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## briefs

### Knott man gets 4 months for vote fraud

**The Associated Press**

LONDON — A Knott County man has been sentenced to four months in jail to be followed by four months of home incarceration for election fraud.

Keith Pigman, 45, of Garner, had pleaded guilty to conspiring to buy votes in the 1998 primary election in Knott County. He also will serve 2 years of probation after his release.

Pigman testified a month ago against Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome and campaign supporter Willard Smith during a trial in U.S. District Court in Pikeville.

Newsome and Smith were convicted on several counts of buying votes and conspiring to buy votes. They are being held in the Fayette County Detention Center, pending their sentencing on Jan. 5.

Pigman will begin serving his sentencing on Jan. 2. Until then, he'll remain free.

## W'wright getting less for gas than it pays

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Against the advice of their attorney, Wheelwright city commissioners voted Friday afternoon to draft an ordinance repealing a city law in place since 1999 to see that gas rates are adjusted to match the cost of purchases made from their provider, Equitable Resources.

A subject which is normally a trivial matter for most cities, in Wheelwright's case, the expressed desire to see that gas rates are not raised could mean some major

financial problems, according to city attorney Tim Parker.

"I spoke with Equitable (Resources) the other day and they said we're going to lose \$47,000 this year if we don't raise rates," Parker told attending commissioners. "I'm not a member of this council, but as your attorney, I think you should be aware of that."

Since 1984, the city has charged \$6.61 and \$5.81 for every unit used. Last year, the city's utility clerk, Audrey Yates, said the city paid \$6.94 for each unit.

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Ignoring the advice of their attorney, Wheelwright city commissioners appear set on a course which will see the city continue to pay more for natural gas than it gets back through its utility.

photo by Sheldon Compton

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**Today**  
  
Sunny  
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**Tomorrow**  
  
Mostly sunny  
High: 81 • Low: 49

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Prestonsburg native Greg Stumbo, candidate for attorney general, spoke at a Democratic Rally held Friday evening at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. Stumbo, along with Democratic candidates Ben Chandler, Charlie Owen and Crit Luallen shared enthusiasm with their supporters as they discussed the importance and significance of a "united democratic ticket."

photo by Mary Music

## Cops teach lesson to teen pranksters

by **MARY MUSIC**  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Local pranksters looking for a way to ring in Halloween cheer found out how not to have fun Thursday evening, after Prestonsburg City Police officials seized their belongings and carted them off to the precinct.

According to Prestonsburg Police Chief Mike Omerod, city police officials at the 911 dispatch service received complaints that pranksters were throwing corn at passing cars near Tiger Mart on U.S. 23. While investigating the scene, said Omerod, officers were then called to investigate a similar complaint regarding juveniles on the same stretch of road.

After approaching the scene, which was located on the hill near the northbound lane of the highway at the mouth of Abbott, officers found six juveniles on three all-terrain vehicles, armed with 18-20 cartons of eggs and paintball guns.

According to Officer Brian Walker, who attended the scene along with Omerod, Assistant Chief Stan Farler, Danny Wayne Martin and Mike Conn, the juveniles initially tried to escape on their four-wheelers when police arrived. However, their resistance ended with a minor collision of two of the three ATVs involved. The escape attempt of the driver of the third four-wheeler, said

(See **PRANKS**, page three)

## Races for governor, AG top Tuesday ballot

Special P'burg election also on tap

by **MARY MUSIC**  
STAFF WRITER

The fate of several governmental positions will be decided by voters who turn out Tuesday, Nov. 4, to nominate their pick on the ballot.

Republican Congressman Ernie Fletcher and Democrat A.B. "Ben" Chandler, current attorney general and grandson of former governor "Happy" Chandler, both vying to become Kentucky's next governor, are topping the list of the most competitive campaigns this year.

Over the past several months, opinions and campaign promises of both parties have been a prominent fixture within the media. Fletcher is running alongside Stephen B. Pence, who seeks the lieutenant governor's position. Chandler has chosen Charlie Owen as his running mate.

(See **ELECTION**, page three)

## Harold man indicted after fight at basketball game

**The Associated Press**

PIKEVILLE — A Floyd County man has been charged with assault after a fight at a youth basketball game.

Joey Luster, 29, of Harold, was charged in an indictment issued Wednesday with two counts of second-degree assault after the fight at a Mullins gymnasium last Sunday.

Pike County Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley said Luster was yelling obscenities at children at the game when parents confronted him and asked him to leave.

Bartley alleged that Luster slashed and stabbed a coach and a 14-year-old boy.

"No weapon was found a

(See **FIGHT**, page three)

## Fiscal court clears way for state money to go to schools

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court voted yesterday to provide \$150,000 in funding for three school projects with money secured through state-level lobbying.

The projects will be for Allen Central, Betsy Layne and South Floyd high schools, which will each receive \$50,000, paid for with money given to the county through the Department of Local Government following successful passage of House Bill 269 during the last meeting of the legislature.

Floyd Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said shortly after the special-called meeting Friday afternoon that it hadn't been made clear whether the money had been earmarked for certain projects at the three area schools or if the department had simply provided the funds to be used on whatever projects each school might have planned.

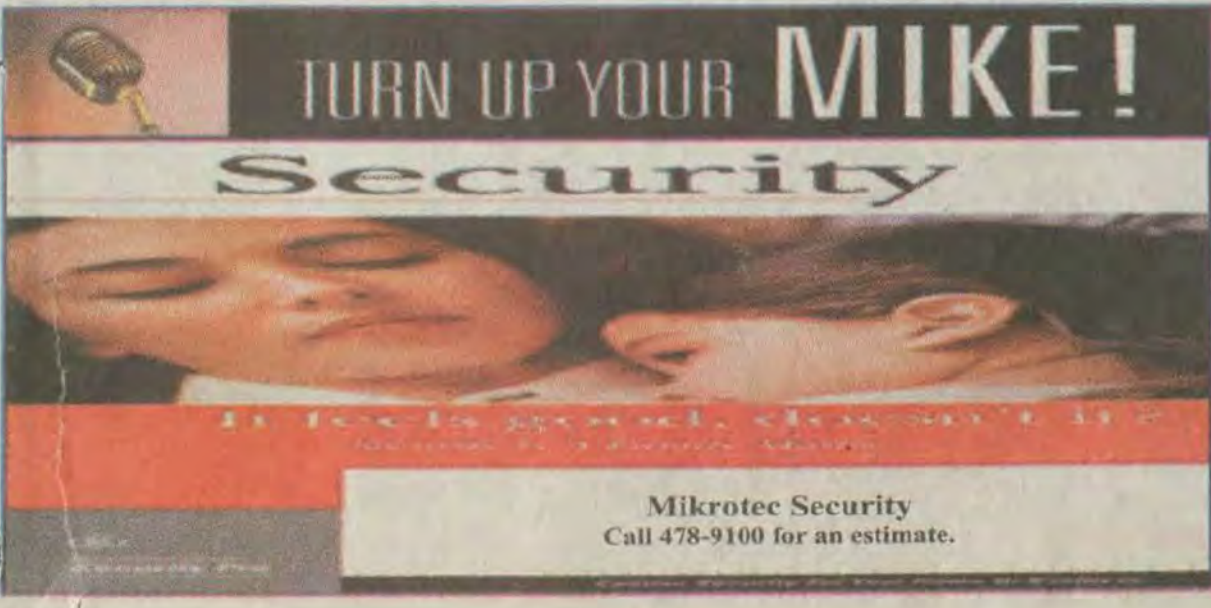
In other business, the fiscal court agreed to transfer \$50,000 from the county road fund to the jail. Thompson said the money was apparently needed for the purpose of general operations at the facility.

Also, the court accepted \$50,000 from the Department of Transportation, to be used for gravel throughout the county. Ideally, each district would receive roughly \$12,500 worth of gravel for various roads, but a set plan for distribution of the gravel was not stipulated during Friday's meeting.

(See **FISCAL COURT**, page three)

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# Odds and Ends

**■ GREAT FALLS, Mont.** — The busiest street in Great Falls became a home for roaming buffalo.

Three bison broke out of Mickey's Packing Plant on the southern edge of Great Falls Thursday and took to 10th Avenue South, one of the state's busiest thoroughfares.

They stopped by a nursing home, ran through a park and visited Giant Springs Heritage

Park before being herded into a pasture and shot several hours after the first report of them hitting the town.

Diane Moog was on 38th Street when she saw the herd coming at her van.

"I could not believe my eyes," Moog said. "I just thought, holy cow."

Fortunately, the bison veered in another direction, sparing Moog and her van.

Terry Albrecht also spied the fast-moving crew after his sister-in-law, who lives about a block away, called to say she had seen some bison run by and needed assurance that she wasn't going crazy.

"So I looked out the window and saw these bison in front of my house," he said. "We've seen deer, coyotes and geese but we've never seen bison before."

Cascade County Undersheriff Kent Funiyak said other than creating a major traffic hazard, the buffalo didn't do any damage.

Gene Tinsen, part owner of Mickey's Packing Plant, said the bull and two cows were headed for slaughter, but broke through a 5-foot high, wooden rail fence.

**■ NEW YORK** — A man trying to fish out his cell phone from a commuter train toilet got his arm stuck, forcing the train to stop and

causing delays throughout the rail system.

Thousands of commuters were delayed and several trains were rerouted while rescue workers tried to pull him out, a Metro-North Railroad spokesman said Thursday.

Edwin Gallart, 41, of the Bronx, dropped his cell phone in the toilet of his Mount Vernon-bound train shortly after it left Grand Central Terminal during rush hour on Wednesday, Metro-North spokesman Dan Brucker said.

The train was held at a station after a passenger heard Gallart's cries for help.

When train workers failed to pry Gallart's arm free, police officers and firefighters were called in to use a blowtorch to break apart the stainless steel toilet.

All 600 passengers aboard the train were put on other trains and all northbound trains had to be rerouted, causing significant delays and thousands of dollars in additional costs for Metro-North, which might seek damages from Gallart, Brucker said.

Gallart's home telephone number was unlisted and he couldn't be reached for comment.

**■ TUCSON, Ariz.** — Immigrant smugglers trying to fool law enforcement officials have painted vehicles to look like a Federal Express van and even U.S. Border Patrol vehicles.

This week, they tried again — using one painted to look like a Phoenix TV news truck.

Agents tipped to a home in Naco believed to be harboring illegal immigrants watched as 10 people climbed into a Ford Explorer and a Isuzu pickup truck.

The sides and front of the Explorer were painted with a large "12" and other station insignia on the sides, including the phrase "12 Stands for Local News."

"On the back side, there was a black door; it looks really good from the rest of the sides," Border Patrol spokesman Andy Adame

said. Bert Sass, a producer at the station, KPNX-TV in Phoenix, said he was unaware of any vehicle having been reported stolen from the station. A call to the station's news director was not immediately returned.

Agents on Tuesday found five undocumented immigrants in each vehicle and charged each driver with felony alien smuggling, Adame said.

**■ BERLIN, Conn.** — You'll need to strip yourself of more than your inhibition and bare more than your soul if you want to take part in karaoke at the Berlin Station Cafe.

Cafe owner Marty St. Pierre says he was just kidding around when he advertised "Naked Karaoke" in front of his bar. Then he got volunteers. Lots of them.

"It honestly started out as a joke," he said. "But there were people signing up, so I just let it run."

Not everyone warmed up to the idea.

The cafe's neighbors called Town Hall to complain, and town authorities went to warn St. Pierre he could face fines or arrest if he operated the naked musical performance without a permit required under a town ordinance.

David E. Koskoff, co-owner of the building since the 1980s and a lawyer, is suing the town.

Koskoff also contends the business isn't "dirty." "You're not talking about the Bada Bing!" he said, referring to the strip joint in the television series "The Sopranos." "Nobody who knows our operation would think that suggestion is anything but funny."

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## Today in History

**The Associated Press**

**Ten years ago:**  
The Senate called for full disclosure of Sen. Bob Packwood's diaries as part of a probe into allegations of sexual harassment and possible criminal wrongdoing by the Oregon Republican. Wildfires in Southern California pushed through areas of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, burning 35,000 acres and 200 homes.

**Five years ago:**  
Central American officials estimated more than 7,000 people had died in floods and mudslides triggered by Hurricane Mitch. Microsoft chairman Bill Gates took center stage at his company's antitrust trial, appearing on videotape inside a federal courtroom in Washington.

**One year ago:**  
President Bush called Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein a "dangerous man" with links to terrorist networks, and said that U.N. inspections for weapons of mass destruction were critical.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Country singer Charlie Walker is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Earl "Speedo" Carroll (The Cadillacs; The Coasters) is 66. Singer Jay Black (Jay and the Americans) is 65. Commentator Patrick J. Buchanan is 65. Actress Stefanie Powers is 61. Author Shere Hite is 61. Rock musician Keith Emerson (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 59. Singer-songwriter K.D. Lang is 42. Rock musician Bobby Dall (Poison) is 40. Actor David Schwimmer is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Alvin Chea (Take 6) is 36. Rock singer-musician John Hampson (Nine Days) is 32. Rapper Nelly is 29. Prodigy (Mobb Deep) is 29. Actor Danny Cooksey is 28.

**Thought for Today:**  
"The harder I work, the luckier I get." — George Allen, American football coach (1922-1990).

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Nov. 2, 1976, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter became the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president. He defeated incumbent Gerald R. Ford.

**On this date:**  
■ In 1783, Gen. George Washington issued his "Farewell Address to the Army" near Princeton, N.J.  
■ In 1795, the 11th president of the United States, James Knox Polk, was born in Mecklenburg County, N.C.  
■ In 1865, the 29th president of the United States, Warren Gamaliel Harding, was born near Corsica, Ohio.  
■ In 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota respectively became the 39th and 40th states.  
■ In 1917, British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour expressed support for a "national home" for the Jews of Palestine in what came to be known as "The Balfour Declaration."  
■ In 1930, Haile Selassie was crowned emperor of Ethiopia.  
■ In 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden airplane, known as the "Spruce Goose," on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.  
■ In 1948, President Truman surprised the experts by being re-elected in a narrow upset over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey.  
■ In 1963, South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem was assassinated in a military coup.  
■ In 1983, President Reagan signed a bill establishing a federal holiday on the third Monday of January in honor of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

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# At bottom, both Fletcher, Chandler promise to bring change

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT —  
Republican Emie Fletcher and

Democrat Ben Chandler, each promising to bring drastic change, are sharpening that message as they near the end of their race for governor.

It's an easier sales job for Fletcher. Since Democrats have held the governorship for the last 32 years, he can cite any number of problems and make a plausible case for giving the GOP a crack at them.

"Why are we among the

poorer states in the nation?" Fletcher recently asked a crowd at Owensboro. "It's not because of the people. I think it's because we haven't had the leadership in Frankfort."

If he's elected, Fletcher says, "There'll be a new sheriff in

town."

Fletcher later tells an interviewer that he and running mate Steve Pence, a former federal prosecutor, are going to "stay the course and ... stay on message."

"I think the people of

Kentucky do want change, and we're the ticket that's going to really bring change and clean up the mess," Fletcher said.

For Chandler, the current attorney general and former

(See CHANGE, page five)

## Pranks

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Walker, was also confounded when his vehicle got stuck in the mud. Following these incidents, said Walker, the pranksters became "quiet" and "real cooperative" upon realizing the extent of the trouble they were in.

"They didn't want to talk a lot," said Walker. "They knew they were caught."

According to Walker, the juveniles, who were all 16 and 17 years old, doubled up as riders on the four wheelers, armed with eggs and paintball guns, and shot at passing cars from a cut-thru which connects the northbound lane of U.S. 23 to West Prestonsburg. This road connects to the four lane at approximately 20 yards from the Big Sandy Community and Technical College exit light.

Each of the juveniles was held at the Prestonsburg Police Station and released into their parents' custody later that evening. All three of the four ATVs and the paintball guns at the scene were confiscated by officers. At least one of the four-wheelers was

returned to its owners as of press time on Friday.

"I told all these kids that they were extremely lucky," said Walker. "They don't realize how easily someone could have gotten hurt here. All it would have taken was for one of them to shoot out a windshield or a window. Someone could have gotten killed easily. They think it's all about having a fun time, but it's not."

According to Walker, three of the juveniles — those driving the four wheelers — were charged with evading police. Three other juveniles involved, said Walker, could possibly face littering or other criminal charges. However, he said, one of those juveniles may not face any charges because he "apparently didn't know that anything was going to happen."

According to Chief Omerod, there was only one report of damages filed following the incident on Thursday. Those damages, he said, were minor and could be eliminated with a simple car wash.

## Fiscal Court

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The court also saw time set aside to open sealed bids for the purchase of more than a dozen sheriff's department vehicles. However, according to Deputy Judge-Executive Brett Davis, the county had received no bids on the cars, despite advertising

as required.

The court voted to allow Thompson, who said most of the vehicles in question were in poor shape during his tenure as sheriff, to dispose of the units, considering there had been no bids presented for their purchase.

## Wheelwright

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This past August, Equitable renewed their contract with the city and, citing a nationwide energy crunch, raised the price of gas to \$8.82 per unit. Since that time, Equitable has raised its rate to \$9.47.

The city did not agree to adjust the price at which they sold the gas to city residents to match the price at which it had been bought, and could now be open to legal and even criminal consequences if the trend continues, and especially if the city were to attempt to dissolve the utility commission, according to Parker.

"If you continue to defer from simply charging what they're paying, you could open yourself up to liability, possibly even criminal charges," Parker said.

In a 1999 ordinance, the city commission decreed that if gas rates for purchase were raised, then the rates at which the city would sell the gas would be adjusted to at least equal that amount. However, the city has continued to sell gas not for the \$8.82 per unit at which they have been purchasing it, but at \$6.94, a steady loss that has,

coupled with other budget crunches, prompted Mayor Marlee Sammons to ask the state Attorney General's Office to examine the city's finances.

"We can't make our payments right now," Sammons told commissioners Friday. "If we lose this gas system, we're going to be in trouble."

Half the commissioners Friday voted to take back control of the decision making in the utility department, but the idea failed to carry.

During the special meeting Friday, City Commissioner Don "Booty" Hall presented a motion that the city's utility commission be "dismissed." The motion was seconded by only one of the three other commissioners, Rodney Hall.

The city plans to meet in special session Monday at 3 p.m. to review and offer for a first reading a new ordinance to be prepared by Parker. The new ordinance would repeal the 1999 ordinance setting automatic rate adjustments and allow the city to take a "deeper, more in-depth" look at the situation, according to Hall.

## Election

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In addition to filling the governor's seat, voters statewide will also be choosing candidates to fill the positions of the secretary of state, attorney general, auditor of public accounts, state treasurer and commissioner of agriculture.

Locally, Prestonsburg voters will also include a seat on the city council into their election deliberations.

Three individuals are running for attorney general this election. Jack D. Wood, who tops the ballot as the Republican candidate, is facing Prestonsburg native Greg Stumbo, the Democratic candidate and current House majority floor leader. These two individuals will be running against independent candidate Gatewood Galbraith.

Voters will also elect a new auditor of public accounts on Tuesday. Candidates for this political office include Linda Greenwell, Republican representative, and Crit Luallen as the Democratic candidate.

For secretary of state, Republican C. M. "Trey"

Grayson is running against Democrat Russ Maple.

In the state treasurer's race, Republican candidate Adam Koenig will face Democratic Jonathan Miller, the only incumbent on the statewide ballot.

Additionally, voters statewide will determine a new commissioner of agriculture. In this race, Republican Richie Farmer, the former University of Kentucky basketball fan favorite, will face Democrat Alice Woods Baesler, wife of former Lexington mayor and congressman Scotty Baesler.

Locally, Prestonsburg voters will have the opportunity to fill a seat on the Prestonsburg City Council which was left vacant following the death of former council member Billy Ray Collins earlier this year. In this race, Donna Blackburn Wells, who was recently appointed to act as an interim council member, is running against Dr. Phillip Simpson, who owns a chiropractic business in the Prestonsburg area.

# Great American Smokeout is Nov. 20

Times Staff Report

The Great American Smokeout traditionally takes place the third Thursday in November. The concept dates from the early 1970s when Massachusetts resident Arthur P. Mullaney asked people to give up smoking for a day and donate the money they would have spent on cigarettes to a local high school.

Later, in 1974, Lynn R. Smith, editor of the Monticello Times in Minnesota, spearheaded the state's first D-Day, or "Don't Smoke Day." The idea caught on in state after state until 1977, when it went nationwide under the sponsorship of the American Cancer Society. Millions of people are expected to quit smoking for a day or longer by joining the yearly Great American Smokeout events.

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 47 million U.S. adults smoke. Tobacco use can cause lung cancer, as well as other cancers, heart disease and respiratory disease. Each year smoking is responsible for one of five deaths. Cigarettes

kill more Americans than alcohol, car accidents, suicide, AIDS, homicide and illegal drugs.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, smokers who quit, regardless of age, live longer than people who continue to smoke. Smokers who quit before age 50 have half the risk of dying in the next 15 years compared with those who continue to smoke.

Quitting smoking substantially decreases the risk of cancer of the

lung, larynx, pharynx, esophagus, mouth, pancreas, bladder and cervix. More benefits of cessation include risk reduction for coronary heart disease, lung diseases, and cardiovascular disease. Smoking is the number one cause of heart disease.

Are you thinking about quitting smoking but not sure you're ready to take the plunge? Maybe the Great American Smokeout is for you. It's an opportunity to join

with literally millions of other smokers in saying "no thanks" to cigarettes for 24 hours.

In observance of the 2003 Great American Smokeout, Our Lady of the Way Hospital will provide an information booth in the hospital front lobby on Thursday, Nov. 20. For more information, call the Community Health Education Department at (606) 285-5181, ext. 6000, 6001, 6002 or 6003.

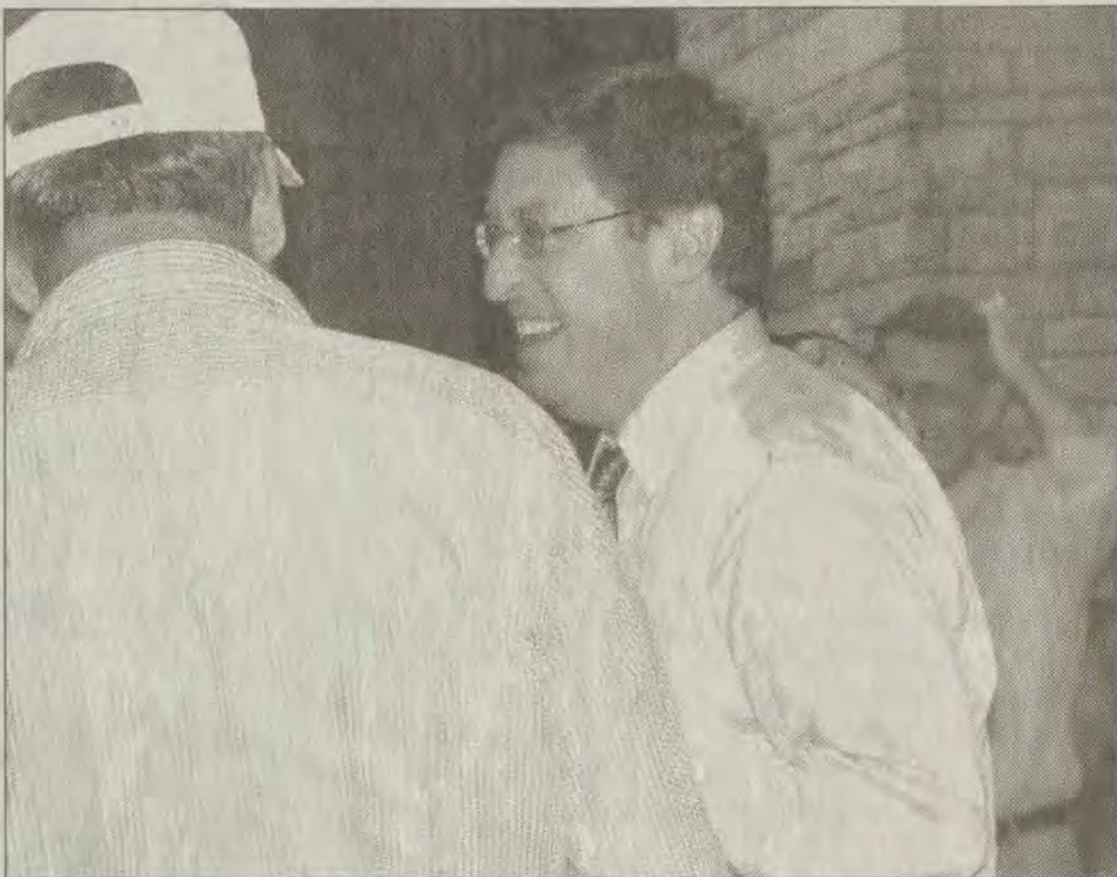


photo by Mary Music

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ben Chandler mingled with the crowd at the Democratic Rally held Friday at the Mountain Arts Center. Chandler made a swing through Eastern Kentucky ahead of Tuesday's election, stopping in Prestonsburg Friday and continuing to Pikeville on Saturday, before visiting London and Somerset today.

## Fight

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the scene," Bartley said.

Both victims, he said, were treated at a local hospital and released.

Luster also was charged in the indictment with being a persistent felony offender. He had previously been convicted of reckless homicide.

Luster had recently completed a 5-year sentence.

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# expression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.  
— Felix Frankfurter

## Guest View

### State high court sees through shenanigans

Kudos to the Kentucky Supreme Court for recognizing and cutting down efforts by state legislators to give themselves a hefty pension raise on the sly.

In 2000, a paragraph containing language that justices called "unintelligible" was inserted into a public retirement bill. Sen. Albert Robinson, who authored the insertion, said his intention was for it to be so murky that no one could see through plans to give raises of 72 percent on "assumed salaries," taking pensions from \$27,500 to more than \$47,000.

But the language wasn't the only thing in this piece of legislation that raised red flags for the court. Amazingly enough, the one-paragraph amendment manages to violate the separation of powers, usurp the Kentucky Constitution, run afoul of a requirement that legislators disclose a private interest in a bill and violate a constitutional ban on changing the pay of public officers during the terms for which they were elected.

About the only thing the amendment managed to accomplish was a nomination for most violations in a single paragraph and a black eye for the author.

Boos to Robinson for his admitted attempt to fool Kentuckians. Bravos to the court for seeing through this thinly veiled attempt by at least one lawmaker to fatten his paycheck for retirement.

— The Ledger-Independent, Maysville



— Jim Davidson

### Please, God ... I'm only 17!

One of the newspapers out West that carries this column is the Judith Basis Press published in Stanford, Mont. The publisher, Wes Gibbs, has been kind enough to send me the paper each week so I can get a feel for what is happening in this beautiful part of our country.

In a recent issue the following headline caught my attention. "A major local effort to fight a threat to teenagers." A subheading continues, "Teenage drinking a leading cause in premature death. Judge Wayne Phillips says, 'Let's fight it.'"

The bottom line is simply this. Teenagers who drink alcohol are far more likely to die early or suffer brain impairment than those teenagers who do not. In a span of only three months, 17 Central Montana youth were involved in serious alcohol-related car crashes, and this is a state that does not have a lot of people. This past spring, Judge Phillips and a group of concerned community members and professionals began a

campaign to fight the problem of teenage drinking.

When I read this front-page story in the Judith Basis Press, it reminded me of an article I ran across several years ago titled, "Please, God, I'm only 17." The original article was printed in a Dear Abby column and Margaret Nelson of Skokie, Ill., requested that it be reprinted for the benefit of her 16-year-old grandson, who had just enrolled in a driver's education class.

While the young man in this article may or may not have drinking, any automobile accident involving a young person is no less tragic. It begins:

"The day I died was an ordinary school day. How I wish I had taken the bus, but I was too cool for the bus. I remember how I wheedled the car out of mom. 'Special favor,' I pleaded. 'All the kids drive.' When the 2:50 bell rang, I threw all my books in the locker. I was free until 8:40 tomorrow morning. I ran to the parking lot, excited at the thought of driving a car and being my own boss. Free!

"It doesn't matter how the accident happened. I was goofing off, going too fast, taking crazy chances, but I was enjoying my freedom and having fun. The last thing I remember was passing

an old lady who seemed to be going awfully slow. I heard a deafening crash and I felt a terrible jolt. Glass and steel flew everywhere. My whole body seemed to be turning inside out. I heard myself scream. Suddenly I awakened. It was very quiet. A police officer was standing over me. Then I saw a doctor. My body was mangled. I was saturated with blood. Pieces of jangled glass were sticking out all over.

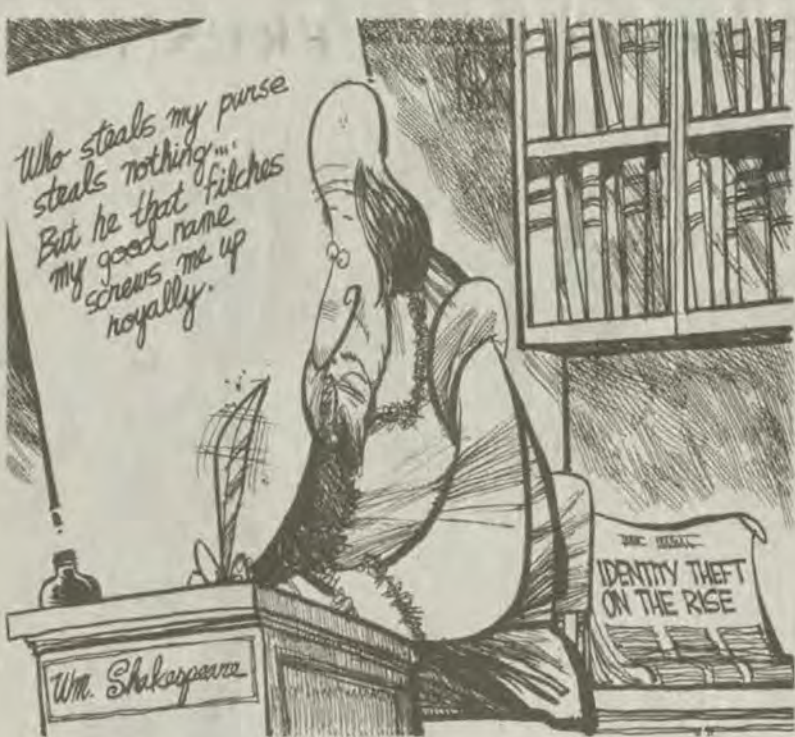
"Strange that I couldn't feel anything. Hey, don't pull that sheet over my head — I can't be dead! I'm only 17. I've got to grow up and live a wonderful life. I haven't lived yet. I can't be dead. Later, I was placed in a drawer. My folks had to identify me. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at mom's eyes when she faced the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad

suddenly looked like an old man. He told the man in charge, 'Yes, he's my son.'

"The funeral was a weird experience. I saw all my relatives and friends walk toward the casket. They passed by one-by-one and looked at me with the saddest eyes I have ever seen. Some of my buddies were crying. A few of the girls touched my hand and sobbed as they walked away.

"Please somebody, wake me up! Get!

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— beyond the beltway

### Reviewing the news — a dreary task

by DONALD KAUL

I was out of the country for a couple of weeks (in France, where American fries come from) so when I got back I went through the papers to see what I'd missed. (It's an ugly job, being a news commentator, but someone's got to do it, else how would you know what to think?). Here are some of the stories I found:

"Dizzying Dive to Red Ink Has Lawmakers Facing Difficult Budget Choices" — The \$5.6 trillion budget surplus predicted for 2011 has now become a \$2.3 trillion deficit and, unless Congress takes action, could easily go to four or five trillion. Right now they're trying to figure out which part of government to get off your backs — education or Social Security.

"Spending On Iraq Sets Off Gold Rush" — Documented the rush to the federal trough of companies who are anxious to help put Iraq back on its feet — at a price. The contracts tend to be of the no-bid variety that go to firms on friendly terms with the administration,

meaning they paid the big bucks in campaign contributions.

"Two in Congress Question Halliburton's Fuel Prices in Iraq" — A couple of congressmen (Democrats, naturally) are suggesting that Dick Cheney's old firm is gouging the government in its buying and selling of gasoline in Iraq. As if those patriotic Americans would do something like that.

"Medicare Premium to Increase By 13.5 Percent Next Year" — See there? I told you they were going to get government off your back. Feel lighter?

"Tax Revenue at 44-Year Low In Proportion to U.S. Economy" — That's a surprise. I wonder if they know what's causing it.

"Large Ice Shelf Splits Up" — It seems that scientists have found that a huge ice shelf, which has been jutting into the Arctic Ocean for 3,000 years, has broken away from Canada and is breaking up. Some say it's because of global warming but I agree with the Bush administration. It's Canada's problem.

"EPA Relaxes Restrictions On Sale of Contaminated Land" — This, the administration says, will eliminate "an unnecessary barrier to economic redevelopment." Right. And if you're look-

ing for a two-bedroom bungalow with a lovely view of Love Canal, have I got a deal for you.

"In Surprise, OPEC Acts to Cut its Output 3.5 Percent. Move Pushes Price of Oil Sharply Higher" — I have a question. What was the surprise? Why wouldn't our loyal OPEC allies, after we've spent hundreds of millions in the past 10 years to save them from the fiend Saddam, stick it to us the first time they got the chance?

"Record Gas Prices Pump Up Profits for Oil Companies" — As Marlon Brando once said when playing an oil tycoon who was informed that the Arabs were profiteering: "We are the Arabs."

"New Top General Tells Legislators U.S. Will Probably Need a Larger Army" — Why not? Nothing else the administration has done has helped unemployment.

"U.S. Rich Get Richer and Poor, Poorer, Data Shows" — a study found that, as of 2000, the richest 1 percent of Americans (2.8 million people) had more after-tax money than the poorest 40 percent (110 million people). And that is before President Bush took pity on the rich guys and gave them that big tax break.

Are you beginning to see a pattern in this? Taxes for the rich going down, services for the poor being eliminated.

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state auditor. The challenge is to convince voters that, though his brand is the same, he stands apart from the Democratic herd. In front of an audience, Chandler can tick off a list of high-profile investigations or lawsuits in which he has been involved over the years. His targets have included the Kentucky Lottery, telemarketers, the insurance giant Anthem Inc., but also some prominent Democrats, including

former Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Greene and top aides of Gov. Paul Patton. His office is still involved in a state-federal investigation of whether Patton bestowed official favors on businesses owned by a mistress, Tina Conner. Chandler bristles at Fletcher's claim that Chandler is unable to effect "real change" because he is part of the Democratic establishment. Fletcher tells audiences that

the problem has been "a group in Frankfort, insiders" who have their "snouts down in the trough" like hogs. "Frankfort's kind of like that. There's a few taking all the resources." Chandler is "tied to those folks. He's been there for 12 years and things have only grown worse," Fletcher says. Not true, Chandler says. "They have tried to associate me with scandals in Frankfort and it's just not so. I have spent my

time in Frankfort cleaning stuff up just as fast as I can go," he said. Fletcher says Chandler misses the point. "If anybody thinks that this problem singularly rests with the problems of Paul Patton, they don't understand what's gone on in Frankfort," Fletcher said. "I think that's the problem that Ben has. He looks at it only as that single problem." Early in the campaign, Chandler drew a bead on the national economy, rampant job losses and what he called Fletcher's blind allegiance to President Bush's economic policies, including tax cuts. As the economy rebounded, the criticism continued but with more emphasis on the federal budget deficit — a record \$324 billion in the federal fiscal year just ended — and the relative worth of a "jobless recovery."

"I don't care what the economic factors are if people are losing their jobs," Chandler said. His campaign manager, Mark Nickolas, said Chandler has been running all along on his independence, not on the national economy. The economy was singled out "to point out our opponent's record, his priorities and what voters should anticipate if he becomes governor," Nickolas said. A poll of likely voters, conducted for The Associated Press and four other news organizations, showed that those surveyed did consider the economy an important issue but, perhaps ironically for Chandler, thought Fletcher better able to deal with it. In addition, better than 60 percent of those polled had a favorable opinion of Bush.

Fletcher spokesman Wes Irvin said Chandler's strategy on the economy "probably didn't work to begin with." Both camps are now trying to motivate their voters to get to the polls on Tuesday. In Owensboro, a local legislator, Republican state Rep. Brian Crall, challenged a crowd at a Fletcher rally to not become complacent. "The other side is going to be working feverishly not to lose their grip on what they think is their birthright," Crall said. No one seemed to be more feverish than one of Owensboro's own, former U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford, who taped radio and television commercials for Chandler and took to the stump as a surrogate speaker. "I'm not running for anything but I can't get out of the habit," Ford said, warming up a crowd outside the Mercer County Courthouse in Harrodsburg. Ford then launched into a blistering critique of Fletcher, mocking Fletcher's promises to transform Kentucky's tax system — Fletcher and Chandler both say it's unfriendly to business — and draw new industry into the state. "Soon as he drops his hand off the Bible after being sworn in, it'll be like parting the Red Sea," Ford said. Back in Ford's hometown, Daviess County Coroner Bob Howe, a prominent Democrat who is backing Fletcher, questioned how effective Ford's offensive has been. "Wendell's still popular here," Howe said. "But that doesn't necessarily carry over to other candidates."

# Election may trigger chain reaction

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The general election may trigger a chain reaction of resignations, gubernatorial appointments and special elections, depending on who wins the races for governor, attorney general and even treasurer.

That is especially true if Republican Ernie Fletcher manages to defeat Democrat Ben Chandler and jump to the governorship from the U.S. House — a feat last achieved in Kentucky by Earle Clements in 1947. Some scenarios follow.

**If Fletcher wins:**

■ Resigns 6th District congressional seat. Governor declares vacancy and issues proclamation of special election. Parties in the counties of the district choose nominees. Independents, third-party candidates file by petition with 400 signatures.

Unlike the U.S. Senate, vacancies in the U.S. House cannot be filled by appointment. Seats are filled by special election for the remainder of a term.

Timing of the election is up to the governor, though it must be a Tuesday and the proclamation, which goes to sheriffs of the affected counties, has to give at least 35 days notice.

It last happened in Kentucky in 1994 when Rep. William Natcher died in office. Republican Ron Lewis won a special election, then a full term in the general election.

Timing of the resignation would be up to Fletcher. He could resign as soon as results of the gubernatorial election are certified, giving Patton ample time to call a special election. In theory, he could wait until the last minute before taking the oath of office as governor, meaning he'd be the governor who calls the special election. Or he could resign any time in between.

**If Chandler wins:**

■ Would resign as attorney general. As governor, could appoint a replacement attorney general. That could be the general election winner but wouldn't

have to be.

(If Chandler loses, he remains attorney general until the first Monday in January — Jan. 5 — when the new attorney general takes over.)

**If Democrat Greg Stumbo wins the attorney general race:**

■ Would resign from the Kentucky House, where he also holds a party office — majority floor leader.

Because the new term as attorney general begins on Jan. 5, one day before the General Assembly convenes, the resignation would go to the governor.

As in the case of a congressional vacancy, the governor would issue a writ of special election with the same 35-day notice requirement. Parties of the counties of the House district choose

Republican and Democratic nominees. Independents and third-party candidates file by petition with 100 signatures.

House Democratic caucus would choose new floor leader.

**If both Chandler and Stumbo win:**

■ Chandler would resign as attorney general and take office as governor. Stumbo then could resign his House seat. If both agree, Chandler could appoint Stumbo as attorney general for the month prior to his term beginning.

**If Republican Adam Koenig wins state treasurer race:**

■ Would resign from Kenton County Fiscal Court, where he is a commissioner. Replacement appointed by governor.

## Chandler, Fletcher continue campaigning as election nears

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HODGENVILLE — Democrat Ben Chandler stood beside a painting of Kentucky's most famous Republican — Abraham Lincoln — to claim he would be a defender of working people if elected governor.

Chandler described the Republican he's running against, U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher, as a protector of corporate interests.

Chandler and Fletcher both cut wide swaths across Kentucky in a hectic round of campaigning on Thursday. Voters will choose between them on Tuesday.

Fletcher, featured speaker for a meeting of the influential Louisville Rotary Club, basked in a glowing report of national economic growth: the best July-to-September quarter in nearly

20 years.

Fletcher said it proved his support of President Bush's economic policies were correct.

Chandler, who came to the Lincoln museum in downtown Hodgenville, talked about how he has butted heads with leaders of his own party in four years as state auditor and eight as attorney general.

Chandler has been involved in several high-profile investigations or lawsuits involving the Kentucky Lottery, onetime Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Greene, telemarketers, the insurance giant Anthem Inc. and Gov. Paul Patton's administration, among others.

Fletcher's main campaign promise is to "clean up the mess in Frankfort." Fletcher frequently describes Chandler as being part of the Democratic establishment.

Not true, Chandler said. "They have tried to associate me with scandals in Frankfort and it's just not so," Chandler said. "I have spent my time in Frankfort cleaning stuff up just as fast as I can go."

He then accused Fletcher of voting to protect the profits of pharmaceutical companies and against Kentuckians who want lower prescription drug costs.

Fletcher says Democrats have distorted his record. He says he has voted for legislation to allow Americans to buy cheaper drugs from Canada and Mexico. But he says he is being attacked because of a single vote against a bill that would have covered "Third World countries" outside the reach of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Chandler also claims a Fletcher vote on energy deregulation will drive up electricity costs in Kentucky.

"What you've got is a choice between a person who puts the public interest first and has the courage to stand up against some of these big interests, against a fellow who has consistently put the interests first," Chandler said.

Chandler also has harshly criticized Bush's economic policies during his campaign. He

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me out of here. Please don't bury me. I'm not dead. I have a lot of living to do. I want to laugh and run again. I want to sing and dance. Please don't put me in the ground. I promise if you give me just one more chance, God, I'll be the most careful driver in the whole world. All I want is one more chance. Please, God, I'm only 17."

Death is final for all of us, but it is tragic when a young person's life is cut short because of an automobile accident that was the result of poor choices.

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public health and the environment being sacrificed for corporate profit, an ever-growing commitment to a gigantic military establishment as the government lurches toward bankruptcy. It's called compassionate conservatism.

You would think a president with a record like that would be in deep trouble. Not really. He's fallen some in the polls but he's still doing OK. Americans love a guy who looks good in a flyboy suit.

Another story dealt with the Chinese successfully launching a spacecraft. They'd better watch it.

That sounds to me as though they're thinking about becoming an imminent threat to our democracy.

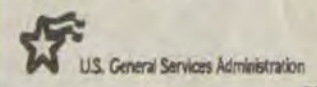
And if they are and if President Bush really begins to need a boost in the polls, it's liable to be bye-bye Beijing.

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# Regional Obituaries

## Floyd County

Jason Christopher Akers, 23, of Banner, died Friday, October 24, at the University of Cincinnati Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Nicole Akers. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Clyde Blevins, 74, of Harold, died Monday, October 27, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

A. B. Bryant, 83, of Hi Hat, died Thursday, October 23, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ezra James, 93, of Endicott, died Wednesday, October 22, at

Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Nell James. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 25, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Joan (Jo Ann) Case Rudder, 55, of Martin, died Wednesday, October 29, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Goldia Martin Salyers, died Saturday, October 25, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Services were conducted Friday, October 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Florence Jane Sartin, 82, of Wheelwright, died Sunday, October 26, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 29, under

the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

James Everett Tackett, 88, of Allen, died Monday, October 27, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Griffith Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Aretta Branham Wright, 87, of Emma, died Wednesday, October 22, at Prestonsburg Health Care. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Pike County

Edith Bryant Collins, 69, of Robinson Creek, died Friday, October 24, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 27, under the direction of Polly & Craft

Funeral Home.

James Franklin Crow, 63, of Chesapeake, Virginia, native of Pikeville, died Saturday, October 25, in Chesapeake. He is survived by his wife, Margaret P. Crow. A memorial service was held Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Graham Funeral Home South Norfolk Chapel.

Emma Lois Dixon, 51, of Lookout, died Sunday, October 26, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Wade "Dee" Dotson, 59, of Stopover, died Sunday, October 26, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Betty Blankenship Dotson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 30, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Ermal Faye New, 77, of Stopover, died Tuesday, October 28, at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 31, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Tracy Randall Price, 33, of Wolfpit, died Sunday, October 26, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

## Magoffin County

Lori Sue Adams, 30, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Magoffin County, died Thursday, October 23, at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 28, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Hazel Minix Cole, 79, of Lexington, died Friday, October 24, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Hetzel Cole. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 27, under the direction of Scobee Funeral Home.

James Cooper, 63, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, October 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Janet Sue Cooper. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 31, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Lexie Mae Blanton Gullett, 76, of Ashland, died Friday, October 24, at Southern Ohio Medical in Portsmouth, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 26, under the direction of Miller Funeral Home.

Raney "Bud" Helton, 59, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, October 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is

survived by his wife, Mae Lyon Helton. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 24, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Maudie Howard Isaac Helton Tolle, 78, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, October 22, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Anna Arnett Howard, 89, of Salyersville, died Friday, October 24, at Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 26, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

James Boyd Meadows, 92, of Salyersville, died Saturday, October 25, at St. Claire Medical Center, Morehead. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 28, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Travis Dewayne McKenzie, 16, of Salyersville, died Thursday, October 23, in Montgomery County. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 26, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

## Johnson County

Ben Monroe Caudill, 51, of Flat Gap, died Friday, October 24, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Janie Cantrell Caudill. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Sarah Daniels, 101, of Boons Camp, died Monday, October 27, at Mt. Manor Nursing Facility, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 30, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Nova Estep, 83, of Volga, died Wednesday, October 22, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 25, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Brian Lamar Gatewood, 38, of Paintsville, died Friday, October 17, in Warrenton, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Teresa McKinzie Gatewood. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 22, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Lizzie Carroll Gillespie, 74, of East Point, died Friday, October 24, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Jim Gillespie. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Marie Elizabeth McGahan,

52, of Paintsville, died Saturday, October 25, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Harter and Son Funeral Home.

Ruth A. Howard Short, 71, of Lowmansville, died Tuesday, October 28, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Robert Eugene Short. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Kenneth Sparks, 80, of Red Bush, died Monday, October 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Nora Smith Sparks. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 23, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Richard Wells, 74, of Van Lear, died Monday, October 27, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 30, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

## Lawrence County

Charles Hobart "Hobie" Jordan, 40, of Blaine, died Tuesday, October 21, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 24, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

## Martin County

David Perry, 49, of Inez, died Monday, October 27, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Jean Maynard Smith, 64, of Louisa, native of Martin County, died Sunday, October 26, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Tony Smith. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 28, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Ernest Whitt, 81, of Inez, died Wednesday, October 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Hensley Whitt. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 25, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

## Obituary

### Morrow Hatfield

Morrow Hatfield, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, October 29, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Born July 30, 1921, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Tom and Minnie Morris Hatfield. He was a retired coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Loma Calhoun Hatfield.

Other survivors include one son, Kenneth Hatfield of Prestonsburg; a brother, Edward Hatfield of Water Gap; one sister, Nettie Blair of Gallatin, Tennessee; grandsons, Brian Hatfield, Steve Hatfield and Tim Hatfield; and great-grandchildren, Taylor Lane Hatfield, Brianne Raye Hatfield, Macie Clarissa Hatfield, and Shelby Lynn Hatfield.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Cledith Hatfield; two brothers, Landon Hatfield and Jerdon Hatfield; and two sisters, Nellie Sword and Lizzie Scutchfield.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 1, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Richard Crisp officiating.

Burial was in the Hatfield Cemetery at Spurlock Creek in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Chandler

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played down the report showing the economy grew at a robust 7.2 percent in the third quarter — the largest growth rate in nearly 20 years.

Meanwhile, the White House's Office of Management and Budget reported earlier in the week that the federal deficit grew to a record \$374.2 billion during the budget year that just ended.

"All I want to know is: Where are the jobs?" Chandler said. "It's what they refer to as a jobless recovery, which is an oxymoron. What good is growth in the economy if it's all going to a certain number of people at the top, and the people at the bottom and in the middle are losing their jobs?"

Back in Louisville, Fletcher embraced the latest economic report. He credited Bush's tax cuts, which Chandler has criticized, and said job recovery will eventually catch up.

"I mean this is as big (as) the days of Ronald Reagan. This is huge," Fletcher said. "And I think our approach has worked. And it's the difference in leadership here."

Fletcher was scheduled for further campaign stops in northern and eastern Kentucky. On Friday, Fletcher was supposed to head back into western Kentucky. Bush is scheduled to campaign with Fletcher in Paducah on Saturday, and then head to London.

Fletcher said he expected the president's visit to bolster his campaign, as well as other Republicans competing for statewide office. The president's trip to Kentucky will mark the second visit to the state in a month.

"I would have (Bush) do three if I could have gotten him to do three. He's only coming twice because he wouldn't agree to do three..." Fletcher said. "I just simply wanted to let people to know that we want to be their next governor and boy if I can get the president to come in, I think that's a good thing."

Also Thursday, Chandler's campaign aired a new television commercial — a revised version of a 30-second spot featuring former U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford — publicizing Chandler's newspaper endorsements.

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# Feds keep close watch for election fraud

by ROGER ALFORD  
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PIKEVILLE — Federal prosecutors are asking Kentucky residents to report any voting irregularities they see at the polls on election day.

U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove said the Lexington and Louisville offices will be available for calls throughout the day on Tuesday.

"We want to be a resource to communities that see evidence of a problem," Van Tatenhove said. "This is a routine procedure for our office."

In the wake of FBI probes into local elections in Eastern Kentucky, Van Tatenhove's call for vigilance could be seen as a warning to anyone who might try to buy votes.

The issue is fresh on the minds of people in the mountain region after Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome and one of his supporters were convicted earlier this month of election fraud.

Newsome is being held in the Fayette County Detention Center while he awaits sentencing. Willard Smith, the supporter, also is being held in the Lexington jail.

"Community leaders have come to us and said they want clean elections," Van Tatenhove said. "It's the minority who sometimes overshadows that process. What we have found is that the vast majority of people go to the polls with a clear conscience to cast a ballot."

Van Tatenhove visited Eastern Kentucky earlier in the week for media interviews about the election watch. He said he wanted simply to tell residents the government will help them in stamping out election irregularities.

Eastern Kentucky has had its share.

Newsome, who was convicted on Oct. 1 of one count of conspiracy to buy votes and two counts of buying votes in the 1998 primary election, faces three to 15 years in prison. Smith, who was convicted of one count of conspiracy to buy votes and four counts of buying votes, faces five to 25 years in prison.

Four others indicted in the Knott County probe pleaded guilty. Phillip Stone, 53, of Hindman; Newton J. Johnson, 40, of Brinkley; Jimmy Calhoun, 33, of Hindman; and Patrick Wayne Madden, 45, of Littcarr, admitted paying voters \$50 each to vote in the primary election.

Three people charged in the probe were found innocent after jury trials.

In a separate investigation in Pike County, 10 people have been indicted and are awaiting trial for allegedly buying votes in a local election last year.

Despite the widespread publicity the cases have garnered, Van Tatenhove said only a small minority of people are involved in election fraud in the region.

The phone numbers to report irregularities are 859-233-2661, 502-625-7042 or 502-583-3941.

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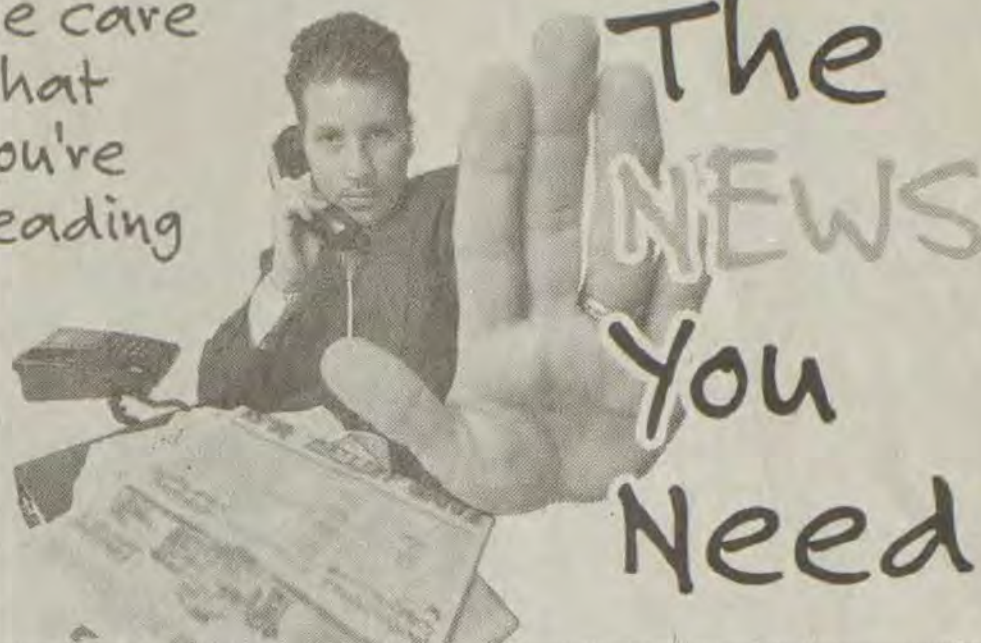
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**PROFILE**

## Tackett goes in, stays in

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — No one can say South Floyd senior Adam Tackett doesn't get his share of plays in on the grid-iron. As a matter of fact, he rarely, if ever comes off the field. Now a stand-out type of player in basketball,

Tackett has helped South Floyd to a 6-4 record and a trip to the Class A State Playoffs. Raider head coach Donny Daniels can't say enough good things about Tackett, who starts

on offense, defense and special teams. Tackett plays "ironman football" each time out.

"Adam (Tackett) is a good kid to coach; he's the type of kid that a coach really likes to work with," said Daniels. "I think he's one of the most versatile players in our district. He closes real well on defense, whether it's tackling or defending a pass. He has real good football instinct. He really never gets out of position. He



Adam Tackett

(See TACKETT, page two)

## Bentley, Shelby Valley prepare for scrimmages

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK — The transfer of sharpshooter Kris Bentley from Prestonsburg to Shelby Valley took much of the

offense away from the Blackcat offensive attack. Now a junior, Bentley joins a Shelby Valley team

which is looking for a third straight 15th Region title.

"The team is working really hard because we know it's a

(See BENTLEY, page two)



file photo by Steve LeMaster

Four defensive players and two offensive players will rebound on free throws due to a new rule this season.

**H.S. BASKETBALL**

## New rules adopted for high school hoops

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

When high school basketball teams throughout the state and the rest of the coun-

try take to the hardwood for regular-season opens in December, they'll be met with different rules, a couple of which are new

(See RULES, page three)



photo by Jamie Howell

Nick Jamerson worked his way upfield in Prestonsburg's victory over visiting East Ridge.

## Blackcats roll over East Ridge

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — What a night it was for the Prestonsburg offense on senior night at Blackcat Stadium. Prestonsburg would score early and often on the way to a 69-

0 blasting of East Ridge on Friday evening.

The Blackcats scored on their first three possessions on the way to the big win.

Senior Chat Yates picked up where he left off last week scoring the first touchdown on a 15-yard

run at the 10:34 mark of the first quarter and Seth Moore's extra point gave Prestonsburg the 7-0 lead. East Ridge would go three and out on the first possession and it took the cats only 5 plays to go 42

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**PEOPLE**

## Affleck to play Don Haskins in film about 1966 championship

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL PASO, Texas — Actor Ben Affleck reportedly has agreed to play retired University of Texas at El Paso basketball coach Don Haskins in a movie about the 1966 Texas Western NCAA championship.

The film will be directed by

Antoine Fuqua, director of "Tears of the Sun" and "Training Day," the El Paso Times reported Friday.

Haskins coached the Miners to a national championship in 1966 when the school was known as Texas Western College.

He is credited with breaking the color barrier after he fielded five

black starters against the all-white Kentucky Wildcats. The Wildcats' shooting touch went cold against the Miners, who beat Kentucky 72-65. Haskins has maintained that he simply started the best players for the game.

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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

## Brown sees action at JMU as true freshman

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HARRISONBURG, Va. — Paintsville High graduate Ryan Brown's status as a redshirt freshman was somewhat short-lived. Brown saw his first action in a college football game back on Saturday, Oct. 4 when he and his James Madison University teammates traveled to Pennsylvania to take

on Villanova. Brown and teammates fell, losing 38-14. However, Brown gained valuable experience that was priceless. Lining up at defensive tackle, he went against one of the most capable offensive lines in NCAA Division I-AA football.

Brown signed with James Madison in the spring. His older brother, Matt, a junior,

(See BROWN, page three)

**H.S. BASKETBALL**

## Two Louisville teams in Tiger Hoops Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The month of December is full of basketball and such will be the case at Paintsville High School in the last part of the month.

The first annual Tiger Hoops Classic, hosted by Paintsville High School, will get underway on

Friday, Dec. 26 and run through Monday, Dec. 29 when a champion will be crowned among the 16 participating teams.

Two teams from Louisville — Holy Cross and Seneca — are among the 16 teams. Each team is billed as a strong contender in its respective district.

(See CLASSIC, page two)



Shelby Valley and Johnson Central met in last season's 15th Region Tournament. Both teams will play in the inaugural Tiger Hoops Classic.



# Gordon wants to take Phoenix off his winless list

by MIKE HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Phoenix International Raceway brings out the fiery side of Jeff Gordon.

takes it almost as a personal insult when a track keeps denying him a victory. Going into Sunday's Checker Auto Parts 500, the 1-mile Phoenix oval is one of only four active tracks where the four-time Winston Cup champion and owner of 64

career victories has yet to take a checkered flag. He has also failed to reach Victory Circle at Texas Motor Speedway, Chicagoland Speedway and Homestead-Miami Speedway. "We've had solid finishes at each of these tracks," Gordon

said. "That isn't good enough, though. Our team is capable of winning at each and every track." Gordon goes into the 34th of 36 races this season riding the momentum of six straight top-five finishes, including victories in the last two races. The much-needed streak

comes after a stretch filled with bad luck that saw a frustrated Gordon finish no better than 19th in seven of 10 events and virtually eliminate himself from championship contention. "These past two weeks have really given our team the needed confidence to take on these tracks where we know we can win but haven't," Gordon said. "With only three races left, I think we have some more left in us before it's all over this year."

ings. Gordon is fifth, just 38 points behind Earnhardt, who trails run-away series leader Kenseth by 258 points. This year's championship remains a mathematical possibility, but Gordon isn't spending a lot of time thinking about the unlikely chance of catching Kenseth. "Our main focus has been second in points," Gordon said. "We've made big gains toward that. I guess if there is a miracle, there's still a possibility. "We just want to keep doing what we're doing right now, and that's putting great race cars out there, communicating well and fighting until the end."

## AUTO RACING

# Riggs getting his chance to move up to Winston Cup

by MIKE HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Scott Riggs is too old to be one of NASCAR's "Young Guns."

the Cup season while Riggs chases a Busch championship. Going into Saturday's Bashas' Supermarkets 200 at Phoenix International Raceway, Riggs is second in the Busch standings, trailing former series champion David Green by just 13 points with three races remaining.

Racing, which fields the Fords that Riggs drives in the Busch Series, said he expects the driver to do just fine against the competition in the Cup series, young and old. "Scott's had to work for what he's got, where some of these other people, they just show a little bit of talent and, boom, they get picked up by some big team and they're rushed right along," Pollex said. "Scott had to earn his way."

in 2003, standing 27th in the points with only one top-five and three top-10 finishes heading into Sunday's Checker Auto Parts 500 at PIR. (See RIGGS, page three)

Gordon has run well at Phoenix over the years, recording four top-fives and eight top-10s in 10 races here. And he came close to a win last year, leading 16 laps and finishing third behind winner Matt Kenseth and runner-up Rusty Wallace. Besides another win that would keep the momentum going, Gordon has his sights set on catching second-place Dale Earnhardt Jr. in the season stand-

ings. "We learned a lot that will help us this weekend," he said. "Gordon has run well at Phoenix over the years, recording four top-fives and eight top-10s in 10 races here. And he came close to a win last year, leading 16 laps and finishing third behind winner Matt Kenseth and runner-up Rusty Wallace. Besides another win that would keep the momentum going, Gordon has his sights set on catching second-place Dale Earnhardt Jr. in the season stand-

## Film

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Haskins, 73, led UTEP to 719 victories over 38 years.

The list of the so-called Young Guns is long and impressive, including Cup stars Dale Earnhardt Jr., Ryan Newman, Tony Stewart, Jimmie Johnson, Matt Kenseth, Kurt Busch, Jamie McMurray, Casey Mears and Elliott Sadler.

Greg Pollex, co-owner of ppc

by KEITH PARSONS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMPTON, Ga. — Robert Huffman might be the best little-known driver around.

The Dash Series, made up of compact cars with V-6 engines, completed its 29th season in 2003, but it was the last one under the NASCAR banner. The Brawny 150 at Atlanta Motor Speedway last week — won by Justin Hobgood — was the final race.

be involved. "I think it'll probably be better," driver Mickey York said. York started in the series in 1977 when it was known as Baby Grand, a nod to what was then the Grand National Series (now Winston Cup). Several cars carried paint schemes like those of the NASCAR stars, and because the Busch Series hadn't started yet, the Baby Grand cars were part of several events on the top circuit.

## Tackett

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knows the angles and the routes and does well."

When the ball goes into the air Friday night in the first week of the playoffs, Tackett will be ready to go.

Riggs chose MB2 Motorsports, which has had only limited success since its inception in 1997.

## H.S. BASKETBALL

# Schedule released for Hazard Panorama

HAZARD — The schedule for the upcoming Hazard Panorama has been released. The panorama will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29 at Memorial Gym in Hazard. The schedule follows.

- 12:30 p.m. Clay County vs. Powell County (Girls)
- 1:45 p.m. Breathitt County vs. Letcher (Boys)
- 3:45 p.m. Whitesburg vs. Lee County (Boys)
- 5:45 p.m. Hazard vs. Knox Central (Girls)
- 7 p.m. Hazard vs. Cawood (Boys)

Several championship drivers from other series made the list. Combs, a five-time champ like Huffman, didn't have the same success in Winston Cup, failing to win in several part-time seasons.

"Dean was and is one of the best," York said. "I was lucky. He won 60 races, and I was fortunate enough to win 28. Those

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## Classic

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The inaugural tournament will feature teams from Kentucky and Tennessee. Four divisions of four teams will make up the tourney. Pairings for the tournament have been released.

Tennessee will play out of the South Division.

## Quota

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Creek, and the Minor Clark Fish Hatchery is located near Morehead on Cave Run Lake.

Adults without a youth may not apply.

supply and may use their own decoys.

## Bentley

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tough season ahead and we have one of the most challenging schedules Shelby Valley has had in many years, but we are excited about finally getting started," said Bentley.

In a game scheduled for a 3:15 p.m. tip-off, Shelby Valley will hope to get in final preparation before the start of the regular-season.

Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games. Teams that make it into the Final Four round will be guaranteed five games.

Those interested in applying must do so now through November 15 by sending in a white, 3 X 5 index card to the KDFWR with the following information: Mentor name, complete address, social security number, phone number, which day they wish to hunt and which hatchery they want to hunt.

Successfully drawn mentors may accompany up to two youth hunters. Each blind may be used by up to four hunters, with no more than one adult per youth, and no (more) more than two youth per adult. If a party of two, one youth and one adult are drawn, they may invite up to one more youth and adult for a total of four hunters in their blind.

Hunters drawn to participate will be notified by return mail. Additional requirements will be provided at that time, or may be obtained from the 2003-04 Kentucky Waterfowl Hunting Guide available in early November from license outlets. Season information will also be available on the KDFWR website at fw.ky.gov, or by calling the KDFWR Information Center at 1-800-858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern.

The first scrimmage for Shelby Valley will take place at the home of the Wildcats on Saturday, Nov. 22. The opponent for the Wildcats is Haysi, Va. Then, one week later, Saturday, Nov. 29, the Wildcats will travel to Lexington and Rupp Arena to take on Lafayette in the Road to Rupp Pre-season Showcase.

"The panorama at Rupp will be an exciting experience for all of us," added Bentley. "Lafayette will be a tough opponent, no doubt."

Michael Firman and Richard Haliburton all figure into the equation for Seneca.

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Hunters may enter blinds no sooner than 5:30 a.m. and shall conclude hunting at noon. No standby or "fill-in" hunting will be permitted. Only those with proof of being drawn in their possession may hunt.

Application cards postmarked prior to November 1 or after November 15 will be discarded. Multiple applications for the same location and hunt day will be discarded. Remember, applications for more than one hunt day must be submitted on a separate index card. There is no application fee.

On the Net: www.phshoop-classic.com

Note: Two teams from the 2003 Tiger Hoops Classic field will be featured in eight separate articles over the next eight weeks. Fourteen teams will be previewed in the next seven Sunday editions. Two teams will be previewed in the Wednesday, Dec. 24 edition.

A mentor (accompanying adult) may apply for more than one hunt day and may apply to hunt both locations. However, for each separate hunt day or location, a separate index card must be filled out and mailed to the KDFWR.

The quota hunt dates for each hatchery will be December 27, 28, January 3, 4, and January 24, 25. These are one-day hunts. Hunters will be assigned a randomly selected blind site prior to the hunt. Hunting may only take place from the blind, and hunters cannot change blinds. Bag limits for ducks and geese are the same as those in effect during the statewide season. Hunters must

Application index cards must be mailed in an envelope to: Rocky Pritchert, KDFWR Mentor Waterfowl Hunt, 1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.



# Halladay tops baseball in statistical rankings

by RONALD BLUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Toronto pitcher Roy Halladay was the top player in baseball this year, according to the annual statistical rankings released Wednesday by the Elias Sports Bureau.

Halladay, 22-7 with a 3.25 ERA, received a 98.476 rating on a scale of 100. Boston outfielder Manny Ramirez was second at 98.293, down from last year, when he became just the fifth player with a perfect score. Los Angeles reliever Eric Gagne was third at 97.347.

Halladay took over as the top AL starting pitcher from Oakland's Barry Zito, who dropped to second at 95.020. Zito was followed by Athletics teammates Mark Mulder (94.309) and Tim Hudson (91.565).

Ramirez was among the top three AL outfielders for the seventh time in eight seasons — he led designated hitters last year. Chicago's Magglio Ordonez (95.122) was among the top three for the third consecutive year and New York's Bernie Williams (90.976) was in the top three for the seventh straight season.

The flaws in the system, created as part of the settlement of the 1981 strike, are evident in the rankings of AL relievers. Oakland's Keith Foulke (91.464) was first, with Boston's Byung-Hyun Kim (89.828) second and the Yankees' Mariano Rivera (88.871) third.

While Rivera was first in wins plus saves, fourth in strike-outs per walk ratio and fifth in ERA, he was 20th in relief appearances, 26th in innings and 26th in hits per nine innings.

Following the departure of Ivan Rodriguez from Texas, the Yankees' Jorge Posada (88.940) led AL catchers for the first time. Toronto's Carlos Delgado (94.737) was the top AL first baseman for the second time, the first since 2000, taking over from the Yankees' Jason

Giambi. Seattle's Bret Boone (94.180) led second basemen for the second straight season, and Texas' Alex Rodriguez (96.273) led AL shortstops for the fifth consecutive year. Oakland's Eric Chavez (88.095) was No. 1 at third for the second year in a row.

Seattle's Edgar Martinez (87.500) was the top designated

hitter, the seventh time in nine seasons he held or shared the top spot.

Ivan Rodriguez (86.842) took over from Paul Lo Duca at catcher, and Colorado's Todd Helton (95.217) led at first base for the fourth straight season. Montreal's Jose Vidro (91.705) replaced Jeff Kent at second base, and Edgar Renteria of the Cardinals (84.341) took over

from Rich Aurilia at shortstop. St. Louis teammate Scott Rolen (92.381) led third basemen for the second straight year.

The Cardinals' Albert Pujols (96.842), Montreal's Vladimir Guerrero (95.789) and San Diego's Brian Giles (93.053) were the top three NL outfielders, replacing Barry Bonds, Lance Berkman and Sammy Sosa.

Arizona's Curt Schilling (96.769) led pitchers after finishing second to teammate Randy Johnson two years in a row, and the Big Unit (94.303) was second. Gagne replaced Houston's Octavio Dotel as the top reliever.

The rankings, which are based on statistics over two

years, are used to decide whether players are Type A, B or C free agents, and what draft picks their former teams get as compensation if they sign elsewhere. The top 30 percent in each group get an A ranking, the next 20 percent a B ranking and the group between 50 and 60 percent a C ranking.

## H.S. BASKETBALL

### Commercial Bank/Bluegrasspreps.com JV Holiday Tournament set

WEST LIBERTY — Junior varsity teams also like to hoop it up from time to time. December will serve as a good month for junior varsity basketball in the hills of Eastern Kentucky.

The second annual Commercial Bank/Bluegrass preps.com Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament has been set for Saturday, Dec. 13

at Morgan County High School.

Each team is guaranteed three games as the tournament is played out through the Championship, third-place, fifth-place, and seventh-place games. Tickets will be sold on site. Cost is \$5 for an all day pass for all games; \$3 for an individual game.

#### First round matchups

- Morgan County-Menifee County (9 a.m.)
- Fairview-Lewis County (10:15 a.m.)
- Mason County-Lawrence County (11:30 a.m.)
- Rowan County-Lee County (12:45 p.m.)

## Rules

rules altogether.

One of the rule changes will involve free throw shooting. The new rule will limit the number of players on marked lane spaces on free throws. Now, four defensive players and two offensive, excluding the shooter, will be allowed on lane spaces.

Advantage defense or advantage shooter?

The new rule follows.

■ 8-1-3 Reduced the number of players permitted on marked lane spaces during free throws (not including the free-thrower) to four defensive and two offensive players, with the lane spaces closest to the free-throw line (and the shooter) remaining vacant.

A closer look at all of the NFHS Basketball Rule Changes for the 2003-04 season follows.

#### 2003-04 NFHS Basketball Rule Changes

■ 1-12-c Changed the description of a legal basketball to "a deeply-pebbled cover with horizontally shaped panels bonded tightly to the rubber carcass."

■ 2-12-5 Established a warning signal at 20 seconds before the expiration of the 30-second interval permitted for replacing a disqualified or injured player.

■ 4-6-4 New

■ 9-11-4 New Further defined basket interference to include when a player pulls down a movable ring so that it contacts the ball before the ring returns to its original position.

■ 5-5 Note A state association by adoption may institute a running clock when a specified point differential is reached at a specified time in the game.

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■ 10-5-3 New Directly penalizes the head coach when a player participates after being disqualified (from an indirect to a direct technical).

Signal Chart Established a signal for a kicked ball.

#### Major Editorial Changes

■ 1-13 Rule 1-13 was reorganized into separate articles and added an article describing the "bench area" to better define where teams may gather during time-outs.

■ 3-3-1e New article added permitting a captain to request a defensive match-up if three or more substitutes from the same team enter during an opportunity to substitute.

■ 3-5-1 Further clarified the guidelines for knee and ankle braces.

■ 4-23 Clarified that in order for a player to establish legal guarding position, both feet must be touching the "playing court."

■ 5-11-3 Clarified that a 30-second time-out may be charge to a team for requesting review of a correctable error, if that is the only type of time-out that remains, when no correction is made.

■ 7-5-9 Included simultaneous fouls and added a note that the spot for the throw-in is determined by the foul of the team not entitled to the alternating-possession throw-in.

■ 9-9 Section was reorganized for clarity.

#### Points of Emphasis

1. Sporting Behavior — Taunting
2. Rough Play
3. Free Throw Administration
4. Time-Out Administration
5. Substituting — Player Disqualifications
6. End-of-Game Situations/ Intentional Fouls

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Frank Stanley continues to run well. He plans to run in at least two races in the month of November.

## Stanley takes Mountain Heritage Fall Classic 6k Trail Run

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

GILBERT, W.Va. — The Tug Valley Road Runners couldn't have special ordered a better day for this year's Mountain Heritage Fall Classic 6k Trail Run at R.D. Bailey Lake in Gilbert. The event took place Saturday, Oct. 11 and the race day was ideal. Much warmer than last year's frosty temperatures, but not so warm that the runners were uncomfortable. Leaves were starting to turn on the surrounding hills, the sky was a brilliant blue, and the lake shimmered in the sun.

Runners ran most of the course on an old railroad bed and a utility road, but the distance they ran on the hilly and rough forest trail made or broke the race for several folks. The utility road itself included the incline to the boat ramp and back out, which was also quite challenging.

A scenic day for a challenging run, Frank Stanley, overcoming great odds in the past few years (in the form of a broken femur), conquered the course with a time of 22:08. Behind him was Randall Watts, who finished with a time of 27:32. And wrapping up the top three was Harold Osborne, with a time of 28:13.

Fourth place was Robin Wiener, first finishing female, hot on Harold's heels with a time of 28:15. With a time of 32:08, Katrina Blankenship (the founder of this race, with her brother), finished second, and 9th overall. And in third place for the females, Laura Jerrell finished 11th overall, with a time of 33:45.

Awards were handed out at the visitor's center overlooking the lake and dam, and contenders for the TVRRC Series were announced, and those awards will be handed out at a dinner in November.

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## End

are things that they can't take away from you."

If Claypool has his way, the series might finally reach the potential that York sees. He did public relations for the series last season and discovered that it might not last too much longer with NASCAR.

He got together with longtime friend Parker, and they hope to take advantage of the country's love of small cars.

"We're really targeting the rage that is out there with the compact cars," Claypool said. "We're

going to have a whole new image.

"We want to take the series and plug in to that fast-and-furious market. Give those enthusiasts a place to plug into in circle-track racing."

Huffman certainly believes there is a place for the Dash Series.

"These guys in this garage are racers, and they need somewhere to do it," he said. "This series, with the help of Randy and Buck, can just get bigger and bigger. They've got everything they need right here."

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## Riggs

So, what attracted Riggs to that team?

"I just felt like they were the ones that were the most dedicated to changing their program, improving it and taking it to the next level," Riggs said.

Now, after all the phone

calls and thinking and worrying about next season and beyond, Riggs just wants to concentrate on finishing this season on the right note.

"I'm glad the decision part is over and I can focus on nothing but trying to win the championship," Riggs said.

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## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

### Mosley pours in points for Emmalena

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Emmalena Elementary in Knott County boasts one of the top up-and-coming shooters in Eastern Kentucky. She's a sharpshooter with stellar accuracy to say the least. Her name is Megan Mosley.

In a 56-50 win over R.W. Cobs, Emmalena led 24-16 at halftime and played to the win in the second half. Mosley poured in 46 points, including three three-point field goals. Brittany Hurley, a teammate of Mosley's, added 10 to round out the scoring for Lady Eagles.

In a 41-22 win over June Buchanan, Mosley turned in another starring performance and once again stole the show, scoring 25 points. The win was Emmalena's 20th victory of the season. The Lady Eagles led 23-9 at halftime in the win over June Buchanan. Hurley and Janie Miller each added seven points apiece for Emmalena. Brittany Johnson chipped in two.

Brooke Huff led the June Buchanan School with 10 points.

Big scoring efforts have been common for Mosley.

Remember the name Megan Mosley.



Ryan Brown

## Brown

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plays football at Pikeville College.

Brown helped lead Paintsville to a regional title and was district runner-up three times during his prep career. Honors in high school included district defensive lineman of the year, all-area and honorable mention all-state as a junior. He is Paintsville's career sacks leader. In addition, he earned all-district first team, all-area and honorable mention all-state as a junior and second team all-district as a sophomore.

James Madison, a member of the Atlantic-10 Conference, hosted Rhode Island yesterday. Parents Day was also observed. Brown is the son of Mike and Sandy Brown.

## Deer

Nov. 8 through 23 in many high deer population (Zones 1 and 2) counties, and Nov. 8 through 17 in others (Zones 3 and 4).

The hunter's bag limit is one antlered buck and one antlerless deer, but the more liberal counties offer additional antlerless deer under bonus deer permit limits — an unlimited number in Zone 1 counties and up to two bonus animals per hunter in Zone 2 counties. With continued liberal bag limits, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources managers anticipate another bountiful harvest similar to, if not topping, last year's total deer kill of more than 115,000 statewide, a modern record.

It is not coincidence that the most popular deer hunt — and most important in terms of whitetail harvest — is scheduled to begin on the second Saturday of November. The timing of the firearms hunt is set to coincide with the peak of deer movement associated with the rut, the whitetails' annual

breeding session.

Male deer, particularly the mature bucks, greatly expand their travels in the interest of encountering receptive mates during the phenomenon of the rut.

Aiming for maximum hunter opportunity, the gun hunt is scheduled to intercept the peak of rut behavior, putting the biggest number of deer hunters afield amid the highest level of deer movement. The rut is sometimes affected to a degree by weather conditions, but the daily length of sunlight, the "photo period," determines most of the timing and offers a constant by which managers can coordinate the hunting season.

KDFWR deer biologist David Yancy said hunters again this year are encouraged to utilize bonus permits in counties in Zones 1 and 2 to reduce the ranks of antlerless deer, the real aim of those permits being the does. Managers would like to see continued growth in deer populations in Zones 3 and 4.

Zone 1 counties are targeted for deer population reductions to get back to an ideal level, while Zone 2 counties are those where the deer are seen as being at an optimum population size — that still must support a sizable harvest to hold the numbers in check.

"The hardest part of our deer management now is holding the lid on the numbers," Yancy said. "We've got a really good blend of adequate deer numbers and increased chances of seeing mature, quality bucks while you're hunting."

Yancy said the continuing one-buck limit and efforts to reduce doe numbers in high population counties are combining to improve the ratio of bucks to does, consequently producing more older, trophy class bucks.

"We're still seeing a good number of record book-quality bucks being taken each year, and it's spreading out to more counties than just the ones that traditionally produced the biggest deer."



# Tagliabue says Billick's replay comments out of line

by RICK GANO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Commissioner Paul Tagliabue's best guess is the majority of NFL owners will want to keep instant replay despite recent criticism from Baltimore coach Brian Billick.

"They think, three-quarters or more of the clubs will think it's an important tool in terms of officiating in the game," Tagliabue said, admitting he can't predict the outcome when video review is put to a vote in March.

On the final day of the NFL's fall meeting Thursday, Tagliabue was strong in his opinion when asked about Billick's comments.

After two challenged calls went against his team in a victory over Denver last Sunday, Billick had seen enough.

"I quit. I give up," Billick said. "I've tried to be an advocate for instant replay. I've tried to do the company line. I've said the right things."

"League, I'm sorry. Dump it." Tagliabue said Billick's comments were a "direct and severe violation of our rules about criticizing officiating publicly."

"I think what Brian Billick said about replay was intolerable, unacceptable, uncalled for and he should be fined," Tagliabue said, adding he didn't know if that would happen.

Earlier Thursday, Arizona beat out Tampa and Washington, D.C. for the 2008 Super Bowl.

Tampa and Washington rolled out some big names to make their

look at giving financial help to the Chargers should they need it because of the difficulties and rescheduling caused by the fires in Southern California.

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Of course the weather didn't hurt. No cold weather city without a dome has ever hosted a Super Bowl.

Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder vowed to try again.

"We are disappointed, but we have learned many important things while pursuing the 2008 game," Snyder said in a statement. "We know the District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland and a wide variety of public and governmental entities can band together to present a unified bid."

Tagliabue said he hopes by March to have a timeline to give owners on the progress of a new or renovated stadium in Los Angeles that could lure a team. He also said the league could

look at giving financial help to the Chargers should they need it because of the difficulties and rescheduling caused by the fires in Southern California.

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The NFL and the Hall of Fame did give the city some recognition Thursday, if not the title from 78 years ago. They

## P'burg

yards which was capped off by a six-yard touchdown run from Joe Blackburn and the extra-point gave Prestonsburg a 14-0 lead with 7:27 left in quarter number one. Once again the East Ridge offense would fail to get anything going and Prestonsburg would cash in on a 10-yard run from Nick Jamerson to go up 20-0, still in the first quarter of play.

The Prestonsburg offense would rack up 185 yards of offense in the first quarter on the way to

named the city of Pottsville the winner of the Daniel Reeves Pioneer Award and will present it to community representatives

in August at Canton, Ohio.

Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie and Steelers owner Dan Rooney voted for opening the 1925 files.

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After another East Ridge turnover, Prestonsburg would add one last score before the half on a two-yard plunge from Chat Yates to give the cats a 48-0 lead at the half. Prestonsburg would lose starting quarterback Trevor Compton to a shoulder injury earlier in the week and David Shaffer would step in to replace Compton on Friday night. Shaffer threw his first touchdown pass of the season to Nick Jamerson with 5:30 left in the third quarter of 46 yards to put the cats in front 55-0.

The rolling clock rule would take effect in the second half as Prestonsburg continued to pile up the offensive stats.

Chris Crider would find the end zone late in the game on a one-yard run to give Prestonsburg a 62-0 after Seth Moore's extra-point.

The last score of the game would come on a 42-yard run from Ed Osborne to set the final score of 69-0.

Prestonsburg ended the regular season with a 6-4 record and will now hit the road for the first round of the playoffs this Friday night. Prestonsburg will tackle Breathitt County in Jackson with kickoff set for 7:30. The Blackcat offense would roll up over 400 yards offense and the defense would hold East Ridge under 100 yards on the night.

It will be late during the upcoming week before a decision on the status of Trevor Compton will be made according to the Blackcat coaching staff.

## HORSE RACING

# Churchill Downs' California park faces challenges

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Hollywood Park, the westernmost track owned by Churchill Downs Inc., is struggling with industry troubles of flagging attendance, rising costs and stiff competition for gambling dollars.

Located in Inglewood, Calif., the racetrack has shared the limelight with Santa Anita Park since both opened in the 1930s.

"Hollywood Park continues to underperform compared to last year," said Tom Meeker, chief executive of Churchill Downs Inc., in announcing the gaming company's third-quarter earnings.

He said the difficult business climate in California is responsible for Hollywood's weak summertime performance.

Churchill Downs' revenues from Hollywood Park dropped about \$2 million to \$14.3 million during the three months ended Sept. 30, the period that includes the track's trademark summer meet.

Workers' compensation insurance rates have forced the state's racing stables to pay increasingly higher premiums. That has caused some notable trainers to scale back their California stables or ship horses to states where rates are more affordable. It includes Hall of Famer Richard Mandella, who saddled a record four Breeders' Cup winners at Santa Anita last weekend.

"It's devastated the industry," said Ed Halpern, executive director of the California Thoroughbred Trainers Association. "The number of horses we have is way down. The labor force is way down. And until we take care of this, I don't see much light at the end of the tunnel. This is the No. 1 problem."

For California trainers, workers' compensation premiums for barn employees start at about \$35 for every \$100 of payroll, said Doug Burge, the

association's executive vice president. Tack on an additional fee of about \$100 each time a jockey hops on a mount, and the costs quickly add up.

Meeker also said the rapid distribution of the TVG racing channel in southern California appears to be pulling fans away from Hollywood Park.

Attendance at Hollywood Park slid nearly 7 percent from 2002 to 8,498 per day during the spring/summer meet. Daily on-track handle fell about 6 percent to \$1.9 million.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Sosa staying with the Cubs

by NANCY ARMOUR  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa will keep on doing his home run hops for the Chicago Cubs.

Sosa announced Friday he will not pursue free agency and will keep the last two seasons of his four-year contract. He will

earn \$33 million over the remainder of the deal.

"I have said all along I wanted to remain a Cub forever," Sosa said in a statement. "We had such an exciting year in 2003, for both myself and for Cub fans everywhere. I am already looking forward to next season. I know with Dusty Baker as the manager and the direction our team is headed, it will be another exciting year."

Sosa signed a four-year extension worth \$72 million during spring training in 2001. Under the deal, Sosa got the right to terminate the contract after this season or exercise player options for \$16 million next season and \$17 million in 2005.

The free agent market has tightened because of the luxury tax and debt rules, and Sosa probably wouldn't find a better deal anywhere else. He also likes playing for Baker, and sees loads of potential in the Cubs, who were within five outs of advancing to the World Series this year.

"The market is different now than it was in 1998 and 1997," Adam Katz, one of Sosa's agents, said Thursday. "Sammy is a bright, pragmatic guy. He also has indicated to everyone that he'd like to stay in Chicago and retire with the Cubs."

Sosa, a fan favorite worldwide since his home run race with Mark McGwire in 1998, had perhaps the toughest season of his career this year. He was suspended for seven games in June after he was found to be using a corked bat. Sosa apologized and said it was a mistake, but he heard occasional taunts from fans the rest of the season.

He rebounded finishing with 40 homers and 103 RBIs to become the first NL player with six straight 40-homer seasons. He hit .262 in the playoffs, including a .308 average with two homers and six RBIs in the NLCS.

Also Thursday, Cubs left-

hander Shawn Estes and center fielder Kenny Lofton filed for free agency. Left-hander Mark Guthrie filed after the club declined a \$2.2 million option for next season.

Acquired from Pittsburgh after Corey Patterson injured his knee, Lofton played a big role in the Cubs advancing to the NLCS. He hit .327 with 20 RBIs after joining the Cubs on July 22, and had 12 stolen bases.

Estes went 8-11 with a 5.73 ERA after signing a one-year deal with the Cubs, and was demoted to the bullpen in early September. He pitched his eighth career shutout against Cincinnati when the Cubs were in the thick of the playoff race, but was on the disabled list for the postseason.

Guthrie was 2-3 with a 2.74 ERA in 65 appearances with the Cubs this year.

## National Football League

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	2	0	.750	154	129
Miami	5	2	0	.714	144	87
Buffalo	4	4	0	.500	143	148
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	.286	111	118

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	1	0	.857	208	126
Tennessee	6	2	0	.750	224	167
Houston	2	5	0	.286	121	200
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	127	184

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	4	3	0	.571	160	132
Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	138	156
Cleveland	3	5	0	.375	115	130
Pittsburgh	2	5	0	.286	132	179

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	0	0	1.000	246	130
Denver	5	3	0	.625	184	141
Oakland	2	5	0	.286	125	161
San Diego	1	6	0	.143	125	195

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	5	2	0	.714	150	116
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	119	136
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	.429	134	140
Washington	3	4	0	.429	135	171

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	6	1	0	.857	141	125
Tampa Bay	4	3	0	.571	150	97
New Orleans	3	5	0	.375	172	191
Atlanta	1	6	0	.143	114	220

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	1	0	.857	196	133
Green Bay	3	4	0	.429	200	166
Chicago	2	5	0	.286	121	192
Detroit	1	6	0	.143	117	184

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	5	2	0	.714	170	131
St. Louis	5	2	0	.714	203	129
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375	172	142
Arizona	2	5	0	.286	98	193

### Sunday's Games

Oakland at Detroit	1 p.m.
San Diego at Chicago	1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets	1 p.m.
Carolina at Houston	1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami	1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Baltimore	1 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay	1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Seattle	4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Arizona	4:05 p.m.
Washington at Dallas	4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta	4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco	4:15 p.m.

## TENNIS

# Roddick, Blake scheduled for Lexus Tennis Classic

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — U.S. Open Champion Andy Roddick and top young American James Blake will square off in the featured match of the "Lexus Tennis Classic presented by the Lexington Tennis Club" at Lexington's Rupp Arena on Dec. 7, 2003, Kentucky Men's Tennis Coach Dennis Emery announced Thursday.

Proceeds from this professional tennis exhibition will benefit the UK tennis program.

The Lexus Tennis Classic opens with a doubles match between the world's No. 1-ranked team, twins Bob and Mike Bryan, against former UK stars Cedric Kauffmann and Greg Van Emburgh at 5:30 p.m. Roddick is ranked No. 2 in the world in singles after winning his first Grand Slam event in September. Blake, who in 2002 was voted the sexiest male athlete by People Magazine, is ranked 36th in the world.

"This should be a tremendous event to raise money for our tennis program," Coach

Emery said. "To have this level of talent coming to Lexington is a rare feat, not only for the tennis community here in the state, but for everyone who appreciates watching sports played at the highest level. Roddick is the future of American tennis, and Blake is not far behind and both have huge followings among the younger set."

"We're excited that Game Seven Sports Marketing, the Lexus Store and the Lexington Tennis Club have joined forces to benefit our tennis program."

Only the lower arena will be available for spectators and seats are priced at \$40 and \$30. Tickets can be purchased beginning this Saturday at 10 a.m. EST through the Rupp Arena box office, all Ticketmaster locations and ticketmaster.com or by calling 859-233-3535 or 859-281-6644.

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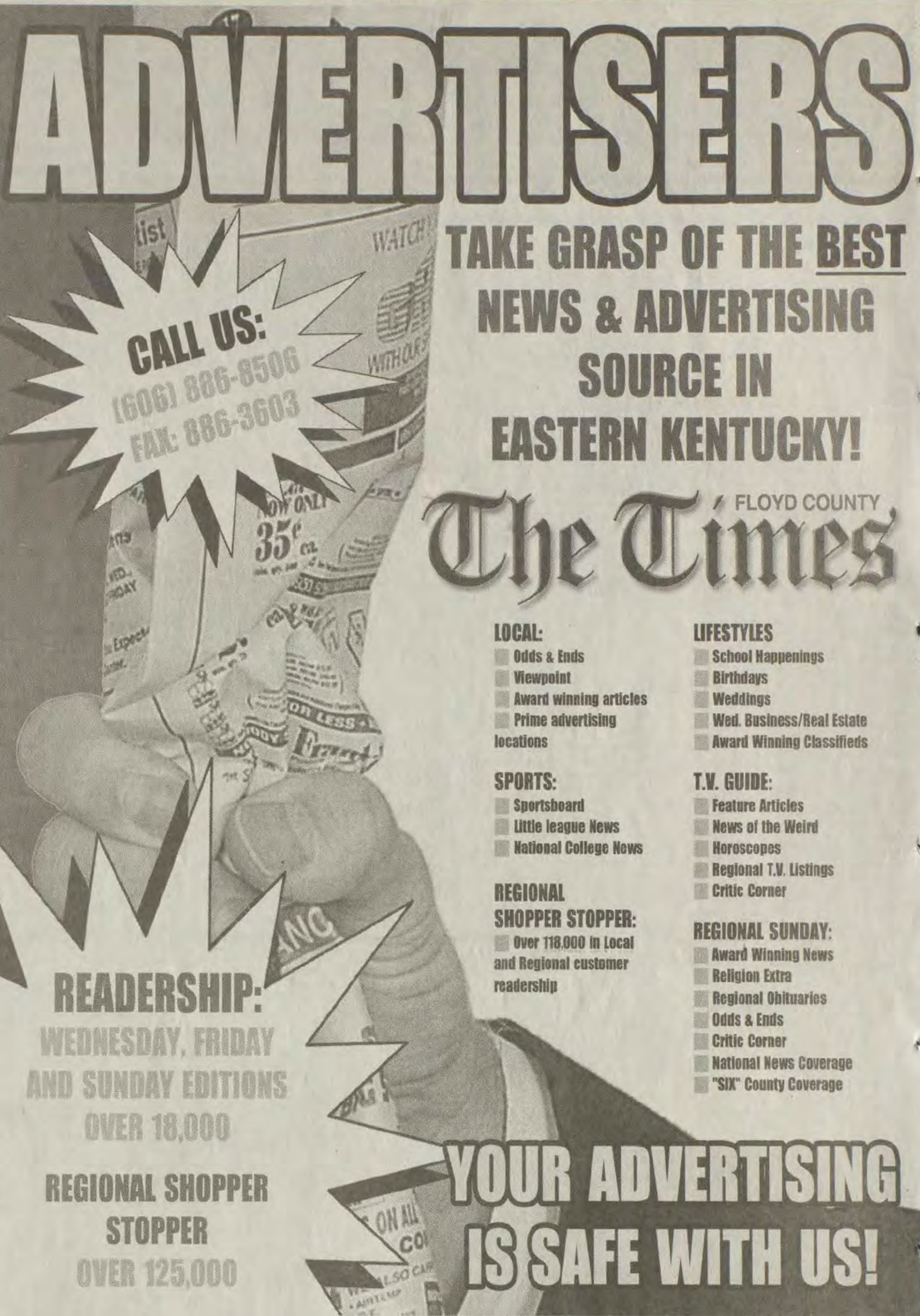
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