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Wrench attack nets charges

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

HAROLD — A Harold man has been charged with assault and wanton endangerment for allegedly hitting a man in the head with a lug wrench, while the alleged victim was holding his child's hand.

According to court documents, David Brian Arais, 24, was arrested at the Floyd County Justice Center on May 8 and charged with second-degree assault and second-degree wanton endangerment.

A criminal complaint states that Arais hit Joey Luster, of Harold, in the head with a lug wrench on April 28. Luster alleges that he was holding the hand of his child when this event occurred.

The case is set for arraignment for June 25. Arais was released on 10 percent of a \$10,000 bond.

Mullins pleads guilty to possession

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An Ivel man, who was arrested in mid-November by Kentucky State Police for drug possession,

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Tourism told to write own checks

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — While the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission has agreed with the expenditure that the city has been spending on its behalf since August, members proposed that they will be more confident now that the commission will be signing its own checks.

The commission and Mayor Jerry Fannin discussed the issue at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Thursday, where members of the Kentucky Tourism Council and the Kentucky Hotel and Lodging Association attended for support.

According to Jim Ousley, who was elected as vice chairman, the city has been signing commission checks since Greg Wilson

resigned as treasurer last August. Fannin said that Wilson had gone to work for the state, which was a better position.

Commission members voiced concern that they may not be complying with state statutes by not signing their own checks and asked Ray Gillispie, executive director for the Kentucky Hotel

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Ray Gillespie, executive director of the Kentucky Hotel and Lodging Association, left, and Marcheta Sparrow, president and CEO of the Kentucky Tourism Council, advised the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission it would be better served writing its own checks, rather than having the city write them for it.

GRADUATION



photo by Loretta Blackburn

Students made last-minute preparations shortly before Prestonsburg Community College held its 38th commencement exercise Friday night at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. Cardiac physician Dr. Rodney Handshoe served as keynote speaker for the ceremony. Earlier in the day, a similar ceremony was held at Mayo Technical College in Paintsville, with former Johnson County Attorney Scott Preston serving as keynote speaker.

Man charged with slicing teen

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Hueysville man charged with knifing his nephew during an argument pleaded not guilty during his arraignment Friday.

Lowell Dean Castle, 38, was arrested Thursday in Hueysville when police responded to claims of an altercation between Castle and his 15-year-old nephew at Castle's home.

Witnesses told police that Castle cut his nephew, Robert

Castle, with an 8-inch long knife during a fight the two were having.

In their report, police said Robert Castle was taken to McDowell ARH by his father and

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Tip leads deputies to missing girl

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — Katie Short, a Wayland girl missing since April 26, was returned to her family Thursday by Floyd County deputies who had been searching

for several days to locate the girl. According to Deputy Gary Tackett, he and Deputy Delmas Johnson picked Short up at a gas station on Mud Creek following an anonymous phone call.

The caller said he knew where the 15-year-old Knott County stu-

dent was and agreed on the gas station as a drop off point, said Tackett.

When the deputies arrived, Short came from behind the gas station and willingly joined them.

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Doctors once lured to Appalachia leaving in handcuffs

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A growing list of doctors who were once welcomed with open arms into medically underserved Appalachia have been taken away in handcuffs.

In eastern Kentucky alone, seven small-town doctors are in prison or on their way

there for illegally supplying drug addicts with prescriptions for powerful narcotics such as OxyContin. At least six others have been rounded up in the hills of West Virginia, Virginia, and southern Ohio.

Advocates for the mountain region say the loss of so many doctors ordinarily would have left a void. In these cases, they say, the departures can only improve medical care.

"As badly as we need more physicians, we certainly don't need the type that will violate their oaths and do much more harm than good," said Ewell Balltrip, executive director of the Kentucky Appalachian Commission.

Federal and state law enforcement agencies began cracking down on wayward physicians in Appalachia in 2000, after OxyContin, a powerful painkiller

intended for cancer patients and others suffering from severe pain, began showing up in large quantities on the black market.

The first eastern Kentucky physician snared in the crackdown — Dr. Ali Sawaf, 61, of Harlan — turned to illegally prescribing OxyContin and other painkillers after he lost his \$250,000-a-year job at a

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Lawsuit: Stumbo stalled child support efforts

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — A lawsuit pending in Fayette County accuses Greg Stumbo, a state representative and a candidate for attorney general, of delaying a case in which a Lexington woman was attempting to collect child support for their 14-year-old son.

As attorney general, Stumbo would be the top child-support enforcement official in Kentucky. One of his opponents said he believes the case reflects on Stumbo's ability to carry out that duty.

Stumbo denied delaying the case and said he began paying regular child support last year for the boy after a DNA test con-

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Stumbo

Flawed system getting better, officials say

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

After struggling with the burden of raising children on her own, while dealing with the issue of child support through a court system that only recently developed more effective laws, a Dana woman says that she can hardly bear to watch her daughter go through the same thing.

"Is he going to get another slap on the wrist?" asked Charlene Ousley in reference to a long awaited pretrial conference scheduled for ex-husband Cletus Ousley.

Venting her frustration, Ousley said that her ex had owed her child support for 22 years and the amount had reached a whopping \$16,766. She stated that Ousley was ordered to pay \$100 a month for two children, but bounced from Florida to Kentucky and refused to pay.

While she sought charges against her ex-husband in district court, Ousley said that it didn't help as court orders to pay were made, but the consequences were never enforced. She said that she kept officials

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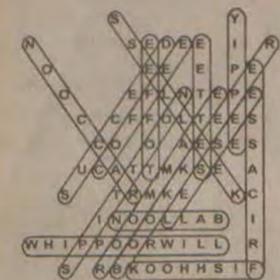
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ADJACENT DOUBLE LETTERS



The Associated Press

■ **NEWPORT, R.I.** — The brooch Alan Golash purchased at an antique shop: \$14. The two pearls attached to the ornamental pin: priceless.

Gem experts told The Providence Journal that the naturally purple pearls — produced from a type of clam known as quahogs — are extraordinarily rare. The larger pearl is 14 millimeters in diameter, a size that some gem experts said is a one-of-a-kind.

"We've never had a pearl like this before," said Betty Lin, vice president of jewelry at Christie's auction house in New York.

Golash's partner found the 19th century pin three years ago in a basket of costume jewelry. He recognized the brooch was made of gold, but was unaware of the pearls' value.

Golash, an antiques dealer in Newport, plans to sell the brooch at auction in two years in Hong Kong, where pearls are most prized.

In the meantime, he plans to put the jewel — which he's calling the Pearl of Venus — on a nationwide tour, to increase awareness and thus, its value.

"We have to get the word out," Golash said. "If people

don't know it exists and how rare it is, no one will show up to bid on it."

■ **AVONDALE ESTATES, Ga.** — Stan Pike's protest against the city is green with polka dots.

After the Avondale Estates Historic Preservation Commission rejected Pike's plan to add a rounded front

stoop to a house he's renovating, he called two painters Wednesday to paint the front of his house lime green, with large, purple polka dots.

The home sticks out in the historical neighborhood.

"It's certainly making a point," neighbor Karen Horace said. She added that the six-person commission "does have a reputation for being a little diffi-

cult sometimes."

Pike doesn't plan to stop at dots. Scattering old toilets filled with geraniums tops his to-do list.

Meanwhile, City Manager Warren Hutmacher and his staff are searching for a city code that would force Pike to repaint his house a more neutral color, but they've had no luck.

"We haven't been able to find anything in the code as of yet that would dictate what color people can't paint their houses," Hutmacher said Thursday.

■ **PORT RICHEY, Fla.** —

Tracy Olson cannot swim. But when he saw an elderly woman lose control and drive her car into a small pond behind his home, he took the plunge.

Olson, a self-employed plumber, grabbed a hammer and dog-paddled his way to the sinking Ford Crown Victoria. He made his way to the car, broke one window with the hammer and pulled Ann Adamski to safety.

"He couldn't swim, but he

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 11, the 131st day of 2003. There are 234 days left in the year. This is Mother's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 11, 1946, the first CARE packages arrived in Europe, at Le Havre, France.

On this date:

■ In 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

■ In 1888, songwriter Irving Berlin was born Israel Baline in Temun, Russia.

■ In 1910, Glacier National Park in Montana was established.

■ In 1943, during World War II, U.S. forces landed on the Aleutian island of Attu, which was held by the Japanese; the Americans took the island 19 days later.

■ In 1949, Israel was admitted to the United Nations as the world body's 59th member.

■ In 1973, charges against Daniel Ellsberg for his role in the Pentagon Papers case were dismissed by Judge William M. Byrne, who cited government misconduct.

■ In 1981, reggae artist Bob Marley, 36, died in a Miami hospital.

■ In 1985, more than 50 people died when a flash fire swept a jam-packed soccer stadium in Bradford, England.

■ In 1996, an Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

■ In 1997, the Deep Blue IBM computer demolished an overwhelmed Garry Kasparov and won the six-game chess match between man and machine in New York.

Ten years ago:

The Senate approved the so-called "motor voter" bill, designed to make voter registration easier. The Senate Armed Services Committee heard emotional testimony from Marine Col. Fred Peck, who affirmed his love for his homosexual son, Scott, while restating his opposition to lifting the ban on openly gay servicemen.

Five years ago:

India set off three underground atomic blasts, its first nuclear tests in 24 years. Attorney General Janet Reno requested an independent counsel to investigate Labor Secretary Alexis Herman for alleged influence-peddling and solicitation of illegal campaign contributions. Herman was later cleared. A French mint produced the first coins of Europe's single currency, the euro.

One year ago:

Israel pulled out of the West Bank town of Tulkarem, leaving Palestinian-run territories free of Israeli troops for the first time in six weeks. Joseph Bonanno, the notorious gangster known as "Joe Bananas," died in Tucson, Ariz., at age 97.

Today's Birthdays:

Comedian Mort Sahl is 76. Rock singer Eric Burdon (The Animals; War) is 62. Actress Frances Fisher is 51. Actor Boyd Gaines is 50. Country musician Mark Herndon (Alabama) is 48. Actress Martha Quinn is 44. Actress Natasha Richardson is 40. Country singer-musician

Tim Raybon (The Raybon Brothers) is 40. Actor Coby Bell is 28. Actor Austin O'Brien is 23. Actor Jonathan Jackson is 21.

Thought for Today:

"We carry our nemesis within us: yesterday's self-admiration is the legitimate father of today's feeling of guilt." — Dag Hammarskjöld, U.N. Secretary-General (1905-1961).

Castle, Szabo and Perry to Perform with the Sacred Winds Ensemble

The Sacred Winds Ensemble, under the director of G. Scott Bersaglia, will be presenting their seventh annual Summer Concert in June. This year's concert will feature guest soloists, Tonya Castle, Adrienne Szabo and Judson Perry.

Miss Castle, a graduate of Morehead State University will be returning for her fourth appearance as soprano soloist while Mezzo-soprano and graduate of Butler University, Adrienne Szabo, will be joining the ensemble for her second appearance.

Tenor soloist Judson Perry will make his debut with the ensemble this summer. Mr. Perry is a graduate of the University of Kentucky where he received the Bachelors of Performance Degree in Opera. He is currently a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Texas at Austin where he is pursuing a Masters in Choral Conducting.

Miss Castle, Miss Szabo and Mr. Perry will be performing

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Doctors

regional clinic. Assistant U.S. Attorney Roger West said at the time that Sawaf was desperate for money and opened an office in a Harlan mall where he handed out prescriptions almost as quickly as he could write them.

The latest physician to plead

guilty, Dr. David Procter, 52, of South Shore, traded pain killers for sex. He admitted to a federal judge that he had sexual relations with two female patients after he got them hooked.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Pat Molloy said most of the doctors caught in the past two years had

been recruited to come to the region to help care for rural residents.

"They may not have stepped over the line before they got here, but clearly they were corruptible," Molloy said. "I don't think they were of high moral character when they got here."

The problem is not confined to Appalachia.

Dr. Dudley Hall, a Bridgeport, Conn., physician, was nicknamed "Dr. Feelgood" by police for writing so many prescriptions for OxyContin and other pain killers. Hall was convicted last year on 22 counts of illegally prescribing a narcotic substance and 14 counts of illegally prescribing a controlled substance.

In Milton, Fla., Dr. James Graves was convicted of manslaughter in the OxyContin overdose deaths of four patients. Graves was the first doctor in the

nation to be convicted of manslaughter or murder for OxyContin deaths. He testified that he was unaware patients were abusing the prescriptions.

Authorities blame the abuse of OxyContin for scores of overdose deaths in the Appalachian region and beyond.

If taken properly, the drug's ingredients are released slowly into the body. But abusers circumvent the time-release by crushing the pills and inhaling or injecting the powder to get the same kind of euphoric high that heroin brings.

Larry Bailey of Grayson, Ky., said he believes his son, who became hooked on painkillers and died from an overdose, would still be alive if unscrupulous doctors had not been so willing to feed his addiction.

At first, his son, Paul Bailey, 35, had a legitimate need for

medication to ease severe back pain. The last time he visited Dr. Rodolfo Santos of South Shore, he left with prescriptions for painkillers, tranquilizers and muscle relaxants. It was a combination of those pills that claimed his life.

So when Santos went on trial last month for overprescribing drugs, Larry Bailey sat quietly in the courtroom day after day, hoping the doctor would be convicted on the charges. The conviction came last month, making Santos the seventh doctor in eastern Kentucky to fall.

"Being angry doesn't solve anything," Larry Bailey said. "But I was thrilled to see him being put out of business. My son tried to break the addiction. He had moved himself into a treatment center at Ashland, and did well for a few months. The desire came back, and he could get

drugs freely from Santos."

A jury recommended in April that Santos, who was recruited to work in eastern Kentucky, serve 16 years in prison. He could be eligible for parole in a little more than three years.

Procter, the physician who owned the clinic where Santos worked, pleaded guilty in April to one count of conspiracy and two counts of illegally prescribing controlled substances. Procter faces 10 to 12 years in prison.

Others in eastern Kentucky who have either pleaded guilty or been convicted of overprescribing drugs include two physicians in Paintsville, one in Garrison and another in South Shore. Some of those individuals saw as many as 150 patients a day, ushering them into and out of examination rooms in as little as three minutes.

Lewis County Sheriff Bill Lewis said no one in Garrison

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Stumbo

firmed he was the father.

But the Fayette County Circuit Court lawsuit filed May 4, 2001, and the boy's mother allege the case was dogged with repeated delays - including a dispute about paternity.

"No mother of any child should be subject to the ordeal my family has undergone for simply asking a father to support his child," said the mother, Travis Fritsch. She said she and Stumbo dated in 1987 when she was a victim's advocate for the state attorney general's office and he was a legislator.

Fritsch's lawsuit, which asked for \$1,057.75 a month in child support and \$42,443 in back child support payments, alleges a pattern of delays by Stumbo. She said in a July 2001 motion that he had a "repeated history of reaching agreements and then reneging."

Stumbo, 51, the House majority floor leader, said he doesn't see the case as an issue in the May 20 primary race against two other Democrats. In Kentucky, the attorney general serves as chairman of the Child Support Enforcement Commission, which administers collection of child support statewide.

"I've never violated a legal obligation," Stumbo said. "If anyone can produce any court order I've ever violated, I'll withdraw from the election."

But one of his primary opponents, former state Attorney General Chris Gorman, said he is aware of the case and believes it reflects on Stumbo's credibility and ability to enforce child-support collections.

"It appears he tried to avoid his responsibility," Gorman said. "How would you feel if you were a woman who wanted child support collected and you wanted to state your case to the attorney general and found out he

had been sued for not paying child support."

State Auditor Ed Hatchett, the other Democrat running for attorney general, declined to comment on Stumbo but said child-support collection is a vital part of the job, one he would emphasize if elected.

"Our attorney general must bring to that role the moral high ground on the collection of child support," Hatchett said.

Lawyer Richard Beliles, chairman of the public interest group Common Cause of Kentucky, said he's not familiar with the case but that it could reflect on the race.

"The allegations certainly are not helpful to his campaign," Beliles said.

Stumbo said he was not certain the child was his prior to the legal action.

Stumbo has said he was married at the time the child was conceived; he has since divorced and remarried.

"I knew she had a child," he said. "I did not know the child was my child."

Fritsch disputed that and said Stumbo was aware of her pregnancy and the child's birth in 1988, and that he accepted the child as his from birth. He visited or called the child and sent presents and cards, she said.

"We had an arrangement worked out for years," she said. That stopped when she filed the lawsuit in 2001, Fritsch said.

The lawsuit alleges Stumbo had never disputed he was the father until Fritsch filed the suit seeking to enforce a private agreement it alleged she and Stumbo reached on child support.

Both Fritsch and Stumbo declined to say how much child support he pays, and court records don't show the amount because it was reached by agreement through the mediation.

Find

"When we pulled in, she came from the back of the station and got in the car," Tackett said.

Tackett and Johnson had court orders to transport Short to a juvenile detention center in Jackson as a "habitual runaway", but, because she gave authorities no trouble, was allowed to be returned to her mother, Linda Short, later in the evening.

"She had apparently run away from home before, but she seemed happy about going home," Tackett said.

At a second drop-off point, McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, police returned Short to her mother

and family, who were thrilled to see her return.

"They said she had run away before, but they hadn't heard from her in two weeks and were worried she might be dead," said Tackett. "That was one happy family when we dropped her off."

Short told the deputies that she had left with her boyfriend and had been afraid to go home, fearing her family would have her sent to a juvenile detention center.

Tackett said the situation is still under investigation, considering it wasn't clear, at this time, who had actually picked Short up from school when she was last seen.

Cocaine

pleaded guilty in connection to the arrest Friday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Lawrence Ray Mullins was charged at the time with a single count of first-degree possession of cocaine and waived formal trial privileges to accept a two-year probated prison sentence from Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner Friday afternoon.

The charge stemmed from a traffic stop which led to a search of a vehicle in which Mullins was a passenger. A small amount of cocaine was found on Mullins during the search.

At his arraignment on Dec. 27, Mullins pleaded not guilty to the charge, but, after conferring briefly with his court-appointed attorney, Haroldyn Howard, just before the hearing Friday, accepted the sentence.

Mullins was first offered the plea agreement from the commonwealth on May 2 during a pretrial conference, a bargaining agreement Turner said was based in large part on the fact that Mullins' history reflected anything similar to drug-related or any other types of charges. This,

combined with the fact that there remained some question as to whether or not the cocaine actually belonged to Mullins or if he was simply holding it for someone else, weighed in the decision.

Turner said Friday that, in any event, Mullins would be subject to home visits and periodic drug testing for the next two years.

"If he is using drugs, we feel it will come out during his time period under these conditions," Turner said.

Circuit Judge John David Caudill set July 11 as a sentencing date for Mullins.

Odds

jumped in," said Pasco County sheriff's Sgt. Raymond Stanley. "He did what he had to do. He saved her life."

Adamski told police that a car had swerved into her lane and she was trying to avoid a collision when she swerved through Olson's yard. She was not hurt.

Support

informed of his whereabouts, but he was never arrested.

"If it had been carried out, the arrearages wouldn't get so high," said Ousley.

Court records show that Charlene Ousley's case against Cletus Ousley was filed on Dec. 3, 1982, in Floyd Circuit Court. Although the Kentucky Courts electronic filing system does not document the court activity before 2000, Ousley said that she has been filing motions since 1988.

She related the story behind a Dec. 11, 2000, judgment set for her ex-husband to pay \$300 per month toward the arrearages. She said that Ousley was working in the coal mines at the time the payment was set and did make one payment, which she had to split with the state because she had received \$2,100 from them when her children were young. However, she stated that he soon quit his job and went to work for his brother as a car salesman for much less pay.

Court records show that a motion to modify the arrearage obligation was filed in April 2001, which brought the payments back down.

Ousley said that her ex-husband's alleged manipulation of the system should have been noticed after 22 years and his repeated failures to make payment should have resulted in the consequences set forth in the

court orders.

"The court system needs to change," said Ousley.

Floyd County Assistant County Attorney Jo Ann Harvey proposes that the system is changing with a number of new laws and enforcement measures in place. She said that a new form signed by employers will make wage assignments easier to enforce, at least with those that are legitimately employed. She agreed that family court's "one family, one judge" motto supported their contribution to this issue.

Other factors that have improved support payment enforcement, Harvey said, are interstate tracking, allowing courts to track them from state to state, as well as the court's ability to revoke driver's licenses and passports.

"If anyone needs any help from our office, give us a call," Harvey said in regard to questions and assistance concerning the issue. "That's what we're here for."

Jail time is a real possibility by the time a case becomes criminal and reaches the commonwealth's attorney's office, as an indictment charges the absent parent with a felony, which Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner says that his office is adamant about pursuing. However, the custodial parent must seek charges against the

Tourism

and Lodging Association, to educate them with his experience on the subject. Gillispie said that KRS 198.350-400 declares that a commission member should write checks, as well as hire its own employees and write its payroll checks, which is something the city has been doing since the city adopted an ordinance establishing the commission.

However, Fannin said that since the commission has been reimbursing the city for the payroll checks, he believed they had been adhering to the law.

Visiting from the Kentucky Tourism Council, Marcheta Sparrow, president and CEO, said that she had been contacted by a local hotel owner who was concerned that commission members were unable to access the funds that come from hotel and restaurant taxes.

Sparrow reported that she didn't know why this was an issue, but her organization felt that it should accept the invitation to the meeting with hopes that the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission could continue its "good work."

Board member Mark Miller made a motion to establish a signature card that requires two of three named from the commission to sign. In addition to Boyd Thompson, who was named treasurer by the commission, Ousley and Donna Wells were designated

as those who can okay spending commission money. Ousley proposed that, even though the city had been writing checks for them, the commission had approved them before they were issued.

Another concern with the commission using its granted state power to write its own payroll checks was the benefit package that now comes through the city. However, Fannin said that tourism employees are ultimately city employees, and he would contact the city attorney about the concern.

On a positive note, Floyd County tourism appears to be doing well, as Misha Curnette, secretary, reported that the county ranked 31st out of 120 counties. The commission reported that it will be getting three new members next week.

absent one in order to get an indictment.

Past indictments for failure to pay child support show that the process works, as those owing arrearages are given the choice of jail or probation and continued payment of a set amount.

As for Ousley's years of frustration from dealing with a previous, less than effective means of collecting support, her agitation hit a high point when her oldest child, Jenny Mullins, 24, had to face the chore of securing support for her child. Ousley said that Mullins commented with exasperation on her mother's experience with the same situation.

"Is mine going to take 20 years?" Mullins asked her mother.

Sex scheme defendants facing jail time again

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two of the three women charged in what was dubbed a "sex scheme" in 2001 and who ultimately were given probated sentences as a result may find themselves facing jail time after all.

Patricia Shepherd, 31, and Stephanie Estep, 25, were both scheduled to be in court Friday on traffic charges that could find Shepherd's probation revoked and Estep's case, which should soon be handed down by a grand jury, expanded.

Shepherd pleaded guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence and driving on a suspended license, both felonies, and another misdemeanor charge not detailed in court records in exchange for the commonwealth's agreement to drop a charge of persistent felony offender, which could have resulted in five more years of jail time.

Shepherd pleaded guilty last year to her involvement in a "sex scheme" aimed at distracting men with the promise of sex while Estep and a third individual then burglarized the homes. She was placed on probation during court proceedings, but will now find that probation revoked and face the full

Assault

treated for a cut about 6 inches below his knee.

The knife witnesses said was used during the fight could not be found at the scene, police said. Reports indicated that Castle may have disposed of the knife under the home where it could not be recovered during the preliminary investigation.

Castle, who pleaded not guilty during his arraignment Friday, was charged with second-degree assault following his arrest and placed under a \$1,000 surety bond at the Floyd County Detention Center.

A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for Castle on June 14.

sentence imposed at the time.

On the most recent charges, Shepherd could face three full years in prison, as well as whatever the court applies pending a revocation hearing.

Estep, who was released from jail on probation following her plea of guilty to theft in the alleged prostitution and burglary scheme, was given the opportunity to pay restitution in the amount of \$600, but failed to meet those demands.

Now, after getting a virtual second chance and released from jail, Estep faces new charges which were diverted during court proceedings Friday and scheduled for a later date.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner says the likelihood that the new charges of driving under the influence and driving on a suspended license — which nearly match those of Shepherd's — being handed over to the grand jury in the near future are very possible.

"We're seeking to revoke her probation," Turner said Friday afternoon. "The new case against her will be prosecuted if the grand jury hands it down, as well as the old charges. The sentence would be consecutive and the case will probably be sent to the grand jury."

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— Felix Frankfurter

GuestView

State not willing to face reality

State budgets are ugly everywhere this year, and the one just passed by the Indiana legislature is no exception. But it at least has some redeeming features that others - namely Kentucky's - lack.

Like Kentucky's, it's a misshapen thing that puts off any honest reckoning: It steals money for immediate general spending from special funds that need it back soon. It simply ignores big, unavoidable cost increases for prisons and Medicaid. Without a miracle, it will fall far short.

But, once you stomach all of that, there are some qualities to admire.

First, unlike Kentucky's, its commitment to education is more than spin. Every school district will see a funding increase, amounting to a total of \$500 million, and so will higher education, which will start recovering from earlier cuts.

Second, unlike Kentucky's, the budget begins what is to be a multiyear commitment to high-tech economic development. It devotes \$75 million to supporting product-development partnerships between businesses and universities, another \$9 million for high-tech industrial parks and more millions to a variety of other long-range initiatives.

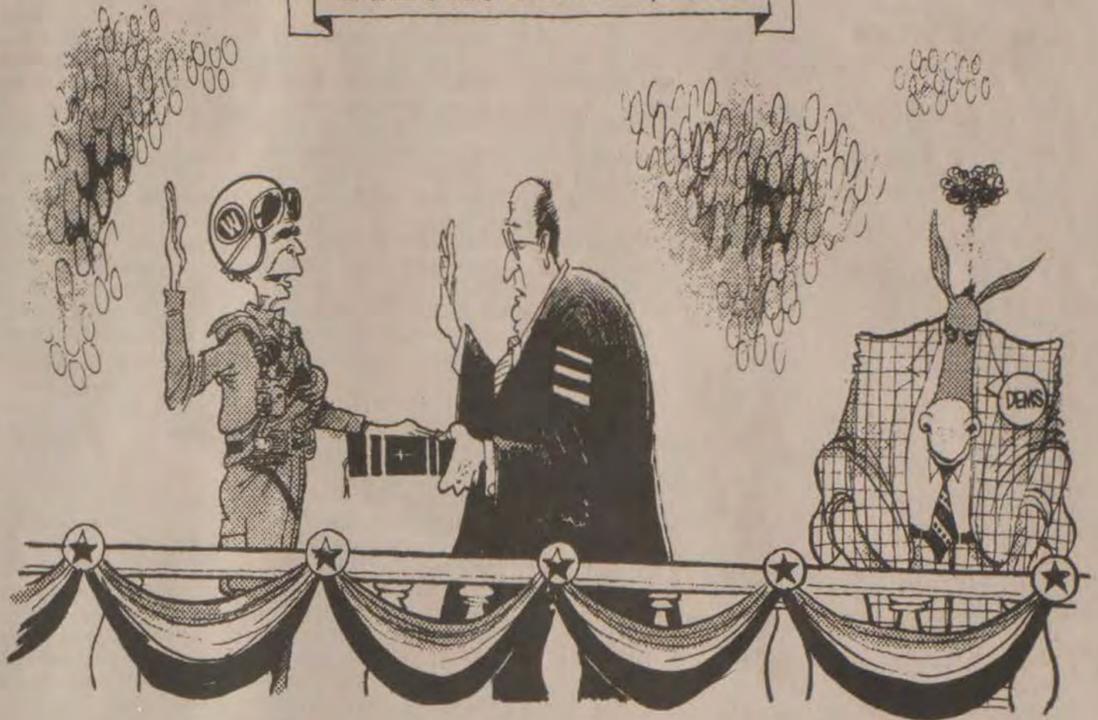
Third, unlike Kentucky's, it raises more money, albeit through expanded casino hours and taxes. More important, it frees local schools to do the same by easing some taxation restrictions.

And fourth, unlike Kentucky's, the authors aren't flat-out lying to their constituents about the budget's deformities. Legislative leaders admit that, if the economy doesn't pick up soon, they'll have to face up to major problems quickly, either later this year or in January.

In politics these days, that counts for courage. In Kentucky, in contrast, an entire gubernatorial campaign is being waged as if there's no problem to be fixed and no future to be seized.

— The Courier-Journal, Louisville

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— Jim Davidson

A maintenance program for hope

When it comes to the important subject of "hope", the noted American psychiatrist Dr. Karl Menninger once said, "Hope is an adventure, a going forward ... a confident search for a rewarding life."

Have you ever thought about the importance of "hope" and what it means in your life? It has been said that a human being can live for three months without food, for three days without water, for three minutes without air, but he can't live for three seconds without hope. While this may stretch your imagination a bit, it nevertheless makes a very important point. Hope ... we can't live without it.

As you ponder this a moment, I want to tell you about getting to know a wonderful lady by the name of Susie Vanderlip. Our chance meeting by e-mail and over the phone came about when an editor of a newspaper that runs this column asked me if I would be willing to visit with her about getting her column syndicated. I've had many requests like this over the years and I am willing to try to help anyone if I can. As I've said before, it's the only way I can ever repay the hundreds of people who have helped me.

Susie Vanderlip lives with her clinical psychologist husband, Dr. Ken Vanderlip in Orange County, Calif. She is a graduate of UCLA, where she minored in modern

dance and now is an associate professor in dance at Coastline Community College where she taught for 12 years. Susie is also a professional speaker and author and is one of fewer than 500 people in the world to earn the "Certified Speaking Professional", the highest earned designation from the National Speakers Association.

Her life, however, has not been without tragedy. In August of 1984, her first husband died of an unintentional drug overdose of alcohol, cocaine and the painkiller Percodan. Eight years after his death, Susie went into the dance studio to choreograph a piece about relationships. Over the next six months, writing, choreographing, rehearsing and beta-testing the material on a wide variety of audiences, something happened that would forever change her life. As she responded to audience questions, she felt as though God put a "burning bush" on her doorstep.

This led to the development of a program that she named "Legacy Of Hope". Her focus today is speaking to young people and adults and guiding teens successfully through the landmines of adolescence, including alcohol and drugs, teen violence, sexuality, gangs, suicide and emotional distress. This is what her column is about and while at this point

she only has one paper, she has a message that people need to hear. She is not only committed but she has been there and done that.

From my heart I wish Susie well and will help her any way I can, but as I thought about her program "Legacy of Hope" and exposing teens and parents to really good concepts and insights, I also thought about what would happen in their

lives as they moved on and later came into contact with many negative and evil influences. This reminded me of the overweight person who loses 30 to 50 pounds only to gain it back when they get off the diet. What they need is a great maintenance program, one they can stay on for life.

You have the right to disagree, but at this point I'm going to be bold enough to say that what we all need is "A Maintenance Program for Hope". The only lasting and eternal hope that I know about is to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When Jesus comes into our lives, He changes us forever and our lives will never be the same again. It's the only way to successfully deal with all those negative and evil influences that I talked about earlier.

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— beyond the beltway

Need a war? Fake a pretext

by DONALD KAUL

This is not the first time we've been led into war on the strength of a hoax; it is merely the latest.

In 1898, for example, we sent the battleship Maine into Havana harbor to show the flag to imperial Spain, which at the time was ruling over Cuba with a trembling hand. Shortly thereafter the ship blew up, killing 266 American sailors. We accused the Spanish of plotting it and the next thing you knew the battle cry was "Remember the Maine" and Teddy Roosevelt was charging up San Juan Hill with his Rough Riders.

Current research indicates that the ship blew up when one of its ammunition magazines, or perhaps a boiler, exploded of its own accord, but by the time that word got out, we had put Cuba — not to mention Puerto Rico and the Philippines — under regimes more favorable to our interests. We did it in the name of freedom and democracy.

Then there was the Tonkin Gulf incident of 1964 that Lyndon Johnson used to take us into all-out war in Vietnam. We claimed that North Vietnamese patrol boats had attacked our naval vessels in international waters in the Gulf of Tonkin just off Vietnam. This was an outrage we could not countenance, so we responded by sending more troops into the civil war there; then more troops, then still more until we had committed more than 500,000 troops without mak-

ing much headway.

Nearly 10 years later we were forced to abandon the effort with none of our war objectives achieved and 58,000 Americans dead.

Later historians who looked into the incident found that there is serious question as to whether our ships were attacked at Tonkin or if they were in international waters. It was the fraudulent beginning of a fraudulent war — all in the service of freedom and democracy.

In the run-up to our current effort in Iraq we were told again and again that the reason we had to attack Iraq — and right away — was that Saddam had these awful weapons of mass destruction and was liable to use them against us, sooner rather than later.

So we knocked him over like a cardboard cutout and a strange thing happened, or rather, didn't. No weapons of mass destruction (WMDs). (Unless you count the shoes the grateful Iraqis keep throwing at our troops during their "Yankee Go Home" riots.) We can't seem to find them.

I fully expect that we'll be turning up the WMDs any day now, whether there are any or not. (What? You think this administration wouldn't fake something like that? They faked the election in Florida, didn't they?) None of which makes much difference now since Saddam is gone and we're deep into bringing freedom and democracy to Iraqis, when we're not shooting them.

The real question is, who's next?

There are three prime candidates:

■ Syria — If you want to punish terrorism, then Syria's your best bet. Not only does it support Hezbollah, the Palestinian terrorist organization, it is suspected of granting safe harbor to Iraqi war criminals and perhaps smuggling in weapons of mass destruction from Iraq.

■ North Korea — If weapons of mass destruction work for you, you can hardly do better than our old Korean War adversaries. It not only has them, it brags about them.

■ Cuba — But if it's liberation you're pining for, then Cuba is where to go this season. Mr. Castro, with the sense of timing for which he is famous, recently rounded up the few remaining dissidents on his island, put them in jail and threw away the key. Moreover, it is an easy boat ride from Florida.

I don't know which one it's going to be but I doubt it will be North Korea. This administration needs a nuclear threat to justify its cockamamie Star Wars anti-missile system and North Korea fits the bill perfectly.

One other thing is sure. Whomever the target, we will not lack a reason to go to war with it. The sacred twin causes of democracy and freedom will demand it.

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Minister's Moment: God will be there with us

by REV. BOB DAMRON
ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

There was a young woman not too long ago who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So, as she was getting her things "in order," she called her pastor and asked him to come over to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at her funeral, what Bible readings to be read, and what dress she wanted to be buried in.

Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave, when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly.

"What's that?" came the pastor's reply.

"This is very important," the young woman continued, "I want to be buried with a fork in

my right hand."

The pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say.

"That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked.

"Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor.

The young woman went on to say, "I can remember in all my years attending church socials and potluck dinners, that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would always lean over and say, keep your fork. It always was my favorite part, because I knew that something better was coming — like a chocolate cake or an apple pie. Something wonderful was to follow. So, pastor, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder, 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them — 'Keep your fork. The best is yet to

come.'"

At the funeral, people walked by the young woman's casket and they saw the pretty

During the pastor's sermon at the funeral, he told the people about his visit with the young woman before she died.

As we walk through our hurts, pains and sorrows, we discover that God is present there with us in that pain. God never promised us that He would keep us from suffering — but He did promise us that He would be with us — never forsaking us, never abandoning us. He would be there in the midst of our pain, He would be there in the midst of our sorrow to give us strength to walk through the hurt and become stronger in the process.

dress she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" Over and over, he smiled.

He also told them about the fork and what the fork meant to the young woman. The pastor went on to say that when you look at a fork from now on, that fork should remind you of the

story of this young woman and remember the next time that the next time you reach for a fork, let it remind you ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

As with that young woman in our story, not all news is good news. Bad things do happen to good people. Sooner or later, our hearts do get broken. And even the youngest among us knows what big hurts feel like. If we ever forget, Job in the Bible reminds us. Job had lost everything — his wealth, his health and all 10 of his children. So he cried out, "My days come to an end without hope ... My life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again."

What is a person to do with such pain, such hurt? What are we to do with hurts that break our hearts, especially the hurts we know we didn't deserve? The childish side of us wants to get angry and shout at God —

"I did my part. I went to church, played by the rules and kept my 'insurance policy' with You paid up in full. O God! Why did You let me down?" The childish side of us thinks we can manipulate God with little bribes — such as pious prayers, happy hymns and well-scrubbed faces. And when, eventually, the bad times come into our lives, the childish side of us gets angry and walks away from God; and the anger poisons our life and kills our love.

In every church there are always empty pews left there by angry people who walked away from when they found they couldn't buy good luck from God. So, how are we to respond to the hurts and sorrows that stab our hearts? We respond, as Job did, by accept

(See MOMENT, page six)

Iraq's unusual religious makeup will complicate postwar efforts for democracy

by RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

President Bush told a gathering of Iraqi-Americans last week that everyone in the new Iraq will enjoy freedom, "whether you're Sunni or Shia or Kurd or Chaldean or Assyrian or Turkoman or Christian or Jew or Muslim, no matter what your faith."

Given that complex makeup, however, creating effective government is a daunting challenge.

Few places on earth draw upon a richer religious heritage, and a sense of this mosaic underscores the enormity of America's task.

In the Bible, Iraq was the homeland of Abraham, the forefather of Jews, Christians and Muslims, and it is the country where rabbis compiled the Babylonian Talmud that defines traditional Judaism — though few Jews remain.

Islam's golden age under the Abbasid caliphs was centered in Baghdad from the eighth to 13th centuries, and Iraq is the holy land of major shrines for Muslim Shiites.

The division between the Shiites and rival Sunnis is fundamental both to Islam, and to Iraq's current political situation.

The split originated when Islam's founding Prophet Muhammad died and Sunnis said he wanted his successors chosen by consensus. Shiites argued the prophet intended leaders to come only from his family line.

Today, Sunnism claims 85 percent of the world's 1.2 billion Muslims. Iraq, however, has a Shiite majority (often put at 60 percent, though there are no standard statistics).

But Iraq's Shiites are not a single bloc. Most are Arabs, including culturally separate "marsh Arabs," and there are some Shiites among nomadic Bedouins. Other Shiites can be found among ethnic Kurds, and among the Turkomen who make up perhaps 5 percent of all Iraqis.

Iraq's Sunni minority, mean-

while, is divided into two major groups, the Kurds and Arabs. The Arab Sunnis dominated in Saddam Hussein's regime — and repressed both Kurds and Shiites.

The Kurds (estimated at 15 percent to 23 percent of all Iraqis) are divided among themselves by politics, tribe and dialect, yet united by ethnic pride and desire for regional autonomy or their own state.

For the Kurds, "ethnicity matters more than their religion," says Shiite political scientist Vali Nasr of California's Naval Postgraduate School.

Christians in Iraq represent only about 3 percent of the population, but they are well-educated and wielded some influence under Saddam. They belong largely to Iraq's distinctive Chaldean Catholic and Assyrian churches, and are calling for protection of minority rights under the new regime.

Iraq's smaller minority religions include the unique Mandeans, who regard Jesus as an apostate and revere John the Baptist. There also are Yazidis, who believe the devil rules the world.

But ultimately Iraq is a Muslim nation.

And when Saddam's regime fell, Iraq "went from a Sunni to Shiite country overnight," Nasr says.

That fact was dramatized in pilgrimages to the Shiite holy cities of Najaf and Karbala over the past two weeks, with more than 1 million worshippers in the streets.

Given that groundswell and simple math, it seems that if the United States sets up elections in Iraq, Shiite candidates will likely dominate in many places. Nasr doubts that even secularized or mildly religious Shiites would vote for Sunnis.

And Shiite religious leaders will want a major say in the educational system, says Shama Inati, a professor at Villanova University.

Abdulaziz Sachedina of the University of Virginia, who trained in both Shiite and Sunni

schools, says the Shiite religious system enhances the importance of clerics.

"Sunni religious leaders don't have power or credibility with the people. They're government appointees," he says. By contrast, the Shiite leaders, called ayatollahs, are supported by people who freely choose to give them donations. Says Sachedina: "The layman is really connected closely with the ayatollah."

What sort of regime might Shiism produce?

Scholars think a truly representative regime would have some sort of Islamic cast: It wouldn't be a secular democracy with American-style separation of church and state.

The majority of Iraqis, and 90 percent or more in neighboring Iran, follow Shiism's Ithna Ashari ("Twelver") branch, so some wonder whether Iraq will imitate Iran's 1979 revolution and install rule by clerics.

Despite the clerics' importance, Nasr and Sachedina say no.

Iraq and Iran have different languages and cultures, for one thing. More importantly, clerical rule actually violates Shiite tradition — so the Iranian revolution was a break from the past. Teachers like Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani, generally considered Iraq's highest religious authority, have opposed Iran's theocratic system.

Still, though the ayatollahs now maneuvering in Iraq will not hold political office, Sachedina predicts, their devoted followers — something like 40 percent of the Shiite population — will obey their endorsements of candidates and fatwas (religious edicts) they issue on political policy.

As for the Sunnis, they are now organizing through mosques, Nasr says. Uniting as a political force was something they didn't need to be concerned about while Saddam was in power.

Sachedina is worried about inroads being made among Sunnis by Saudi Arabia's puri-

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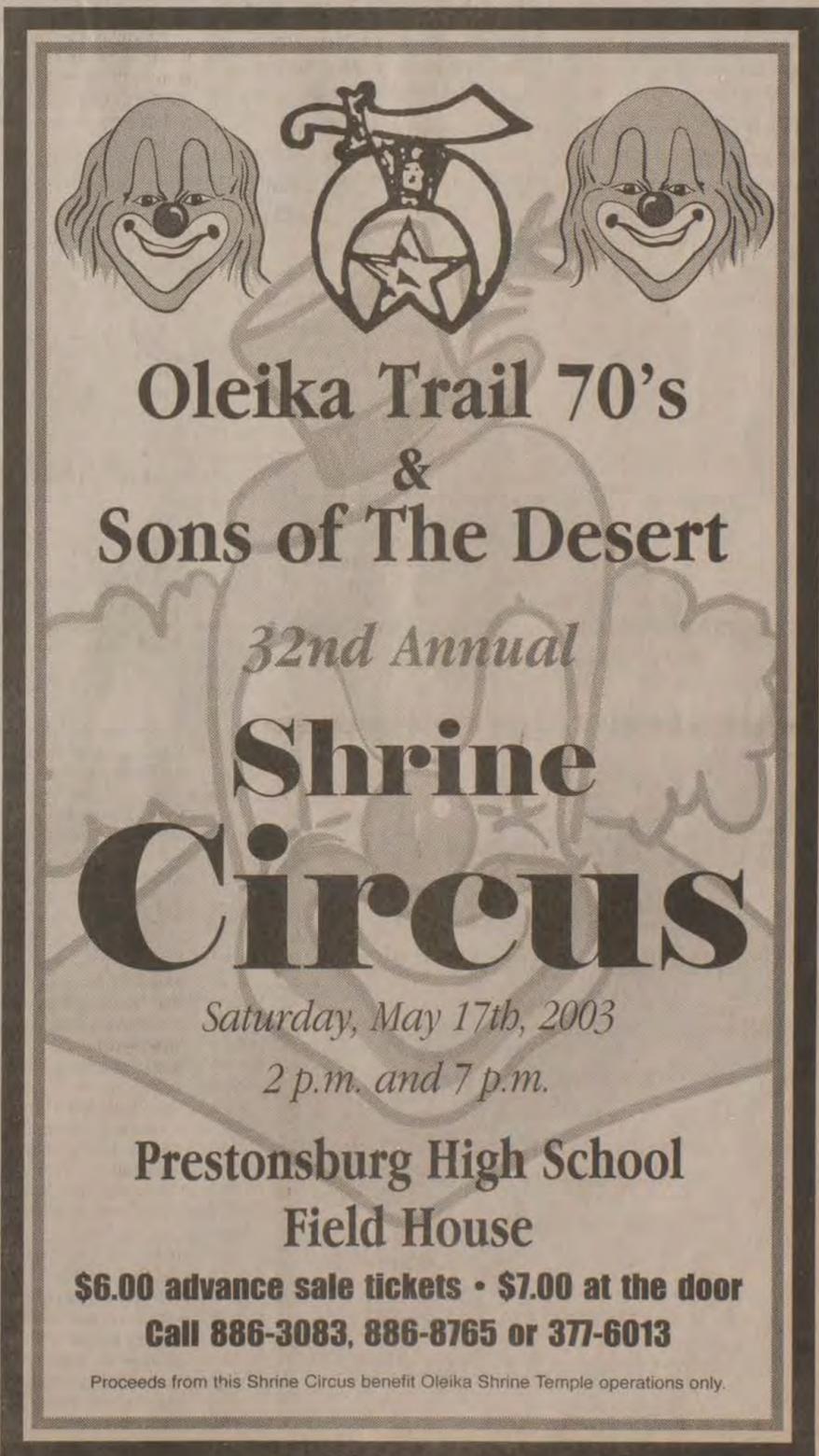
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Bernard A. Burchwell, 74, of Westchester, Ohio, formerly of Maytown, died Wednesday, April 16, at the Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Billy Joe Hackworth, 55, of Martin, died Wednesday, May 7, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Theda Conn Hackworth. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Charles Edward Hall, 61, of Martin, died Tuesday, May 6, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lee Hamilton, 73, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, May 2, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Noralene Tackett Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Hershel Howell, 87, of Spradlin Branch, Prestonsburg, died Friday, May 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services

were conducted Monday, May 5, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Virgie Jones, 84, of Shiloh, Ohio, formerly of Hueysville, died Thursday, May 1, at the Willard Health Care Center, Willard, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Bobby Gene Lewis, 69, of Ypsilanti, Mich., formerly of Banner, died Wednesday, April 30, in the Superior Woods Nursing Home, Ypsilanti. He is survived by his wife, Belva Mae Endicott Lewis. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ruth Mulkey, 79, of Albion, Mich., native of Allen, died Wednesday, May 7, at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall. She is survived by her husband, Roscoe Mulkey. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 12, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, Albion.

Esta Marie Newsom, 81, of Auxier, formerly of Beehive, in Pike County, died Saturday, May 3, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mildred "Sissy" Hall Osborne, 75, of Beaver, died Thursday, May 1, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Elder Woodrow Wilson Pack, 75, of McDowell, died Monday, May 5, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Mae Stumbo Pack. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Prater, 92, of Lima, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Friday, May 2, at the St. Rita's Medical Center Hospital in Lima, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 7, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Nellie M. Adams, 83, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Louisa, died Monday, April 29. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 3, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Eugene "Gene" Bishop, 77, of Louisa, died Tuesday, April 29, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 1, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Rev. Trigg McCoy, 83, of Louisa, died Monday, April 28, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Anita Webb McCoy. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 1, under the direction of

Wilson Funeral Home.

Jack Leslie Roberts Sr., 68, of Adams, died Tuesday, April 29, at VA Medical Center, Huntington, W. Va. He is survived by his wife, Sarah K. Saulsbury Roberts. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 2, under the direction of Heston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Ernal Adkins, 70, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, May 5, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 7, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Earl Akers, 61, of Owl Branch Road, Dorton, died Sunday, May 4, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 7, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Myrtle Beatrice Ball, 80, of Belfry, died Wednesday, April 30, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 4, in the Sharondale Church of Christ. Arrangements were under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Robin Lee "Chap" Champlin, 42, of Shelbiana, died Saturday, May 3, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Myria Boggs Champlin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 6, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Julia L. "Junie" Dotson, 84, of Phelps, died Sunday, May 4, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 7, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Della Sword Gibson, 55, of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 26, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Homer Lee Gibson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 30, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Lydia Margaret Gillispie, 76, native of Pike County, died Thursday, April 24, at home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 27, under the direction of Wright's Funeral Home, Greenup.

Ernest D. Huffman, 82, of Lexington, formerly of Shelbiana, died Sunday, May 4, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Jetta Huffman. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 6, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Denita Gayle Layne, 39, of Turkey Creek, formerly of Freeburn, died Wednesday, April 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 3, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Martha Compton Maples, 84, of Oconomowoc, Wis., formerly of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 30, at St. Luke's Hospital in Wisconsin. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 4, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Shirley Clark Phillips, 88, of Austin, Texas, a native of Hellier, formerly of Lower Johns Creek, died Wednesday, April 30. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 5, under the direction of

Community Funeral Home.

Billy J. Phillips, 67, of Lakeport, Fla., and Kimper, formerly of Pikeville, died Friday, April 25, at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, Fort Pierce, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Deskins Phillips. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 27, under the direction of Buxton Funeral home and Crematory of Okeechobee, Florida.

Karen Lee Stiltner Potter, 30, of Mouthcard, died Sunday, May 4, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Aaron Potter. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 8, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Margie Ellen Schilousky, 81, of Overland Park, Kan., formerly of Elkhorn City, died Monday, April 28, in Kansas. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 3, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Noah Spears, 87, of Dry Fork of Shelbiana, died Monday, April 28, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Edith Spears. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 1, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Mickey Ray Varney, 49, of Canada, died Friday, May 2, at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Sheila Ann Varney. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 7, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Samuel "Sammy" Wallace, 60, of Breaks, died Sunday, May 4, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 7, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lorine "Sis" Younce, 69, of Bowling Fork, died Saturday, May 3, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Albert Younce Jr. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 6, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Martin County

Marlene Carter, 41, of Franklin, Ohio, a native of Tomahawk, died Thursday, April 24, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Chris Carter. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 28, and burial was in the Bowen Family Cemetery at Mullet Branch.

Mary Elizabeth Maynard Lowe, 83, of Urbana, Ohio, formerly of Pilgrim, died Thursday, April 24, at Urbana. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 28, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Rev. Trigg McCoy, 83, of Louisa, died Monday, April 28, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Anita Webb McCoy. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 1, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Bradley Preece, 81, of Inez, died Thursday, April 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Arcona Cline Preece. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 26, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Mura "Dotty" Bailey, 88, Johnson county native, died Monday, May 5, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 7, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Una Blessing, 95, died Monday, May 5, at her home in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 8, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Vicie Marie Skaggs Tackett Blevins, 75, native of Johnson County, died Friday, April 25, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Claude Blevins. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Jerry Michael Boggs, 40, of Stambaugh, died Thursday, April 24, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Kim Stambaugh Boggs. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, April 26, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Clifton "Ted" Castle, 77, native of Johnson County, died Saturday, April 26, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Vertie Music Castle. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 29, under the direction of Craven Funeral Home, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

Peggy Holbrook, 67, of Red Bush, died Thursday, May 1, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, James Holbrook. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 4, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Barbara Sue Owens Keeth, 56, of East Point, died Thursday, May 1, at St. Joseph Hospital Care Center, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Thomas W. Keeth. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 5, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Esta Maynard Smallwood, 77, of Paintsville, died Thursday, April 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 28, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Lillian Burchett VanHoose, 78, native of Johnson County, died Wednesday, April 23, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

John M. "Marc" Graham, 50, of Blaine, died Saturday, May 3, at Veterans Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 5, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Rev. Trigg McCoy, 83, of Louisa, died Monday, April 28, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center. He is survived by his wife, Anita Webb McCoy. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 1, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Richard L. Muncey, 50, of Louisa, died Thursday, April 24, at U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Bessie Muncey. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Knott County

Mabel Hammonds Combs, 81, of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Knott County, died Friday, May 2, at Summerfield Suites Hospice, Summerfield, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 6, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Home.

Perform

"He Looked Beyond My Fault" and the world premiere of Barry Milner's setting of "Give Me Jesus" and Kim Archer's "In the Garden with Jesus! What A Friend for Sinners." The concert is June 8 and will begin at 2:30pm at The First Federal Center on the campus of the Hazard Community College. Admission is free and all are invited.

Leslie Kendrick "Bud" Cragan, 30, of Versailles, formerly of Knott County, died Thursday, May 1, in Beaver Dam. He is survived by his wife, Trisha Bolen Cragan. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Nancy Fields, 97, of Anderson, Ind., formerly of Knott County, died Monday, April 28, at St. John's Medical Center in Anderson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 1, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Rachel Fields, 82, of Sassafras, died Friday, May 2, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Cledis Sparkman, 44, of Indianapolis, Ind., native of Garner, died April 27, at Grapevine. He is survived by his wife, Lisa A. Sparkman. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Becky Thornsberry, 86, of Garner, died Wednesday, April 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Magoffin

Eula Mae Minix Rowe, 68, of Salyersville, died Saturday, May 3, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 6, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Moment

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As we walk through our lives, pains and sorrows, we discover that God is present there with us in that pain. God never promised us that He would keep us from suffering — but He did promise us that He would be with us — never forsaking us, never abandoning us. He would be there in the midst of our pain. He would be there in the midst of our sorrow to give us strength to walk through the hurt and become stronger in the process.

Our future is yet to be seen. What it holds for us is not yet known. But we know, as Job knew, that we do not walk the path of life alone. The hurts we face we do not face alone. God is with us through it all. Please keep your fork — the best is still yet to come.

In Loving Memory of our Mother Eliza Taylor



September 6, 1951-February 27, 2003

Mom, you've only been gone for a couple of months, and on this Mother's Day I want everyone to know how blessed I was to have had you for my mother. You filled our lives with so much love, and gave to us so many good memories. They say time heals all broken hearts, but your love will remain in our hearts forever.

We love you and miss you so much. Your daughters, Robin Collins and Trish Meade and all your granddaughters

Doctors

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was sorry to see the arrest of Dr. Fortune Williams, the only physician in the community of 800 people, because of the large number of addicts he created and attracted.

In southern Ohio, two doctors have been convicted over the past two years for writing unnecessary prescriptions for pain killers, as have two from West Virginia and two from southwest Virginia.

In an effort to get more doctors in rural Appalachia, area leaders pushed for and got a medical school. The Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine will have graduated 168 doctors as of this month.

The idea is to ease the shortage of primary care doctors with homegrown physicians.

Dr. John Strosnider, dean of the Pikeville college, said the new doctors will immediately begin to narrow the physician-to-patient ratio, easily replacing the physicians who have been sent to prison.

"Those numbers I don't even worry about," he said. "If we have physicians who are unethically writing prescriptions and selling narcotics, they're not practicing medicine anyway."

The first 53 graduates are scheduled to complete residency training in July of next year, at which time they'll be opening offices throughout eastern Kentucky.

"Five years from now, we should see hundreds of new primary care doctors in these communities," Strosnider said.

Obituaries

Joe Johnson

Joe Johnson, 50, of Kite, was dead on arrival at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, Thursday, May 8, 2003, following an ATV accident.

Born March 4, 1953, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Harvey and Oma Thornsbury Johnson. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include two step-daughters, Teresa and Nicki; three brothers, Ray Johnson and Eddie Johnson, both of Kite; and Jerry Johnson of Topmost; seven sisters, Irene Jones of Kite, Myrtle Bates of Wayland, Lois Caudill of Virgie, Polly Bates, Alice Collins, Barcy Stone, and Martha Hall, all of Topmost.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Johnson; two brothers, Johnny Johnson and Sailor Johnson and two sisters, Mary Lou Johnson and Leander Johnson.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 11, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Johnson Cemetery at Arnold Fork, in Kite.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Community United Methodist Church

50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 17, 2003
4-6 p.m.

"Display, Fellowship, Refreshments & Singing"

Sunday, May 18

11 a.m. Anniversary Service

Guest Speaker: Dr. Harold Dorsey

Dinner following Morning Service

Members and Friends:

Join us for a great day!

Community United Methodist Church

Just off University Drive

Turn at Neeley Street to 141 Burke Ave.

Hunting: KDFWR, KDA jointly lift ban

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - Officials with the Kentucky Departments of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) and Agriculture (KDA) announce the removal of a six-month ban on in-state movement of live cervids (deer and elk) within Kentucky, effective Tuesday.

"We think it is safe to allow Kentucky deer and elk ranchers to begin moving animals again within the state without the threat of spreading CWD," added Gassett.

time to check its wild herd and captive herds, and collect CWD information from other states.

"Based on the results of the animals we've tested so far, we feel confident CWD has not gotten into Kentucky," said Dr. Jon Gassett, KDFWR wildlife

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Importing cervids into Kentucky from other states is still prohibited.

Initial results from more than 1,500 deer tested for Chronic Wasting

Disease (CWD) in Kentucky have revealed no positive cases. A total of 2,500 animals will be tested by summer.

CWD is a fatal disease in deer and elk that has been found in 12 states and two Canadian provinces. The ban was put in place to give Kentucky officials

HONORS

John Ortega All-SCAC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SUWANEE, Ga. - Former Prestonsburg High School student-athlete Jon Ortega is now winding down his college career. Earlier in the week, Ortega, who is in his third different sports season after already suiting up for both football and basketball, was named All-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) in baseball. Ortega was also among the elite in the conference in both football and basketball, helping both teams to many wins.

Millsaps College, after winning its first conference baseball title since 1994 and sixth overall, was awarded with Player-, Pitcher- and Coach-of-the-Year honors in exclusive 2003 all-SCAC voting by the league's head coaches.

Matt Yglesias, a senior shortstop from Baton Rouge, La., was selected as the SCAC Player-of-the-Year. Yglesias, a four-time all-SCAC selection, hit a team-high .370 on the season with two home runs, eight doubles, two triples and finished in

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Sheldon Clark schedules Shootout

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BLACKLOG - Basketballs will be bouncing in Martin County the first week of June. The Sheldon Clark High School boys' basketball program and head coach J.R. Hammond will present the Summer Shootout June 6-7. Nine teams have already committed to take part in the June hoops event. Hammond and his staff would like to get at least one more team. Ideally, three more teams

(See SHOOTOUT, page two)

Herd football season ticket renewals now available

HUNTINGTON - Marshall University football fans can take advantage of some great bargains this year when they purchase their 2003 season tickets, which are now available.

Herd fans can purchase season tickets for as little as \$65 to insure their seats as the Herd defends its 2002 Mid-American Conference Championship. The \$65 Herdzone tickets and \$85 Redzone tickets are new options with very affordable prices. Increased availability in Section 113 offers great locations on the 40 yard line.

The 2003 season ticket packages include five home games as well as the opportunity to the purchase away game tickets for

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- ALC SOFTBALL SIGNINGS -



Above: ALC Coach Tim Rice (right, standing) looks on as daughter Tasha signs her letter of intent.

photos by Steve LeMaster



Left: Amanda Robinette will join teammates Tasha Rice (above) and Natasha Stratton (pictured inside, page 3) at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes. Robinette is one of the top high school girls' softball pitchers in the area.

BLHS TRIO SIGNS WITH ALICE LLOYD

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES - Alice Lloyd College and its softball program got three new faces from Betsy Layne High School Friday.

It's in writing.

BLHS seniors Tasha Rice, Amanda Robinette and Natasha Stratton all three signed with Alice Lloyd College and head coach Tim Rice in a signing ceremony held Friday afternoon.

One of the three student-athletes, Tasha Rice, moves on to play for her father in college.

Stratton will play both softball and basketball

for ALC.

Tim Rice, a graduate of Betsy Layne, took the head coaching duties of both the softball and women's basketball teams last spring. He was the former head coach of the softball, baseball and boys' basketball teams during a lengthy stay at Betsy Layne. The elder Rice revived the fast-pitch softball program at the school after it had been dormant for a couple of seasons.

The Alice Lloyd College fast pitch softball team completed its season back in play last week with a doubleheader at Asbury College. ALC

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H.S. BASEBALL

P'burg falls to Paintsville, splits against South Floyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - Paintsville senior Tate Harmon allowed just two hits and held Prestonsburg scoreless to earn a 5-0 win over the Blackcats Tuesday night at Archer Park.

Harmon walked one, hit one, and struck out four in seven-innings of work.

Josh Colmenares also went seven innings for the Blackcats. Colmenares gave up five runs son six hits. The transfer in from Central Kentucky walked one and struck out two in the loss.

Center fielder Shane Simpkins led the way for the Tigers offensively with a three-for-four day with a solo home run and three RBI. Senior first baseman Ryan Brown also collected an RBI, going one-for-three at the plate.

Blackcats vs. South Floyd

Prestonsburg and South Floyd got together to complete a game from April Thursday night. South Floyd eventually scored a 13-12 win. Jack Stone scored South Floyd's game-winning run in the eighth inning.

Senior catcher Adam Dixon had a double in the final inning, only to be left stranded on base.

Prestonsburg beat South Floyd handily in the second game, 15-2.

The offense-heavy Blackcats came across

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H.S. SOFTBALL

Allen Central edges Johnson Central, 2-1

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - In classic, close baseball fashion, Allen Central edged host Johnson Central 2-1 Thursday night. Senior pitcher Tiffany Turner allowed Johnson Central just one run in the 2-1 victory.

Johnson Central's one and only score came in the third when Maggie Callis, who reached base on a double, came around to score.

Johnson Central was able to get runners on base, but in turn, also stranded several runners.

Terri Mullins, the second batter in the Allen Central order, singled and came around to

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Howard

MOTOCROSS

J&M Season Points Leaders

50cc 4-6 Year Olds:

Daniel Turner, 30; James Allen, 25. 50cc Pro Senior: Austin Preece, 30. 50cc: Brady Prater - 30; Austin Robinson - 25.

Mini 4 Stroke:

Johnathan Leedy, 30; Zach Hall, 25. 65cc 7-9 Year Olds: Zacherie Young, 30; Michael Adams, 25; Steve Skeens, 21.

65cc 10-11 Year Olds:

Channing Young, 30. 85cc 7-11 Year Olds: Josh Bolen, 30; Jordan Hobson, 28; Brian Norman, 21; Justin Bentley, 18; Brian Hatfield, 16; Kyle

Hinkle, 15.

85 12-15 Year Olds:

Michael Prater, 30; Charles Turner, 25; Jordan Hobson, 21; Jerrann Robinson, 18; Tyler Grey, 16.

125 D Class (Beginner):

Josh Justice, 30; Jason Warrick, 25; Alfred Grey, 21.

125 C Class:

James Williamson - 30; Nick Stephens, 25; Sherry Cornett, 21; Danny Leedy, 18; Todd Prater, 16;

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J&M Motocross Park in Royalton attracts motorsports athletes from across Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia. The park is run by Jewell and Mark Young.

NASCAR Notebook: Robby readying for 'The Double'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Experience has taught Robby Gordon a thing or two about doing "The Double" on Memorial Day weekend.

Gordon, who plans to race on May 25 in both the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600, has tried the difficult 1,100-mile day three times since 1997.

The former open-wheel driver, now a NASCAR Winston

Cup regular with Richard Childress Racing, has gotten the latest opportunity to do "The Double" with the new Andretti-Green Racing team headed by longtime racing star Michael Andretti.

The 34-year-old Gordon ran in both races in 1997, but rain pushed the Indy 500 to Monday, so that was not considered a real Double.

Two years ago, he ran in

both, but a rain delay at Indy caused him to miss the start of the Charlotte race, and some don't consider that a true double, either.

Last year, though, Gordon

finished eighth at Indy despite a pit fire that put him behind early. He then flew to Charlotte in time for the start of the 600 and wound up 16th.

The only other drivers to do

"The Double" are John Andretti (1994) and Tony Stewart (1999, 2001). Stewart is the only one to finish all 1,100 miles.

Stewart, a former IRL champion, collapsed from exhaustion

after finishing ninth at Indy and fourth at Lowe's Motor Speedway in 1999. Two years ago, after considerable physical and dietary preparation, he ran sixth at Indy and followed with a third-place finish in the stock car event.

Gordon has had physical problems, too.

"I think the hardest part last year, I will be honest, I did get a cramp in my stomach (during

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Prestonsburg

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with eight runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

In the game, John Hunt, Thomas Nelson, Joey Willis, Mikeal Fannin, Dixon, Michael Morrison, Shane Hatfield, Matt Setser and John Mark Stephens all scored for Prestonsburg in

the win. Highlights for Prestonsburg included a home run and a double from Stephens.

Setser scored three times for the Blackcats.

Nelson recorded the win for the Blackcats. Scott Allen took the loss for South Floyd.

H.S. BASEBALL

Raiders 6, Hornets 1

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE — South Floyd broke open its game against Magoffin County earlier this past week and rolled to a 6-1 victory over the host Hornets at Ramey Memorial Park.

South Floyd gradually took control of the game, and it showed.

South Floyd was able to get one hit off Magoffin County starter

Jason Jarrell through four innings. South Floyd designated hitter T.J. Hall came through with a two-run double for the Raiders. The Raiders had four hits in the fifth inning.

South Floyd had single runs in the third and fourth innings to build up the lead.

South Floyd senior Tyler Hall was the winning pitcher for the Raiders.

Justin Hall singled home

Brock Shannon (pinch-running for catcher Robert Preston) for the game's first run. Scott Allen walked and scored in the fourth.

Tyler Hall gave up just five hits while striking out nine, walking one and hitting another.

The host Hornets scored their only run in the fifth inning.

Hall retired the final seven Magoffin County batters he faced.

John Howard, Jarrell, and Randall Craft, with a single each, collected the other three hits against Hall.

South Floyd finished with six hits, including a three-for-four performance from third baseman Justin Hall and one hit apiece from Michael Hall, Jack Slone, and T.J. Hall.

Jarrell threw the first four and two-thirds innings for Magoffin County before giving way in the fifth to Craft, who gave up one hit and struck out three in his two and a third innings of work.

Ortega

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the top five in the league in on-base percentage (.487), runs scored (45) and walks (27). He also stole 21 bases and drove in 33 runs.

Yglesias, teammate Doug Garner, a junior right-hander from Mobile, Ala., was selected as SCAC Pitcher-of-the-Year. Garner finished the season with eight wins against three losses and a team-best ERA of 2.67 (third in the SCAC). His eight wins tied for the league lead, as he appeared in 12 games, threw 81.0 innings, struck out 62 hitters, and allowed opposing hitters a .219 batting average — second best in the conference.

Millsaps head coach Jim Page, in his 15th season as the Majors, skipper, was named the SCAC Coach-of-the-Year — the fifth time in his career he has been honored with the award. Page led his squad to a 13-5 Western Division mark, 27-15 overall record, and the SCAC tournament championship. Over his career, Page has compiled a 335-226-1 record, which includes six Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference titles and three trips to the NCAA Division III National Championships, including this year's NCAA tournament-bound team.

COLLEGE TENNIS

PC women's tennis California Dreaming in NAIA tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — It could be the semifinals of the 23rd Annual NAIA Women's Tennis National Championship before No. 17 Pikeville College plays a team from outside the Golden State next week in Peachtree City, Ga.

The NAIA released the parings for the 24-team match play tournament on Wednesday, with Pikeville being matched up with Azusa Pacific in Monday's opening round. The Cougars, ranked 19th in the last poll, were seeded fourth in the Region II tournament last week and lost to eventual champion Point Loma Nazarene in the semifinals.

Speaking of Point Loma, the San Diego school awaits the winner of the Pikeville/Azusa matchup in the second round. Point Loma is seeded third in the tournament. In the other half of the region, one of the three teams is No. 6 Westmont, another school from the Golden State Athletics Conference.

Pikeville will meet Azusa Pacific in the opening round on Monday at the Peachtree City Tennis Center. Game time is listed as "following 1 p.m.," meaning the match will be played after a 1 p.m. contest has been completed. The likely starting time will be in the 4 p.m. range.

Azusa Pacific is 12-11 on the

season after their loss to Point Loma in the regional tournament, their third loss in as many matches this season.

The Lady Bears, 13-2 on the season, were the top seed in the Region XI tournament only to lose to Cumberland (Tenn.) University in the finals. As a result, they tumbled to No. 15 in the last poll.

Gibson rescinds resignation

HINDMAN — It looks like Knott County Central High School won't be looking for a girls' basketball coach after all. After resigning from his position as head girls' basketball coach, Rhett Gibson has decided to stay. Gibson coached the KCC girls program to a district championship in the 2002-03 season. The Lady Patriots finished with a 24-5 overall record, good enough for the second best worksheet in the 14th Region. Knott Central went 16-3 against regional competition and ended the season a perfect 5-0 in district play.

Gibson also saw one senior, Tonya Amburgey, sign to play at the next level. Amburgey has signed to play at nearby Pikeville College.

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The final decision is in — Kentucky Derby runner-up Empire Maker will skip the Preakness next week and return for the Belmont Stakes on June 7.

After several days of hedging, trainer Bobby Frankel said owner Juddmonte Farms made the final call to keep the beaten Derby favorite out of the second leg of the Triple Crown.

"They don't want to run him back in two weeks," Frankel said Thursday from Hollywood Park. "And that makes sense. It's a long year, and we've still got the Belmont and the Travers."

Frankel will still try to beat Derby winner Funny Cide in the Preakness with either Peace Rules, third in the Derby, or rising star Midas Eyes, winner of the Derby Trial.

"One of them will run," the Hall of Fame trainer said.

Frankel will be in New York this weekend to see his horses and make a decision. Frankel's horses were shipped to Belmont Park after the Derby.

Both Peace Rules and Midas Eyes are owned by Edmund

Gann. Without Empire Maker, the Preakness field currently stands at six, which would be the smallest since 1979 when Spectacular Bid won in a five-horse field.

Besides Funny Cide and

either Peace Rules or Midas Eyes, the other Preakness runners are Scrimshaw, Indian Express, Senior Swinger and Midway Road.

Empire Maker was the top 3-

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HORSE RACING

Empire Maker will pass on Preakness, Belmont next up

Herd

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Tennessee and Kansas State. Saturday kick-offs will be moved to 4:30 p.m., in an effort to ease the travel of Herd fans throughout the region.

"Season ticket holders are very important to us every season," Marshall Director of Athletics Bob Marcum said. "We hope that by offering Marshall fans a variety of season ticket options we will continue to see the number of season ticket holders increase."

Herd fans will have six different options when purchasing their season tickets for 2003. The full list of options include:

■ Chairback Seats — \$210 (plus \$300 per seat Big Green

donation)

■ East Side Prime — \$160 (Sections 109 & 111)

■ East Side Prime — \$135 (Sections 107 & 113)

■ Sideline Reserved — \$110 (Sections 104, 105, 106, 120, 122)

■ Red Zone — \$85 (Sections 100, 102, 124 & 126)

■ Herd Zone — \$65 (End Zone seating)

■ Tickets for Marshall road games at Tennessee and Kansas State will be available only to Marshall season ticket holders and current Big Green members. The 2003 Marshall home schedule includes games against Hofstra as well as Mid-American Conference foes Toledo, Kent State, Akron and Ohio.

■ Ticket renewal applications have been sent to season ticket holders who can renew their 2002 season tickets through June 13.

To renew your season tickets, or to purchase tickets for the first time, contact the Marshall Athletic Ticket Office at 1-800-THE-HERD or 696-HERD between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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score the first run for the Lady Rebels in the opening inning.

Cleanup hitter Sharee Hopkins doubled, and one batter later scored on a Kristi Howard two-base hit in the fourth inning.

Brianne Daniels absorbed the loss for Johnson Central. Turner was the winning pitcher for Allen Central. The Lady Rebels' record now stands at a

near perfect 12-1. The win over Johnson Central avenged Allen Central's only loss of the season, a 9-8 setback to Johnson Central back on April 5.

UPCOMING GAMES FOR THE LADY REBELS

May 12 Paintsville
May 15 Sheldon Clark
May 23 at Hazard

Shootout

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are needed for a 12-team field, what Cardinal coaches had previously hoped for.

If 10 teams commit, Hammond will have two five-team pools which will give teams four games each. If 12 teams commit, the field will be broken into four three-team pools with

the winner of each pool meeting in the tournament.

Teams currently committed to the event are Sheldon Clark, Johnson Central, Betsy Layne, Buckhorn, June Buchanan and Scott County from Kentucky, and Matewan and Logan from West Virginia.

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division director.

"We think it is safe to allow Kentucky deer and elk ranchers to begin moving animals again within the state without the threat of spreading CWD," added Gassett.

"There will continue to be a strict prohibition on the importation of cervid species into Kentucky from other states," State Veterinarian Dr. Don Notter said. "The Kentucky Department of Agriculture and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources are

confident that deer and elk ranchers will continue to cooperate with regulatory officials in safeguarding our state's cervid industry."

By law, Kentucky's captive herds must be enrolled in the Cervid Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance Identification (CCWDSI) Program and pass a KDFWR/KDA inspection for a cervid permit by October 1 of this year. Failing to bring a herd into compliance with all current regulations may result in a citation and herd depopulation.

The Floyd County Times,
in honor of
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will publish a
'Special Section'
on Friday, May 16th

Send your loved one's photo along with a brief description such as:
Name, Address & Branch of Service

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MAY 17, 2003

Luyendyk Jr. waiting to make leap to IRL

by DAN GELSTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Arie

Luyendyk Jr. wants to follow in his father's tire tracks.

While the elder Luyendyk is a two-time Indianapolis 500 winner

and one of the IRL's most popular drivers, Luyendyk Jr. will race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the first time with the Infiniti Pro Series.

He's no rookie though at Indianapolis. Luyendyk Jr. has come with his father since he was Rookie of the Year in 1985. Now, he's looking to win the 100-mile, 40-lap Infiniti Pro Series Freedom 100.

"It's interesting to be here and actually be on the track," Luyendyk Jr. said. "It's a different perspective."

Luyendyk Jr., a shaggy-haired 21-year-old who looks much like his father, finished second last year in the Infiniti Series, a developmental program started in 2002.

He didn't attempt the four-step Rookie Orientation Program, so he can't compete in the 500. Luyendyk wants to finish this year with some wins before moving up with the big boys.

"My goal is to have a full IRL ride next year," he said. "I try not to think about too much. I'm really trying to concentrate on doing well in the Indy Pro Series."

Like the Unsers and Andrettis, Luyendyk Jr. is hoping to race with his father. Arie Luyendyk, 49, announced his retirement in 1999,

before coming back to drive only at Indy the last three years. The younger Luyendyk wasn't sure his father could handle the two racing together.

"Hopefully he's not too worried when I'm in the car," he said. "He says he couldn't race against me because he would be too worried about what I'm doing."

Luyendyk Jr. is like a lot of drivers in the Infiniti Series. He's looking for sponsorship and money, even with a per-team budget of \$800,000. His lineage makes obtaining both of those a little easier. It also brings more attention.

With the attention comes great expectations, said Rick Mears, a four-time Indy 500 champion. Mears, who has been a consultant for Team Penske since retiring as a driver in 1992, was hired in February as a coach and consultant for the series.

"Being a junior, a lot of times you aren't afforded the opportunity or the time to learn like somebody that's not a junior," Mears said. "A junior comes in, and if he's not setting the world on fire, it's he doesn't have it."

"That's not fair, but it's a fact. That's part of what you have to deal with. They have to learn faster than the average person."

Luyendyk Jr. learned one lesson early: A race is never over until the checkered flag is waved. He had to leave the 1997 Indy 500 with about 80 laps remaining to head home to Phoenix to prepare for his own race.

"I thought, 'It probably won't be his day today,'" he said.

So he sat in the Indianapolis air-

port watching the end of the race on television. The elder Luyendyk edged teammate Scott Goodyear by .57 of a second in the third-closest finish in history to win his second 500.

"I told him I should just stay away," Luyendyk Jr. said, laughing. "If I'm not physically watching the race, he wins."

Rebels top JCHS late

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Baseball and softball teams from Allen Central High School made the drive north to Paintsville Thursday evening. The Allen Central baseball team stood tied with Johnson Central through six innings before scoring in the seventh to put a 4-3 win in the books.

The Rebels struck first with a pair of runs in the third inning as Alex Patton was the first to score for the Rebels. Leading 2-0, Johnson Central got a single run back in the bottom half of the same inning when Jeremy Vanhoose, after reaching base on an error, scored.

Allen Central's four runs came

on six hits. The Rebel defenders committed three errors.

Johnson Central got its three runs on six hits. The Golden Eagle defense made two errors.

The host Golden Eagles got their three runs in two innings. Jeremy Vanhoose scored once in the third inning and two other teammates each scored a run apiece in the fourth. Johnson Central looked to have the momentum late in the game, before giving up the one run late in the contest.

Allen Central senior Dustin Hammonds scored in the guest half of the seventh inning.

Johnson Central got a base runner as far as second base in the last inning before dropping the contest.

Six different Rebels had base hits in the game.

YOUTH SOCCER

U14 Warriors, Hurricanes tie

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The U14 Floyd County Warriors tied the U14 Perry County Hurricanes, 5-5, on Saturday, May 3, at the Prestonsburg Field. The teams were very evenly matched in a very exciting physical match up.

The Warriors came out sluggish in the first half but did have goals from P.J. Collins and Luke Greene. The half ended with the Hurricanes on top 4-2.

In the second half, the Warriors stepped up their offensive and defensive efforts. The Warriors scored the next three

goals, one from Luke Greene and two by Ethan Filowiat. Filowiat's second goal put the Warriors on top 5-4 with five minutes remaining in the game. Warriors goalie P.J. Collins turned away several shots at goal and the defensive efforts by Josh Holbrook, Brittany Collins, Rob Allen, Jared Harmon, Jacob Moak, Mark Walz, Thomas Cybriwsky and Nathan Lazar were intense. The game ended with the 5-5 deadlock.

The next event for the Warriors is a contest against Breathitt County Storm.



photo by Steve LeMaster
Natasha Stratton signed to play both softball and basketball at Alice Lloyd College.

High School Softball, Baseball Polls

Fast-pitch softball poll, poll date:

May 6 — 1. Owensboro Catholic; 2. Christian County; 3. Greenwood; 4. Manual; 5. Elizabethtown; 6. Dunbar; 7. North Laurel; 8. Middlesboro; 9. Boone County; 10. Ballard; 11. Henderson County; 12. LaRue County; 13. Eastern; 14. Mercy; 15. Reidland; 16. Grayson County; 17. Madison Central; 18. Hopkinsville; 19. North Hardin; 20. Sacred Heart; 21. Lone Oak; 22. Conner; 23. Scott County; 24. Franklin County; 25. Calloway County.

Baseball poll, poll date:

May 7 — 1. Elizabethtown; 2. Dunbar; 3. Pleasure Ridge Park; 4. Lexington Catholic; 5. Covington Catholic; 6. West Jessamine; 7. Trinity; 8. LaRue County; 9. Ballard; 10. Pulaski County; 11. Christian County; 12. Sheldon Clark; 13. Boone County; 14. Glasgow; 15. Taylor County; 16. Lafayette; 17. Rockcastle County; 18. Eastern; 19. Henry Clay; 20. Greenwood; 21. Green County; 22. Lone Oak; 23. Tate Creek; 24. St. Xavier; 25. Apollo.

KENTUCKY NEWS

UK Athletics to hold excess inventory sale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky Athletics Department will hold an excess inventory sale from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on May 17 at the Nutter Field House on the UK campus. Athletic apparel such as t-shirts, jerseys, warm-up suits, shorts, and shoes will be offered for sale.

Several larger pieces of athletic equipment will be available for viewing the week of May 12-16, 2003, at Memorial Coliseum, by appointment only. Contact Jamie Moberly at 859/257-4215, ext. 314 to schedule an appointment. Sealed bids will be taken

for these items up until 10 a.m. on the 17th and will be opened at 11 a.m. Some items to be offered for sealed bid auction include four portable basketball goals, a set of gymnastics flooring, two vault horses, a set of uneven parallel bars, and miscellaneous weight equipment. Buyers must make their own arrangements for pick-up of these items, and payment is expected at the time of pick-up.

Other items must be removed by the buyer on the day of the sale, and only cash will be accepted. Enter the Field House from Alumni Drive at the rear of the building. Call 859/257-1243 for more information.

NASCAR

the 600," Gordon said. "I did not expect to get a cramp under my left rib section in my stomach. And I am sure that was because of the G-forces and dehydration."

"Last year, I did not take the IV between the races. I felt so good after Indy and had that adrenaline running. I felt I was fine and I refused it. This year I will take the IV."

Gordon said he is now a believer in hydration before races and drinks a salt solution drink before very race to help him retain water.

"I have not had cramps ever since I started doing that," Gordon said. "But I still will take the IV. Eleven-hundred miles is a long ways."

"I have done the Baja 1000 by myself many times. I do not ever have time for a two-hour break or three-hour break. So with the Coca-Cola 600 and Indy 500 double I do have that break time. If I am, one, in physically good enough shape and two, eating right, getting good sleep and I take the IV, I do not foresee a problem doing the effort this year like I did last year."

Passmore hoping to break through

Christi Passmore has set a lot of goals for her stock car racing

career.

The 20-year-old driver wants to eventually get to NASCAR's Winston Cup Series and become the first woman to really make it big in the male-dominated sport.

The immediate goal for the youngster from Pryor, Okla., is to establish her credentials in the ARCA ReMax Series, where through the first five races she has two top-10 finishes and is eighth in the season points, just five points out of seventh.

"I'm like any other rookie driver," Passmore said. "This season is all about getting experience and finishing races. If, when the season is over, we're in the top 10 of the points, then that will be great."

Getting in a lot of seat time and learning the racetracks is the first step in her plan.

"If we're in good shape in points at the end of the year and we didn't accomplish those things, then it's not been a great year," she said. "If we do all of those things and end up out of the top 10, then it's still been a good year."

"One of the nice things about being 20 years old in this sport is I do have time. And having that kind of time gives me a chance to look at the long-term and be realistic with what I want."

She definitely knows where

she wants to go in the sport.

"I can't imagine being my age in this sport, driving stock cars and not wanting to run Winston Cup someday. You have to have goals, and that's one of mine," Passmore said. "Running ARCA for a few years and being successful, running trucks or Busch in a few years and being successful, all of those are goals."

"I want to be realistic with what I do. I'm not anticipating getting a call from Richard Petty next week, but I want to put myself in a position where I could get a call from a Winston Cup car owner some day."

Penske Place

Team owner Roger Penske's record of success at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is second to none and getting better every year.

Going into the Indianapolis 500 on May 25, Marlboro Team Penske has won the race a record 12 times, including the last two in a row by Helio Castroneves.

Other Penske winners at Indy have been Mark Donohue (1972), Rick Mears (1979, 1984, 1988 and 1991), Bobby Unser (1981), Danny Sullivan (1985), Al Unser (1987), Emerson Fittipaldi (1993) and Al Unser Jr. (1994).

The Penske record at Indy also includes a record 11 poles.

Since he first brought his team to the speedway in 1969, Penske's team has had 18 different drivers totaling 66 race starts, with 29 front row starts and 1,611 laps. Five of the wins have come from the pole.

"If you go back and look at the reliability of how many times we have been able to finish, that to me is critical," Penske said.

Castroneves, the first driver to win back-to-back 500s in 31 years, will try this month to become the first to win three consecutive races on the 2 1/2-mile Indy oval. Gil de Ferran, who finished second to his teammate in the 2001 races and 10th last year, also is entered.

Empire

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year-old entering the Derby off victories in the Florida Derby and Wood Memorial. With regal breeding and a Hall of Famer trainer and jockey — Jerry Bailey — Empire Maker entered Derby week as the 6-5 favorite.

But a bruised right front foot forced him to miss a day of training, and bettors made him the 5-2 choice on Derby day.

Empire Maker moved into contention at the top of the stretch but could not catch Funny Cide. The gelding overtook Peace Rules and then widened his lead over Empire

Maker and won by 1 3/4 lengths, becoming the first New York-bred to win the Derby as well as the first gelding in 74 years to win.

Frankel, still looking for his first win in a Triple Crown race, won't be hurrying for talent next Saturday at Pimlico. Peace Rules won the Louisiana Derby — beating Funny Cide — and the Blue Grass before the Kentucky Derby.

Midas Eyes won the Derby Trial on April 26 by 2 1/2 lengths and has three victories in four starts.

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You've cleaned out your attic, your basement, your garage and now you're ready to host a garage sale. Before you proceed, follow these signs for placing the type of classified ad that will help turn your event into a best-seller.

Be sure to include in your Garage or Yard Sale ad...

GARAGE SALE Tips AHEAD

- 1 WHAT.**
Describe the type of sale you're hosting. Is it mostly household goods? Nursery furniture? Apparel?
- 2 WHEN.**
Give dates and time of sale, and rain date information.
- 3 WHERE.**
Where the sale will be held, with directions or phone number for directions.
- 4 WHY.**
Reason for sale, especially if it is a "moving" sale, since these tend to attract more customers.

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