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briefs

Convicted child molester brought back to Kentucky

The Associated Press
PAINTSVILLE — A convicted child molester who fled at the close of his trial was brought back to Kentucky after being captured in Ohio. Truman Evans, 57, appeared weak and kept his head down as Kentucky State Police troopers brought him to Big Sandy Regional Detention Center Thursday after questioning him at the state police post in Ashland. A former Baptist minister from Louisa, he was apprehended by FBI agents Wednesday at a residence at Geneva, Ohio. Evans was found guilty July 1 of forcing a child to perform oral sex on him and attempting to force another to do the same. The jury recommended a life sentence, plus 20 years. But Evans wasn't around to hear the verdict — he walked out of the Louisa courtroom and never returned. Evans now faces federal charges of flight to avoid prosecution and state charges of bail-jumping, which could add more time to his sentence.

Pike man pleads guilty to sex abuse

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER
PRESTONSBURG — A Pike County man who confessed in both audio and written statements to investigators that he sexually abused his 11-year-old stepdaughter while the family was living in Wayland, pleaded guilty

Friday to 10 charges of first-degree sexual abuse in Floyd Circuit Court. Gary Gene Lee, 34, of Shelbiana, agreed to enter the plea earlier this month, admitting during investigations in the case that on various occasions during 2001 he entered his stepdaughter's bedroom and got in bed with

her. Lee confessed that he would then molest her both through her clothes and beneath her underwear. On March 27, during his arraignment, Lee pleaded innocent to all charges. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor recommended a five-year sentence on

each of the 10 counts, to run concurrently, which will see Lee serve a full five years without the possibility of parole. "Five years may not seem like much, but it was taken into consideration that he (Lee) took responsibility for his crimes and even asked the court for help and treatment for his problems,"

Taylor said Friday. Another condition of his sentence would require that Lee complete a program aimed at treating sex abusers before he is released. "He asked for help and to be treated and his family also

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Officials voted Friday to apply for a \$1 million loan that would speed up efforts to repair flood damages throughout the county. The decision was made to avoid waiting for outstanding state and federal funds that could have delayed the work.

Fiscal court to borrow \$1 million for flood work

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER
PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court agreed Friday to apply for a \$1 million bridge loan or a line of credit that officials feel would help in getting some flood damage relief to area citizens. The loan would be instrumental in getting flood victims help soon-

er than could be provided than if the court waited on federal funds to arrive for those efforts. But although the motion was passed to file for the loan, not all officials felt comfortable with the dollar amount. "I have strong reservations about borrowing \$1 million," said District 4 Magistrate Alan Williams. "I don't see that we would need that much, and I think

it could hurt us in the long run." Williams said he would have felt more at ease in borrowing \$250,000 for this month and then returning for another \$250,000 next month and so on until federal money arrives to continue work. "We're going to have to pay this back," Williams said. Despite Williams' criticism of

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Magistrates delay taking action on equipment shortage

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER
PRESTONSBURG — Revealing the extent of equipment shortages in the county, Floyd County Fiscal Court members tabled a request from District 4 Magistrate Alan Williams asking that more organization be impressed on the individual districts borrowing and loaning equipment.

Most agreed that the drop-of-the-hat form of borrowing various items such as "brush hogs" and other landscaping equipment to clear county roadways of weeds needed some improved form of organization. But Thompson

gained support from magistrates Larry Stumbo and Jackie Edford Owens, as well as assistant county attorney Stacy Marshall, in offering that the resolution should be studied more closely before a vote is taken. District 1 magistrate Gerald Derosssett, who complained that he is rarely notified when equipment is borrowed from his district, supported Williams during the discussion, but failed to convince others. "This doesn't say we must approve before anything can be taken, but this will help us be able to plan for uses and

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Abuse defendant forced to get another lawyer

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER
PRESTONSBURG — Ansel and Georgia Hall, the husband and wife indicted last year for allegedly abusing a 12-year-old child left in their care, were told in Floyd Circuit Court Friday they could not continue to keep the same attorney to represent them in subsequent court proceedings.

Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill appointed Georgia Hall a public advocate during a court hearing Friday afternoon. Both had been represented by Pikeville attorney Stephen Owens since their indictments. Caudill allowed Ansel Hall to retain Owens as counsel during the hearing.

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Court mulling another ambulance service

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER
PRESTONSBURG — Despite strong encouragement and ready acceptance from District 1 Magistrate Gerald Derosssett, his fellow fiscal court members opted to table a request of support from an area citizen Friday during the Floyd County Fiscal Court's regu-

lar meeting. Acceptance of the request would require the court to offer backing to open another county-wide ambulance service. Elizabeth Joseph, a registered nurse from Prestonsburg, asked the court for a letter of support to take with her to Frankfort during her trip to seek a certificate of need that would allow her to open the

service. "It would be countywide service with a base in Prestonsburg," Joseph told court members, adding that she would be including the court's letter with her application. Derosssett was quick to make a motion to provide Joseph with the letter.

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Judge revokes defendant's bond

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER
PRESTONSBURG — A Van Lear man who was indicted following an arrest earlier this year on one count of fleeing or evading police and one count of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs was arrested again Friday afternoon after his bond was revoked.

Michael Dier, who was taken into custody by court bailiffs following the hearing Friday, contends he was arrested by Prestonsburg Police on bogus charges that later were returned in the indictment. Dier challenged the city by requesting tapes and pleaded that, if given access to the dispatch logs, he could prove that the charges against him were false.

After his indictment, Dier was released on a \$50,000 or 10 percent bond and given financial and non-financial conditions upon his release. The commonwealth presented evidence Friday to support that Dier had breached the conditions of his bond. During court Friday, Circuit

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Georgia Hall talked with her newly-appointed attorney after a hearing Friday in Floyd Circuit Court. Hall and her husband are accused in a total of 30 abuse charges of beating a 12-year-old boy left in their care.

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Odds and Ends

The Associated Press

■ **DILLON, Colo.** — This time, it's staying on her finger. Derrick Monning and his fiancée, Debra Sweeney, dropped a \$6,500 engagement

ring in the snow Feb. 1, when he proposed at 12,200 feet on top of the Keystone ski area.

Despite frantic digging, help from ski patrollers using metal detectors and an avalanche dog, the ring could-

n't be found.

Over the weekend, the couple, a few friends and resort employee Sy Meheen returned to look again — and Monning spotted the diamond.

"There it was, sitting per-

fectly in a crevice between two rocks, with the diamond pointing straight up," he said.

He proposed to Sweeney again and made sure the ring ended up on her finger.

■ **SANTA FE, N.M.** — What's in a name? In one case, a dollar — every time you say it wrong.

What used to be the state Highway and Transportation Department became the state Transportation Department this month.

And to hammer that in, Transportation Secretary Rhonda Faught is fining employees and others \$1 for using the "H" word to describe the agency.

She even fined Gov. Bill Richardson, several employees and others at a transportation meeting last week.

"I'm trying to make the point that we are fully committed to being a Department of Transportation," Faught said. "I'm hoping that we will change the mind-set of everyone with this tactic."

Faught has collected more than \$15 in fines, the department said. The money will go into a fund to pay for treats at staff meetings.

■ **PASCAGOULA, Miss.** — A woman's payment to the gas company took a long route — through Iraq.

The bill arrived at the Pascagoula city clerk's office in an envelope decorated with a hand-drawn stamp and a message from Iraq apologizing for the late delivery.

R.D. Hawkins, of Gautier, had mailed her \$49.36 natural gas bill in April to Pascagoula, about five miles away. It arrived at the city clerk's office on Wednesday.

"Please forgive the lateness of this bill," an American serviceman who identified himself only as Spc. Fifield had scribbled on the back of the small envelope. "It had to go all the way around the world to Operation Iraqi Freedom due to a computer error."

"I am Spc. Fifield and enjoy my time here in Iraq, and so do the Iraqis," the soldier wrote. "Thank you for supporting your troops."

No more is known about Fifield other than he is part of the Army's 187th Infantry, officials said.

The envelope was post-marked April 4 and went through the district postal office in Gulfport. Fifield sent the payment back on its way May 11.

City employee Sharon Woodward had thought a child had drawn the stamp beneath the real postage until she found the message.

"I thought, 'Gosh, this is so neat,'" Woodward said.

The green and yellow swirl stamp underneath the real postage "was real cute," she said.

Gautier Postmaster Thomas Friley said the payment envelope either got attached to another letter or was in a package or priority mail sent over-

seas, which was confirmed by officials in the Gulfport office.

Pascagoula provides natural gas to about 1,000 Gautier customers.

■ **DAVENPORT, Iowa** — A man picked the wrong customers when he tried to sell marijuana to three off-duty police officers.

One was even wearing a T-shirt promoting police memorial week.

The officers had just returned from a boating trip Monday night when the 35-year-old man approached Sgt. John Hutcheson and asked

him if he "smoked," police said.

Hutcheson told the man to go talk with Officer Jim Meyrer and Detective Mike Martin, who were standing nearby, police said.

The man then asked Meyrer and Martin if they wanted to buy marijuana. Meyrer said yes and asked the man if he had a pound.

The suspect told the officers he had two ounces, then showed a plastic bag containing a green, leafy substance, police said.

The man was arrested on two counts of drug possession.

Kentucky Getaways

Our Old Kentucky Homes

by ANN LATTA

SECRETARY OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Anyone questioning whether Kentucky has a high regard for home and hearth need look no further than our state song. Stephen Foster's "My Old Kentucky Home" was inspired by Federal Hill mansion, where the Rowan family once lived. Kentucky now owns Federal Hill and you can tour it when you visit My Old Kentucky Home State Park in Bardstown. Luckily for visitors in Kentucky, Federal Hill isn't the only historic home open for touring—for many folks planning a getaway, there's no place like home.

Ashland

Before Abraham Lincoln rose to prominence, Kentucky's most famous statesman was Henry Clay. Called the "Great Compromiser," Clay created an

estate of uncompromising beauty in Lexington. At one time more than 600 acres, Clay's home was called Ashland because of the preponderance of ash trees on the property. Clay's resume was densely forested too, with titles like Senator, Speaker of the House and Secretary of State.

Along with government work, Henry Clay had an interest in horse breeding. Clay started a dynasty, of sorts, with two mares and a stallion given to him as political gifts - from that thoroughbred lineage came at least twelve Kentucky Derby winners.

Today, Clay's Ashland has only about 20 acres of the original land but it retains the grace and dignity worthy of a legendary American figure. The Estate still harbors several trees planted during Clay's lifetime. Following Clay's death in 1852, the estate was sold to his son James Brown Clay who,

because of its poor construction, had the original Federal-style home demolished. The Italianate-style home that took its place is the one visitors may tour today. The home, remaining property and family belongings were willed to the Henry Clay Memorial Foundation by Clay's great-granddaughter.

Ashland was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1961. Along with the home and grounds, visitors will also find a gift shop and the Ginkgo Tree Café.

Mary Todd Lincoln House

Henry Clay was a frequent guest at Mary Todd Lincoln's home in Lexington. But while Clay's home Ashland was transferred from family to foundation, the Mary Todd Lincoln House was nearly lost to neglect. Lincoln lived in the home starting in her early teens and even returned to stay in it, briefly, before moving with her husband and young sons to Washington, D.C.

During its lifetime the home has gone from being an inn, to a personal residence, to a grocery store and dry cleaners. It was almost fodder for a wrecking ball in 1968 when Kentucky First Lady Beulah Nunn played patroness saint and started a preservation foundation. Schoolchildren saved pennies to help the state purchase the home.

The home's furnishings have been restored with the help of a list created for an auction of the home's contents in 1848. Some of the items are actual Todd and Lincoln family pieces; wall coverings and carpets have been recreated using family records and original swatches. The Mary Todd Lincoln House opened to the public in 1977 and it's the first historic site in the U.S. to honor a first lady.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 20, the 201st day of 2003. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon as they stepped out of their lunar module.

On this date:

■ In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain.

■ In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

■ In 1871, British Columbia became a Canadian province.

■ In 1881, Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops.

■ In 1942, the first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, later known as WACs, began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

■ In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed; the explosion at Hitler's Rastenburg headquarters only wounded the Nazi leader.

■ In 1944, President Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

■ In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

■ In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pa., killing 80 people and causing \$350 million worth of damage.

■ In 1990, U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, one of the court's most liberal voices, announced he was stepping down.

Ten years ago:

White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster Jr. was found shot to death in a park near Washington, D.C., a suicide. A day after firing William Sessions as FBI director, President Clinton named federal

judge Louis Freeh to replace him.

Five years ago:

Russia won an \$11.2 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund to help avert the devaluation of its currency. A smoky fire broke out aboard the cruise ship Ecstasy just two miles from the Florida shore, forcing the ship's return to port.

One year ago:

Twenty-nine people died in a blaze started by bartenders who were doing tricks with fire at Utopia, an unlicensed night club in Lima.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 73. Video artist Nam June Paik is 71. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 68. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 67. Actress Diana Rigg is 65. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 60. Country singer T.G. Shepherd is 59. Singer Kim Carnes is 57. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 56. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols) is 47. Actress Donna Dixon is 46. Country singer Rodney Foster is 44. Actor Frank Whaley is 40. Rock singer Chris Cornell is 39. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 37. Actor Reed Diamond is 36. Singer Vitamin C is 34. Actor Simon Rex is 29. Actor Charlie Korsmo is 25. Actor John Francis Daley ("Freak and Geeks") is 18. Actress Billi Bruno ("According to Jim") is 7.

Thought for Today:

"We may well go to the moon, but that's not very far. The greatest distance we have to cover still lies within us." — Charles de Gaulle, French statesman (1890-1970).

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Seabiscuit craze hitting the Bluegrass

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Dell Hancock can remember when he was a child and walked through the barn at Claiborne Farm where Seabiscuit grew up.

"Whenever a horse goes on to win a certain amount of money, he got his name put up on the stall door permanently," said Hancock, the public relations director for the Paris farm owned by her family. "I remember thinking Seabiscuit was a funny name for a horse."

The barn burned in 1972, and the door that bore Seabiscuit's

name was destroyed in the fire. But while Kentucky race fans might struggle to remember the 1938 Horse of the Year was foaled at Claiborne Farm — Hancock said many people assume Seabiscuit was bred in California, where he enjoyed much of his success — there is no doubt that Seabiscuit has become a household name in this town of 260,000 that bills itself as the "Horse Capital of the World."

Special screenings of the movie "Seabiscuit" will be held Saturday in Lexington and Louisville, almost a week before the film will be released nation-

ally. The state and those two cities have declared Saturday to be "Seabiscuit Day," which isn't too surprising, considering filming of the movie took place at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington and three central Kentucky horse farms — Calumet, Normandy and Stony Oak.

"I think it should be shown here first," said Lamar Prewitt of Lexington, as he prepared to spend the afternoon at Keeneland, watching simulcasts of races from other tracks. "After all, this is horse country."

His friend, Barry Dicken of Frankfort, said that he had purchased Seabiscuit shirts for younger members of his wife's family when the movie was being filmed at Keeneland.

"I don't know that it will have significance until they actually see the movie," he said. "It seems to be a bigger deal here than at a lot of the other tracks."

The movie is based on the

2001 book "Seabiscuit: An American Legend" by Laura Hillenbrand that chronicles the rags-to-riches tale of not only the horse, but also jockey Red Pollard, trainer Tom Smith and owner Charles Howard. It's a book that's difficult to put down, said Frank Atkins Jr., who works in the admissions department at Keeneland.

"It's such a good story," Atkins said. "It's going to be the premier movie about racehorses ever made. They've tried to make them in the past, but a few years ago, they didn't have the technology to do them as good as they do now."

One of the scenes filmed at Keeneland depicted the famed 1938 match race at Pimlico in Baltimore between Seabiscuit and 1937 Triple Crown winner War Admiral.

"I saw enough of what they were doing when they were filming here to know the technical side of the movie will make it worth seeing, just for that,"

Keeneland President Nick Nicholson said. "They were true to the story."

Many in the thoroughbred racing industry hope to ride the movie's coattails. The Blood-Horse, an industry magazine based in Lexington, compiled a 165-page book, "The Seabiscuit Story," which features articles run in the magazine about Seabiscuit since 1935, when the magazine first mentioned the horse. Also included in the book, which took about a year to produce, are rare photos and race charts from some of Seabiscuit's more prominent races.

"It was fun to look at this material and learn about his humble beginnings, and how it took a long time for him to get any kind of respect for being a racehorse," said John McEvoy, of Evanston, Ill., who edited the book.

He's as astounded as anyone about the attention the Seabiscuit saga is receiving.

"I don't think anybody can explain it. I know why those of us in horse racing were interested in it. We are in the business. But for the general public to be so interested, I think it's because

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Shortage

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stick to them," Williams said Friday.

Jackie Edford Owens, who started at the beginning of the year back in his old slot as District 2 magistrate following abolishment of the commission form of government, said that the situation has him desperately short of equipment.

"We have to bum somebody," Owens told Williams and Derossett during the fiscal court's regular meeting Friday.

"Because there was just three districts when we came back in."

A vote was taken during the meeting concerning Williams' suggestion, but only Williams and Derossett voted to accept the resolution on its face. The remaining court members voted to hold the resolution for further study.

"I just want to look at it," Thompson told Derossett after the vote was decided.

Guilty

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expressed that they would like to see him get help," Taylor said. "I've never known of someone just coming out like that and admitting. When he was first contacted by Kentucky State Police he confessed to everything."

Taylor said Lee also told investigators that he had engaged in similar activities with another girl in Harlan County, but wasn't sure if a case

had been pursued in Harlan County or if the claims were accurate.

Taylor said the commonwealth was pleased with the proceedings.

"Not a lot of people take responsibility for what they done," Taylor said. "And, besides, five years is hard time in prison."

Lee is scheduled to be formally sentenced on Sept. 19.

Loan

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the court's decision, and a vote against, a full vote found the rest of the court voting in agreement to take out the loan.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said the step was one of necessity.

"We need to get these people's roads and bridges and culverts fixed, and we don't have the money to do it," he said.

"We've got to get these people some relief."

Thompson said the county is still owed, as of Friday's meeting, approximately \$2.7 million in outstanding state and federal funds that would be used to take care of the problems left behind by this year's three floods, were it at the county's disposal.

Abuse

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The Galveston couple was arrested in February of last year and then indicted in December on a total of 30 charges of child abuse. Georgia Hall was indicted on 16 counts of first-degree criminal child abuse, while a grand jury returned 13 counts of first-degree child abuse and an additional count of first-degree wanton endangerment against Ansel Hall.

Those charges stem from allegations that between July 2001 and January 2002, both beat the 12-year-old boy with a horse whip — striking his legs, arms, back and stomach with the device — while also "inflicting trauma" on the boy's chest and stomach with a cattle prod.

Others devices the couple supposedly used during the alleged abuse were a broom han-

dle, a wooden paddle and a loaded shotgun, which was allegedly pointed at the child.

A pretrial conference to continue hearing the case was set by Caudill on Friday for Oct. 3.

Revoked

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Judge Danny P. Caudill considered a motion from the commonwealth to revoke Dier's bond.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor offered that, considering that Dier was arrested on June 25 by KVE officer Dennis Hutchinson and charged with driving under the influence on a suspended license and for having no insurance, that this served as grounds that he

had violated the terms set about in his bond agreement.

Dier's attorney in the case, Stephen Owens, argued Friday that the conditions of bond said only that Dier was to have a valid "operator's license", which Owens claimed was the case at the time he was arrested.

"He (Dier) does have a valid driver's licenses," Owens said. "As a former resident of North Carolina, he has a North Carolina driver's license. The condition said he had to have a valid operator's license, not a valid Kentucky operator's license."

Owens, who further stressed that there was "good chance" that Dier might not even be found guilty on the charges following his arrest in June, also produced evidence that Dier did have insurance, but was met with little leniency from Caudill.

"The fact that he has a North Carolina license actually seems worse," Caudill said. "That he's living in Kentucky and has a North Carolina license suggests he might be involved in some kind of subterfuge."

Caudill accepted the commonwealth's motion and revoked Dier's bond, ordering that he be taken into custody, but allowed that an Aug. 1 meeting would allow Owens the opportunity to further apply for new bond conditions.

Governor moves

Early Childhood Development office to Education Cabinet

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development will become part of the Department of Education, according to an executive order from Gov. Paul Patton.

Previously, the department was part of the governor's office. However, under an executive order Patton signed early this month and effective Friday, the office will now become a separate division within the state's education department.

Kim Townley, the former executive director of the office, said the move was a natural transition for the department. Many of its programs fall under the education category, she said.

"Education starts when you enter the place in the world, not when you walk in the classroom," Townley said. "It's the logical place for it to go."

Currently, the office has various programs aimed at helping young mothers and young children adjust and manage with early childhood issues, she said.

The office's seven employees will now enter the state employee merit system. As part of the merit system, state employees

have more job security than those who are appointed. Two of the employees' salaries are partially funded by federal money, Townley said.

Department of Education spokeswoman Lisa Gross said the move was anticipated for months. However, exact details of the move are still not known, Gross said.

"It's going to be a good move for everybody involved," Gross said.

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Service

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"I know these people and they're good people," Derossett said. "Besides you can't have too many ambulance services."

However, the rest of the court failed to support such quick action, voting instead that a work session be scheduled followed by a meeting this Thursday, which would give magistrates time to consider the request before going to Joseph with an answer.

During Friday's meeting, the fiscal court also:

■ Appointed current fiscal court treasurer David Layne to another four-year term, allowing that his biweekly pay rate of \$1,419.23 be increased during that time based on the consumer price index allowed to other county officials.

■ Paid \$3,314.20 to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services at Dewey Lake during the month of June.

■ Agreed in response to a recommendation from Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb that jail employee Betty Derossett be made a full-time employee with benefits, and that jail employee Melissa Bentley's pay rate be raised to an hourly rate of \$10.93.

■ Authorized Thompson to sign a master agreement and any documents pertaining to a Division of Emergency Management grant application in the amount of \$29,643, as part of the Homeland Security initiative. It was not specified what the money might be used for.

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Guest View

Suggestions for Patton's book

Some buddies of Gov. Paul Patton are soliciting contributions to raise \$75,000 to \$80,000 to pay for the writing and publication of a book about Patton's administration.

It won't grace The New York Times best seller list, since only 2,500 copies of the book are planned, and they will be given away free to a select list of recipients, including perhaps libraries across the commonwealth.

Former State Journal and Courier-Journal reporter Fran Ellers has been tapped as the writer.

State agencies are being asked to submit three examples each of how Patton made a difference to Kentucky.

Since Transportation Secretary James Codell is up to his eyeballs in lawsuits and federal grand jury subpoenas, we respectfully submit a list of salient chapter titles to save Codell time and effort:

"Bridge Painting for Dummies."

"Expanding Minority Contracts Under Paul Patton's DOT."

"Widening Four Miles of U.S. 60 in Franklin County in Less Than Four Years."

An entire chapter could be devoted to the Cabinet for Health Services' creative approach to inspecting Western Kentucky nursing homes. The Kentucky State Police could submit three tried-and-true ways for troopers to pass the time while sitting in motel parking lots.

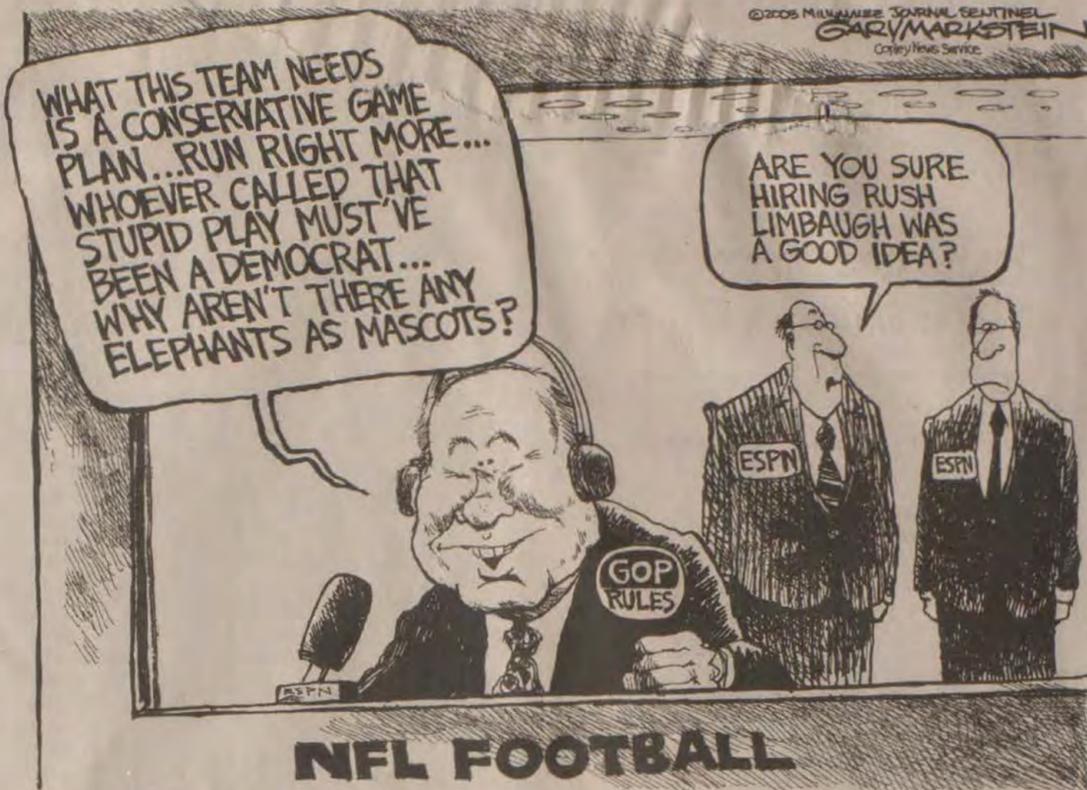
And the Finance and Administration Cabinet could boast of Patton's efforts to bring Starbucks and croissants to the downtown Frankfort culinary wasteland.

Skipper Martin's chapter would be headlined simply, "Pardon Me."

A title? "The Luv Gov," of course, has been e-mailed to death. "Sex and the Not-So-Single Gov" might be an alternative.

Ellers' book is due out in December, not coincidentally the same time Patton departs to wherever once popular, now disgraced governors slink off to.

— The State Journal, Frankfort



— Jim Davidson

Why the American flag is folded 13 times

Since the terrorist attack on our nation we have seen a tidal wave of patriotism all across the land. As a united people we are once again singing "God Bless America", praying openly, and flying the American flag in every city, town and hamlet across the country.

The thing that has been most gratifying to me is the outpouring of love and support from our nation's youth, not only for the victims of the World Trade Center, but also for the men and women in the Armed Services.

At some point in time most Americans have attended a military funeral or have seen one or more on television. One of the last duties performed by the Honor Guard is the folding of the American flag and presenting it to the next of kin. The flag is folded 13 times, but did you know that each fold has special significance? I didn't, until someone was kind enough to send

me this information a few weeks ago. If you don't already know this, as a patriotic American you might like to know what each fold means.

The first fold is a symbol of life. The second fold is our belief in eternal life. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our

country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born. The 11th fold in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. The 13th fold is when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

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BUSH GETS THE LATEST INTELLIGENCE REPORT FROM IRAQ



beyond the beltway

Actually, we really like a little war

by DONALD KAUL

Our Most Revered Leader, George (Top Son) Bush, threw down the gauntlet to the Iraqi rebel/terrorists who have been waging guerrilla war against our troops in Iraq. Asked the other day about the almost daily attacks on our soldiers, Mr. President said:

"There are some who feel that the conditions are such that they can attack us there. My answer is: Bring 'em on.'"

Wow! Is that what Clint Eastwood would have said or what? What a guy.

Nor even Dwight Eisenhower, when he was winning World War II, ever said anything as bold. No wonder Mr. Bush is so popular, despite an economy that resembles the EKG of a patient who has just expired.

One of the self-generated myths of the United States is that we are a peace-loving people. Nonsense. Who has been involved in more wars in the past 50 years? Certainly not Russia or China or France or Germany or Japan or any other country you can lay a tongue on.

The truth is, we are never happier than when we are at war, preferably a short one in which we suffer few casualties. Peace is dull.

If the war drags on and the casualties mount, however, we very often turn against the war and the president (see Harry Truman and Korea, Lyndon Johnson and Vietnam). Which is why, I suppose, President Bush was so testy when pressed on whether it would be necessary to send more troops to Iraq to impose order. (For the record, we now have 146,000 troops over there, maintained at a cost of \$3 billion a month, not to mention the occasional death and more-than-occasional injury).

But I have faith in our president. I think that if this occupation thing goes too long and the attacks become tedious, he'll get into his flyboy costume, make for the nearest aircraft carrier and say: "Mission accomplished. Let's go home."

Nor do I worry about his political future should the economy fail to respond to his tax-cut magic. He's perfectly capable of finding another dread enemy to attack, bomb to rubble and abandon to chaos — one of the aforementioned Axis-of-Evil members or maybe even Cuba. There are always Phantom Weapons of Mass Destruction (PWMDs) out there somewhere.

He'll keep us entertained, at least through the next election. Count on it. Meanwhile, a funny thing happened back at the Supreme Court. The court, which in recent years has been acting as though the Constitution secured the rights of states but not of people, decid-

ed to try justice for a change.

In a series of remarkable decisions during the just-ended term, it came down on the side of affirmative action (within limits), gay rights (within limits) and the right of women to sue states that violate the Family and Medical Leave Act. None of these outcomes was predictable at the beginning of the term. A few key members of the court, it seems, changed their minds about matters on which they had previously expressed a contrary opinion.

Most startling, perhaps, was the decision that struck down Texas laws that criminalized homosexual behavior. The decision itself was a surprise — the court coming out in favor of "respect for private lives," imagine that — but the 6-to-3 margin was amazing.

As was the dissent of Justice Antonin Scalia, whose opinion can only be described as hysterical. He accused his colleagues of signing on "to the homosexual agenda." The ruling, he said, entailed "a massive disruption of the current social order." It would lead to "the end of all morals legislation," including laws punishing "bigamy, same-sex-marriage, adult incest, prostitution, masturbation, adultery, fornication, bestiality, and obscenity."

Whoa! Did he say masturbation? I didn't know masturbation was a crime against society. Lock up the high schools.

Justice Scalia is supposed to be the intellectual of the court, but all he is, really, is a mean-spirited bully with a

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Shakers find it helps to have a lot of 'Friends'

by DAVID SHARP
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NEW GLOUCESTER, Maine — It's a tall order to keep

a family farm going when you grow your own vegetables, raise your own livestock and maintain 18 buildings, some as old as the nation itself.

It's even tougher when the family consists of only four individuals — two of them 65 or older — and the farm covers 1,800 acres.

That's the reality facing the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, all that remains of a Christian sect that flourished in the 1800s.

With so much work, and so few bodies, it helps to have lots of "Friends" like 60 volunteers who showed up ready to work on a recent day from New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Bathed in warm sunshine and swatting black flies, volunteers hoisted shovels, painted fences and planted roses in front of the cemetery where members are laid to rest under a granite marker that says simply "Shakers."

Elsewhere, they fixed porch screens, cleaned windows,

sealed walkways and brought lawn furniture out of winter storage.

The volunteers are helping the Shakers continue a way of life that peaked with roughly 5,000 followers before the Civil War. Now their numbers have dwindled to four, all of them in New Gloucester.

some probably don't realize is it's living history, and a living religion.

Like their forebears, the remaining Shakers cling to tradition. They are celibate, take a vow of poverty and live a com-

munal lifestyle that combines worship, hard work and simple living.

They rise early for personal devotions, have breakfast together, join in prayer and then go about their chores following the words of founder Ann Lee:

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Facts and figures about the Shaker religion

The United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, later known as Shakers, was founded in 1747 in England.

The Shaker religion began in the United States in 1774 when Ann Lee migrated with eight followers from Manchester, England.

The first community was at New Lebanon in New York. Eventually 19 communities were established from Maine to Kentucky.

The term "Shakers" was initially a putdown describing the trembling "ecstatic" style of worship that was later abandoned.

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Summer Training Camp uses football analogies to meet spiritual needs of men

"The purpose for doing this is to bring men together," he said. "There are a lot of men that are really lost."

by JIM PATTERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Jesus would have made one heck of a linebacker.

The implausibility of that statement didn't seem to bother the audience of 300 men. After all, these are men, and we're talking football here. They were riveted.

And that's the point of a daylong seminar called Summer Training Camp, the brainchild of a National Football League assistant coach who seeks to meet the spiritual needs of men by mixing in a little of what they know best.

"We call it four quarters of faith and football," said Les Steckel, running backs coach for the Buffalo Bills who still

lives near Nashville since a stint as offensive coordinator for the Tennessee Titans.

"The purpose for doing this is to bring men together," he said. "There are a lot of men that are really lost."

Summer Training Camp, held for the first time last month, grew out of the Tuesday Morning Quarterback class for men that Steckel teaches at Brentwood Baptist Church. Steckel was intrigued that many class participants weren't members of the church. His back

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The Friends of the Shakers, which celebrates its 30th birthday next year, provides financial contributions to the world's sole Shaker community. Just as important, the group provides muscle on work days twice a year.

It's not just the religion that draws them. For some, it's the history, or the architecture, or even the Shaker furniture.

Whatever the reason they come, the Shakers are thankful that so many people stand ready to assist their community.

"With 60 people working on the grounds, it allows you to get things done in a day that would take a month," Brother Arnold Hadd said after completing his chores in the barn. "It really helps out a lot."

The Shakers settled in 1783 at Sabbathday Lake, one of 19 Shaker communities across the country. At its peak, the Sabbathday Lake community stretched for a mile and 183 people lived on the grounds.

While other Shaker communities faded away, this one in the gentle hills survived. Today, it remains a working farm with 50 sheep, cattle, pigs, gardens and 18 buildings, the oldest dating to the 1760s.

About 10,000 tourists visit the village each summer. Many of those think they're seeing history, and indeed they are. What

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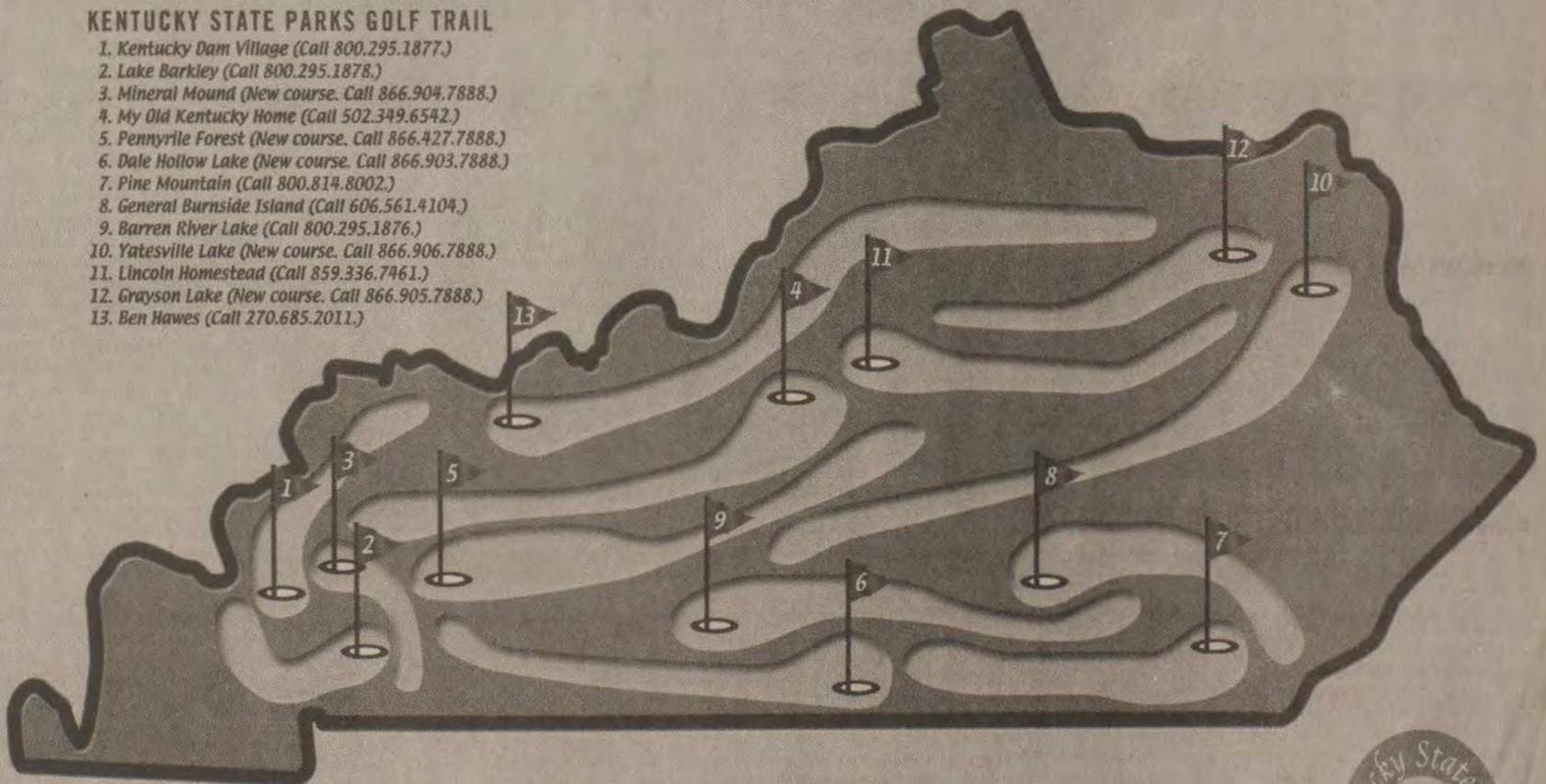
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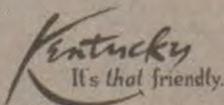
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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Iida H. Hunter, 84, of Garrett, died Friday, July 11, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Alva Conn Jarrell, 88, of Kankakee, Ill., died Wednesday, July 16, at Miller Healthcare

Center. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, July 18, at 11 a.m. at the Mich. Memorial Funeral Home, Flat Rock, Michigan.

Pearlie Patton, 94, of Ypsilanti, Mich., native of Hueysville, died Friday, July 11, at Whitehall Nursing Center of Ann Arbor. Funeral services were conducted

Tuesday, July 15, under the direction of Stark Funeral Service, Moore Memorial Chapel, Ypsilanti.

Conard Prater, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, July 13, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 16, under

the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Ellis Mullins, 78, of Bybro, died Friday, July 11, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Connie Johnson Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Madge Cochran Shepherd, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, July 14, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 16, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Daisy Hall Osborne, 91, of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, formerly of Price, died Sunday, July 13, at the Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn Heights, Mich. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

James E. (Red) Rigney, 83, of Martin, died Monday, July 14, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Michael Gregory Sanders, 53, of Lancaster, died Tuesday, July 15, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 19, Spurlin Funeral Home, of Lancaster, was in charge of arrangements.

Roy Tackett, age 85, of McDowell, died Tuesday, July 16, at the Hazard ARH Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Alma Newsome Tackett. Funeral services were conducted, Saturday, July 19, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Johnie Marshall, 80, a native of Manton, died Saturday, July 5, in Chicago, Ill. Funeral services were conducted at the Ewald Funeral Home. Burial in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Phyllis Jewel Johnson, 63, of Bevinville, was dead on arrival at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Comas Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Harvaloe Rice Preston, 97, native of Paintsville, died Wednesday, July 9, at the Roane Medical Center in Kingston, Tenn. Arrangements are under the direction of Kyker Funeral Home.

Elic J. Blanton, 77, of Chillicothe, Ohio, a native of Johnson County, died Saturday, July 12, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 15, under the direction of Stark Funeral Home.

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Homes

neighborhood, the the Conrad/Caldwell House Museum is a prominent example of Victorian-style architecture.

Also known as "Conrad's Castle," the house was built between 1892 and 1895 for Theophilus Conrad, a Frenchman who made his fortune in the hide tanning business. Originally built for \$35,000, the home is notable for its massive arches, fleur-de-lis imagery (the symbol of Louisville), and imposing gargoyles. Conrad lived in the home until his death in 1905 when the Caldwell family purchased it and lived there for the next 35 years.

The Conrad/Caldwell house served as a boarding house during World War II and was later used as a Presbyterian Home. The St. James Court Historic foundation purchased the house in 1987, restored and opened it for tours. The St. James neighborhood is best known for hosting an annual art fair, one of the best attended in the nation, the first full weekend of October.

The Mayo Mansion

Back in turn of the 20th century Kentucky, John C.C. Mayo made a fortune by buying mineral leases in coal rich eastern Kentucky for as little as fifty cents per acre. Mayo would ultimately employ the money to benefit the area, supporting educational, religious and cultural pursuits. He also used it to build

a mansion that sits on a prominent corner in Paintsville.

The mansion, which took more than six years to build, is now home to Our Lady of the Mountains parochial school. While regular tours of the school are not available, you can explore the nearby Mayo Methodist Church, built of limestone lifted from the area's mountains. The church features remarkable woodwork, stained glass windows and a Picher organ donated to Mr. Mayo by Andrew Carnegie.

Adsmore Museum

How do you make a historic site come alive, commanding regular return visits from tourists? The folks at Adsmore Museum in Princeton do it by repeatedly changing the home's "accessories" to match periods in the lives of the former owners, the Smith-Garrett families.

Adsmore got its name from several additions made by the Smith family (get it? - adds more). Katharine Garrett (1902-1984) willed the home to the Caldwell County Public Library and along with it, generations-worth of furniture, clothing and mementos of life at the turn of the 20th century. Museum managers take advantage of bounty by changing the look of the house up to eight times in a year. Among the varying themes for the house throughout the year: a summer wedding; child's birthday in the spring and the Black

Camp

ground in football was the draw.

"They say, 'All I'm doing is working, working, working. I'm tired. I'm not getting any positive feedback or affirmation or attention. I'm lonely. You know what? When it gets right down to it, I'm angry about the whole thing.'"

Steckel, who was an assistant to Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney at the University of Colorado in 1991-92, hopes his event will become an annual event. He doesn't think it will reach the national level of Promise Keepers, which has attracted thousands of men to stadiums for emotional Christian uplift.

Summer Training Camp comes off as a less-frenzied cousin of Promise Keepers, with a solid focus on football as the sugar to help the medicine go down.

"It's to show a model of being a man, and a model of being involved in a marriage that's successful, and a model of being a good father," Steckel said.

The models at the first Summer Training Camp were Steckel, Nebraska receivers coach Ron Brown, Titans running backs coach Sherman Smith, Fellowship of Christian Athletes President Dal Shealy and Football Hall of Fame player and former NFL coach Raymond Berry. Titans wide receiver Chris Sanders made a brief unscheduled speech.

"Just because I'm a Christian doesn't mean I have to walk around all meek and frail," Sanders counseled. "I hate to use this expression, but Jesus was no punk."

Most lessons were taught using football metaphors.

Brown explained that Jesus would have made a great linebacker because someone who could go through crucifixion is tough enough to take a lot of punishment for the good of the team.

"I really believe that if Jesus Christ was a linebacker, he would blow you out," he said.

"He would put his heart and soul into every play."

The case against premarital sex was explained by Brown this way: "Think of the Bible as the playbook," he said. "Before you are married, do not run that play. After you are married, run that play — often."

Berry, who caught touchdown passes from Johnny Unitas for 13 seasons, talked about almost quitting his football career at its peak by comparing it to the Biblical story of Abraham and his son Isaac. God ordered Abraham to slaughter his son, then stopped him at the last second.

Likewise, Berry decided to quit football after getting religion, only to find a holy reprieve.

"I was set free from worshipping a false God," Berry said. "There wasn't anything wrong with wanting to play football. It was wrong to put it in first place."

Adam Helton, a 28-year-old Nashville real estate agent, said he attended Summer Training Camp for "encouragement."

"I like football. This is helpful in getting fired up, you know, to walk with the Lord."

Steckel, 57, says his own up-and-down coaching career puts him in a good position to offer advice to men about keeping perspective. He's helped two teams get to the Super Bowl as an offensive coordinator (the Titans in 2000 and the New England Patriots in 1985), and been fired more than once, including as head coach of the Minnesota Vikings after going 3-13 in 1984. He recently returned to the NFL with Buffalo after taking two seasons off to help coach his son's high school team.

"I was a driven man at one time, gratified only by accomplishments and the symbols of accomplishment," he said. "My attitude now is, it's easy to live in the pressure cooker, and winning isn't everything."

"The thing I have a heart for, is other lost men."

Patch Tobacco War, a face-off between local tobacco buyers and farmers.

Riverview at Hobson Grove

Riverview's entry into this world was a bumpy one: construction on the Bowling Green home was interrupted by the Civil War when the partially completed structure was used to store munitions. Following the war, construction was finished and the house became a home to the Hobson family until early 1950s. After 1952, Riverview became a rental property, suffering several fires and abandonment through the late '60s when it was acquired by a non-profit organization.

The home is now run as a museum, restored and interpreted to the time period of 1860-1890. Among Riverview's unique features is a cupola with an observatory, which once also helped serve as a ventilation system, drawing hot air up and out of the house.

Dinsmore Homestead

Not all of Kentucky's historic homes housed the rich elite. The Dinsmore Homestead in Burlington was witness to the lives of five generations of middle-class Kentuckians. Completely furnished with original items, the homestead offers rooms with treasures like informal family sketches, a child's book with a pop-up wooden carving and a mounted elk head, a gift from Theodore Roosevelt. Separate buildings on the property include a cooking cabin and wine house. Nature enthusiasts enjoy the hiking trails developed in cooperation with the Kentucky Nature Conservancy and the Boone County Parks Department.

Along with My Old Kentucky Home, the Kentucky

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War

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bad case of arrested sexual development.

President Bush wants more like him on the court. That tells you all you need to know about both of them.

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. His email is: donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

Davidson

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After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

In the coming weeks and months we will see many flags folded 13 times and now, many of us will know the reason why.

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Shakers

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"Hands to work and hearts to God."

The village was founded nine years after Mother Ann migrated with a group from Manchester, England, to America in 1774.

Known as the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, they earned the derisive moniker "shaking Quakers" for their charismatic dance. The worship style changed long ago, but the Shaker name stuck.

While they're sometimes confused with the Amish, who eschew modernity, Shakers embrace technology as heartily as they embrace simplicity.

Shakers are credited with a number of inventions, including the flat-bottom broom, the spring-loaded clothespin and the circular saw. Today, Sabbathday Lake Shakers have computers, Internet access and a Web site.

But theirs is still an agrarian lifestyle.

A recent day found Sisters Frances Carr, 76, and June Carpenter, 65, making strawberry rhubarb marmalade from plants grown on the farm.

Brother Arnold, 46, along with Wayne Smith, 40, were in the barn cleaning out stalls and providing fresh water for the animals.

Afterward, Brother Arnold acknowledged the enormity of the task of simply maintaining the property while walking between the 1830 barn and the six-story dwelling house, one of the most modern buildings, built in 1883. The newest structure is the garage, built in 1910.

The Shakers, like other families, have delayed maintenance, said Brother Arnold, who has lived at Sabbathday Lake for 25 years.

"At this point, it's triage," he said.

That's where the Friends of the Shakers come into play. The group was formed during a bicentennial celebration, in 1974, marking the arrival of Mother Ann and eight followers in America.

Kathy Moriarty, president of Friends of the Shakers, said there are now more than 500 people on the mailing list.

The group provides contributions of about \$10,000 a year to the community and has taken on special projects, like replacing the stove in the dwelling house and installing a bathroom and making repairs to the building in which the store and guest house are located.

Flo Morse of New Mexico, who has written four books on Shakers, said the group has wrapped its arms around the Shakers.

And while the friends give, they also get something in return, she said. Many are drawn to the village often.

"There is something that they find here that keeps them coming back," Brother Arnold said. "It's different for everyone."

The work sessions are a sym-

phony of organized chaos. Back in May, Rick Szatkowski of Windham, dressed in sneakers, blue jean shorts, a honeybee shirt and a wool cap, was in charge of assigning tasks.

They included digging out a culvert, weeding gardens, putting sealant on wooden walkways, shelling beans and cleaning tins used for Shaker herbs, much of which will be sold in the store.

Susan Dupree, of Bethlehem, Pa., was painting the fence along with her friend Maggie Stier of Concord, N.H., Robert King of Putney, Vt., Brother Wayne and Spencer, among others.

"It's our own little piece of heaven. It's like a retreat, even though I have a paint brush in my hand," said Dupree, who wrote her college thesis on Shakers and has been drawn to them ever since.

King came to Sabbathday Lake for research on Shaker gardens.

"You can come here and experience something that never stopped," he said. "The old agriculture tradition is here."

On another part of the property, Ken Ruesswick shoveled dirt while clearing a culvert along busy Route 26, which cuts through the property.

Like many volunteers, Ruesswick has visited other Shaker villages — all 19 in his case. "They have a nice level attitude about life," he said. "There's no frilly extras here. They don't drive around in fancy cars or SUVs."

Volunteers run the gamut from teachers and nurses to college students and ministers. Ray McCaskey of Chicago is CEO of Health Care Service Corp., which operates the Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans in Texas, Illinois and New Mexico.

McCaskey's fascination with Shakers began in Pleasant Hill, Ky.

"It started out being an extension of history, and it ended up being personal," he said after brushing sealant onto a wooden porch.

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While the Friends of the Shakers are more than willing to help, many of them privately worry about the Shakers' dwindling numbers.

The Sabbathday Lake Shakers continue to exist because they broke in 1965 with the only other remaining community, in Canterbury, N.H., which stopped admitting members. The last of the Canterbury

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The name stuck.

Nationally, the religion peaked around 1850 with 5,000 to 6,000 followers. Sabbathday Lake had 183 people at its peak in 1784.

Shakers are known for their labor-saving devices, including

Shakers died in 1992.

At Sabbathday Lake, there were nine Shakers until 2001, a traumatic year that marked the passing of Sister Minnie Green at 90 and Sister Marie Burgess at 81.

That same year, three people left after a trial period because they decided the Shaker life was not for them. Another person joined but later left as well, leaving the number of Shakers at four for now.

Sister Frances, the eldress, came to the village as an orphan. Because they no longer accept orphans, and because they're celibate, the only way to expand their ranks is if others join the community.

Each week, several people contact the community via e-mail about joining. But few are willing to adopt the lifestyle.

"A life of denial is not attractive to people," Brother Arnold said. "People don't like to sacrifice."

Bob Boggs, who teaches a course on Shakerism at Gray-New Gloucester High School, said there's a great appreciation for the lifestyle "because we know we sure couldn't do it ourselves."

Sister Frances bristles at news reports that have described the Sabbathday Lake village as the "last" Shakers.

That suggests the religion will someday die completely. And that's an outcome she and the others aren't willing to accept.

"It's frustrating that for the past 20 or 30 years all the reports were that the Shakers were essentially shut down, closed, not accepting new members," she said in the parlor of the dwelling house.

Mother Ann reportedly predicted that there will be a revival of Shakerism when there were only five left. The Shakers don't believe Mother Ann said that, even though it is mentioned in some scholarly works.

Nonetheless, the Shakers pray daily for additional followers to join their ranks, Brother Arnold said.

Unlike other religions, the Shakers don't go forth preaching their message or trying to convert others to their beliefs. Instead, they've attracted a following by just being themselves.

"You can't save others. You've got to save yourself," Brother Arnold said. "It's not talking about the life. It's living the life."

clothes pins, flat-bottom brooms and circular saws, among other inventions.

In 1996, the Sabbathday Lake Shakers and the Boston Camerata made a splash with a CD titled "Simple Gifts: Shaker Chants and Spirituals."

Public hearing July 22 for mountaintop mining environmental impact statement in Hazard

HAZARD — A regional public hearing will be held for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Mountaintop Mining/Valley Fills in Hazard July 22. The public is invited to attend and provide oral or written comments. The draft EIS recommends new actions to protect Appalachian streams from effects of mountaintop coal mining.

The meeting will be held in Hazard, 2-5 p.m. and 7-11 p.m. at The Forum at the Hal Rogers Center, 101 Bulldog Lane. The meeting is hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Office of Surface Mining, and West Virginia

Department of Environmental Protection.

The draft EIS became available May 30 for a 90-day public review period. The hearing pro-

vides Appalachian communities the opportunity to comment. The usual review period is 45 days; the extended public review is to encourage broad

participation and give additional time to review the detailed content.

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Road-naming ceremony in Hindman to honor Albert Stewart, James Still

PIKEVILLE — The Great Hall of the May Stone Building at Hindman Settlement School was a place familiar to both Albert Stewart and James Still.

It is in this room on Monday, July 28, at 1 p.m. that Transportation Secretary James

C. Codell III will unveil the signs naming portions of Kentucky Route 160 in memory of these two extraordinary men, who each achieved national acclaim because of their literary achievements.

Mike Mullins, director of the

Hindman Settlement School and a close friend of both Stewart and Still, will serve as master of ceremonies for the occasion. Highway District 12's Chief District Engineer, Dan L. Hall, will also participate in the program, which is being held in conjunction with the annual Writers Workshop at Hindman Settlement School.

Albert Stewart, a native of Knott County, died on April 1, 2001, at the age of 86. According to Karen Joy Jones's story in the Troublesome Creek Times, Stewart was a brilliant man who spent many years helping other writers develop their abilities rather than promoting his own "tremendous talent."

He was founder and editor of Appalachian Heritage magazine and organized writers workshops at Alice Lloyd College, Morehead State University, Hindman Settlement School, and at Longwood College in Virginia as well as Mantrip, a high school literary magazine published in Floyd County.

Stewart was honored with the Stylus Award in poetry, given by the University of Kentucky, and the Appalachian Treasure Award from Morehead State University. He was inducted into the Knott County Hall of Fame in 1991.

James Still came from his native Alabama to Knott County in 1931 to fill a post as volunteer librarian at Hindman Settlement School. His first volume of poetry, Hounds on the Mountain, was published in 1937. His most well known book, River of Earth, published in 1940, was re-done in the early 1990s as River of Earth in Story and Song, a collaboration with musician Randy Wilson.

Still died on April 28, 2001, just 27 days after Stewart, at the age of 94. During his life in Knott County, he shared the Southern Authors Award (for River of Earth) with Thomas Wolfe (You Can't Go Home Again). Still earned two Guggenheim Fellowships, the Kentucky Arts Council's Milner Award, and the Appalachian Treasure Award from Morehead State University. He was chosen Kentucky's first official Poet Laureate in 1995.

As a tribute to these two important Knott County writers, portions of KY 160, a road each man traveled daily, will be named in their honor and memory. The section of Route 160 from the northern intersection of Route 550 to the intersection with Route 80 will be named Albert Stewart Highway. The section of Route 160 from Hindman Settlement School to intersection of Route 15 at Carr Fork Lake will be named James Still Highway.

Mike Mullins said that he wants "all of Albert and James's friends and neighbors" to join him and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials for this important ceremony.

Homes

State Parks system manages three other historic homes as state historic sites: Waveland is an antebellum home in Lexington built on land surveyed by Daniel Boone; William Whitley House in Stanford is the first brick home built west of the Allegheny Mountains; and White Hall in Richmond was the home of Cassius Marcellus Clay.

Even one of our eight Kentucky Welcome Centers is housed in a historic home. Visit Whitehaven in Paducah for a tour and more information on traveling in Kentucky.

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The United States Air Force Recruiting Office which serves eight Eastern Kentucky counties is the newest member of Highway District 12's Adopt-a-Highway Program. Once a month, recruits from Floyd, Pike, Letcher, Perry, Knott, Magoffin, Johnson and Martin counties will be picking up litter from a section of U.S. 23 in Pike County that extends from the north Cut-Thru interchange to Buckley's Creek, according to Staff Sergeant Anthony "Biff" Graham, Air Force Recruiter stationed in Pikeville. Pictured at the newly installed Adopt-a-Highway Sign are, from left, Ruby Bowling, AAH Assistant Coordinator for District 12; Shawn Ray, engineering scholarship student and summer intern at District 12; Sgt. Graham; Jerry D. Lowe, District 12 AAH Coordinator, and Air Force Sgt. Robert Parker.



Den Hunter, representing the East Kentucky Black Lung Association, in Grethel, visited Caryville, Tenn., June 25 to meet with active and retired coal miners about House Resolution 1988, commonly referred to as the "Widows Bill." Ron Carson, left, of Stone Mountain Health Services, spoke on the subject. Hunter said Carson was a good speaker and he hopes to meet with him again during another conference in September in Pittsburgh.

Obits

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Lawrence County
Jimmy Conley Jr., 41, of Van Lear, was dead on arrival at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville, Tuesday, July 15. He is survived by his wife, Frankie Boyd Conley. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Lawrence County
Patty Blackburn, 49, of Inez, was found dead in her home on Sunday, July 13. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 16, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lawrence County
Howard Thompson Sr., 79, of Aliquippa, Penn., formerly of Lawrence County, died Wednesday, July 9, at Hopewell Twp. Penn. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 15, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Jermia Cleve Johnson, 23, of

Crum, W.Va., native of Lawrence County, and Jermia Russell Johnson, seven-months-old, of Crum, died Saturday, July 12, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Rt. 52, Kermit, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 15, under the direction of Inez Funeral Chapel.

Martin County
Retha Sue Thompson, 64, of Louisa, died Thursday, July 10, at the J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 13, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Martin County
Virginia 'Ann' Marcum, 40, of Crum, W.Va., died Saturday, July 12, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident at Kermit, W.Va. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 15, under the direction of Inez Funeral Chapel.

Obituaries

Karen Anita Berger Caudill

Karen Anita Berger Caudill, 51, of Bevinville, died Wednesday, July 16, 2003, in Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Born November 6, 1951, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Pearl Hall Berger of Bevinville, and the late Joe Berger. She was a teacher's aide at Osborne Elementary, and was a member and Sunday school teacher of the Lighthouse Temple Church at Wheelwright.

She is survived by her husband, Milford Caudill.

Other survivors include a son, Matthew Shane Caudill of Bevinville; five brothers, Charles Berger of Martin, Donald Berger and Eddie Berger, both of Bevinville, Jimmy Berger of Union, and Joe David Berger of Virgie; and a sister, Linda Reed of Little Creek of Pikeville.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 19, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church at Wheelwright, with J.M. Sloce, Louis Ferrari, Chuck Hall, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Matthew Tackett Cemetery at Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Paul Parsons

Paul Parsons, 62, of Boone Height, a son of the late Albert and Ocie Kidd Parsons, passed away Thursday, June 26, 2003, at his residence.

He was a member, trustee and treasurer of Roadside Baptist Church, and a superintendent for TransAsh.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Deborde Parsons of Boone Height; a son, Tony Parsons and wife, Kathy, of Boone Height; a brother, Albert Parsons of Rush; two sisters, Billie Jean Fletcher and husband, Robert, of Pikeville, and Golda Boyd and husband, Gradis, both of Betsy Layne; two granddaughters, Valerie Parsons and Emily Parsons of Boone Height.

Services were conducted Sunday, June 29, in the Hampton Funeral Home Chapel, with the Revs. Ricky Partin, Ray Spicer and Coy Cox officiating.

Burial was in the Barbourville City Cemetery.

Hampton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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of the good job Laura Hillenbrand did," McEvoy said. Keeneland, like other tracks across the nation, hopes to see a rise in attendance as a direct result of the movie, Nicholson said. "I think what it will do is two-fold," Nicholson said. "It will sort of bring back fans that how forgotten how much fun (racing) is, and hopefully introduce the sport to a generation of fans that might otherwise not have tried it." Evan Hammonds, the managing editor of The Blood-Horse, said that the movie, coming on the heels of Funny Cide's unsuccessful but eventful Triple

Crown bid, should be a boon for the industry. After Funny Cide won the Kentucky Derby, "a lot of parallels were immediately drawn" between Funny Cide and Seabiscuit, Hammonds said. "Here is this underdog gelding winning the Derby. His story paralleled Seabiscuit, because it transcended the racing community and the sports community. "From what we understand, it's a very positive, uplifting story, and that can only help the awareness of thoroughbred racing today. What other sports movies have made you want to go out and participate in that sport? I think this one might."

Hearing

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Information in the draft EIS shows that improvements put in place by federal and state agencies since 1998 contribute to increased environmental protection during mountaintop coal mining. A comparison of data was made under the older system prior to 1998 and after 1998. It showed that the total area of Appalachian watersheds covered by valley fills was decreased by over 50 percent and the total length of streams

covered by those fills was cut by over 25 percent under the more recent permit system. Copies of the draft EIS may be requested by calling the EPA Region 3 toll free EIS request hotline at 1-800-228-8711 or at the website <http://www.epa.gov/region3/mtntop>. Written comments should be submitted by August 29, 2003 to Mr. John Forren, U.S. EPA (3EA30), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Agriculture panel approves farmer loan program

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board on Friday approved a plan that would earmark \$20 million of the state's national tobacco settlement money for a loan program aimed at helping tobacco farmers. The Kentucky Agriculture Investment Trust would be used to help tobacco farmers secure loans to diversify their crops. Qualified young farmers would also be eligible for low-interest loans to help

establish themselves as farmers. The program would be set up through the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation. Currently, Kentucky gets about \$120 million a year from a tobacco settlement fund that was created to settle lawsuits in which the states sought to recoup costs for treating smokers' health problems. Kentucky has been earmarking half the money for agricultural diversification projects, while the other half has been divided between early childhood development and health care. This new trust fund could help keep at least some of that tobacco settlement money flowing through the state for years beyond when the money would otherwise have stopped, said board member Sam Lawson. "This gives it perpetuity now," Lawson said. "This could continue to revolve. And as one farmer repays, these dollars are available then to go out. There's a lot of flexibility." Value-added producers in Kentucky could also be helped through the program, spokes-

woman Kara Keeton said. Under the plan, the state would also work with local banks to "buy down" interest rates so farmers could afford loans that would help them diversify, Lawson said. The plan would also create a revolving loan program for counties seeking to offer similar programs locally. Money for county programs would come from counties' own shares of the tobacco settlement. Lawson said the trust fund may be operational for farmers before the end of the year.

Medicare would pay for adult daycare under pilot program

by NANCY ZUCKERBROD
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — Patricia Smith, of Louisville, Ky., has relied on Medicare to pay for home nursing care in the past, but she now gets additional care at an adult daycare center — an option that soon might be more widely available to seniors. State Medicaid programs pick up the daycare tab for low-income seniors such as Smith, 69, in some parts of the country, while others generally pay for the service themselves. But legislation pending in Congress would add Medicare to the mix, allowing seniors who get so sick that they become eligible for Medicare's homebound coverage to use that benefit in a daycare setting. Smith, who has suffered from a stroke and breast cancer in recent years, said she prefers daycare over in-home assistance because of the social benefits.

"You intermingle with people. You're not by yourself," said Smith, who added that she became depressed while stuck at home after her stroke. Seniors who are eligible for Medicare's in-home benefit would qualify for daycare coverage under a pilot program included in the Medicare reform bills recently passed by the House and Senate. "It gives seniors another choice," said Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., and a lead supporter of the change. Rep. Ron Lewis, R-Ky., inserted the provision in the House bill. "It allows them for some social contact, but it still allows them to be at home with their family," Lewis said. A recent study funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation determined there were about 2,100 adult daycare centers nationwide that provided seniors and disabled individuals with medical assistance. About 80 percent of centers that participated in the survey reported being licensed or certified by states. More than 70 percent are run by nonprofits, and the average age of users is 72. Meals are usually provided, and activi-

ties range from art classes to field trips and even wheelchair exercises. The daycare component of the Medicare legislation has no opposition and even has the support of an industry group representing in-home nurses. The legislation could ease problems associated with a nursing shortage and doesn't threaten the in-home nursing industry, said William Dombi, a lobbyist for the National Association for Home Care and Hospice. "I don't think everybody that is a Medicare homebound patient is a candidate for adult day services," he said, noting that some patients can't leave their beds and others simply prefer to stay home. The legislation's main supporters say their proposal will save the government money, since group care is more efficient than in-home services. It generally costs about \$90 for a nurse to visit a patient at home, compared to about \$60 per day to treat, entertain and feed a senior in a daycare setting, said Bill Yarmuth, CEO of Almost Family, a Louisville, Ky.-based company that runs both an in-home nursing business and adult daycare centers.

Yarmuth said daycare facilities may see costs rise when they start routinely caring for patients so sick they're eligible for Medicare's homebound benefit, but he said daycare will still be cheaper than home care because nurses can see more people in a day if they don't have to travel. Among the biggest supporters of the proposed benefit are relatives of seniors. "We've had great experiences with home health, but they were in and out," said Julie Smith, Patricia's daughter. "Leaving her alone was the scary part." The House and Senate bills are slightly different. The House bill would establish the pilot program in five states. The Senate version, authored by Pennsylvania Republican Rick Santorum, would allow the demonstration to take place at three centers. A conference committee is expected to sort out the differences. Patricia Smith said she enjoys daycare so much she can't believe her daughter, Julie, initially had to push her to try it. "I told her, 'No. I will just stay here and sleep and watch soap operas,'" Smith recalls. "Now, I wouldn't do that for nothing in the whole world."

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AUTO RACING

Flying hood sparks debate over damaged race cars

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

After the hood of a car sailed into the grandstand, many in NASCAR began to wonder if damaged vehicles should be allowed to keep racing.

Winston Cup director John Darby has heard the talk caused by Robby Gordon's crash on July 5 at Daytona, and says everything is being done to keep battered cars from becoming a hazard to fans and other drivers.

But the sanctioning body doesn't want to force cars off the track, denying them a chance to pile up points that result in bonus payments at the end of each season.

"The teams are told that if they're involved in an incident, they get one opportunity to come back to compete in the race," Darby explained. "In that one opportunity they have to maintain a minimum speed."

At Daytona that would be about 175 mph while healthy cars are doing 190.

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PAINTSVILLE

Simpkins to concentrate on just two sports

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Paintsville High School senior Shane Simpkins is ranked as the third best football player in Class A, Region Four.

However, that ranking may not hold up long. Simpkins, who also plays

baseball and basketball, says he isn't playing football in his final high school season. He leaves a void on the Paintsville team at quarterback, defensive

back and on special teams where he punted and returned punts. The three-sport star is currently playing baseball for the Ashland A's. He is one of the top returning basketball players in the 15th Region.

Freshman Daniel Pugh will likely take over under center for Simpkins. Paintsville finished its first week of practice/conditioning with a morning workout Friday

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H.S. FOOTBALL

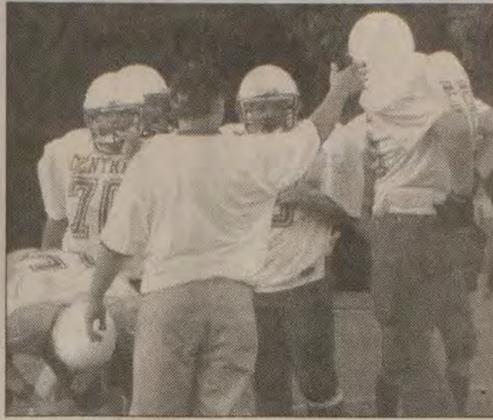
Hatfield-McCoy Bowl on tap for Saturday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MATEWAN, W.Va. — The Kentucky squad will travel to Matewan less than one week from today to play in the annual Hatfield-McCoy Bowl. This year's bowl game will be played on Saturday, July 26 in Matewan, W.Va., a regular home for the event.

The two teams, the Kentucky squad and the West Virginia contingent, are comprised by area players from the eastern part of Kentucky and southern West Virginia.

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file photo by Steve LeMaster

The Allen Central football team will have new faces in new places this season, including a new head coach as Jeremy Hall (not pictured) takes over at the top.

H.S. FOOTBALL

Rebels finish first week of drills under new head coach

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — On Friday, Allen Central wrapped up its first week of practice under new head coach Jeremy Hall. After replacing Robert Mayton as the head coach of the Rebel football program, Hall wasted

little time in getting busy. This past week, the new head coach conducted two-a-day practice sessions for much of the week.

The Allen Central football program struggled to just two wins last season and graduated a talented senior class. Gone are

(See REBELS, page two)



P'burg High grad Jeremy Caudill took time out recently for Lexington youth Brandon Prater.

Young boy raising money for season tickets

Caudill, Moore, Barnhart make purchases for worthwhile cause

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — A new small business is up and running in Lexington. But it may close soon. Soon, as in when it reaches its sales goal.

Eleven year old Brandon Prater loves Kentucky football. He loves it so much that he has sat at a lemonade stand on the corner of his street since Monday in order to raise money for football season tickets. With his mother Vickie and grandmother Madeline helping him out, Brandon is well on his way to achieving his goal.

When word of the entrepreneur got to the UK athletics department, director of athletics Mitch Barnhart, along with senior Jeremy Caudill and junior Ellery Moore - defensive linemen on the UK football team - drove over and purchased some lemonade and cookies to help the cause. They also presented the young businessman with a number of Kentucky items, including a photo of Coach Rich Brooks, a UK hat, a UK

football and some posters and schedule cards.

Prater's stand is located on the corner of Hillside Drive and Dana Court just off of Boston Road on the south side of Lexington.

Caudill and Moore each saw time on the UK defensive line last season. This

season, Caudill, a 2000 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, moves out to defensive end.

Barnhart is in his first season as UK's athletic director.

The University of Kentucky Sports Information Department contributed to this article.



Ellery Moore, Jeremy Caudill and Mitch Barnhart pose for a picture with Brandon Prater.

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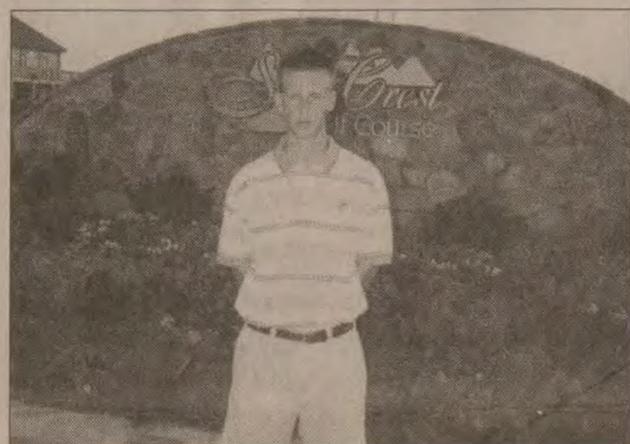
Prestonsburg Junior Football to host signups

The month of August brings football to the city of Prestonsburg and with that registrations and the start of practices and workouts. Prestonsburg Junior Football is currently conducting pre-registration at the office of Blake R. Burchett MD, 535 North Lake in Prestonsburg.

Players in grades third through eighth may participate in the tackle-football league.

Signups will also be held Saturday at the Prestonsburg youth football skills camp presented by Prestonsburg

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Ryan Martin, Prestonsburg, captured the Championship Flight title in the second annual StoneCrest Invitational. Martin has won the championship title for two years running.

BASKETBALL

Mirus plays in summer league

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Basketball Academy (KBA) Summer Select League is now in its second

season. Locally, Pikeville College player Joe Mirus is on one of the teams in the league. League coordinator Sean Vinsel is excited with the new season.



Mirus

"The first year was such a success, we knew we would be hosting it again," said Vinsel.

The NCAA only allows two Division I players per school on each team. Kentucky has 17 players in this

(See LEAGUE, page two)

Preseason BluegrassPreps Rankings kind to area teams

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2003 Preseason BluegrassPreps.com Rankings are out. This year's rankings are quite kind to area teams. Breathitt County, Belfry, Prestonsburg and Sheldon Clark are within the top-six in Class 2A.

Each week during the regular season the rankings will be updated. The 2003 Preseason BluegrassPreps.com Top 10 Rankings are as follows:

Class 1A:

1. Danville; 2. Beechwood; 3. Mayfield; 4. Newport Central Catholic; 5. Somerset; 6. Bardstown; 7. Louisville Christian

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Black ties, white gowns, and checkered flags

by PETE IACOBELLI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DARLINGTON, S.C. — The words they hear on Labor Day weekend at Darlington Raceway are bound to be the most memorable in the lives of a number of couples.

But the most familiar quotation on the day of the Southern 500 won't be, "Gentlemen start your engines." That should finish third behind "I do," and "I now pronounce you husband and wife."

Couples can be married Aug. 31 in Victory Lane. The \$100 wedding package includes pit passes for the Winston Cup race and two embroidered caps.

"Their honeymoon will start in the stands," track spokeswoman Cathy Mock said. "It's

quirky. But we're a quirky track."

Yes, "The Lady in Black," which got one of its nicknames when it became NASCAR's first paved superspeedway, will be the wedding chapel to women in white or perhaps some dressed in racing garb.

Mock said part of the appeal is that it will be Darlington's last Labor Day weekend event. A NASCAR tradition, the date — but not the race name — is moving to California Speedway for the 2004 season.

Next year, the Southern 500 will be staged in November.

Darlington always got phone calls from prospective couples about exchanging vows but hadn't taken them seriously. That changed this week.

"We were sitting around one day and someone asked, 'Why don't we do this?'" Mock explained. "No one had a good answer, so we started working on it."

She has had inquiries, but no arrangements have been made yet. Although nuptials are new to Darlington, they are hardly alien in the NASCAR nation.

There were 12 couples married on the track the morning before the Sharpie 500 the first time Bristol Motor Speedway offered its services as a chapel last year, track spokesman Ben Trout said.

Two of the couples actually met going to Bristol races and were eager to marry there as well, he said.

A local justice of the peace performed the ceremony. Winston Cup driver Jerry Nadeau served as honorary best man at each wedding. Some brides wore traditional flowing white gowns while others came wearing clothes saluting their favorite Winston Cup drivers from Jeff Gordon to Dale Earnhardt Jr.

One couple, Trout said, kissed the start-finish line before

kissing each other.

"It's something out of the ordinary," he said. "NASCAR fans love their sport, and when they want to associate it with something as special as their wedding day, it's kind of neat."

There are requirements. Darlington says participants must be at least 18 and have a valid South Carolina marriage license.

Bristol requires the couples to be season-ticket holders. Trout

says the track has 10 couples already signed up for next month's race.

Exchanging vows is not necessarily limited to NASCAR racedays.

Daytona USA bills its "Victory Lane Weddings" as "An Elegant Atmosphere in a Legendary Location," and offers them throughout the year, according to its Web site.

Couples are driven to Daytona's Victory Lane in an official pace car. They receive, among other things, commemorative champagne glasses, a certificate, T-shirts and hats.

Mock says the Darlington "I-dos" probably will start at 8 a.m. on Aug. 31. Individual ceremonies — "We're not going to have any mass weddings" — will last about 20 or 30 minutes until about noon. The Southern 500 is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Mock, track spokeswoman since 2001, had a decision to make. Should she move up her

own wedding, planned for the fall, to get married on the track she loves?

In the end, she thought she'd have too much to handle on race-day to be a new bride, too.

FOOTBALL

Women's Football Clinic set for Aug. 2

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky head football coach Rich Brooks will host UK's second annual Women's Football Clinic from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at

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BASEBALL

Arlington says no to major league baseball

ARLINGTON, Va. — Northern Virginia's attempt to land a major league baseball team was dealt a serious blow when Arlington County said it will not build a pro baseball stadium.

Northern Virginia is competing with Washington, D.C., and Portland, Ore., to be the new home for the Montreal Expos, who are owned by major league baseball. The team is playing part of its home schedule this year in Puerto Rico while the league attempts to find the club a permanent home.

Baseball officials initially planned to recommend a new location by mid-July but said this week they have no firm deadline for a decision.

Arlington County's Board of Supervisors met Thursday night in executive session and drafted a letter to Michael Frey, chairman of the Virginia Baseball Stadium Authority, saying they will oppose any rezoning request sought to build a stadium.

"If there was a general consensus that a baseball stadium was desired by Arlington residents, it might be possible to overlook the economic advantages of competing development opportunities," board chairman wrote Paul Ferguson wrote to Frey in the letter, which is dated Friday.

"It is the judgment of the county board that although there are numerous supporters of the baseball stadium concept, there are at least as many opposed with little hope of reaching consensus with the opposition."

Ferguson said earlier that major league baseball's indecision on recommending a location was hurting the chances of finding a suitable site in Arlington.

"It's a very divisive issue ... and the divisiveness is increasing," he said. "It becomes more difficult for the county to let the divisiveness in the community to continue. There's no guarantee that there will ever be a decision" from baseball.

The stadium authority, a state agency charged with bringing a

team to northern Virginia, has identified five potential ballpark sites in Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun counties. But three of the prime sites were located in Arlington.

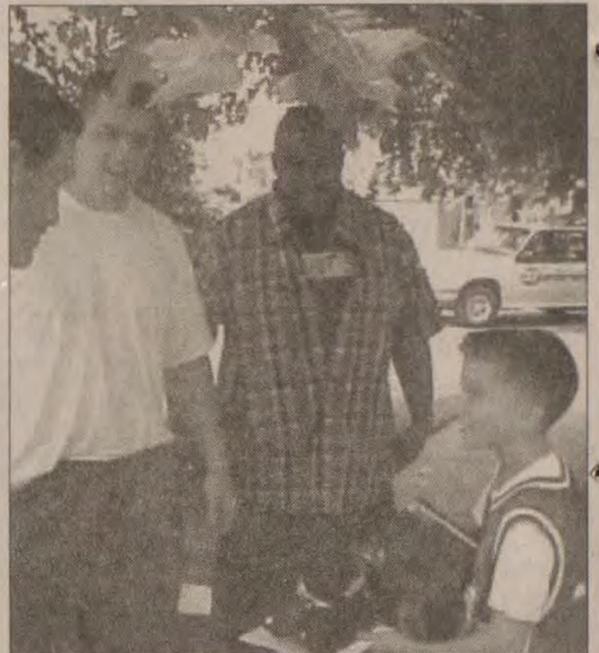
The Fairfax Board of Supervisors already had stated its opposition to a site in Springfield, leaving only the Loudoun County site, which is generally considered to be the worst option.

The stadium authority, as a state agency, can override any local vote, but such a move would carry significant political risks, said Del. Vincent Callahan, R-Fairfax, a stadium supporter.

The Arlington board's action, Callahan said, "is unsettling, to say the least. It's very shortsighted on the part of Arlington. It could put them on the map. Instead of being just a bedroom community for Washington, D.C., they could be home of a major league team."

"The problem in Northern Virginia greatly enhances the District's position," said Tony Bullock, spokesman for D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams. "We have several viable sites."

Frey, with the Virginia authority, said the board's decision "certainly doesn't help" Virginia's quest for big-time baseball, "but there are still other sites that we can consider. We still have other options, and we'll have to sit down now and figure out what they are." — The Associated Press



Floyd County's own Jeremy Caudill was happy to help Lexington youngster Brandon Prater in his lemonade and cookie sales. Prater is hoping to raise enough money to purchase season tickets for the 2003 University of Kentucky football season.

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Academy; 8. Louisville Holy Cross; 9. Green County; 10. Carroll County.

Class 2A:

1. Breathitt County; 2. Owensboro Catholic; 3. Belfry; 4. Russell; 5. Prestonsburg; 6. Sheldon Clark; 7. Corbin; 8. LaRue County; 9. Middlesboro; 10. Trigg County.

Class 3A:

1. Paducah Tilghman; 2. Boyle County; 3. Hopkinsville; 4. Covington Catholic; 5. Highlands; 6. Bell County; 7. Lexington Catholic; 8. Mason County; 9. Rockcastle County; 10. Oldham County.

Class 4A:

1. Trinity; 2. Scott County; 3. Dixie Heights; 4. Meade County; 5. Saint Xavier; 6. Male; 7. Eastern; 8. Butler; 9. Ballard; 10. Paul Dunbar.

AUTO RACING

Problems plague Kinzer at Eldora

TIMES STAFF REPORT

A busy schedule is being kept by many area dirt track drivers. However, maybe none busier than Allen driver Brandon Kinzer.

Brandon Kinzer Motorsports headed to the famed Eldora Speedway, in Rossburg, Ohio, last weekend for one of the closing events of the UMP Summernationals. Qualifying near the back of the pack, Kinzer started in the first heat of the evening. Running mid-pack the entire heat, the Allen-based driver finished sixth behind Jerry Bowersock and Jeep Van Wormer.

The only way left for Kinzer to get into the feature was via the consolation race. Taking only the winner from each consolation race, every lap counted as the Floyd County driver tried to get to the front. Unable to

succeed in his efforts, Kinzer finished fourth behind several industry notables, race winner Jimmy Mars, Earl Pearson Jr. and Johnny Johnson.

An early departure from Eldora left Kinzer and the team looking forward to the upcoming Crossville Speedway, Battle of the Bluegrass event.

"We keep on trying as hard as we can to get back on track at Eldora and nothing but bad luck falls on us there," said Kinzer. "If there is one race track that we go to that depends solely on luck, it's has to be Eldora. Next week is Crossville, we run great there and are looking forward to returning."

After Crossville Speedway on Friday night, the Kinzer team was scheduled to return to action at Cleveland Speedway last night in Southern All Star action. For more information on Kinzer's 2003 season, go online

Rebels

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quarterback Alex Patton and running backs Dustin Hammonds, Derek Kennedy and James Prater. One of Hall's primary duties early on will be to evaluate the talent he has left on the roster. Graduation snatched away most all of Allen Central's skilled players. Graduation for the Class of 2003 hit this football team very hard. This year's group is very young.

On the upside, one of the top middle school classes in recent seasons moves up to the high school ranks.

"We're a real young team," said Allen Central assistant coach Roy Harlow. "We graduated a real good senior class last season. We'll be young on both sides of the ball."

Offense

The top returnees on offense for Allen Central are along the line. Junior guard Cody Harlow, junior tackle Jeremy Stone and

sophomore center Raymon Spurlock all return. Some young inexperienced players, some freshmen, could get snaps out of the backfield.

Hammonds and Patton accounted for a huge portion of the Allen Central offense in 2002. What they didn't account for, Kennedy and Prater did. The Rebels are also without Zach Branham, a player who started at center last season, but has since transferred to Paintsville.

The Rebel offense managed to score 149 last season.

Defense

On defense, Spurlock will go to a linebacker position. Harlow (6-2, 260) will return at end and Joe Brown will line up at a defensive tackle position.

Some of the biggest voids left on defense for the Rebels come in the secondary.

The Allen Central defense gave up 339 points last season.

Bowl

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The game gives college coaches in the tri-state area and beyond the chance to get one last look at what could be potential recruits. The game annually draws a large crowd.

Before moving on to a new job in Louisville at a new high school, Jeffersontown, former South Floyd head coach Nate Jones coached the Kentucky team in the 2002 game. He was assisted by other area coaches.

Complete coaching staffs, rosters and practice time information will appear in an edition

Junior

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High School head coach John DeRossett and his staff at Josh Francis Field from 9 a.m. to noon.

The first workout is scheduled for August 4 at 6 p.m. The registration fee is \$35 per player.

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morning. Simpkins plans to concentrate on basketball and baseball.

Also gone from last season's team is running back Jeremy Runyon, who packed the pigskin last season as a junior. After transferring to Prestonsburg last season, Runyon is now in between schools.

Damaged

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No one likes to watch cars limp around the track, but with NASCAR scoring all 43 positions in each of 36 races that practice won't change.

John Darby "It's frustrating, but I've done it many times," said former Winston Cup champion Bobby Labonte. "I'm out there riding along thinking, 'Hey, if you go eight more laps you'll pick up another position.'"

"Everything's falling apart, but you're trying to get that extra position because you know it's worth something at the end of the year."

Few realize that more than four-time series champion Jeff Gordon, who won his first title by 34 points in 1995, lost by 37 the next season and won by 14 in 1997.

"You feel like you have to be out there because the way the rules and point system is right now," he said. "Those three points or five points that you might gain could make the difference."

The IRL also scores all the cars, but CART awards points for only the top 12 finishers and Formula One for only the top eight.

The practice of racing with damaged equipment is as old as NASCAR itself — more than a half-century — but is driven more in this era by the emphasis on money.

"The points were created that way because they needed cars out there on the track," Gordon said. "Now we've got very few guys that are having problems staying out there."

But Darby insists that a damaged car can't maintain the minimum speed unless the suspension, chassis and aerodynamics are not too far off.

"The teams know that a quick fix or a patch job, 99 times out of 100, will not be adequate to put the car back on the racetrack and stay within the guidelines of that speed," he said.

Darby said the biggest problem is what isn't visible to NASCAR inspectors who exam-

ine the cars.

"Nine times out of 10, if something fails on the car after it's been involved in the incident, it's the unseen thing that failed," he said. "Obviously, if the tire's flat you're going to replace it. If it's got a slow leak, you might not know it."

In the case of Robby Gordon, it was a failure of the tether attaching the hood to the frame of his Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet. A woman was slightly injured by the flying hood, and NASCAR responded with a rule that set a minimum size for the bolts attached to either end of the tether.

"We did a tremendous amount of testing last week and made our first reaction to it," Darby said. "And we may not be done with that process."

Seven-time Winston Cup champion Richard Petty, now a team owner, said that potential problems created by a quick fix have worried him for years.

"It's dangerous for the people; it's dangerous for the guys in a hurry trying to get the car back out there," he said.

Petty, who won a record 200 times, acknowledges he often raced in damaged cars. He says crew members usually do a good job to make sure the car can continue to meet the minimum speed requirement and

stay together for the rest of the race.

Still, he'd like to see NASCAR come up with a way to limit who can return to the track and who can't.

Perhaps it should be, "OK, you've got 10 minutes to get the car ready. If you can't get it ready by then, you can't go back out."

Jimmy Spencer said letting the cars go back out if they maintain a minimum speed is the right thing to do. But he's concerned about what happened at Daytona.

"I think that the speed you're going, when the hood gets air underneath it, that thing will blow off," he said. "You could put 10 tethers and that thing will still blow off."

There are plenty of other people with ideas, too. Darby said there are many crewmen who stumble across simple fixes.

When they talk, he listens, and passes on many suggestions to NASCAR's research and development division.

"We've been presented a lot of ideas already on things that I can take back to Gary Nelson and his staff and start putting into the testing plan for next week," Darby said, referring to NASCAR's chief of research and development.

League

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year's league.

Mirus is a member of the Gold team. His teammates included University of Kentucky signees Ravi Moss and Sheray Thomas, Marshall Williams (Georgetown), John Michael Holtzmann (Asbury), Frank Temple (Georgetown), former Mr. Basketball Rick Jones (Murray State), Tim Suthers (Midway, coach) Rod Lyvers (SE Illinois JC) and Tyer Morris (Transylvania).

Other current and former UK players in the league include Erik Daniels, Chuck

Hayes, Lukasz Orbzut, Jared Prickett, Matt Heisenbuttel, Bobby Perry, Saul Smith, Bernard Cote, Cliff Hawkins, Josh Carrier, Shagari Alleyne, Gerald Fitch, Patrick Sparks, Antwain Barbour, Preston Lemaster and Kelenna Azubuike.

Morehead State standout Ricky Minard is also in the league.

Games are played every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at KBA. Complete rosters and schedules are available online at www.playkba.com.

Griffey out for season with ankle injury

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. thought he had home-

red in the sixth straight game in which he had an at-bat. He ended up limping off the field with a season-ending injury.

The 11-time All-Star ruptured a tendon in his right ankle Thursday night, the latest in a string of major injuries to the Cincinnati center fielder.

"Obviously, it's devastating. It's a shame. He's heartbroken," Reds general manager Jim Bowden said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I talked to Junior earlier, and I told him that we're all praying for him."

Griffey was hurt running out a double after pausing at home plate as if he thought his drive to left field would be a home run.

"He said, as he was rounding first, he felt it pop," Reds trainer Mark Mann said.

He had to speed up and was hurt just after rounding first in the sixth inning of the Reds' 5-4 loss to the Houston Astros. The center fielder was scheduled to have surgery Friday.

Once thought to be a threat to break Hank Aaron's record of 755 homers, Griffey has dropped from the game's elite because of injuries. He hit .247 with 26 RBIs in 53 games this season.

Griffey had been bothered by a sore tendon for about a week and was getting treatment before games.

"The MRI was very clear. The tendon was torn," Bowden said. "There was no alternative but to surgically repair it."

Injuries to both legs and his right shoulder have caused Griffey to miss 140 games since joining the Reds for the 2000 season, including 33 so far this year.

Griffey also will have surgery in a couple of weeks to repair damage he suffered when he dislocated his right shoulder while trying to make a diving catch on April 5.

The Reds will recall outfielder Ruben Mateo from Triple-A Louisville to take Griffey's place on the roster.

They already were expecting right-hander Jose Acevedo to fill the spot opened when outfielder Austin Kearns was placed on the 15-day disabled list before the game with an inflamed rotator cuff in his right shoulder.

"They are our two best hitters," Bowden said. "They've both been playing with injuries all year."

The Reds fell 7 1/2 games behind NL Central Division-leading Houston with their seventh consecutive loss to the Astros.

Houston used a five-run second inning to snap a six-game road losing streak. The outburst was capped by a two-run single by Geoff Blum that extended his career-high hitting streak to 16 games.

Rookie left-hander Jeremie Robertson (9-3) won his fifth

consecutive start and eighth straight decision, allowing four runs — three earned — and eight hits in five-plus innings. He hasn't lost in 13 starts since April 25.

"Tonight, I didn't feel great," Robertson said. "I felt too strong, but I didn't feel like I could overpower people."

Billy Wagner, Houston's

sixth pitcher, got three outs for his 25th save in 28 chances.

Cincinnati put runners on second and third with two outs, but Jose Guillen hit a game-ending groundout to seal Houston's seventh consecutive win over Cincinnati this season.

"When's the last time that

(See GRIFFEY, page four)

AUTO RACING

Burton looks to defend at chief's home track

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ATLANTA — If there is such a thing as home track advantage in NASCAR Winston Cup racing, Frankie Stoddard, crew chief for the No. 22 Caterpillar Dodge, is hoping for some hometown success in Loudon.

"It's always exciting to get back to New Hampshire and race in front of a hometown crowd," said Stoddard. "I see friends and family, so I like getting back there twice a year."

Stoddard is no stranger to the winner's circle at New Hampshire either, visiting Victory Lane with Jeff Burton three straight years in a row (1998-2000) at his previous crew chief job with Roush Racing. "I've been fortunate to have some success at this track over the years and I hope this weekend can bring the same success."

Fortunately for Stoddard, he

landed the crew chief job for Ward Burton's team, who just happens to be the defending champion of the New Hampshire 300.

"Last year's win at New Hampshire was a very exciting day for us. It had always been a track where the CAT team had struggled, but last spring, our short track program really came together," commented Burton, who started that race in the 31st position.

Until breaking through with the victory at New Hampshire last July, Burton had three straight finishes of 20th or worse at the track, with his only prior top 10 finish coming in the fall of 1999.

"We saw the results of our

improving program at the Richmond spring event where we sat on the pole and led the most laps. That race at Richmond set us up for our strong run at Loudon where we were able to back it up with a win," explained Burton. "It was really great to win because we were able to conquer a place that had been an obstacle in the past."

Burton isn't the only driver that has viewed New Hampshire as a racing obstacle, especially after the track surface starting coming apart last season.

"The Bahre family has done a great job with the racetrack. They put Loudon on the map with a first class facility. Everything the drivers, owners and NASCAR have asked them to do, they've made an effort to accommodate their requests and concerns," said Stoddard.

And there are more improvements to the track on the way.

"They (the Bahre family) are listening and they are always making the effort to make the racing better and safer. The soft walls they are hoping to get in for the September race is something that a lot of the drivers have asked for and they, so far, are one of the only tracks taking the initiative to do it," stated Stoddard. "The Bahres are racers and they understand what it takes to have a successful race-track."

The Caterpillar team will head to New Hampshire International Speedway with car No. 63, the same car that they ran at Martinsville Speedway and Richmond International Speedway, finishing 25th and 11th, respectively.

AUTO RACING

New Hampshire means Craven gets the spotlight

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUDON, N.H. — There are two times a year when Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Tony Stewart get pushed aside as NASCAR's most popular drivers.

It happens when the Winston Cup Series travels to New Hampshire, and native New Englander Ricky Craven becomes the star of the show. Fans scream his name and everyone wants an autograph.

"It has existed since I began racing in 1982, and I have the advantage of being one of only a few drivers from New England," said Craven, who will be the center of NASCAR's spotlight in the New England 300 on Sunday. "It's important to me to bring my family closer to New England and remind everyone that I am a New England boy."

"That's of a certain value to me and I think people appreciate that."

So he tries to do as much as possible on a New Hampshire race weekend, spending time with old friends, visiting old hangouts — and this time, living out a childhood fantasy.

Craven will throw out the

first pitch at the Boston Red Sox game Monday. That might actually be the most exciting thing about being home again.

"I remember listening to the Sox games when I was a little kid, sitting on the porch with my grandfather," Craven said. "I've followed the Sox religiously ever since, so this is a big deal for my family and I. To get to go

to Fenway Park and step out on that field is going to be a huge thrill."

It may be even more thrilling than his door-to-door battle with Kurt Busch earlier this season at Darlington, S.C.

Craven won that race in the closest finish in NASCAR history, and the drama of it was quite similar to his first career victory — the year before in a down-to-the-wire battle with Dale Jarrett in Martinsville, Va.

But the March win in Darlington is the one that will always stick out in Craven's mind.

"The first one was a bit of a relief — it took me longer than I would have liked, and I had a lot of time to prepare for what it might be like to win a race," Craven said. "The win at Darlington was special because it legitimized the first one and brought more confidence to the Tide team and me."

The 37-year-old Craven has slipped to 17th in the points since that March victory, his only one of the season. The team is still adjusting to a series of offseason changes, when they switched from Fords to Pontiac and hired new crew chief Scott Miller.

Including the Darlington victory, Craven has five other top-five finishes, but team owner Cal Wells wants more.

"I think (the season) could be better," Wells said. "The first seven, eight, 10 races, I was very encouraged. We were significantly ahead of our point total from last year and things were going pretty well."

by DAVE GOLDBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Bill Polian was general manager of the Buffalo Bills in the early 1990s, he would go to training camp knowing his team would be one of the top half-dozen in NFL.

This year, as president of the Indianapolis Colts, Polian considers his team one of the best 19 in the league. In the salary-cap era, he figures that makes them Super Bowl contenders.

"I look at maybe 11 teams in the AFC and eight in the NFC and can visualize any of them getting to the Super Bowl — with a big 'if,'" he says. "The right bounces and good health. If we lose any one of five guys, we're in deep trouble."

Polian isn't the only optimist as NFL training camps open in the next 10 days. Even the dismal Cincinnati Bengals have hope that new coach Marvin Lewis can get them to .500 for the first time since 1996.

The best teams are more cautious than the lesser ones.

"A lot of luck plays into winning a championship — sometimes just a matter of inches or feet," said Rich McKay, general manager of Tampa Bay, which won its first NFL title last season.

"We're not going in saying we'll win the Super Bowl again. We focus on winning our division. Then we try to get home-field advantage. And then we hope for luck."

But none of that mattered

"Last year, we finally got some."

The past five seasons prove that when the stars are aligned right, almost anyone can win.

The Rams and Titans went to the Super Bowl five seasons ago after being a combined 12-20 the previous year; the Giants and Ravens came from nowhere to get there after that.

One player, second-year QB Michael Vick, turned Atlanta into a playoff team last year and is largely responsible for this year's sellout at the Georgia Dome, which until his arrival was often half empty.

Last year, a quarter of the 256 games were decided by three points or fewer, and there were a record 25 overtime games.

That's where luck comes in, typified by an opening-day contest in which Cleveland's Dwayne Rudd tossed his helmet to celebrate what he thought was a victory over Kansas City and was penalized, allowing the Chiefs to kick a winning field goal after time had expired.

Even Tampa Bay was considered a second-tier contender a year ago.

Sure the Bucs were regular playoff participants, but they were coming off a turbulent off-season. "It was 10 days of turmoil," said McKay, who almost departed himself when the Glazer family, the team's owners, kept overruling him on coaching and other decisions.

But none of that mattered

when the games began. The defense was more dominant than ever, and new coach Jon Gruden made the offense respectable after coming from Oakland after the firing of Tony Dungy and the abortive efforts to hire Bill Parcells and Steve Mariucci.

Mariucci was fired by the 49ers despite a 57-39 record in six years. He immediately was hired by Detroit, giving the Lions hope after five victories in two seasons under Marty Mornhinweg.

As for Parcells, he's in Dallas in an unlikely alliance with Jerry Jones, the most hands-on owner west of Washington's Dan Snyder.

But the Cowboys' playoff hopes after three straight 5-11 seasons will probably remain on hold.

In his turns with the Giants, Patriots and Jets, Parcells spent the first year weeding out the players he didn't want, then made the playoffs in his second season. This season's biggest chore will be to determine if Chad Hutchinson or Quincy Carter is a keeper at quarterback, allowing Tuna to find a better one in the offseason if neither meets his standards.

One Cowboy who's already departed is Emmitt Smith, who passed Walter Payton last season for the career rushing record but was cut in February to avoid a huge salary-cap hit. He went to the only team eager to have him — downtrodden Arizona, which probably won't win many games with Smith but will sell more tickets.

Few contenders can afford to lose their quarterback — if Peyton Manning gets seriously hurt, the Colts' season would be over (Brock Huard is his backup.) It's also unlikely that A.J. Feeley could rescue the Eagles again if Donovan McNabb goes down.

Still, the league is quirky enough that an unknown NFL Europe and Arena League refugee named Kurt Warner was able to step in for Trent Green in 1999 and lead the Rams to a title. And a sixth-round draft pick named Tom Brady did the same when Drew Bledsoe was injured two seasons later.

This year, Warner is a major question mark.

Last season, he injured a hand and arm and was 1-6 as a starter as the Rams fell from 14-2 to 7-9. Their status as a contender this year depends on his comeback (and Marshall Faulk's) from injuries.

Other favorites spent the off-season trying to fix specific problems.

The New York Giants attacked their annual special teams debacles by signing a new kicker, punter, long snapper and return man. Coach Jim Fassel is using their playoff loss in San Francisco, in which they blew a 24-point third-quarter lead, as a motivator.

"I want you to taste the dirt of Candlestick in your mouth the entire offseason," he told the team.

On Thursday, the Giants will begin tasting the dirt on the practice fields at the University of Albany — and hoping that Kerry Collins, Michael Strahan, Jeremy Shockey, Amani Toomer, and Tiki Barber stay healthy.

Ernie Accorsi, the Giants' general manager, likens it to 30 years ago, when George Allen was bucking the trend of his rivals by giving up draft choices for veterans.

"His slogan 'The Future is Now' is more real these days than it ever was," Accorsi said. "You just hope that the stars are aligned the right way."

Football

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Commonwealth Stadium. The clinic is being offered for women who know football well and to those who just want to learn more about the game.

All who attend the clinic will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of Coach Brooks and the entire 2003 Wildcat coaching staff. The clinic will include sessions for beginners, as well as sessions for more advanced aficionados, covering the major aspects of the game. A rules seminar, with an actual game refereed, will be held to discuss rules violations.

Participants will visit with the strength and conditioning staff, training staff, and equipment staff and will be given a tour of the football facilities.

The cost for the women's clinic is \$40 per person and includes the tours, lunch, a T-shirt, door prizes, auction items, and a full day of instruction.

"This is a fun event and a great opportunity to learn and become more involved in the game of football," Brooks said.

To participate, send your name, address, phone number, and clinic fee to UK Women's Football Clinic, Room 4, Memorial Coliseum, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0019. More information will be mailed upon receipt of your registration. A fee of \$50 will be charged after Aug. 1. For more information, call 859/257-3611

Sports Calendar

Cheerleading: UCA Camp

A UCA camp is scheduled for Pikeville and Pikeville High School. Any student in grades K-8 looking for a camp to attend this summer can attend the UCA Youth Individual Cheerleading Camp. Attending campers will learn the basics of cheerleading from America's best cheerleaders. The camp will be held July Monday through Wednesday at Pikeville High School, beginning at 9 a.m. and running through 3:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$100. For more information or to register, call 1-800-238-0285. Locally, contact Lisa Wheeler by calling 606/432-0185.

Football: Prestonsburg youth skills camp

Coach John DeRossett and the Prestonsburg High grid program will also be hosting a grade school skills camp on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration fee is \$25. Included in the camp fee is a T-shirt and lunch. Signups for Prestonsburg Junior Football will also be held on Saturday.

Hunting: Hunter education class scheduled

A hunter education class will be held August 2 from 9 a.m. to competition at the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club. For more information, go online to www.deweylakefishandgame.org. The Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club holds its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. The road is located at the end of Stratton Branch Road.

UPDATE

Former Baylor basketball player gives statement to authorities

by RANDALL CHASE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAMBRIDGE, Md. — A former Baylor University basketball player contacted the sheriff's office near his home Thursday so he could talk to authorities about the mysterious disappearance of one-time teammate Patrick Dennehy.

Dorchester County Sheriff James W. Phillips Jr. said Carlton Dotson met Thursday evening at the sheriff's office with a detective and an FBI agent "of his own free will."

"There will be no charges based on what happened here tonight," Phillips said about 8 p.m., after announcing Dotson had finished talking.

"He claimed that he wanted to make a statement," Phillips had said earlier in the evening. "We're basically listening." He said the officers did not interview or question Dotson, who was alone.

The sheriff refused to elaborate on Dotson's statement. He said Dotson's high school basketball coach, Vic Burns, picked him up at the sheriff's office after Dotson had finished.

Speaking outside his home late Thursday, Burns would not say where Dotson was, adding that they have not discussed Dennehy's disappearance.

"I don't know what he said," said Burns, of North Dorchester

High.

Dennehy, Dotson's former roommate at the university in Waco, Texas, has not been seen since mid-June. His Chevrolet Tahoe was found abandoned June 25 in a Virginia Beach, Va., parking lot.

Police have named Dotson a "person of interest" in the case. An unidentified informant reported to Delaware police that Dotson told his cousin he shot Dennehy in the head when the two argued while firing guns near Waco, according to a search warrant affidavit.

Dotson was interviewed earlier by a Waco detective shortly after Dennehy's SUV was found. Later, Irvin said his client would not speak to police again without a court order.

Dotson's family lives just outside Hurlock. The 21-year-old returned home last month.

Phillips said Dorchester County authorities would inform Waco police, who are investigating Dennehy's disappearance, about the substance of Dotson's statement.

"Hopefully, they'll give us a direction they wish us to take," Phillips said.

Sgt. Ryan Holt, a Waco police spokesman, said he had no further details on the interview. He said a police news conference was scheduled for Friday morning.

Dotson's attorney, Grady

Irvin Jr., confirmed his client had contacted the sheriff's office "on his own initiative."

"Our office is unaware of what Mr. Dotson will say to authorities, but a family relative has stated that Carlton has not slept for several days," Irvin said in a news release.

"We are not aware of any wrongdoing which has taken place on his part in relation to the disappearance of Patrick Dennehy," Irvin said, adding, "It appears that Carlton has opted not to have counsel present."

Dennehy's girlfriend, Jessica De La Rosa, said Thursday she was pleased to hear Dotson was talking to authorities. "Carlton probably holds the key to a lot of doors right now," she said from her home in New Mexico.

De La Rosa last spoke with Dotson after Dennehy disappeared, but before his disappearance was made public. In that conversation, she said she knew "he was scared of something," although he wouldn't say of what or whom.

"I just kind of had the impression that he knows more than he's been telling," she said. "I think it was really eating on him so much. If he can help us find Patrick, that's what we want."

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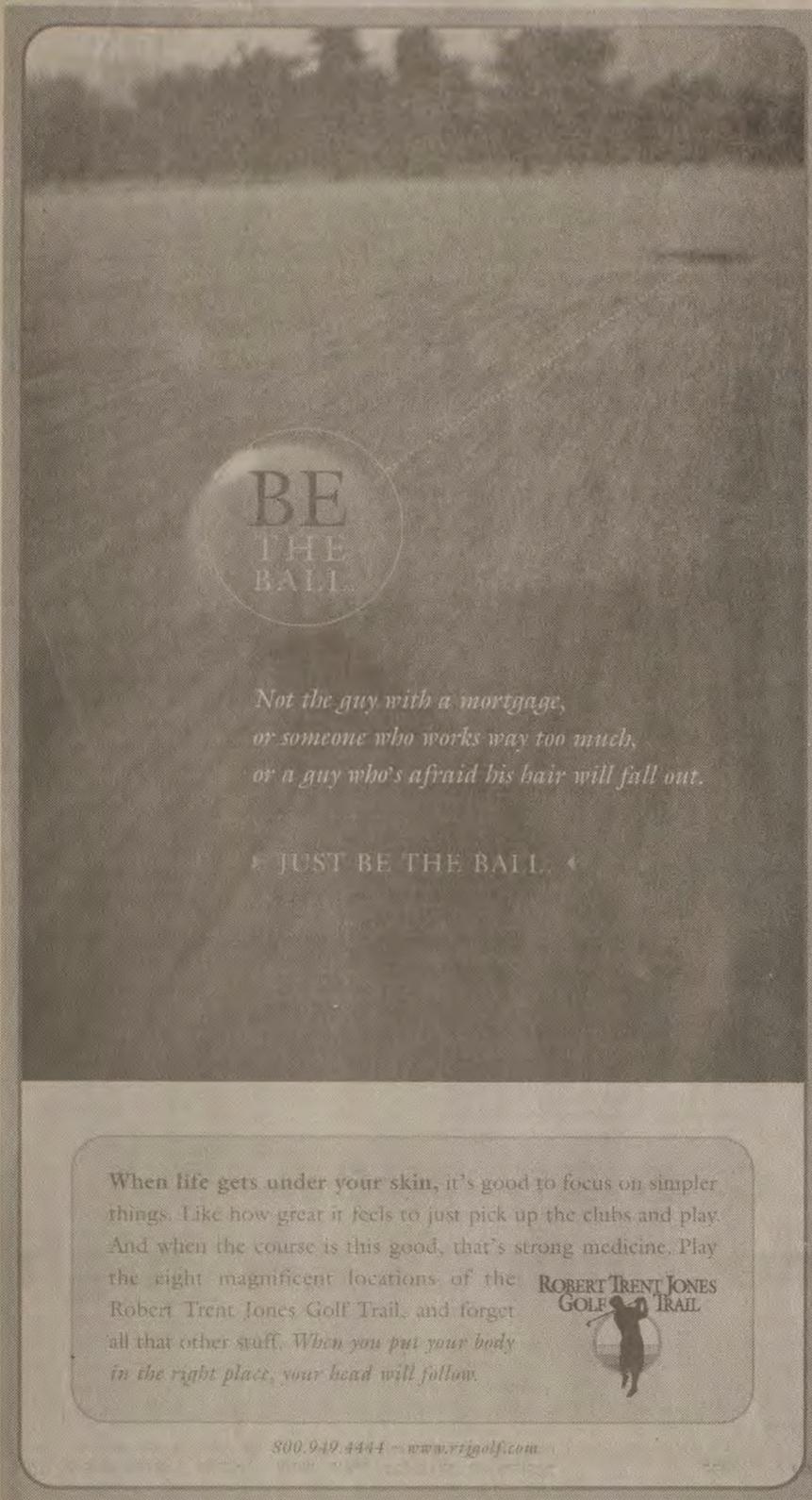
happened," Houston manager Jimy Williams said. "They've got a good team over there. They've got a good offense up and down the line."

Cincinnati starter Paul Wilson (5-7) gave up five runs and seven hits in six innings.

"I made some good pitches," Wilson said. "I just didn't get the outs. It doesn't matter if they

were hit hard or not."

Notes: Cincinnati's Adam Dunn stopped a 0-for-21 slump with a second-inning single ... Robertson's second-inning RBI was the first in 31 career at-bats. ... Reds C Jason LaRue, who had been sidelined with a bruised rotator cuff in his left shoulder, made his first start in nine games since July 4.



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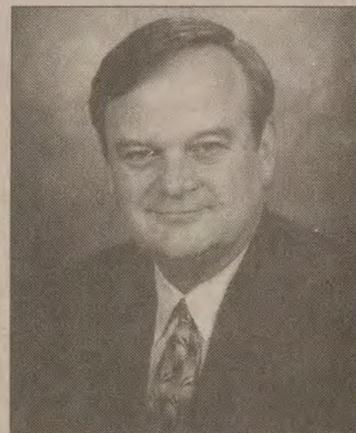


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