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### briefs

#### Planetarium receives fed dollars

Times Staff Report

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The East Kentucky Science Center was awarded a \$436,480 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission to help equip their multimedia planetarium, U.S. Senator Jim Bunning announced Thursday. The planetarium, currently under construction on the campus of Prestonsburg Community College, will serve over 30,000 students and help train an estimated 240 teachers each year. The facility will also serve to monitor scores on state-required tests of science at selected schools in its service area and compare them to similar schools that do not have ready access to similar facilities. The center expects that within two years, test scores should rise by about 5 percent in the areas of astronomy and earth sciences. This most recent boost in funding will be used to purchase required multimedia equipment including computers and other software to supply the planetarium.

## Pair gets 35 years for motel murder

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Two of the four men implicated in the 2002 murder of Angela Branham were sentenced to 35 years in Pike Circuit Court on Friday.

During the hearing, one's attorney said her client "hoped God would forgive him", while the other had nothing to say.

As previously reported, Branham was shot in the chest at a housing complex adjacent to the Days Inn on Oct. 18 at approximately 10:30 p.m., after she reportedly checked in to a "long-term housing" complex owned by the hotel with her son and a man in his 40s.

Appearing in Judge Eddy Coleman's courtroom on May 16 for sentencing, Phillip Hamilton, 28, and Daniel Clifton, 29, first received 35 years for murder, 20 years for first-degree robbery and 20 years for first-degree burglary, all to run concurrently. Both were also granted credit for time served.

"He's very sorry," said Hamilton's attorney, Margaret Case, on his behalf. "He hopes God will forgive him."

Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley appeared unmoved by the statement as he asked that Judge Coleman document, for future parole purposes, that the crime was a violent

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Phillip Hamilton, left, 28, and Daniel Clifton, right, 29, received a total of 35 years for the murder of Angela Branham in Oct. 2002 on Friday in Pike Circuit Court. In an unrelated case, Daniel Cain, center, received three years for theft by unlawful taking.

photo by  
Loretta Blackburn

### PROM WARNING



photo by Sheldon Compton

Members of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Kentucky State Police prepared to leave the scene of a mock disaster Friday afternoon at Betsy Layne High School. School officials said the demonstration, a simulated car collision, was aimed at increasing student awareness for the school's prom scheduled the following night.

## School drives home lesson of drunk driving dangers

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — "Prom night" has long been two words that send shudders along the spines of parents everywhere, and rightly so in many instances.

The one night each school year afforded to allow high school students the chance to gather and live a fairy tale, if only for an evening, has frequently resulted in the untimely death of a young person, turning a student's fairy tale into a parent's nightmare.

It was with this in mind, faculty and students at Betsy Layne High School gathered behind the mountaintop school two days ago for demonstration of a mock disaster.

The simulated car collision staged at the school Friday afternoon was aimed at giving a shocking and realistic portrayal of the actual situation to increase student awareness, said BLHS Guidance Counselor Vicky Ratliff.

"We do this to try to keep kids safe during the prom season,"

Ratliff said. "I think it had an impact today. We had some (students) who went away crying and if it touches one kid, we've made an impact."

The mock disaster itself portrayed a car crash involving a group of "out-of-control" prom students who had been drinking and a second vehicle driven by a young family. Just outside from the gym, students and faculty worked to arrange the two vehicles as if they had just had a head-

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## Fiscal court chips in cash to Cliff project

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — On the heels of finalizing a deal with Appalachian Wireless to place a headquarters and service center on their Ivel industrial site that will create new jobs for the area, the Floyd County Fiscal Court is not prepared to sit back and enjoy the payoff just yet.

Instead, fiscal court officials have focused their attention on another project at Cliff in Prestonsburg.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson mentioned the coun-

ty's next project last week when discussing the successful utilization of the Ivel site but made further plans official Friday morning during the fiscal court's regular meeting.

The court authorized Thompson to issue a \$65,000 check to the Prestonsburg project to further develop the Cliff industrial site.

"We have some money set aside for development projects that we've earmarked," Thompson said. "But we'll have to keep back some because we're committed to the

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## Drug task force gets guilty plea

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Langley man pleaded guilty Friday to trafficking in a controlled substance, marking one of the first pleas in the first group of cases investigated by the new Floyd County drug task force.

"It's just the beginning," said Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, who said that he wants the people to know that the new task force is working.

Indicted at the end of last year in the first group of cases from the new task force, Michael Dale Hagans, 22, was

originally charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance for selling four-and-a-half methadone tablets for \$50 on Oct. 29.

Hagans entered a plea on Friday, in which he pleaded guilty to second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance for a recommendation of five years to be suspended after serving three, with the remaining two to be spent under supervised probation.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 18.

"There are several more coming," Turner said in reference to pleas from the task force's first group.

## Lunsford pulls up just shy of finish line

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS



Lunsford

LOUISVILLE — Bruce Lunsford, a millionaire businessman who sank \$8 million of his fortune into a bid for governor, abruptly dropped out of the Democratic primary Friday, four days before the election.

Lunsford, who threw his

support to House Speaker Jody Richards, cited a set of campaign commercials unveiled Wednesday by his chief Democratic rival, state Attorney General Ben Chandler, that talked about abuse of patients in the nursing homes Lunsford's company operated.

"I just don't believe anyone should be subjected to that,"

Lunsford said. "And there are certain ways you can stop it."

"I don't know what could be bolder than to spend \$8 million in 100 days and get out and support somebody else," he said.

Richards, who attended Lunsford's announcement, said he hoped Lunsford's sudden and dramatic endorsement would be a catalyst to draw

Lunsford's supporters to himself.

One of four Democratic candidates seeking the nomination in Tuesday's primary, Lunsford endorsed legalization of casino gambling to generate revenue for health care and education and had said he would put his entrepreneurial

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# Election News

## 2003 Governor's race preview

### Chandler stresses statewide economic development in gubernatorial bid

**NAME** — Ben Chandler.  
**AGE** — 43.  
**PARTY** — Democrat.  
**EDUCATION** — B.A. history, University of Kentucky; University of Kentucky College of Law.  
**EXPERIENCE** — State auditor 1992-1996; attorney general since 1996.  
**FAMILY** — Chandler and wife Jennifer have three children, Lucie, Albert IV and Branham.  
**QUOTE** — "I will not impose mandates on you without funding. And I am not going to solve state budget problems by making your local revenue worse."

by **JOE BIESK**  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — As the grandson of Major League Baseball's second commissioner, Ben Chandler knew his baseball career was over when he couldn't hit a curveball.

ney general is playing political hardball, seeking his party's nomination for governor in the May 20 primary.

"I'm trying to take my message of experience, my message of preparedness to the public and hope that they will put their faith in me," Chandler told The Associated Press in an interview. "They've given me the opportunity to serve in the positions that I've served in, and I'm asking them to give me that opportunity again."

Chandler, 43, has won three statewide elections, starting with a 1991 race for auditor. He was elected attorney general in 1995 and re-elected in 1999. The Kentucky Constitution bars him from seeking a third term for that office.

Chandler now is aiming for the governorship, which his grandfather, Albert B. "Happy" Chandler, won in 1935 and 1955.

Chandler comes from a family rich in Kentucky history. Between terms as governor, "Happy" Chandler was a U.S. senator and commissioner of baseball. Ben Chandler's father has published The Woodford Sun

in Versailles for more than four decades.

Chandler said he is running on his own 12-year record. As attorney general, he pushed the General Assembly to clamp down on telemarketers. He also recovered \$45 million from current owners of the former Kentucky Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Co. after contending its assets were public property because the company was founded as a nonprofit.

He also worked for a law aimed at increasing protection for women and children from sex offenders.

With Louisville businessman and multimillionaire Charlie Owen as his running mate, Chandler says his administration would be well-suited to guide the state through the current economic times.

Owen, as his lieutenant governor, would have an increased role in state government.

"I want to utilize Charlie Owen's talents as much as I possibly can," Chandler said.

In February, Chandler reported raising \$1.3 million for his campaign. A bit more than \$1 million of that came in January.

He has been traveling widely but otherwise is showing little of his hand. He talks about creating jobs and improving education, as do other candidates, and has taken some editorial heat for seeming to rule out new taxes.

In his campaign kickoff in December, Chandler said: "I will not rely on higher taxes to address Kentucky's needs." He banks in part on a national economic recovery, looking back to recent years of budget surpluses.

"We didn't need to cut and we didn't need to raise taxes during those years," Chandler said. "In fact we were funding a myriad of new programs and projects. And

I think as soon as we get back to those conditions, we'll be in good shape."

As for taxes, Chandler said it is the duty of elected officials to show people their money is being spent "wisely and properly" before proposing tax hikes.

"People have less money in their pockets," Chandler said. "And when people have less money in their pockets, it's not time to ask them for more revenue. ... I'm not in favor, right now, of raising any taxes."

But what ultimately awaits the next governor depends on what kind of budget the General Assembly passes. "That will give us a clearer picture of where the needs are," Chandler said.

If elected, he would aim to create jobs attractive to talented young people, Chandler said. He said they have been leaving the state in droves for better jobs elsewhere.

"They don't have the opportunity to prosper and get good job opportunities. We educate some of them very well, and they end up being exported to other places," Chandler said. "It's just an outward migration, and I want to stop that."

Chandler said he believes bolstering the state's current economy would also help to mend Kentucky's budget woes.

A self-professed "very, very amateur" athlete who loves sports, Chandler did not have an extensive career in organized athletics. He was a Little League All Star player, and played on his high school tennis team. He said he enjoys playing basketball and football among other sports.

"My Little League career ended, I guess, when I first had to confront the dreaded curveball," Chandler said. "I couldn't hit the

curveball."

Chandler lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children near Versailles on a farm that's been in his family since the 1780s.

Growing up across the street from his famous grandfather helped him to learn about Kentucky and its people, he said.

"I think it's very important that the people of Kentucky know who their governor is, and have a comfort level with that person, and that they have a sense of faith in that person's integrity and their honor and that they be proud of that person," he said.



### Otis Hensley taking on big boys in gubernatorial race

**NAME** — Otis Hensley Jr.  
**AGE** — 47.  
**PARTY** — Democrat.  
**EDUCATION** — James A. Cawood High School (1975).  
**EXPERIENCE** — Demolition contractor.  
**FAMILY** — Hensley and wife Sidney Mae have two grown sons, Dwayne and Travis.  
**QUOTE** — "I'm just a little ol' hillbilly with a big dream. It's time to put a poor man in the governor's office. Someone who understands the value of a dollar."

by **ROGER ALFORD**  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARLAN — Otis Hensley Jr. was a bit short of gas money for the drive to Frankfort to glad hand with teachers during a rally at the Capitol last month.

No problem.

## Race for attorney general has unusually strong field

by **CHARLES WOLFE**  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The race for attorney general, especially its Democratic primary, has an unusually strong field this year.

It includes the powerful Democratic leader of the House, Rep. Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg, who has a huge advantage in fund raising. State Auditor Ed Hatchett is opposing him, along with Chris Gorman, a former attorney general trying to regain the office.

On the Republican side, state Rep. Tim Feeley, a former federal prosecutor, heads a three-way primary with Philip Kimball, a scholarly attorney from Louisville, and Jack D. Wood, who has been a prosecutor and a district court judge.

If the race has had a theme, it has been drugs. Most of the candidates say drug trafficking and abuse, especially the illicit trade in prescription narcotics and the spread of cheap, easy-to-make methamphetamine, constitute Kentucky's most pressing criminal issue.

"When you ask (voters): What endangers your home most? The community you live in? The street you live on? They'll say drugs," Stumbo said in an interview. "By far and away, they'll say drugs. ... Everybody has got a story about the proliferation of drug use."

Stumbo said he wants to create a Kentucky Bureau of Investigation to focus on drug crimes, funding it with money from an increased cigarette tax.

Gorman, who was attorney general from 1992 to 1996, said he would create a "drug squad" of lawyers to concentrate on drug crimes. He said it would be patterned after the office's "death squad," a group of assistant attorneys general who specialize in capital punishment cases.

Hatchett said he would convene a "summit on substance abuse" if elected.

Of the Republicans, Feeley, of Crestwood, said the state needs to

put an emphasis on treatment for novice drug users, but should "deal very harshly" with suppliers, including doctors who do a volume business in prescriptions for painkillers. Kimball said he would try to work with licensure boards to get rid of physicians and other health professionals who overprescribe narcotics.

The race for the Democratic nomination has been spiced by a lawsuit involving a son whom Stumbo fathered out of wedlock in 1988. The suit, by the boy's mother, accuses Stumbo of delaying the case in which she sought child support. Stumbo says he began paying regular child support last year for the boy after a DNA test confirmed he was the father.

By law, the attorney general heads the Child Support Enforcement Commission, which oversees collection of child support statewide. Gorman said Stumbo's paternity case damaged his credibility. Hatchett said the attorney general must be able to claim "the moral high ground" on collection of child support.

The attorney general's office also deals with consumer protection, utility rates, Medicaid fraud, public corruption and crimes against senior citizens, among others. It defends actions of the General Assembly and represents the state in criminal appeals.

"It's a little bit hard to make a lot of promises, other than that you'll do a good job ... because it's not really a policymaking position," Kimball said.

As a group, the candidates have raised more than \$770,000, about half of it by Stumbo alone. Gorman has raised about \$220,000 and Hatchett \$136,000. Feeley leads the Republican candidates in fund raising with about \$30,000. Kimball has raised \$1,525. Wood, who was an assistant Jefferson County attorney and once was a district judge in Monroe County, has raised \$774 for a limited campaign. He did not take part with Feeley and Kimball in a forum on Kentucky Educational Television.

The Democratic gubernatorial hopeful simply stood beside a street in Harlan holding a plastic milk jug with a hole cut out of the top, soliciting donations from motorists.

"I made \$50 in two hours," he said. "That was more than enough to get to Frankfort and back."

Hensley filled the tank of his 1992 Dodge Caravan and was off for a day of campaigning. In the process, he ran afoul of the state election finance law, which forbids gubernatorial candidates from accepting cash.

Rosemary Center, general counsel for the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance, said candidates for governor can accept only checks. Hensley said he didn't know his street-side fundraiser was a violation. He said he knows everyone who contributed, and will give the money back to them.

"I'm just a little ol' hillbilly with a big dream," the 46-year-old Harlan County man said. "It's time to put a poor man in the governor's office. Someone who understands the value of a dollar. The millionaires have been running the state too long. Look, we're in worse shape now than we've ever been."

Hensley, a demolition contractor who earns a living tearing down houses in construction zones, is anything but the polished politician. His best suit cost \$75 at Wal-Mart. His speeches often mismatch subjects and verbs. And some of his critics say he is better suited for the proposed CBS reality show, "The Real Beverly Hillbillies," than the governor's mansion.

Such statements anger Freddie Burke, mayor of Wallins in Harlan County.

"Nobody is any better than Otis Hensley," Burke said. "He's a good man. I don't see anything bad about the man. He should have an opportunity to run, and people shouldn't put him down."

Burke took a public stand on behalf of Hensley when local political leaders made disparaging remarks about him.

"Otis is a poor man," Burke said. "I don't think he can win the race, but I just don't like to see the man put down."

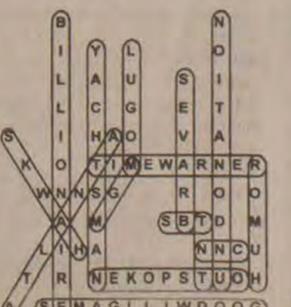
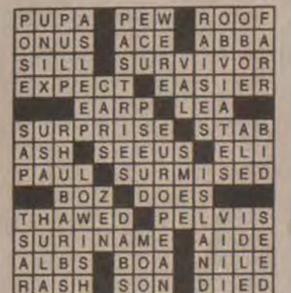
Hensley said he truly believes he has a shot at winning the Democratic primary against better known and better financed candidates. He said he needs only to get Kentucky's poor majority to unite behind him.

"I've been studying Frankfort for a long time," he said. "Those rich people don't care about us. I'm saying, 'let's get the rich out and get the poor man in.'"

Hensley, who filed for bankruptcy two years ago, said rich politicians have no idea what it's like to try to make ends meet on a working man's income. He said he decided to run when those politicians changed workers compensation laws to make it nearly impossible for sick coal miners to receive black lung benefits.

The two major issues Hensley promises to tackle: automobile

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## Preview

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taxes and insurance rates. Both, he said, need to be made more affordable for the working poor.

Clad in a red flannel shirt and black pants, Hensley held out a newspaper article about a poll that showed 3 percent of Kentuckians supported him for governor. That, he said, was achieved without any advertising other than a few hand-painted plywood signs that have gone up around Harlan.

Hensley said he's sure his numbers will increase sharply when he takes on the other candidates in public debates, including two scheduled to air on Kentucky Educational Television in April and May.

Some critics said they worry that Hensley's poor boy persona will reflect negatively on Harlan County.

"It makes us look bad," said John Sizemore of Harlan. "It reflects bad on all of eastern Kentucky. That's what everybody is thinking, but they won't say it."

Hensley, a graduate of James A. Cawood High School, is not deterred by the criticism.

Harlan County Judge-Executive Joe Grieshop said he dreads seeing those debates.

"I've talked to Otis two dozen times since the first of the year, and I've tried to talk him out of running for governor," Grieshop said. "It's sad for Harlan County."

Hensley said Grieshop simply wants to keep millionaires in the governor's mansion, and keep the poor man out.

"Abraham Lincoln and George Washington did not need millions of dollars to be great leaders or great men," he said. "I don't either."

### Richards hopes to ride legislative experience into governor's mansion

**NAME** — Jody Richards.  
**AGE** — 65.  
**PARTY** — Democrat.  
**EDUCATION** — A.B., Kentucky

Wesleyan; M.A., University of Missouri.  
**EXPERIENCE** — 20th District state representative since election in 1976; House majority caucus chairman, 1987-1994; speaker of the House since 1995; chairman, Southern Legislative Conference, 1999-2000.

**FAMILY** — Richards and wife Neva have one son, Roger; one granddaughter, Holly Beth.

**QUOTE** — "I went to Frankfort because I wanted to make a difference."

by **BRUCE SCHREINER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**FRANKFORT** — Jody Richards exudes hospitality as he welcomes visitors to the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Clutching a gavel with one hand and gesturing to the gallery with the other, the speaker of the House assumes the role of gracious host.

"We're so pleased to have you," he intones over and over as legislators seek recognition for visitors from back home.

The amiable Democrat from Bowling Green has been a fixture in the House since 1976. Richards has presided from the speaker's dais since 1995, making him the longest-tenured House speaker in Kentucky history. He is drawing upon that experience in his quest for the Democratic nomination for governor.

"I have dealt with every issue imaginable in more than 27 years in this body," Richards, 65, told The Associated Press in an interview. "As speaker I have to deal with all the issues every day. I think it makes me not only conversant but knowledgeable of the issues and not only knowledgeable of the issues but how to solve the problems."

On the campaign trail, Richards is stressing broad themes — improving education and attracting high-paying jobs. His running mate is another political veteran, Jefferson County Circuit Clerk Tony Miller.

Richards co-sponsored legislation in the 1990s that made fundamental changes in education from kindergarten through college.

He co-sponsored an overhaul of higher education in 1997 that included creation of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

He also was among legislators who developed the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act, which he considers his crowning achievement. The law has "stood the test of time. I don't know of a single state that hasn't borrowed something, some component of the Kentucky Education Reform Act," Richards said.

As governor, he would build on that, Richards said. "The whole system needs to be better funded. Teacher salaries need to be increased. We need lower class sizes. We need to reduce paperwork for teachers. We need to streamline the Department of Education so that services reach the districts better," he said.

To pay for it, Richards is counting on being able to attract industry, especially high-paying technology companies, to expand the tax base. He has largely disavowed raising taxes.

Richards said he also would be willing to overhaul Kentucky's tax structure, but with a caveat. "I want to make sure, and state up front, that that does not mean immediate tax increases. It simply means that we reform the system to make it fairer and more equitable for all citizens of the state, particularly those at the lower end of the scale, the so-called working poor who are paying an inordinate amount of state taxes now," he said.

Growing up in Adair County, Richards said he learned early about the virtues of thrift. His father was a farmer and carpenter. His mother taught school and worked at a department store on Saturdays. As a teenager, Richards held down jobs at a theater and a store on Saturdays.

"I remember saving nickels and dimes as a child to try to go to college," Richards said.

He went on to Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, where he earned a bachelor's degree in English. He then got a master's degree in journalism at the University of Missouri.

Richards settled in Bowling

Green, where he runs a book sales company. He said that running his own business has given him managerial skills that make him suited for the governorship.

As for political lessons, Richards said his years in the General Assembly have taught him how to work with Republicans as well as Democrats. He also said he has the steel to make hard decisions, especially in lean times.

"I've been tough enough to be speaker longer than anyone in history," he said. "I do think I am a consensus builder, and I think that's what has helped lead Kentucky in the last decade to the most prosperous period in Kentucky history."

### Fletcher wants to add governor to an already full resume

**NAME** — Ernie Fletcher.  
**AGE** — 50.  
**PARTY** — Republican.  
**EDUCATION** — B.S. in engineering, University of Kentucky (1974); M.D., University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

**EXPERIENCE** — U.S. Air Force F-4E pilot; ordained Baptist minister, 1989-94; state representative, 78th District, 1995-1996; 6th District congressman since election in 1998; Kentucky Commission on Poverty; Task Force on Higher Education.

**FAMILY** — Fletcher and wife Gienna have two children, Rachael and Ben; three grandchildren, Katherine, Hannah and Joshua.

**QUOTE** — "With your help, we will rebuild Kentucky's government and restore hope in the hearts of Kentuckians again."

by **ROGER ALFORD**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**LEXINGTON** — He's been a fighter pilot, a preacher, a physician, a chief executive officer, a state legislator, a congressman, a maintenance man, even a newspaper delivery boy.

Now Ernie Fletcher wants to add governor to his resume.

"The time is right," he said in an interview at his cramped campaign headquarters in Lexington. "People are really looking for change in this state. There's a real hunger for leadership."

Fletcher, 50, a conservative Republican from Lexington, promises a fresh approach to state government if he's elected. That approach, he said, wouldn't include tax hikes to solve the state's financial problems.

"I don't think our problem in Kentucky is that we tax too little. I think the problem is that we spend too much. I believe there's substantial waste."

Fletcher was born in Mount Sterling and grew up in Lexington, the son of conservative Republican parents. When he saw Neil Armstrong step on the moon, a wide-eyed 17-year-old became enamored with the idea of becoming an astronaut.

After he graduated from the University of Kentucky with a mechanical engineering degree in 1974, Fletcher became a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force, a first step toward his ultimate goal of going into space. Based in Alaska, his job was to intercept Soviet jets that tested U.S. defenses during the Cold War. But amid military cutbacks during the Carter Administration, Fletcher left the

Air Force, returned to Lexington, enrolled in the UK medical school, graduated in 1984, and became a family practice physician.

Fletcher was ordained and served as a pastor at a Baptist church in Lexington from 1989 to 1994. During that time, his interest in politics grew.

"I just saw government growing larger, more intrusive, more regulatory," he said. "I saw a social welfare program that captured people in the cycle of dependency rather than empowering them. I wanted to be part of the solution."

Fletcher entered, and won, the race for state representative from the 78th District in Lexington, serving from 1995 to 1996. In 1996, Fletcher lost in his first bid for the 6th District congressional seat. He won in the second attempt in 1998.

Now a member of a Southern Baptist congregation in Lexington, Fletcher still has strong support from conservative Christians. He isn't shy about his Christian faith.

"It has always been an important part of my life," Fletcher said. "You go back into what motivates you to serve, and I think faith is at the center, at least the kind of faith we practice, to serve one another, to love your neighbor as yourself, and to do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Another conservative Republican, Hunter Bates II, will be Fletcher's running mate. Bates is former chief of staff and chief counsel to U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell. He also managed McConnell's landslide re-election last year.

His selection ruffled the feathers of at least one Republican primary opponent. Steve Nunn, a state representative from Glasgow, openly questioned whether McConnell, the state's most powerful Republican, will remain neutral in the GOP primary with Bates in the race.

Fletcher said if elected he'll also surround himself with talented helpers to move the state forward economically.

"Let's eliminate the good old boy political system," he said. "I think it's time we bring in the best and the brightest in Kentucky to make Frankfort more efficient."

Every single taxpayer dollar that we invest from Frankfort needs to be invested with a strategy in mind."

Fletcher, who gave up his job as president and chief executive officer of the St. Joseph Medical Foundation in Lexington when he was elected to Congress, is now in his third term.

His voting record reflects his conservative bent. He voted to allow states to decide whether to post the Ten Commandments in state buildings and schools, supported a bill to make it a crime to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion to evade parental-consent laws, and voted in favor of amending the Constitution to prohibit the desecration of the American flag.

Fletcher met his future wife, Glenna Foster, while they were both in high school in Lexington. He played saxophone in the band at Lafayette High. She played clarinet. They were married in 1971, and have two grown children, Rachel and Ben, and three grandchildren.

Fletcher's father, Harold Fletcher, 77, of Lexington, said his son delivered newspapers each evening after school beginning when he was 12 years old. While he was in medical school, the younger Fletcher, fresh out of an F-4 cockpit, mowed lawns, did maintenance work, even built an addition onto a home for his father.

"Ernie was always a hard worker," Harold Fletcher said. "He knew what he had to do and he did it well. If people want someone who will work hard, they should vote for him."

### Jackson seeking conservative base of voters in run for governor

**NAME** — Rebecca Jackson.  
**AGE** — 54.  
**PARTY** — Republican.  
**EDUCATION** — B.S., University of Louisville (1973); Master's in education, University of Louisville.  
**EXPERIENCE** — Jefferson County Clerk (1989-1998); Jefferson

(See PREVIEW, page six)

# Candidates vie for other statewide offices

by **JOE BIESK**  
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**FRANKFORT** — Democrat Crit Luallen leads opponents in funding and name recognition in her bid for state auditor — a race that heads the crowded undercard for Tuesday's primary election.

The May 20 primary also includes candidates vying for commissioner of agriculture, secretary of state and treasurer.

Overall, candidates for these four statewide offices have raised nearly \$1.7 million and spent \$856,333 on their campaigns, according to reports filed with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

Including Luallen, there are three Democrats and four Republicans seeking their party's nomination for auditor.

Democrats Jim Glenn and Michael Gayhart oppose Luallen. Basha Roberts, Osi Onyekwuluje, Linda Greenwell and Peppy Martin are competing for the Republican nomination.

Luallen, formerly Gov. Paul Patton's executive cabinet secretary, leads the field in fund raising. Luallen has raised more money than the six other state auditor candidates combined, according to reports filed with the state.

Luallen has raised \$270,020 and spent \$83,327. The other candidates have raised a combined \$63,212 and spent \$22,588.

While Luallen leads in fund raising, she also carries the baggage from her ex-boss's extramarital affair. Luallen, who was with Patton since 1995, quit after Patton admitted to an affair with nursing home owner Tina Conner.

Her primary opponent, Glenn, is an associate professor at Owensboro Community College. He has reported raising \$13,451, and spent \$4,004.

Meanwhile, Roberts leads

Republican auditor candidates in fund raising and spending with \$32,135 and \$11,649. Roberts, of Lexington, owns a computer technology consulting company, and is part owner of a 600-acre cattle and tobacco farm in Montgomery County.

Martin, of Bonnieville, was the Republican gubernatorial nominee in 1995. Greenwell has tallied \$3,993 in campaign contributions, while she's spent \$2,386. Onyekwuluje, of Bowling Green, is an attorney. He's raised \$11,133 and spent \$3,180 on his campaign.

The race for state agriculture commissioner is the most crowded in the election, with eight Democrats and two Republicans.

Democrats include: Roy Massey, state Sen. Joey Pendleton, Barney Hornback, Alice Baesler, Steve Meredith, Glen Holbrook, Jimmy "Gabe" Turner and T.E. Beckham.

The Republican candidates are Richie Farmer, the former University of Kentucky basketball player, and Leonard "Buck" Beasley, the 1971 nominee for the same office.

Massey, who has advocated boosting the cigarette tax, leads in fund raising. Massey has raked in \$159,255 and spent \$128,041. Pendleton is next in line with receipts totaling \$104,120 and \$93,491 in disbursements.

Beasley said he would push for health care insurance for farmers, and to allow for the production of hemp for legal purposes only. Beasley said, if elected, he would contribute the first \$10,000 to the health care insurance pot.

Jimmy "Gabe" Turner, of Drift, is a one-time member of the Railroad Commission.

The bid for secretary of state — Kentucky's top election officer — has three Democrats and only one Republican.

Democrat Russ Maple, a for-

mer Jefferson County commissioner, has the most campaign money out of the candidates competing for secretary of state. Maple accounts for \$310,876 of the nearly \$360,000 raised by Democrats in the race. So far, Maple has spent nearly \$170,000.

Democrats Gippy Graham and Joe Lanter are the other candidates. Even though Republican Trey Grayson is running unopposed, he's spent \$20,657 on the race.

The only race without a primary election will be for state treasurer. Incumbent Jonathan Miller and Republican challenger Adam Koenig do not have challengers.

Miller has collected \$417,421 and spent \$166,284, while Koenig has raised only \$13,835 and spent \$11,065.

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— Felix Frankfurter

## Our View

### Your government is up to you

For more years than many would care to admit, Eastern Kentucky has been viewed as a portion of the state that reflects low voter turnout during times of election. So much so, that the area is currently the focus of numerous investigations surrounding the practice of vote hauling, a direct product of attempts to cure those low numbers, regardless of whether or not those attempts did or did not stay within legal boundaries.

But this stigma can be changed.

However, the bad news is that it can't be changed while we watch and applaud someone else's effort. In order to change this view, it will take each one of us assuming some responsibility come Tuesday morning.

Reversing this image of apparent indifference will mean that each of us must leave our homes, workplaces or previous engagements and go to the polls to take part in our most important act as citizens of a democracy.

Don't lean on the excuse that this year's primary race offers a limited field of candidates, leaving no strong choice to vote for as a consequence. The field of candidates, even with millionaire Bruce Lunsford's decision to chalk up an \$8 million loss and leave the race, is as varied and strong as any year before.

And those of you who may have the opportunity to hear Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson's comments on a televised broadcast of the fiscal court's last meeting sometime before Tuesday will be hard-pressed to ignore the logic behind his comments concerning the men and women who have served and died to give us the basic right to choose our government.

The list of positive reasons to respond to your duty as citizens this Tuesday are numerous, but, most importantly, simply logical.

To echo Thompson, if you decide to withdraw your right to vote, as is also your constitutional duty, and be content to watch the primary race unfold from the sidelines, the least you can do is avoid freely offering criticism.

If you're not going to vote, don't complain about the government you get.

It is yours to decide.

— The Floyd County Times



— Jim Davidson

### Why good people make bad choices

In my younger days growing up in a small town, once in a while I would hear someone make the statement, "His mouth ain't no prayer book." While very poor English, loosely translated this meant that just because a particular person said something this fact alone did not necessarily make it so. In other words they did not have to accept what they said as being the Gospel, which was the reference to the prayer book.

You know that it goes without saying that this is also true for me. While I do my best to research information for this column and to make sure that it's accurate, sometimes I fail. However, I always try and do my very best to tell the truth and to be conscientious in presenting various concepts and ideas that will help you. It is my heart's desire to help people and I hope that comes across to you as you travel along each week with me.

While very simple, today I have a concept to share that may give you pause to consider your own life and what values are important to you. For the balance of our mental time together I want to discuss "Why good people make bad choices." Again, it's a matter of perspective and what our values are, but to me a "bad

choice" is when we choose any behavior or course of action that impairs our judgment, slows our reaction time and cause us to act in a non-rational way. The bottom line is that doing these things places us on a path that is detrimental to our health and also the health and well-being of others.

It's here that I believe you can see that when any person makes the choice to drink alcohol, do drugs, smoke, gamble, commit adultery and any number of other sins and vices, they are making a bad choice. There is something I have been wanting to say for a long time and it's this; the fact that a person drinks, does drugs, smokes and gambles does not make them a bad person. The only really bad people in the world are those who are bent on evil, who have no regard for the life and well being of their fellow human beings. Unfortunately, many people in this world are evil and we have to watch out for them.

Now back to point that I hope you will consider "why good people make bad choices." There are many valid reasons, but I believe they can all be traced to these three very important life-changing concepts:

1. The fallen nature of man.
2. The principle of influence.
3. Social patterns that change the culture.

Now, please allow me to make some brief comments about each one. First, "The fallen nature of man." Since Adam and

Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden all of their offspring and future generations, which includes you and me, were born with a nature to sin. It's natural and that's why we all do it.

Next, "The principle of influence." If you will examine the lives of every person who drinks, does drugs, smokes, gambles and has other vices, you will find one or more people in their lives who influenced them. It's true! We all make choices because other people have influenced us. Our choice then becomes is it for good or for evil.

And lastly, "Social patterns that change the culture." This happens slowly over an extended period of time. When the numbers are dominant and a sufficient number of people are engaged in doing a certain thing, it becomes the "norm" or accepted thing to do, thus society accepts it. The end result is that the culture is changed.

Many people are being misled today with advertising or by people who encourage others to make "bad choices" because that choice is often not revealed until it's too late. When a person drinks alcohol, becomes an alcoholic and, in a drunken state, drives a car and takes the lives of good people, it's only then that everyone knows that they have made a very bad choice. In short, good people can often lead us astray.

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### — beyond the beltway

### Bill Bennett: Pusillanimous hypocrite

by DONALD KAUL

Enough of war talk. Let's switch to something more interesting. Sin.

Many lost souls are rejoicing tonight in their dens of iniquity. Their archenemy, William Bennett — the nation's Vicar of Virtue — has dented his dingy on the hard rock of Las Vegas licentiousness. Yes, it seems that the man who, for the past dozen years or so has been telling us how to live more moral lives, is a degenerate gambler, one who regularly goes to casinos and bets tens of thousands of dollars in a single evening.

A story in the "Washington Monthly" by Joshua Green reveals that, according to casino documents, Mr. Bennett has lost more than \$8 million over the past 10 years. Bennett denies this; not the gambling part, just the losing.

"You don't see what I walk away with," he said. "Over 10 years, I'd say I've come out pretty close to even." Oh sure. And President Bush's tax cuts are going to be good for poor folk. Tell me another.

When have you ever known a gambler who lost money? You ask someone who's just back from Vegas how he or she did and the answer comes back: "Not bad. Came out about even." (It's a wonder those casinos make any money at all with everybody breaking even all of the time.)

Bennett loses enough so that Las Vegas casinos send a limousine to pick him up at the airport, then usher him into private "high stakes" rooms where he can play \$500 slot machines. "I do this...to relax," he says. Hasn't he ever heard of warm baths?

Records show that as recently as last month Bennett — the nation's former drug czar, education secretary and head of the National Endowment for the Humanities — lost more than \$500,000 at Bellagio in Las Vegas.

In response to the uproar created by the article, Mr. Bennett has sworn off gambling. "I have done too much gambling and this is not an example I wish to set," he said. "Therefore, my gambling days are over." Good for him, but if he thinks he's going to get off that easy, he's never heard of the German word, "schadenfreude." That's the delight we take in the misfortune of our betters, particularly when they are sanctimonious, pusillanimous hypocrites. (And wouldn't you know, it would be the Germans who had a word for it.)

Admittedly, his apology is much better than his original defense, which was that he didn't lose more than he could afford. "I don't play the 'milk money,'" was the way he put it. That puts him in the position of saying that sinning is OK for rich people, but not for the poor. (Which, come to think of it, sounds like a plank in the Republican National Platform.)

On the other hand, there's a legitimate question as to whether gambling is actual-

ly a sin. Many, including Mr. Bennett, do not think it is, so long as it remains "victimless". On the third hand Mr. Bennett, in his role as Rector of Righteousness, has crusaded against homosexuality, presumably on grounds that it erodes family values.

Hello? Sexual activity engaged in privately by consenting adults erodes family values but heavy gambling that, studies show, can often lead to divorce, domestic violence, child abuse and bankruptcy doesn't?

The best reason he puts forth for giving it up is that it sets a bad example. It does. But he doesn't merely write books; he goes around the country making speeches on virtue to corporate groups at \$50,000 a pop.

The question is whether we want our impressionable business executives exposed to a moralist who thinks

there's nothing wrong with trying to get something for nothing. Is that the kind of corporate work ethic we want to promote?

I don't think so. Losing \$8 million to gambling is certainly not the most heinous crime in the world — it's really not a crime at all — it is merely dumb, very dumb. No wonder he doesn't want to admit it. But some good might come out of it.

Maybe it will shut him up for a while.

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# Faith Extra

## Minister's Moment: School is almost out

by PASTOR STEVE WILLIAMS  
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

School is almost out. Teachers are ready for summer. Bus drivers are ready for summer. Cooks are ready for summer. Students are ready for summer. For school to be out for a summer break is one thing. It is another thing for school to be "out", "finished", etc. in its mission. As this school year comes to a close, here are some things for us to consider.

Teachers, drivers, cooks, administrators, etc. are ready for summer. In fact, many educational employees are counting the years to retirement. Everyone is tired. Many are somewhat disillusioned with the whole process. Some want out completely. Why? What are the real issues? Here are

three that I've been thinking about:

### Funding

The more students present, the more funding the school system receives. It sounds good. It looks right on paper. But think about it. Just because students are present doesn't guarantee that learning is occurring. There must be core knowledge taught and learned in our schools to prepare the students for their futures. This is what is important, not how many are present. We need to change funding from being attendance oriented to performance oriented. Teachers want to teach, not count heads.

### Apathy

I drive a bus and substitute teach. Don't ever think teachers

and drivers don't earn their paycheck. They do. Our funding by attendance instead of by performance has affected the attitudes and behavior of students. Where little is demanded, little is produced.

It is so frustrating to face a classroom of students where the first 10 minutes are spent getting everyone to find their book and open it to the day's lesson. Then the next 10 minutes are for everyone finding a piece of paper. Then the next 10 minutes are given finding everyone a pencil. This is poor education. Students should have their book open with paper and pencil ready for their lesson. Is this too much to expect?

### Discipline

We have attempted to operate

schools without much discipline. This experiment has failed. Students need some amount of fear to maintain law and order. This is true in every community, every society.

"When I went to school" as the saying goes, I believed my principal, Mrs. Frances Johnson (LBJ in Breathitt County), had an electric paddle. Mr. Arch Turner had a three-foot paddle in his back pocket. Mrs. Alice Landrum in fourth grade had Bucky Deaton and I more than once bending over the bathroom sink; soon launching us one foot off the floor. Discipline was needed then and it is needed now. Without it, we have been left with chaos and insubordination within the student body.

Strict discipline of about 10

percent of the student body would make our schools 100 percent better for the remaining 90 percent. Principals should be encouraged to call us parents to the office for the discipline of our children, thus making our schools a better place. Just today, a parent had their child call me and apologize for throwing a paper wad on the bus. This kind of parent and school employee working together is what will change our schools.

What can the churches of our community do to help? Let's encourage our teachers, drivers,

cooks, etc. as they face these challenges in their jobs on a daily basis. Let's support local educational reform to make our schools better. Let's offer tutoring in our churches. Let's pump up our youth groups to make good grades. Let's lift up a higher standard than the fads of drugs, body piercing, too soon baby making, smoking, tattoos, etc. The schools are counting on us to help them mold these young lives! School is more than school. It also includes home and church. School isn't out. School is year round

## With focus on the family for nearly three decades, Dobson to share duties

by JENNIFER HAMILTON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — More than 25 years after starting an evangelical ministry that has won a worldwide audience in the millions and boasts an annual budget of \$130 million, James Dobson is about to start easing out of his day job.

The founder of Colorado Springs-based Focus on the Family will resign as president and chief executive on May 15. He'll hand over management duties to former Christian Coalition leader and Reagan cabinet member Donald P. Hodel.

While Dobson, 67, says the change is needed to give him more time to speak and spread his message of conservative family values through newsletters and radio homilies, the move signals that Focus on the Family is beginning to prepare for Dobson's eventual departure. Dobson also is sharing some time on the radio and television with two younger voices.

The changes at Focus come as

similar transitions are occurring for other evangelical ministries, which have aging founders who are preparing a second generation to lead their organizations.

"We are in the early stages of some significant leadership changes," said Paul Nelson, president of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. "They have led an organization from upstart through maturity and now the baton is about to be passed or it's in the process."

Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson, 73, stepped down from leading the Christian Coalition in late 2001. Many believe he is grooming his youngest son, Gordon, to fill his shoes on the "700 Club," Robertson's daily television broadcast.

Franklin Graham, the son of the Rev. Billy Graham, already heads the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and stands ready on missions to step in if his 84-year-old father is unable to preach.

Dobson and a part-time secre-

tary formed the beginnings of Focus on the Family in 1977 in Arcadia, Calif., after he published "Dare to Discipline," a book about children-rearing that sold 2 million copies. At the time he was respected as a counselor rather than a religious leader, promoting solutions to family problems through Christian values.

He became an evangelical media star through films and daily radio broadcasts, blending professional credentials in child psychology with an appealing, down-home style on the microphone.

Dobson's divestment of management and budget duties coincides with his sharing of radio airwaves with psychiatrist Bill Maier, who is in his 40s, and obstetrician Walter Larimore, 50. In his May newsletter to 2.5 million readers, Dobson calls the shift a new era.

God "has told us not to move on but to move over," Dobson writes. "That is what transition is all about."

Hodel and Dobson met in 1987

in Washington, D.C., when Hodel invited the Christian leader for a game of basketball in the Interior Department's gymnasium.

Hodel was secretary of the interior, Dobson was nurturing the fast-growing Focus on the Family, which moved from Arcadia to Colorado Springs in 1991. Here, it receives such a flood of mail that it has its own ZIP code.

Hodel became a member of Focus' board in 1995 and helped it through a restructuring two years

(See DUTIES, page eight)

## Best of area's band students perform in Paintsville

Times Staff Report

PAINTSVILLE — The sound of music filled the atrium of the Ramada Inn Saturday night, as the Kentucky Music Educator's Association District 9 presented a concert by the junior high All-District Band, along with a performance by the high school All-District Jazz Band.

In all, students from 18 schools in Floyd, Pike, Martin, Lawrence, Letcher and Perry counties participated in the event, which was conducted by Trish Torline, who band director at Conkwright Middle School and assistant director at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester.

Middle school students selected for the band included:

- Cara Hall, on oboe.
- Whitney Asher, Hemali Batra, Katie Bentley, Christy Branham, Whitney Branham, Beth Carter, Kirsten Clancy, Elizabeth Fannin, Rachel

McNeely, Jodie Miller, Madison Miller, Katie Ward and Jennifer Workman, on flute.

■ Jessica Bartley, Sara Bowyer, Chasity Compton, Katie Davis, Becky Goble, Nicalena Hall, Jessica Hylton, Keisha Little, Mandi Maynard, Alyssa Reed, Candice Roberts, Lakin Rose, Amber Dawn Shannon, Ashley Strong and Amanda Tackett, on clarinet.

■ Miranda Dotson and Samantha Justice, on bass clarinet.

■ Kara Causey, Markus Fields, Caitlin Housley, Robert May, William Osborne and Tate Reynolds, on alto saxophone.

■ Tyson Mauk, Curtis Rowe and Graham Simpson, on tenor saxophone.

■ Andrea Fields and Trevin Little, on baritone saxophone.

■ Eddie Childers, Jon Eric Clark, Kara Gayheart, Justin Gibson, Linzy Justice, Kris Lotz, Ronnie Marshall, Brianna Mauk,

Samantha McNeely, Jessica Ratliff and Candace Yates, on trumpet.

■ Breanna Jones and Benjamin Stewart, on French horn.

■ Haley Brown, Beth Buckley, Andrew Carter, Corey Fannin, Allison Felner, Bobby McKinney, Seth Wallen and Brandon Welsh, on trombone.

■ Colby Hinkle, Heather Hunt and Shannon May, on baritone.

■ William King, on timpani.

■ Allison Whitehead and Carrie Jackson, on mallets.

■ Brandon Blankenship, Chris Belcher, Nikki Johnson, Casey McClain, Dustin Newsome and Coty Roberts, on percussion.

High school students performing Saturday included:

■ Allison Crawford and Sean Walsh, on alto saxophone.

■ Mike Robinson and Chris Bartley, on tenor saxophone.

■ Matt Smith, on baritone saxophone.

■ Frances Lotz, Paul Houston, Emily Robinson and Joey Sawyers, on trumpet.

■ Ryan Moore, Aaron Bentley, Brandon Campbell and Terry Williams, on trombone.

■ Roger Statton, on piano.

■ Tyler Harris, on guitar.

■ Daniel Keene, on bass guitar.

■ Caysey Stewart, on drums.

In addition to the performance, the association also recognized its band instructors of the year.

Judy Looney, of Mullins Elementary, was honored as middle school band director of the year, while Jeri Johnson, of Millard Elementary, received the elementary award.



photo by Tammy Bowyer

Gregory H. Wing, professor of trumpet at Morehead State University, performed with the District 9 Junior High All-District Band during a concert Saturday at Ramada Inn in Paintsville. The concert, which also included the District 9 High School All-District Jazz Band, included students from 18 schools in Floyd, Pike, Martin, Lawrence, Letcher and Perry counties.

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# Regional Obituaries

## Floyd County

Joseph Edward "Eddie Joe" Akers, 54, of McDowell, died Friday, May 9, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Kay Akers. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Sylvia Ethel Spears Allen, 76, of Harold, died Sunday, May 11, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ronnie Duane Blackburn, 28, of Minnie, died Thursday, May 8, at the Hazard Appalachian Health Care. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 11, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Gordon Brent Burke, 25, of McDowell, died Tuesday, May 6, at North Star Mine, at Printer. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bernice Caudill, 83, of McDowell, died Monday, May

12, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Linda Compton, 80, of Albion, Mich., a Floyd County native, died Monday, May 12, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 16, at the Christ Apostolic Church, Albion, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, Albion.

Mary Lavada (Shortie) Crider, 61, of Auxier, died Sunday, May 11, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 13, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Agnes Jean (Sissy) Davis, 56, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, May 12, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Paul Wayne Fitzpatrick, 48, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, May 8, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Cindy Slater Fitzpatrick. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 12,

under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Glenns Ivory Hall, 72, of Melvin, died Tuesday, May 13, at the Southern New Hampshire Medical Center, Nashua, N.H. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Anderson Newsome, 64, of Beaver, died Monday, May 12, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Faye Ray Newsome. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alah Mae Robinson Ryan, 74, of Banner, died Saturday, May 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Claude Allen Ryan. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jack Raymond Salisbury, 69, of Lithonia, Ga., formerly of Harold, died Saturday, May 10, at Emory University Hospital,

Atlanta. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 14, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Graveside services were conducted Friday, May 9, at the Mayo Cemetery in Paintsville for Sarah Wiley Stephens, 62, a Johnson County native, who died Tuesday, May 6. She was survived by her husband, William A. Stephens. Arrangements were under the direction of Hinton-Turner Funeral Home.

## Johnson County

Roberta Baldwin, 76, a native of Floyd County, died Tuesday, May 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Frederick Baldwin. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 16, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Kenneth "Ken" Borders, 78, of Paintsville, a native of Lawrence County, died Saturday, May 10, at UK Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Davis Borders. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 13, under the direction of

Paintsville Funeral Home.

Raymond Caudill, 92, of Thelma, died Friday, May 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Garnet Nellie May Caudill. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Hazel Conley, 87, of Hager Hill, a native of Floyd County, died Friday, May 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 11, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Neva Elizabeth Blanton Dale, 80, of North Royalton, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, April 23, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Sallie Marie Evans, 77, of Paintsville, died Sunday, May 4, at West View Manor, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Addie Frazier, 88, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, May 7, at her home. Burial was in the Lakeview Memorial Cemetery in Staffordsville. Arrangements were under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Homer Honeycutt, 66, a native of Paintsville, died Friday, May 9, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Norma Hensley Honeycutt. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mary Conley Jasper, 98, of Van Lear, died Wednesday, May 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Peggy Frazier Kidd, 72, native of Flat Gap, died Thursday, May 8, at the Regional Medical Center in Orangeburg, S.C. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 12, and burial was in the family cemetery in Kentucky. Arrangements were under the

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## Preview

County Judge-Executive (1998-2003).

**FAMILY** — Jackson and husband Ralph have three sons, Derrick, Wesley and Garrett; granddaughter, Mackenzie Elizabeth.

**QUOTE** — "We are going to hold the line on taxes."

by DYLAN T. LOVAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

### LOUISVILLE

Republican Rebecca Jackson believes most voters in Kentucky — even Democrats — identify with her conservative values.

Jackson, 53, who helped lead the campaign for the merger of Louisville and Jefferson County, said her support of streamlined government along with her pro-life and pro-business stances appeal to most Kentuckians.

"I meet a lot of folks who describe themselves as registered Democrats, and (they) still agree with me on all those issues," she said. "They're very conservative, even though their party registration is in a party that is traditionally thought to be more liberal than the Republican party."

Jackson, former Jefferson County judge-executive, hopes those values and her executive branch experience give her an advantage in what appears to be a competitive race for the Republican nomination for governor.

She faces three other GOP candidates in the May 20 primary.

Jackson said she is the perfect candidate for handling the state's current budget mess, by drawing on a philosophy that less is more.

"I just do not believe raising taxes is the solution" to the current budget shortfall, Jackson said. "The real answer to revenues is putting people to work, and making sure they become taxpayers as opposed to people who are drawing assistance from the state."

She said trimming government fat and re-evaluating the tax system could be enough to put the state back in the black. She added that as governor she would oppose efforts to expand gambling.

Her pro-business stance helped with the passage of merger in 2000, when she campaigned for it alongside the business community and Democrat Jerry Abramson. Previous merger votes failed in Jefferson County in 1982 and 1983.

Merger made Louisville the country's 16th largest city. Jackson said her work on merger shows she would be an "agent for change" in the governor's office.

"I think people are crying right now for change, throughout Kentucky," she said.

Jackson grew up on a farm in Short Creek in Grayson County, though her father found that commuting to Louisville for

work paid better. Her early career focus was education, including work as a public school teacher. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education at the University of Louisville, finishing her master's degree there in 1977.

Her first job as an elected official came in 1990, when she began the first of two terms as Jefferson County clerk. She became the first woman to serve as judge-executive in 1998, and the last person to hold that office after merger eliminated it.

Jackson took an unconventional approach with her choice for lieutenant governor when she selected Robbie Rudolph, a soft-spoken western Kentucky millionaire who has never run for public office.

Jackson, who never raised taxes as Jefferson County's judge-executive, lists with pride two other achievements while in that office: the conception and construction of the Patriot's Peace Memorial and the creation of the Young Professional Association of Louisville. The networking group, which Jackson said now has 3,000 members, fosters relationships between the young professionals Jackson said are so crucial to Kentucky's economy.

She said too many young people — including one of her three sons — graduate from college and then leave Kentucky. Her son works in Dallas.

When they go, "we lose the imagination, we lose the hope and energy of these young people," Jackson said.

The Patriot's Peace Memorial is a privately funded four-walled sculpture that honors service men and women who died on active duty during peacetime.

Jackson said voters would appreciate her role as Jefferson County's top executive, experience she said other Republican candidates for governor don't have.

"When you're the chief executive officer, you have the final decision to make and you have to stand firm on that decision," she said. "You have to stand firm behind the decisions that your people make, and you have to hold people accountable for those decisions."

### Moore touts anti-tax themes in bid for governor

**NAME** — Virgil Moore.

**AGE** — 69.

**PARTY** — Republican.

**EDUCATION** — B.S. Eastern

Kentucky University (1961);

**EXPERIENCE** — 21 years U.S.

Army, retired as major; Grayson

County Republican chairman,

1982-1990; ran for state auditor

1991; elected to Kentucky Senate,

1992.

**FAMILY** — Moore and wife Sharon

have three children, Gina Tilford, Dana Goatley and Scott; seven granddaughters.

**QUOTE** — "We can do better for Kentucky."

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**FRANKFORT** — Virgil Moore loves springtime on his Grayson County farm and ranch. There's tobacco to set and cattle to raise.

But this spring, he'll try to cultivate political support instead.

The archconservative state senator will break in a new pickup truck, traveling Kentucky in his bid for the Republican nomination for governor.

"It'd be great for me just to go to the farm," Moore told The Associated Press in a recent interview in the Capitol Annex. "But I feel a responsibility. This state's in trouble."

As his running mate, Moore selected Don Bell, a former Secret Service agent from LaGrange. Bell has made unsuccessful runs for state treasurer, state auditor and for Congress.

Moore, 69, is running on an anti-tax platform. He lambasts business taxes that he says make Kentucky noncompetitive with neighboring states.

Those taxes have run off jobs and hurt manufacturing, a main contributor to the state's financial downturn, he said. As governor, he would "surgically cut" taxes that hinder Kentucky's competitiveness.

"It's time for a positive approach to business," Moore said. "It's time for a recruiting governor to walk into the office and take charge and recruit business, recruit jobs and ... also bring in the revenue to cover critical needs of education, health care, disabilities, care for our foster children — things that we must do."

As a steadfast advocate for the trucking industry, Moore suggests lifting the sales tax on new trucks and parts. Restoring the trucking industry would make Kentucky more attractive to manufacturers, he said.

Moore said his 11 years in the General Assembly, plus his 23-year Army career, make him ready to occupy the governor's office.

"Somebody needs to be able to walk into the office, take charge, set the goals, start moving Kentucky forward," he said. "Start bringing businesses back to Kentucky. And have a different attitude, completely, and just exercise good leadership."

Moore is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University.

As a legislator, Moore said, he has had a hand in shaping budgets as well as economic development and rural water issues. He is chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee.

His years in the Army gave him organizational skills he would apply to the executive

branch, he said. Moore rose from private to major until his retirement. He then settled near Leitchfield.

Moore said he stepped forward as a candidate because he was dissatisfied with the other Republicans in the race.

He calls himself the most conservative candidate in the GOP field. He opposes abortion and supports the death penalty. He opposes legalizing video slot machines, saying it wouldn't be the economic bonanza for the state that its supporters claim it would be.

He also has been a loyal Republican foot soldier for years, having served as a county GOP chairman.

Moore has run for statewide office once before. In 1991, he ran for state auditor, but became disenchanted with divisions with the Republican Party that year and quit campaigning. He finished second in a three-way primary race. Democrats swept the statewide offices later that year.

"I saw no future in winning a primary," Moore said. "I went home to set my tobacco and forgot about it, and never bought an ad or made another showing in the last month."

Moore acknowledges that he's an underdog in his latest statewide bid, lagging far behind other Republican candidates in fund-raising.

"I'm the guy coming from the bottom all the way to the top if I can," he said.

So far, he has raised about \$3,000 — "Just enough to cover the bumper stickers and cards." He plans to run radio ads, but doesn't know whether he'll raise enough money for television commercials.

To compensate for his shoestring budget, Moore said he'll bring a common man's touch to the campaign.

He said he'll also stress his long record of community service, which dates back to his young adulthood.

As a 19-year-old on his first leave from the Army, Moore returned home to his native Knox County in southeastern Kentucky. He spent the time helping build a three-mile road around the rugged hillsides.

"What soldier do you know that spent his 14-day leave from the Army building a road for the community," he said.

### Steve Nunn tries to follow, yet stand apart from famous father

**NAME** — Stephen R. Nunn.

**AGE** — 50.

**PARTY** — Republican.

**EDUCATION** — B.A. Transylvania

University; University of Kentucky.

**EXPERIENCE** — Seven terms as

state representative for the 23rd

district; serves on Appropriations

and Revenue, Labor and Industry

committees; vice chairman, Health

and Welfare Committee.

**FAMILY** — Married to Tracey Damron Nunn. Three teenage children from previous marriage — Mary, Robert and Courtney.

**QUOTE** — "It is so American to give people the right to make decisions about their lives."

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**FRANKFORT** — State Rep. Steve Nunn drew a visitor's attention to the suit he was wearing — a medium blue Pucci, solid, conservative and timeless.

"It was my dad's," Nunn explains.

Clothing as metaphor?

The father, Louie B. Nunn, was elected governor 36 years ago. No Republican has held the office since, but the son is running to be the next. The similarities do not end there.

After taking office in 1967, Louie Nunn soon concluded that he had too little money with which to run state government. To get more, he got the General Assembly to raise the 3-cent sales tax to 5 cents.

This year, Kentucky, like nearly every other state, finds its economy lagging and revenues declining. Gov. Paul Patton, the Democratic incumbent, proposed higher taxes, but the General Assembly has refused to go along.

"The next governor is in for the same sort of problems my dad inherited when he became governor," Steve Nunn said in an interview.

Much about Kentucky's future depends on the national economy, Nunn said. "But we have been postponing the inevitable. Anybody that argues with that shouldn't be considered a viable candidate for governor," he said.

By "the inevitable," Nunn said he means an overhaul of a state tax structure based on an agrarian, manufacturing economy, not an economy in which the greatest growth is in services and which strives for more of a technology base.

If elected, Nunn said, he would push for comprehensive tax reform and a system with "elasticity" — revenues growing as the economy grows.

"We're in the services age. I've not been a proponent of taxing services. But I am a proponent of restructuring our tax system," Nunn said. "I'm ready to lead on that issue. Just like all major reforms that have happened, ... it's taken a governor from his bully pulpit to help shepherd and lead and strong-arm, if necessary, the sort of changes that will get the legislature to act."

Nunn, 50, has carved out his own identity during 12 years in the Kentucky House. He has been a consistent advocate for health care, especially among the poor and disabled. "I think I've established my own credentials," he said.

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Nunn also has broken with his fellow Republicans on some issues of high emotion. He was among the few who voted against bills to outlaw same-sex marriages, which Kentucky did not recognize as being legal, anyway, and to amend the constitution to ban sodomy between adults.

"I've never supported fairness ordinances, gay rights, that sort of thing," he said. "But I believe in equal rights, human rights, and I'm not going to stand up for discrimination against anybody."

Nunn said he considers himself anti-abortion and usually votes for bills endorsed by Kentucky Right to Life. But he voted against legislation to require a woman, after initial consultation with a physician, to wait 24 hours before undergoing an abortion.

Nunn said that was easy for women in Louisville or Lexington, sites of Kentucky's only abortion clinics, but not for those from rural areas. "It's an equity issue," he said. "I don't mind restrictive legislation on abortion. But I don't like it when it's not fair across the state."

In politics, Nunn also has parted company with his father on occasion. In 1995, Louie Nunn had a highly public falling-out with the party's gubernatorial nominee, Larry Forgy, and made radio commercials attacking Forgy. Steve Nunn stuck with Forgy.

"I think many people realize my dad and I have had a strained relationship at times," he said. "Much of it was because I wanted to stand on my own two feet."

Their fences are mended now, and the elder Nunn is a trusted adviser. "He's almost like having another running mate with you," Steve Nunn said.

For a running mate, Nunn selected a former House colleague, Bob Helinger, who represented a Jefferson County district for 22 years. If elected, they have pledged to vastly reduce the amount of money spent on state contracts.

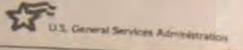
Nunn also has vowed an all-out blitz against drug abuse, using the National Guard if necessary, to turn the tide on "the worst and most destructive public health epidemic in the history of Kentucky."

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# Judge refuses to lower bond for drug suspect

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — One of three Slone brothers arrested in late March on charges of first-degree trafficking cocaine saw a motion asking to have his \$250,000 cash bond lowered dismissed Friday afternoon in Floyd Circuit Court.

David Lee Slone, 44, of Bevinville, appeared before Floyd Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill Friday prepared for a court hearing to review his bond, but quickly found the bond, at least in response to attorney Jerry Patton's motion for writ of habeas corpus, would not be altered.

Patton filed the writ of habeas corpus on May 12, saying that Slone was, essentially, being held under an unfair bond amount which denied his constitutional rights. The petition brought District Judge Eric Hall's decision to set Slone's bond at \$250,000 before being handed over to a grand jury under question.

However, Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, appearing on behalf of the commonwealth, entered documents into evidence that were pivotal in Judge Caudill's decision to dismiss the hearing and render Patton's attempts to see Slone's bond adjusted of little consequence.

Bartley offered the court documentation of a formal detainer placed on Slone by the federal government shortly after his arrest, ordering that he not be released under any conditions, adding that this would eliminate

the possibility of Slone's release regardless of the status of his bond.

"In my opinion this eliminates the possibility and to hear it would be a waste of the court's time," Bartley said. "Because of the detainer, it wouldn't matter if you gave him a \$1 bond. They couldn't let him go."

Because details from the state police investigation into Slone, his two brothers Vernon and Michael Slone, and brothers Harold and Rodney Thornsberry, point to claims that the five men allegedly traveled across state lines to make their deals, the federal government will hear the case once it has been initiated within the county's circuit court system.

Patton responded with blind acceptance Bartley's production of the federal detainer.

"I completely trust that it's true," Patton said after Bartley introduced the detainer. "Even though the bond amount is unfair on its face, at least procedurally it would be a moot matter at this point."

Caudill dismissed Slone's petition for review of bond and called a 10-minute break, only to return to arraign Slone in response to his indictment, returned by a grand jury Wednesday.

"He's just going ahead with the arraignment on the new case that the grand jury handed down like none of this happened," explained Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner during the break Friday. "He'll just arraign him on the indictment and set

offense resulting in the death of a person.

But there's still the chance that the bond could be lowered later on."

Slone would not see his bond lowered Friday afternoon, however. Following the 10-minute recess, Caudill returned to accept a plea of not guilty from Slone on one charge of first-degree trafficking in cocaine set forth in his Wednesday indictment and, likewise, accepted Turner's recommendation that bond remain at \$250,000 cash.

When asked by the court if he would like to request a hearing regarding the bond amount under the newly initiated case, Patton agreed and Caudill included his agreement on the court record in the form of an accepted motion.

A hearing to discuss Slone's bond was scheduled for May 29, while Caudill set a pretrial conference hearing in the case for Sept. 3.

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offense resulting in the death of a person.

Coleman agreed to do so in Hamilton's case as well as Clifton's, who refrained from having his attorney, Harolyn Howard, say anything on his behalf.

Refraining from commenting on the case, Bartley said that two other co-defendants in the case, Ronald and Donnie Little, are going to trial in September and he did not want to say anything to conflict the trial. He did affirm that there were allegations that Branham had testified against Ronald Little in a federal case involving drug trafficking and it

## Lunsford

skills to work creating 100,000 new jobs in four years.

An aggressive advertising campaign pulled him within sight of Chandler, the Democratic front-runner and the grandson of former Kentucky Gov. A.B. "Happy" Chandler.

Chandler said Lunsford's move would help serve his campaign on Tuesday.

"We believe that this campaign will go very, very well from here on out," Chandler said. "This is a momentum builder for us, and we feel good about it."

A poll published Wednesday by The Courier-Journal of Louisville showed Chandler with 31 percent support from likely Democratic voters. Lunsford had 19 percent, Jody Richards 14 percent and Otis Hensley 1 percent. Another 35 percent of Democrats were undecided or favored other candidates.

Lunsford amassed his fortune as founder of Vencor Inc., a Louisville-based chain of nursing homes and long-term-care hospitals.

His business background, while allowing him to bankroll his

campaign, had also been his greatest political weakness.

Vencor plunged into bankruptcy in 1999, and many investors lost their savings. Vencor emerged from bankruptcy in 2001 and was renamed Kindred Healthcare.

Lunsford blamed his company's decline on the government's cuts in medical reimbursement rates as part of the 1997 balanced-budget law.

Lunsford and Chandler had waged a nasty duel of attack ads, and Lunsford said he made his decision Friday morning following Chandler's latest salvo.

An ad that began airing Wednesday hammered Lunsford for the way a Vencor nursing home allegedly mistreated a patient. Another ad linked Lunsford with Vencor's financial decline.

Lunsford said his campaign was polling prospective voters every other night and the tracking poll Thursday night showed that unfavorable impressions of him had shot upward, leading him to his decision Friday morning.

"I was involved in my life in a lot of complex industries and a lot

of complex businesses," Lunsford said. "I find it difficult to believe in many ways that I would be accountable for every individual of a 60,000 employee organization when some of the candidates aren't even responsible for one of 220."

Lunsford's campaign had taken aim at one of Chandler's top staff lawyers for what they claimed was a potential ethical lapse while the assistant pursued an appointment to a judgeship.

Lunsford had claimed the Chandler assistant had enlisted support from Gov. Paul Patton's chief of staff, whom Chandler had under indictment on vote-fraud charges.

Lunsford had portrayed Chandler as a political insider who would be beholden to his financial backers, who include an eastern Kentucky road contractor under indictment on federal vote-fraud charges.

Lunsford said he had gained a growing respect for Richards as they crossed paths on the cam-

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# Couple charged with \$17K in welfare fraud

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Pikeville couple has been charged with welfare fraud for allegedly failing to report changes that resulted in nearly \$17,000 in overpayments.

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on collision.

Both state and county police volunteered their efforts to stand in as police representatives at the mock scene, while the situation was made even more realistic with a volunteer helicopter pilot from Life-Tech, arriving to airlift the wounded travelers from the wreckage.

Students, some having participated in the disaster and marked with fake blood and wounds, broke up shortly after the mock disaster came to a close, hearing echoes from nearby teachers to remember what they had been shown that afternoon.

Betsy Layne media technician, Ernie Walker, said the school usually tries to have the demonstration every four years.

According to court documents, Billy James Bartley, 33, and Karen Bartley, 30, both of Little Creek Road, were each charged with two counts of welfare fraud.

The criminal complaints state that the Bartleys failed to report a change that affected their eligibility for food stamp and medical assistance benefits. The sum of the fraudulent benefits include \$3,215 in food stamps and \$13,718.21 in medical assistance for a total of \$16,933.21.

Arraignment is scheduled for June 3.

There have been several cases of welfare fraud in Pike County within the last few months, which investigator senior Jim Nickell, of the state Attorney General's Office, says may be due to the keen observance a good claims worker. The Pike County Community Based Services claims worker is Charlotte Wright.

According to Nickell, there are several forms of reporting welfare fraud including a hotline and referrals.

Nickell said that of the 28 counties that he oversees, other counties with frequent reports of welfare fraud are Knox, Bell, Harlan and Carter.

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Ivel project."

The money will be provided at the request of the Prestonsburg Industrial Corporation, according to Thompson.

During their regular meeting Friday, the fiscal court also:

- Moved to pay monthly bills during the course of the coming year relating to payroll, payroll taxes, sales tax, social security, retirement, life, hospitalization, unemployment, liability and worker's compensation insurance, telephone and utilities, debt service principal and interest.

- Authorized Thompson to enter into negotiations with Big Sandy Area Community Action Program for a new real estate lease agreement of the first floor of the Floyd County Fiscal Court Annex Building.

- Accepted the Middle Creek Fire Department's 2003-2004 budget.

- Authorized Thompson to sign an agreement for \$205,000 between the county and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid that will result in the blacktopping of 21 county roads.

All fiscal court members were present for Friday's meeting.

was reported that Little had retained Hamilton and Clifton to kill her.

As reported by the Williamson Daily News on April 6, 2001, Branham was indicted for theft by deception for obtaining the drug OxyContin from Economy Drug Store by using a bad check.

A search of U.S. District cases showed that one of the four, Ronald Little, had been charged for allegedly distributing the schedule II OxyContin on Oct. 10, pursuant to an affidavit signed by Special Agent Jerel E. Hughes of the DEA.

Hughes claimed that on July 22, 2002, he entered Little's residence in Virgie and purchased 50 OxyContin 40-milligram tablets, for which he paid \$4,290, part of which was partial payment for an additional 28 80-milligram tablets that were to be delivered later that evening.

However, a notice of dismissal of the criminal complaint was filed on Nov. 1 at London.

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## Obits

direction of Thompson Funeral Home Inc., Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Dakota "Cody" Sparks, 73, of Thelma, died Saturday, May 10, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 13, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

William Stapleton, 90, died

Friday, May 9, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Rosalee Joseph Stapleton. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Graveside services were conducted Friday, May 9, at the Mayo Cemetery in Paintsville for Sarah Wiley Stephens, 62, a Johnson County native, who died Tuesday, May 6. She was survived by her

husband, William A. Stephens. Arrangements were under the direction of Hinton-Turner Funeral Home.

## Lawrence County

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

## Magoffin County

Heather Nicole Finch, infant daughter of Jimmy and January Jeanette Finch, died Sunday, May 4, at Northcrest Medical Center, Springfield, Tenn., following complications at birth. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 8, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Jacquelyn Kathrine Hare, 72, of Salyersville, died Friday, May 9, at Lexington Country Place, Lexington. Graveside funeral services were conducted Monday,

May 12, under the direction of Magoffin Funeral Home.

Clyde Harvey, 77, of Salyersville, died Thursday, May 8, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Ritchie Harvey. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 11, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

David Hensley, 90, a native of Magoffin County, died Tuesday, May 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Vaughn Howard, 58, a Magoffin County native, died Sunday, May 11, at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

## Knott County

Jean Tate Davis, 65, of Emmalena, died Wednesday, May 7, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Madie Caudill Gibson, 79, of Lexington, N.C., formerly of Ligonier, Indiana, and a native of Knott County, died Tuesday, May 13, at the Mt. Vista Health Park in Denton, North Carolina. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Willie Hall, 76, of Litt Carr, died Monday, May 11, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, May 14, at 11 a.m., at the Francis Day Cemetery at Litt Carr. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Hindman was in charge of arrangements.

Joe Johnson, 50, of Kite, died Thursday, May 8, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jimmy D. Owens, 58, of Port Orange, Fla., a native of Garner, died Tuesday, May 13, following a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Sue Banks Owens. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, May 17, at the Owens Cemetery, Garner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Eva Jean Raleigh, 23, of Clay City, died Friday, May 9, at UK Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

South Slone, 78, of Lackey, native of Knott County, died Wednesday, May 7, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Pike County

Roger Dean Caines, 61, of Varney, died Sunday, May 11, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Lois Collins Caines. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May

14, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Juanita Dotson of Kokomo, Ind., formerly of Belcher, died Monday, May 12, in Kokomo. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Laura Helen Johnson, 67, of Virgie, died Friday, May 2, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 12, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Coy Allen Scarlett, 29, of Pikeville, died Sunday, May 11, in Pikeville, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

## Martin County

Jimmie W. Bailey, 65, of Inez, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, May 8, in Inez. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Bailey. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 11, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

## Lunsford

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paign trail, and the two had developed a friendship.

"I never saw him once participate in any kind of character assassination," Lunsford said. "And I tried not to ever do that. But in the last couple of days I have felt the sting of it. And I just don't believe anyone should be subjected to that. And there are certain ways you can stop it."

Later Friday, Lunsford sent the secretary of state's office a notice of withdrawal from the election. The agency immediately began sending notices to county clerks, office spokeswoman Lisa Cleveland said.

County clerks must post notices at each polling place Tuesday that Lunsford's votes will not be counted, Cleveland said.

Chandler said he was surprised by Lunsford's decision and that his campaign is now going to focus on the issues.

"We know that we are going to be spending the last four days talking about education, talking about healthcare, talking about good paying jobs," Chandler said at a news conference.



photo by Loretta Blackburn  
Eula Hall, front left, board member, joined County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin on May 14 at the Floyd County Fiscal Court, where the two leaders signed a proclamation in honor of CAP agencies. Attending the signing were Big Sandy CAP employees, case manager Catherine Hall, back left, Floyd County Services Coordinator Tammy Jervis and secretary Norsja Jarrell.

## Leaders honor community action

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Whether it's houses, clothes, furniture or electricity, the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc., has touched the lives of the multitude of poor in Floyd County.

Judge Paul Hunt Thompson signed the annual proclamation on Wednesday, marking the May 2003 National Community Action Month to celebrate community action agencies at the local level. The proclamation asserts that the 23 Community Action Agencies in Kentucky continue to lead the fight against poverty and have dedicated the month of May to increasing public awareness of their programs and services.

Thompson and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin signed the proclamation on May 14 at the Floyd County Fiscal Court, where board member Eula Hall, and Big

Sandy CAP employees, Tammy Jervis, Floyd County Services Coordinator, Norsja Jarrell, secretary, and Catherine Hall, case manager, attended.

Since its incorporation on Sept. 5, 1965, the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program has provided services to the needy in Eastern Kentucky counties. Community Action Agencies propose that they wish to promote "partnerships to solve common problems and to promote increased community involvement" to continue their work.

Their numerous services include those for families and children, emergency situations, housing, education, employment, and training.

The mission of BSCAP is "to promote a comprehensive array of human services to assist individuals and families in obtaining self-sufficiency and improving the overall quality of life within the community."

## Obituaries

## Sina Thornton

Sina Thornton, 67, of Flat Gap, died Wednesday, May 14, at the Med Central Medical Center in Shelby, Ohio.

Born April 23, 1936, in Dema, she was the daughter of the late Anthony (Tony) and Liza Meade Hall. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grover F. Thornton.

Survivors include three sons, Danny Thornton and Bill Thornton, both of Flat Gap, and Brad Thornton of Tracy, California; four brothers, Ervin Hall of Bevinville, Olvin Hall of Chicago, Illinois, Tony Hall Jr. of McDowell, and Tommy Hall of Decoy; four sisters, Martha Sparkman of Topmost, Mary Triplett of Bevinville, Vivian Gayheart of LaGrange, Indiana, and Freda Hayes of Hindman; two grandchildren, Hope and Garrett Thornton of San Diego, California; and a fiancée, Richard Moore.

In addition to her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, John M. Hall and Clifford Hall; and a sister, Opal Hall Steele.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 18, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Laryl Branham, Mike Smith, Stewart Osborne, Eugene Sparkman, Jerry Sparkman, Rob Hoffman, Greg Haney and Harold Landoll. (Paid obituary)

## Glenn Alexander

Glenn Alexander, 78, of Wayland, died Thursday, May 15, 2003, at the UK Medical Center in Lexington.

Born November 8, 1924, in Auxier, he was the son of the late Louis Edward and Lucinda Ward Alexander. He was a disabled coal miner, a member of the House of Prayer at Wayland, a dispatcher for the Wayland Fire Department, and a member of the fire department since 1972.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Louise Paige Alexander.

Survivors include four daughters, Loretta Cline, Sue Rhoads, and Vickie Jones, all of Wayland; and Willa Goodman of Kendallville, Indiana; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, James Alvin Alexander; two sisters, Lois Bolen and Loretta Watkins; and two half-sisters, Edna King and Margie Goble.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 18, at 1 p.m., at the House of Prayer at Shop Fork in Wayland, with Donnie Burke officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

## Duties

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later. He said he would not seek to increase Focus' political influence, despite his background and leadership of the politically potent Christian Coalition from 1997 to '99.

"They are two very different organizations," Hodel told The Associated Press. "Christian Coalition is a grass-roots, political lobbying, get-out-the-vote type group. Focus is very much a ministry."

It's a ministry with a long reach, despite suffering in the economic downturn like other Christian nonprofits. In February, Focus trimmed \$5 million from its budget and laid off 34 employees — the first such cuts from the 1,300-member work force.

Still, Focus on the Family's homilies are translated to reach 40 different countries, including China. The responsibility of dealing with such a wide-reaching organization has taken its toll, its founder said.

"For 26 years, I have handled both the creative responsibilities, the books, the films and tapes, and the administrative tasks. And as Focus has grown that's become very burdensome," Dobson said in his trademark drawl. He suffered a heart attack in 1990 and a stroke in 1998, but maintains that his health is strong.

Focus' board of directors began paving the way in 1999 for the permanent split of the CEO's job and the creative role of orator. The goal is to allow Focus on the Family to survive beyond Dobson.

"When it's time for me to go it should be seamless," Dobson said.

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**Kentucky-Michigan State site moved**by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart has confirmed that the men's basketball programs at UK and Michigan

State are negotiating to play their game not at the Breslin Center on the East Lansing campus, but at Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions. The proposal is to set a basketball court in the center and just use the football seating which

is 68,000 in an attempt to set the NCAA single game record for a college game.

Wildcat fans are sure to flock to Michigan to follow the Cats, wherever the game is played. The two programs are among the nation's elite, with

Kentucky having more wins than any other college hoops program.

**UK basketball ranks first in attendance**

It should be to no one's surprise that the University of

Kentucky is on top in basketball attendance. Again.

The University of Kentucky has topped the nation's Division I men's college basketball programs in average attendance once again. In 15 home games this season, the

Wildcats attracted a total of 315,203 fans for an average of 21,014 per contest.

Keeping the top two spots inside the state, the University of Louisville was second with

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## TRACK

**Regional track meets begin this week**by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Track athletes all from across the state are gearing up for regional competition this week.

Regional track and field meets are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 23-24 for most regions. Preliminaries will, however, begin earlier in the week.

Regional sites and managers information is posted on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org/track. The Region 6 Track and Field Meet will begin with preliminaries on Tuesday evening at Bob Amos Park in Pikeville.

Pikeville High School Coach Elizabeth White serves as the Region 6 Meet Director. Region 6 meet T-shirts will be sold on Saturday, May 24.

The State Track & Field Meet is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 30-31, at the University of Kentucky's Shively Track Complex in Lexington. State meet entries will be posted on the KHSAA website on Tuesday, May 27.

**Region 6 Important Times**

- Class AA Prelims, Tuesday, May 20, 6 p.m.
- Class A Prelims, Thursday, May 22, 6 p.m.
- Class A and AA Finals, Saturday, May 24, 10 a.m.

**UCA camp scheduled for Pikeville**by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — A UCA camp is again 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 21-23 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.

**PASSING OF A LEGEND...**

Jim Fyffe, before gaining fame as Auburn Football's play-by-play man, is shown in a photo from his days at WCOV-TV.

**FYFFE LEAVES MARK ON AUBURN ATHLETICS****Tiger play-by-play announcer dead at 57**by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Paintsville native Jim Fyffe helped Auburn University fans connect to their men's basketball and football teams. Fyffe, who endeared himself to fans with his signature "Touchdown Auburn!" call, died

Thursday after suffering an aneurysm. He was 57.

The Voice of the Auburn Tigers began his career working his brother Paul G. Fyffe at WSIP in Paintsville. Fyffe attended a fundraiser for Prattville High School's athletic department Wednesday night and

(See FYFFE, page two)

**Abukar commits to Florida**by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Mohamed Abukar, a 6-foot-9 versatile swingman, has committed to Florida.

Abukar picked the Gators and Coach Billy Donovan, a former UK assistant over Kentucky.

In choosing Florida, Abukar stressed his love for the style of game Florida plays.

Florida led the Southeastern Conference in three-point attempts (735) and three-point accuracy (39 percent) last season. Abukar, a 6-foot-9 wing player from San Diego, showed his perimeter skills by winning the three-point shooting contest at the Derby Festival Classic in Louisville last month.

Abukar averaged 30.6 points and 12.4 rebounds as a high school senior, after signing with Georgia last fall. He got a release from that commitment this spring after Georgia fired coach Jim Harrick amid scandals.

**Sparks still drifting**

Former Western Kentucky University star Patrick Sparks is still without a new school. Sparks visited Louisville on Tuesday, then postponed scheduled recruiting visits to Auburn and North Carolina State.

Sparks plans to make an official visit to UK early next week. Outside of the Kentucky stop, no other officials recruiting visits are scheduled. Room for Sparks now becomes a question.

Kentucky has its maximum of 13 schol

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## UK BASKETBALL



Shagari Alleyne

**UK signs 7-4 Alleyne**

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Shagari Alleyne, a 7-foot-4 center from the Bronx, N.Y., has signed a national letter of intent to play at Kentucky. The tallest UK recruit ever did so earlier in the week.

Alleyne had 16 points — scoring all but one basket on dunks — in the Kentucky Derby Festival Basketball Classic on April 26.

Alleyne is the third high school recruit to sign with Kentucky.

Bobby Perry, a forward from Durham, N.C., and Sheray Thomas, a forward from Canada, signed in November.

## FOOTBALL

**Inaugural class of UK football players announced**by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Kentucky Chapter of the NFL Players Association has announced the Inaugural Class of its Hall of Fame Inductees. Former Wildcat center Dermontti Dawson, a seven-time NFL all pro with Pittsburgh. Jeff Van Note, a defensive end at Kentucky who moved to center and played 18 years in the NFL.

Ex-Louisville Cardinal defensive back Lenny Lyles, who went on to an all pro career in Baltimore is also in the class along with former UK tailback Moe Williams, now a Minnesota Viking, in his seventh NFL season.

The inaugural class is rounded out

(See PLAYERS, page two)

## OUTDOORS

**Sunfish family offers fast fishing statewide**by STEVE VANTRESE  
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Warmer water makes it time for some lively Lepomis fishing.

Called by different regional names, a handful of sunfish species make up the Lepomis genus ranks in the state. Most familiar is the bluegill, the predominant sunfish in most Kentucky lakes, ponds and streams.

Others major members of the tribe are the redear sunfish ("shellcracker") to

(See SUNFISH, page three)



Allen Central's Ryan Hammonds looked to third base for instructions when the Rebels played South Floyd in April. Information on the upcoming 58th District baseball and 57th District softball tournaments will appear in Wednesday's edition.

## UK BASKETBALL

**Azubuike, Fitch invited to Pan Am tryouts**

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky men's basketball players Kelenna Azubuike and Gerald Fitch have been invited to the 2003 USA Basketball National Team Trials in Colorado Springs, Colo., later this month. The duo is among 28 collegians that will compete for positions on the USA Pan American Team. The 12-man squad will compete in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Aug 2-6.

Fitch will be the Wildcats' leading returning scorer after averaging 12.3 points and 3.0 rebounds per game as a junior this past season.

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Azubuike



Fitch

# Nine Bulldogs ineligible for selling championship rings

ATHENS, Ga. — Fred Gibson needed some quick cash. He didn't want to wear jewelry

on his fingers. So, he saw nothing wrong with selling his Southeastern Conference championship ring for \$2,000.

"It's my ring," the Georgia receiver said. "I should be able to do with it what I want."

Instead, Gibson and eight teammates from the Bulldogs' first SEC championship team in 20 years were declared ineligible for violating NCAA rules by selling their 10-karat gold rings just a couple of months after getting them.

To be reinstated, the players will have to reimburse the school for the cost to recover the rings, which were sold to a single broker and wound up being peddled on eBay.

"They'll definitely pay a price," athletic director Vince Dooley said Thursday.

Among those selling their rings: expected starters Gibson, receiver Michael Johnson, line-backer Tony Taylor, and defensive linemen Kedric Golston and Darrius Swain. Reserve cornerbacks Tim Jennings and Kenny Bailey, along with walk-on Trey Young, also were involved.

Golston went a step further, also selling his Sugar Bowl ring and the jersey he wore in the bowl. Those items were auctioned off together on eBay, drawing a winning bid of \$3,500. Two of the SEC championship rings sold for \$1,700 and \$1,625.

The situation cast a pall over

Georgia's dream season. The Bulldogs won a school record 13 games, capturing their first SEC title since 1982 and then beating Florida State in the Sugar Bowl to finish No. 3 nationally.

"Yeah, it bothers me," coach Mark Richt said. "It cheapens what we did. I apologize to

everyone who cares about Georgia football to have feeling, but that's exactly how I feel."

School president Michael Adams delivered a stern warning to an athletic program still reeling from scandalous reports of payoffs and academic fraud

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## Players

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by Buddy Ryan, former head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, who now calls Lawrenceburg home.

The Kentucky NFLPA also announced a five-year plan to build a little league football stadium in central Kentucky.

## On deck

Prestonsburg High School graduate Jeremy Caudill, now a senior at UK, is a shoe-in for the Kentucky Chapter Hall one day once his days on the Wildcat grid-iron are over.

## Ball

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ships allotted for next season. Four incoming freshmen — Sheray Thomas, Bobby Perry, Shagari Alleyne and Lukasz Obrzut — join returning players

Erik Daniels, Cliff Hawkins, Gerald Fitch, Chuck Hayes, Antwain Barbour, Josh Carrier, Bernard Cote, Brandon Stockton and Kelenna Azubuike.

## Fyffe

suffered the aneurysm around 10 p.m. after returning to his Montgomery home, said Ann Collister, president of WACV radio. He died at Jackson Hospital the next day.

"In a very real sense, the voice of Auburn has been silenced," Auburn athletic director David Housel said in a statement. "There will be other voices, but no one else will carry the excitement and enthusiasm Jim did."

"As long as people remember what has happened here in the last 20 years, 20 of the best years in Auburn history, they will remember Jim."

A native of Paintsville., Fyffe became the lead announcer for Auburn football and basketball games in 1981. He was best known for his "Touchdown Auburn!" call when the Tigers scored, though he also popularized saying "Hello" to a basketball player's hometown after a dunk.

He had several memorable calls on individual plays through the years, including "Bo over the top" during the 1982 Alabama game and the Lawyer Tillman reverse against the Crimson Tide four years later.

Quentin Riggins, who met

Fyffe in 1986 as a member of the Auburn football team and joined the broadcast team as a sideline reporter in 1991, said Fyffe often was asked to deliver his signature call when speaking to touchdown clubs or alumni groups, but he would never do it.

"He would not say 'Touchdown Auburn' outside an actual touchdown. He thought it was bad luck," Riggins said.

Football players always got a thrill from hearing Fyffe call their names during a broadcast, Riggins said. "We looked at him like a rock star."

Basketball coach Cliff Ellis

called Fyffe "the connection between Auburn basketball and our fans." Football coach Tommy Tuberville said the broadcaster was "a good friend, a person that we all enjoyed working with and someone who truly loved Auburn."

Fyffe is survived by his wife, Rose, five children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his brother Paul G. Fyffe, the man responsible for bringing minor league baseball to Paintsville.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

# Minnie Pee-Wee League Baseball



Minnie Pee-Wee League Weeksbury Wildcats: Branda Hamby, Randi Stovall, Sara Tackett, Kiana Faine, Ashley Shelton, Whitney Walker, Shea Mullins, Trent Dorton, Ryan Hall, Jonathan Mullins, Telona Hatfield, Daniel Hatfield, Trevor Stouall, Katlyn Tackett, Nick Johnson, Austin Hall.



Minnie Pee-Wee League Marlins: Blake Dean, Chelsie Tuttle, Staci Fraley, Brandi Stumbo, Brett Daniels, Dustin Tackett, Dustin Boyd, Brittany Springer, Jess Osborne, Molly Tucker, Byron Johnson, Makenzi Turner, Josiyn Isaac, Corey Thornsberry, Nikesha Hurt, Zak Hall, Jonna Isaac, Laken Springer.



Minnie Pee-Wee League Pirates: Brian Adams, Billie Adams, Sarah Akers, Christian Salisbury, Chelsea Slone, April Crum, Daniel Halbert, Lauralee Johnson, Meg Slone, Cody Salisbury, Timmy Walker, Odie Walker, Andrew Hise, Jacob Akers. Coach-Brian and Lori Meadows; Bookkeeper-Michelle Nelson Asst. Coach-Rick and Jacquelyn Akers.



Minnie Pee-Wee League Braves. Names unavailable at press time.



Minnie Pee-Wee League Bombers: Casey Johnson, Jay Mo, Ashley Martin, Cortney Conn, Nicole Meade, Nikki Goines, Kelsey Dye, Keeley Dye, Lindsey Dye, Dylan Dye, Trey Damron, Troy Williamson, Miranda Williamson, Blake Howell, Dustin Tackett, Brandy Ousley, Gabrielle Slone, Bridgett Slone, Ariel Salisbury, Daniell Salisbury, Sarah Potter.



Minnie Pee-Wee League Cubs: Andrew Webb, Christopher Brown, Kiana Hall, Kim Mullins, Nikki Anderson, Briana Losinger, Cody Patton, Chris Patton, Tabitha Allen, Katie Vanderpool, Carey Allen, Cody Allen, Kara Slone, Emmanuel Alchantor, Corey Jenkins, Haley Johnson, Miranda Jerald, Nathan Littleton.



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## Sports Calendar

### Golf • Blackcat Touchdown Club Golf Scramble

The Blackcat Touchdown Club Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, May 24 at Beaver Valley Golf Course at Stumbo Park. The entry fee for each team is \$200. First place will pay the winning team \$1,000; second-place \$750; third-place \$500; fourth-place \$250.

Longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin will also win cash prizes. Tee-off is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.

To pre-register call any of the following people: Gerald DeRossett — 886-6090; John DeRossett — 886-6639; Bobby Hackworth — 886-2301; Rodney Ousley — 874-0317.

### Morehead State Golf Camp

The 2003 Morehead State University Golf Camp will be held June 8-13 at Sunny Brook Golf Course in Morehead. Call 606-783-2500 for more information. Information on the recent Morehead State University all-sports banquet appears inside today's edition.

# LITTLE LEAGUE '03

# Loyola coach chases battling brain cancer

by NOAH TRISTER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — When Diane Geppi-Aikens learned she has an inoperable brain tumor, giving up was never an option. Instead, the women's lacrosse coach at Loyola College kept setting goals.

"One of them was to get to the final four," Geppi-Aikens said.

The hope becomes a reality in Syracuse, N.Y., on Friday, when her top-seeded Greyhounds play Princeton in the NCAA tournament semifinals.

"Diane has taught us really well how to draw that line," Eyer says. "How to be focused and how to really live your life — but then also how to get down to business."

The recurring tumor was discovered eight years ago. Three operations later, there is little that can be done, and Geppi-Aikens broke the news to her team in December.

"It was difficult," senior Suzanne Eyer said. "Diane is your coach — you see her as indestructible. So, to hear that she, you know, may not beat this, was hard."

"But because she's so positive and she's so strong we learn from her from watching her."

The 40-year-old Geppi-Aikens — a mother of four — has little movement on her left side, and coaches from the sidelines in a motorized wheelchair. Still, she has been at every game except for a 9-4 win at Stanford on April 19.

Last Sunday, on Mother's Day, Loyola (17-1) set a school record for victories with a 13-7 quarterfinal win over Yale — and gave Geppi-Aikens what she called "the best present that I could get from my second family."

Her dedication has inspired the Greyhounds, who talk as much about her life lessons as they do her coaching expertise.

"She's just got this incredible balance in her life, between work and play," Eyer said. "As a student-athlete, sometimes you get so centered on working hard, on pushing yourself as hard as you can. She really just taught us to step back and enjoy life."

That balance was evident before the Yale game. As her players gathered around, Geppi-Aikens playfully spun her wheelchair around in place, drawing yells of support from the crowd.

"Diane has taught us really well how to draw that line," Eyer says.

"How to be focused and how to really live your life — but then also how to get down to business."

For most of the game, Geppi-Aikens remains right next to her substitutes, and the right to stand directly next to her has become a coveted perk for one senior.

"Everyone knows that's my spot," Christy McNew said. "I've stood there this whole year. When I'm in, I'm in. But when I'm out, I'm right there."

From that position, Geppi-Aikens can easily talk to players as they enter and exit the game, and she can maneuver quickly toward the field to argue with officials.

Her staff is never far. Almost immediately after hearing the news of Geppi-Aikens' illness, her assistants knew they would have to assume greater responsibility.

"They are our backbone," McNew said. "The coaches — they really, really came through."

They help run drills at practice, scout future opponents, and make sure administrative chores get done.

Geppi-Aikens, though, brings it all together, designing game plans and consulting with associate head coach Kerri Johnson on substitutions and timeouts.

Heading to the national semifinals for the seventh time in her 15-year career, Geppi-Aikens continues to motivate players with the philosophy she sold on Day 1:

"To be better today than we were yesterday, to be better tomorrow than we were today," she said.

There has been an outpouring of support throughout the sport, with several teams paying tribute with a touch of green, one of Loyola's school colors. Princeton will wear green shoelaces Friday.

"I feel that," Geppi-Aikens said. "I feel the respect."

Two wins separate Geppi-Aikens from her first national title, and she has other hopes, including a plan to see her son, Michael, graduate from high school at the end of May.

After radiation treatment, she regained some movement in her left arm.

"I'm just riding it out," Geppi-Aikens said, "with positive thinking and prayer."

So are the athletes she continues to touch.

"I've been around her for four years," said McNew, the senior with the special sideline spot. "And it's the greatest gift to be able to stand next to her and say, 'That's my coach.'"

## Piarist seeks AD

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — The Piarist School in Martin is seeking an athletic director for the 2003-04 school year. The open position is currently posted on the KHSAA website. The position will include coaching all sports teams at the school and a possible teaching position of health/physical education. Darnella Bradley oversaw the Piarist athletic programs last season.

Rev. Thomas Carroll of the Piarist School was unavailable for comment Friday evening. He is in charge of hiring for the position.

### POSTED JOB

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The Piarist School is a small, private college preparatory HS is located on Route 80 in Martin, KY. Piarist is looking to hire an athletic director for 2003-04 school year. Applicants must either meet or be able to meet KHSAA certification.  
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### UK FOOTBALL

## UK football announces tentative game times

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Tentative times have been assigned for the 2003 Kentucky home football schedule. Keep in mind that times will change for games selected for live network television.

The Wildcats will begin play by hosting rival Louisville in a game which will air live on ESPN2.

The schedule, along with tentative times for home and away games, as available, follows.

Aug. 31 Louisville (ESPN2)  
6:30 p.m.; Sept. 6 Murray State 7 p.m.; Sept. 13 at Alabama TBA; Sept. 20 at Indiana 5 p.m. (4 p.m. in Bloomington); Sept. 27 Florida 7 p.m.; Oct. 4 Open; Oct. 11 at South Carolina, 1 p.m.; Oct. 18 Ohio (Homecoming) 7 p.m.;

Oct. 25 Mississippi State 7 p.m.; Nov. 1 Arkansas 1 p.m.; Nov. 8 Open; Nov. 15 at Vanderbilt 2 p.m. (1 p.m. in Nashville); Nov. 22 at Georgia 1 p.m.; Nov. 29 Tennessee 1 p.m.

Prestonsburg High School graduate Jeremy Caudill will enter his senior season at Kentucky and will start his fourth season on the Wildcat defensive line. Caudill is joined at UK by fellow Eastern Kentuckian Gerard Parker of Louisa. Parker went out of spring drills early, but is expected to be able to go full-speed when fall drills roll around.

### Pre-season publications

Many of the college football pre-season publications will hit

### Pan Am

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The 6-3 guard started 35 of Kentucky's 36 games in helping the Cats to a 32-4 Elite Eight finish and a final No. 1 ranking in The Associated Press poll.

Azubuike saw action in 31 games as a freshman, playing eight minutes per game while averaging 3.7 points and 1.4 rebounds.

"This will be a great experience for Gerald and Kelenna and quite an honor to be considered for the Pan Am Team," said UK head coach Tubby Smith. "Hopefully, they can make the cut and have the opportunity to play against international com-

petition this summer. It could be very beneficial for them."

Initial tryouts will be held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, May 30-June 1. Approximately 16 players will be invited to the team's training camp in July where the final cut will be made.

The Pan American Games are played every four years in the year prior to the Olympics. Eight nations will field teams for the games. Michigan State's Tom Izzo will coach the squad and he'll be assisted by Washington's Lorenzo Romar and Missouri's Quin Snyder.

### Sunfish

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some), longear sunfish, green sunfish ("perch") and warmouth ("goggle-eye").

Each often generates regional names, but collectively they are all Lepomis sunfish, and sometimes the lot of them are called bluegill or, colloquially, "bream."

Whatever they're called, the bluegill and its cousins are pillars of Kentucky fishing because they are almost universally accessible statewide, they're aggressive toward bait or lure, there's as much fight per ounce in a sunfish as any species, and they make for quality table fare.

The only real negative is that sunfish are relative miniatures. A nice bluegill or redear might be seven to nine inches long. Other sunfish may be mature adults at even at six inches or so.

Then again, sunfish tend to offset individual size with quantity. There are scads of them.

From late May and thereafter into summer is the season when bluegill and fellow sunfish cluster together in breeding colonies in shallow water for the annual spawn. Fish by the dozens gather and fan out saucer-shaped "beds" in fine gravel or silt bottom where eggs will be laid and fry hatched.

### H.S. BASEBALL

## Whitesburg pitcher is record-setter

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WHITESBURG — Gina Fields of Whitesburg is putting up numbers that no one at her school, and not many in the state, could ever live up to.

Fields, who won her 100th career game as a softball pitcher earlier this season, is the school record holder in wins in a season, wins in a career, strikeouts and ERA.

Her record this year is 15-3, making her 110-30 for her career. Those 110 wins are third in state history behind only Becky Abner of North Laurel (125) and Heather Lawrence of Boone County (120).

This season alone, Fields has seven shutouts and three no-hitters to her credit. Fields is coached by Dicky Adams.

A bedding area with more than 100 mature bluegill may be packed into an area smaller than a typical sewing room. In lakes, bedding sites often occur in sheltered coves where there are sandy or pea-gravel bottoms in two to eight feet of water, the depth usually greater in clearer water environments and shallower where murky.

Beds may be visible when they occur in rather shallow, clear water. Otherwise, hints to their presence may be an unusual frequency of small bubbles rising to the surface in a confined spot, or the decidedly "fishy" aroma of concentrated bluegill, which some anglers claim to be able to identify.

A more reliable indicator might be test fishing. A quick catch of two or three adult fish from a single shallow spot may suggest a bed below. History also is a guide: Sunfish tend to bed in the same sites year after year.

The simplicity of fishing for bluegill and its kin is another reason the fish are among Kentucky's most popular. They can be fished with mere pole and line, but there is an advantage with bedding sunfish to use light or ultra-light spinning or spincast (push-button) rod and reel. Casting allows the fisherman to stay back and to avoid "spooking" a spawning colony, thus, more can be caught before the bite cools.

A proven rigging for bedding bluegill is a light wire, long-shank No. 10 "cricket" hook tied on 6-pound test line and weighted with a BB-size split shot or two a few inches above it. Attach a tiny float on the line just deep enough to suspend the hook about a foot over the bottom.

Finally, adorn the little hook with a small live bait item. Live crickets are like ice cream to bluegill. Meal or wax worms are good and last longer on the hook, and small red worms or pieces of common garden wigglers are very reliable.

### TOURNEY ACTION

## MCHS To host 57th, 56th tournaments

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SALYERSVILLE — The pairings for the 57th District Tournament were determined Monday in Salyersville, where the tournament will be played beginning May 26. The pairings were also determined for the 56th District softball tourney.

Sheldon Clark will play Paintsville in the first game of the 57th District Baseball Tournament at 2 p.m., and host Magoffin County take on in the other first round game.

The girls' bracket pits

Paintsville against rival Johnson Central in the first game at 3 p.m., and Sheldon Clark against Magoffin County in the second game/nightcap at 6 p.m. Both tournaments will take place at Ramey Memorial Park in Salyersville. This is the first time for Magoffin County to host the district in baseball or softball.

The draws for the 58th District and 57th District softball tournaments were scheduled for Friday afternoon. A full rundown of the Floyd County tournaments will appear in Wednesday's edition.

### HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

## Paintsville Golf Course catering to ladies on Tuesdays

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Girls' golf? Yes. Women's golf? Yes. It's true, the ladies like to play, too.

The Paintsville Golf Course will host Ladies' Day every Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening until further notice, course pro Larry G. Ward announced recently.

Ladies can go to the golf course at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays and compete in games such as scrambles, stroke play and team play. The course is also offering activities for women on Wednesdays starting at 5 p.m.

Furthermore, women do not have to be a member of the Paintsville Country Club to participate.

Golf lessons are also available by appointment, individually or in groups of three, dis-

counted to members of the Ladies' Golf Association. Club repair is also available at the PGC Pro Shop.

All women, any age, beginners to seasoned players, are invited to participate.

For more information, call 606/789-4234.

### Rings

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on the men's basketball team. The Bulldogs withdrew from both the SEC and NCAA tournaments, and coach Jim HARRICK was forced to retire.

"My patience, the patience of the faculty, and the patience of most of our supporters is exhausted over this continuing improper behavior by athletes," Adams said. "I am disappointed and I expect corrective actions to be taken."

The football team has endured a tumultuous offseason, as well. Five players, including Jennings, were suspended for at least the first two games after being charged with marijuana possession in a campus dorm. On Wednesday, four more players were suspended for unspecified violations.

Now, the school is working to restore the eligibility of the nine players who violated NCAA rules governing amateurism by selling the rings. Officials are arranging to repurchase the rings from an eBay seller who goes by moniker "yankeescolt45," though it may be impossible to get back all the items.

"It's a privilege to participate in intercollegiate athletics and receive these items," NCAA spokesman Jeff Howard said. "The athletes should cherish those and not profit from them."

Georgia isn't the only school going through a version of "Ring-gate." Florida State is investigating whether players were paid for rings, autographs and other football-related merchandise.

The SEC championship ring, valued by Georgia at around \$350, has the school's "G" logo in the middle, surrounded by the words "SEC Champions — 2002."

Gibson said the players were never told they couldn't sell the rings. He also said it's not fair

that the school earned millions of dollars from the championship season but the players aren't allowed to collect any outside income.

"I go to the store and see my No. 82 jersey on the shelves. What do I get paid from that? Nothing," he said. "If I can't make any money, then they shouldn't make any money, either."

Gibson said he sold his ring because his car was vandalized, causing around \$1,000 in damage. Besides, he wasn't all that excited about getting a couple of championship rings.

"I'm glad we won and all that stuff, but to tell you the truth, I don't like rings," he said. "Those two rings were just sitting in my drawer."

The school is hopeful that the players' eligibility will be restored in time for the Aug. 30 opener at Clemson. Richt is sure to impose his own punishment, but hasn't decided if that will include suspensions.

In the meantime, Georgia officials are trying to make sure that no one else tries to sell memorabilia while still in school.

"We'll probably have a procedure where they sign something saying they can't sell their rings," Richt said. "There's going to be some point blank consequences laid out for them if anything happens in the future."

Dooley said the rings could be returned to the players if they make restitution, assuming they agree to "certain conditions." He wouldn't be specific.

Gibson, who said he still has the \$2,000, believes the ring should definitely be returned to him if he has to make restitution to the athletic association.

"Yeah, I want my ring back," he said. "I'll give it to my grandparents."

# Sunday Comics

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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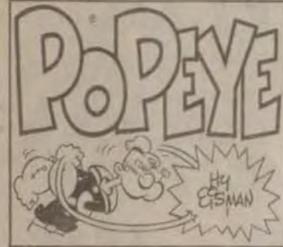
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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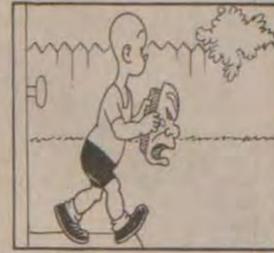
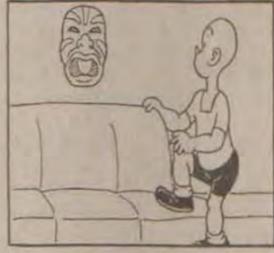
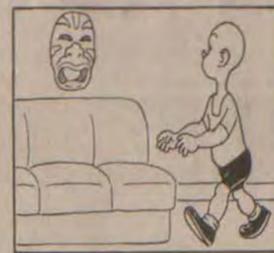
## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Differences: 1. Bees are gone. 2. Sticks have no stripes. 3. Boy has a hat. 4. There's a snake in the grass. 5. Fence extends farther. 6. Boy's shoes are black.

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



## Super Crossword DILEMMA

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lump
  - 5 Showed sorrow
  - 9 Anthony of "Boston Public"
  - 14 Jambalaya ingredient
  - 19 Hammett hound
  - 20 Where to find an onager
  - 21 Songwriter Greenwich
  - 22 Spine-tingling
  - 23 Fertile soil
  - 24 Tumble
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  - 27 Start of a remark
  - 31 Herriot title start
  - 32 Vigoda or Saperstein
  - 33 Slippery character?
  - 34 Brit. fliers
  - 37 Singer Manchester
  - 41 Celt
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  - 47 94 Across highlight
  - 49 Pants part
  - 50 "The Jungle Book" boy
  - 52 Cask
  - 54 Part 2 of remark
  - 57 "Love — the Ruins" ('75 film)
  - 104 Fast flier
  - 105 He gives a hoot
  - 107 Cooke or Donaldson section
  - 108 Male swan
  - 110 End of remark
  - 121 Biblical city
  - 122 "That's —" ('54 tune)
  - 123 Actress Thompson
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  - 125 "West Side Story" role
  - 126 Porsche propeller
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  - 128 Crucifix
  - 129 Texas' state tree
  - 130 Marvel marvels
  - 131 Coty or Clair
  - 132 Dweeb
  - 7 Disagreeable sort
  - 8 Hard to believe
  - 9 Priam's wife
  - 10 Cheer
  - 11 — Romeo
  - 12 Mortgage, for one
  - 13 Actor Amaz
  - 14 Serenity
  - 15 Disgust
  - 16 Composer Khachaturian
  - 17 Deep red
  - 18 Volleyball divider
  - 28 City on the Danube
  - 29 Kind of kiln
  - 30 Fenwick or Carter
  - 34 Snitches
  - 35 Inland sea
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  - 38 Baton Rouge coll.
  - 39 Cloth finish
  - 40 — Mateo, CA
  - 41 Errs
  - 42 It darkens your doorway
  - 43 Bird-to-be
  - 45 Join
  - 46 Follow
  - 48 "— you for real?"
  - 50 2001, to Tiberius
  - 51 Skater Midori
  - 53 Publisher Conde
  - 55 At any time
  - 56 Brewer or Wright
  - 57 Orlon, for instance
  - 59 Part of Q.E.D.
  - 61 Tofu base
  - 62 Occupation
  - 64 Sail through
  - 65 Cozy cloth
  - 67 Tons of time
  - 69 Mild cigars
  - 70 Fermented tea
  - 71 Deplored
  - 72 Shock
  - 73 Word with baby or snake
  - 74 Inauguration Day event
  - 75 Filled with wonder
  - 80 Instant, for short
  - 82 Coq au —
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  - 85 '87 Streisand film
  - 86 Egyptian deity
  - 87 "— la vie"
  - 89 Supportive of
  - 90 Princess bruiser
  - 91 Klutz
  - 92 Plastic Band
  - 95 Bill of Flights grp.
  - 96 Interoffice communique
  - 99 Honda competitor
  - 101 Wimsey's creator
  - 102 From C to shining C?
  - 103 TV's "Scooby-"
  - 106 '81 John Lennon hit
  - 107 Senator Thurmond
  - 109 Borg of tennis
  - 110 Actress Skye
  - 111 Bank's backup org.
  - 112 Clammy sequel
  - 114 A bit of Beethoven
  - 115 Weekend warriors: abbr.
  - 116 Donated
  - 117 Frigga's fellow
  - 118 South African plant
  - 119 Sikorsky or Stravinsky
  - 120 Diane of "Chinatown"
  - 121 Weaken

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