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briefs

Man charged with violating terms of parole

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

GALVESTON — A man who is less than a month shy of completing mandatory probation will appear in court this week for a revocation hearing.

Ricky Williams, 55, of Branham's Creek in Galveston, is ordered to appear in front of Judge Danny P. Caudill May 4 to face probation violation charges, according to documents filed in Circuit court Friday.

He and his wife, Eugenia Williams, 39, were arrested in 2001 for growing more than five marijuana plants on their property, a charge that carries a penalty of up to five years. They were indicted in August 2001 on the charge.

After they both rejected plea offers from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, the couple later decided to enter open pleas in court, and both received 12-month sentences, suspended and probated for two years.

The conditions of their parole stipulated that the couple follow the recommendations of the probation and parole office and have no violations of the law during that time.

Ricky Williams, who

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Scattered

High: 64 • Low: 40

Tomorrow



Morning showers

High: 63 • Low: 35

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Senate challenger shows money lead

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

The race for 29th District state senator appears to be a competitive one, at least in terms of fundraising, with challenger Eric Shane Hamilton showing an edge over first-term incumbent Johnny Ray Turner.

According to records filed with the

Registry of Election Finance, Hamilton shows a \$12,000 lead over Turner, thanks largely to over \$22,000 in personal contributions.

According to the statements, which were due April 16, Hamilton had raised \$47,490, compared to Turner's \$35,670. Turner, however, had spent more of his money, spending \$28,777.30 to Hamilton's

\$14,478.66.

A closer look at the contributions reveals some interesting dynamics in the race.

Turner, a retired teacher and coach, was elected to the Senate seat in 2000, when he defeated longtime incumbent Benny Ray Bailey in what was considered an upset. And while that 2004 race produced no

rematch between the two, Bailey's influence can be seen.

Hamilton, who is Bailey's nephew, has received \$6,000 in contributions from Bailey and his immediate family. Another \$3,000 comes from employees of Southern Medical Partners, where Bailey's son is

(See CAMPAIGN, page three)



The Big Sandy Quilt, Art and Antique show was held at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville Friday and Saturday, displaying local talent from across the region. photos by Joyal Frazier

Craftsman display their wares during Paintsville arts show

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The annual Big Sandy Quilt, Art and Antique show was held Friday and Saturday at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville.

The show consisted of demonstrations of chair making and stone carving, displays of art and musical performances of the local artisans.

There were participants there from across the region as well as out-of-state visitors who make the trip every year to be a part of this event. The booths consisted of all types of crafts, including handmade quilts, jewelry, furniture, baskets, glassware, artwork and more.

The show is sponsored by Paintsville Tourism, Johnson County Piecemakers, UK Cooperative Extension Service and area quilters. The event is held the first weekend in May every year.



Terry Ratliff, of Martin, displayed his wood working abilities Friday at the Big Sandy Quilt, Art and Antique Show. Ratliff makes chairs and stone carvings and performed demonstrations during the show.

Coworkers say goodbye to Greene

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Pearl Greene, of Prestonsburg, retired Friday from the Wal-Mart, after 19 years.

When Greene arrived at work Friday, she was surprised to find her register decorated for the event and a large cake waiting in the employee breakroom.

Greene will now have plenty of time to visit her grand-

children, who live with her daughters in Georgia. She will also be able to spend more time with her husband, Paul, who is also retired.

Her immediate plans involve seeing more of the country.

"I am going to travel as much as I can," Greene said.

Greene's coworkers say they will miss her cheery attitude which was a magnet for customers.

"Her smile and friendliness

will be missed," coworker Ruth Anne Stumbo said. "I have been here for 12 years and she is just as friendly as she was back then."

Greene's supervisors will miss her, too, especially Joann Hall.

"All of the customers like to go through her line," Hall said. "She's a great person and always dependable. She wore a lot of hats here and worked in about every department. She will be missed."



Pearl Greene stands, ready to start work, at her register, which was decorated by the staff at Prestonsburg Wal-Mart in honor of her retirement.

Photo by Tom Doty

Fleming-Neon graduate killed serving in Iraq

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG — An eastern Kentucky high school graduate who joined the Navy was killed last week during a suicide boat attack at an Iraqi oil terminal.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Watts was remembered by family and friends for his sense of humor and love of sports.

Watts, 28, was killed a week ago when he and two other sailors approached an unidentified boat as it neared an oil terminal. The boat exploded as the three sailors approached in a smaller craft.

Watts and another sailor were killed instantly, the

Navy said. A third victim, a member of the U.S. Coast Guard, died Sunday. Three other sailors were injured.

Watts was a 1994 graduate of Fleming-Neon High School in Letcher County. He joined the Navy later that year.

His mother, father and stepmother all now live in Tennessee, where he was born. Watts grew up mostly in Virginia. His father eventually got work in Pike County while his family moved to Jackhorn, a former mining camp in Letcher County.

In his senior year at Fleming-Neon, Watts played

(See SOLDIER, page three)

Father travels to P'burg to honor son

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Charles Edwin Olson arrived in Floyd County Thursday night on a somber mission.

Olson drove for 12 hours, from Illinois, to get here in time to plant a cross to commemorate the son he lost here two years ago.

Jeremiah Olson drowned in the Big Sandy River, near the new Town Branch Bridge on Front Street, when he attempted to swim across the river with a stretch of cable.

Olson was working for Cable Constructors, which was hired by Charter Communications to install cable lines in Floyd County.

Back in 2002, Charles Olson was at first angered by the incident. But he says he soon found that his anger was not helping him heal. He decided to contact Larry Adams, who had been first on the scene of the accident in 2002 when he was the assistant fire chief, and inquire about marking the anniversary.

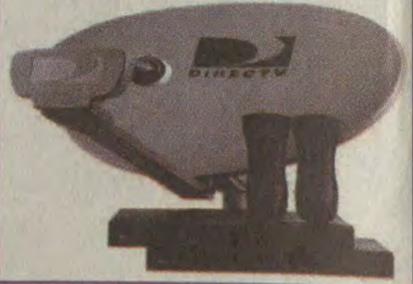
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Odds and Ends

■ **SEATTLE** — Larry Star didn't find wedded bliss with his bride, but he did find fame and a modest fortune by donning his ex's gown.

The tattooed, barrel-chested Star hoped to woo buyers by slipping into the sleeveless white frock in a series of photos for the online auction site, eBay. He was just hoping to scrape together enough cash for some beer and baseball tickets.

He now has enough for champagne and club seats, after the winning bid of \$3,850 was announced Wednesday.

The 42-year-old "computer geek by day, guitar player by night," has garnered national attention for his ad for the dress he describes as "a \$1,200 shower curtain," and says he's received five marriage proposals.

Not that he plans on getting remarried any time soon.

"For my next wedding, I will be wearing a hairy, flesh-toned ensemble, because I will be buck naked with a toe tag lying on a slab in the morgue, because I would have killed myself," the New York City native writes on the site.

He says he spent five miserable years married to a woman with "Texas cheerleader hair" whose "drunken sot of an ex-father-in-law" never paid him back for the dress.

■ **SHARYLAND, Texas** — Sharyland school officials have taken the buzz out of sharing home-baked snacks with classmates.

Students in the Sharyland Independent School District can't share their sack lunches or any other food from home with others without school permission after a student was arrested for giving marijuana-laced brownies to friends.

"We do not permit a parent (or anyone else) to bring in food for students other than their own children without getting permission from the building administration," district Superintendent Sandra Reed said in a letter to parents Wednesday.

The letter did not specifically mention the brownies but talked of safety, fairness and consistency as well as the state's guidelines for Foods of Minimum Nutritional Value.

Mission police charged the 17-year-old student with felony delivery of marijuana following the incident last week. He allegedly shared the brownies with five students, one of whom got sick and was treated by the school nurse.

Some students said they were upset about the ban, as they like to bring treats for their friends as the school year ends.

■ **CHARLESTON, W.Va.** — One man's trash was Tom Smith's ticket for cash.

Smith won \$10,000 on a lottery ticket that another customer decided not to buy, lottery officials said Thursday.

Smith had stopped at a convenience store in Morgantown to buy his usual Powerball tickets, but was instead coaxed by a clerk to purchase two Hot Lotto

tickets that another player decided he didn't want for the April 21 drawing.

"I really just bought them to help out, since they couldn't be canceled," Smith said. "The clerk told me how Hot Lotto is played like Powerball but has better odds of winning. And the next thing I knew I'd won the biggest prize I've ever had."

Smith, a pharmaceutical dis-

tributor, said he gave his prize to his wife and two teenage daughters.

■ **DORAVILLE, Ga.** — A naked man hijacked a school bus to flee from police after he crashed his vehicle into the bus, police said.

The man, who had not been

(See **ODDS**, page three)

Today In History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 2, the 123rd day of 2004. There are 243 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 2, 1863, Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Va.; he died eight days later.

On this date:

■ In 1519, artist Leonardo da Vinci died at Cloux, France.

■ In 1670, the Hudson Bay Company was chartered by England's King Charles II.

■ In 1890, the Oklahoma Territory was organized.

■ In 1932, Jack Benny's first radio show made its debut on the NBC Blue Network.

■ In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

■ In 1945, the Soviet Union announced the fall of Berlin, and the Allies announced the surrender of Nazi troops in Italy and parts of Austria.

■ In 1957, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, the controversial Republican senator from Wisconsin, died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

■ In 1960, convicted sex offender and best-selling author Caryl Chessman was executed at San Quentin Prison in California.

■ In 1965, the Early Bird satellite was used to transmit television pictures across the Atlantic.

■ In 1972, after serving 48 years as head of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover died in Washington at age 77.

Ten years ago:
Nelson Mandela claimed victory in the wake of South Africa's first democratic elections; President F.W. de Klerk acknowledged defeat.

Five years ago:

Yugoslav authorities handed over to the Rev. Jesse Jackson three American prisoners of war who'd been held for a month. Actor Oliver Reed died in Malta at age 61.

One year ago:

A federal court struck down most of the new campaign finance law's ban on the use of large corporate and union contributions by political parties. (However, the Supreme Court

later ruled that rooting out corruption, or even the appearance of it, justified limitations on the free speech and free spending of contributors, candidates and political parties.) India and Pakistan agreed to hold talks on settling a half-century of disputes that had drawn them into three wars.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Theodore Bikel is 80. Actor Roscoe Lee Browne is 79. Rock musician Link Wray is 75. Bianca Jagger is 59. Country singer R.C. Bannon is 59. Singer Lesley Gore is 58. Singer-songwriter Larry Gatlin is 56. Rock singer Lou Gramm (Foreigner) is 54. Actress Christine Baranski is 52. Singer Angela Bofill is 50. Actress Elizabeth Berridge is 42. Country singer Ty Herndon is 42. Rock musician Todd Sucherman (Styx) is 35. Wrestler-actor The Rock (Dwayne Johnson) is 32. Actress Jenna Von Oy is 27. Olympic gold medal figure skater Sarah Hughes is 19.

Thought for Today:

"What experience and history teach is this: that people and governments have never learned anything from history." — Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, German philosopher (1770-1831).

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A tuition hearing was held Wednesday at the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. All KCTCS schools have conducted these hearings to gather input concerning a possible rise in tuition costs. Pictured are Big Sandy Community and Technical College President George D. Edwards, manager of advancement Judy Bocook and faculty members Susan Chaffin and Carla Reynolds.

Panel

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-sary of his son's death by planting a cross for his son near the site where he drowned. Adams was happy to help but fate intervened when the craftsman who designed a plaque for the cross couldn't finish it in time. Olson decided he could wait a year and is now back in Floyd County to plant the cross.

Olson, who arrived with his wife, Roxanne, and two children, Justin, 18, and Jacqueline Rae, 14, hopes that planting the cross will bring closure.

"This is the end of it," Olson said. "I have got to get on with my life. I know that this is the right thing to do."

Olson wanted Floyd Countians to know that he bears

the region no ill will and said, "It's nobody's fault. I love the way that everyone came together down here. The lady who called me from the coroner's office was very sensitive when she gave me the news."

Olson has plenty of local support. Charter Cable is donating the use of an auger to dig a post for the cross and he said he has found Mayor Jerry Fannin to be generous and helpful.

Olson has had many bad days since his son's death and hopes that the cross will help him move on.

"I have been sick in my heart for two years," he said, "and I have to put this to rest."

Campaign

chief executive officer, and another \$2,000 comes from one of Bailey's longtime political allies and business partners, Grady Stumbo, and his wife.

Turner, meanwhile, shows no personal contributions to his campaign, but has received \$6,350 from political action committees. The bulk of Turner's receipts, however, come from Floyd County businessmen and professionals.

Turner's records show he has also accepted \$2,000 from Shelbiana resident Johnny Pennington and his wife. Pennington pleaded guilty in 1996 to conspiracy to defraud the federal government for his part in a scheme with former Johnson County Judge-Executive Hobert Meade to purchase trucks, conceal their ownership of them and resell them to the Johnson County Fiscal Court at a profit.

Contributions

The following is a list of contributors listed by candidates for the 29th District Senate seat.

Johnny Ray Turner

- Balance carried forward, \$2,441.82
- Anonymous, \$1,000
- Unitemized, \$1,845
- Cash, \$300
- Denzil Allen, Prestonsburg, \$300
- Albert Burchett, Prestonsburg, \$200
- Joe Burchett, Allen, \$1,000
- Eddy Clark, Prestonsburg, \$250
- Harold Cooley, Prestonsburg, \$1,000
- Bill Darby, Prestonsburg, \$250
- Alicia Dawson, McDowell, \$1,000
- Donald Feltner, Hindman, \$1,000
- William Francis, Prestonsburg, \$150
- Gary Frazier, Prestonsburg, \$200
- Joe Friend, Pikeville, \$500
- Carl Hall, Whitesburg, \$500
- Julinia Hamilton, Toaberry, \$125
- Clayton Holland, Prestonsburg, \$1,000
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- Morris Hylton, Ivel, \$500
- Columbus Jervis, East Point, \$500
- Jerome Kanney, Pikeville, \$250
- Carl Kirk, Catlettsburg, \$1,000
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- Debbie Kirk, Danville, \$1,000
- Ricky Kirk, Danville, \$1,000
- Charles Lowe, Pikeville, \$500
- Mickey Martin, Drift, \$1,000
- Sheridan Martin, Drift, \$250
- Kimber McGuire, Prestonsburg, \$300
- Beth Moore, Martin, \$500
- Johnny Pennington, Shelbiana, \$1,000

Odds

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identified by police as of Thursday, stole the bus as officers arrived at the accident scene, police said. He made a U-turn and led officers on a slow-speed chase into oncoming traffic, said police Capt. C.D. Atkinson.

Two truck drivers — driving a concrete pumper truck and a tractor trailer — eventually blocked the bus' path, according to a police report.

"They cornered him, pinned him up against the retaining wall," Atkinson said.

The driver was naked when police arrested him. He had suffered a few scrapes and was taken to a hospital for treatment and a mental evaluation.

Atkinson said charges are pending. Police Chief John King said the man spat at emergency medical technicians, which could warrant charges if he has any communicable diseases.

The bus driver had not yet picked up the children to take them to private Atlanta International School.

- Tena Pennington, Shelbiana, \$1,000
- Clark Pergem, Richmond, \$250
- Robert Rowe, Prestonsburg, \$500
- Jesse Rudd, Salyersville, \$250
- Charles Salyers, Prestonsburg, \$500
- Ben Spradlin, Martin, \$1,000
- Burl Spurlock, Prestonsburg, \$250
- Daniel Tayloe, Lexington, \$1,000
- Kentucky Automobile Dealer Association Election Trust, \$1,000
- Kentucky Bankers Committee for State Government, \$500
- Kentucky Beer Wholesalers Association, \$250
- Kentucky Educators Political Action Committee, \$1,000
- Kentucky Engineers PAC, \$200
- Kentucky Hospital Circle of Friends, \$750
- Kentucky Manufactured Housing, \$400
- Kentucky Motorcycle Freedom Fund, \$500
- Kentucky Nursing Association, \$250
- Kentucky Ophthalmology Political Action Committee, \$500
- Kentucky Opticians Committee, \$1,000
- TOTAL: \$35,670**

Eric Shane Hamilton

- Cash, \$4,790
- Sue Ayres, Owenton, \$500
- Benny Bailey, Hindman, \$1,000
- Benny Bailey, Hazard, \$1,000
- Chet Bailey, Lexington, \$1,000
- Nikki Bailey, Hindman, \$1,000

- Steven Bailey, Georgetown, \$1,000
- Nathan Baker, Whitesburg, \$250
- Wade Baker, Whitesburg, \$200
- Van Breeding, Whitesburg, \$500
- Linda Caudill, Hindman, \$500
- James Chaney, Hazard, \$1,000
- Lesa Chaney, Hazard, \$1,000
- Robert Cornett, Georgetown, \$250
- Michael Fannin, Hindman, \$1,000
- Bart Francis, Chavies, \$1,000
- Shanna Francis, Chavies, \$1,000
- Roy Hall, Kite, \$1,000
- Curtis Hamilton, McDowell, \$1,000

- Lois Hamilton (wife of candidate), Garrett, \$999
- Ronald Johnson, Hindman, \$500
- Jamie Potter, Langley, \$100
- Delmond Smith, Almont, Mich., \$1,000
- Emogene Smith, Almont, Mich., \$1,000
- Grady Stumbo, Hindman, \$1,000
- Jan Stumbo, Hindman, \$1,000
- James Tackett, Jenkins, \$577.97
- Danny Terry, Hindman, \$1,000
- Bill Weinberg, Hindman, \$1,000
- Contributions from candidate: \$22,733.87
- TOTAL: \$47,490**

One hurt in Thursday wreck on U.S. 23

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

HAGER HILL — An accident on U.S. 23 Thursday sent one man to the hospital, while another walked away.

According to Sgt. Tom White, of the Johnson County Sheriff's Department, a Chevrolet truck, driven by Dr. William Holbrook of West Liberty, pulled into the path of the oncoming tractor-trailer. The tractor-trailer was being driven by

Joey Fields, of McAndrews. Holbrook, a veterinarian, was taken to Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center and later transported to Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Fields sustained no injuries in the accident, but his tractor-trailer sustained considerable damage. Animal carriers were thrown all over the road but there were no animals in Holbrook's truck. The accident is still being investigated by Sheriff Bill Whitten and Sgt. Tom White.

Federal prosecutor who handled Knott vote fraud cases retiring

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A federal prosecutor who won convictions in several high-profile criminal cases in Eastern Kentucky is retiring from the job.

Tom Self, 57, served as an assistant U.S. attorney for 24 years.

"I'm leaving with pride," Self said Friday. "I hope that my work has done some good for the cause of justice in eastern Kentucky."

The Elkhorn City native most recently won an election fraud conviction against Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome, who was accused of buying votes to win his race for the top administrative post in Knott County.

Vote fraud has been a long-standing problem in the rural area where poverty and unemployment makes even modest-paying elected positions highly prized.

In the latest case that concluded in March, Newsome, 53, was sentenced to two years and two months in prison on two counts of buying votes and one count of conspiracy to buy votes. Co-defendant Willard

Smith, 55, a Newsome supporter, received a two-year sentence for one count of conspiracy to buy votes and four counts of buying votes.

Despite his conviction, Newsome has continued to function as judge-executive, working from his cell. In Kentucky, state law dictates that even convicted felons can't be removed until their appeals are exhausted. Newsome and Smith are appealing their convictions.

Self was not assigned to the pending vote-fraud case involving former state Sen. John Doug Hays, Pikeville businessman Ross Harris and eight others accused of election fraud in a Pike County judicial race, so his departure will have no effect on it. That case is set for trial in June.

Self's last day with the U.S. attorney's office will be May 15.

"One of the great strengths of this office has been the career prosecutors who have brought so much experience to the work we do. Certainly, at the top of that list is Tom Self," said U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove. "He has served the eastern district of Kentucky with real distinction."

Van Tatenhove said Self has a genuine respect for the region because that's where he was born and raised.

"His roots are deep," he said.

Charge

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was sentenced by Judge Caudill to probation on May 29, 2002, would have been free and clear of the charge against him had he not been charged Thursday.

Records detailing why Williams is accused of violating his probation were not available at press time.

Eugenia Williams, who was sentenced in April 2002, has now completed her probationary period.

Soldier

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on the football team and made a lot of friends, said Chasity Noble Craft, a classmate who now teaches at West Whitesburg Elementary School.

"He was always cracking jokes," Craft said Thursday. "He made everybody laugh."

An aunt, Vickie Potter of Jackhorn, said Watts loved sports, but also was a gifted artist and an avid reader.

After high school, Potter worked briefly for a construction company in Tennessee before joining the Navy in December 1994.

Watts' survivors also include a 5-year-old son, Jacob, a brother and three step-brothers. He will be buried in a family cemetery near Knoxville on Monday, the family said.

Traffic stop leads to possession arrest

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Authorities arrested a Prestonsburg man this week stopping him for a traffic violation.

Alexander Skeens, 20, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the police report, officers found five

orange, football-shaped pills in Skeens' right pocket. He reportedly told the police officers the pills were Xanax. They also found rolling papers in Skeens' sock.

A search of the vehicle allegedly revealed a small amount of smoked marijuana and a hose clamp used to shred pills.

Skeens was arraigned Wednesday and a \$5,000 bond was set. A pretrial conference was scheduled for June 21.

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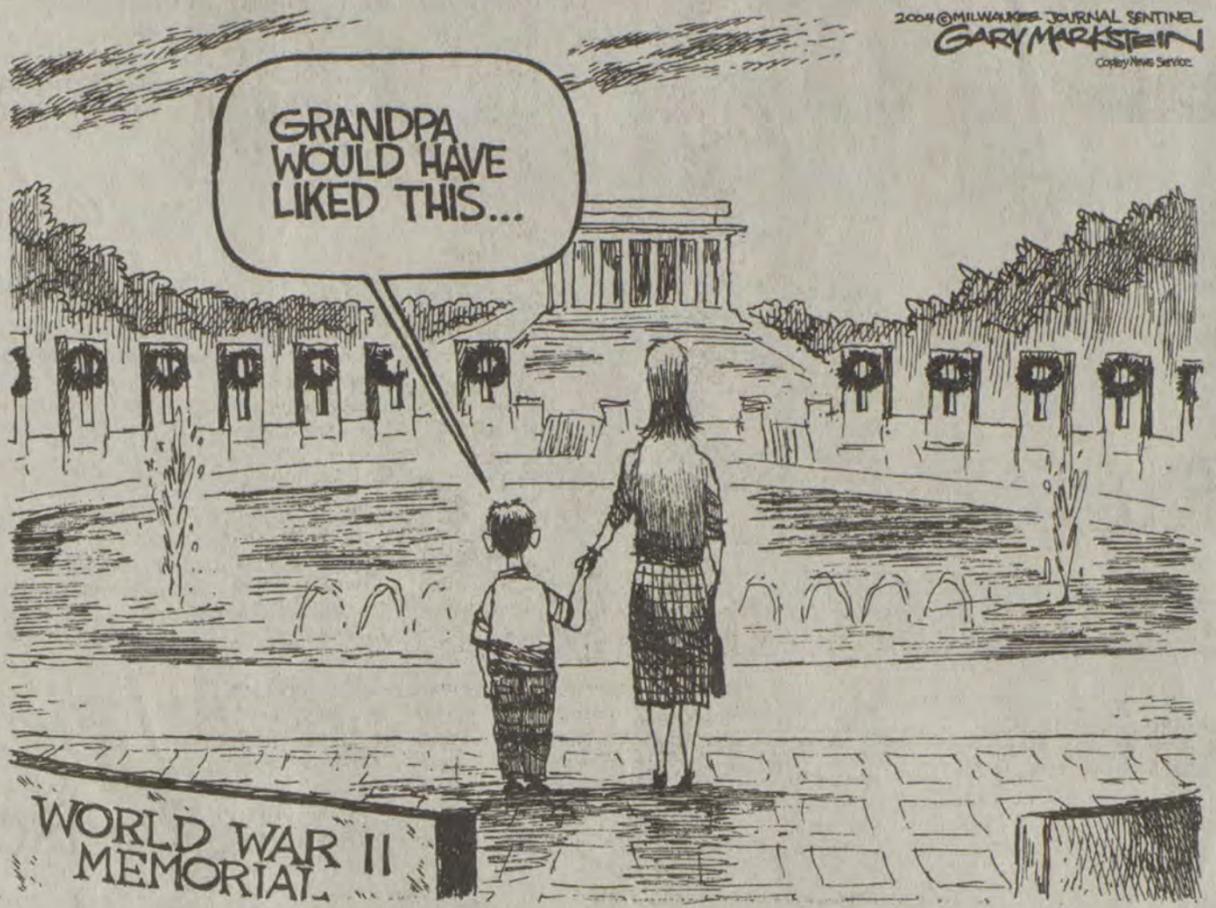
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— Jim Davidson

The story of a 'blue-ribbon' corn farmer

One of the most difficult things for any of us to do is to get away from our roots. It's those early years of growing up, whether on a farm, in a small town, in large city or even as someone whose parents were constantly on the move, that colors the experiences and values that launch us into the future.

In my case, most of my growing-up years were spent in a small town in southeast Arkansas. My parents operated a small restaurant and consequently every time we eat out, I have a deeper appreciation for the people who serve me and do my best to treat them with courtesy and respect.

Another experience I had when I was growing up that has given me an appreciation even to this day, is the year my father and I decided to raise a crop of roast-in-ear corn just east of town. On the outside the corn was beautiful, but unfortunately we didn't get the chemicals applied at the right time and the actual ears turned out to be full of worms. We sold most of that crop to a produce company in Little Rock and even though I was just a young lad, I

have often regretted that we took their money and didn't tell them the whole story about that corn. Several years later I made the decision that I would never knowingly take unfair advantage of anyone again.

A few years ago I had the privilege of going on a mission trip with a group from my church to Denison, Iowa, to help a sister church build a new building. Some time before we got there the memories of my earlier days and the experience with roast-in-ear corn began to flood my mind, because I saw more corn in a week than I had seen the rest of my whole life. It was beautiful.

You could travel down the highway and corn higher than your head would be on both sides of the road and when you topped a hill, you see corn as far as the eye could see.

Going back to what I was saying earlier about our growing up years coloring our experiences and values, these people, unlike my dad and I, who were just dabbling around the edges, were earning their living from this important crop. As you probably know, corn is used in a multitude of products that contribute to our diet and now they are also burning corn as a fuel to heat homes, businesses and in many other ways. I love the peo-



ple in the Midwest because they not only feed us, but because they are just good, honest, hard-working people. A special word of thanks to those of you who have taken the time to write to me. I deeply appreciate it.

To continue my thoughts about corn, the other day I ran across an interesting article titled "Growing Good Corn" that contains an important principle that I'm sure all corn farmers know, but some of us may not. The reason I want to share this story is because this principle has a two-fold message and applies to many other areas of life as well. The story begins; "There was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it.

The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked. "Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality

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SAVE ME FROM THE MAINSTREAM

by DONALD KAUL

I occasionally get mail from readers who accuse me of not "being in the mainstream." To which my stock reply is: You betcha.

Have you looked at the mainstream lately? Why in the world would anyone want to be there? Take television for example — that's a mainstream barometer — one of the great successes of the past year was a "reality" show starring Donald Trump. Donald Trump!

If there is a more obnoxious, arrogant, self-promoting jerk in our society (politicians excepted; they're professionals) his name doesn't jump to mind. Trump makes George Steinbrenner look like Mr. Rogers.

And people were tuning in every week to watch him fire other, younger, obnoxious jerks. If that's mainstream, count me out.

I know what you're going to say: "Did you ever watch the show?" And I'd have to say: "No."

"Then how do you know you wouldn't like it?" you'd ask.

"How do I know I wouldn't like to get run over by a freight train and eaten by wild dogs? I know," I'd answer. (And frankly, if it came to choice between the freight train and endless evenings with The Donald, it would be a close call.)

But even this sense of being out of step with the majority of my fellow Americans did not prepare me for the news that President Bush has gone up in the polls recently, because people trust him on the issue of national security.

It left me, as few things do, speechless — temporarily.

When I finally found my voice, all I could say was: "Who are these people who think George Bush is doing a good job on national security? You don't see them walking around in the daytime."

Let's pretend, just for the sake of argument that going to war against Iraq was a good idea. (Not that for a single minute I think it was anything but a blunder, but we're pretending here, like in a movie.)

Saddam, after all, was a bad guy. He bore us ill will and if he did have weapons of mass destruction (as a lot of people thought) there's no telling what he would have done with them. There's an argument to be made for taking him



out.

But if you're going to war, why do it in the worst possible way — with too few partners, less-than-enthusiastic support from allies and with so little realistic thought as to what to do next. We are left in the position of a dog that, having chased cars all his life, finally caught one.

In the meantime we've let Afghanistan, once the central focus of "the war on terrorism," slip back toward the hands of al Qaida sympathizers while we are bled slowly by an occupation of a land that we don't want to occupy.

What part of that do you consider "doing a good job on national security?"

I don't get it.

Not that John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic nominee, has set my heart going pitty-pat. You ask him a question, go out and hard-boil an egg and when you come back he's still answering the question. One of Bush's great strengths is that he doesn't know enough to give a long answer to a question.

The problem is, he often doesn't know enough to give a short answer either. Did you see his press conference the other week? Someone asked him what his "biggest mistake" had been

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Faith Extra

Some American Muslims may put aside anger at Bush and vote for him

by RACHEL ZOLL
AP RELIGION WRITER

It was just a throwaway line, an aside in a speech to some fellow American Muslims that Muqtadar Khan considered a surefire crowd-pleaser. But

when he criticized President Bush over the war on Iraq, Khan was surprised by the response.

"I was booed. They were shouting and booing at me," said Khan, a political scientist at Adrian College in Michigan. "A man came and told me, 'If you

think the war in Iraq is not moral then I'm sorry to say you have no idea what morality is.'"

As Khan saw that day, the president still enjoys pockets of strong support among America's Muslims, despite deep resentment over scrutiny of their com-

munity following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

And while Democrats outnumber Republicans among U.S. Muslims, there is a sense that presumptive Democratic nominee John Kerry has done relatively little to reach out to the community.

Among Bush's supporters are Iraqi-Americans and others grateful that Saddam Hussein was ousted, giving their fellow Shiias a chance to govern in that country after decades of oppression.

Others are wealthy, immigrant businessmen loyal to the Republican Party. They can be found among the Bush campaign's Pioneers and Rangers, who have raised tens of thousands of dollars for his re-election.

More votes could come from socially conservative Muslims, drawn into the Republican camp because of its opposition to gay marriage. "We are working hard to maintain and build upon the support for the president," said Scott Stanzel, a Bush campaign spokesman.

Still, no one expects Bush to win a majority of the Muslim vote and there's a danger in the recent Iraqi uprisings, which could further undercut Islamic — and particularly Shiia — support for the president.

Surveys in the last few years have found that American Muslims identify themselves as Democrats at a ratio of about 2-to-1, said Tom Smith of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

Anger at Bush's policies has grown with each mosque raided

and Muslim charity shut down on suspicion of ties with terrorists: The White House has defended such actions as critical to national security.

National Muslim leaders who endorsed Bush over Al Gore in 2000 — expecting the Texas governor would be more sympathetic to their concerns — have said publicly that they made a mistake.

The leading Muslim organizations have been so outraged over the USA Patriot Act that they have banded together as the American Muslim Taskforce to make civil rights their top issue in the presidential race. They say the anti-terrorism bill restricts civil liberties and disproportionately hurts Muslims.

Yet Bush has been able to maintain ties in their community, even as American Muslim leaders condemn him. That's significant, especially with Muslim voters concentrated in such battleground states as Florida and Michigan. Estimates of the number of registered Muslim voters nationally varies widely — from 1 million to 3 million.

Salam Al-Marayati, executive director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council — which has made no endorsement in the 2004 race — said the Bush administration has revived contact with his group after "a long drought."

The White House sent a representative to the council's annual convention last December for the first time.

Al-Marayati said he met recently — also for the first time — with representatives of the Homeland Security Department,

and met in Washington with Jim Towey, head of the White House faith-based office.

In addition, he said the Treasury Department has renewed talks with the Los Angeles-based council on protecting law-abiding U.S. Muslim charities during the war on terror.

John Kerry's campaign has been less aggressive in reaching out to Muslims, said Al-Marayati and other leaders in the community.

The Massachusetts senator did call into the council's convention. And he filled out a seven-page questionnaire meant to help the American Muslim Taskforce decide whether to make an endorsement, according to Taskforce leader Agha Saeed.

But when Al-Marayati asked the Kerry campaign for a meeting, he said he was told they were reorganizing for the general election. Kerry's press office did not return repeated calls for comment.

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Running feeds Texas seminarian's body, mind, spirit

by BOBBY ROSS JR.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas — In what he calls his "Mother Teresa Run," Roger Joslin looks for the divine in the faces of everyone he meets. When "Running With Alms," the Austin seminarian takes along a few dollars to help those in need.

In Joslin's view, a spiritual experience is as likely to occur along a wooded trail as in a

church, synagogue or mosque.

The 52-year-old master of divinity student at Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest relates his experiences in the book "Running the Spiritual Path: A Runner's Guide to Breathing, Meditating and Exploring the Prayerful Dimension of the Sport."

Published last year by St. Martin's Press in New York, the book combines Joslin's insights

from 30 years of running with the spiritual journey that guided him toward the priesthood.

Joslin maintains that through chants, visualization and attention to the most obvious aspects of the present moment the simple run can become the basis for a profound spiritual practice.

"When running, search for the divine in the ordinary," he writes. "Each run is not a pilgrimage to Chartres, to Mecca, to Jerusalem, but it is a pilgrimage nonetheless."

... If the intention is to converse with God, you are a pilgrim. It is the very ordinariness of the run that enables it to become a central part of your spiritual life. When God appears in the midst of the mundane, we are making progress toward him."

In a recent interview, Joslin described how he prepares for a workout, trying to get himself into a state in which he is keenly aware of everything around him.

"Before I go for a run, if I'm driving, I'll turn off the radio on the way, so I can begin to prepare," he said. "When I'm putting on my T-shirt and my shorts, I'm going to do it very methodically, very consciously, in the same way that a priest might put on his vestments in preparation for celebration of Mass."

In California, a group from the Rev. Jimmy Bartz's church gathers each Thursday at the Santa Monica beach to run and pray based on the guidance in Joslin's book.

Bartz, associate rector at All Saints' Beverly Hills, an Episcopal church, said Joslin isn't the first to combine meditative spiritual practice with physical exercise.

"I think there are a lot of people that have thought about it, but it just hasn't been quite expressed the way Roger does pretty clearly in his book," said Bartz, a long-time friend of Joslin's.

Joslin's book advocates "running meditation" as a way to quiet one's mind and engage the body.

In times when most people engaged in physical labor, sitting meditation made sense, he said. That's not the case, though, in a society where many spend all day at computer screens or on the phone.

"Their bodies cry out to be used, to be active, to be physically challenged," he writes.

Hunt Priest, a friend and fellow seminarian, said Joslin's book "just really blurred, in a necessary way, the line between the sacred and the everyday."

"It helps you understand that you can be praying or meditating all the time," said Priest, 39. "It doesn't have to be one hour on Sunday."

Joslin's spiritual path to the seminary was more a marathon than a sprint.

He entered the seminary two years ago after 20 years in the architectural woodwork business. He's not alone in pursuing the priesthood later in life; many of his fellow seminarians are in their early 40s.

"I am sure that I will be a far better priest now than I would have been had I entered the min-

Davidson

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of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn." This farmer is much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves.

As you can see, this story is really not about corn, as important as it is, but more about our values and our relationships with other people. We depend on other people for almost everything we need or have. There is no product in your home or mine that someone else has not had a hand in producing. Our country is the greatest in the world because our system allows us to do that and keep a portion of what we earn from our labors. The thing that matters most is our freedom, because our way of life is only possible because we

are free.

As a free people, so it is in other dimensions of life as well. Those who choose to be at peace must help their neighbors to be at peace. Unfortunately, sometimes this means that a bully must be taken to the woodshed and taught a lesson so that everyone else can live in peace. Those of us who are peace loving and choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up in the welfare of all.

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

Beltway

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since the 9/11 attacks. This is what's known in the trade as "a softball" and any politician worthy of the name should be able to hit a Barry Bonds shot with it. Our leader said:

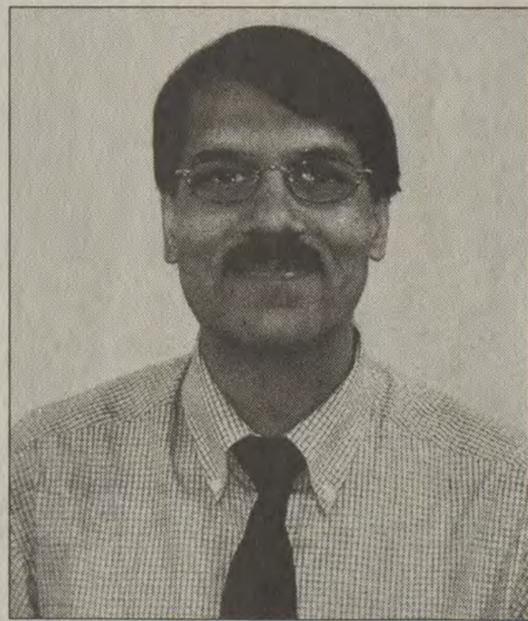
"You just put me under the spot here, and maybe I'm not as quick on my feet as I should be in coming up with one."

I keep resisting the idea that President Bush is dumb — if he's so dumb how come he keeps beating his enemies'

brains out? — but he certainly gives a marvelous imitation of dumb.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. You can contact him by email at donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

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Thomas Branham, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, April 14, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 17, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Dave Cooley, 87, of Wayland, died Saturday, April 24, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Tracy Lynn Dingus, 27, of Martin, died Tuesday, April 27. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ishmael Greer, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday,

April 28, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 30, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Barry R. Hicks, 45, of North Manchester, Indiana, a native of Pretonsburg, died Monday, April 26, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Marcia Moore Hicks. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 30, under the direction of DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester.

Betty Lou Scott Hopper, 74, of Hanging Rock, Ohio, a Floyd County native, died Tuesday, April 27, at Community Hospice Center in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Glen Leslie Hopper. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 30, under the direction of Phillips Funeral, Ironton, Ohio.

Minnie Lee Caudill Howell, 89, of Langley, died Sunday, April 25, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, at Martin. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Buena Vista Ramsey Howell, 89, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, April 24, at Clare Bridge Cottage, Leesburg, Florida. She is survived by her husband, Jerry F. Howell of Leesburg, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Nora Pratt Martin, 90, of Langley, died Sunday, April 25, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Billy Joe "Corky" Patton, 70, of Prestonsburg, died at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 28, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Gary Gene Coleman, 64, of Van Lear, died Thursday, April 15, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Martha Fannin Coleman. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Herbert Harris, 87, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, April 20, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Albert Hibbitt, 91, of Van Lear, died Saturday, April 17, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 20, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Pearl Jude, 92, of Oil Springs, died Thursday, April 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 22, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Georgie Ratliff, 81, of Leander, died Sunday, April 18, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 21, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Margaret L. Rowland, 65, of Paintsville, died Friday, April 16, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 19, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Ethel Frazier Tackett, 88, of Paintsville, died Friday, April 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Julia May Williams, 92, of Flat Gap, died Saturday, April 10, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Graveside services were conducted Monday, April 12, at the McKenzie Family Cemetery, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Martin County

Columbus Bowen Jr., 69, of Inez, died Tuesday, March 23, at King's Daughters' Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Bowen. Funeral services were conducted March 25, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Susie S. Dunlow, 81, of Inez, died Saturday, April 17, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 19, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Grover H. Nichols, 59, of Lovely, died Sunday, April 18, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 21, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Myrtle (Dee Dee) Ray, 57, of Inez, died Thursday, April 15, in Cleveland, Ohio. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Knott County

Eva Elizabeth Craft, a Knott County native, died Monday, March 15, in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Burial was Thursday, March 18, at Little Memory Baptist Church of Sunman, Indiana.

Serena Ritchie, 90, of Fisty, died Monday, April 12, at the Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 14, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

John B. Smith, 90, of Horse Cave, formerly of Knott County, died Friday, April 16, at Caverna Memorial Hospital, Horse Cave. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 18, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Lawrence County

Bessie Lee Dockery Coffey, 81, of Ulysses, died Wednesday, April 21, at the Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Lewis Ed Clark, 59, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 29, at the Greenbriar Health Care in Wheelersburg, Ohio. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 2, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Clark Cemetery at Johns Creek, Pikeville.

Spirit

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istry at an earlier age," he said. "I may not be wiser, but I am more compassionate. I have a better sense of how difficult life can be."

Perhaps fittingly, running helps Joslin deal with that difficulty. But that wasn't always the case.

As a high school football player in Alvarado, south of Fort Worth, he viewed running simply as punishment. In his 20s, he ran just to keep in shape.

Then in his late 30s, the father of two dealt with a painful divorce. Running became an escape.

As Joslin paid more attention to his immediate physical environment, he started seeing God, he said. A running journal that he kept from 1993 to 2001 formed the foundation for his book.

"God exists in the present, and to the extent to which you can find yourself fully engaged in the present, I think you can call that an experience with the divine," he said. "It's not always spectacular and mystical, although it can be on occasion."

Joslin said his "original encounters with the divine" occurred in natural settings such as Big Bend National Park and the Pecos Wilderness.

"But I probably wouldn't (want to) be a priest if I couldn't experience God's presence through the sacraments in the sanctuary," he said. "I can't say that one's easier than the other. God exists all around. It's a matter of being attentive and being receptive in either setting."

Anger

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Al-Marayati, however, was able to arrange a meeting recently with Terry McAuliffe, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. A DNC spokeswoman, Fabiola Rodriguez-Ciampoli, said: "We're trying to find new ways to work with the Arab-American and Muslim-American communities."

Bush deeply upset U.S. Muslims this month by expressing support for Jews to remain in the West Bank and opposition to a right of Palestinian exiles to resettle in Israel.

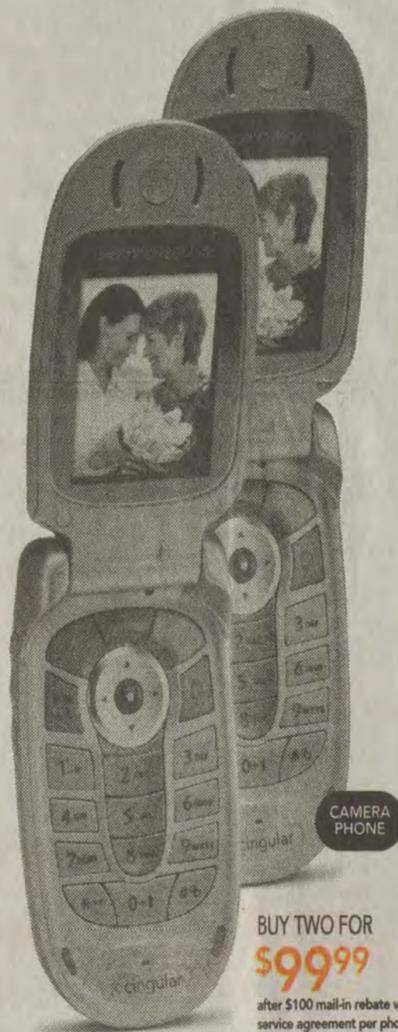
But Khan noted that Kerry

also expressed support for the plan and that many American Muslims consider the Democratic Party so pro-Israel that they would never vote for him.

Even Muslims who oppose Bush are aware he has done some positive things, such as calling Islam a religion of peace, visiting a Washington-area mosque and saying Islam is compatible with democracy, Khan said.

"There are hard-core Republican Muslims out there," Khan said.

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Blackcats blast Pike Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Pike County Central was the visiting team on the scoreboard Thursday night and didn't get the warmest welcome, playing on the road against a Prestonsburg team that came ready to play. Prestonsburg beat Pike Central 11-6, thanks in huge part to a strong pitching performance by junior John Mark Stephens. Coming on in relief, Stephens pitched

the Blackcats and himself to the win. "John Mark pitched real well," admitted Prestonsburg assistant coach Kimber McGuire.

Pike Central scored two runs in the top half of the second inning before Prestonsburg stormed back in the bottom of the third inning, scoring seven runs in a large two-out rally.

Pike Central collected more runs later in the game, but could never get over the hump.

The Hawks scored two runs in the fourth inning and one each in the fifth and seventh innings.

Prestonsburg added two runs in the fourth inning and two runs in the sixth stanza on a two-run homer from senior shortstop Jared McGuire, who started the game on the mound for the Blackcats.

The Blackcats produced 11 runs on 16 hits. McGuire led Prestonsburg in hitting

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photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg High's Jason Hughes collected one hit in Thursday's win over Pike County Central.

DEET plus permethrin make best shield in biting bug country

by STEVE VANTREESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — As Kentucky fishermen, turkey hunters, campers and other outdoor enthusiasts already find, it's again bug bite season in the state.

They're still gathering steam as the spring temperatures rise, but airborne mosquitoes and terrestrial pests ticks and chiggers have begun their dirty work for the warm season of 2004. And they create real health risks.

West Nile virus remains a malady that can be transmitted via mosquito bite. An outbreak of West Nile in North America appears to have peaked in Kentucky in 2002, however.

Last year, Kentucky Department for Public Health officials documented 14 human cases of West Nile virus in the state, down from 75 cases in 2002. One case in '02 was fatal, although the elderly patient had multiple health problems.

Epidemiologists say where West Nile

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Eagles set for Appalachian Athletic Conference play-in round

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Appalachian Athletic Conference consists of 11 baseball teams. The bottom four teams will play each other to get into the upcoming double-elimination conference tournament. Last season, Alice Lloyd defeated UVA-Wise and King College defeated Bryan College. King defeated ALC to advance into the tournament.

Now the stage is set for this season's tourney.

Alice Lloyd will once again have to try to battle its way into the conference tournament. It will not be known until late tonight which opposing conference squad the Eagles will play on Monday morning or the exact time the first pitch will be

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photos by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne High seniors Jordan Kidd and Brent Newsome both signed with Alice Lloyd College Friday morning. Alice Lloyd head coach Gary Gibson was present for the signing.

BOBCAT DUO INKS WITH ALC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne seniors Jordan Kidd and Brent Newsome have signed to play college basketball at nearby Alice Lloyd. Kidd, a point guard, and Newsome, a forward, signed with Alice Lloyd Friday morning.

Alice Lloyd head coach Gary Gibson was on hand Friday to sign the Bobcat duo.

"We're happy to have Jordan and Brent joining our family at Alice Lloyd," said Gibson.

Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose is happy to see Kidd and Newsome moving on to further both their basketball playing careers and their educations.

"We are extremely proud of both Jordan and Brent," said Rose. "They will be excellent additions to the Alice Lloyd program. Both players are fine young men as well as being excellent students. Alice Lloyd will be a great opportunity for them to gain an education and be able to pursue the careers of their choice."

Kidd and Newsome will move on to Alice Lloyd where they will join former teammate Jeremy Daniels. A junior-to-be, Daniels is fresh off a season in which he led his team in field goal percentage and was second in rebounding.

Later in the day, after signing the two

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Tigers edge rival Eagles 5-4

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Rivalries do carry over onto the baseball diamond.

The first game against rival Paintsville in the Shawn "Pooh" Hall Era went down as a loss for Johnson Central Thursday. Johnson Central, with Hall in his first season as coach, paid a visit to Paintsville for the first time during the current season and came out on the losing end. Paintsville, playing at home at Charlie Adkins Field, held off the visiting Eagles at the end of the game, winning 5-4.

Matt Hensley, went the distance on the mound and recorded the win for Paintsville (6-7). Adam Blanton, the ace of the Johnson Central pitching staff, got the starting call for the Eagles and suffered the loss after also going the distance.

Paintsville got its five runs on nine hits. The Tiger defense committed nine errors.

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Blackcat track athletes set several personal records

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Prestonsburg High School track and field team competed in a meet Tuesday at Bob Amos Park. The meet was hosted by Pikeville High School and several Blackcat team members competed in different events.

The Prestonsburg High Girls 4x800 meter relay team of Kendra Spurlock, Chanel Music, Kelly Clark and Pam Slone set a school record.

The Johnson Central girls and Pikeville boys finished first in the team events.

Individual results for Prestonsburg follow. Team results are also listed.

Prestonsburg — Girls 100 meter Dash — Amber Whitaker, 13.58 (2) (personal record)

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photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg entertained Paintsville Thursday evening but came up on the losing end, falling 18-2. Pictured for Prestonsburg is pitcher Elizabeth Chaffin.



Rebs extend win streak to 5 games

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Allen Central made the most of its scoring opportunities Thursday evening, plating 10 runs on seven hits in a 10-0 win over Jenkins. The host Rebels capitalized on six Jenkins errors and beat the visiting team in five innings.

Allen Central committed just one error. The victory over Jenkins was the fifth win in a row for the Rebels. Allen Central

(8-9) is a perfect 3-0 in the 58th District/Floyd County Conference.

Wilfredo Dominguez got the start for Allen Central and went the distance, allowing just two Jenkins hits. Dominguez fanned seven Jenkins batters and walked four. By recording the win, Dominguez upped his season mark to 1-2.

Allen Central scored two runs in each of the first two innings to build a 4-0 lead.

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DEET

is found in mosquito populations, less than one percent of the insects carry the disease, and even if an infected mosquito bites a person, there is less than one percent chance that the bite will result in a serious illness. West Nile virus, when it does occur, reportedly can be mild enough in symptoms that the victim likely won't seek medical treatment - thus some cases go mistaken for a common cold or flu, are endured and go unreported.

From tick bites there are low but genuine risks of other ailments. Kentucky health officials say there typically will be about two dozen cases of diagnosed Lyme disease in the state, although epidemiologists suggest that some of these may be misidentified instances of a sim-

ilar STARI, southern tick-associated rash illness. (The species of tick identified with Lyme disease is almost unknown in Kentucky.)

Too, there are a handful of cases of tick-borne Rocky Mountain spotted fever each year in Kentucky.

While the odds of getting a bite that results in serious illness are quite low, medical concerns for protection still are valid. Anglers, hunters, hikers and such may have even more motivation to fend off biting pests just to avoid the torment and resulting discomfort of bites. It's hard to enjoy an outing in a cloud of bloodthirsty, biting mosquitoes.

The best shield remains an application of a DEET-based repellent on the skin. For broader protection, a secondary step

can be treatment of clothing with a permethrin-based spray.

DEET presents some possible, albeit very low health risk in itself, but it remains the most effective repellent chemical since it was developed a half century ago. Public health authorities recommend repellents with no more than a 30-percent concentration of DEET for adults, while those repellents with 10 percent or less DEET are most often recommended for children.

The American Academy of Pediatrics more recently has changed its recommendations to support the use of 30 percent DEET products on children older than two months. Younger infants should not be treated with any DEET repellents. DEET in heavier concentra-

tions doesn't repel bugs better but rather does it longer. One set of tests - by the New England Journal of Medicine - found that a repellent with 23.8 percent DEET held off mosquitoes for more than five hours, while a 20 percent DEET blend was good for a little less than four hours. By contrast, a 6.65 percent DEET mix repelled for less than two hours, and a 4.75 percent concentration worked only a little less than an hour and a half. Non-DEET repellents generally fell short of these.

Permethrin compounds, sold

as tick repellents, effectively kill ticks and bugs on contact where they have been used to treat clothing. The sprays aren't for use on skin, but rather they should be sprayed on clothing and allowed to dry. The resulting protection bonded to the clothing fibers is good for up to three weeks, even lasting through a couple of launderings.

A one-two punch of DEET on exposed skin and permethrin on clothing is the outdoors enthusiast's best bet to knock out the annoyance and risk of blood-feeding pestilence.

Blackcats

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with a home run, a triple and a single. McGuire's hits drove in four runs.

Stevens had three hits with two RBIs. Nick McGuire had two hits and drove in one run.

Several Prestonsburg players helped out on the offensive end.

Kyle Wicker also had two hits and an RBI. Jason Hughes had two hits while Ed Osborne, Brandon Campbell, Andrew Shepherd and Josh Rodebaugh each had one base hit.

Rebs

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The Rebels came across with three runs in the third inning and two more in the fourth inning before tacking the 10th run on in the fifth frame.

Tyler Turner and Justin Jacobs each went two-for-three. Both players had a triple and a single apiece. Turner and Dominguez each drove in two runs. Nick Music and Ryan Hammonds each had a triple. Music drove in one run.

Allen Central seventh-grader Blake Meade hit into a fielder's choice and in the process drove in a run.

Two different Jenkins batters managed one single each. Two different Jenkins pitchers saw time on the mound.

NCAA approves academic reforms

by STEVE HERMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA's clock is ticking.

Proposals approved by the association's board of directors were the final pieces of an academic reform package designed to ensure athletes are better prepared when they enter college, better able to stay in school, and more likely to graduate.

Some of the measures will go into effect this year. Some won't be felt for another four years or more. All of them, when they are fully implemented, will hold the athletes and the colleges themselves more accountable

for their academic progress.

Those that don't measure up will be penalized. Those that continue to fall below the standard will be penalized even more.

"This is landmark legislation," NCAA president Myles Brand said Thursday. "With this, the academic reform movement has now come to fruition. ... This is the beginning of a sea change in college sports."

At the heart of the new package is a series of increasingly harsher penalties that may be imposed against schools that continue to fall below an academic "cut" line. Graduation rates will be one of many factors the NCAA uses in measuring progress.

That line, which has not been determined, will be the same in all sports.

"This is a critically important set of legislative measures, the strongest ever passed by the NCAA, and different in kind because it holds teams, as well as institutions, accountable," Brand said.

Brand added graduation targets for each school are being calculated. This fall each school will be notified "how much at risk it would have been" had the new standards already been in place.

Schools that fall below that line will receive warning letters beginning in 2006-07. Consistently poor performing teams could begin losing scholarships in 2007-08 and postseason eligibility and money from NCAA tournaments starting in 2008-09.

Also, if a scholarship athlete leaves school while not academically eligible, that scholarship may not be replaced for one year, as of this fall.

"We're starting immediately to make these reforms real," said Robert Hemenway, chancellor of the University of Kansas and chairman of the Division I board.

The Division I Management Council originally proposed waiting an extra year before putting the reforms in place, but the board decided to push it up to 2006 because it felt data wouldn't change much by waiting.

The board previously voted to increase the number of core courses needed for freshman eligibility and to increase the number of hours required toward graduation to remain eligible. Another piece of the package, approved last fall, required athletes to complete 20 percent of their degree requirements each year to remain eligible.

The latest measure was designed to make the colleges more accountable for keeping athletes on track to graduate.

"The whole idea of academic reform is that there will be considerable incentive to support the athletes moving through to graduation," Brand said.

The board also rescinded the so-called "5-8" rule, which allowed a school to award five basketball scholarships in one year or eight scholarships in a two-year period.

"With so much progress having been made, combined with the pieces already in place, the 5-8 rule probably was unnecessary," Hemenway said.

He said the reforms, with penalties to back up the tougher standards, send a message to athletes "that if you come to our institutions, we're going to do everything in our power to make sure you graduate."

Hall has five homers on season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd College junior Byron Hall has found his power stroke as of late. The South Floyd High graduate now has five long balls on the 2004 season. Hall, a native of Hunter, plays catcher and first base for the Eagle baseball team.

Heading into the current campaign, Hall set a goal of have a winning season.

As a senior at South Floyd High School, Hall hit close to .700 and was named 58th District Player of the Year. Following graduation from college, Hall hopes to become a teacher and a coach.

photo by Jamie Howell



Andrew Shepherd got back to first base during Thursday's game against Pike Central.

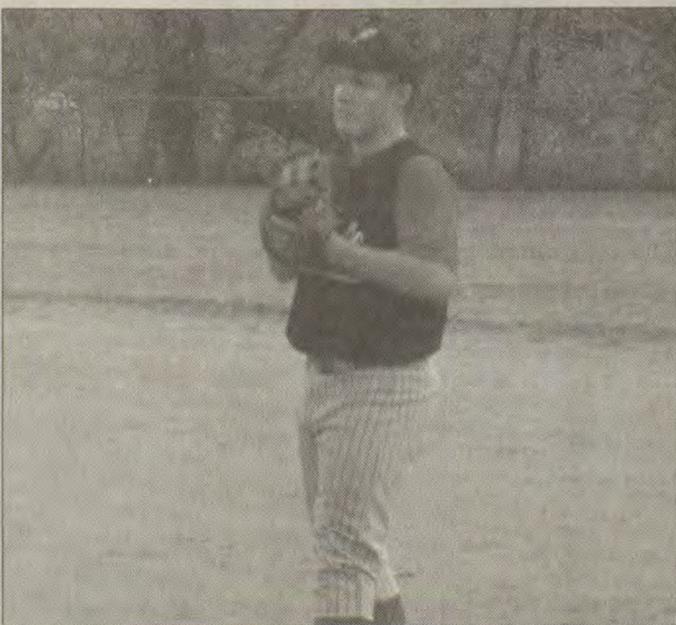


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At times, Allen eighth-grader Josh Rodebaugh mans first base for the Prestonsburg High baseball team.

Duo

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Betsy Layne players, Gibson traveled to Lick Creek in Pike County, where he signed East Ridge seniors Brandon Ratliff and Robbie Spears.

Meet Coach Gary Gibson

Gary Gibson is set to enter his fourth season as Alice Lloyd Men's Basketball Coach. Coach Gibson previously had a stint as the Alice Lloyd Head Women's Basketball Coach from 1979-84. He also has 15 years of head coaching experience on the prep level. He has coached teams to over 300 wins in 22 years of coaching.

Gibson played his prep basketball at Knott County High. He went on to play for ALC from 1974-76 when Alice Lloyd was a junior college.

Eagles

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thrown. The play-in games and the conference tournament will be held at Cardinal Park in Johnson City, Tenn.

More game information will be posted online at www.alc.edu.

In women's fast-pitch softball, UVA-Wise recently clinched the conference title.

Head of Louisville Sluggers maker buys DiMaggio bat for \$345,500

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The bat that Joe DiMaggio used to set the consecutive-game hit record in 1941 will return to Louisville after the president of the company that made it, Hillerich & Bradsby, bought it for \$345,500 at auction.

John Hillerich IV made the winning bid early Saturday for the bat the legendary New York Yankee also used when his 56-game streak ended, in the game that followed the one in which he set the record.

Two years ago, a Pennsylvania collector paid \$577,610 for a bat used by "Shoeless" Joe Jackson of the Chicago White Sox.

"It was a big chunk of change," Hillerich said Wednesday. "But in the long run, it's got to be a bargain. It's going to help attract people to the museum. It's going to be of such interest. I'm just glad that someone bought it that will share it with baseball fans, whether it was us or Cooperstown."

Hillerich said he became aware that the DiMaggio bat was going to auction earlier this month. But it wasn't until late Thursday — the day before the auction — that he and the company decided to bid for it. He called it a "once in a lifetime opportunity."

"It is huge for us," he said. "We haven't spent any money on memorabilia to speak of. This is the first acquisition we've made. We think it's one of the most significant pieces of memorabilia in all of sports."

DiMaggio gave the bat to teammate Tommy Henrich as a gift to commemorate the streak. Henrich repaired the cracked bat and stored it at his mother's house before he left to get married. The bat was discovered recently by the Henrich family while preparing to sell the house.

The 56-game hitting streak is

considered by many baseball people to be the major leagues' most significant record — and an unbreakable one. Pete Rose has come the closest, hitting safely in 44 straight games in 1978.

Hillerich plans to display the bat at Louisville Slugger Museum but has yet to decide how it will be done. He said the company will take about three to six months to decide. He added that they are "keeping their options open."

Information from: The Courier-Journal, <http://www.courier-journal.com>

Bowling Green faces June 1 deadline for ticket sales in hope of luring baseball team

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — A group seeking a Class A minor-league baseball team for Bowling Green has a June 1 deadline to sell 2,000 season-ticket subscriptions.

Rick Kelley, chairman of the Play Ball 05 committee, said he's encouraged by corporate ticket sales over the past few weeks and thinks the goal will be reached in time.

"This is a drop-dead date of June 1," Kelley said.

A group has a team ready to relocate to Bowling Green if the ticket commitment can be met, Kelley said.

Plans call for the team to begin playing next year at Western Kentucky University, then move to a publicly financed 2,000-seat stadium in the downtown area for the 2006

international) division. She finished with 37 penalties, none on the last two days of competition.

Severson didn't clinch the victory until she cleared the 14th of 15 fences in the show jumping phase. Each dislodged rail is worth four penalties, and Severson was just six penalties ahead of Australian Phillip Dutton on Nova Top.

Severson, who couldn't defend her title last year because of a broken leg, won the dressage phase Friday with 37 penalties, and was flawless in the cross country on Saturday.

Although the Olympic team won't be announced until July, Severson proved she is a serious candidate to be on the squad. She earned \$60,000 for her victory.

Abigail Lufkin, of Middleburg, Va., was third with 45.8 penalties aboard Kildonan Tug.

In the modified four-star division, which lacked the CCI's steeplechase segment, Darren Chiacchia and Windfall II finished first with 45.2 penalties. Nathalie Bouckaert and West Farthing led coming into the day but fell back when West Farthing refused to take the first jump on his initial approach, resulting in four penalties. They then dropped three rails and had six time penalties in dropping to seventh place.

Dutton on Hannigan was also the runner-up in the modified section.

season. Western Kentucky President Gary Ransdell has already committed the university's facilities. Both Play Ball 05 and the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center board have circulated downtown plans that include the stadium.

Warren County Judge-Executive Mike Buchanon said he is pleased with progress and hopes more potential ticket buyers will come forward.

"I'm very encouraged by the amount of response that minor-league baseball is getting from the people I've talked to and excited about the possibilities of what this will do for Bowling Green and Warren County," he said. "It's time for those people who have a strong interest to step up to the plate."

Information from: Daily News, <http://www.bgdailynews.com>

Caution: Beware angry Earnhardt fans

by JOHN ZENOR
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TALLADEGA, Ala. — Jeff Gordon soaked up the moment after his first win of the season. Dale Earnhardt Jr. found a very different reason to enjoy what happened.

When NASCAR declared Gordon the winner in Sunday's Aaron's 499 — finished under caution rather than with any last-lap drama — it proved the fan favorite doesn't get all the calls, after all.

"I'm real glad that one of these calls finally went against me," Earnhardt said. "It's going to shut up a lot of peo-

ple." And his fans voiced their opinion by tossing beer, soda cans and whatever else was handy onto the Talladega track.

The normally straight-laced Gordon had his fun with the scene, easing around the track and spinning his wheels in a victory celebration.

"I know it's going to be controversial, but I don't care," he declared in the winner's circle.

He seized the lead from Earnhardt with six laps remaining, setting the stage for a scintillating finish. It didn't happen.

Earnhardt was making a

strong bid for the lead coming off turn four of lap 184 in the 188-lap race when rookie Brian Vickers and Casey Mears collided. That brought out the 11th caution flag of the race.

Just like that, Dale Earnhardt Inc.'s string of five straight Cup wins — four by Earnhardt and one last fall by Michael Waltrip — at Talladega was over.

Earnhardt questioned NASCAR's ruling that Gordon held the lead when the caution started, but last fall's rule change means the field is frozen when the yellow comes out rather than letting the competitors race to the flag-stand.

"I just feel like I was ahead of him, that's my only argument," Earnhardt said. "Other than that, I thought it was a great race."

It was Gordon's third win on Talladega's 2.66-mile oval and the 65th of his NASCAR career, and just as satisfying even with the anticlimactic finale.

"It seems like a long time since I've won any race," said Gordon, whose last win came at Atlanta in October 2003, a 12-race drought. "I can't think of a better one to win."

The first ruling had Earnhardt's No. 8 Chevrolet ahead. Gordon said he knew he had a slight lead.

"When I got to turn 2 they said the No. 24 was ahead of the No. 8," Gordon said. "And I said, 'Really? OK.'"

"He rode next to me because obviously he wanted to fight the call. Neither one of us really knew."

Earnhardt had another brush with controversy at Talladega in the 2003 spring race, getting the benefit of the decision that time. His No. 8 Chevrolet was clearly below the yellow out-of-bounds line when he passed Matt Kenseth for the lead with five laps to go, but NASCAR let the win stand despite the rules violation.

"I've been on both ends of this, getting the call to go for you, getting the call to go against you," said Earnhardt, who expanded his series lead to 94 over Jimmie Johnson. "I was racing below the yellow line last year, and they called it fair."

"This one didn't go my way. It's not a big deal."

NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said a videotape review clearly showed Gordon ahead when the caution lights came on.

"We turned the lights on when the wreck was in progress," Hunter said. "We had a great piece of footage that showed the two cars, so it

was really clear-cut that Gordon was in the lead."

Hunter said Tony Eury, Earnhardt's crew chief, looked at the video and said, "I understand."

Gordon, a four-time Cup champion, led four times for a total of 15 laps. Earnhardt led 11 times for a race-high 57 laps.

Kevin Harvick was third, and Gordon's teammate Johnson was fourth.

"I still feel the DEI cars are more dominant than the rest of us, but I think we've closed the gap," Johnson said.

NASCAR didn't get the green flag back out for a race to the finish, keeping it under caution to the end and igniting the fans' anger when they realized Gordon was going to win.

"Here and at Daytona, we're not going to have a one-lap shootout just because of safety," Hunter said. "We're just not going to do that."

There had already been enough bumping and banging at speeds above 190 mph in a race typical of the recent Cup events at both Talladega and Daytona, the tracks where NASCAR requires horsepower-dampening carburetor restrictor plates to slow the cars.

The big wreck came on lap 84 when Tony Stewart tapped the rear of Kurt Busch's car near the bottom of the banked track, sending Busch sliding sideways up the banking right

in front of a huge pack of cars.

The crash left 10 cars scattered around the fourth turn. The cars driven by Busch, Derricke Cope and Kenny Wallace had to be hauled off on flatbed trucks. There were no injuries.

Earnhardt and Waltrip had

combined to win 10 of the previous 13 races at the two big tracks.

Waltrip ran near the front most of the day but faded at the end to finish 12th.

"Beating the DEI cars," Gordon said, "is difficult to do."

Another Foyt, another generation of racers at Indy

by STEVE HERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — A.J. Foyt never wanted his boys to go into auto racing. For a while it seemed like he would get his wish.

His oldest son, Tony, became a horse breeder and trainer. Middle son Jerry gave racing a try, mainly in the Formula 2000 series and in stock cars, but now manages an auto dealership near Houston.

It's the two youngest Foyt boys, 27-year-old son Larry and 19-year-old grandson A.J. IV — Tony's son — who are now following closely in the old man's tire tracks. That's not what A.J. would have preferred, but he couldn't have talked them out of

it even if he wanted to.

"It was good to me," said the elder Foyt, the first four-time Indianapolis 500 winner and now a team owner in the Indy Racing League and NASCAR's Nextel Cup series. "I never wanted any of my kids to race because it is such a tough sport, but when that's all they want to do, what can you say?"

Especially at Indianapolis, where the lure of the world's richest and most tradition-filled race often draws sons, brothers, cousins and nephews to the famed Brickyard. The Unsers and Andrettis are the most prominent families, of course. Maybe the Foyts will be joining them soon.

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Drivers give new Richmond asphalt positive review

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND, Va. — NASCAR Nextel Cup Series drivers Kevin Harvick, Ryan Newman, Matt Kenseth and Terry Labonte visited Richmond International Raceway this week to test the track's new racing surface. Raceway officials installed a new drainage system underneath the track, but preserved all of the unique characteristics during the repaving process that make Richmond International Raceway a driver and fan favorite.

"It's definitely the same Richmond," Harvick said. "No. 1, the track is super smooth and they did a great job of repaving it. The bumps in Turn 2 are gone and it's really grippy."

"It's got the same characteristics of 'the old' Richmond," Newman said. "It's different, but a good different—the bumps are gone in Turn 2 and the track is really smooth. The biggest thing that changes the racing is the banking and where the walls are placed and none of that has changed. It drives the same, the walls are in the same spot and the SAFER barriers are there, so we're in good shape. The track will have more grip, but I don't think that is going to change the racing that much."

That's good news for both drivers and fans, as Richmond International Raceway is known for its tremendous side-by-side racing.

"It's a lot of fun to race on,

it's kind of like the ultimate short track," Harvick said. "It not so small that you can't pass on it and you don't have to beat, bang and tear your stuff all up like other short tracks. You can pass and move around and do what you need to do to race."

Despite the new asphalt, the 3.4-mile D-shaped track has maintained all of the same features, including 14 degrees of banking in the turns, eight degrees of banking on the frontstretch and two degrees of banking on the backstretch.

Goodyear officials also were pleased with the test session. Lead Engineer Mark Keto indicated that the Bristol tire would be used at Richmond International Raceway this season. Keto explained that the tire is a harder compound than what is normally used at Richmond, but it is a good choice because the racing surface now has more grip and will generate more heat.

Testing continues at Richmond International Raceway May 3-6 with drivers Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, Elliott Sadler, Ward Burton, Ricky Rudd, Ricky Craven, Brian Vickers, Jimmy Spencer, Rusty Wallace, Brendan Gaughan, Jamie McMurray, Johnny Benson, Bobby Hamilton, Jr., David Stremme, Paul Menard, Jay Sauter, Justin Labonte, Greg Biffle, Kasey Kahne, J.J. Yeley, Kyle Busch, Regan Smith and Lonesome Pine Raceway veteran Eric McClure.

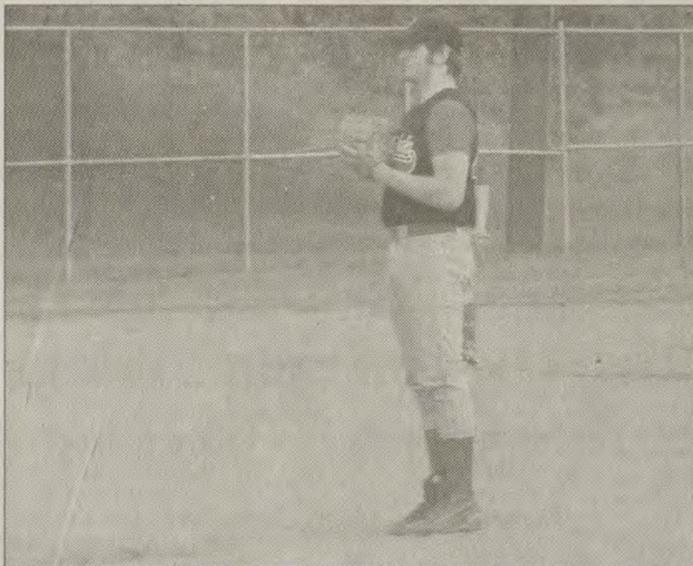


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John Mark Stephens helped Prestonsburg to a win Thursday over visiting Pike County Central.

photo by Jamie Howell

The Prestonsburg High softball team has a game scheduled for Wednesday, May 5 against 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival South Floyd.



Nextel All-Star Challenge: Don't get eliminated

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Inclusion is the byword.

Competition is the beneficiary.

Therein lay the immediate implications of the significant changes announced today for the 20th annual NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge, set for the evening of May 22 at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

NASCAR's always-anticipated all-star event — formerly known as The Winston — is primarily for race winners from the previous and current seasons. It also includes the winner of the NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge Open, a preliminary event for teams that have not qualified for the showcase event.

One of the changes instituted this year involves eligibility of past all-star champions. This year, two other past champions — who are also still active drivers — are eligible; previously, there was a five-year retroactive cutoff for past champions. This change makes 1998 event champion Mark Martin (No. 6 Viagra Ford) and 1994 champion Geoffrey Bodine eligible.

Another change involves the actual race format. While the 90-lap/135-mile overall distance is again divided into 40-, 30- and 20-lap segments, no longer will each segment result in some drivers being eliminated. This will ensure a full field of cars racing for the winner's purse of approximately \$1 million.

"It's an all-star event and all the stars should participate," said Lowe's Motor Speedway President H.A. "Humpy" Wheeler. "That's what the fans come to see — their favorite drivers."

Also, after the first segment, there will be a random drawing to determine an inversion of the starting order for the second segment; between six and 12 cars will be inverted. The previous format called for an inversion prior to the final segment.

Changing the inversion to the second segment will "encourage great racing and no sandbagging in the first 40-lap segment," Wheeler said. "Drivers in the back will want to race themselves into that 12-car inversion while the front guys still have to race hard not knowing how many will be inverted."

"This year's NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge is certain to continue the event's proud tradition, and build upon that tradition," said NASCAR President Mike Helton. "The core elements of the event's

longstanding appeal are intact. The changes we've made this year will only add to that appeal."

Going into Sunday's Auto Club 500 at California Speedway, a total of 23 drivers and car owners have qualified for the NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge. In instances where a driver has qualified by winning a race but has since changed teams, both the driver and the

driver's former team qualify for an entry.

Leading the list of qualifiers is the defending champion No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet team and driver Jimmie Johnson.

"Sounds like some interesting changes," Johnson said, "and having \$1 million on the line is going to make it exciting, as usual. With a million dollars on the line you have to do everything you can (to win)."

2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup

- Feb. 15 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
- Feb. 22 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)
- March 7 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas (Matt Kenseth)
- March 14 — Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
- March 21 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Jimmie Johnson)
- March 28 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)
- April 4 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Elliott Sadler)
- April 18 — Advance Auto Parts 500, Martinsville, Va. (Rusty Wallace)
- April 25 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jeff Gordon)
- May 2 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif.
- May 15 — Pontiac Performance 400, Richmond, Va.
- May 30 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
- June 6 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
- June 13 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- June 20 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn.
- June 27 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
- July 3 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- July 11 — Tropicana 400, Joliet, Ill.
- July 25 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
- Aug. 1 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond.
- Aug. 8 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis
- Aug. 15 — Sirius at The
- Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
- Aug. 22 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn.
- Aug. 28 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- Sept. 5 — Pop Secret 500, Fontana, Calif.
- Sept. 11 — Chevrolet Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va.
- Sept. 19 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
- Sept. 26 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
- Oct. 3 — EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.
- Oct. 10 — Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
- Oct. 16 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
- Oct. 24 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
- Oct. 31 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 400, Hampton, Ga.
- Nov. 7 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
- Nov. 14 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
- Nov. 21 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

- Driver Standings
1. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., 1,347
 2. Jimmie Johnson, 1,253
 3. Jeff Gordon, 1,236
 4. Kurt Busch, 1,222
 5. Matt Kenseth, 1,192
 6. Kevin Harvick, 1,173
 7. Tony Stewart, 1,169
 8. Elliott Sadler, 1,153
 9. Ryan Newman, 1,129
 10. Bobby Labonte, 1,110
 11. Jamie McMurray, 1,082
 12. Kasey Kahne, 1,080
 13. Rusty Wallace, 1,074
 14. Sterling Marlin, 1,030
 15. Mark Martin, 1,005
 16. Jeremy Mayfield, 980
 17. Dale Jarrett, 975
 18. Casey Mears, 951
 19. Joe Nemechek, 930
 20. Greg Biffle, 926

NFL's Titans say 'thank you' to Fort Campbell troops

by TERESA M. WALKER
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FORT CAMPBELL — Tennessee Titans kicker Joe Nedney thinks he was on the wrong side of the table Thursday when he spent 75 minutes signing autographs for sol-

diers and relatives at Fort Campbell.

"They should be the ones behind the table, and I should be the one getting their autographs," he said.

Nedney was among seven Titans making what's become an annual visit by the NFL team

to the post that straddles the Kentucky-Tennessee border.

"You feel a lot less important when you step into an area like this and realize who the true warriors are," said Nedney, the son of a U.S. Navy veteran.

Nedney had been here in 2002, but this trip was more

poignant because former teammate Pat Tillman, who left the Arizona Cardinals to become an Army Ranger, died in Afghanistan last week.

The kicker, whose younger brother played with Tillman in high school, knows the soldier's family. He called Tillman's death a painful loss.

"If you knew Pat, you knew that football wasn't his calling. He was looking for something a little bit more meaningful to do in life ...," Nedney said. "He died doing what he wanted to be doing, which was protecting the

country." Chief Warrant Officer Scott Loose, 34, was among those who stood in line for autographs. He said he took time away from work so he could be with his 11-year-old son Scotty, who clutched a brand-new football with the Titans' logo.

"You miss a lot of the little things like this, the little things he really enjoys," Loose said of his military intelligence career.

Loose became a Titans fan when based at Fort Campbell nearly three years ago. He was on duty in Iraq in January but

kept tabs on the team's 17-14 playoff loss to New England by sneaking peeks at a television in the mess hall.

"Each person has a favorite team, and there was a Titans' group and a Patriots' group. We went back and forth talking football. We followed it real closely for a taste of home," Loose said.

Staff Sgt. Colin Brelsford, 43, missed the Titans' last two visits because he was deployed to Afghanistan for eight months

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Nicklaus nearly done with competitive golf

by PETE IACOBELLI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRAVELERS REST, S.C. — It turns out Jack Nicklaus might be finished with more than just the Masters.

He spoke Wednesday about giving up a game he once dominated, winning 73 PGA Tour events and 18 major titles.

"I'm about done playing golf," the 64-year-old Nicklaus said at the Nationwide Tour's BMW Charity Pro-Am at The Cliffs. He's competing here with his four sons: Jackie, Gary,

Steve and Michael.

"I haven't made up my mind whether I'm going to play anymore this year after the Memorial tournament" in June, Nicklaus said.

At the Masters this month, the six-time champion said it was likely that he would not play at Augusta National in 2005. And that was before he shot consecutive 75s to miss the cut.

Nicklaus has struggled with arthritis, injuries and a faltering game the past few seasons.

"I know I can't compete at

the level I used to compete," Nicklaus said. "If I go out and finish in the top 10, and that's a great week, then I know it's time to hang up your spikes."

Gary Player, 68, empathized with Nicklaus.

"It's hard spending all your time playing golf, like you did when you were a young man," said Player, here with his son Marc.

A year ago, the Golden Bear was the only Nicklaus around for the Nationwide event's final two rounds. He won the pro-am competition with son Steve and briefly scared the younger pros when he got to within five shots of the lead after 36 holes. Nicklaus left with a smile on his face, happy he was close to again playing successful, competitive golf.

Time and his own high standards have made it hard to maintain that momentum, Nicklaus said.

People continually ask him not to quit. "But I tell them, 'Well, you're not in my body,'" Nicklaus said.

A full day swinging clubs is more of a physical toll than ever before. "It takes me a while before it wants to work," he said. "If I'm not playing golf, it doesn't hurt too much. If I am playing golf, that's when it really hurts."

Nicklaus was on hand to pre-

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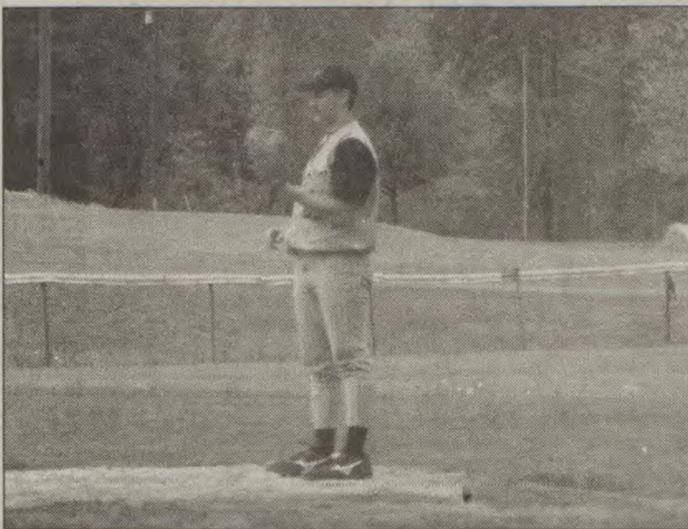


photo by Steve LeMaster

Scott Devin Allen is the ace of the South Floyd High School pitching staff. The Raiders are entering the month of May, looking for more wins.

Derek Allen Nunemaker, the 10-year-old son of Kenton and Shelli Nunemaker of Marrowbone, got his first deer on a youth hunt with his papaw, Eurlmel Hunter. He is also the grandson of Barbara Hunter and Georgia Akers.



HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL
Games from Thursday, April 29

Allen Central 10	Jenkins 0 (5 innings)
Ashland Blazer 3	Boyd County 2
Buckhorn 15	Perry County Central 2 (5 innings)
Clay County 9	Lynn Camp 4
Corbin 9	North Laurel 1
Everts 20	Pineville 4
Hazard 12	Leslie County 4
Lawrence County 7	Pikeville 0
Nicholas County 7	West Carter 0
Paintsville 5	Johnson Central 4
Wayne County 7	McCreary Central 2
Whitesburg 8	East Ridge 5

FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL
Games from Thursday, April 29

Ashland Blazer 14	West Carter 0
Bell County 16	Knox Central 1
Bell County 16	Knox Central 6
Berea 6	Frankfort 5
Cawood 16	Everts 1 (3 innings)
Clay County 9	Jackson County 0
East Ridge 4	Whitesburg 3
Fairview 4	Lawrence County 2
Fleming County 6	Lexington Christian 2
Fleming-Neon 7	Letcher 6
Hazard 9	Knoct County Central 4
Jenkins 28	Buckhorn 0
Johnson Central 10	Sheldon Clark 1
Mason County 10	St. Patrick 0 (5 innings)
Menifee County 23	Elliott County 4 (5 innings)
Montgomery County 6	Bourbon County 1
Morgan County 4	Magoffin County 3
Paintsville 18	Prestonsburg 2
Pike County Central 14	Phelps 0
Raceland 10	Lewis County 4
Rockcastle County 7	Somerset 2
Shelby Valley 1	Pikeville 0
South Laurel 15	Whitley County 0

Foyt

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"If that's what they want to do, you try to make 'em as happy as you can," the 67-year-old racing patriarch said. "Life goes by a lot quicker than you think."

Foyt's grandson, whom he calls Anthony, began racing junior dragsters at age 9, moved to go-karts two years later and then raced sports cars and in the U.S. Auto Club Silver Crown series. Two years ago, while also working on his grandfather's crew for driver Airtone Dare, he won the inaugural Infiniti Pro Series championship, the IRL's developmental program for younger drivers.

He joined A.J.'s team as a driver last year and competed in 16 races, with his best finish 11th at Nazareth, Pa. He was 18th at Indianapolis, the first Foyt in the race since his grandfather's finale in 1992.

This year, for the first time, there may be two Foyts in the race.

Larry Foyt, who has driven without much success the past two seasons in NASCAR, tested his father's Indy car during the Rookie Orientation Program at the Speedway on Monday, even though he was exempt because of his NASCAR experience. He completed 59 laps with ease, had a top speed of more than 210 mph and was smooth enough to prompt serious consideration by his father to make him Anthony's teammate for the May 30 race.

Nothing would make Larry happier.

"I've been here my whole life, watching this race, watch-

ing the Indy 500," he said.

And that's not an exaggeration.

He was born in February 1977, three months before A.J. won the race for the fourth time, and boasts that he attended that race and every one since then. He also drove in NASCAR's Brickyard 400 last year at the Speedway.

"I love this race track. This is the coolest place ever," Larry said. "It just felt right. Coming here just seemed like the right thing to do."

A.J. has not officially confirmed his intention to let his son drive in the Indy 500, but a news release from Foyt Racing on Tuesday said he would be behind the wheel of a second Foyt entry "if all goes according to plan."

In the meantime, Larry has even turned to his nephew for advice.

"Anthony's come so far in his year since he was here last year. We had dinner last night and I talked to him for a while, just things I need to know," Larry Foyt said. "You've also got A.J. Foyt telling you a lot of things, and he can see what a lot of people just can't see from just watching the car go around the track, especially here. He made a couple little changes, and everything seemed to help."

"I know it's going to be a lot more difficult when we try to trim the car out and go a lot faster, so I don't want to be overly excited, but it was still a big day for me to know you can do it and go that fast."

by CHRIS SHERIDAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shaquille O'Neal shook his head, frowned slightly and shrugged when asked whether he'll play at the Athens Olympics.

"I'm still not sure," the Los Angeles Lakers' center said.

He's not the only one.

There are more questions than answers right now for the USA Basketball selection committee, with only six players considered locks to show up in Greece: Jermaine O'Neal, Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson, Tracy McGrady, Mike Bibby and Richard Jefferson.

Among those wavering are Jason Kidd, Karl Malone, Elton Brand, Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett.

Vince Carter, who is getting married this summer, already ruled himself out, and Kobe Bryant's availability hinges on the schedule for his sexual assault trial in Colorado.

"It's not troubling, but it is what it is," Stu Jackson, chairman of the USA Basketball selection committee, said Tuesday. "In a perfect world, we'd like to have a roster in place by May 1. But given the circumstances, that seems unlikely."

Among the reasons for the hedging are nagging injuries, fears of terrorism, and family plans, including the wedding and a birth.

Shaquille O'Neal said his participation in the Aug. 13-29 Olympics will depend largely on how far the Lakers advance in the NBA playoffs, and Minnesota's Garnett sent a similar message to USA Basketball officials.

Bryant, O'Neal's teammate with the Lakers, is accused of sexually assaulting a hotel

employee in Colorado. He did not have to surrender his passport when he posted bail, with the only requirement on overseas travel being that he inform the court.

The American team will hold training camp in Florida in late July before traveling to three cities — Cologne, Belgrade and Istanbul — for pre-Olympic exhibitions.

"You'd better be ready to play 8-on-5 in Belgrade," quipped Kidd, counting the two referees and the crowd as the three extra opponents.

The Nets' All-Star point guard has said his participation will depend on his left knee, which could require surgery after the NBA playoffs. Malone and Brand also have injury concerns, and Malone has indicated he's not enthusiastic about traveling to cities where anti-American sentiment has grown.

"The players are definitely concerned about it," Jermaine O'Neal said. "It definitely sits on your mind. Every day you've got TV, and you see how the terrorists are trying to figure out ways to be effective."

Houston Rockets center Yao Ming, who will play for China, shrugged off a question Sunday about security concerns in Athens, implying he's satisfied with arrangements at the athletes' village.

The U.S. team, citing logistical reasons, will use Olympic housing being provided on cruise ships in Piraeus harbor.

Allen wasn't exactly thrilled when he heard that news.

"Sure, I have concerns," Allen said earlier this year. "The walls have been penetrated. As Americans, we never thought they could get through with a suicide bomb. That's something we have to concern ourselves with now, at all the venues."

Dreaming of a team: Who will play for U.S. in Athens?

employee in Colorado. He did not have to surrender his passport when he posted bail, with the only requirement on overseas travel being that he inform the court.

Allen, expecting a child in September, has since said he is strongly considering relinquishing his roster spot. That would deprive the Americans of their best pure outside shooter.

Kidd is the U.S. team's best point guard, and Shaquille O'Neal is the world's most dominant center. The absence of Garnett, Brand and Malone would leave a void at power forward, and not having Bryant would subtract the game's most dynamic player.

American teams are 109-2 in the Olympics, with losses in 1972 and 1988.

These days, the level of com-

petition no longer tilts heavily toward the Americans — even at full strength. A U.S. team of NBA players lost to Argentina, Yugoslavia and Spain at the 2002 World Championships, and the American team that won the Olympic gold medal in Sydney needed a last-second miss by Lithuania to survive its semifinal game.

"The selection committee will continue to forge ahead as quickly as possible," Jackson said. "The objective remains putting the best possible Olympic team together to win the gold medal, and we remain committed to that objective."

KDFWR Commission to hold special meeting Friday in Frankfort

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission will hold a special meeting Friday at noon at the central offices of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) in Frankfort.

The special meeting will be limited to only the following agenda items:

- (1) Requiring hunters or trappers who take a bobcat or otter to comply with the KDFWR toll-free telecheck harvest reporting requirement. If passed, the harvest of deer, wild turkey, bobcats and otters in Kentucky would then be reported using this system. Starting this fall, hunters and trappers would be required to report the taking of all four game species by midnight of the day the ani-

mal is recovered, and record a telecheck confirmation number on their hunter harvest log; and (2) An executive session will be held, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1), to discuss property acquisition and litigation.

Meetings of the Fish and Wildlife Commission are open to the public.

The next regular quarterly Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 4, 2004 in Frankfort. Persons who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact the KDFWR at least five days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. Contact KDFWR, Commissioner Tom Bennett, 1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601; phone 1-(800) 858-1549.

Tyson heading to gym for planned July 31 comeback fight

by TIM DAHLBERG
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Mike Tyson has a date, a trainer and an opponent of sorts for his first fight in more than a year. Unlike his last comeback, he also has a wide-open heavyweight division in front of him. Tyson's manager, Shelly Finkel, said Thursday that the former champion probably will return to the ring July 31 against journeyman Kevin McBride. Finkel said negotiations were continuing over a site and possible pay-per-view

broadcast. "We should have something definite by next week," Finkel said. "There's a lot of anticipation for him to come back." The fight would be the first for Tyson since Feb. 22, 2003, when he knocked out Clifford Etienne in 49 seconds in Memphis, Tenn.

That was supposed to be the first of a series of comeback bouts for Tyson, who was stopped by Lennox Lewis in the eighth round of his previous fight. But Tyson hasn't been in the ring since and until recently

said he wasn't sure if he wanted to fight again.

With the heavyweight division lacking a big-name champion following the retirement of Lewis, however, the 37-year-old Tyson apparently has the itch.

"I'm totally confident about that," Finkel said, referring to Tyson's desire to fight.

The bout could be televised by Showtime, which has carried most of Tyson's fights since he was released from prison in 1995 after serving time for rape. Finkel said the fight would be promoted by K-1.

"We're in the negotiating process now," Showtime boxing executive Jay Larkin said. "But this is by no means an announcement."

Tyson has been a fixture in recent months at boxing cards and drew more applause than the main event boxers when he showed up earlier this month at Madison Square Garden for heavyweight title fights involving Chris Byrd and John Ruiz.

Byrd, Ruiz, Vitali Klitschko and Lamont Brewster all hold portions of the heavyweight title, though there is no dominant fighter in the division. That increases the attractiveness of Tyson, who still has a huge fan base despite his mediocre performances in recent years.

Tyson seemed reluctant to come back when Lewis was still fighting, perhaps because he had a rematch clause with the former champion who gave him a beating in their June 2002 fight. With Lewis gone, though, the road to the top suddenly got a lot easier.

"I think he can beat any of the four guys out there that are champions," said Freddie Roach, who trained Tyson for the Etienne fight. "He just needs to have discipline and get in shape."

Roach said he will train Tyson again, beginning next month in Phoenix. Tyson quit training a week before the Etienne fight because of a dispute with Showtime over the money he would be paid, though he said at the time he was ill.

Roach said he didn't think he would have any problems over whether Tyson wants to train.

"We had a good camp the last time before the last week,"

he said. "The division is not good, and he knows he can get in shape and beat any of these guys."

After beating Corrie Sanders to win the WBC title last week, Klitschko said he wanted to fight Tyson. But it appears Tyson will take few chances in his latest comeback.

McBride is a journeyman at best, a fighter who has not fought any big names and has been knocked out four times.

He's a step down from Etienne, and it remains to be seen if fans will pay money to see Tyson fight someone who is not considered competitive.

Finkel had planned to have Tyson fight twice, then meet unbeaten Joe Mesi in December at Madison Square Garden.

But Mesi's career is on hold because he might have a head injury from being knocked down in a victory over Vassily Jirov last month.

Reds recall Corky Miller from minors

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Corky Miller was recalled from the minors on Friday to help fill-in for injured Cincinnati Reds catcher Jason LaRue, who has a broken finger.

The Reds optioned Miller to Triple-A Louisville on Monday, opening a spot for third baseman Brandon Larson

to rejoin the team after a stint on the disabled list. The move left the Reds with only two catchers, LaRue and Javier Valentin.

LaRue broke the tip of his right index finger when he was hit by a ball as he tried to bunt on Wednesday night. The Reds put him on the 15-day disabled list. It's unclear how many weeks he will miss.

Rival

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Paintsville scored one run in the bottom half of the first inning and led 1-0. Johnson Central plated two runs on a pair of Paintsville errors in the second inning to go ahead 2-1.

The big inning for Paintsville came in the fourth stanza when the Tigers plated three runs. The Tigers added one run in the fifth inning and went ahead 5-2.

Johnson Central added one run each in the sixth and sev-

enth innings before falling short.

Daniel Pugh carried the most potent bat for Paintsville, delivering four singles in four at-bats. Pugh drove in two runs. Shane Simpkins had one hit in three plate appearances and also collected two RBIs.

Three of Johnson Central's four runs were unearned. The Eagles got their four runs on five hits.

Records

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- Girls 200 meter dash - Amber Whitaker, 29.65 (3) (personal record)
- Girls 400 meter run - Kelly Clark, 1:12.53 (2) (personal record)
- Amber Whitaker, 1:13.04 (3) (personal record)
- Girls 800 meter run - Kendra Spurlock, 3:04.82 (3)
- Girls 1600 meter run - Pam Slone, 6:44.46 (2)
- Chanel Music, 7:21.47 (4)
- Girls 3200 meter run - Chanel Music, 15:40.54 (1)
- Kendra Spurlock, 16:16.74 (7)
- Girls 4x800 meter relay - Prestonsburg 'A', 12:12.94 (2) (school record)
- Girls long jump - Jackie Joseph, 12-4.00 (7)
- Boys 100 meter dash - Brandon Peters, 11.96 (3)
- Joe Blackburn, 12.32 (9) (personal record)
- Boys 200 meter dash -

- Brandon Peters, 25.24 (3)
- Wes Hall, 29.38 (7)
- Seth Moore, 31.08 (11)
- Jonathon Powell, 31.73 (12) (personal record)
- Boys 400 meter run - Wes Hall, 1:01.48 (5)
- Boys 800 meter run - Chayse Martin, 2:24.75 (2) (personal record)
- Boys 1600 meter run - Matt Sword, 7:11.00 (personal record)
- Boys 110 meter hurdles - Nicholas Jamerson, 17.46 (1)
- Brad Bond, 19.29 (2)
- Boys 300 meter hurdles - Brad Bond, 50.49 (2) (personal record)
- Seth Moore, 53.42 (4) (personal record)
- Boys 4x100 meter relay - Prestonsburg 'A', 48.40 (2)
- Boys 4x200 meter relay - Prestonsburg 'A', 1:51.33 (6)
- Boys 4x800 meter relay - Prestonsburg 'A', 11:38.15 (4)

- Boys Long Jump - Joe Blackburn, 17-00.00 (4), (personal record)
- Seth Moore, 16-07.50 (6) (personal record)
- Brandon Peters, 16-05.50 (7) (personal record)
- Boys Triple Jump - Brandon Peters, 35-09.00 (1)
- Seth Moore, 34-00.00 (3)
- Brad Bond, 28-03.00 (9)
- Boys Shot Put - Nicholas Jamerson, 40-02.50 (1)
- Darrick Williams, 36-10.50 (3)
- Dave Shaffer, 35-01.50 (6) (personal record)
- Brad Bond, 32-06.00 (15)
- Wes Woods, 29-03.50 (23)
- Jonathon Powell, 27-07.00 (29)
- Justin Conn, 23-11.50 (35)
- Boys Discus Throw - Dave Shaffer, 110-04 (2) (personal record)
- Wes Hall, 91-08 (personal record)
- Darrick Williams, 88-04 (9) (personal record)
- Jonathon Powell, 69-09 (20)
- Seth Moore, 69-08 (21)
- Wes Woods, 57-07 (23)
- Justin Conn, 57-01 (24)

Golf

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sent the Nationwide's 2003 player of the year award — named in his honor — to Zach Johnson, who claimed his first PGA Tour win this year at the BellSouth Classic.

Looking at the sculpture of a younger Nicklaus, he quipped: "I was that thin once?"

Johnson said Nicklaus was an idol to so many young players.

"He was the man I looked up to in this game," Johnson said.

Nicklaus started strongly on the Champions Tour this year, finishing sixth at the Mastercard Classic with rounds of 68, 66 and 67. But he's only played two other Champion events, none since March.

"If you're not capable of winning, then you're just cluttering up the field. That's the way I look at it," Nicklaus said. "Then again, maybe my standards are a

little higher."

His competitive fire still burns strongly. He recalled talking with Player after the 2002 Masters, when the South African was pleased with a 78 at a beefed up Augusta National.

"You're Gary Player," Nicklaus chided his friend. "You've won the tournament three times and you're proud to break 80?"

Then again, maybe Nicklaus just wants a break after so long in the spotlight. He returned to The Cliffs to play with his children, one of his life's great joys. Now, Nicklaus says he's just as happy to fish quietly with his wife, Barbara.

"I spent all my weekends the last 40 years in press rooms at golf courses," Nicklaus said. "Frankly, I just think it's time to ... do something else."

Girls' Team Rankings - 17 Events Scored

1. Johnson Central, 140
2. Shelby Valley, 125
3. Pikeville, 125
4. Prestonsburg, 73
5. Knott County Central, 70
6. Jackson City, 20
7. Paintsville, 14
8. Sheldon Clark, 12

Boys' Team Rankings - 18 Events Scored

1. Pikeville, 215.50
2. Prestonsburg, 125
3. Shelby Valley, 74
4. Johnson Central, 64
5. Paintsville, 54
6. Knott County Central, 33
7. Sheldon Clark, 33
8. Jackson City, 30.50
9. Cordia, 2

What's in a name when it comes to thoroughbreds?

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — It's clear what's in a name when it comes to championship thoroughbreds.

Secretariat. Affirmed. Citation. War Admiral. Man o War.

Would they have run so fast if they were called Gasoline Guzzler or Fred Flintstone?

Following that theory, unscientific as it is, don't expect Smarty Jones or Friends Lake to win the Kentucky Derby on Saturday. The smart money is on Lion Heart or Borrego.

"When you're naming a horse, you want to have a good name, something with a ring to it when it's coming down the stretch," said Steve Cauthen, the Hall of Fame jockey who rode Affirmed to the Triple Crown in 1978. "It seems like most good horses have decent names, and of course the name grows on you when you're winning every race by five lengths rather than finishing down in the pack."

Owners are free to use their imaginations when picking a name, but within the rules administered by The Jockey Club.

Cauthen, who owns and breeds horses in Kentucky, is no expert on picking memorable names.

"Some people are better at picking names than others. Some just come up with really crappy names," he said.

This name game is so serious that owners hold naming parties in which they ponder monikers while sipping martinis.

"It's a big deal," said Sheila Dohmann, who works in the publicity department at Churchill Downs. "That's where the creative process often takes place."

"Someone might yell, 'Hey,

close the door,'" Dohmann said. "And someone else might say, 'Close the door? That's a good name.'"

A list of bad names could fill a phone book. Burgoo King? Judge Himes? Old Rosebud sounds like a song by Peter, Paul and Mary.

Yet each horse won the Derby.

Typically, owners will combine a portion of the sire's name with a piece of the dam's name to create a playful new identity. For example, Watamichoppedliver got its name from Chopper Charlie out of Libber and Onions.

The offspring pushed its name to the limit; 18 letters are the maximum under guidelines set forth by The Jockey Club in fulfilling its responsibility as keeper of "The American Stud Book."

The Jockey Club processes an average of 150 name selections daily, and nearly 37,000 horses gain an identity each year. But only about 75 percent of the names are accepted the first time through, because almost 440,000 names are unavailable, for a variety of reasons.

First, any name currently in

use by a horse racing or breeding is off-limits. Names similar in spelling or pronunciation to active names also will not be approved.

There also are the nearly 7,500 permanent names in the database; those, which include Secretariat and Citation, have been retired.

Then there are offensive, vulgar or suggestive names that some owners try to sneak past Jockey Club censors, to no avail.

Some breeders have devised naming techniques. Claiborne Farm, one of the largest breeders in the nation, tends to use short, one-word names. Claiborne won the 1984 Derby with Swale and raced such major winners as Lure, Roar and Mighty.

Arkansas-based Loblooly Stable names its horses after towns in the region, which explains how Preakness winners Pine Bluff and Prairie Bayou earned their tags.

"Usually, there's no rhyme or reason to it," Cauthen said. "It's just something that pops in your head."

Pops In Your Head? Its not Seattle Slew, but it might just work.

Bengals agree to contract with OL Moore

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Free agent center Larry Moore agreed to a three-year contract Friday with the Cincinnati Bengals, who are trying to add depth to their offensive line.

Moore has started at center and guard during a seven-year career with Indianapolis and Washington. He joined the Redskins as an unrestricted free

agent in 2002 and started 24 games before being sidelined by a foot injury midway through last season.

The Redskins released him on Friday.

Coach Marvin Lewis had hoped to add a center in the draft last weekend, but wound up choosing mostly defensive players. Moore gives the Bengals a backup for starting center Rich Braham.

Executor of Schott estate estimates its value at \$100 million

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Former Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott's estate, estimated by an executor to be worth about \$100 million, will benefit her four sisters and a charitable foundation set up by Schott and her late husband.

Her will was filed Thursday in Hamilton County Probate Court. It leaves \$1 million to each of her four sisters, including money for their long-term care, and smaller amounts to several longtime employees. She had no children.

The bulk of the estate will go to the Marge & Charles J. Schott Foundation. Robert Martin, Schott's attorney, a foundation director and one of four executors of her will, said the foundation will continue its charitable support of Schott's favorite causes.

Martin said the estimated \$100 million value of Schott's estate was "our best guess."

Schott, who died March 2 at 75, gave millions during her life to the Cincinnati Zoo, the Boy Scouts and a Roman Catholic girls' school.

Her minority ownership share of the Reds is to be sold to the other team owners, with proceeds going to the foundation. Her share will be sold for an estimated \$6.5 million. The

Cincinnati Enquirer reported on Friday.

Schott was majority owner of the Reds from 1984 to 1999, which included the Reds' World Series victory over Oakland in 1990. She sold her majority stake in the team in 1999 to a group led by current chief executive Carl Lindner for \$67 million under pressure from baseball because of a series of racially insensitive

comments she made.

Her holdings include a car dealership, a Cincinnati shopping center, her home in suburban Indian Hill and industrial property near St. Louis.

Her will directs the foundation to use her home for charitable purposes. Executors have the authority to sell other property, with proceeds to go to the foundation.

Troops

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and Iraq for a year to keep Chinook helicopters working.

He tracked the Titans on the Internet and satellite television whenever possible.

"It's something I look forward to. I enjoy it even if for a minute, even if it's in a different setting," he said. "It makes you wish you were back here."

When the Titans visited last year, about 20,000 soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division had been deployed to Iraq. The last planeload returned home in March, and six offensive linemen ate lunch with the Third Brigade and watched some of the division's training, including a visit at the Air Assault School.

Right tackle Fred Miller also took advantage of the visit

to announce a \$250,000 grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that will expand his "Nurses for Newborns" program to the post. Nurses are sent into homes to help prevent neglect and abuse by teaching better parenting skills.

The Titans didn't leave empty-handed. Many soldiers shared mementoes with them including an American flag patch given to Nedney, which he promised to store in a special place.

"This is a story I'll tell my children, that I got to visit these people during this tense time," he said. "It's nice to see some of them back, and hopefully soon we'll have them all back."

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SPECIAL COLUMN

MEET APPALACHIA

MOVIES FROM BLACK LAGOO

This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

Punctuation means a lot. Take these words, "Still fishing," for example.

"Still—fishing!" could mean, "Be quiet, you dope!—can't you see I'm fishing?"

"Still fishing" would mean a fisherman was sitting quietly, fishing with a minnow or worm.

"Still fishing?" would be a question that doesn't merit an answer.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORY

I was vexed with myself last week for forgetting to print in this column a malicious, little item about three fellows I know sheepishly admitting that they had spent the weekend-end fishing at Lake Cumberland. Then after five other young and old hopefuls had dashed off to Norris on the same mission and had returned with pretty near the same results, I counted among my blessings a fickle memory.

FISHING TIP

Pondering upon such misadventures, I sorter envy four-year-old Jimmie Moore, of Pyramid, who also failed to catch anything on a venture to the creek, a few days back. But on the way home, he let his worm-baited hook drag on a length of line behind him. Result: A greedy chicken was led home by the youngster.

ON MY OWN PETARD

For some years now, I have been pestering members of our Sunday School class about being absent. Last Sunday, I was among the absentees, and this week came a note from Walker Cline:

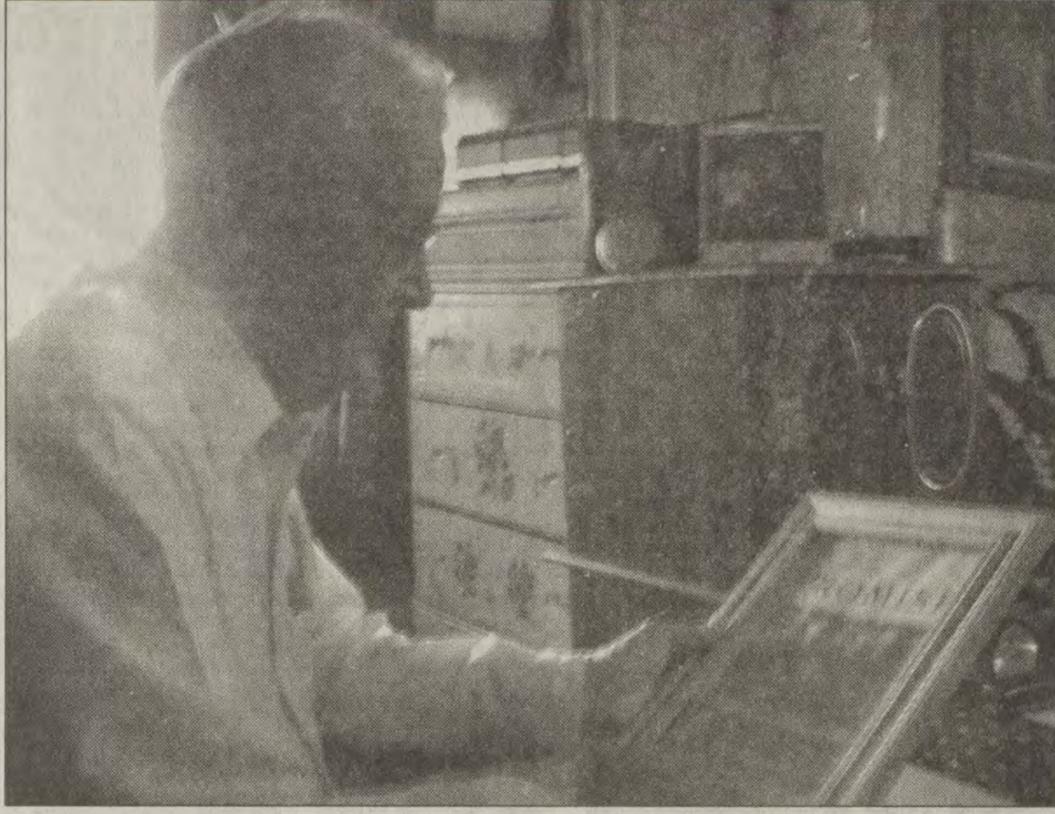
"I trust you will come to Sunday School next Sunday, cause you will need a double dose," you know, I had expected something like that.

PARDON MY BLANK STARE

"Bootie" Salisbury McMurray writes from Nashville a note that has me in the market for the services of a hypnotist or for a book on self-hypnosis. Says a man who appeared on a TV show there, sported a nice head of hair and that he vowed he was as bald as a door-knob till he was 70, when he hypnotized himself. If you meet me and I fail to speak, don't get sore—I'll be in a trance and sprouting.

EUREKA:

(See **WORLD**, page seven)



A red-blooded democrat, Frank takes pride in the fact that he has received numerous cards of appreciation from former presidents, including John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton, which are displayed in various rooms throughout his home.

photo by Mary Music

William Frank Gilliam and the Good Life

by **MARY MUSIC**
STAFF WRITER

William Frank Gilliam

Age: 80 years and 2 months
Occupation: Retired
Education: Graduate, the school of "life."
Life quote: "If you work, you can make it. I don't like nobody that don't work."

About 'Meet Appalachia'

The people portrayed in this section are people I've met as I walk along the road of my life. They were on a street, in a store or restaurant. They were recommended by a friend, or the friend of a friend, as the old trend goes. All of them see life as they see it. I am only here to tell their stories as I see them. These are their hopes and challenges. These are their dreams and accomplishments. These are what they allow them to be.

It's 1929. A young boy looks from his yard, still christened with the dew of the morning, and he sees his father walking up the railroad track. Thinking that his father, a coal miner, had been hurt, the child runs toward him. "What's the matter you ain't at work, Papa?" the boy questioned.

The man looks down at his son and says, "Well, son, it's a depression."

Without a word, the two walked hand and hand toward their home. Later, he learned that his father turned down an offer of 19 cents per load from the company he was working for, where, previously, he had been making 22 cents per load.

Meet William Frank Gilliam, 80 year old Hi Hat resident, who says he's seen both the good and bad sides of Kentucky. His family of 11 brothers and sisters spent a good piece of their childhood

(See **WILLIAM**, page seven)

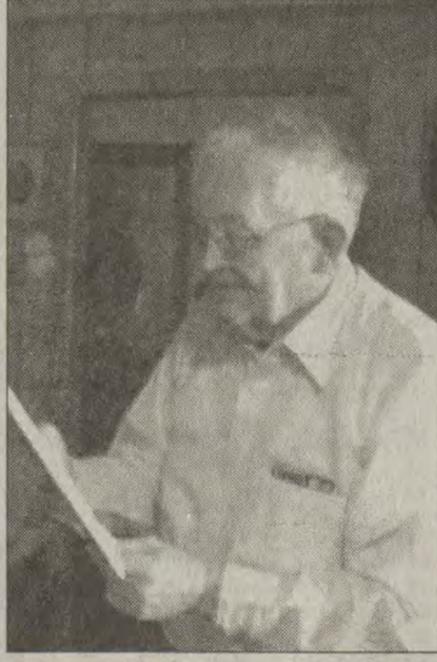


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Frank says he thinks the world of his family. His home is filled with literally hundreds of pictures of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

The Legend of the S... Golden Vampire

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

Hammer Films were the premiere horror guys in the 1970s were a perfect storm for them. Seeing that flicks were gaining popularity, they decided to team up with the Kong studio (Shaw E...)



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

are anything but dull. The story opens in 1803. A Chinese without Dracula (wearing much number 9 pants) him to reawaken the vampires who ran his him with ruthless efficiency. Dracula proves to be do business with, however he decides to kill the wa... his place.

The villages under control now become a trap. A few fighters enlist the aid of adjutant Van Helsing, who is of lectures on his old Dracula. Van Helsing join up with the fight all head to the vampire for a showdown that public, stakes through the karate chops to the thrashing battle that ro... the characters for a n... This film works b... don't skimp on any... of either genre. The choreographed with reliance on cymbal c... make every blow sou... could knock your chi... tionary orbit around... vampire stuff is good... lots of fangs, neck b... stakings.

The cast is game a Hammer's heaviest b... Cushing, playing his of Van Helsing. The are led by David Chi... started in some great like "Duel of the Iron... (See **LAGOO**)

Chicken Soup For The Soul: Mothers and daughters



"You won't forget to bring the potato masher, will you?" I said to my mother on the phone after telling her I had to have a mastectomy. Even at 82, and 3,000 miles away on the long-distance line, she knew what I meant: soupy mashed potatoes.

This was what she had made for every illness or mishap of my childhood -- served in a soup bowl with a nice, round spoon. But I had been lucky as a child and was rarely sick. Most often the potato medicine soothed disappointment or nourished a mild cold. This time I was seriously ill.

Arriving on the midnight plane from Virginia, Mom looked fresh as a daisy when she walked through the front

door of my house in California the day after I came home from the hospital. I could barely keep my eyes open, but the last thing I saw before I fell asleep was Mom unzipping her carefully packed suitcase and taking out her 60-year-old potato masher. The one she received as a shower gift, the one with the worn wooden handle and the years of memories.

She was mashing potatoes in my kitchen the day I told her tearfully that I would have to undergo chemotherapy. She put the masher down and looked me squarely in the eye. "I'll stay with you, however long it takes," she told me. "There is nothing more important I have to do in my life than help you get

well." I had always thought I was the stubborn one in my family, but in the five months that followed I saw that I came by my trait honestly.

Mom had decided that I would not predecease her. She simply would not have it. She took me on daily walks, even when I couldn't get any farther than our driveway. She crushed the pills I had to take and put them in jam, because even in middle age, I couldn't swallow pills any better than when I was a child.

When my hair started to fall out, she bought me cute hats. She gave me warm ginger ale in a crystal wineglass to calm my tummy, and sat up with me

on sleepless nights. She in china cups.

When I was down, I was asleep. She never let me the end, I got well. I was writing.

I have discovered that doesn't happen some S... but on every day you a... to have a better around... ***

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William

moving around, following coal mining jobs in various places in Kentucky and West Virginia. Frank's mother and father were born in Virginia. They later moved to Martin where they lived next door to "Doc Walt," the "richest man in Floyd County" at the time.

Frank says Doc Walt, who had no children of his own, was "awful good" to him while they lived at Martin, always making sure that he had plenty to eat.

Though the family's move to Ligon later on provided them with the means to sustain themselves during the Depression, it was a "dangerous" time, according to Frank, reminiscing on the days when shoot-outs were regular events in the county. Perhaps that's why as a boy he was fascinated with cowboys. He decided he wanted to be a cowboy after watching silent picture shows at a movie theater near the "Dairy Freeze." (People paid to see the show with 2 potatoes.)

Frank says he has personally witnessed the deaths of at

least 13 people, most of which were gunshots and fights that took place back in those days, when people like Frank's father were trying to get a union in place in the coal mines.

Frank recalls a time when someone put a call out for his father, who was the union president.

A man came to their home early one morning with a gun, attempting to shoot him while he slept.

Frank says he and two of his brothers chased the man down the road. He was never seen again.

"That's how it was back in them days," Frank said. "Boy, it was some dangerous times."

With all the fuss going on around him, Frank says he kept his cool. He always wanted to stay out of trouble and he never caused anyone any harm. But, of course, Frank says they knew not to bother him, especially after he pounced one boy who tried to fight him with a rock in the forehead. That boy, he said, never bothered him again, nor did anyone else because if they did, "they knew what was coming."

In the years before and during the Depression, Frank, his family, and other families who lived in the coal mining camp at Ligon saw their share of hard times. Of course, he says he never "wanted for nothing," as far as food was concerned because the family grew a garden, gathered greens from the hills, and raised cattle and chickens of their own.

On several occasions, Frank said he would take biscuits, or any leftovers from breakfast, to the "hobos" who held up waiting on trains near his home. He did it, he said, because he and his mother "had good hearts."

Another time during the Depression, Frank and his father set off walking the track at 3 a.m. in the morning to go to Prestonsburg to get bags of "Red Cross flour." By the time they made it back, he said, nearly 200 people who had heard they were going were gathered around the camp, waiting anxiously. Everyone had biscuits for dinner that night, he said.

"We lived like millionaires then, but, man, we didn't have no clothes or no shoes—bare-foot," Frank said, recalling the numerous times his mother made him socks out of rags so that he could carry sacks of corn to Hi Hat (known at that time as Clear Creek), where it was ground at a mill.

"If I had a nickel, I'd ride the train back. If I didn't I'd walk back," he said, noting that it was a 9 mile round trip each time. He still has one of the socks his mother made him.

Frank recalls a time when he had double pneumonia. Thinking he was dead, his family "laid him out" and put pennies on his eyes. He was 7, it was Christmastime, and a doctor rode a horse in below zero weather for more than forty miles to Martin, where he obtained medicine at "Doc Walt's Hospital." After taking the medicine, the boy got better and was nursed back to health by his mother, who repeatedly layered his chest with poultice presses made out of dried mustard leaves.

"You'll learn a thing or two. We knowed what to get back in them days," he said.

When he had the chicken pox, Frank said his family placed him in an "little bitty" room, covered the windows, and rubbed blood from black hens all over his body. That remedy worked quite well, he said.

Frank and his wife, Ruby, were married in 1942 at 18 years of age. After she came to see him at his sister's house where he was "bacholering," they "slipped off" to get married, walking to the mountains to Abner, where they stayed for a spell. He says her family called "the law" on him after they missed her that night.

Frank said he was "fixing" to move to Wheelwright to work in the mines when his soon-to-be wife came calling that day. They had been neighbors for years, and she always had her "eye on him."

"She said she was gonna get me one way or another and she got me," Frank said. "We've been together all our lives."

Ruby, who suffers with Alzheimer's, is currently at Highlands Regional Medical Center. After standing at her bedside for the last four years, Frank had to sign over his rights as a caregiver because the progression of the disease was too difficult for him to bear. Prior to his wife's illness, he'd spent a year caring for her mother, who also had the disease.

Their home is filled with pictures of countless numbers of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who call and visit on a regular basis.

Frank is scared about facing life alone, but says he won't let it get him down. He and his wife went everywhere together. They visited Virginia at least a couple of times a week, the Smokey Mountains at least 50 times, Disney World. "Everywhere I went, she

went," he said. The couple had five girls and one boy, Ronnie, who died in 1987. The two of them built A-model Ford cars together.

Now he's taken up house-keeping and says he doesn't want to live without a woman at home. But he also says that he's still happy because he's had a good life.

Before and for two years after he was married, the man worked in a store as a stock boy for \$1 a day. He worked at the Inland Still (later called Island Creek) coal mines in Wheelwright for 39 years, doing "everything they told him to do." He also dabbled as a car salesman and says he could sell anything he could get his hands on.

After they were married, the two settled into the same house he's living in now, the same house he decided he would own when he caught a glimpse of workers building it. It wasn't long after he was married and he was walking the railroad track with his brother in law to go hunting.

"I told him that one day I was going to own that house," Frank said, "and I did. That's how things happen in my life. It seems like when I want something, it just comes around to me."

Frank attributes his good fortune in this manner to his relationship with God. He's a member of an Old Regular Baptist church near his home.

Currently, he's anxiously awaiting a homecoming concert in Virginia—the 34th annual Blue Grass Festival hosted by Ralph Stanley, a long time family friend—and adopted relative—of Frank who visited his uncle's home on a regular basis years ago, as did other musicians like Bill Munroe.

"We favor, don't we?" he said.



Long-time member brings most people to church on Easter Sunday

Christine Griffith, longtime member of the Middle Creek Baptist Church, is pictured here with her pastor, Eugene Cook, who recently presented Christine with a beautiful gift of the audio series, "The Bible on Cassette," along with a \$20 Jerry's Restaurant gift certificate. Pastor Cook held a contest to see who could bring the most family members to church on Easter Sunday and Christine won. She brought along eight family members with her on Easter morning. Christine, who has faithfully attended the Middle Creek church for about 25 years, is well loved by all.



OLM raffle winners

"Farmer Bob," (a.k.a. Shannon Boyd) congratulated J. Dub Burchett for winning the "OLM Beef" raffle drawing, sponsored by Our Lady of the Mountains School, Paintsville. The Burchett family will enjoy a side of beef butchered to their specifications and a freezer in which to store it. Also pictured, to the left, is Maggie Boyd. Our Lady of the Mountains School is open to students from all neighboring counties who wish to participate in a family-centered, Christian learning environment. For more information, call 789-3661.



Alice Lloyd College students bring Shakespeare to life

The students of the Alice Lloyd College Theatre Department presented their annual spring performance, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," by William Shakespeare, recently on the college campus. The talented players and members of the drama department successfully brought Shakespeare's finest romantic fantasy to life for the enjoyment of those community members, faculty, staff and students who attended the production. Congratulations to all who participated!

Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so, please, send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbac@tusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!

World

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Which gets us around to the story of the fellow who raised rabbits and was losing them faster than they could multiply—which is quite fast. Finally, he loaded up his truck with dead rabbits, took them to a veterinarian and asked him to do autopsies till he learned how-come.

But for all his probing and studying the vet could come up with no diagnosis. "I can't find anything wrong with these rabbits, except that they're dead," he told the man.

He pondered the matter some more, then asked: "What have you been feeding these rabbits?"

"Oh, the usual diet, and some goat's milk."

"Goat's milk, you say! That's it! Didn't I tell you three years ago that that greasy kid stuff would kill every hair you've got?"

Lagoon

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is also room for Swedish model Julie Ege, who dresses up the scenery nicely but mostly loses her ongoing battle with pronouncing her English correctly.

The experiments of Hammer and Shaw Brothers only yielded one more flick called "Shatter." It didn't work as well but "Golden Vampires" is definitely worth a rental.

Fans of Asian flicks should check out the latest issue of "Asian Cult Cinema." Issue 43 is out now and contains a contribution from the Black Lagoon on Hollywood's newest fad of adapting Asian films.

Best Line: "I do not know the location of this village or where it can be found." 1973, Rated R.

Diabuddies Corner

Tip of the Week (from www.diabetes.org)

Diabetes was the sixth leading cause of death listed on U.S. death certificates in 2000. This is based on the 69,301 death certificates in which diabetes was listed as the underlying cause of death. Altogether, diabetes contributed to 213,062 deaths.

Recipe of the week (from www.equal.com) Jamaican Curried Rice-8 Servings

- Ingredients:
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 3 cups hot cooked rice
- 1/4 cup Equal® Spoonful*
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks, drained
- 1 can (15 oz.) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup salted cashews

*May Substitute 8 packets of Equal sweetener
Preparation: Heat oil in medium skillet. Cook and stir bell pepper and onions 2 to 3 minutes. Add curry powder; stir 30 seconds. Combine cooked rice, Equal®, lime juice and salt in medium-size bowl. Stir in cooked vegetable mixture, pineapple and black

beans. Rice may be served warm or at room temperature. Sprinkle with cashews just before serving.

- Calories: 196
- Protein: 6g
- Carbohydrate: 31g
- Fat: 3g
- Cholesterol: 0mg
- Sodium: 474 mg
- Food Exchanges: 1-1/2 Starch, 1/2 Fruit, 1 Fat
- * May substitute 16 packets Equal sweetener

Preparation: Lightly coat 12 muffin cups with nonstick spray or line with paper-liners; set aside.

Combine flour, cranberries, Equal®, baking powder, orange peel, cinnamon and salt. Stir in milk, oil and egg until all ingredients are just moistened. Spoon batter into muffin cups, filling 3/4 full.

Bake in preheated 375° F oven 16 to 18 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove muffins from pan and cool on wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

- Calories 120
- Protein 3g
- Carbohydrate 17g
- Fat 5g
- Cholesterol 19g
- Sodium 148 mg
- Food Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Fat



Castle and Szabo to perform with Sacred Winds Ensemble

The Sacred Winds Ensemble, under the direction of G. Scott Bersaglia, will be presenting their eighth annual Summer Concert on June 13, beginning at 2:30 p.m. This year's concert will feature guest soloists Tonya Castle and Adrienne Szabo. Miss Castle, a graduate of Morehead State University, will be returning for her fifth appearance as soprano soloist while Mezzo-soprano and graduate of Butler University, Adrienne Szabo, will be joining the ensemble for her third appearance. The concert will be held at the First Federal Center on the campus of the Hazard Community and Technical College. Admission is free and all are invited to attend.

Sunday Comics

Amber Waves



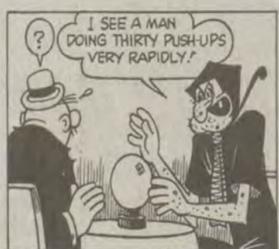
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Ball of wax
- Blood
- Bunch
- Cloth
- Heated
- Hog
- Milk
- Note
- Numbers
- Schmeer
- Shebang
- Slew
- Truth
- Wheat
- Works

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

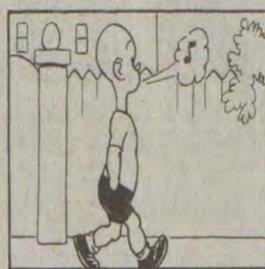


FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Fence is different. 2. Number is missing. 3. Shirt is different. 4. Glove is missing. 5. Dog tag is missing. 6. Tail is different.

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2



Super Crossword IN CHARGE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Weaken
 - 4 O'Connor's "The — Hurrah"
 - 8 Composer Bartok
 - 12 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)
 - 17 Meadow mamas
 - 19 Pro foe
 - 20 Sleep like —
 - 21 Wide belts
 - 22 Comic-book hero
 - 25 "Oh, How I — Get Up . . ."
 - 26 Error's partner
 - 27 Procure
 - 28 — Paulo, Brazil
 - 30 Tons of time
 - 31 Box up
 - 34 Masters Tournament site
 - 38 Urban problem
 - 39 Animated TV series
 - 42 Hwy.
 - 43 Bud
 - 46 Taj town
 - 47 Tallahassee sch.
 - 48 Rita — Brown
 - 49 Tankard
 - 50 Step parts
 - 52 Even if, informally
 - 54 Durango district
 - 57 Maestro Lorin
 - 59 Rent
 - 61 "The Hustler" setting
 - 63 Crowded
 - 65 "Just — thought!"
 - 66 Petite pest
 - 67 Genetic info
 - 68 Actress Anna
 - 70 Tammany Hall name
 - 73 Left open
 - 74 Item in a lock
 - 75 Premiere
 - 77 Baby butter
 - 78 Fracas
 - 81 Advance
 - 83 "This — Moment" ('60 hit)
 - 85 Hut
 - 88 Van of "Shane"
 - 89 Cycle starter
 - 91 Barely there
 - 93 Baseball stat
 - 94 Pinnacle
 - 95 — roll
 - 97 Bailwick
 - 98 TV's "My Sister —"
 - 99 "Gotcha!"
 - 100 '80 Stevie
 - 106 Worry
 - 107 Result
 - 108 Singer Stratas
 - 111 Knock
 - 112 Russian river
 - 113 Superlative suffix
 - 116 Sans emotion
 - 118 Lets up
 - 121 "F Troop" role
 - 127 Kidman of "To Die For"
 - 128 Columnist Bombeck
 - 129 Notion
 - 130 Silvers or Spector
 - 131 Hardened
 - 132 "— of the Cat" ('77 hit)
 - 133 Side
 - 134 — Aviv
 - 9 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
 - 10 Rapper Tone —
 - 11 '92 Wimbledon winner
 - 12 Battery letters
 - 13 Fast way to the UK
 - 14 O'Neill drama
 - 15 Shot another photo
 - 16 For — (cheaply)
 - 18 "Unsolved Mysteries" host
 - 21 Shallow area
 - 23 Jai —
 - 24 Coup d'—
 - 29 Part of NATO
 - 32 Sluggish sorts
 - 33 — Benedict
 - 35 Like some TV channels
 - 36 "Beau —" ('39 film)
 - 37 "No dice!"
 - 38 Bandit Belle
 - 40 City on
 - 112 Across
 - 41 Polo's place
 - 43 Shriver of tennis
 - 44 Dothan's st.
 - 45 '64 Shangri-
 - 48 Boy or boar
 - 50 Cartoon canine
 - 51 Lip lash?
 - 53 Mayberry moppet
 - 54 Marsh
 - 55 New Rochelle college
 - 56 General Bradley
 - 58 — Buddhism
 - 60 Alaskan city
 - 62 "Against All —" ('84 film)
 - 64 Recedes
 - 66 Curative
 - 68 Frosh's superior
 - 69 Grocer's measure
 - 71 Eject
 - 72 Assumed manes?
 - 73 — standstill
 - 75 Wet blanket
 - 76 Velvet finish
 - 79 Graceland, for one
 - 80 Yesterday's your
 - 82 Rub it in
 - 83 Sal of "Exodus"
 - 84 Irene of "Fame" fame
 - 86 La-la lead-in
 - 87 Tasty tuber
 - 90 Coll.
 - 92 Tree house?
 - 96 Jacket part
 - 99 Lawrence's locale
 - 100 "Archie" character
 - 101 Great bird?
 - 102 Dash of "Clueless"
 - 103 Fast-food favorite
 - 104 Cleveland's lake
 - 105 Summarize
 - 106 French bread?
 - 109 Vision
 - 110 TV's "Kate & —"
 - 114 "M*A*S*H" Emmy winner
 - 115 "The — is High" ('80 hit)
 - 117 Say "Hey!"
 - 119 Low digit
 - 120 Knight time
 - 122 Hapsburg dom.
 - 123 — "Believer" ('66 hit)
 - 124 Corn portion
 - 125 Grazing ground
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Looking for a 1985 to 1990 Toyota Van Wagon, automatic in good shape, call Mike 606-424-3428

1985 Gmc Vandura Customized Van, 7500 plus miles in good condition asking \$2,500 firm call 606-874-9466

Medical Biller needed experience only need apply. Send resume to P.O. Box 3176 Pikeville, Ky. 41502

EMT's or Paramedics Kentucky or National Registered Growing Ambulance Company needing full or part time paramedics currently paying up to \$15.00 per hour 12-24 hours shifts available FULL-TIME & PART TIME benefits include 401 K, Health Insurance, Supplemental Insurance for more information call 888-696-4778, or 606-324-3286 or e-mail chuck.williams@mts-ambulance.com or apply in person MTS Ambulance 2431 Green up Avenue Ashland, Ky. 41101

Wanted, a caring RN who will reap rewards not asked for by providing care to the terminally ill in the home on call positions available. Contact: Hospice of Big Sandy at 606-789-3841

Big Big Yard Sale 3 family May Mon. 3th Tuesday. 4th Wed. 5th at 366 North Highland in Prestonsburg

Huge 3 family Yard Sale May 1st up Woods Branch, 1st house on left, lots of clothes, household items, tools, ect. Rain or Shine, starts at 8 am

Airater Septic System, It has 3 compressor Brand New, installed but never used call 606-297-1454 asking \$1,800. firm...

AUTOMOTIVE

130-Cars
For Sale 2000 Dodge Intrepid ES fully loaded all power leather seats, CD, alloys wheels new tires and brakes great condition asking \$4,900 call 606-886-0970 or 606-791-5047

1987 Honda Prelude 51,000 actual miles looks and runs great asking \$3,500 firm call 285-9650

For Sale 2000 Toyota Avolon in excellent condition, low miles one owner, call 791-1716

150-Miscellaneous
Will pick up and remove old junk cars for free. Quick change engine and transmission repairs call 886-6672 24 hour record service for night service call 889-9095 email qcgood-wrech@yahoo.com

For Sale Pop Up Camper, Viking Spirit 166. Blue/White, Vinyl, factory awning, stove/sink, microwave, sleepers six. Good condition. call 886-9871

For Sale 2000 Model CRT Dominator Pro racing go-kart. Two alky biggs and one techumsey alky engine. 17 wheels and tires 16 gear set, caster camber gauge, crash cart with tool box and air tank. Many other accessories. Nice condition must see. Call Joel Jensen at 606-874-4034

160-Motorcycles
1983 Kawasaki LTD 750 start drive 19,450 actual miles \$750.00 call 946-2196

1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe, \$1600. Call 452-9599 for more info.

175-SUVs
1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee Hunter Green, fully loaded power sun roof, CD Player asking \$4,900 call 886-0970 or 791-5047

180-Trucks
1982 Dodge 150 Royal, Great work truck 119 K miles, AM/FM, A/C, Power Steering Good Body & Tires, \$1200.00, call 874-2838

1998 Toyota Tacoma, 63 K miles, 5 speed AM/FM, A/C Bed liner. call 874-2838 asking \$5,800.00

190-Vans
1993 Ford Aro Star asking \$1,000 looks good call days 789-9478 evenings 889-0920

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

205-Business Opport.

Help wanted Receptionist and Billing in Dr.'s office Medical Secretary located in Martin Prestonsburg area alternate days and evenings call 606-285-9000 or 606-285-2812

210-Job Listings

Underground Mining Contractors Needed Electrician, Equipment Operators and other needed in the Martin County, Ky. area. Call for application at 606-298-0098

Local Builder needs 1 interior trim carpenter. Must have references and 5 years experience. Please call 606-889-5955 or 606-433-0420

RN / LPN \$3,000 Sign-on. We are currently hiring for open RN or LPN full time positions. We offer an excellent benefits package and competitive wages. call or stop by for a tour and interview to join our caring team. Salyersville Health Care 571 Park way Drive (606) 349-6181 E.O.E./A.A.P.

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Dental Assistant needed to assist in all aspects of a busy general dental office. Duties include four handed assisting, exposing and developing x-rays, instrument sterilization, room set-up, lab duties, billing and assisting in all aspects of patient care. Applicant needs computer knowledge and minimum of a high school education. Must be self motivated, very outgoing and be able to perform multiple tasks at once. Send resume to Dental Assistant P.O. Box 60 Minnie, Ky. 41651 or Fax to 606-377-0179 No Call Please

East Ky. Tree and Lawn Service for all of your tree and brush removal call 478-4283 or 874-3772 fully insured

Seeking experienced Underground Mine Surveyors Qualifications as follows up to date Ky. underground Miners card and annual refresher training. Experience in all phases of underground surveying Benefits include Health insurance, Dental insurance, Life insurance, 401 K, and 8 paid Holidays. Send resume to P.O. Box 390 Prestonsburg, ky 41653

220-Help Wanted

Baby setter needed must have references for more information call 874-6650

Home care giver for Lady, nights or weekend. call 285-9650

100 Workers needed Assemble crafts, and wood items Materials provided. \$480.+ work Free information package. 24 hour call 801-428-4873

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RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER
 New & Used Furniture & Appliances @ unbelievable prices. Come in today for incredible savings. Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! Route. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143

460-Yard Sale
Yard Sale May 1 @ 900 am Garage Sale Rain or Shine. Monday May 3, 1 day only. 1 1/2 mile off Mt. Parkway on David Road (Jet) 404. Name brand clothing and many other useful items.

FORTUNE 500 COMPANY
 Has 2 full-time positions with full benefits open in local area. Expense paid training. Call Today! 606-433-0888 ask for Sandy Raymer EOE/MF

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 Riverview Health Care Center is looking for new team members in the following area:
 • Licensed Practical Nurse - 7 p.m.-7 a.m.
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 We offer competitive salaries and benefits that include:
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 Attn: Lana Calhoun, HR Director

250-Miscellaneous

Fund raiser \$5 for yourself, School, Church, Organization. Host Photo Shoot. Easy, Fun Profitable 800-892-7604

MERCHANDISE

410-Animals

For Sale Yearling Colts and fillies. Mares that are with colts new and used saddles, excellent horse hay 874-9794 for appointment and details

420-Appliances

FOR SALE: Valcan Restaurant Gas Range, 10 burners, 2 ovens stainless steel front, back raiser and shelf. like new, call 358-5306 or 454-8108

440-Electronics

DVD PLAYERS FROM \$10.00! Police seized for more information call 800-749-8107 exten. P 620

445-Furniture

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY
 Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunk beds, and lots more! Call 874-9790.

475-Household

For Sale like new Furniture for sale, Full Size bed with mattress, box springs, chest, nightstand four tables and matching sofa and love seat. Will sell entire lot for \$800.00 will not sell separately. Furniture only used 2 months, owner moving, call 874-1447

475-Household

For Sale Sears Kenmore chest type Freezer, almost new, 16 cubic feet asking \$300.00 or best offer. also a lot of yard sale items call 874-9529

480-Miscellaneous

Hot Tub Wholesale Outlet top quality with warranty, several to choose from Ky. Trading Post/Flea Market located in the Cedar Knoll Mall on Route 60 in Ashland, Ky. hours 9 am to 5 pm. Thurs-Sun. call 606-326-0777 anytime

480-Miscellaneous

For Sale above ground oval pool, all extras included, also Restaurant equipped for sale call 606-377-6346 or 606-377-0143

480-Miscellaneous

For Sale 1 Prom Dresses size 20 80.00 each call 886-9305

480-Miscellaneous

Wolff Tanning Bed Financing Available Free Delivery and Setup with in 75 miles of London Bulbs Parts Lotions Wholesale prices call 888-554-0058

250-Miscellaneous

Yard Sale 1 1/2 mile on Abbott Rd. May 1st. Boys, Clothes, shoes, video movies, knives, home interior, pens, wallpaper and more.

Yard Sale Saturday May 1st-Weather Permitting Trimble Branch behind Prestonsburg Elementary School 8 am Miscellaneous items

ATTENTION on Saturday May 1st, beginning at 8 am there will be a large yard sale held at action Petroleum Co. in West Prestonsburg All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

2 family Yard Sale Route 1428 at Allen White House behind Woods Gro.. entrance across from Junk Yard call 874-9078

Multi-family Yard Sale May 1st, 2 miles up Route 194. (Cow Creek) follow signs call 874-2802

Yard Sale 4-30 to 5-1, starting at 9am thru? Scrubs, swing set, play house, computer camera, located at Fords Gap Rd. Auxier call 886-9113

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 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
 Phone: 606-886-8318 or 1-800-686-4447

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 Must be 21 years of age or older. Must have CDL and good driving record with some mechanical aptitude.
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 5252 Route 1428 in Allen KY
 Phone 606-874-3487

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Located in Allen Behind Old Fields Wallpaper Store
 Open: Tuesday-Friday, 10-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9-12
 Call today 874-3277
 Perms starting at \$25.00

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Inc. has an opening for a Respiratory Therapist on a PRN basis. Qualified applicants must be certified or registered in Respiratory Therapy with current state licensure. Applicant must have at least three (3) years ventilator experience, and must be able to work independently. Qualified candidates should apply at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 910, Martin, Kentucky, 41649; fax: (606) 285-6422, or call (606) 285-5181, extension 2020; email: dbentley@olwh.org. Deadline for applications: May 12, 2004
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For sale Approx 2,000 square ft of living space 3 bed room 2 baths family room, Formal dining room, Laundry room, Appliances in Kitchen, Oak hard wood and ceramic tile floors, Central vacuum system with security system, 3 car carport covered front porch and a wood deck 2 gas log stoves and 1 wood burning stove please, serious inquiries only, call after 5pm 606-886-2238 or 606-434-2828

House for Sale Cave Run Lake 2 bed room 1 bath garaged basement, Appliances and Furnished included cal 606-478-9901

For sale 2 bed room Log Cabin, near Cave Run Lake small kitchen and living area with fireplace 1 acre +, good hunting and fishing 20 minutes from M.S.U. \$25,000.00 Call 606-946-2009

For Sale 3 bed room house 1 bath, living room and large kitchen at Depot road in Auxier call 886-2106

House for Sale in McDowell call 606-377-1145

Moving out of state sale, home and 2 acres of land for sale, no inside furniture included, located at 110 Martin Branch Road, 1/2 mile below Wayland, Ky. safe neighborhood for more information serious callers only call 358-4053

Available Now foreclosed homes 1 buy for only 7,900! for listings call 800-319-3323 extension. B 183

570-Mobile Homes For Sale 14 x70, 2 bed room mobile home with 3 ton central air unit. Good carpet through out, stove, dishwasher, new refrigerator, microwave, blinds, under skirting. Very nice older model, well maintained. \$7000.00 - negotiable. must be moved from lot. For appointment, call 606-874-9844 after 6:00pm or leave message.

For Sale 12 x 60, 3 bed room Mobile Home Plywood flooring asking \$1,000.00 firm Also 1989 Camero-tea tops runs good, looks good, asking \$1,200 call 606-874-3246

Subscribe & Save! Call 886-8506

4 bed room, 28x80, huge family room with fireplace, large kitchen, spacious master bed room and Glamour bath. Limited time special pricing program, call today. 606-353-6444 or toll free 877-353-6444

Brand new program that, with land equity or cash down payment criteria met, we can get 90 percent of applications pre-approved. Poor credit situations urged to apply call to day before they programs ends. call 606-353-6444 or toll free 577-353-6444

For Sale: 12 X 60 Mobile Home. Under pinning & steps included, needs repairs, excellent for or storage \$1000. OBO Call after 5.30 call 874-4604

RENTALS

610-Apartments

Extremely nice apartment Near college (University Drive). References, lease & security deposit required. No pets. Call 886-3565.

Spring Rentals Elderly, Handicapped & disabled available for immediate occupancy Park Place Apartments in Prestonsburg Rent 1 bed room / \$305 call 606-886-0039

Townhouse Apartment for rent: 2 Bed room stove, refrigerator, central h/a, w/d hookup, city limits at US 23 & 80. \$435 mo. + utilities and \$250 deposit.. 1 year lease, no pets. Call 886-7237 or 237-4758.

Greetings from Lighthouse Manor, Terry & Sharon Smith. We have apartments for rent that are efficiency apartments, all utilities paid. For more info call 606-886-2797.

Furnished 1 bed room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$350 month. + \$300 deposit. Located near HRMC. 889-9717.

Quik Silver Town houses now has new floor plans available, 3 bed room 2 bath, Hard wood floors and all amenities \$725.00 monthly plus utilities no pets Deposit required call 606-477-2192 or 606-226-1925

Apt for rent 1 bed room Apt. furnished utilities \$400.00 per month call 886-8061 and after 5 pm. call 886-8480

Apts. for rent in the Prestonsburg area, call 886-8366

Apt for rent 2 bed room has side yard, garage no, HUD and No Pets located at Harold, Fox Bottom, Quite neighborhood available May 15, call 606-886-9158

Dell Wood Town houses has 1 bed room with carpet and hard wood floors \$500. per month call 606-886-0893

630-Houses

For Rent 3 bed room 2 bath, new home, down town Prestonsburg, Zoned Residential or professional. Starting at \$650.00 call 606-297-6135 or 321-480-1791

For rent house with washer/dryer options, no utilities call 606-226-2266

House for rent 3 bed room, 2 bath, Free gas, Appliances with 2 acres level yard enclosed with chain link fence, located mid-way between Allen grade school and Adams Middle School on Route 1428, \$550. per month plus deposit. all 886-6460 or 886-2670 beeper 886-5700

For Rent 3 bed room 2 bath new home. Down town Prestonsburg, zoned residential or professional, starting at \$650.00 call 606-297-6136 or 321-481-1791

House For Rent 3 bed room 1 1/2 bath, 1 mile from Mac Arts \$550. per month plus security deposit call 606-478-3333 or 478-2423

For Rent 2 bed room 1 bath House located at Auxier \$425. per month with \$400. Deposit No Pets and HUD accepted call 478-4283

House For Rent 1 bed room 1 bath at Wayland \$225.00 plus utilities no pets call 447-2192 or 226-1925

NEVER PAY RENT foreclosed homes 1 buy for only 7,900! for listings call 800-749-8106 extension. B 183

640-Land/Lots

Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 886-9007 or 889 9747

Land for sale 4 acres of land and 3 trailers on Rt.114, \$70,000, serious inquiries only call 606-478-9993

650-Mobile Homes

Trailer Site For Rent M&D Trailer Court 100.00 per month, plus utilities, Max size 14 wide trailer call 606-285-1888

Trailer for rent \$250 per month on Salt Lick, Route 7 call 358-4524

Trailer For Rent 2 bed room Trailer near Clark School \$400.00 PER Month call 606-478-9993 or 606-477-9993

Trailer for rent Martin area. call 285-3980

SERVICES

705-Construction

ALL TYPES: Remodeling & additions, garages, decks, etc. Also concrete work. Robbie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

NOTICES

805-Announcements

Longaburger Baskets *Pottery* more will be at Bull Creek Trade Center on 4-30, 5-1, 5-2

HELP THE KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY.

We are looking for donations for new & used computers to distribute to the kids community facilities. For pick up call Scott 889-9551 and to deliver call Scott 889-9551.

Rn Day Shift Available 8:30 am-5:pm Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. Call 606-789-3841 or come in and fill out an application at 1520 Ky. High way 1428 Hager Hill, Ky. 41222 (psa)

\$\$\$ Reward \$\$\$ for information leading to the return of Very friendly YORKSHIRE TERRIER missing since April 8 a neutered male bob tail, tan face and legs with black under coat, with silver gray long hair, barks a lot at birds and when excite can jump very high, if you see this dog a large reward is yours no questions asked call 886-3160 anytime. \$\$\$ Reward \$\$\$

812 - Free

FREE PALLETS: Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

900-legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5377, Renewal (1) in accordance with 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1 miles Northeast of Drift in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 2.59 surface acres and underlies 895.10 acres. The total permitted acreage is 897.69. (2) The operation is approximately 1 miles East from KY 122's junction with Stonecoal Br. Rd. and located 0.05 miles North of Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37°30'41" and longitude 82°44'15". The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Alma Land Co. The operation will underlie land owned by Phillip Meade, Tommy and Sherry Shelton, Denzil and Josephine Yates, Cas and Verlie Spurlock, Clayburn Bailey Heirs, Alex Stephens, Ellen Halbert, James Ervin Halbert, Bernard P. and Fron McKinney, John A. Salisbury, David May, Bee and Ola Halbert, James W. and Janie McKinney, Willard McKinney, Paul and Anna Mae Perkins, Harold Bowling, Bernard and Frona McKinney, Oscar and Opal McKinney, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Barbara and Oscar Hancock, Jr., Lois and Henry Meade, Cecil McKinney and Tandy L. Spurlock, James and Melissa Collins, Johnny Kidd and Kermit and Doreen Martin, Martin G. Halbert, Jr., and Alma Land Company. (3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Dr., suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson, Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application #836-5334 Renewal #3

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO., INC., 439 Meadows Branch; Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground/refuse storage coal mining operation located 2.0 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.16 surface acres and will underlie 1,124 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,127.16 acres.

The Proposed operation is approximately 1.0 miles east from KY Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road and located 0.1 miles north Sugarloaf Branch. The latitude is 37°39'40" and the longitude is 82°41'58".

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe Burchett. The operation will underlie land owned by Joe Burchett, Landon & Nellie Charles, Ed & Bertha Cline, Freddie Collins, Maxine Crider, James Crisp, Esta Crum, Elkhorn Coal Corporation, Bradis Goble, Charles Harris, Floyd & Ona Harris, Irvin & Jenny Harris, Johnny Huffman, Lester

Hunt, Ransom Hunt, Lewis Irvin Hunt, Gardie Jervis, Greg Johnson, Timmy Plummer, Albert Ratliff, Ronald Reid, Mary Reynolds, Randall Robinson, Grace Weedman, and James & Mary Wells.

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requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits; #2 Hudson Hollow; U.S. 127 South; Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Fletcher Gayheart, Box 165, Eastern Ky 41622, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct one separate earthen fills and subsequent construction of commercial and/or residential

structures within the 100 Year Floodplain. The project sites is located along the north side of Route 80 and along the north bank of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek, in the community of Eastern in Floyd County. the latitude is 37d 30m 50s; the longitude is 82d 48m 47s. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to The Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410.

STAFF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS

Appalachian Regional Healthcare, a not-for-profit healthcare system with 10 hospitals, 16 clinics and a wide network of home health agencies, serving Kentucky and West Virginia is accepting resumes for the following Staff Medical Technologist positions in Kentucky:

Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital, Beckley, WV: Full time position with generalist duties in all clinical areas at this accredited lab. Flexible scheduling, great practice environment.

Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, KY: Full time position, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. with one weekend rotation per month. Start Date preferred to be May 10, 2004. The Staff Medical Technologist (a Generalist), reports to the Director of Diagnostic Services, is a member of the Laboratory Management Team, and is in charge of one or more clinical areas of the Lab. The Williamson ARH Lab is AABB, DATIA and JCAHO accredited. Williamson ARH is located about 1 hour 45 minutes from Huntington and 1 1/2 hour from Charleston, WV.

Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital, Middlesboro, KY: This is a full time generalist position on the second shift with some third shift relief coverage as necessary. The Staff Medical Technologist, reporting to the Chief Medical Technologist, will perform lab testing in clinical areas of the Laboratory. The Middlesboro ARH lab is JCAHO accredited and Middlesboro ARH is located about 1 1/2 hour from Knoxville, TN.

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