Korean War began on June 25, there were no transistor radios,

and pocket calculators were two decades away. Since Congress last raised the minimum wage in 1997 to \$5.15, it has raised congressional pay from \$133,600 to \$154,700, an increase of \$21,100 — nearly the pay of two minimum wage workers.

If your image of the typical minimum wage worker is a teenager, think again. Think of adult women working at checkout counters and in childcare, of healthcare aides taking care of your parents or grandparents—without employer health benefits, paid sick days or paid vacation.

A \$5.15 minimum wage — \$10,712 a year — just doesn't add up. A single parent with one child needs to work more than two full-time minimum wage jobs to make ends meet. It takes more than three jobs at minimum wage to support a family of four. Maybe the Bush administration's marriage promotion programs will push polygamy.

See if you can make ends meet on minimum wage with a new interactive wage and household budget calculator on the web at www.raisefloor.org. Or will you be choosing between food and rent, healthcare and childcare?

It would take \$8.45 to match the minimum wage peak of 1968 in 2003 dollars. Since 1968, worker productivity has risen more than 80 percent while the minimum wage has dropped nearly 40 percent, adjusting for inflation. When the minimum wage is stuck in quicksand, it drags down wages for average workers as well. About one out of four workers makes \$8.70 an hour or less. That's not much more than 1968's real minimum wage.

When workers don't get a fair day's pay they are not just underpaid — they

are subsidizing employers, stockholders and consumers.

Plenty of employers know how to make a profit without ripping off their employees. In-N-Out Burger ranks first among fast food chains in quality, value and service. Chef Julia Child ate In-N-Out burgers while recuperating from knee surgery, the Associated Press reported. When the company opened a new restaurant in Oxnard, Calif., in 2002 there were 900 applicants for 70 jobs. The starting wage is \$8.25 an hour, with paid vacations, food at work, and the option of participating in a 401(k) with a company match.

Conservatives like to quote Adam Smith about the market. Smith wrote in "The Wealth of Nations" in 1776, "It is but equity...that those who feed, clothe and lodge the whole body of the people, should have such a share of the produce of their own labour as to be themselves tolerably well fed, clothed and lodged."

In advocating the minimum wage, Roosevelt said that goods produced "under conditions that do not meet a rudimentary standard of decency should be regarded as contraband."

We don't let businesses claim they can't afford to make hamburger without E-coli as a justification to keep serving up disease. We don't tell businesses to keep dumping toxic waste in the river if they claim they can't afford proper disposal. Poverty wages are toxic to our families, communities, economy and democracy. It's time to end them.

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Faith Extra

Minister's Moment: Are you connected?

by REV. BOB DAMRON
ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

There was once a man who was facing a birthday, one of the "Big-O" birthdays, and he was feeling mighty nervous about the state of his soul. So he went to visit a preacher to talk it over. "What have you done all your life?" ask the preacher. "What are you especially proud

of?" "Well," said the man, "I've gone through the Bible seven times." "Very good," said the preacher, "but how much of the Bible has gone through you?" Good question for all followers of Christ! It reminds me of the Bible verse (John 15:5), "I am the vine," Jesus says, "and you are the branches."

Just think how close that connection is — a vine share everything with the branch and gives the branch everything it needs. All the branch has to do is stay connected to the vine and take in and use what the vine is sending. Then the branch will produce much fruit. That's the way our relationship with Jesus is supposed to be. That's how connected to

Him we are supposed to be. The alternative is not pretty — being cut off, withering and dying, no fruit, just the fire where dead branches are disposed. Not an option we would choose! So this is the question for all Christians — are we (the branches) connected to Jesus (the vine)? Or are we just living in the same general neighborhood? The answer is probably

very clear to our friends and family. And here's how they know, and how we can find out. If we are connected to the Lord, we will see things the way the Lord sees them. We'll value the things that God values, the things that really matter to our lives. And, at least most of the time, our actions will match our

Christ-filled words. If we are connected to the Lord, we will see ourselves as Jesus sees us, with love, forgiveness and compassion. And that's exactly the way we are to see one another — with love, forgiveness and compassion. We will see all cre-

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New book examines breakaways from the Mormon church, causing headaches for officials

by C.G. WALLACE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Best-selling author Jon Krakauer has built a reputation on gripping portrayals of those who push their physical limits. Now the writer has set his sights on spiritual extremes, and his upcoming book is already creating headaches for the image-conscious Mormon church.

"Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith," which reaches bookstores Tuesday, looks at the dangers of religious extremism through those who claim to follow the original teachings of the Mormon church, a tenet of which was polygamy.

These Mormon breakaways, who often call themselves fundamentalists, still practice polygamy — even though The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officially abandoned the practice in 1890 and works to this day to distance itself from the subject.

Krakauer, who declined to be interviewed, is best known for

"Into Thin Air," his firsthand account of a doomed expedition on Mount Everest. That book, along with his earlier "Into the Wild," were national best sellers.

In "Under the Banner of Heaven," Krakauer turns his attention to the 1984 murders of Brenda Lafferty and her 15-month-old daughter, Erica, in rural Utah at the hands of Brenda's fundamentalist brothers-in-law.

The author uses those deaths as the basis for an argument that, because of Mormon inconsistencies and silences about the dark corners of the faith's past, the LDS church has been unable to break free from embarrassing and sometimes tragic episodes.

The church, meanwhile, has been forceful in rebuking Krakauer's book. Spokesman Michael Otterson called the writer's attempt to link religious zealots with Mormon history and doctrine "a full-frontal assault on the veracity of the modern church."

The slayings that form the basic story line were committed by Dan and Ron Lafferty, who

slit their victims' throats with a 10-inch boning knife and later claimed God had ordered the slayings. The men were tried separately; Dan Lafferty is serving a life sentence, and Ron Lafferty — who claimed to have the revelation to kill — is on death row.

With Dan Lafferty as a main source, Krakauer writes that the brothers decided to practice polygamy and committed the killings because Brenda opposed them.

Weaving details of the deaths throughout the book, "Under the Banner of Heaven" tries to add a larger context to the killings and their alleged connection to Mormon fundamentalism.

It examines the secretive communities of polygamists, those who have given up the practice, and the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping case. The girl's alleged abductor, Brian David Mitchell, claims God told him to take Elizabeth as a "sister wife."

The book also devotes long sections to Mormon founder Joseph Smith and his revelation that believers in the faith should

practice polygamy.

Though Smith is regarded by the Latter-day Saints as a prophet directly and uniquely guided by God, Krakauer characterizes him as a grifter and

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Davidson

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plish very little. I understand human nature well enough to know that we do the things we really want to do and then try to find a way to rationalize our actions later.

My prayer is that each of us will be reminded of just how special our families really are and will do everything we can to help our children grow up to be good citizens and first-class human beings. God bless America.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

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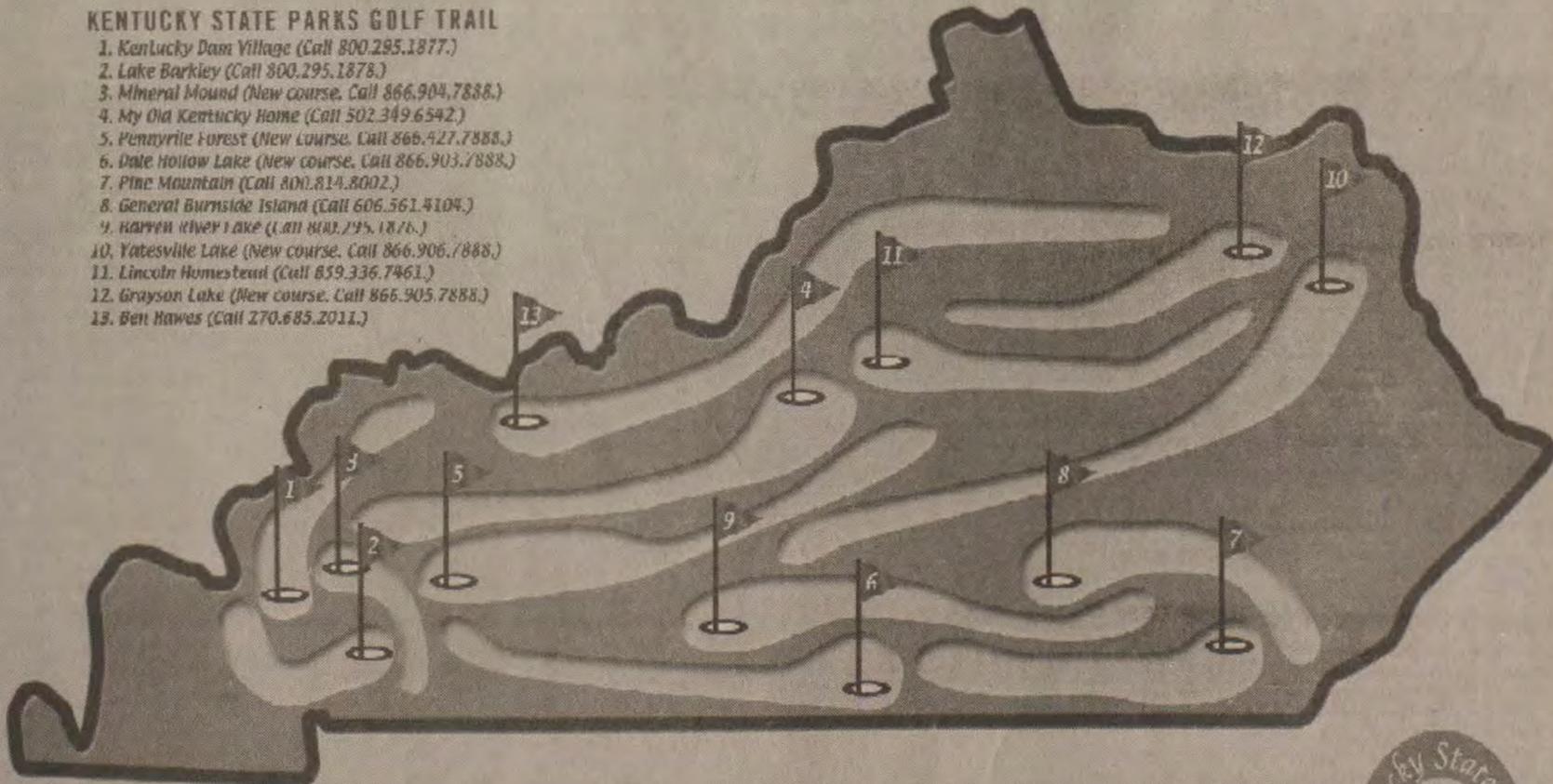
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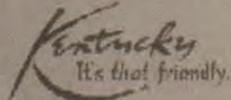
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Floyd County

Estill Adams, 59, of Wooster, Ohio, formerly of Grethel, died Monday, June 30, at Castle Nursing Home, Millersburg, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Frank Adkins, 79, of Grethel, died Tuesday, July 8, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 11, at the Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Grethel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sidney T. Allen, 75, of Minnie, died Tuesday, July 8,

at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Launa Hinkle Allen. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Jarrod William Davis, 6-months-old, son of Jarred Tracy Slone and Sherry Davis, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, July 7. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Evelyn Samons Hall, 66, of West Liberty, formerly of Melvin, died Tuesday, July 1, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. Funeral services were conducted

Friday, July 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

May Hamilton, 83, of Allen, wife of Webb Hamilton, died Wednesday, July 2, 2003, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Glenn Hicks, 65, of Albion, Mich., a native of Garrett, died Friday, July 4, at the Battle Creek Health Systems. He is survived by his wife, Imolene Hicks. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 7, under the direction of Tidd-Williams Funeral Chapels.

Thelma "Tiny" Jamison, of

Willis, Mich., formerly of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, July 6, at her residence. She is survived by her husband Dee A. Jamison. A memorial service was held at Stark Funeral Service, Moore Memorial Chapel, Ypsilanti, Mich., on July 10.

Peggy Jarvis Lewis, 58, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, July 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Virgie Walker Lynch, 83, of Betsy Layne, died Sunday, July 6, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Henry G. Martin, former vice-president of Eastern Kentucky University, native of Floyd County, died at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore, Tuesday, July 1. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 7, under the direction of Oldham, Roberts, and Powell Funeral Home in Richmond.

Gordon Newsome, 62, of Hi Hat, died Monday, July 7, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Magalene Owens Newsome. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 11, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Dr. Robert Leland Perry, 66, of Prestonsburg, passed away Tuesday, July 8, at his residence. Funeral services were

conducted Friday, July 11, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Frank Lloyd Reffett, 65, of Hueysville, died Wednesday, July 2, at King's Daughters' Hospital, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Belva Sue Gearheart Reffett. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 5, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Tula Frances Turner, 91, of Allen, died Saturday, July 5, at the Lexington Country Place in Lexington, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 8, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Billy David Wallen, 72, of Mt. Sterling, formerly of Water Gap, died Friday, July 4, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Doris Ann Smith Wallen. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Cecil E. Webb, 92, of Allen, formerly of Nicholasville, died Saturday, July 5, at the Garrard County Memorial Hospital, Lancaster. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Virgie Spriggs, 76, of Drift, died Tuesday, July 8, at her daughter's residence at Hunter. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ethel Frazier, 89, of Martin, died Tuesday, July 1, at her

home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Aaron Tackett, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, July 1, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Knott County

Kathleen Thomas, 63, of Red Fox, died Monday, June 30, at home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Cecil E. Webb

Cecil E. Webb, age 92, of Allen, formerly of Nicholasville, husband of the late Sallie Mae Hamilton Webb, passed away, Friday, July 4, 2003, at the Garrard County Memorial Hospital, Lancaster.

He was born November 20, 1910, in Allen, the son of the late Elizabeth Webb Carr. He was a lifetime gas well driller and farmer and member of the Allen United Baptist Church, at Allen.

Survivors include three sons, Cecil E. Webb Jr., of Salt Springs, Florida, John H. Webb of Livingston, Texas, and Joe T. Webb of Nicholasville; one daughter, Betty S. Hutchinson of Scottsdale, Arizona; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and mother, he was preceded in death by one son, Robert Webb.

Funeral services for Cecil E. Webb were conducted Thursday, July 10, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Clergyman Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial followed in the Jones Cemetery, Allen-Banner Road, at Allen, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was from 5 p.m., to 9 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Kentucky and Southern Indiana Chapter, 3703 Taylorsville Rd., Ste. 1202, Louisville, KY 40220.

Pallbearers: Dan Overton, Bill Webb, Daniel Webb, Jordon Delpont, Mark Sellards, Scott Webb, Tony Webb, and Nick Price. (Paid obituary)

Mormon

philanderer. He also explores the violent chapters of history, including the religion's role in the massacre of California-bound pioneers in 1857.

Krakauer's "basic" thesis appears to be that people who are religious are irrational, and that irrational people do strange things," Otterson said. "He does a huge disservice to his readers by promulgating old stereotypes."

The Mormon church has nothing to do with fundamentalists, church officials say. It excommunicates those who advocate plural marriage. Still, zealots such as Lafferty and Mitchell tarnish the church's image, and polygamy remains inextricably linked to the church's early decades.

In 1843, Smith disclosed his revelation that polygamy, restored by prophecy from the patriarchal Old Testament, was an essential ingredient of eternal exaltation.

Smith's teachings on polygamy remain in the church's four volumes of scripture, which

has been used as a justification for Mitchell and thousands of others to defy Mormonism and establish sects where men take multiple wives, some as young as 12.

Krakauer notes that even after the church banned the practice as a condition of Utah's statehood, some Mormon leaders still took multiple wives after 1890.

Publishing house Doubleday has printed 350,000 copies of "Under the Banner of Heaven" so far, and early buzz has been favorable to the book. The Wall Street Journal and USA Today have recommended it in summer reading lists, and GQ magazine has featured excerpts.

But the LDS church-owned Deseret Book chain has already said it won't stock Krakauer's latest. "We believe, after reviewing the book, that it will alienate and offend a majority of our customers," said spokeswoman Gail Brown.

Krakauer's language in the book is pointed: "Mormon authorities treat the fundamentalists as they would a crazy

uncle — they try to keep the 'polygs' hidden in the attic, safely out of sight, but the fundamentalists always seem to be sneaking out to appear in public at inopportune moments to create unsavory scenes, embarrassing the entire LDS clan."

Church historian Richard Turley said Krakauer has taken a sensational approach to the faith's history.

"Ostensibly focused on murders committed by brothers who had been excommunicated from the church, Krakauer's book is actually a condemnation of religion generally," Turley wrote in a review.

Krakauer shot back in an equally blunt written statement, accusing the church of continuing to distort its past.

"I am especially disappointed," he wrote, "that they feel such an urgent need to attack writers, like me, who present balanced, carefully researched accounts of Mormon history that happen to diverge from the official, highly expurgated church version."

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Students at KCTCS colleges win Coca-Cola scholarships

LEXINGTON - Three students who attend colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) will receive \$1,000 each through the Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program.

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- Ronnie Combs, who attends the Lees College Campus of Hazard Community College
- Jayleen Oliver, Owensboro Community and Technical College
- Autumn Triplett,

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ation as a gift from our loving God.

If we are connected to the Lord (as the branch is joined to the vine), we will regularly surprise ourselves with the brave and noble deeds that rise out of our hearts almost without thinking. We will wonder, for a moment, "Where did all that goodness and courage come from?" And then we will know — it came from God! If we are connected to God, our hearts will sing the words of a new song, and no sadness, no power on earth, can take from us our hope and our joy.

So let us pray for one another. God, grant that nothing within us or around us will ever stand in the way of our being connected/joined to You, or ever cut us off from You. May Your Holy Spirit touch our hearts, and day by day may our hearts be reshaped and transformed more fully into Your likeness. Amen.

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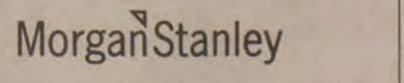
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RECRUITING

Rick Pitino continues to attract top players to Louisville

by JAVACIA N. HARRIS
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INDIANAPOLIS — Rick Pitino has won at the college level and developed NBA players.

Fortunately for Louisville, that's something high school prospects notice.

In the two years since he took over the Cardinals, Pitino's reputation has made



■ Pitino

Louisville a more prominent program in the battle for top players. That could soon translate into more victories for Pitino on the recruiting trail — and on the court.

"More and more of the top players mention Louisville," recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons said. "He's recruited well and it's only going to continue to improve."

Cardinal fans hoped Pitino would make a difference when he was hired in 2001. The two-time national championship program once had a proud tradition of attracting top recruits, but that success waned in the late 1990s.

Now, the name Louisville is making its way back onto the wish lists of some of America's best players.

Mohamed Tangara and Josh Hipp, who both played at this week's Nike All-America Camp in Indianapolis, rank Louisville among their favorites. Al Jefferson, considered by some as the nation's best player, said he also listened to the Cardinals before committing to Arkansas.

Although Louisville was not among Jefferson's five finalists,

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POOL

Bingham's hosting tournaments

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MILLARD — Pool, anyone? One establishment in Pike County is bringing the game of pool to local folks on a national level to all of Eastern Kentucky.

Bingham's Billiards in Millard will host a series of amateur tournaments through the summer leading up to the Southeast Kentucky/Northwest Virginia Amateur Championships Sept. 6. Winners will be listed in the America's annual record book. For more information, call

Thousands signup for Bluegrass State Games

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON - Kentucky's amateur athletes are gearing up to go for the gold, silver and bronze next weekend during the Bluegrass State Games.

More than 16,000 participants - ranging in age from 2 years old to 87 years old - from 101 Kentucky counties have signed up to compete in the

28 sports being played in the Summer Games.

To date, soccer is the team sport with the largest registration. Some 6,300 entries representing 350 teams have signed up to compete. Softball is the second largest team sport and has 3,616 participants.

Other team sports and registrations so far include: Teeball, 525, and bas-

ketball, 250.

Approximately 385 participants signed up for track and field and 193 indicated they will compete in tennis.

The youngest Games participant is Lily Moore, 2, who will compete in the 4 and under broad jump and the 100-meter dash. The oldest is 87-year-old Bill Talmadge who signed up for chess. William Ziegler, 79, has signed

up for four track and field events.

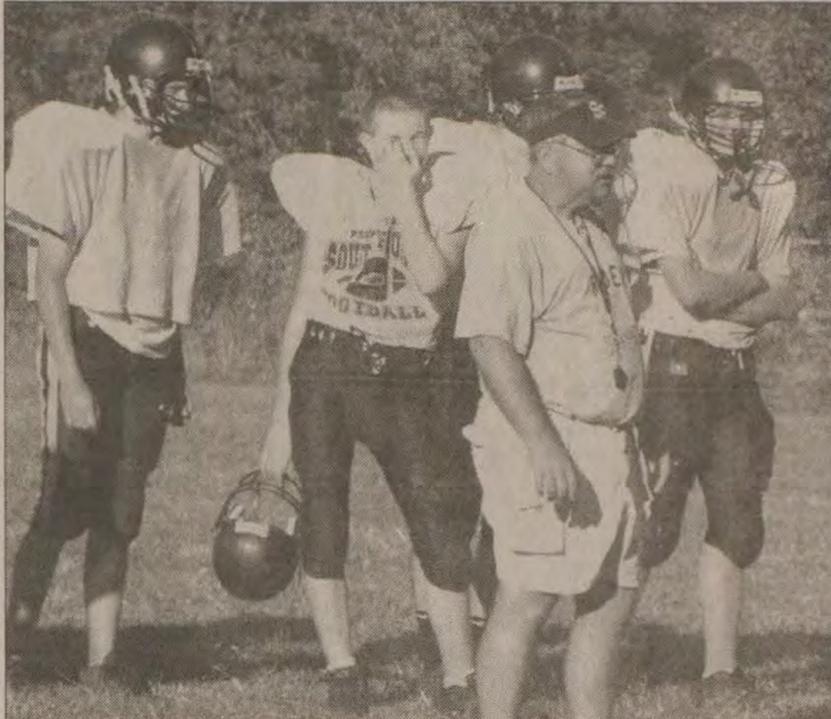
Opening ceremonies for the Bluegrass Summer Games is Friday, July 18. Most individual sports will be held the first weekend of the Games, July 18-20. The remainder will be held the second weekend, July 26-27.

The Bluegrass State Games are

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photos by Steve LeMaster

South Floyd head coach Donny Daniels watched during a practice in early-August last year.



Head Raider slates first practice for Friday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Football will soon be in the air in the second-year Raider Stadium. South Floyd head football coach Donny Daniels has slated the first football practice for Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Raider Stadium. Prospective Raiders were busy this past Friday obtaining physicals.

South Floyd, after just missing the playoffs last season, returns some talent with the post-season in mind. Daniels will retain his same coaching staff of Chip Little, Dennis Harris, Bobcat Jackson, and possibly even Jody Hall, a former South Floyd player who is a student at Alice Lloyd College.

Daniels held meetings with his staff this past week. Following some at-home sessions, South Floyd's grid

team will leave to attend camp at Georgetown College. The trip to central Kentucky is one Daniels, his staff and players are looking forward to.

"Actually, we'll be there at the same time as the (Cincinnati) Bengals," said Daniels. "Georgetown has some great facilities. We'll be able to walk out of our rooms and see them practicing. It'll be a nice experience for everyone."

South Floyd will participate in a couple of preseason games. The Raiders will play Morgan County in the first preseason game in a grid at Pike County Central. The second and final preseason game will be against Trimble County in Frankfort.

The 2003 season will be Daniels' second at the helm of the South Floyd grid program after a two-year absence.



Quarterback Landon Hall let go a pass during a preseason scrimmage game against Pike County Central last August.



South Floyd will hope to get its running game going strong again in 2003.

H.S. FOOTBALL

Officials meeting scheduled

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Football season is just around the corner, and with that, officials, too, must prepare.

The 15th Region Football Officials will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the commons area of Pikeville High School. All officials and anyone interested in officiating are urged to attend. For more information on the meeting, contact assigning secretary Jerry

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Middle school girls tourney has openings

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INEZ — Three spots remain in the third annual Pride of the Mountains girls' middle school tournament set for September 13-14. Each team will get two games, with the winner staying up. There will be a 12-member all-tournament team, mvp, team and individual free throw and sportsmanship trophies presented. The two coaches in the championship game will receive a

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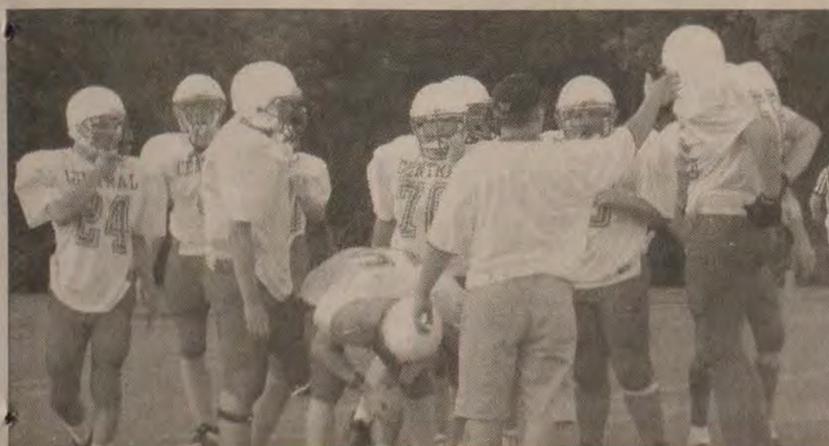
Changed Harvick is back at track he loves

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOLIET, Ill. — The Kevin Harvick who will try to make it three straight victories at Chicagoland Speedway isn't the same guy he was when he won the first one.

Two years ago, he won the inaugural Winston Cup race at the track dur

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file photos

The football programs at both Betsy Layne (right) and Allen Central (left) will have new head coaches calling the shots this fall. Jackie Bush takes over at Betsy Layne and Jeremy Hall assumes the duties at Allen Central. Each are first-year head coaches at the high school level. Betsy Layne has dropped out of district competition and will not play a district schedule.



Outdoors: Just the Dog for a Turkey Hunt

by DEAN FOSDICK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOWRY, Va. — A half-century ago, John Byrne went looking for a different kind of bird dog. He wanted a few good failures — sporting dogs that wouldn't honor the point. Barking animals. Runners. He tried blending that bad boy behavior into making them good turkey dogs.

And now he operates one of the most respected kennels in the nation, turning out what he calls "the only true breed of dog specifically developed to hunt turkeys."

Hunting with dogs — partic-

ularly in pockets of the rural South — is as traditional as grits and sausage gravy. And the practice is spreading. At least 16 states allow the use of dogs during the fall hunting season, the National Wild Turkey Federation says.

Turkey dogs are used in the fall to find and break up groups of gobblers so their hunter-owners can call the birds back to the scatter point. The dogs must be willing to return quickly to the camouflaged blind, lie quietly and then, in some cases, retrieve the fallen bird. That requires good instincts, stamina and obedience — all in one well-trained animal.

There is no single best turkey dog type, Byrne says. It used to be that an outstanding strain of turkey dogs was kept strictly in the family. Progeny were passed from generation to generation.

"These people were so jealous of their dogs that they would actually kill pups unwanted by family members rather than allow them to fall into other hands," Byrne says.

Many of those strains died out around World War II when farm families started moving en masse to the cities for better jobs.

Byrne, who works about 1,000 acres in the rolling foothills of the Blue Ridge

Mountains near Lowry, Va., was determined to build his own. "I'll be first to admit I was just bull lucky to get the dogs that I got that were the foundation dogs of this breed," Byrne says. "I sought out any cast-off renegade bird dog I could find. I tried gun-shy dogs, man-shy dogs, good-for-nothing dogs — you name it.

"For the most part, the barking at flushed birds had been bred out of the pointing breeds. I had to breed back in the barking trait and at the same time breed out the pointing trait while retaining the propensity to hunt feathered game."

He stumbled across a Plott hound female that preferred hunting turkeys to anything else. He bred her to a lemon and white pointer that also would hunt turkeys. He later found an English setter male of field trial stock and added that mix to the gene pool.

"He had it all — range, style, whatever, except he just would not point birds," Byrne says. "He'd go into a covey (of quail) stiff legged, barking and chase them as far as he could see them. His owner was going to put him down."

Byrne bred him to his Plott-pointer bitch and from that mating came Junior, the patriarch of all his turkey dogs.

Junior was a composite of those breeds, but first and foremost had an incredible nose.

"I've seen a Plott hound take a bear track in the snow that was two days old and work it out. They're just that good."

Junior gave Byrne the genesis of a dog line he could count on. "I wanted first a dog that would range widely while hunting turkeys, find them, flush them and then bark while chasing them to the four winds. "Secondly, I wanted a dog docile enough to lie quietly in a blind while I'd attempt to call a turkey back after the flush.

Junior had all those qualities."

Calling birds within shotgun range is the name of the game in both spring and fall turkey hunting. But while the quarry is the same, hunting methods differ.

The spring hunt revolves around the turkey-mating season. Hunters try attracting the strutting toms using calls emulating willing hens. In the fall, however, it's a matter of breaking up droves, or flocks. Hunters lucky enough to spot a family of birds in the woods run wildly toward the flock — hoping to send them flying.

In a growing number of cases, they'll have a dog do that work. Then they'll set up a hide

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OUTDOORS

Outdoors: Bouldering

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEWANEE, Tenn. — Not all rock challenges are vertical ascents.

Here in southern Tennessee, climbers can take on sandstone boulders that have tumbled off the ring of cliffs around the Cumberland Plateau and now rest on the slopes of the mountainsides.

These climbers, who call themselves boulderers, won't be in danger of precipitous drops, but their sport still demands adrenaline-pumping skills.

"Bouldering is less technical, more low-to-the-ground rock climbing," explained Martin Knoll, an accomplished rock climber who's chairman of the forestry and geology department at the University of the South, where he also teaches a bouldering class. "You don't need a rope, because you're doing short climbs, going sideways a lot, and only two, three or four feet

— and up to 10 feet — off the ground."

His colleague John Benson, another climber and director of the Sewanee Outing Program, describes bouldering as an art. "Bouldering and rock climbing are a lot like dancing. You use your feet, arms and hands to dance lightly on the rocks."

Benson thinks the best rocks to boulder are large or small round boulders. Cliffs fairly close to the ground also make good climbing.

Knoll says the sandstone that makes up the boulder field is the most popular kind of rock to climb on. "The rock provides good friction and makes steep overhangs — a boulderer's dream situation," he said.

Rock climbing and bouldering are not as aggressive as they're shown in movies and television, Benson said. But they're not without risks.

"The higher you get with bouldering, the more dangerous

it becomes," he said. He warns climbers to avoid rocks that are crumbling or have jagged edges. They also should check out the ground below for potentially harmful debris.

Both men advise climbers not to go any higher off the ground than they can comfortably jump down. Also, someone should serve as a spotter — similar to the ones in gymnastics — to turn the climber vertically so he lands on his feet. Crash pads also are a good idea, to absorb shock when falling.

The boulderer's basic equipment should include lightweight, well-fitting rock climbing shoes with sticky rubber soles. Benson also recommends comfortable, loose-fitting clothing and if desired, a helmet.

Bouldering is especially good for people who want to strengthen their upper bodies, including arms, forearms, upper back and fingers, Knoll said. "It's like weight lifting in reverse, since you're pulling yourself up instead of lifting a weight up," he said. "You can tell people who climb, because they often have Popeye-like forearms. Of course, they don't all look that way. Some of the best climbers are skinnier, wiry people, because they have less weight to pull."

The exercise is more anaerobic than cardiovascular, both men say. "Think of it as a sprinter, compared to a long-distance runner," Benson said.

One of the advantages of the sport, they say, is that it's possible to find rock climbing locales close to home, rather than making a major trip to reach a mountain range.

"Climbing is also much like yoga, with the body stretches and turns being similar," said Knoll. Many people says it's good for their mental health, like people do about yoga. One of the pointed clichés about climbing is that "you need to become one with the rock."

AUTO RACING

Bill Elliott; Tropicana 400 preview

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

JOLIET, Ill. — Bill Elliott is raring to go to Chi-Town, Chicago.

"Everyone kind of compares Chicago to Kansas. I guess it's because they're both new, but it kind of reminds me of a Michigan or a Las Vegas. Either way, I like them all. Chicago has a little different backstretch than the other ones, but there's always something that's a little different about each one. They're all tracks that kind of suit my driving style so I look forward to going

to them."

Elliott likes the fun track.

"As usual, track position is key at a place like Chicago. It's a fast racetrack, and I tend to favor those kinds of tracks that are flat and fast. We've brought some good cars here in the past and had some success the couple of times we've raced here. I don't see why we wouldn't be able to continue that. You just never know, though. A lot can happen that's out of your control. Mike (Ford, team director) and the guys have a handle on things and we should be ready to go."

Changed

ing an outstanding rookie season. Harvick finished ninth in points that year after moving into the seat left vacant when seven-time champion Dale Earnhardt was killed in the season opener.

Last July's Chicago win was one of the few good things that happened to Harvick in the first half of the season. He had been accused by competitors of being selfish, and in April 2002 became the first NASCAR driver barred from a race for conduct on the track. He had to sit out the race in Martinsville.

Harvick spent the rest of the season on probation. From the time he left Chicagoland Speedway to the end of the season, he and his team improved, finishing 21st in the standings.

Now, in the Tropicana 400, Harvick has the chance to better the mark of two straight wins on a new track set by A.J. Foyt (Ontario, Calif.) and matched by Jeff Gordon (Kansas) and Tony Stewart (Homestead).

Sunday's race at the Chicagoland track couldn't come at a better time for Harvick and his team.

Todd Berrier, crew chief on Harvick's No. 29 Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet, said things are coming together despite

a disappointing start. Harvick arrived here with no wins and only six top-10 finishes in the first 17 races. He is eighth in the season standings, 502 points behind leader Matt Kenseth.

"I'm just now starting to see the Kevin Harvick that I knew the year before last," Berrier said. "With all the things that happened, he toned down a lot. It was a deal where he was making sure he didn't overdo it and just do what it took to make things happen."

"Before, he would overexert himself. He might say some things that he might not have said if he had to think about it. And yet he's a hard charger. It's a lot easier to pull somebody back than it is to make him go harder."

Harvick agrees he is as aggressive as ever on the track, but he is different in other ways.

Three weeks ago, in Sonoma, Calif., teammate Robby Gordon passed Harvick under a yellow flag to take the lead. Gordon won the race, but Harvick and four-time series champion Jeff Gordon said Robby Gordon broke a gentleman's agreement by making the pass.

"A couple of years ago, I'd probably have been in Victory Lane choking him. But not this year," Harvick said.

"I was mad and didn't agree

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with it. I still don't agree with it. I think a lot of people feel the same. But Richard (Childress) told me I was on the verge of having my best year in Winston Cup and not to let one situation change the way things are going right now."

He finished third at Sonoma and followed up last Saturday night in Daytona with a ninth-place run, the first time all year Harvick has put together two top-10 finishes.

Now, he is back at the track he loves, and he can hardly wait for the second half of the 36-race season.

"I don't think we can really focus on trying to win a championship," Harvick said. "We just have to make sure we finish races and turn bad days into something better."

Of course, Harvick doesn't expect to have a bad day Sunday.

"It's just been one of those places that fits my driving style," he said. "I wish I could explain it so I could transfer it somewhere else."

But, Harvick isn't too worried about figuring out why he runs so well on the 1 1/2-mile oval, he just wants to keep it going and have the same kind of strong second half he had in both 2001 and 2002.

"Right now, we're just worried about trying to win a race," he said.

Games

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designed to provide Kentuckians of all ages and activities an opportunity to participate in statewide, family-oriented sports festivals styled after the Olympic Games.

The Games are co-hosted by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, the

Commonwealth of Kentucky and the University of Kentucky.

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HUNTING

Outdoors: Top Dogs and Their Progeny

by DEAN FOSDICK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LURAY, Va. — Say you have a standout retriever or pointing dog and you want to develop some offspring. You'd better do some serious planning. Successful dog breeding is more than simply arranging a blind date.

There are many steps in the process — exercise and examinations, nutrition and nurturing, whelping and adoptions. And, if you're being honest about the whole thing, you should take a hard look at your dog and decide if you're really furthering the breed by producing progeny.

"Successful breeders remove emotion from the decision," said Martin Coffman, senior scientist and veterinarian for The Iams Co., a major pet food manufacturer based in Dayton, Ohio.

Develop a checklist. Ask yourself if your dog — sire or bitch — is from championship stock, free from hereditary diseases and mature enough to breed.

Pedigrees are of value, but dog traits should rate first in any equation, Coffman says.

"Never breed a dog that doesn't perform," he said. "While these dogs may produce great pups, the odds are much better when you're breeding best to best."

Coffman also recommends looking hard at the "breadth" of the prospective mate's litter.

"What are the littermates to the stud dog? What have they accomplished? Is the dog (bitch) the only good one in the litter? If so, I would be cautious. I would rather own and breed a mediocre female from a great family than a great individual with an average pedigree."

Do some digging. Determine some of the genetic problems

Meet

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Hurley at 606/237-5100.

Football practice: Conditioning for the East Ridge High School football will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday at East Ridge High School. For more information, call 606/835-2811.

Girls

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coaches plaque and there will be a hospitality room for coaches and players. The Pride of the Mountains tournament is by far the biggest middle school girls tournament in the state. Coaches interested in having their team play in the tournament at 606-298-7570 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 606/434-4731.

common to your dog's breed. And if you're new to all this, learn all you can about dog breeding. You may find it's not worth the bother.

"As most conscientious professional dog breeders will affirm, there's not much profit in producing top-quality puppies," writes veterinarian Dan Rice in "The Complete Book of Dog

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AUTO RACING

Teams fined for Daytona infractions

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR on Wednesday fined three teams \$25,000 each and docked driver and owner points for various infractions found last week at Daytona International Speedway.

Michael Waltrip lost 25 driver points, car owner Teresa Earnhardt lost 25 owner points and crew chief Richard "Sluggo" Labbe was fined \$25,000 for unapproved carburetor modifications. Labbe was fined an additional \$500 for an unapproved roof strip.

Waltrip is currently fifth in the Winston Cup points standings. The penalty drops him 417 points behind series leader

Matt Kenseth.

The No. 4 Morgan-McClure Motorsports Pontiac was penalized for having an unapproved fuel cell container modification that was found by NASCAR officials during pre-race inspection. Crew chief Chris Carri was fined \$25,000, Stacy Compton forfeited 25 championship driver points and Larry McClure forfeited 25 championship owner points for the infraction.

The No. 45 Petty Enterprises Dodge was found to have unapproved rear jacking bolts. Crew chief Steven Lane was issued a \$25,000 fine while Kyle Petty forfeited 25 championship driver points and Pattie Petty forfeited 25 championship owner points.

Pitino

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Pitino is one of the primary reasons the Cardinals are in the mix for players like Jefferson more frequently.

"A coach is a big reason you choose a school," Jefferson said Wednesday. "It's a great school with great players and a great coach."

Gibbons said if anyone is going to help bring talented players back to Louisville, it will be Pitino, who is getting players to take a second look.

He took Providence to the Final Four, won a national championship at Kentucky in 1996 and has coached two NBA teams, the New York Knicks and Boston Celtics. Many of his players have played professionally, and that has many more believing they can fit the mold.

"He's offering what all of these kids dream of — the NBA," Gibbons said. Pitino isn't winning all of the battles — yet.

Kentucky still ranks higher nationally on most player's wish lists, but Louisville appears to be

making inroads.

Shipp, who came to this week's camp from Fairfax High School in Los Angeles, said Pitino's NBA experience was one of the primary reasons he's considering Louisville. He also likes the way Pitino pushes players.

"They're always up and down the court," Shipp said. "They have an up tempo playing style and I feel it fits my game."

Tangara, a rising senior at Mount Zion Christian Academy in North Carolina, said Pitino is the reason Louisville is at the top of his list.

"He has more experience than most other coaches and I know that will help me," Tangara said. Gibbons said he thinks Pitino's strong work ethic is what makes him a good coach and a recruiter.

What players like most, though, is Pitino's reputation.

"I considered Louisville," Jefferson said. "But I didn't even know about Louisville, 'til a coach came up here this year."

Why Dusty Baker keeps tempting fate

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Dusty Baker is nothing if not stubborn.

With the Marlins in town, a gentle breeze blowing in off the lake and noontime showers cooling Wrigley Field to a near-perfect 72 degrees, the only controversy on the Cubs manager's schedule for Tuesday should have been his All-Star snub of Florida rookie pitcher Dontrelle Willis.

But like we said, Baker does not let go easily. And when he spotted a familiar face from his days in San Francisco, it was the

only opening he needed.

Sitting in the dugout 90 minutes before game time, without any prompting, Baker elected to revisit the controversy that one local paper dubbed his "Wilting White Man" theory.

"I said the same thing 12 years ago," Baker said. And then he laughed.

You have to wonder about a man who sticks his head in the lion's mouth over and over, especially someone like Baker, who's been around sports long enough to remember how badly the same trick turned out for Al Campanis and Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder on the first try. Both lost their

jobs and their reputations.

But whether he's braver, dumber or simply convinced that science will catch up to him on this issue someday, Baker keeps tempting fate. Maybe because his sense of loyalty won't let him do otherwise.

The same quality that won him the title of best manager in a recent players' poll is the reason Baker won't stop talking about fate, whether it's to point out the double standards he believes are still applied to black and Latino ballplayers or, as in this case, to pass along his views without checking the facts first.

To recap: Saturday, on a typi-

cally hot and humid July afternoon in Chicago, Baker began talking about the rigors of day games at Wrigley Field and wound up delivering a brief address packed with pseudo-science and revisionist history.

"You have to pretend that you're a construction worker out there. You have no choice. It's easier for me. It's easier for most Latin guys and it's easier for most minority people. Most of us come from heat. ... We were brought over here for the heat, right? Isn't that history? Weren't we brought over here because we can take the heat?"

The funny thing is that it's true in Baker's case — figuratively speaking, of course.

No manager in baseball is better at shielding his players from management and the media, with the possible exception of the Yankees' Joe Torre.

A baseball executive who knows Baker said his greatest asset as a manager is being able to convince ballplayers that he always has their best interests at heart. Part of it is because Baker was a ballplayer himself; he knows only too well what it's like to ride the bench for a week, then get sent in to pinch-hit against Randy Johnson in the late

innings of an important game.

That explains why Baker goes to great lengths not to embarrass his guys on the field or sell them out in the newspapers. It also explains why he rarely has a problem getting everybody on the team to pull in the same direction.

Baker took on a tough job covering Sammy Sosa's back in the wake of the corked-bat caper a month ago, and an even tougher one trying to persuade the rest of the ballclub to pick up the slack while their star slugger served a seven-game suspension.

Baker is considered such a motivational genius, in fact, that no sooner had he espoused his "Wilting White Man" theory than columnists and callers to talk-radio shows were sure it was some kind of ploy.

Despite Sosa's return three weeks ago, the Cubs have remained in a tailspin, prompting speculation that Baker was removing a convenient alibi from a ballclub used to laying down in the dog days of summer, or else trying to force the media to focus on him instead of his team.

"Neither," he said, standing in the hallway to the Cubs clubhouse after what turned out to be

a tough 4-3 loss to the Marlins.

He was in no mood for excuses, for himself or his ballclub. Baker, who will manage the National League All-Stars after taking the Giants to the World Series last fall, had just left the interview room behind. He was impressed watching Willis pitch for the first time and said so. He'd also seen his once-reliable bullpen lose another game, but refused to lay the blame there.

It's easy to see why his ballplayers love him.

"The one thing he always said is stay together," Sosa said. "When you play for somebody like that, believe me, you're willing to do anything."

The feeling is mutual, but that's not what set Baker off the other day. There are a few things about which he will not be swayed; not now, not ever. Race, like loyalty, is one of them.

"I was asked a question and I answered it the way I honestly feel," he said. "I felt that way years ago. I still feel that way. I think people are taking this way too far."

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AUTO RACING

Strong restrictor plate finish for Kenseth

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Matt Kenseth started the second half of the season as strong as he ran through the first part of it, widening his lead in the point standings with a sixth-place finish in the Pepsi 400 on Saturday night, July 5.

That's bad news for his competitors; Restrictor-plate racing has normally been Kenseth's weak spot. But his strong showing at Daytona International Speedway proved Kenseth is quite serious about his bid for his first Winston Cup title.

"Restrictor-plate racing is where we usually struggle," Kenseth said. "But tonight I felt like we performed pretty well. It was a great night for us."

Kenseth started 37th after a poor qualifying run forced his Roush Racing team to use a provisional to make the field. But

he sliced his way through the field, led one time for 10 laps, and held on for a solid finish.

Kenseth, who climbed to the top of the standings after the fourth race of the season, has a 180-point lead over Dale Earnhardt Jr.

The Wisconsin driver has built his lead with a string of 13 top-10 finishes. Two of them have come at restrictor-plate tracks — he finished ninth at Talladega in April.

"I'm pretty happy with all three plate races so far this season," he said. "In the spring here we were running top five and I messed up with a call to pit and then the rain came and we finished 20th. And we were running for the win at Talladega with two laps to go and got shuffled back and ended up ninth."

Kenseth possibly could have run for the win on Saturday night but because of the points

race, didn't want to gamble with fuel strategy. When caution came out on lap 74, some cars decided not to stop for fuel while others came in for a splash of gas.

Greg Biffle, Kenseth's rookie teammate at Roush Racing, went in for gas and stretched that fuel mileage strategy into his first Winston Cup win.

But Kenseth couldn't stretch anything and risk taking a massive hit in the standings, so he made a last-ditch stop for fuel with four laps to go in the race.

"In Biffle's situation, he was going to win the race if he didn't run out of gas," Kenseth said. "If he ran out of gas, he was probably going to finish 15th or 20th. We couldn't afford to gamble a top 10 away and finish 20th. We were just too close to making it."

"But it all worked out perfectly. It was a great night for us."

BASKETBALL

Hip-hop and wholesome: Kobe Bryant's image is taking a hit

by EDDIE PELLIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

With his captivating smile and wholesomely hip-hop persona that appeals to teens on the playground and millionaires in the front row, Kobe Bryant has established himself as one of the top marketable athletes of his era.

That image, however, is in jeopardy following a 19-year-old woman's accusation that Bryant sexually assaulted her. He hasn't been charged, but the allegation alone raises questions about the NBA star's marketability — for now and the future.

It's an untimely blow for the Los Angeles Lakers' guard, who just last month signed a multimillion-dollar sneaker deal with Nike to go with contracts he already has with Sprite, McDonald's and Spalding.

"They haven't charged him yet and people are already tearing down his personality," media buyer Tom DeCacia said.

In a worst-case scenario, Bryant could lose up to \$150 million in potential earnings, estimates Bob Williams of Burns Sports and Celebrities Inc. Last fall, Williams' firm commissioned a poll that listed Bryant as the third-best product endorser in sports, behind Tiger Woods and Michael Jordan.

Williams says Bryant's clean-cut image has taken a permanent hit, the repercussions of which aren't fully known.

"There's damage done," he said. "The shocker was that he was even in the situation. If you had to pick a handful of athletes who would never get in a situa-

tion like this, he'd have probably been on your list. There's a shock factor that people will remember."

Bryant was married in 2001 and became a father in January. He wore his baby girl's hospital ID bracelet in his first game after she was born, enhancing his wholesome image, and later appeared in ESPN ads carrying a case of diapers.

David Carter, head of The Sports Business Group marketing firm in Redondo Beach, Calif., said Bryant has a rare global appeal for marketers, but that the accusation could certainly hurt his image.

"This reminded me of Magic Johnson's AIDS announcement, knocked the wind out of everybody," Carter said.

History shows stars can overcome negative publicity to maintain good endorsement shelf lives.

Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis appeared all but finished as an endorser when he and two friends were charged with murder in the stabbing deaths of two men after the 2000 Super Bowl.

Five months later, the charges against Lewis were dropped. Lewis pleaded guilty to obstructing law enforcement officers and interfering with an investigation. Today, he makes millions from endorsement deals with Reebok, EA Sports and even the NFL, which fined him \$250,000 after his arrest.

Jordan has been through gambling allegations, an extortion lawsuit filed by a former lover (it was recently dismissed by a

judge) and marital problems, yet his status as a pitchman remains strong.

Still, there are key differences between Lewis, Jordan and Bryant. Lewis, Williams said, "never had a great endorsement career and wound up with a deal or two, which is pretty amazing." Much of Jordan's bad publicity came toward the end of his career.

"But Kobe is only 24," Williams said. "It's pretty mind-boggling to think of what's at stake here."

Williams says Bryant probably makes between \$10 million and \$12 million a year in endorsement deals. If he plays until age 40, as Jordan did, it could total more than \$150 million in lost revenue should his stock plummet.

"He doesn't have every demographic, the way Jordan or Tiger does," Williams said. "But he has a lot of charisma. He's good looking. He's got a great smile. He's well-spoken. As athletes go, he comes across as being a pretty bright one."

Most of all, advertisers like Bryant because he's a winner.

A five-time All-Star who helped the Lakers win three straight championships before the streak ended this year, Bryant was the youngest player to enter the NBA when he came into the league in 1996 straight from high school at age 18.

He has steadily gotten better. He averaged 30 points a game last season and has more than lived up to the hype he created when he skipped college to go pro.

"He's still a superstar," said DeCacia, whose outlook is less gloomy than Williams'. "Unless he's proven guilty, I still think he's a superstar and a super marketer for any client."

Thus far, Nike is avoiding comment.

"All I can say is, we think Kobe's a great player and this is a legal matter," spokeswoman Celeste Alleyne said.

Sprite officials are taking the same stance.

"We are aware of the situation regarding Kobe Bryant and are monitoring it at this time," spokesman Scott Williamson told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

While officials in Colorado sort out evidence and decide if Bryant should be charged, none of the endorsers is bailing out of their deals.

But Williams believes they must be nervous.

"They're conservative in nature and hate to see any kind of negative press for a spokesman of their product," he said. "I think they just take a wait-and-see attitude and see what does or doesn't develop."

Dogs

Breeding" (Barron's Educational Series, \$10.95 paperback). "Even popular purebred puppies, produced from carefully selected parents, are often difficult to place in appropriate homes," Rice said.

"Producing healthy, strong puppies, whether purebred or mongrel, is an expensive business. The necessary investment in food, health care, including vaccinations, and time is rarely recovered. As a full-time business, purebred dog breeding might show a modest profit, but as a hobby or sideline, it rarely does."

If you have reasons other than profit for whelping a litter, then it may be time to shop for a prospective match.

Hunt

near the flush point, recover their dog, conceal it under some camouflage and try calling in the scattered birds.

That isn't always easy. Turkeys in the wild are nothing like their domestic cousins, who've been known to drown in their own drinking water. Wild turkeys have an acute sense of sight and hearing, and the long-beards among them have attended survival school.

"Turkeys can hear a shadow move," Byrne says. "Some say they can see the grass growing."

So you need to do some savvy calling. And you need an aggressive yet compliant dog.

"I'm not much of a spring gobbler hunter," says Byrne, who's been known to call a bird to the blind with one of his homemade wing bone calls, then jump up and simply throw his cap at it. "It's a low down dirty trick to take advantage of a (lovesick) tom while hunting in the spring," he contends. "I think too much of the noble turkey to do that."

"But in the fall, now that's sport."

A good turkey dog ranges widely — 400 to 500 yards — checking in with his hunter-handler every five to 15 minutes. The animal follows the

Your choice of breeder should not be purely a matter of convenience. You're looking for someone with a reputation for turning out quality dogs, of course. You're also looking for an animal that will enhance the qualities of your own dog — color, confirmation and markings, among others. Don't duplicate the flaws, if any, that have turned up in your own dog in the field or show ring.

"For long-term success, one must be willing to forego the stud dog down the road for the more desirable one two states away," Coffman said.

If you can arrange it, go meet the prospective sire or bitch. Study the animal's temperament. Avoid animals exhibiting exces-

sive boldness, shyness or flighty behavior.

"You usually take the female to the male rather than the other way around," says Johnny Clark, a veterinarian from Luray, Va. "If the male goes to a strange environment, the match often doesn't work."

If the mate of choice is halfway across the country, think about using artificial insemination rather than crating and shipping. "It's certainly better than shipping the female, which puts a lot of stress on her," Coffman said. "Artificial insemination also is generally cheaper."

Spend some time working out a stud fee or contract. Understand that they vary within the various dog sports and breeds.

"In field trail bird dogs, a fee of \$300 to \$400 is common, and this is the norm in competition coonhounds," Coffman said. "But you can breed to the top producing field trial beagle for \$150 to \$200," he said. "Retrievers are normally more expensive."

Clark suggests ensuring that all the pedigree paperwork is in order before mating the pair. "It's difficult if not impossible to paper the pups if there's a question about one of the parents," he said.

It's also important to consider the breeding contract. "Make some provisions if the plan doesn't work," Clark says. "Who owes who what? And then, what if there's just one puppy and the stud fee is the pick of the litter?" After you've arranged the match, prepare for the pups. Gestation takes 63 to 65 days.

"There are numerous (dog) breeding programs that have worked," Coffman said. "But breeding the best to the best and hoping for the best is as good as any."

On the Web:

American Kennel Club - <http://www.akc.org>

Working Retriever Central, owned by Field Trial News - <http://www.working-retriever.com>

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Sunday Comics

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

HONEY, DID YOU HEAR THE BABY?
I THINK ONE OF US SHOULD CHECK ON HER.
I'LL KEEP THE BED NICE AND WARM FOR YOU.
NOBODY HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR AT 5:00 A.M.

MAMA'S BOYZ

WWW.MAMASBOYZ.COM

JERRY CRAFT

WOAH! A SUPER DUPER AB SUPPORTER! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
YOU FINALLY REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF A HEALTHY DIET AND EXERCISE.
BUT IF YOU DON'T MIND, PAULINE, I'D PREFER TO USE IT IN PRIVATE.
SURE, DAD. HAVE FUN.
PORK RINDS GO HERE...
I SHOULD'N'T HAVE BOUGHT THIS HAT FROM THAT SLICK SALESMAN.
I DON'T THINK TOO GOOD ON MY FEET.
YOU DON'T THINK TOO GOOD WITH YOUR BRAIN EITHER.

I SHOULD'N'T HAVE BOUGHT THIS HAT FROM THAT SLICK SALESMAN.
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R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

NEW TOOL BOX FOR YA TRUCK, EH, TINKER?
YUP! I DIDN'T LIKE ANY OF THE STOCK MODELS...
SO I WENT WITH A CUSTOM JOB!

POPEYE

WITH ALL YER EDUCATION...
...HOW COME YER JEST A SUCCESSFUL MOOCHER?
IT'S A SAD TALE, MY FRIEND!

AFTER COLLEGE I REALIZED I DIDN'T KNOW THE REAL ME...
...SO I LEFT HOME IN A SEARCH FOR MYSELF!
IT LED ME TO THE FAR EAST...
...I IMMERSED MYSELF IN THE KRIPALU TRADITION IN A YOGA ASHRAM...
...WHERE I SEARCHED DILIGENTLY FOR THE LANDSCAPE OF MY SOUL...
I EXPLORED MY CHAKRA...
...AND CAME UPON MY KARMIC BOND WITH THE UNIVERSE...
AFTER YEARS, I TRIUMPHANTLY RETURNED HOME...
...I SAID, 'FATHER, I FINALLY FOUND MYSELF!'
AN' WOT DID HE SAY?
"GET LOST!"

MAGIC MAZE

INTERESTING TOWN NAMES IN NORTH CAROLINA

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Askeville Bath Frog Level Tick Bite
Avon Big Lick Frog Pond Welcome
Bahama Bunlevel Meat Camp Whynot
Bat Cave Duck Speed

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

BASEBALL PARK
GAME TODAY

BASEBALL PARK
TODAY'S GAME

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. "Game" sign is different. 2. Word "PARK" is black. 3. More symbols above man's head. 4. Ball is different. 5. Man has catcher's glove. 6. No building in background.

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Henry

BY DON TRACHTE

MRS. FISHNOODLE IS BACK FROM HER TRIP. HENRY - YOU CAN RETURN HER GOLDFISH NOW.
I TOLD HER WE FED THEM WELL WHILE SHE WAS AWAY.

EARLY MAN DISCOVERS THE POWER PLAY

MY WORD, HOW THEY'VE GROWN

Super Crossword

SPAGHETTI WESTERNS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Applies lightly
 - 5 Helicopter sound
 - 9 Swedish rockers
 - 13 "Whole — Love" ('69 hit)
 - 18 Guinness or Baldwin
 - 19 Actress Skye
 - 20 Chrysler competitor
 - 21 Toils
 - 22 "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" star?
 - 25 O'Neill's "The — Cometh"
 - 26 New Hampshire city
 - 27 Postpone
 - 28 Leaf part
 - 30 Married
 - 31 Tarbell or Lupino
 - 33 Theft
 - 36 Spring mo.
 - 37 "Duelo at Diablo" star?
 - 43 Punjabi princes
 - 46 Ornamental vine
 - 47 It may be bitter
 - 48 Blue hue
 - 50 The very bottom
 - 52 Tijuana title
 - 55 "Star Wars" Skywalker
 - 57 Fawn's father
 - 59 Pride of lions?
 - 61 Be a pest
 - 63 Actress Helgenberger
 - 65 Alarc, for one
 - 67 Easily read
 - 71 Kedrova of "Tom Curtain"
 - 73 Unwell
 - 74 Gulf ruler
 - 75 Part of EEC
 - 76 "The Tin Stella" star?
 - 79 Wrath
 - 80 Fateful 15th
 - 82 Demolished a Danish
 - 83 Rain hard?
 - 84 Incorporated, as territory
 - 87 Smith or Jones, e.g.
 - 89 Junket
 - 91 Petite pooch
 - 92 Forster's "— With a View"
 - 93 Evaluate
 - 96 Level
 - 98 Account entry
 - 102 Have — over one's head
 - 104 "My Sweet —" ('70 smash)
 - 106 Debtors' letters
 - 108 Indefinite pronoun
 - 109 Baal and Elvis
 - 111 "Rosso River" star?
 - 115 Funnymen Phillips
 - 117 Hailing from Haifa
 - 119 Paw part
 - 120 Once around the track
 - 121 "Peter Pan" pirate
 - 122 Pound the podium
 - 126 Stallone role
 - 130 Puts up
 - 132 "How the Ovest Was Won" star?
 - 136 Actress Tyson
 - 137 Poker stake
 - 138 Peter and Gordon song, e.g.
 - 139 Small combo
 - 140 Asian capital
 - 141 Tavern staples
 - 142 District
 - 143 Prophet
- DOWN**
- 1 TV's "— Shadows"
 - 2 Bum remedy
 - 3 Neuwirth or Daniels
 - 4 Picturesque
 - 5 Humor
 - 6 Car part
 - 7 Memo start
 - 8 Scuba site
 - 9 Insult
 - 10 Derisive cry
 - 11 "It's freezing!"
 - 12 Confuse
 - 13 Tablecloth fabric
 - 14 UK honor
 - 15 "Riders of the Purple Sage" star?
 - 16 Vagabond
 - 17 Ed of "Lou Grant"
 - 21 Tripoli native
 - 23 Change the decor
 - 24 Earl — Biggers
 - 29 Hockey's Bobby
 - 32 Current unit
 - 34 Honey bunch?
 - 35 Wild child
 - 37 "M*A*S*H" extras
 - 38 "— been had!"
 - 39 Writer Rand
 - 40 Vinegar's partner
 - 41 Dejected
 - 42 Detergent ingredient
 - 44 Actress Gertz
 - 45 Saying
 - 49 Linda of "Alice"
 - 51 Join the leisure class?
 - 53 Kimono closer
 - 54 Massage
 - 56 Fromm or Segal
 - 58 Comic Radner
 - 60 Start the slaw
 - 62 Shimmer
 - 64 Rub it in
 - 65 Distort
 - 67 Camera company
 - 68 Writer Welty
 - 69 "The Grande Country" star?
 - 70 Go in
 - 72 Blazing
 - 77 Kidney-related
 - 78 De Havilland or Hussey
 - 81 Hair net
 - 85 Start to snooze
 - 86 Spud bud
 - 88 Melville novel
 - 90 Menial laborer
 - 94 Tiberius' threads?
 - 95 A Great Lake
 - 97 Sister
 - 99 Lad
 - 100 Bed and breakfast
 - 101 Pigskin prop
 - 103 Poorly made
 - 105 Costello or Del Rio
 - 107 Use a straw
 - 110 Compass pt.
 - 112 Neighbor of Tenn.
 - 113 Well's opposite
 - 114 Modifies
 - 115 Vote in
 - 116 Lanza or Lemieux
 - 118 "King Lear" role
 - 121 WWII site
 - 123 Verli opera
 - 124 — de force
 - 125 Fencing weapon
 - 127 Full-grown filly
 - 128 Soft cheese
 - 129 Scent
 - 131 Dodger Ron
 - 133 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
 - 134 Giant legend
 - 135 Greek vowel

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RENTALS

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