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briefs

Head of mine safety steps down

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration official in charge of safety in the nation's mines said Friday that he is leaving his job.

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Dave Lauriski, said his resignation would be effective Nov. 19. Lauriski said he plans to work within the mining field from his home in Colorado but declined to be more specific about his plans. There was no word yet on a replacement.

Lauriski had a contentious relationship with the United Mine Workers of America, which represents coal miners.

Perhaps the biggest dispute came over a proposal by the Bush administration to allow coal operators to rely on respirators in coal mines. Union officials complained the rule, which was shelved, would have allowed more dust in mines as long as the respirators were being used.

Lauriski said his proudest moment at the agency came two years ago when nine Pennsylvania miners were pulled to safety after being trapped underground for three days following an accident.

He said safety in the nation's mines has improved under his watch. He said there were 88 mine deaths in fiscal year 2000, compared with 48 in fiscal year 2004, which runs from the beginning of October through the end of September.

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Mayor says city layoffs due to poor economy

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — There is never a good time to lay off employees but there was a lot of irony on hand Wednesday when the city of Prestonsburg laid off two firemen and four police officers while the

efforts of local officials were focused on the explosions and fires at Rolling Acres.

Mayor Jerry Fannin said he wasn't happy that the city had to cut loose the employees, but explained, "We were forced into making the decision by the economy."

"We have had to go back to the numbers

of staff we had in 1999. The security of citizens wasn't jeopardized in any way. All of our police are trained as firefighters, so we will always have 6-to-10 people on duty who are trained for emergencies."

The only alternative to the layoffs, Fannin said, would be to raise taxes.

Fannin also noted that the city is trying

to assist those who were let go.

"We are helping to find employment for them and several are being kept on in a part-time manner," Fannin said.

Fannin also said that one of the officers was actually leaving for another opportunity and a second will probably start with another department on Monday.



photo courtesy Mia Rae Photography

Lexington band Partly Cloudy, gearing up for a tour and album release, shot portions of their music video for "Misery" at the Mountain Arts Center last week.

Rock video shoot a first for both band, MAC

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE ADVERTISING MANAGER

PRESTONSBURG — An up-and-coming Lexington rock band took a step toward stardom last week at the Mountain Arts Center, recording their first music video and the entertainment facility's first rock video.

Having signed with Lexington

recording studio Long Island Recording Records in June, preparing for the Nov. 30 release of their album, "State of Mind," and getting ready for a national tour of 40 college towns put together by internet textbook retailer eCampus, lead singer and bass guitarist David Harms, lead guitarist Kyle Keith and drummer Chris Brim — together known as "Partly Cloudy" —

have already seen some success. On their website, the group describes their style of music as "Take a handful of Sublime, a dash of Red Hot Chili Peppers, a dose of Jimi Hendrix and a shred of Operation Ivy; stir it all up in a voodoo blend with the end result being Partly Cloudy!"

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Judge chastises Bishop lawyer for no-show

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Dwayne Earl Bishop, accused of murdering his wife, Carolyn, was back in court Friday but had little to do but watch as the latest appearance for this case focused on one of his attor-

neys.

In the spotlight was co-counsel Bob Gainstine, who was appointed to help in Bishop's defense after it was determined that his highly public feud with public defender Harolyn Howard necessitated a second chair.

Gainstine failed to appear in

court two weeks ago when the case came up again and that nonappearance triggered the appearance of Bishop's legal team in court on Friday.

Judge John Caudill only called up Gainstine on Friday and pro-

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County looking at new way to deal with animal issues

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County is taking steps to change the way it handles issues and complaints dealing with animals.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court heard a petition Friday from citizens concerned about issues having to do with animals.

Three women who had done some research on animal control issues approached the court and asked that the court appoint an "animal control advisory commission." They said that such a commission could be started with government funds set aside for such programs.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson told them that he was ready to proceed on the notion and would appreciate their input.

County Attorney Keith Bartley weighed in, saying, "My office gets a half-dozen calls a week on animal issues — everything from strays, vicious animals and abuse."

"Boone County has taken the lead on this issue in the state," Thompson said. "We are lacking here to a degree, but this will be completely separate from the animal shelter."

Thompson noted that the court would move on with the idea and gather all of the available information that it could on the matter.

Earlier, the session got off to a patriotic start when Thompson read a proclamation designating Sunday, Nov. 14, as "Curtis Blackburn Day." Blackburn was in attendance and was moved by the honor, which was preceded by Thompson describing Blackburn's service in the military.

Blackburn enlisted in the Marines in 1942 and was stationed in Japan throughout the conflict. He served in campaigns in Tai Pan and Okinawa. He was born on Sept. 30, 1915, at Fish Trap in Pike County, but has spent most of his life in Floyd County, where he now resides in Stanville.

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Bond again denied for shooting suspect

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER



Collins

PRESTONSBURG — Ray Collins, 51, of Debord, was back in circuit court Friday for a case that has him charged with firing a pistol into a car containing three women in June 2003.

Collins was back in the news two months ago when, one day before the scheduled start of his trial, he hired a

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Rain slows forest fires, at least temporarily

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Rain has slowed an outbreak of forest fires that has charred about 2,300 acres in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky over the past week.

"We're hopeful that it will be enough to control the fires," said Gwen Holt, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

"But we're looking at a dry weekend, so we could see another increase in fires."

Holt said 118 fires were reported over the past week, before soaking rain moved through most of the region late Thursday and Friday.

Pete Geogorian, a forecaster at the National Weather Service office in Jackson, said most of the rain was expected to end Friday

and the forests would begin drying out again over the weekend. However, more light rain could arrive by midweek that would dampen the forests again, he said.

"The key is to keep these systems coming through," Geogorian said. "Hopefully, we can just keep getting these systems every four or five days that drop a quarter to a half inch of rain."

For the year, firefighters have battled 1,503 fires that burned more than 26,000 acres. Most of them occurred during the spring fire season in March and April.

Holt advised people who live in forested areas to take steps to protect their homes from wildfires, just in case they reach the epidemic proportions of years past. She suggested cleaning out gutters, removing leaves from

lawns, stacking firewood away from houses and trimming trees that overhang roofs.

"All these things are fuel, and if a fire should come close to someone's property, these fuels could bring the fire right up to the homes," Holt said.

The region has been largely spared from wildfires over the

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# Odds and Ends

■ **ARDMORE, Okla.** — It's a nutty explanation, but a mechanic says a rat is to blame for a traffic accident.

Carol Windham was forced to run a red light Wednesday when her gas pedal stuck down after she hit the brakes. Pressing both feet on the pedal, she managed to get her 1984 Chevrolet van through the intersection unscathed and was able to stop it near a fast-food restaurant.

The van was towed to an auto repair shop, where mechanic Jeff Rutledge popped the hood and found a pile of pecans.

"There were probably 50 pecans," he said. "It looked like a wood rat had nested."

Apparently, when Windham depressed the brake pedal, one of the pecans fell and lodged next to the accelerator cable, causing the throttle to stick open.

Rutledge said rat problems are not uncommon this time of year.

"It makes about the third one we've had over the last two weeks," he said. "Rats can chew through fuel lines and electrical wires, too."

Windham checked the engine compartment of her other vehicle when she got home and found more pecans and half an apple.

"We put peanut butter on the rat trap, put it on one of the tires and tied it down," she said.

The next morning, Windham found the rat dead.

■ **KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Two men who robbed the pastor of a Kansas City church at gunpoint left behind two clues for the cops to check out: their names.

The Rev. Tony R. Caldwell was short of cash, so he offered to write each man a check for \$150. The men agreed, making certain the pastor knew the correct

spellings of their names.

The robbery happened Wednesday night when one of the men asked to speak to Caldwell after a Bible study at the Eternal Life Church. Caldwell invited the man to his upstairs office, where the man said he wanted another chance in a church program he had been kicked out of. The program provides food and shelter to men who are homeless or recently released from jail.

A second man, who also was kicked out of the program and banned from the building over theft allegations, walked into the office as they talked.

"I knew I had a problem at that point," Caldwell said. "They both smelled of liquor, and their eyes were all blood-shot."

The second man asked for money and said, "It's up to you. I mean, your congregation could get shot up or your church could burn down."

Worried about church members still downstairs, Caldwell offered to write the men checks.

"I wasn't going to push this issue," he said.

■ **OSLO, Norway** — A Norwegian who came home chilly after a night of partying didn't realize he had money to burn.

The man realized too late that the paper he used to start a fire to warm up was a stack of kroners worth about \$2,400, the regional newspaper Avisa Nordland reported Thursday.

"I came home late at night after a party, and wanted a beer before I went to bed," he told the newspaper. "It was cold in the living room, but there was a glow in the wood stove."

So the man, identified only as being his 50s and living on the Arctic Lofoten Islands of northwestern Norway, grabbed

a handful of paper next to the stove and tossed it in.

"I discovered too late that the envelope of money had fallen onto the floor with the kindling paper," he said. He said the cash had been payment for an artwork he had sold earlier in the day.

Had there been anything left of the bills, he might have been able to exchange some of it at the state Bank of Norway, but the wood stove was too efficient.

■ **MARTINSBURG, W.Va.** — A woman has been charged with animal cruelty for what police call a retaliatory killing of a parakeet.

Witnesses told police that Andrea Grantham brandished a knife during a weekend property dispute with a neighbor. Grantham then allegedly killed a pet parakeet that the neighbor had given her, police said.

Police found a dead parakeet in Grantham's back yard, "and she still had feathers in her hair when she spoke to police," Patrolman Scott Funkhouser said.

Grantham, 39, was arrested Wednesday and released on \$500 bail.

■ **RUTHERFORDTON, N.C.** — Ten-year-old Bronwyn Fadem has cooked up \$25,000 for college.

The fifth-grader who likes to cook for her friends won a \$25,000 scholarship with a lasagna dish that impressed a celebrity chef. Bronwyn learned she had won the contest sponsored by All laundry detergent while appearing on "The Tony Danza Show" on Tuesday.

Classmates at Rutherfordton Elementary School watched Fadem cook her Lasagna Roll-Ups, an original recipe, Monday and then tuned in again the next

day as she explained the recipe to Danza and Food Network host Rachel Ray.

More than 200 young chefs nationwide entered the contest and 25 were named finalists. Judges and Internet voters selected the winner.

Bronwyn had said if she won the contest she would use her college scholarship to attend the Savannah College of Art and Design or the University of Florida.

■ **HARRISBURG, Pa.** — Nutkin the Squirrel can live out her later years hunting nuts indoors with a Pennsylvania couple, a court has ruled.

The gray squirrel, which was born in South Carolina where there are no rules against domesticating wild squirrels, may be kept by a Schuylkill County couple despite state laws that prohibit keeping wild animals as pets, a Superior Court panel ruled Friday.

Senior Judge Joseph Hudock, in an 11-page opinion, had fun recounting Nutkin's early years ("Then one day tragedy struck: Nutkin fell from her tree nest!") and relocation from South Carolina to Pennsylvania in 1994 ("Dark clouds began to gather.")

Nutkin's owner Barbara Gosselin was charged in 2002 with violating the ban on keeping wild animals after a game officer came across Nutkin while investigating a case of deer poaching.

"The Game Officer acknowledged that the squirrel was too old and too tame to be released in the wild," wrote Hudock, comparing the furry rodent's condition to "an old appellate judge, like the undersigned, attempting to return to the boiling cauldron of the trial court after being tamed by years of peace and

quiet above the fray."

Gosselin's conviction was overturned and the judges ordered that her \$100 fine and costs be returned.

"We're very happy," said her husband, Jean. "We've been fighting this for two weeks short of two years."

■ **RED BANK, Tenn.** — The owner of a shaved ice business was arrested after two employees claimed he spanked them for making mistakes at work.

Paul Eugene Levensgood, 57, was charged with two counts of sexual battery after the 19-year-old women complained.

One of the women told police that on her first day at the Tasty Flavors Sno Biz, Levensgood made her sign a statement that said: "I give Gene permission to bust my behind any way he sees fit."

Police Sgt. Jay LaMance said the women likely accepted the spankings instead of leaving immediately because they were "brought up to respect anybody who is an authority figure."

One of the women told police Nov. 1 that she "was shocked at the incident but could not leave because she had no transportation." The other woman said she continued to work for Levensgood for more than a year after she was spanked and that he told her "either she could be spanked or be fired."

Police say one of the women reported that on Oct. 30, her fourth day on the job, Levensgood called her "into the back room of the store" after she forgot to put a banana in a smoothie drink.

She said that as punishment Levensgood "bent her over his knee and spanked her behind 20 times." She said that a day earlier he "snapped a photograph of her behind" as she

reached for a bottle on a shelf.

Levensgood was freed on \$2,000 bail pending a Nov. 16 court hearing. His franchise in this Chattanooga suburb was closed Tuesday.

At the company headquarters in Minneapolis, sales manager Tom Novetzke described Levensgood as a "very Christian person," adding that "We've never had a complaint."

■ **SANTA CRUZ, Calif.** — A jail inmate allowed to attend a family funeral returned to the jailhouse 12 hours later with a stash of drugs and syringes in his stomach, authorities said.

Joshua Robertson, 30, had been in jail since Oct. 18 on charges of selling and transporting heroin and resisting arrest. Deputies suspected he may have planned a drug run when he asked to attend the funeral, police Sgt. Steve Carney said.

"We weren't able to communicate our suspicions to the judge" before Robertson was released, Carney said Monday. But detectives got a search warrant, and when Robertson returned Friday, he was taken to the hospital for an X-ray.

Laxatives and an enema were used and Robertson "gave them up within five hours," Carney said. Robertson expelled 17 grams of black tar heroin, 20 grams of marijuana and four hypodermic syringes.

Robertson was already facing up to 12 years in state prison, plus two parole violations, said Assistant District Attorney Thanh Ngo. Officers seized 50 grams of heroin and \$1,500 from Robertson when he was arrested in October, investigators said.

Additional drug charges will be filed this week, Carney said.

## Obituaries

### Opal Hall Johnson

Opal Hall Johnson, 69, of Beaver, died Monday, November 8, 2004, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born February 18, 1935, in Beaver, she was the daughter of the late Milford & Lillie Mae Bentley Hall. She was a homemaker, and attended Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Johnson.

Other survivors include her sons: Frank Johnson Jr. (Jill) of Teaberry, and Stacy Johnson (April) of Beaver; daughters: Darlene Henson (Ricky) of Beaver, Justine Hamilton (Jan), Barb Hamilton (Gary Dale), and Abby Hamilton (LeRoy), all of Teaberry, Misty Reynolds of Prestonsburg, Christy Adams (Michael) of Beaver, and Sheila Bryant (Ralph) of Prestonsburg; brothers: Hillard Hall of Harold, Doley Hall and Okey Hall, both of Beaver, Tivis Hall of Topmost, and Palmer Hall of Beaver; sisters: Dona Flannery and Juanita Tackett, both of Beaver; 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Estilene Johnson; brothers: Milford Hall Jr., Tony Hall, and Oley Hall; and sisters: Arizona Hall, and Mildred Osborne.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 11, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers of the Indian Bottom Association officiating.

Burial was in the Johnson Family Cemetery, at Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Kentucky branding options down to two

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentucky will either be known as the state of "unbridled spirit" or a place "where legends are born."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher announced Friday that those were the two finalists the public had chosen for Kentucky's new logo and slogan. A group of seventh grade students from Silver Grove School in Northern Kentucky joined Fletcher for the announcement.

Last month, the administration presented the public with four brand finalists. They were: "Kentucky: Unbridled Spirit," "Kentucky: Limitless," "Kentucky: Where Legends Are Born" and "Kentucky: Make History."

Both Kentucky residents and nonresidents can vote on the state's new image, either over the Internet, through the mail or in person at various spots throughout the state. Each week, the administration is eliminating one option based on weekly voting results.

Voting for the final elimination round is open until the night of Sunday, Nov. 21. The winner is scheduled to be announced Wednesday, Nov. 24, the day before Thanksgiving.

Kentucky signed a two-year contract with New West LLC of Louisville earlier this year to handle the state's marketing efforts. The contract was estimated to cost about \$13.7 million, with most of that to go toward buying advertising.

## Fletcher names new state homeland security director

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher has appointed a former cable television lobbyist as the state's new director of homeland security.

Keith Hall, 31, will take over for Erwin Roberts, who was promoted within the administration, Fletcher said.

"Keith will build a strong foundation and take the efforts that have been made and build upon them, focusing on communication and garnering the necessary resources to ensure that our commonwealth is best prepared to meet the unique challenges presented in the post-9/11 world," Fletcher said.

Hall's promotion caps a week of changes within the Fletcher administration's

upper leadership posts.

Roberts had taken a job as deputy secretary of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, Fletcher announced last week. But, earlier this week Roberts was instead named secretary of the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet.

Hall "knows Washington well," and had the support of U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Somerset, Fletcher said.

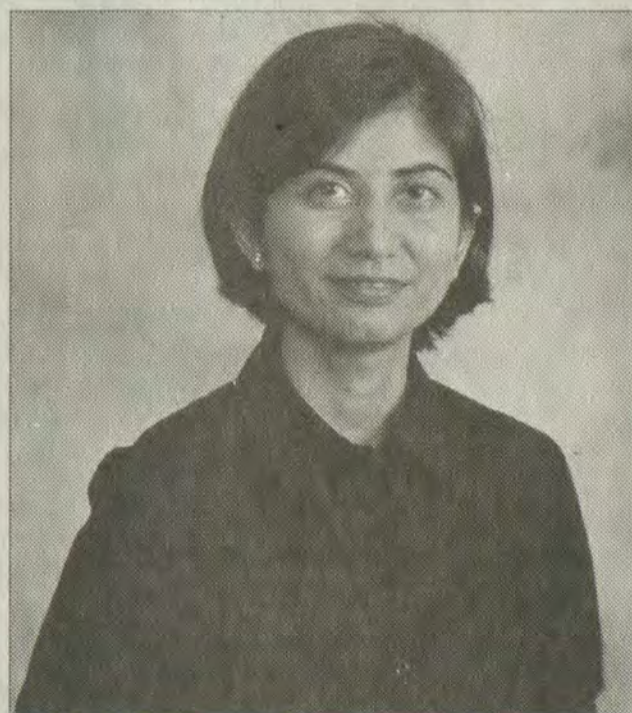
From 2001 to 2003, Hall lived in New York while working as a lobbyist for Insight Communications. He also was an aide to U.S. Rep. Anne Northup, R-Louisville.

Most recently, Hall was Fletcher's deputy chief of staff.

"Kentucky is uniquely positioned with the leaders that we have in Washington, Hall said.

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**No bond**

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new attorney, Cassie Allen, who asked for time to get familiar with the case.

Allen was granted the time, but Judge John Caudill ordered Collins held without bond. Caudill said Collins was deemed a flight risk and the change of lawyers could be construed as a delay tactic which the court was not prepared to reward.

Allen was back in court Friday to represent Collins and she asked for Collins to be released. She said that she turned down a chance to represent him three times and basically tried to make the case that she was responsible for the last-minute assignment of the case, which she only took on when Collins came up with her retainer.

Allen also noted that Collins has special dietary needs as well as arthritis. She said that he had put on weight at the jail and is supposed to keep his weight down as well as follow an exercise regimen. She also said that his house needed fixing as winter was coming and it had been damaged by the Memorial Day floods. Finally, Allen argued that Collins was not a flight risk since he was poor and possessed no passport.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner objected to the motion. He said that Collins was out to "attempt to delay the proceedings" when he changed lawyers within a day of his trial date.

Judge Caudill said that nothing had changed since his prior ruling and that Collins would have to remain in jail until his May trial date. He did allow for Collins to get back money that he posted for his original bail, since he will not be released.

**Video**

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On Tuesday, the group was in town to take another step along that path — filming a video for their song, "Misery."

"This video is a four-location shoot — LIR Studio, eCampus warehouse, UK campus, and here the MAC," said Wil Freebody CEO of LIR Records.

"Yes, we're very pleased to be a part of this," said MAC director Keith Caudill. "Just finishing the filming of a bluegrass video and then onto this one, it's definitely different."

**Fires**

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past two years because of an unusually large amount of rainfall that kept forested areas too wet to burn.

"The bad news about that is, with the low number of fires for the past two years, the fuel in the forest is a lot heavier," Holt said.

She said much of the region now has three years worth of leaves covering the forest floor, plus dried tree branches broken from winter ice storms and dead pine trees killed by an infestation of beetles over the past four years.

"All these are just very volatile fuels," she said. "Should it dry out, we're just fearful of what could happen."

Holt said foresters don't want a repeat of the 2000 and 2001 forest fire seasons, which were the worst in more than a decade.

About 133,300 acres of Kentucky forest land were charred in 2000, followed by about 163,300 acres in 2001.

"Arson continues to be the leading cause," Holt said. "It's sad. It's puzzling. We don't know why people want to set the woods on fire."

Perrin de Jong, director of the environmental group Kentucky Heartwood, said fires in Appalachian forests generally burn only ground clutter and do not pose substantial threat to life or property.

"We don't have the kinds of problems with fires like they have in the West," he said. "We just don't get the catastrophic fires. It's not a huge deal here."

**County**

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The court also used the special meeting to hire three new employees for the jail. Jailer Roger Webb was in attendance and thanked the court for approving the three workers. He noted that it was tough to hold onto good staff when he said, "Many of the staff we train wind up going over to the federal prison."

Webb jokingly told the court that he had heard from the penitentiary, who told him, "We do a good job of training their staff for them."

**Lawyer**

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ceeded to grill him for not showing two weeks ago when Howard fought to have Bishop's bond reduced and the commonwealth introduced David Smith as special prosecutor in the case.

Caudill asked Gainstine where he was when he was supposed to be in court and Gainstine replied that he was at Eastern Kentucky University acting as a judge in mock trials for law students. Caudill noted that such things were important but that in this case, as his client was looking at a substantial amount of jail time and should have come first.

"This is your first, last and only warning," Caudill said.

Gainstine tried arguing that he did get a message to Howard, but that argument didn't appear to make much difference.

"When I was a trial attorney, I only remember having to talk to one person if I had a conflict (referring to the presiding judge)," Caudill said. "In this case that person never got called."

The trial date for the case has been set for January.

**GED graduates celebrate a significant milestone**

PAINTSVILLE — Nov. 12, 2004, will forever be remembered by 21 students who celebrated the completion of their GED requirements.

A graduation ceremony was held at the Mayo Campus auditorium. Attended by parents, spouses, children and friends, the ceremony brought tears to many in the audience as roses were presented by the graduates to those whom they wished to thank for making it possible for them to succeed.

Dr. George D. Edwards, president of Big Sandy Community and Technical College led the procession as the ceremony began. He was joined in the ceremony by Lexie Arlene Butcher, Mayo Campus coordinator; Jennifer Leedy, director of adult basic education; Randall Roberts, Pikeville Campus coordinator; Dr. Nancy B. Johnson, provost; Bobby W. McCool, vice president of institutional

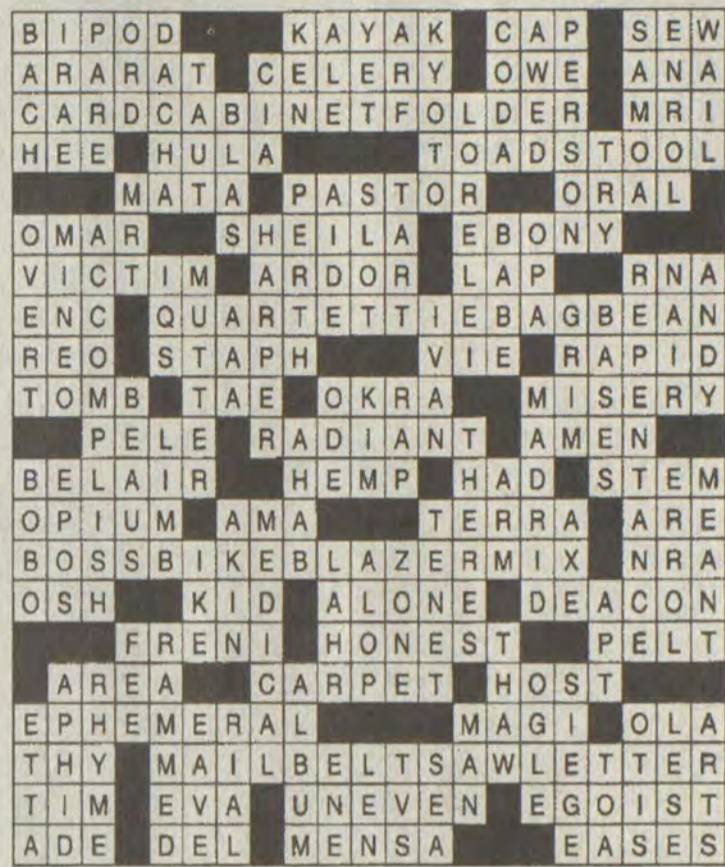
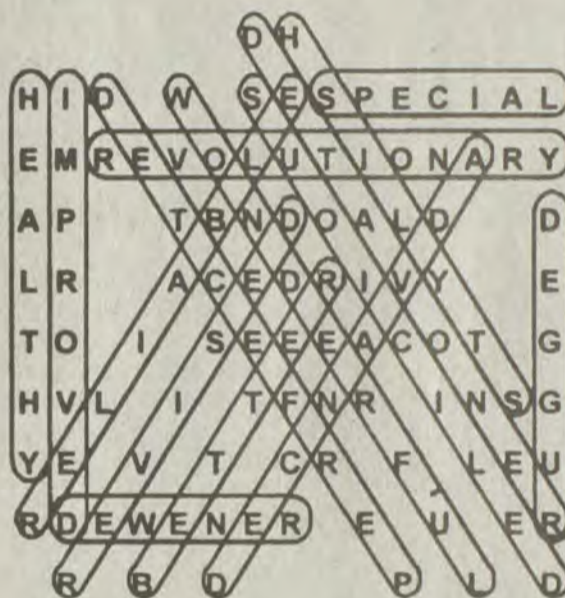
services; and Cynthia L. Read, director of the Kentucky Institute for Family Literacy and chair of the KCTCS Board of Regents, who also served as keynote speaker.

Read spoke to the graduates of the new beginning their GED signifies and the power it gives them as an individual in the workforce and as a seeker of an advanced degree.

Graduates included Jamie

Bishop, Robinette Caird, Adam Carty, Elaine Castle, Johnny Castle, Rachael Cook, Rebecca Colvin, Patricia Crum, Tonya Dutton, Michelle Jaynes, Amanda Kennard, LaDonna Marcum, Kevin O'Bryan, Joni Puckett, Sabrina Slove, Karen Stacy, Ashley Stumbo-Fitch, Shirley Wagoner, Misty Walters, Elizabeth Wheeler and Hope Workman.

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**Today in History**

**The Associated Press**

Today is Sunday, Nov. 14, the 319th day of 2004. There are 47 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Nov. 14, 1889, inspired by Jules Verne, New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) set out to travel around the world in less than 80 days. (She made the trip in 72 days.)

On this date:

■ In 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick" was first published.

■ In 1900, Aaron Copland, one of America's leading composers of the 20th century, was born in New York City.

■ In 1922, the British Broadcasting Corporation began its domestic radio service.

■ In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed the Philippine Islands a free commonwealth.

■ In 1940, during World War II, German planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry.

■ In 1944, Tommy Dorsey and Orchestra recorded "Opus No. 1" for RCA Victor.

■ In 1968, Yale University announced it was going co-educational.

■ In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

■ In 1972, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above the 1,000 level for the first time.

■ In 1973, Britain's Princess Anne married Captain Mark Phillips in Westminster Abbey. (They divorced in 1992, and Anne re-married.)

**Ten years ago:** President Clinton, in Indonesia, held one-on-one meetings with the leaders of China, Japan and South Korea, winning pledges to keep the pressure on North Korea to freeze its nuclear weapons program. U.S. experts visited North Korea's main nuclear complex for first time under an accord aimed at opening such sites to outside inspections. Heavy rains and flooding from Tropical

Storm Gordon swept across Haiti, killing several hundred people.

**Five years ago:** Democrat Bill Bradley took center court at New York's Madison Square Garden for a \$1.5 million presidential campaign fund-raiser that featured his old Knicks teammates and former basketball rivals. The United Nations imposed sanctions on Afghanistan for refusing to hand over suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden.

**One year ago:** John Kerry became the second Democratic hopeful to opt out of public financing for his presidential run, following the example of rival Howard Dean. A third person died following an outbreak of hepatitis A at a Chi-Chi's Mexican restaurant at the Beaver Valley Mall outside Pittsburgh.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former U.N. Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali is 82. Actress Kathleen Hughes is 76. Jazz musician Ellis Marsalis is 70. Actor Don Stewart is 69. Blues singer Carey Bell is 68. Pop singer Freddie Garrity (Freddie & the Dreamers) is 64. Writer P.J. O'Rourke is 57. Zydeco singer-musician Buckwheat Zydeco is 57. Britain's Prince Charles is 56. Actor Robert Ginty is 56. Rock singer-musician James Young (Styx) is 55. Singer Stephen Bishop is 53. Actress Laura San Giacomo is 43. Actor D.B. Sweeney is 43. Rapper Reverend Run (Run-DMC) is 40. Actor Patrick Warburton is 40. Rock musician Nic Dalton (The Lemonheads) is 40. Singer Jeanette Jurado (Exposé) is 39. Rock singer Butch Walker is 35. Actor Josh Duhamel is 33. Rock musician Travis Barker (Blink 182) is 29. Rapper Shyheim is 27.

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— Felix Frankfurter

## Our view

### Be cautious with coal boom

Three years ago, then-Gov. Paul Patton issued an executive order placing a six-month moratorium on permit applications to build or expand power plants after 24 were filed in less than two years.

Patton expressed concerns about the environmental impact so many new plants could have as well as whether there was actually a need for increased production.

Last week, however, Kentucky Commerce Secretary Jim Host, speaking at the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce's Rooster Booster breakfast, said there's actually a need to build more coal-powered generating plants.

The difference in opinions likely reflects the different philosophies of the Patton and Ernie Fletcher administrations. But more important, it shows how volatile the coal industry can be.

Since Patton issued that moratorium, and especially in recent months, coal has experienced an upswing. There's at least the perception — at both the state and national levels — that environmental regulations are being relaxed, and coal is now selling at \$50 to \$60 a ton, up from \$20 a year ago.

This has the potential to be good news, not only for many local communities, but for Kentucky as a whole. We simply would encourage officials to remember the roller coaster ride on which coal has taken Kentucky many times in the past and not put too much hope on it being an answer to economic prayers.

Clearly, coal is still important to Kentucky. If coal is going to be a key component of the nation's energy policy, Kentucky should work to be a part of the production and power-generating process. At the state level, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System is working to train potential miners on high-tech machinery, and Host estimates the industry will need 2,000-3,000 trained workers next year.

But caution should be exercised as well. There are many communities, both locally and around the state, who took years to finally come to grips with the fact that their economic future wasn't based in coal. Many have finally started to diversify and to focus on retraining workers, and, in turn, their economies are starting to slowly rebound and build the foundation for growth.

It's critical that these efforts continue, even as it appears that coal is making a small, and welcome, comeback.

— Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer

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JOHN ASHCROFT'S NEW JOB

## —Rich Lowry Column—

### The vaccine crisis

Americans have been shocked to learn that a flu-vaccine shortage will keep many of them from getting their flu shots this year. They shouldn't be. What they are experiencing is the effect of the most basic law of economics. Guess what? When it ceases to be profitable to make a vaccine (or a prescription drug, or anything else), companies stop making it.

Litigation, regulation and government pricing have hammered vaccine makers during the past two decades, chasing them out of business. Democrats "have a plan" — as John Kerry would put it — in response to the flu-vaccine debacle, which is to bring the same model of failure to the prescription-drug market and make it just as unprofitable. Then there will no longer be any of those "greedy" pharmaceutical companies. Problem solved!

In the 1980s, many vaccine makers were driven out of business by litigation costs. Congress eventually passed

legislation protecting vaccine makers from out-of-control lawsuits, but the damage had been done.

Another blow came from Hillary Clinton. She championed getting the government into the pediatric vaccine business in a big way in the 1990s. It now buys 60 percent of pediatric vaccines, dictating cut-rate prices that have dried up vaccine-manufacturing capacity. More regulation inevitably

accompanied the government purchases. "It's a snowball effect of more and more regulation driving more and more vaccine makers out of business," says Grace-Marie Turner, president of

the free-market-oriented Galen Institute.

On top of these regulations, the flu-vaccine business has its unique hurdles. As Scott Gottlieb of the American Enterprise Institute points out, the vaccine for each flu season needs to be set a year in advance because the vaccine is developed in chicken eggs in a cumbersome, dated and very expensive process. Just as with pediatric vac-

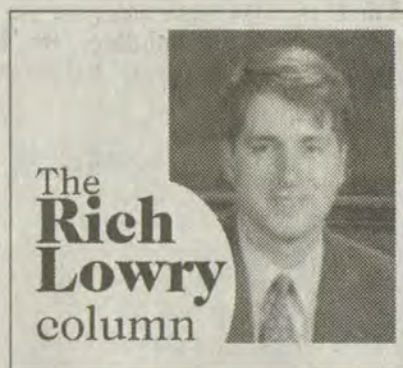
cines, there's a lot of government purchasing, which keeps prices low.

Companies have to sell tens of millions of doses to make a profit. Since the entire U.S. market at its maximum is about 150 million doses, it means there is room for only two or three suppliers, and therefore no margin for error. Worse, vaccine makers have to take back any unused vaccines (usage can vary widely year to year), eating the production costs and exposing themselves to millions of dollars in annual losses. The setup is based on the idea that manufacturers are doing a public service by providing the flu vaccine, considerations of profit be damned.

The vaccine market is a harbinger of what could happen to the prescription-drug industry if Democrats get their way. They are agitating for the government to be able to negotiate — read: mandate — low drug prices as part of the new Medicare prescription-drug benefit. And the push for re-importation of drugs from Canada is really a way of importing Canada's price controls into this country.

But when the government vanquishes profits, it vanquishes the incentive to create new drugs, vaccines and technologies in the first place. This year's flu season might be a brutal, unfortunate reminder of that fact.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.



The Rich Lowry column

## —beyond the beltway—

### Don't expect a kinder, gentler anything

by DONALD KAUL

Whew! That was a close call. Kerry really dodged a bullet. When those exit polls started coming in, I thought he was a goner.

Imagine, with just the change of a few thousand (OK, quite a few thousand) votes he would have been elected, president, from which position he would have been expected to:

■ Actually do something about the war in Iraq. Like what, for instance? Withdraw the troops? Naw. Send more troops? Where are you going to get them? Get France and Germany to send troops? You've got to be kidding. Keep on getting more American kids killed? Sooner or later, that gets old. Kill more Iraqis in hopes that you're killing the right ones? Good luck. The only real consolation of this election is that the guy who waded into this mess is the guy who's going to have to stand there and slowly

sink up to his chinstrap in it. The downside is that we sink with him.

■ Try to get control of the government's rocketing budget deficit before the next recession. (Yes, Virginia, there will be a next recession.) The quick way to do it would be to increase taxes but this Congress would send its children to fight in the wars they approve before they allowed taxes to go up. And they're not about to do either.

■ Reduce our dependence on foreign oil. The best way is to reduce our use of oil. In the current climate of SUV-envy (the bigger the better) the American public doesn't want to do that. Happiness in the United States means not walking. People here drive three blocks to a fitness center to spend 30 minutes on a treadmill.

■ Educate our children, care for the aged, heal the sick, create jobs, make us safe from terrorism and abolish the designated hitter. Someday the American people will realize that the guy they elect is just another guy, not Mandrake the Magician.

So for all of these reasons and others (you want to talk global warming?) Kerry should be thankful that he's well out of it. It's the rest of us who should be sad.

But we're not. We Americans, as George Bush is fond of pointing out, are an optimistic lot. We expect things to turn out well. And maybe they will. Maybe the rest of the world will learn to like being pushed around. Maybe the suicide-bombers in the Middle East and elsewhere will become afraid of us (although how you make a suicide bomber afraid is beyond me). Maybe President Bush will learn how to pronounce "nuclear." Miracles happen.

Whatever the case, I want Mr. Bush to

know that I stand ready to help. I was pleased when the president, in his victory speech, said he was going to "reach out" to the opposition and unite the country. I didn't believe him, of course, but it was nice to hear him say it.

I didn't believe him because...why should he? His entire political career has been one of divide-and-conquer. He and his political jockey, Karl Rove, have done everything in their power to split this country on issues like abortion, gay marriage, flag worship and prayer in schools. They pushed tax cuts for the rich and famous without so much as a nod to the Democratic opposition, they have attempted to pack the federal judiciary with anti-abortion right-wing activists, and the President campaigned against the minority leader of the Senate, an almost unprecedented act of partisanship.

If he did all that after finishing second in a presidential election, why should he turn into Mr. Nice Guy when he has a "mandate?"

But if he does reach out, I'm ready to reach back. Give me a sign, Mr. President; anything, anything at all. Fire Attorney General John Ashcroft. Ease sanctions on Cuba. Name Lawrence Tribe to the Supreme Court.

You do something like that and I'll join the National Rifle Association. It would be a start.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email him: donald\_kaul2@verizon.net.

# Faith Extra

## Minister's Moment

### Does God get empty-nest syndrome ?

by PASTOR JOHN BAKER  
PRESTONSBURG SEVENTH-DAY  
ADVENTIST CHURCH

I thought it would be many summers before our son would drive off to college in that two-toned Rambler with the duct tape seats. I was sadly mistaken. It came too fast. All summer long our eldest son shared his excitement about going off to college. While we were happy for him, being so far from home would be tough to get used to. Our son has a dry sense of humor that tends to make hilarity from the mundane. He can liven up the house just by walking into the room. The drawback to his personality is that when facing corrective discipline, he often makes you laugh even when you are upset. I recall one time ... and only one time, when I instructed my son at the age of five to throw a rock outside that he had carried into the garage. As you can surmise, he did throw the rock except it didn't go outside. It traveled through five storm windows I had stacked in front of each other

beside the open door. Like a mediocre baseball pitcher, he showed great velocity, but lacked control. At the time, I wasn't amused, now as he honked the horn, mouthing a quick "I love you" on his lips, I watched the cloud of dust settle into oblivion and I smiled at that memory and many others that flooded my mind.

Years before I made a vow to all my older friends that when my child left home, I would be one of the select few that would NOT have Empty-Nest Syndrome. Now just hours from our farewell, I wondered what role I'd now play in my son's new life. Would he only call me if he needed something, or would he as I hoped, call me daily, share his life with me and tell me I was still important? Oh I know it's hard to compete for attention, a new job, a new out of state school, and yes, a beautiful girlfriend. Yet, each day I made mental wish notes as if he were home. I'd wish we were off hitting golf balls on a majestic fairway, maybe catching a History Channel special, attend-

ing a baseball game or serving up a grand cook-out.

While I've now resigned myself in accepting the fact that each day I miss my son a little more than the day before, this thought spawned an ironic question in my mind. Do you think God gets Empty-Nest Syndrome too?

Maybe you can't recall the last time you went back home to His house. Then again, maybe the last time you visited His house, you were so preoccupied with the "more important things in life" that the visit was less than satisfying.

In the Bible reflecting on the shortness of earth's history, Revelation 3:20 shows Jesus saying, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we'll have dinner together just you and I".

This weekend, I urge you to take Him up on His offer. Spend some time together at His house. All indications are that He misses you when you miss a visit.

Can you spare a precious moment?

### Liberals dismayed by conservative claims to 'moral values'

by DAVID CRARY  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

NEW YORK — Family values, traditional values and now, "moral values." Most American adults would say they have them, and yet that two-word phrase is the focus of an ideological tug-of-war heightened by President Bush's re-election, with conservatives declaring principal ownership and liberals scrambling to challenge them.

"We need to work really hard at reclaiming some language," said the Rev. Robert Edgar, general secretary of the liberal-leaning National Council of Churches.

"The religious right has successfully gotten out there shaping personal piety issues — civil unions, abortion — as almost the total content of 'moral values,'" Edgar said. "And yet you can't read the Old Testament without knowing God was concerned about the environment, war and peace, poverty. God doesn't want 45 million Americans without health care."

Many of the advocacy groups that helped mobilize conservative voters for Bush concentrate on a narrow range of issues — notably opposing abortion and gay rights. Conservative leaders say these were the main issues on voters' minds when many, in exit polls, designated unspecified "moral values" as their foremost Election Day priority.

"Those who view the appeal to 'moral values' as mere political manipulation and ideological posturing have a basic misunderstanding of people of faith," said Janice Shaw Crouse of the conservative Concerned Women for America.

"The 'moral values' that were a top priority in this election — abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, same-sex unions — are rooted in deep religious beliefs."

Such statements of moral grounding have frustrated Democratic-leaning activists — in past campaigns and particularly this year. They question the vagueness of the "moral values" exit poll question and contend that their own political priorities, such as fighting poverty and discrimination, have moral weight and popular support.

Proponents of same-sex

unions, for example, believe it is moral to afford partnership rights to two men or two women who have committed themselves to each other and, in many cases, are raising children.

"We have a thing or two to say about the 'moral values' involved with permitting a couple who wish to build a life together to enjoy full legal standing as a family," said Ron Schlittler, director of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Similarly, abortion-rights advocates believe it is moral to allow the option of abortion to a poor, newly pregnant woman, rather than compel her to bear a child she didn't plan for and cannot afford to raise.

"When the religious right co-opted the term 'pro-life,' that was a coup," said the Rev. Carlton Veazey of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. "Sometimes 'choice' sounds too casual."

"We have to go back and examine what we are we saying, why is it not resonating," Veazey added. "We don't just cave in and say they've got a monopoly on morality."

Asked if their rivals on the left indeed held viable moral values, several conservatives replied with a qualified "yes," suggesting the liberals' social concerns were valid but not as important as opposition to abortion or same-sex marriage.

"We believe in biblical principles; I'm sure they believe in biblical principles," said Roberta Combs, president of the Christian Coalition of America. "But I don't understand how they can defend abortion and homosexuality. That's wrong."

The Rev. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life said poverty was far less urgent a problem than abortion, which he considers genocide.

"The other side has not been deprived of the opportunity to make their case," he said. "Voters can think for themselves."

Some put the issue even more starkly.

"There is no reconciliation between good and evil," wrote Mary Ann Kreitzer of Les Femmes, an organization of conservative Roman

Catholic women. "Voters rejected the party of gay activists, radical feminists, the Hollywood elite, pornographers, death-peddlers, anti-Christian bigots and apostate Catholics."

For some moderates, the values debate is less simple — they may oppose abortion and gay marriage yet share liberals' view on other issues.

Mike Allen of Catholic Charities of Trenton, which serves the needy in southern New Jersey, said his organization's mission entails seeking "a more just and compassionate society" on for the disadvantaged.

Regarding partisan promotion of "moral values," Allen said, "Oversimplifying is a technique that seems to win elections."

The Rev. Thomas Reese, editor of the Jesuit weekly America, said John Kerry could have been more effective at portraying his goals — fairer wages, better health care — as "moral values."

"The Democratic Party seems almost embarrassed talking about family issues or religion," he said.

A future battleground in the values tug-of-war will be for black and Hispanic support. Some conservatives believe wariness of gay marriage will enable Republicans to steadily win more of their votes.

"You're seeing a bridge being built between African-Americans and evangelicals who tend to be Republican," said Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council. "Right now that dialogue is focused on marriage, but as we share and learn, you'll see it broadening."

However, the Rev. Stephen Bouman, a New York-based bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, worries that conservative Christians' definition of "moral values" may be too narrow to accommodate those of different faiths and backgrounds, including new immigrants.

"One thing Jesus was absolutely clear about was helping the poor, and the welcoming of strangers," Bouman said. "Maybe this election was a wake-up call to have a serious conversation about what morality means, to look at what sort of country we're becoming."

### ACLU says 'Rick and Mick' act doesn't belong in public schools

by STEPHANIE STOUGHTON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va. — Rick and Mick Vigneulle bill themselves as 5-foot-4 identical twins who use comedy, music and dynamic communication to motivate schoolchildren across the nation. The American Civil Liberties Union calls them evangelicals.

The state's chapter of the ACLU said Friday that the brothers used five public schools in southeastern Virginia as vehicles for religious proselytizing to students this week. After parents began complaining, the ACLU sent a letter to school administrators urging them to cancel the appearances.

"The ACLU would be the first organization in line to defend Rick and Mick's right to practice and advocate their faith, but school officials crossed the legal line when they collaborated with the two evangelicals to promote their religious beliefs among students," said Kent Willis, the state ACLU's executive director.

Willis said the Vigneulles' mission is clearly religious and that their school program, while largely secular, may include some religious content. He said one parent complained in an e-mail that her child quoted a cast member at the show making references to students at Columbine High School in Colorado having religious experiences after the 1999 shootings.

In addition, tickets to a religious "pizza" party Thursday night were distributed at some of the Williamsburg-James City County schools after the school presentations.

"This adds up to a clear violation of separation of church

and state," Willis said. "We will be seeking assurances from the school that it will not do this again."

Two telephone messages left Friday with Rick and Mick Vigneulle Ministries, which lists its mailing address as Wilsonville, Ala., were not immediately returned.

But on their Web site, the Vigneulles say their "must-have" presentation has reached students in hundreds of high schools.

"Since most public high schools do not allow religious content, Rick & Mike invite students to a second event, the 'Pizza Blast,'" the site says. "It's at these Pizza Blasts ... that Rick & Mike are able to share their Christian testimony. This offers students the opportunity to receive Christ after hearing a clear and positive presentation of the Gospel."

The Vigneulles had performed at one of the schools — Lafayette High in Williamsburg — in the mid-1990s. This week, they made appearances at Lafayette, Jamestown High School and three middle schools in the school system. The pizza party took place in Lafayette's auditorium.

"We allow community organizations, whether it be Boy Scouts or church groups, to come in and use our facilities after hours," said schools spokesman Tim Bullis.

Students were permitted to skip the daytime acts at the schools, and all the principals warned the entertainers to stick to a secular message, Bullis said. "There was no crossing of that boundary," he said.

Bullis said tickets to the Thursday night's pizza party were left on the counter of one

school's main office and distributed by students in most of the other schools. He added that the school system couldn't interfere with students' constitutional right to hand out tickets.

The Vigneulles gave the students an anti-drug, pro-abstinence message, squirted water guns into the audience and sang, according to the Daily Press of Newport News. Some students said they were amused by the Vigneulles — but not everyone was pleased.

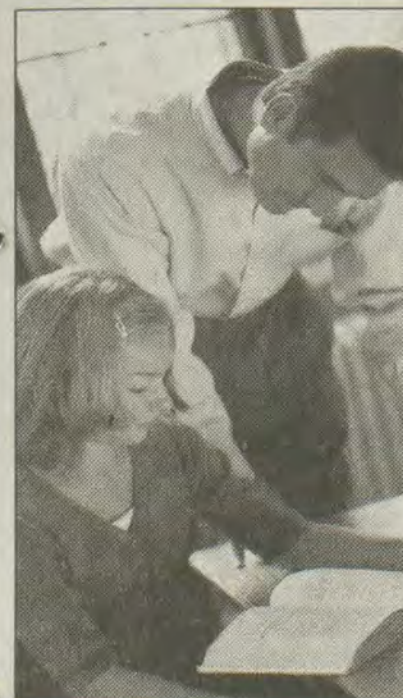
"I think it's a great strategy by the evangelistic movement to get Jesus back in schools," Joel Gleiser, a junior at Lafayette High who is Jewish, told the newspaper. "I don't think the same people who would be going (Friday night) to get saved would be happy if another group were doing the same thing. They might put up a fight, like I would do if I wasn't so outnumbered."

The Vigneulles caused a similar stir in Wells, Maine, after they appeared last year at a middle school and a high school.

School officials had thought students would hear a motivational talk. Instead, they were surprised by presentations that included subtle proselytizing and were followed by invitations to a pizza party, said Edward McDonough, superintendent of Wells-Ogunquit schools.

"It was certainly lost on the middle schoolers, but not on the high school students," he said. "Some students were upset and went home and talked to their parents."

McDonough said he learned that the group identified popular students and got them to come to the pizza party so other kids would attend.

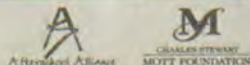


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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

Kenneth Glen Blevins, 69, of Langley, died Friday, November 5, at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Lois Patton Blevins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Wanda Rose Burkett, 45, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 3, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Danny Burkett. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Topsie B. Gibson, 78, of Garrett, died Tuesday, November 9, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia, following an accident. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Hester Newman Hall, 75, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, October 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Albert Junior Hall. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Sarah B. Griffith Price Hoover 88, of Indianapolis, Indiana, a native of Garrett, died Wednesday, October 20, 2004. She was laid to rest in Arlington East Hill Cemetery, Arlington, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted by Old Regular Baptist ministers Zee Holbrook, Robert Haney and Tim Justed.

Franklin D.R. Howard, 69, of Martin, died Sunday, November 7, at the Veterans Hospital, Huntington, West

Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Berniece Click Howard. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Deborah Raye Reynolds, 57, of Grethel, died Monday, November 8, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Dock Reynolds. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Frances Lorene Trimble, 81, of Lower Johns Creek, died Tuesday, November 9, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Burial was in the Bent Ridge Cemetery, at Meta, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Jerlean Stratton, 68, of Stanville, died Sunday, November 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Leon Stratton. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Rosa Lee Woods, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 3, at the King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

Maudie Burnett, 92, of Oak Hill, Ohio, a Pike County native, died Monday, November 8, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 12, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Willie J. Clevinger, 75, of Pikeville, died Sunday,

November 7, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center. He is survived by his wife, Jerlene Hite Clevinger. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 9, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Francis Damron, 77, of Robinson Creek, died Tuesday, November 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Michael Lawrence Day, 53, of Lexington, formerly of Pike County, died Sunday, October 24, at his home. Private burial services were conducted Saturday, October 30, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lessie Coleman Gilley, 90, of Pikeville, died Sunday, November 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 9, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Charlie L. Johnson, 93, formerly of Pikeville, died Monday, November 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 10, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Flossie Justice, 76, of Pikeville, died Monday, November 8, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 10, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Brittney Nasha Sanders, 18, of Pikeville, died Monday, November 8, at East Shalbiana, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conduct-

ed Friday, November 12, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Frances Lorene Trimble, 81, of Lower Johns Creek, died Tuesday, November 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 11, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

Everett Riley Blevins Jr., 79, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, November 6, in Wabash, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 10, under the direction of Grandstaff-Hentgen Manchester Avenue Chapel, in Wabash.

Carl Thomas "Buck" Burns, 61, of Nippa, died Sunday, November 7, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Georgia Charles Burns. Burial was at Lakeview Memorial Cemetery, Staffordsville, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Marion Castle Jr., of Wabash, Indiana, died Monday, November 8, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Castle. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 11, at the McDonald's Funeral Home, Wabash.

Jewell Blanton Rice Conley, 93, of Catlettsburg, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, November 2, at the Hospice Care Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Friday, November 5, under the local direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Etta Faye Isbell, 78, of North

Manchester, Indiana, a native of Paintsville, died Saturday, November 6, at Wabash County Hospital in Wabash, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 10, under the direction of Delaughter-McKee Mortuary, Silver Lake, Indiana.

Dr. Mitchel Neil Price Jr., 51, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, October 27, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Rae Austin Price. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 30, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Dianne Kaye McCarty Ward, 45, of Ashland, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, November 4, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Zenon Vincent Duchnowski, 66, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, November 3, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Prater Duchnowski. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 6, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Berchel Howard, 64, a Salyersville native, died Wednesday, October 27, at the Carey Nursing and Rehab Center. He is survived by his wife, Annette Steinhauer Howard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 30,

Woodrow Marshall, 71, of Fostoria, Ohio, a Magoffin County native, died Thursday, October 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Polly Lackey Marshall. Funeral ser-

VICES were conducted Saturday, October 30, under the direction of Harrold-Floriana Funeral Home.

Edam Mae Trusty, 82, of Salyersville, died Friday, November 5, at the Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 8, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

Wilburn (Wig) Blackburn, 83, of Louisa, formerly of Martin County, died Saturday, November 6, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 9, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Sidney Fitch, 78, of Martin County, died Monday, November 1, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Alice Maynard Fitch. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 4, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Nadine Horn, 60, of Martin County, died Sunday, October 31, at West Jefferson, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 4, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Gary Roger Jarrell, 58, of Tomahawk, died Tuesday, November 2, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 6, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Margie McKinney, 53, of Inez, died Monday, November 1, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 4, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

## Gay-marriage defeat puts legal arrangements in question

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Gays and lesbians fear that last week's passage of a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages and civil unions may be the first step toward a gradual erosion of their legal rights.

Leaders on both sides of the amendment fight have said same-sex couples shouldn't be worried, because laws governing contracts and similar legal documents are separate from laws about marriage.

But legal observers and advocates on both sides also say the courts ultimately may decide what's affected by the amendment.

"People sort of make assumptions that once they have an arrangement in place, once they've signed papers, once they've talked a lawyer, that they're safe," said Sam Marcossan, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Louisville and an advocate for gay legal rights. "That's not a safe assumption now."

Joan Callahan and Jennifer Crossen have signed documents giving each other some of the legal rights that married couples receive automatically.

Crossen has named Callahan as guardian of her son in the event of her death. They have put all of their property in both names, including their

Lexington horse farm, and have signed powers of attorney enabling each to make medical and health-care decisions for the other.

Last week, after voters approved an amendment banning same-sex marriages and civil unions, Callahan and Crossen made an appointment with their lawyer to make sure their documents are still valid.

"We're scared to death," Crossen said. "We need to see if we need anything new in light of the amendment."

Marcossan said unmarried couples "ought to look at their documents and make sure the rights are not phrased in a way that references marital rights,"

such as referring to each other as spouse, husband or wife.

The amendment approved by Kentucky voters states "that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be a marriage in Kentucky, and that a legal status identical to or similar to marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized."

Kent Ostrander, who led a pro-amendment coalition and helped draft the amendment, said that language should not

affect individuals' contracts. He said amendment advocates "don't plan on tracking things down" and challenging contracts.

But Carolyn Bratt, a University of Kentucky law professor and an advocate for gay legal rights, noted that judges, not activists, have the final say on what the amendment means.

Married couples receive a variety of legal rights automatically, among them filing taxes

together, visiting each other in the hospital, signing up for benefits, and making medical and burial decisions for each other.

Gays and lesbians are pessimistic about how the issue will unfold for them from here.

"When you scapegoat a group, you never quite know where it's going to end up," said Sue Strong of Lexington, citing President Bush's plans to push for a federal amendment banning same-sex marriage.

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Target walleye  
in Kentucky  
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SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - Arguments sometimes arise between Kentuckians over which is the better fish to eat: walleye or crappie. For those fortunate enough to have tasted walleye, there is no argument. Walleye wins hands down.

Fall is an excellent time to catch some walleye for dinner out of Kentucky reservoirs. Lake Cumberland, Laurel River Lake and Paintsville Lake all hold good populations of large walleye and fall is one of the best times to fish for them.

When dams went up on Laurel River and Paint Creek to form Laurel River Lake and Paintsville Lake, small hollows and coves flooded. The flooded timber in these hollows and coves is excellent walleye habitat. Walleye use these timbered coves during fall days. Although these coves only make up a small percentage of the total acreage of these lakes, walleye use them heavily in the fall.

Tracking studies show walleye venture from the security of timbered coves at night to feed, but return to the coves soon afterward. They prefer the security of these coves during the day and typically venture only 40 to 50 feet into the cove. Walleye like having the sanctuary of the main lake nearby in fall. They venture to the backs of these timbered coves in spring.

Probe the mouths of these coves with a 3-inch minnow on a simple split shot rig. Allow the

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Tips for a  
safe modern  
gun season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Deer hunters need to be prepared and think about a few safety-related situations as they head into the modern gun season.

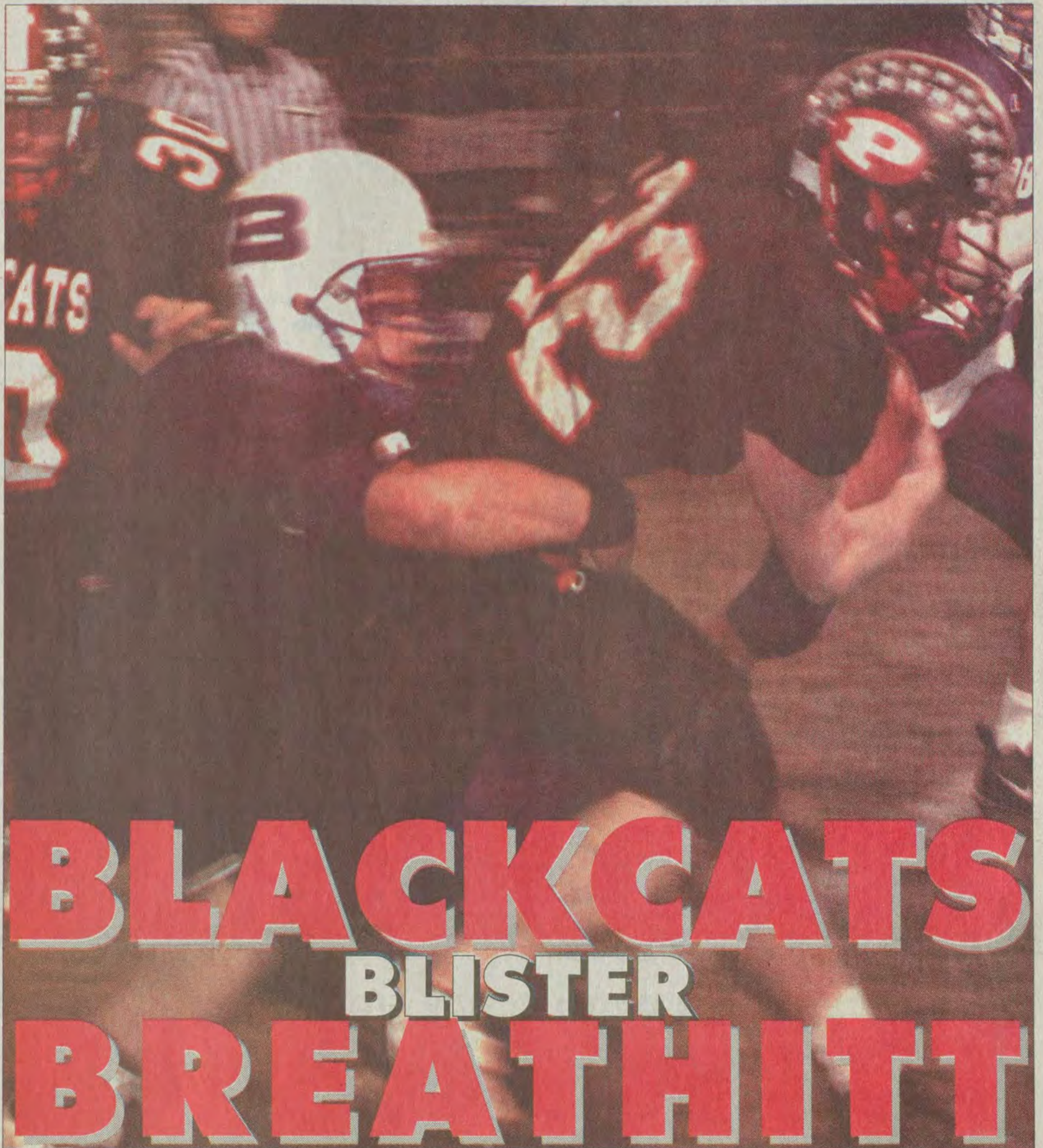
One of the most common accidents that happens to hunters is a fall from a tree stand that is too old, or because the hunter doses off, loses balance and winds up tumbling out because a harness wasn't used as a safety precaution.

Many hunters construct deer stands made with plywood for a floor and some pieces of a 2 by 4 board serving as steps. It is unwise to trust these types of tree stands on opening day without checking their structural integrity ahead of time and making any needed repairs.

Falling limbs throughout the year can hit and weaken the floor, which can lead to an unexpected and painful fall. Steps weakened through 11 months of rain, heat, cold and freeze can easily break free and cause serious injury under an unsuspecting hunter's weight.

Always wear your safety harness when hunting from a tree

(See TIPS, page two)



## NUMBER WHAT?

## Prestonsburg KO's top-ranked Bobcats

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

JACKSON - Facing the number one team in Class 2A didn't phase the Prestonsburg Blackcats. Prestonsburg went into Breathitt County Friday night and took on the then-undefeated Breathitt County Bobcats. A perfect 11-0 heading into Friday night's game against Prestonsburg, the number two seed in Class 2A, District 8, Breathitt County faced a Blackcat football team that was determined to prove many critics wrong. Prestonsburg went out and played football Friday night and in the process beat the state's top-ranked Class 2A team 40-29. The Blackcats held a commanding 34-6 lead at halftime. Prestonsburg capitalized off Breathitt County turnovers and beat the Bobcats, winning the right to face rival Belfry in the Class 2A, Region 4 title game.

Prestonsburg dominated Breathitt

County on several snaps. The Blackcats upended the Bobcats and made a statement that they are a group of Mountain football players that can play the game and deserve the same respect given to some other area teams.

Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett sent his team into battle Friday night with a game plan. The Blackcats put the plan to work and beat Breathitt County in all facets of the game.

"This was a great win for our football program," DeRossett said. "We went in with what we thought was a great game plan. This is a great bunch of kids. To come over here and beat the number one team in the state is something. But we have to keep on playing. I'm proud of these kids. There's no doubt that this is a special bunch."

Prestonsburg won the coin toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff. The Blackcats wasted little time getting

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photos by Jamie Howell

TOP: Prestonsburg senior running back Joe Blackburn carried a Breathitt County defender on a second half run. Also pictured for Prestonsburg is junior fullback Brenton Hamilton.

ABOVE: Prestonsburg assistant coach Jerry Butcher gave instructions to offensive linemen during the second half.

Accident hinders Kinzer's  
shot at top-10 finish

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports/Barry Wright Racecars House Car race team competed at the 2004 installment of the annual "National 100" with Brandon Kinzer behind the wheel of the No. 18 Commonwealth Chiropractic, Alert Oil & Gas, Kinzer

Drilling, Barry Wright Race Cars, Eastco Supply, Ranger Contracting, Mopar By Gaerte Engines Dodge Intrepid. The 100-lap event paid \$30,000 to the race winner.

Fifty-three cars timed in during qualifying with Kinzer putting his Mopar-powered machine 12th on the grid.

The 12th fastest time started Kinzer third in the second heat. Dropping one spot during green flag action, Kinzer finished the 10 lap heat race in fourth-place, the last transfer spots in the heats.

The 100-lap feature started in the early

(See KINZER, page two)

## Horsemen to hold open tryouts

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - The Lexington Horsemen football team, the defending National Indoor Football League (NIFL) Champion, will hold open tryouts inside Rupp Arena on Saturday, Dec. 11. Kickers will begin with registration at 8 a.m. All offensive and defensive linemen will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m.

Running backs, receivers, linebackers, defensive backs and quarterbacks will begin with registration at 12:30 p.m.

All interested players must be at least 19 years old and are encouraged to call 859/422-7277 before

Dec. 11 if they wish to try out. On Dec. 11, players will register at the security entrance behind Rupp Arena. The tryout fee is \$65, payable only by cash, check or money order, and will be collected at registration on Dec. 11.

Prestonsburg High grad and former University of Kentucky defensive lineman Jeremy Caudill helped lead Lexington to the 2004 NIFL Championship. Caudill has signed a free agent deal with the Columbus Destroyers of the Arena Football League.

Lexington is coached by Bob Sphire, also the current Lexington Catholic High School head football coach.

Players need to bring turf or tennis shoes as well as workout clothes (t-shirts, shorts). Participants will be tested in the 10-yard dash, 40-yard dash, pro-shuttle, vertical jump and position specific evaluations, and will be weighed and measured. Any players who have video of themselves are encouraged to bring it to the office before tryouts or bring it to the tryout. For more information, call the Horsemen office at 859/422-7277.

The Horsemen took home three NIFL League Awards during the NIFL meetings held in Las Vegas. The Horsemen were given awards for Most Professional Appearance, Best Mascot and Best Website in the Atlantic Conference.

Target

minnow to fall to the bottom and let it sit there to entice walleye suspended among the timber. A jigging spoon allowed to flutter down along the sides of flooded trees will pick off suspended walleye as well. If the jigging spoon reached bottom, lift it off the bottom and allow it to flutter down again.

The main lake point on each side of the timbered cove is a high percentage spot, especially at dawn, dusk and at night. A white, chartreuse or orange doll fly dropped down these points draws strikes. A Lindy rig or weight-forward spinner tipped with a minnow and slowly worked down these points entices walleye as well.

Lake Cumberland is a huge, sprawling, intimidating body of water. Walleye can be hard to find, but the pay-off for finding them is the chance at catching a

10-pound or better fish. The walleye population in Lake Cumberland is on an upswing.

Long, sloping main lake points hold walleye in fall. Trolling a bottom bouncer tipped with minnows across these points works well. Walleye stay fairly tight to the bottom on Lake Cumberland, so the minnow should be worked just above it. Walleye may hold from 15 to 50 feet deep in fall, so varying trolling depth is essential.

Another way of fishing long points is using a Carolina rig with a twist. Instead of tying a worm hook at the end of the leader, use a shallow running chrome, chartreuse and white or fire-tiger crankbait. The weight of the Carolina rig gets the crankbait down to the depths walleye prefer, but the floating ability of a crankbait suspends it just above the bottom. The

beauty of this rig is you can work a crankbait in 30 feet of water as slowly as you want.

Walleye on Lake Cumberland tend to school up in fall. Once one walleye strikes your offering, thoroughly probe the area for more walleye. Also, walleye on Lake Cumberland can get very depth specific. Once a walleye is caught, mentally record how deep the walleye was and work that depth on other similar main lake points. The first walleye caught can lead to a glory day of catching them if the angler is attentive to details on how the first walleye came to hand.

There is 15-inch minimum size limit and a ten fish daily creel limit for walleye on these lakes. Walleye are an under-utilized resource in these lakes and fall is one of the best times of the year to catch a limit.

Tips

stand. It is the single most important safety item a deer hunter can use. More hunters are injured, sometimes fatally, from falls than errant shots, being mistaken for game, or other types of incidents.

As the years go by, we all gain a few pounds. Don't shoot deer on steep slopes or in areas that require you to drag your deer a long way if you aren't in the shape you were in high school. Think ahead and try to minimize the physical effort it takes to move and load a harvested animal by hand, if you're not used to heavy lifting and exertion. Make sure you have some help available ahead of time. Use the buddy system and take frequent breaks. Be sure someone at home knows about where you are and about what time you should be home, just in case something happens.

All hunters who hunt during modern gun deer season, or any other period when firearms can be used for deer hunting, must comply with the hunter orange

clothing law. It requires hunters wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest. Hunter orange must also be worn by anyone accompanying a gun deer hunter. Camouflage patterns with splashes of hunter orange do not meet the requirements. Wearing hunter orange while walking to and from the deer stand, but taking it off while in the deer stand, does not meet the requirement. It's much wiser to keep your hunter orange on at all times while you're in the field, even if you're just eating lunch, for obvious reasons.

Other safety tips are also important, but sometimes easy to forget. Do not cross a fence, or climb a tree stand ladder without completely unloading your firearm beforehand. It is easy for a firearm laid against a fence to slide off, hit the ground and fire. If hunting with a companion, let him or her hold the firearm after you

unload it and while you cross. The empty firearms can then be handed over carefully and safely, person two can climb over, and then both hunters can reload and proceed. Don't transport loaded firearms in any type of vehicle. Use good judgment when operating all-terrain vehicles. Don't get in a hurry.

Never fire at any movements, sounds or colors, and don't assume if you have on your hunter orange, all other hunters will, too. Rather, expect the opposite. Keep your firearm's safety on until you are ready to shoot. Always be 100 percent certain of your target before you fire. Once the bullet leaves the barrel, you can't take it back.

Safety should become a habit for all hunters. Don't take it lightly and cut corners. Remember, you can take the finest trophy in the world, but it won't mean much if you wind up hurt, hurting someone else, or worse.

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Big Ten looking to regain elite status

by NANCY ARMOUR ASSOCIATED PRESS

Most of the Big Ten experienced March Madness like a fan last season, taking prime spots on the couch and watching game after game until they knew every team in every bracket and all of the mascots.

And they didn't like it one bit.

After a disappointing year that saw only three teams make the NCAA tournament, the fewest in almost 20 years, the Big Ten is poised to regain its status as a power conference this year.

Illinois (5), Michigan State (13) and Wisconsin (21) are all ranked in the preseason Top 25, with NIT champion Michigan and Indiana close behind.

"The big thing is the middle of our league and the bottom will be much better," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "We didn't have veteran players last year. (Everyone is) a year older, I think it's going to help as a league."

Take Weber's team. The Illini return not only their entire starting lineup, but their top 10 scorers from the squad that lost to Duke in the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament. They are battle-tested, winning 10 straight games — six on the road — to clinch their first Big Ten title outright since 1952.

And they have possibly the best backcourt in the nation with the hyperkinetic Dee Brown and Deron Williams. No wonder Illinois is being billed as a possible Final Four team.

"Everybody made a little improvement in their game," Brown said. "People expect Illinois to be a good team, good every year. Anything can happen, but we know what it takes."

Michigan State should be vastly improved from last year's squad that never recovered from its brutal nonconference schedule, one of the toughest in NCAA history.

Like Illinois, the Spartans return their entire starting lineup and add Drew Neitzel, who might be the point guard they've been looking for since Mateen Cleaves left.

Michigan State will be looking for its first Big Ten title in three years — an omission that hasn't escaped the seniors.

"It's something that since we were freshmen we've talked about doing and haven't been able to get it done," Chris Hill said. "Knowing this is our last chance, we're going to do everything that we can to leave that mark."

Wisconsin must replace Big Ten player of the year Devin Harris, but the Badgers still have Mike Wilkinson, their leading rebounder (6.8) and second-best scorer (13.1). They also get back Alando Tucker, who averaged almost 20 points in two starts before he broke his right foot, and add former prep All-America center Brian Butch, who has added 30 pounds to his 6-foot-11 frame.

Michigan will be looking to capitalize on its NIT championship with four of its five starters returning, while Purdue would like to send legendary coach Gene Keady out on a high note after 25 years with the Boilermakers.

"I'll be happy whatever happens," Keady said. "I just want my kids to stay injury free, play hard and enjoy the season. Of course we want to get in the NCAA and go as far as we can."

Kansas of the Big 12 is the preseason No. 1, with good reason. The Jayhawks return four starters, including seniors Wayne Simien, Aaron Miles and Keith Langford, who went to two Final Fours and fell just short last year.

Simien is the league's returning leader in both scoring (17.8) and rebounding (9.3), and he's almost unstoppable when he's healthy.

"The expectations for this year are really exciting," Simien said. "This is the last year. So

there is really no need for me to hold back in any way."

No. 7 Oklahoma State returns all but one starter from its surprise Final Four team, but the loss of Tony Allen is big. The Cowboys still have John Lucas III, their team leader both on and off the floor, and get some badly needed help inside from Aaron Pettway, a 6-10 center who blocked 152 shots at Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College.

No. 16 Texas lost Royal Ivey and Brandon Mouton, part of the winningest class in school history, but their replacements might be even better: three prep All-Americans who should contribute early, if not right away.

Conference USA will go out on a high note before it's gutted, with No. 14 Louisville leading the way. Francisco Garcia (16.4 points, 4.5 rebounds, 4.7 assists) is fully recovered from the ankle injuries that slowed him last year, and power forward Ellis Myles is back after missing all of last year with a knee injury.

No. 24 Memphis returns four starters while adding prep All-America point guard Darius Washington.

Illinois-Chicago of the Horizon League has two fifth-year seniors returning and should top 20 wins for a fourth straight season.

Southern Illinois will go for its fourth straight Missouri Valley Conference regular-season title. The Salukis have to replace three starters, but return conference player of the year Darren Brooks, defensive whiz Stetson Hairston and four other players who averaged at least 10 minutes a game.

Look for Toledo and Buffalo to battle it out in the Mid-American Conference. And this might finally be the year someone upends Valparaiso in the Mid-Continent Conference, with Oral Roberts the most likely suspect.

Horn looking for consistency from second team of Toppers

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Kentucky's incoming freshmen won't get any grace period from Coach Darrin Horn.

"They can't just sit back and wait for everybody else to do it," said Horn, starting his second season. "We told our freshmen, 'You're either players or you're not.' We're not going to treat them like freshmen, we're going to treat them like players."

Horn can't afford to treat them any other way.

The Hilltoppers have just two starters and four scholarship

players back from a team that went 15-13 a year ago. Gone are Sun Belt player of the year Mike Wells and 6-foot-11, 320-pound Nigel Dixon, who together provided more than 30 points and 15 rebounds per game.

Horn said the upside to their departures is that this year's squad is better suited to the up-tempo system he's trying to implement.

"I came in last year with a pretty good idea of what we wanted to do with the program, the way I wanted to teach and the way I wanted us to play," Horn said. "Now, I'm more comfortable because we've got

guys who can play this way."

Some of the six freshmen on the roster have already impressed Horn, particularly former Lyon County star guard Ty Rogers.

"He's just a really smart player who can really shoot it," Horn said. "He'll have a niche and see some significant time."

Horn said freshmen Courtney Lee, a guard from Indianapolis; or Mike Walker, a forward from Macon, Ga., could also sneak into the starting lineup based on their athleticism alone. Lee scored 18 points in Western's first exhibition game.

Another freshman, Matt

Maresca, broke his left wrist in a late October practice. Maresca, the leading scorer for state champion Warren Central, could be out seven weeks.

Although the youngsters will be expected to mature in a hurry, Horn will turn to senior point guard Antonio Haynes and junior Anthony Winchester for leadership.

The 6-foot Haynes had 117 assists last season and the team's most accurate 3-point shooter, sinking 40 percent of his attempts. The 6-4 Winchester averaged 14 points and five rebounds per game last year.

Horn said both players need

to work on playing their best in every game.

"Antonio has to understand the value of performing consistently. He can't think that just because he's shooting well that he's helping the team. He helps the team by running the team as its point guard and being solid defensively," Horn said. "The same thing goes for Anthony. What he's got to do to improve is not necessarily work on any particular aspect as much as just perform more consistently in all areas."

Tennessee transfer Elgrace Wilborn will provide a much-needed inside presence. The 6-8 Wilborn had 18 points and 11

rebounds in the Hilltoppers' first exhibition game on Nov. 6.

Horn said the versatile Wilborn can play the post or slide to power forward.

"You're talking about a guy who, just by running the floor and rebounding at both ends, can put up some numbers for you. He can really do a lot of things," Horn said.

Junior guard Danny Rumph and 7-foot sophomore Josh Higgins bring depth to the roster.

The featured nonconference game on the schedule is a Nov. 23 trip to Georgia, where Horn's predecessor, Dennis Felton, now coaches.

KO's

on the scoreboard, scoring with 9:48 remaining in the opening period when senior quarterback Trevor Compton found receiver Kyle Ousley on a 30-yard pass-catch hookup. The PAT attempt following the first Prestonsburg score went wide right and the Blackcats led 6-0.

Prestonsburg never trailed. Only once was the game tied.

Breathitt County answered Prestonsburg's initial score when senior quarterback Jacob Hundley, after a six-yard run, carried the football into the endzone from one yard out. Host Breathitt County failed to go ahead on its first PAT attempt when Prestonsburg senior tailback Joe Blackburn slipped through and blocked the kick.

The game was tied 6-6 at the end of the first quarter. Prestonsburg did its most significant damage in the second quarter, scoring 28 unanswered points on the state's top-ranked Class 2A team.

Prestonsburg gained momentum in a big way in the second quarter when senior Billy Joe Hicks picked off a Breathitt County pass and returned it 70 yards, from the goalline back to the Breathitt County 30-yard line. Hicks' interception stopped what would have been Breathitt County's second score of the

ballgame.

Aided directly by the interception by Hicks, Prestonsburg returned to paydirt with 7:49 remaining in the second quarter when Compton found fellow senior Jesse Chaffin on a 27-yard touchdown pass to make it a 12-6 advantage. Compton kept the two-point conversion following the second score of the game and was stopped short of the endzone.

Jeremy Carr recovered a Hundley-fumbled football to help set up Prestonsburg's third touchdown of the game. Blackburn got loose and scampered for an 86-yard touchdown with 7:09 remaining in the second quarter to push Prestonsburg out to an 18-6 lead. Compton found Brandon Peters on the two-point conversion following the third Blackcat touchdown to make it a 20-6 lead in favor of Prestonsburg.

The Breathitt County crowd was quieted after the two quick scores in the second quarter. Prestonsburg continued to put its master game plan to work. Compton picked off a Breathitt County pass later in the second quarter to set up another score. Blackburn scored on a 10-yard touchdown and Seth Moore added the PAT with 5:41 left in the first half, with play still in the second quarter, giving Prestonsburg a 27-6 lead.

Hundley coughed up the football again with 5:15 remaining in the second quarter to help set up Prestonsburg's final touchdown of the first half. Prestonsburg junior full-back Brenton Hamilton, a player who entered the second round of the playoffs with 631 yards rushing in 11 games, hit paydirt on a 16-yard touchdown run, extending the Prestonsburg lead out to a 33-6 advantage. Moore added the PAT to make it an even 28-point lead at 34-6 heading into the halftime.

Following the intermission break, host Breathitt County rebounded somewhat, scoring the first two touchdowns of the second half and cutting the Prestonsburg lead down to a 34-21 cushion.

Breathitt County defender and standout receiver Justin Lamb picked up a Prestonsburg fumble and returned it for a touchdown with 4:51 showing on the scoreclock in the third quarter. Hundley added the two-point conversion and the Prestonsburg lead was cut down to a 34-14 advantage.

Blackburn scored on a 10-yard touchdown and Seth Moore added the PAT with 3:54 remaining. Hundley's third-quarter touchdown was set up by a Bobcat interception. Bobcat

kicker Buster Little added the PAT to cut the Prestonsburg lead to 34-21.

With the momentum seemingly in the favor of host Breathitt County, Chaffin made an immediate impact for Prestonsburg late in the third quarter, scooping up a Breathitt County fumble and returning it 30 yards for a touchdown. After a failed two-point conversion, Prestonsburg held on to a 40-21 lead.

Breathitt County had possession of the football to begin the fourth quarter and Hundley returned to the endzone, scoring on a six-yard touchdown run. The Breathitt County senior also kept on the two-point conversion play after the score and sliced the Prestonsburg lead down to 40-29.

But the Blackcats would absolutely not be denied in their quest for a rematch with Belfry.

Prestonsburg senior John Mark Stephens had a fumble recovery on a Breathitt County botched carry and several Blackcat defenders, including defensive lineman Tyler Hamilton, played all-out the entire game, especially late, to help the visiting team to the huge victory.

"Our kids have wanted a shot at Belfry since the over-

time loss over there in the regular season," DeRossett added. "These kids love the game of football."

You've gotta love a football team that loves the game of football.

Belfry earned the right to host the Class 2A, Region 4 Championship Game, beating Middlesboro 49-7 Friday night.

Prestonsburg will pay a visit to the Belfry High football program and Vipperman Stadium for a second time during the 2004 season.

Kickoff for Friday night's Class 2A, Region 4 Championship Game is set for 7:30 p.m. No doubt, following Friday night's win over the state's top-ranked Class 2A football team, it's another trip to Belfry the Prestonsburg faithful are ready and willing to take.

Prestonsburg is ready for the return trip.

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Prestonsburg 40, Breathitt Co. 29  
Russell 50, Morgan County 19  
Belfry 49, Middlesboro 7  
Corbin 42, DeSales 21  
Fleming Co. 40, Newport 32  
Pikeville 28, Harlan 14  
Williamsburg 15, Lynn Camp 12  
Newport Cent. Cath. 42, Fairview 0  
Ashland 34, Rockcastle County 27  
Russell 50, Morgan County 19  
Bell County 42, Boyd County 6

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immediately started to advance forward in with the Barry Wright machine picking on competitors one by one. By halfway, Kinzer was up to ninth and continued to progress. However, bad luck struck as another competitor got into a lapped car and spun the lap car. Unable to avoid the collision, Kinzer made contact with the lap car sustaining heavy cosmetic damage. Altering the handling on his Barry Wright crafted racecar, Kinzer held on for a disappointing 14th place finish.

"We had a great top ten run going, unfortunately we just couldn't do a whole lot with a torn up racecar," said Kinzer. "We are wrapping up the season next week at Cherokee Speedway, that's one of my favorite racetracks."

"In the off season we'll have some pretty exciting announcements regarding next year."

The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team is scheduled to be in South Carolina today at Cherokee Speedway for its final race of the 2004 season.





# Eastern Kentucky poised for breakout season

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ever so slowly, Eastern Kentucky has moved into the ranks of Ohio Valley Conference basketball contenders. Now comes another test: can the Colonels prove they belong in that group?

Eastern Kentucky finished 14-15 last season, which isn't remarkable unless compared with the Colonels' recent history — they hadn't won that many games since going 13-14 in 1995-96, and haven't had a winning season since 1992-93, when they finished 15-12.

They also finished fourth in the OVC regular-season standings, then won a league tournament game for the first time since 1995.

With three starters back, including second-team All-OVC point guard Matt Witt, expectations are high for the

Colonels. League coaches and sports information directors picked Eastern Kentucky to finish third, behind perennial power Murray State and upstart Tennessee State.

"Anybody who understands this level of basketball and where this program was understands we have come a long way," coach Travis Ford said.

"This is the first year we can talk about winning a championship and making it to the (NCAA) tournament. That's what you want, what we work for, to get to the top of the OVC. It's always good to have a team that you think you can be competitive with."

Ford calls Witt one of the OVC's elite players. Witt finished sixth in the league in scoring (15.6 points per game) and second in assists (5.5 per game) last season. He also has an experienced backup in senior Austin Newton.

On the front line, senior center Michael Haney (11.4 points, 6.3 rebounds per game) is back, along with sophomore forward Julian Mascoll, whom Ford calls the Colonels' best perimeter defender. Junior college transfer Jason McLeish will add athleticism to the small forward position, Ford

said. For the first time since his freshman season, Haney will enter a season healthy, which should pay dividends, Ford said.

Alonzo Hird, a 6-9 juco transfer, should make an immediate impact on the frontline, Ford said, especially as a shot-blocker, rebounder and defender. Another juco transfer, guard Zach Ingles, is a proven scorer, having averaged 25.5 points per game last season.

Senior Ben Rushing, who is only 13 3-pointers shy of the school record, also is an effective shooting guard, but is out until January because of knee and wrist injuries.

Among the Colonels' opponents this season will be four teams that reached last season's NCAA tournament — Dayton, Florida, Louisville and Murray State. Eastern Kentucky also will renew its rivalry with Western Kentucky, a team it hasn't played since the 1994-95 season. Eastern Kentucky's first four league games will be on the road.

"It's not like we're scheduling a bunch of wins," Ford said. "We won't judge ourselves on our nonconference record."

# Morehead State's Macy faces major rebuilding project

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

In recent seasons, when Morehead State needed a basket, coach Kyle Macy could be reasonably certain that someone in his backcourt would



Chad McKnight

take care of that need. But now Ricky Minard and Chez Marks — and their combined 38.8 points per game — are gone. Macy is left to try to rebuild the Eagles (16-13 last season) into a team that can maintain a spot in the upper division of the Ohio Valley Conference, after they finished third last season and tied for first in 2002-03.

Macy said the Eagles likely will have to rely on their size this season, with five players ranging between 6-7 and 6-11.

"The team may take on a little different characteristic than last year," Macy said. "We may not be as fast-paced and high-scoring. The coaching staff can

make the adjustments, if the players can understand that."

Injuries already are throwing roadblocks into Macy's plans. Swingman Quenton Pryor, a transfer from Jackson State (Tenn.) Community College, was expected to fill some of the scoring void, but a broken right wrist could sideline him all season, Macy said.

Another player penciled in as a backcourt starter, senior Ramon Kelly, also has had medical issues and as a result has missed significant preseason practice time. Kelly started nine games last season after a late-season knee injury to Marks.

The Eagles do return two full-time starters in point guard Quinton Smith and center Chad McKnight.

Smith averaged 6.4 points per game last season while shooting 30-of-80 from 3-point range. McKnight, although a bit undersized at center at 6-7 and 215 pounds, was Morehead State's third-leading scorer last season at 10.6 points per game.

"We'll need more (scoring) input from Chad, and Smith is capable of adding some more numbers," Macy said. "It may be by committee for a third scorer, depending on who is playing well that night."

Six-foot-eight junior forward

Cory Burns who started five games last season and averaged 1.2 points per game after sitting out the previous season.

Only two other lettermen — guard Kyle Hankins, who's coming off knee surgery, and guard Josh Reed — return for the Eagles, which means newcomers will be asked to make major contributions right away.

Of the team's five freshmen, Macy said Jonathan True, a 6-11 center out of Lincoln County High School in Stanford, is the most developed entering the season and might end up in the starting lineup.

Morehead State's schedule includes road games at Kentucky, Ohio State and Louisville, and the Eagles will begin the OVC season with four straight road games. League coaches and sports information directors picked the Eagles to finish ninth in the 11-team league.



Ramon Kelly

# Cardinals' added size fuels Pitino's optimism

by CHRIS DUNCAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville coach Rick Pitino expects this year's Cardinals to look like one of his trademark teams, able to put up big numbers and press teams into submission.

The Cardinals, 20-10 last season, have depth and talent, deadly perimeter shooters, a balanced blend of youth and experience and one of the best players in the country. Now, they finally have the inside game Pitino said has been the one missing component in his first three seasons in Louisville.

"We've been counterfeit the last few years," Pitino said. "I

admire the team's work ethic, admire what they've accomplished the last three years. But anytime you play a season without one low post player, trying to press and run with very little depth, that goes against your system."

"Now, we have depth, we have low post players, we have some size. That doesn't mean we're going to be better, but we're not counterfeit."

The anchor of the imposing frontcourt is senior Ellis Myles, the bruising 6-foot-7, 245-pound forward who sat out last season to recover from a knee injury. Myles, the last holdover from the Denny Crum era, is the team's emotional leader and one of its strongest players — he can bench-press 360 pounds. Pitino said he's also developed a keen understanding of the game.

"I don't know how we played without him," Pitino said. "Ellis is the brightest person on the basketball court, he's the meanest, toughest person on the

court. Certainly, he's physically and mentally capable of doing serious damage for our team."

Freshman Juan Palacios should join Myles in the starting frontcourt. The 6-8, 254-pound Colombian showed impressive skills at a recent scrimmage, leading fast breaks and dishing nifty passes. Pitino compares him to Jamal Mashburn, who was a cornerstone of Pitino's rebuilding effort at Kentucky in the early 1990s.

"All freshmen have weaknesses or they wouldn't be here, but he's powerful, strong, fast and knows how to play," Pitino said.

Senior Otis George, whom Pitino called one of the most consistent players in preseason practices, will come off the bench to spell Myles and Palacios. The 6-8 George averaged 5.6 points and 4.8 rebounds for Louisville last season.

The frontcourt has already lost some depth. Bulky Oak Hill Academy product Brian

Johnson will miss the season with recurring knee problems.

"The players realize this is a big blow to the team," Pitino said. "But injuries are part of the game. We had a nice luxury with Brian Johnson and now we don't. So we move forward, we're still very optimistic about our basketball team."

Pitino said the skill of the remaining big men creates a wider margin of error for the whole team, especially on defense.

"We've had to be almost perfect to win against tough opponents the last few years," Pitino said. "Now, because we have more size and athleticism, we don't have to be perfect in every little detail, although you strive to be."

The solidified frontcourt will give more freedom to 6-7 junior swingman Francisco Garcia, whom Pitino has already encouraged to leave for the NBA after this season. Garcia led Louisville in scoring (16.4 points per game), assists (4.7 per

game) and was second in blocked shots (38) in 2003-04.

Garcia says the lure of the pros won't distract him this season.

"Everybody wants to go to the NBA," he said. "If it's meant to happen, it's going to happen. I just keep it out of my mind, just keep playing."

Pitino will mix and match guards Larry O'Bannon, Taquan Dean and Brandon Jenkins. Dean, a junior who had hernia surgery in June, was racing to restore his conditioning in the preseason. He'll play shooting guard and also share point-guard duties with Jenkins, a sophomore Pitino said has matured dramatically since the end of last year.

Pitino has lofty expectations for O'Bannon, the 6-4 senior who 10.3 points per game last season. The mild-mannered O'Bannon has tried to become more aggressive on the court and Pitino has noticed.

"His basketball personality has definitely changed," Pitino

said. "I expect him to have a very, very good senior year. I'm very bullish on his ability right now."

Pitino guided Kentucky to the Final Four in his fourth season there. He isn't making any promises about this team, but he's satisfied that the program has completed its journey back to national prominence.

"It took a while for us to get this brand, Louisville basketball, out there again," said Pitino, who has vowed that the Louisville job will be his last. "We have now built this brand back and from this point on, we will have the talent expected of a program of this stature."

# Louisville's Dean on slow road to recovery

by CHRIS DUNCAN  
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LOUISVILLE — As he recovered from surgery this summer, Louisville guard Taquan Dean couldn't even pick up a basketball, let alone dribble or shoot one.

When a game came on the television, Dean would change the channel. And watching others play on the asphalt courts near his home in New Jersey was out of the question.

"I tried to stay away from it as much as possible," said the 6-foot-3 junior. "I knew, how determined I am, I would try to go out there and do something crazy."

But whenever the urge to play struck, Dean would remember the deep, searing pain from that plagued him throughout the second half of last season.

"I didn't want to feel that again," he said. "I couldn't do anything stupid."

The Cardinals were ranked fifth and riding a 13-game winning streak last January when Dean first got hurt in practice. The next night, Dean had 21 points and seven rebounds in a 93-66 win over Cincinnati.

But Dean, the team's third-leading scorer and one of its best individual defenders, was never that effective again. The Cardinals dropped nine of their last 13 games and lost 80-70 to Xavier in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Dean is still haunted by that game. He scored 19 points, but his point-guard counterpart, Lionel Chalmers preyed on his limited mobility and had 25 points and six assists.

"That hasn't left my mind. I really lost that game," he said.

Dejected, Dean went home to Neptune, N.J., immediately after the season. For a while, doctors weren't able to help him and Dean began wondering whether he'd ever again be the player he was.

"It was tough," he said. "It put doubts in my head. I tried everything and they still weren't able to fix it."

Finally, Dean got the correct diagnosis of an abdominal tear — an astonishing one considering he played in all but two of Louisville's final 15 games.

"The doctor was amazed not

only that he had the pain threshold, but the ability to play," said Louisville coach Rick Pitino.

Anchored to his home after surgery in early June, Dean killed time watching DVDs. The longer he stayed inactive, the more he started to worry. He got daily uplifting calls from his best friend on the team, Francisco Garcia, but before Dean knew it, he'd lost 15 pounds.

"It did break me down for a while," he said. "I was so stressed out."

He made 90-minute drives to New York City for agonizing rehab sessions and he finally started to feel like himself again a few weeks later. He realized when he returned to Louisville how far he still had to go.

Dean led the team with 71 3-pointers last season, but his first shots in over a month clanged badly off the rim at the team's practice facility.

"The ball was going all over the place," Dean said with an easy smile, "but it was fun to get back."

At Louisville's media day on Oct. 19, Dean said he was 85 percent healthy. He said the injury is healed, but he's hurting in other places as he tries to condition himself back to bas-

ketball shape.

"He would tell you he's sore all over," said Pitino, starting his fourth season in Louisville. "He said to me the other day that he feels like a 50-year-old man. I said, 'Thanks a lot.'"

"You can go out there and run 10 miles and do it in good time. Try playing one basketball game and your body aches," Pitino said. "It's just a different sport, takes different muscles, and he's just getting his muscles acclimated to the game again. It's going to take some time."

Pitino said Dean will share point-guard responsibilities with sophomore Brandon Jenkins and split time at shooting guard with senior Larry O'Bannon.

Dean said his ordeal has made him as mentally prepared for a season as he's ever been.

"I'm positive with everything," said Dean, who sports a tattoo on his upper right arm that reads "Only the Strong Survive." "It hurt so bad to know that I couldn't get out there and do what I usually do."

"But I wouldn't trade it for anything because it's a learning process," he said. "I learned to be patient. I learned you can't take the game for granted because anything can happen at any time."



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Janie Howell  
P'burg senior  
Jeremy Carr (3) looked to block as teammate Joe Blackburn fought for yardage.



Blackcat junior fullback Brenton Hamilton (30) churned for yards against the Breathitt County defense.

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## Fall turkey harvest excellent for first week of firearms season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - By the end of the first week of the Kentucky fall turkey shotgun season, hunters had already surpassed the harvest of the previous season by 1,000 birds. There is a second week of the season scheduled for December 4-10, which gives hunters an additional opportunity to take advantage of the Bluegrass State's increasing turkey population. Early reports of reproduction indicate this spring's hatch was one of the best on record throughout the commonwealth.

The fall shotgun turkey season limit was increased to two birds of either sex for 2004. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) Commission recently added a second turkey to the fall shotgun season permit, but did not increase the cost of the permit. The season was also expanded to give hunters four additional days to hunt, amounting to a full week in late October and a second full week in early December.

During the first segment of the season, hunters reported 3,255 turkeys taken, compared to 2,256 birds taken during the entire 2003 fall shotgun season. So far during the turkey archery season, 495 birds have been reported harvested with bow equipment. At the close of the 2003 archery turkey season, a total of 528 birds were reported, so it also appears archery hunters are finding more turkeys this year, too. The fall archery season extends into mid-January, 2005.

Those hunters who took the fall shotgun season limit of two turkeys during October are not eligible to hunt the December segment of the season. Hunters who took one, or had no luck in October, may take up to the two-bird limit during the December season. Both birds may not be taken on the same day, however.

According to harvest data posted on the KDFWR website (fw.ky.gov), at this point of the fall turkey season, of the total 3,771 turkeys taken, 2,327 have been females and 1,444 have been male birds. About 900 of the males were reported to be adult toms and

the rest, called jakes, were young gobblers less than two-years old.

Hunters interested in giving fall shotgun turkey hunting a try in December need a hunting license and a fall firearm turkey permit. This permit allows the harvest of two birds. All turkeys taken in Kentucky must be reported by phone through the automated KDFWR telecheck system by midnight of the day the bird is taken. The phone call to report hunter harvest takes about five minutes and is toll-free. The number is 1-800-245-4263. At the end of the call, hunter's receive a confirmation number which must be recorded on the back of the permit or hunting license and retained throughout the turkey hunting season as proof of complying with the check-in requirement.

The blanks on the back of permits and licenses labeled for the date, county, species and sex must be filled in by the hunter before moving the bird from where it was taken. The confirmation number given when calling to check in the bird can be written on the back of the license or permit when the call is made.

Placing a carcass tag on a harvested turkey is not required unless the bird leaves the hunter's possession prior to being processed, or given to a taxidermist for mounting. Hunter's who give their bird to anyone else for any reason must attach a self-made tag to the carcass that indicates his or her name, phone number and the telecheck confirmation number received when the bird is reported. This requirement helps assure harvested birds are property reported, and identifies to whom the harvested bird belongs.

Lastly, hunters are reminded that it is not legal to take more game than the daily or season bag limit allows, or to claim or check in game that the hunter did not take himself.

For complete information on fall turkey hunting seasons in Kentucky, or other types of hunting, pick up a copy of the 2004 Kentucky Fall Hunting and Trapping Guide wherever licenses are sold, go on-line at fw.ky.gov, or call 1-800-858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Tree stands prove greatest risk to Kentucky hunters

by STEVE VANTREESE  
FOR THE ASSOCIATED  
PRESS

PADUCAH - Kentucky's firearms deer season brings the state's hunters to a high point of the year for outdoor adventure and to potential injury from a fall.

Thousands of the commonwealth's sportsmen and women participate.

Based on past seasons, a few of them likely will be hurt because of bad judgment or error associated with the most common deer hunter's accident source: tree stands.

There is a long-term trend of decline for accidents involving shooting, and hunting in general proves safer than most sports, according to national safety statistics. A lingering problem specific to deer hunters, however, is falls from tree stands. It is the greatest cause of serious injuries among Kentucky hunters.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

managers say a leading element in tree stand accidents is the use of homemade platforms and steps built into trees as "permanent" stands. Those hunting stations built from lumber and natural materials can be unreliable, especially because they remain in place year round and are subject to weather-related deterioration.

Decks, supports and steps can give way from rotten woods or from a nail that has loosened. And stand and step supports can dump hunters before they can react and catch themselves.

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources officials recommend commercially made stands that can be sheltered through much of the year and that can be easily inspected before use each season.

Yet the use of a well constructed portable stand alone doesn't guarantee safety. Some hunters each year manage to fall from good stands or, more frequently, they fall while climbing to or descending from tree stand

perches.

Causes of falls vary from simple missed steps to hunter misuse of stands, from inappropriate trees to failure of equipment. There are still occasional accidents from hunters going to sleep and toppling forward and down, and some just lose their balance.

The overwhelming majority of tree-stand accidents could be avoided or stopped short of serious consequences if hunters would wear a safety restraint while on stand as well as when climbing to or descending from their stands.

Tree stand manufacturers and safety advocates recommend a full-body safety harness over a mere safety belt and line. If a belt restraint is used, it should be worn on the upper chest so that, if there is a fall, pressure by the belt will not compress and/or paralyze the diaphragm and suffocate the wearer.

A harness, meanwhile, spreads the stress of a fall over the legs as well as the upper

body. In that manner, the restraint itself is less likely to inflict injury.

Tree stand hunters also should be diligent in the use of haul ropes or straps, climbing into their positions with free hands, then hoisting aloft their unloaded shooting implement on a line. A gun should not be slung over the shoulder while climbing to or from a stand.

Hunters should only climb straight, healthy trees, and any with "widowmaker" dead limbs overhead should be avoided for obvious reasons.

Climbing trees or attached steps or ladders in weather that makes surfaces slick with ice or rain also should be avoided.

Safety authorities discourage extreme heights when tree stand hunting as extra elevation only compounds the impact from any potential fall. Most recommend elevations of 10 to 20 feet.

The state deer season for modern firearms runs Nov. 13-28 or Nov. 13-22, depending on the county.

## Thanksgiving holidays in the sportsman's family

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - The Thanksgiving holiday period is a time when we reflect on our good fortune, recognize those things that are important to our personal happiness and show appreciation for good things in our lives. But it's become a little tough to tell that's what's going on at Thanksgiving, hasn't it?

For some this holiday weekend isn't much more than a fore-runner of the Christmas season these days. So many will spend most of their holiday time in a frenzy trying to find the best sale prices, scouring newspaper circulars, racking up mileage on their vehicle running from store to store and wrecking their credit card account when they get there. The most they find time to be thankful for is that they were able to scoot into a parking space ahead of somebody else that's within a half-mile of the shopping center. Whew!

In a sportsman's household, though, things are usually a little different. While Thanksgiving dinner always comes to mind like it does to most people, other

activities used to celebrate this holiday are much calmer and more relaxed. A simple day or two in the field hunting with family and friends is the time-honored tradition most will choose if at all possible. And there's a good reason why.

While preparing for Christmas time and getting things done is important, for those who use and benefit from the land and water's resources, it matters that we show proper appreciation. It's not something taken for granted, or that is brushed to the side in lieu of other priorities at this special time of year.

You can say that sportsmen and women pay for wildlife conservation and management, and to support good hunting and fishing opportunities by buying licenses, and you'd be right. Sportsmen spend much money that is aimed at that cause because they believe it worthwhile.

But, for the majority of hunters and anglers, the importance of stopping and being thankful for what these sports mean to us goes well beyond

reaching in our pockets to show it - it's an ongoing state of mind as well. We celebrate it with our families and friends at Thanksgiving time by participating in a hunt, whether for rabbits, deer, waterfowl, whatever we enjoy. Sportsmen choose to spend that free time with each other sharing the kind of enjoyment we've been fortunate to experience for years upon years. It's important enough that we don't let time set aside to say thanks pass by without thinking about it.

If you didn't experience the anticipation as a youngster of being invited to go with the older family members on an afternoon rabbit hunt after lunch, you've missed a memory that's never forgotten. It is one cherished in the sportsman's household.

If you didn't get to hear or tell the story about the hunt that yielded the turkey on your table, you missed sharing in thankfulness for life's simple pleasures with ones you love. It's a staple in the hunter's kitchen.

If you didn't get to see the excitement in your youngster's

eyes, and hear it in her voice, as she tells the uncles, aunts and cousins about the first deer she got, or catching her first catfish, few other things will yield you as truly thankful as a child's happiness. There's no "limit" on those kinds of feelings during the sportsman's Thanksgiving family gathering.

Sportsmen have a lot of different facets of their lives, and many things to be thankful for, that just aren't part of some households this time of year. If having more to be thankful for, more to celebrate and enjoy in future years is something you like the thought of, get your family and friends into the hunting and fishing sports. At best, get them outside doing something - anything - in the woods or on the water. Start your own tradition and see what it brings.

It won't take long to understand why the family Thanksgiving hunting tradition remains so strong, and it's guaranteed that taking part in these kinds of activities year 'round will give you more that you'll want to stop and give thanks for season after holiday season.

## Leading Off takes Churchill feature

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Leading Off beat favorite Grande's Grandslam by a length in Thursday's \$54,900 feature for three-year-olds and up at Churchill Downs.

Leading Off, with Eddie Martin, Jr. aboard, covered the 1 1/16 miles in 1:48.22 on a sloppy track and paid \$9.60, \$3.60 and \$2.60. The three-year-old colt won for the third time in six starts for owners Richard, Bert and Elaine Klein.

Trained by Steven Flint, Leading Off earned \$34,335 to boost his career winnings to \$79,885.

Grande's Grandslam, under Larry Melancon, returned \$2.60 and \$2.40. Romeny Marsh, ridden by Bill Troilo, was another 4 1/2 lengths back in third and paid \$2.80.

The race was originally scheduled for the turf, but was moved to the main track because of heavy rains. The move resulted in the scratches of four horses from the original field of ten.

## Mare brings \$600,000 at Keeneland sale

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Beautiful Treasure, a four-year-old mare pregnant by Orientate, brought a top price of \$600,000 during Thursday's session of Keeneland's November Breeding Stock Sale.

John and Martha Mulholland bought Beautiful Treasure from the consign-

ment of Craig Bendoroff's Denali Stud, as agent, for Bob and Beverly Lewis.

Beautiful Treasure is by Unbridled out of Beautiful Moment, by Crusader Sword. Keeneland sold 223 horses Thursday for \$18,758,000, an average of \$84,117 with a median of \$60,000.

The 12-day auction ends Nov. 19.

## Mediocrity special: Bengals, Redskins try to stay afloat

by JOSEPH WHITE  
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LANDOVER, Md. - Eleven of the 30 teams in the NFL are 3-5, all sitting on the cusp of joining the postseason push rather than sliding into the dreaded reality of playing out the string.

That's where the Cincinnati Bengals and Washington Redskins find themselves Sunday, facing each other knowing another loss or two in November essentially guarantees another year of watching playoffs on TV.

"These games over the next month become huge games," Cincinnati coach Marvin Lewis said. "They really put the stamp on how your season is going to be, what you do in November and December. You'd like to get off to a fast start. We didn't do that. So now it's time to get down and play football."

The Bengals and Redskins have combined for exactly one playoff appearance in the last 12 years, when Washington won the NFC East in 1999. If neither succeeds this year, the coaches will likely hear a reversal of blames: Washington's Joe Gibbs stuck with the veteran quarterback when he perhaps should

have tried the younger one, while Lewis went young while benching a veteran who played well a year ago.

Gibbs continues to support Mark Brunell, who is last in the league in competition percentage and has thrown for fewer than 100 yards in three of his last four games. Gibbs let Brunell throw the ball just twice in the second half at Detroit a week ago, relying on the Redskins' top-ranked defense to hold on for a 17-10 victory.

This week, the coach added a 10-minute period at the beginning of practices to work specifically on passing plays. Fans chanted for backup Patrick Ramsey at the last home game two weeks ago, and they will surely do so again if Brunell continues to misfire.

"I have played a long time, and I have had a lot of success, and I am certainly not going to let six or seven games of not having the statistics that I want take any confidence away from me," Brunell said. "I am very confident in what I can do and how I can play this game. I see the field better than I ever have and my decisions are good. We are just not getting it done, and that falls on the quarterback. We

will get things going, though."

Cincinnati's Carson Palmer found success in last week's 26-3 victory over Dallas, completing 21 of 32 passes, and he didn't get sacked for first time this season. Lewis says he doesn't have any regrets about playing Palmer ahead of 2003 Comeback Player of the Year Jon Kitna, but the coach also says it's time for his second-year quarterback to demonstrate more leadership.

"We keep growing as a football team as he grows. He has to command a bigger presence," Lewis said. "I want him to be as demanding on everybody else as he is on himself."

Cincinnati's defense is ranked last against the run, a surprise for the Redskins who played for Lewis when he was Washington's defensive coordinator under Steve Spurrier in 2002. The temptation will be for Gibbs to take the ball out of Brunell's hands again and simply run Clinton Portis, who already leads the league in carries and is on pace for a 1,600-yard season.

Redskins tackle Chris Samuels can't believe it will be that easy. He faced Lewis' defense in practice every day

two years ago, and it had a similar feel to the tough defense he now sees daily under Redskins assistant Gregg Williams.

"Very aggressive and blitzing," Samuels said. "They want to confuse the offense."

Sunday marks Lewis' first return to Washington since his one-year stint with the Redskins. He was a steady voice in chaotic and unsuccessful surroundings that season as Spurrier tried to adjust to the NFL.

Lewis said he has fond memories of Washington and that he learned things from Spurrier, although he declined to say what.

"I wish we would have won more games, but I really enjoyed it," Lewis said.

The Redskins remember Lewis as a coach who breezed through on the way to better things. Lewis got his long-awaited chance to be a head coach when the Bengals hired him at the end of the season.

"It was obvious that Marvin was only going to be here for a year," linebacker Antonio Pierce said. "He almost left for Michigan State before the season was over. It's different with Gregg. There's security here. We know the coaches will be here next year."

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## This Town, That World

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

The frost is on the pumpkin, and the fodder had better be in the shock.

Frankly, we were worried about this fellow, but I figured he was all right when he began jesting about his toe operation, referring to it as "open foot surgery."



Norman Allen

I'M CAUGHT OFF GUARD This fellow calls me on Wednesday, when I'm up to here in work, and invites me to go fishing with him. Just a few minutes over at the lake, he urges, assuring me it's in the bag—they'll strike.

Let it be recorded: By exercise of almost super-human willpower, I stay at the old desk. "If you catch anything, stop by and show me—don't call to say you did," I remind him, and turn to remark as I hang up the receiver, "The guy's crazy."

Well—you guessed it—he prances in, an hour or so later dangling a stringer holding three fine largemouth. I turn green around the gills and sagely remark that any time I pronounce the weather too bad, the water too cold or the fish uncooperative, you can lay your last dollar that the bass will all but crawl in the boat on you. I mind the time, I say, when I laughed at a fellow trolling in muddy water and passed rather uncomplimentary judgment on him, then arrived at the dock about the same time this fellow does, and he unloaded the best string of bass I had seen all spring.

I would have dwelt on the time the thermometer dropped overnight, and I advised all hands to dig out their Bombers and Paul Bunyans, which they did, naturally without effect — then ran across this bird who had been tossing a Darter and catching bass like crazy. I say, I would have gone into this fishing matter and my frustrations at greater length, but this fellow I began this piece about, in the first place, was ready to go and so he made confession.

When he called me at first, he knew where the bass were, all nicely strung up over the side of Raymond Copley's boat.

It all goes to show me that I break down and confess my fishing sins too easily. Hereafter, I

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## MEET LONDON



This waterfall in Anglesey, the northern part of Wales, made an extraordinary hike even more so on a damp afternoon.

# British Roadways: From London to Wales

by MARY MUSIC  
 STAFF WRITER

Armed with an atlas, a jar of peanut butter and a loaf of bread, me and friend of mine (Terry Ratliff from Martin) decided to christen my midterm break by tackling the British roadways. Our plan was simple: We had none.

(Well, we had something of an outline, but nothing definite, which turned out just fine in the end because it gave us plenty of leeway to compensate for our getting lost, finding our way and getting lost again.)

My philosophy? When in doubt, ask for help. The predominately male philosophy of my dear comrade? Ask for help only when it is completely necessary.

### About 'Meet London'

As a Pikeville College student, I obtained a scholarship through the Appalachian College Association to attend a semester of classes at Imperial College, one of the three top colleges in England. The program, geared by International Enrichment Inc., and the Private College Consortium for International Studies, sent more than 70 students from Appalachia and the Midwest here this semester to digest UK's culture, history and magnificent beauty. Centuries ago, London was thought to be the place where Americans came to get "educated." It is also the birthplace of the America we know today. I love it here.

As you can see, we got along just fine.

■ Lesson 1. Americans can drive on the right side of the road in Britain. It usually only occurs for short periods of time when there are no British drivers coming your way. (Screaming at said encounters is both expected and necessary.)

### Welsh Dictionary

- Thank you — Doilch yn fawr
- Good night — nos da
- It's raining — maen bwrw glaw
- Father — tad
- Mother — mam
- Bed — gwely
- Chair — cadair
- What's the price of a beer? — Beth ydi pris y cwrw?



This coastline scene in Aberstwith mimics those seen all along the coastline. Outrageously beautiful.

photo by Mary Music

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## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

# 'Highway men'

by TOM DOTY  
 STAFF WRITER

America's vast series of interstates become a battleground for two men locked in an ongoing battle to the death that is fueled by revenge in this high octane thriller from veteran director Robert Harmon.

Harmon explored similar territory in his 1986 thriller "The Hitcher" and this is a welcome return to the format for him.

The story begins with a husband on a hotel balcony observing his wife buying produce from a roadside stand. The camera switches to an aerial view as she crosses the road to return to the hotel and then we see the pale green El Dorado coming into view and speeding up to intercept her. We only hear the impact and see her purchases hit the pavement as the camera pans to her husband's agonized reaction. It's a tense moment and it skillfully establishes the action which is forthcoming.

The action then switches to five years later and we are introduced to Molly. She is a tortured soul who lost her parents in a wreck that only she survived. Unfortunately, she is the next target for the El Dorado. The killer attacks her and several other motorists in a tunnel and once again Molly is the only survivor.

The story ratchets up the tension as Molly is contacted by Rennie Cray, who we saw lose his wife five years earlier. He informs her that her terror has only just begun and the killer will not leave any loose ends behind. Turns out, though, that Rennie is eager for a showdown with the other car and is more than willing to use Molly as bait. He's a cold character and it's to the film's credit that they don't try to soften him.

Along the way they pick up an accident investigator, named Macklin, who reluctantly joins their quest. The history of the killer is slowly unveiled and it's no surprise that he is an former insurance seller who saw one too many photos of wrecks and has developed a decidedly twisted fetish that has him causing accidents across the country.

It all leads to a showdown at the hotel site of the original murder, where we learn that Rennie may have had a lot to do with creating the killer he is hunting. It's a shocking revelation and a strong commentary on the senseless nature of revenge.

"Highwaymen" scores as both a thriller and a meditation on revenge scenarios. Harmon deserves most

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# Excuse me, who's just another statistic?

by MINISTER MARY EDWARDS

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOUL"

"Are you pregnant?" asked my eighth-grade teacher.

"Yes." My answer was barely audible.

The full broomstick skirt I had made in my home-economics class no longer concealed my protruding belly. At the tender age of 13, I was six months pregnant and had gotten that way the same day I lost my virginity. My teacher marched me to the principal's office.

It's been 49 years, and I don't think I'll ever forget the expressions on my teacher's and principal's faces: a combination of sorrow and disgust. But, even more so, I will never forget their penetrating words.

"What a tragedy. She's an honor-roll student,"

my teacher said, with tears in her eyes.

"And now all she will ever be is just another welfare statistic," the principal responded.

Their words pierced my heart like arrows and echoed in my head, adding judgments and anger to my already overburdened load of emotions, "... just another welfare statistic."

When Mama suspected I might be pregnant, she took me to the doctor for an examination. A single parent herself with five children and two jobs, all she needed was another mouth to feed. When the doctor suggested that because of my age I should have an abortion, my mother asked me what I wanted to do. What a dilemma! I didn't want to be a mother, but the alternative seemed even worse.

My childhood hadn't been easy, and mother-

hood would be even harder, but I made my choice. In spite of her deep and understandable disappointment, Mother said, "Well, we are going to have a baby!" She supported me — no matter what!

This year I celebrated my 60th birthday. My son is 47. Today, I am an ordained minister married to a wonderful man of God who is highly respected throughout the country. I have established numerous ministries throughout the city of Detroit and authored five books. We have received a Point of Light Award from former President George Bush for our community-service work. I have mentored many single mothers and young girls throughout

the past 25 years, emphasizing that they don't have to be just another statistic.

If you're going to count me among your statistics, consider this: I graduated from high school with honors at the age of 16, have never been on welfare and this year was voted "One of the Most Influential African American Women in Metropolitan Detroit."

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## Jim Davidson

# Should teachers set goals?

Several years ago I had the joy of meeting and getting to know a wonderful young lady here in our community who has now gone on to bigger and better things. Her name is Rita Thomas and at the time she was working for the Log Cabin Democrat, our daily newspaper here in Conway.

Rita is a bubbly person, great personality and very talented. When I was president of our local Lions Club, Rita was the bulletin editor and did a great job. Others have recognized her talents as well, and she moved on to become publisher of the daily paper in Yankton, S.D., and a few weeks ago she was named publisher of the York News Times in York, Neb.



Just recently I was talking with Rita about my new book, "Learning, Earning & Giving Back" and how most of the papers are going to help Newspaper In Education programs across the country. At this point she said, "You know, it's beautiful how one life touches another and another. Deanna Hearn and I launched the Log Cabin's NIE program when I worked as a classified supervisor so long ago. Little did I know that it would touch you as it has, and then touch so many others through your praises of the program, and even now as you prepare to contribute to NIE programs across the nation. Wow, what a blessing."

Rita then concluded her thoughts by saying, "It is also a sobering thought to consider that the works of our hands can have such impacts, good or bad, depending on what we think or do." If there has ever been a thought that we can all think about and ponder, that's it.

To validate the truth of what Rita was saying, I got a letter a few weeks ago from one of the four NIE teachers that I have sponsored over the past five years. This teacher's name is Kathi Sweere, who teaches fourth grade at Ida Burns Elementary School. This past school year, Kathi was named Elementary Math Teacher of the Year in Arkansas and I might add that the other teachers I have sponsored have won awards at this level. They are simply an outstanding group of teachers.

At this point, what I am going to say has relevance for

every student and every parent in America, so I hope you will really tune me in. In her letter Kathi said to me, "I also want to thank you again for coming to my classroom four years ago and talking to my class. I have thought about that talk often since then. You made me reevaluate my teaching and I wanted to tell you how."

"You had my students that day go around and introduce themselves and tell what their goal was for their future. I noticed that one of my students didn't really have a goal. He was a quiet student that really didn't care too much about school."

"You told my whole class that if they didn't have goals, they have nothing to work for or towards. I have thought about that talk very often. In reading my Bible, verses would stand out reflecting what you had said. For example, 'As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.' I realize that a single thought neither makes or breaks you, but a pattern of thoughts can. People are probably more careless of their

thoughts than they are with anything else. As a teacher or parent, we need to help our children have bright thoughts for their futures."

Before I share her next thought, I want you to know that it's one of the most sobering I've heard or read in a long time. She continues, "Many teachers can predict the futures of their students. If you ask any elementary teacher, they can probably tell you which students will graduate high school, which students will go on to college, and even which ones will end up in jail. It's sad, but so true! Those students that don't have goals, or people to help encourage them to have goals, have no future. They wander aimlessly through life, never really getting to accept all the wonderful things that life has to offer."

"Parents can influence your child to become the person that they will become, whether for good or bad it is up to you. The amount of time a parent spends with their child is so important. They get to understand their

child and realize what their children need. Teachers can always tell the children whose parents are involved in their lives. They are the ones that will have a bright future. Every person responds better to encouragement than criticism. If a child receives encouragement often, they can take constructive criticism in stride and learn from it."

"I now set goals with my students at the beginning of each nine weeks. The goals may stay the same or change based on what successes we've had. We write them down and ask each other about our goals."

"Thank you so much for that talk. It has made me more observant of my students and their needs. I also feel my students are more successful because their teacher learned from you."

To this, I can only add, "To God be the glory."

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### Homecare providers assist elderly

Jeanna Colvin, Stella Gearheart, Yvonne Johnson, Diana Conley, Genevieve Spears & Cathy Rose are Homecare Aides who provide assistance to the frail elderly over the age of 60, who without assistance would be at risk of nursing home placement, in the Floyd County area. They are employed by the Big Sandy ADD's Homecare Program, which is operated through the Aging Department. If you need assistance, please feel free to call 800-737-2723.

## St. Martha Church to hold special service for grieving families

St. Martha Church will offer a special prayer service on Saturday, November 20, at 11 a.m., for parents, grandparents, siblings and friends grieving the loss of an unborn child through miscarriage, accident or abortion. All interested persons are welcome.

"The Naming and Commendation of an Infant Who Died Before Birth" is a prayerful opportunity for parents to formally name their children and commend them to God.

This ritual was developed by the Worship and Pro-Life Offices of the Archdiocese of St. Louis in response to the very real grief of families whose children died prior to birth. In many cases of unborn infant death, a body is not present and it is not

possible to hold a funeral or burial ceremony. This ritual allows parents and other grieving family members and friends to acknowledge the impact of the deceased unborn infant's brief life. It gives expression to their heartfelt grief and it allows them to renew and deepen their faith and hope in God.

A Certificate of Commendation will be given to each participant naming a child.

The first public celebration of the rite was held at St. Martha Church, on November 29, 1994. Since then, the church has offered the prayer service annually and more than 75 unborn infants have been commended.

St. Martha Church is inviting anyone seeking solace and comfort from this type of loss to participate in the November 20

prayer service. Refreshments and resources for dealing with grief will be offered in the church hall immediately following the ceremony.

For more information, call St. Martha Church at 874-9526. Reservations are appreciated, but not required.

## Roadways

became very accustomed to tackling these monstrosities by the trip's end, even the double round-a-bouts — set up like a figure 8 — which were completely confusing to me.)

■ Lesson 4. When looking for street signs or stop signs in Britain, there are none. Street signs in Britain are usually on the sides of buildings and other obscure places where they aren't readily seen. After three days of traveling, we realized that British drivers "give way to the right" at places where cars should stop (marked by triangles painted on the pavement).

■ Lesson 5. Dual carriageways equal four lanes or six lanes; both of which are full of fast, erratic drivers who don't care if you know where you're going. DON'T HOG THE MIDDLE LANE! Entering a dual carriageway via a wrong turn means you'll be driving a long while before you can turn around to face your own destination. (What's 30 miles, anyway?)

■ Lesson 6. Zebra crossings (pedestrian walkways at which vehicles are mandated to stop) are completely unnecessary. These crossings are what cab drivers use to torture the hopeful pedestrian, who steps out one foot, thinking, "Yes, I can cross" only to realize they lost their shoe as the speeding cab drives by. (Evil, evil people.)

■ Lesson 7. When renting a car in Britain, be aware that you'll need to sign four blank credit card receipts, one of which is to be used for your speeding ticket. ("But I haven't got a speeding ticket yet,"

Terry said, "Oh, but you will," the renter replied. It's horror, pure horror, I tell you.) Cops aren't roaming the streets in Britain to catch speeding drivers. There are CCTV cameras strategically placed in speed-prone zones and you'll receive your speeding ticket via mail weeks later. (I've got my fingers crossed.)

■ Lesson 8. When traveling in Wales, where the names of towns aren't similar to anything we'd read in the English language, taking time to mark off towns you'll pass on the way to your destination DOES NOT help. How can it, when say, for instance, you're looking for Rhodiad y Brenin, and the road sign (that you see for 2.5 seconds) reads: Croes-goch, Llangloffan, Manorowen, Aberaeron, and (how about this one) Abergwyngregyn? They do these things to confuse us, I tell you.

All in all, our seven-day trip was enjoyable. Beginning in central London, we drove into Bath, then to Stonehenge, where we were greeted at the rock's edge with a horrible rainstorm (the kind that pounds sideways with gusts of satanic force). We attempted, that day, a ride to Bristol, an amazing robust town that I've heard so much about, but we gave up on the adventure after attempting to get there three times and failing.

From Bath, we then crossed the British Channel, drove into Newport and stayed at a bed and breakfast in Cardiff, the capital of Wales. We continued our journey by driving along

the coast, through the Pembrokeshire Bay area to Anglesey, where we met a friend of Terry's who took us hiking in a "spot of wood" that he oversees.

Along the way, we stopped at several beds and breakfasts, where we were treated to a hearty full English breakfast — egg, bacon, toast, sausages, beans and tomatoes. I felt more at home at Wales than I did anywhere else. We stopped in several small towns and met people who have forever left an impression.

At St. David's, a delicately beautiful town named after the Patron Saint of Wales, a Welsh man in a local pub, after learning that we were Americans, told us that Wales is "Twenty years behind an' loving it."

"It's like heaven," he said. "Don't tell anyone, or they'll come."

In the Borth-y-Gest village, a little fishing port just off the coast, we met an older couple who ran an antique shop. It was a dusty little place, full of personality, where the husband and wife team felt more obliged to tell stories than they did to sell things. The woman, nearing 80-something, made us place our hands on her Celtic Bible and gave an earthy lesson in Welsh, which she later deciphered. She later commented on how most Americans don't have to work because "they have their slaves and everything" to do their work for them. Her lack of historical knowledge amazed me, as did the stories her husband shared about his service during World War II. He completed the

tale by showing his medals and discharge book — marked from London to Wales with "Very good."

Driving along the coastline was absolutely remarkable. The shoreline meeting the sun, even with the cold weather, was breathtaking. The seaports, the people, the entire atmosphere was amazing. (We saw 11 — count them, 11 — rainbows in one afternoon!) I didn't want to leave.

During our adventure, we also stayed with an English couple, Peter and Patricia Hindle, who gave us a lesson or two on English etiquette. Peter was born, got married, and retired all on the same day — July 23, a completely unplanned thing, he said, but it does show a lot about his precise personality.

Early to bed, early to rise, tea at 12 lunch at 2 and tea at 4. It was lovely, particularly during meals (British people eat prestigiously, placing food on their forks with a knife and never allowing their elbows to touch the table — an art I almost became accustomed to.) Peter and Patricia travel to America quite a bit — they hold annual outings in Berea.

During our journey, we also visited Liverpool (who couldn't?) and visited the Abbott family, a retired lawyer (Nick) and school teacher (Kathleen) who live in High Wycombe. We felt at home there and, of course, would go back again if ever given the opportunity.

So what did I learn from this remarkable journey? It was more than worth it.



Hannah Elizabeth Henderson, the granddaughter of Phillip and Helen Martin, of Hueysville, enjoyed masquerading around Floyd County as Dorothy, from the Wizard of Oz, when she visited Food City and the Mountain Arts Center on a trip from Florida with her mother, Patricia Martin Henderson.

## Lagoon

of the credit and has delivered a lean thriller that never overstays its welcome. The film clocks in at 80 minutes and doesn't have an inch of fat on it. Occasionally the dialogue is a little trite but there is little dialogue and the accent here is on the suspense as these two road warriors stalk each other on the

nation's highways. The cast is fine with Jim Caviezel ("The Passion of the Christ") turning in a haunting performance, while Colm Feore ("Chicago") is properly sinister as the mysterious killer.

Best line: "His body is his car." 2003, rated R.

## Town

am to restrict my conversation on such occasions solely to stating name, rank and serial number.

Then there was the geography teacher who asked the boy about the English Channel, and the boy decided that one was too tough. "We don't get that channel on our TV set," he explained.

### FROM VIET NAM

What do the fellows who are doing the fighting in Viet Nam think of the draft-dodgers and the card-burners? This, excerpted from NUTS, U. S. Air Force publication (APO

96347) gives the answer. It is headed, "Code of Conduct for the American Draft-Dodger," and reads, in part:

"I am an American coward. I will not serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life as long as I can dodge the draft... I will never surrender to the draft as long as there is a skirt I can hide behind... I will trust to God and the United States of America as long as someone else will defend that freedom."

The Highway Department signs warn, "Fallen Rock Zone." Is it "fallen" or falling?"

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# Sunday Comics

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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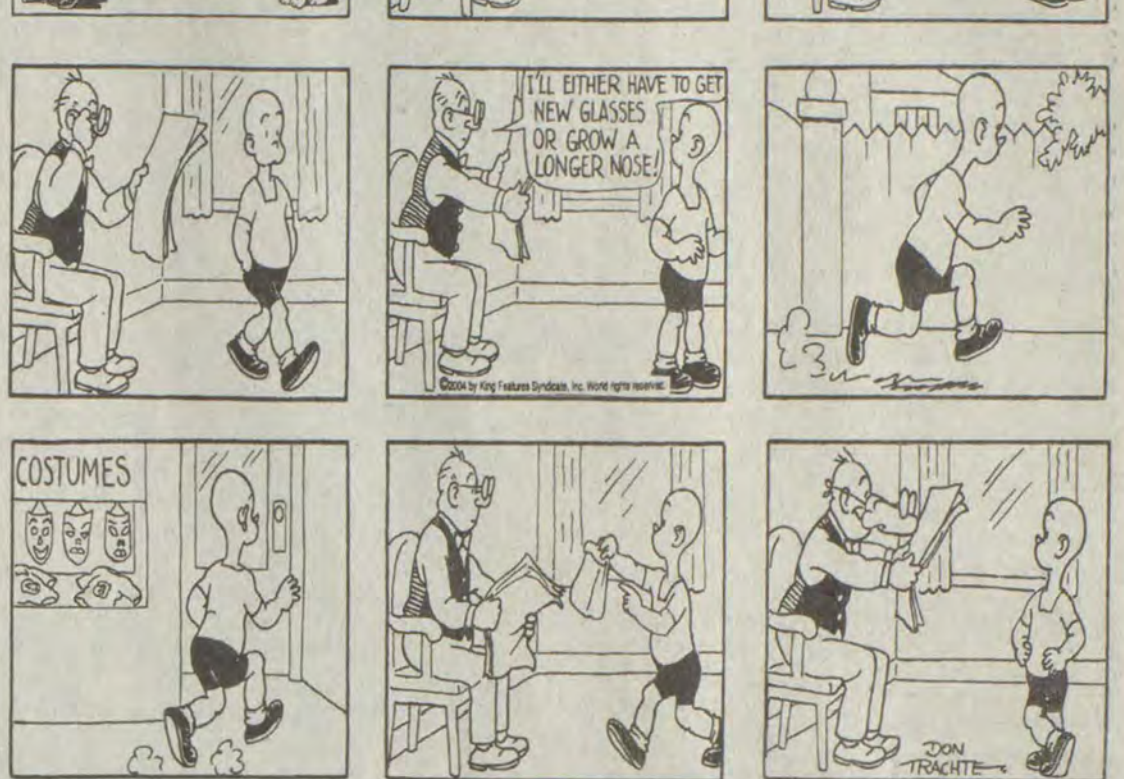


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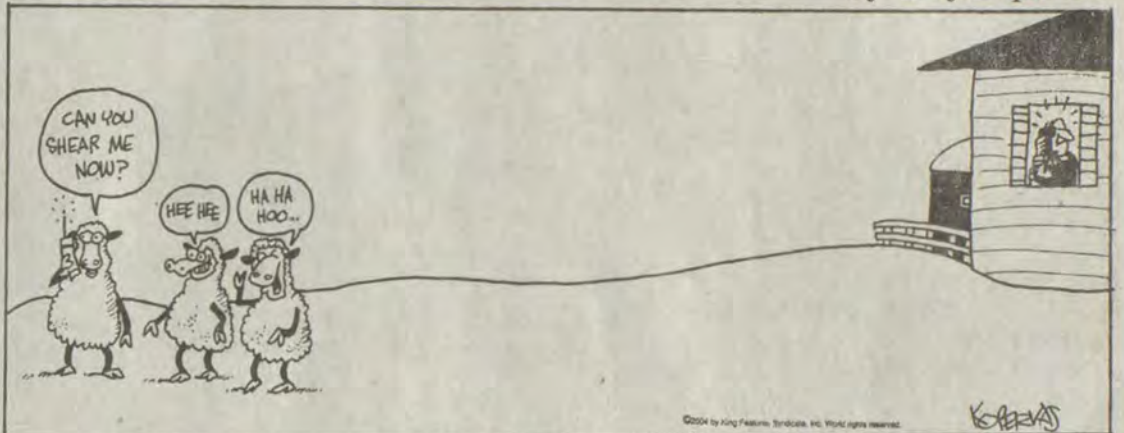
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## Henry BY DON TRACHT



## Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



## Super Crossword ADD-ONS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Two-legged stand
  - 6 Palindromic pirogue
  - 11 Mortarboard
  - 14 Make a muumu
  - 17 Genesis peak
  - 19 Salad veggie
  - 20 Be obligated
  - 21 Literary collection
  - 22 FILE FILE
  - 25 Diagnostic instr.
  - 26 Bray beginning
  - 27 Luau entertainment
  - 28 Kind of mushroom
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  - 31 Ecclesiastic
  - 35 Evangelist Roberts
  - 36 Mathematician
  - 39 '62 Tommy Roe hit
  - 41 Hard wood
  - 44 Injured party
  - 47 Zeal
  - 48 Drink like a Dandie Dinmont
  - 49 Heredity letters
  - 52 SASE, e.g.
  - 53 STRING STRING
  - 58 Antique auto
  - 59 Disinfectant target
  - 60 Compete
  - 61 Quick-footed
  - 62 Pyramid, e.g.
  - 64 — kwon do
  - 65 Gumbo thickener
  - 68 Stephen King book
  - 69 Brazilian kicker
  - 71 Glowing instr.
  - 74 Congregational comeback
  - 75 The Fresh Prince's place
  - 77 Rope fiber
  - 78 Possessed
  - 80 Goblet part
  - 83 Soporific substance
  - 84 "I — Rock" ('66 song)
  - 86 — cotta
  - 88 Exist
  - 89 TRAIL TRAIL
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  - 95 City in Kyrgyzstan
  - 96 Baby butter
  - 97 Solitary
  - 98 Priest-to-be
  - 100 Mirella of the Met
  - 102 Trustworthy
  - 104 Hide from a Weimaraner
  - 107 Red —
  - 109 Throw a party
  - 112 Fleeting
  - 115 Christmas visitors
  - 116 Slangy suffix
  - 119 Yesterday's your
  - 120 CHAIN CHAIN
  - 126 Cratchit kid
  - 127 Bartok or Peron
  - 128 Irregular
  - 129 I specialist?
  - 130 Humorist George
  - 131 Costa — Sol
  - 132 The Brainy Bunch?
  - 133 Greases the wheels
  - 6 Norton or Olin
  - 7 Ginger —
  - 8 Still
  - 9 Word from a Weimaraner
  - 10 Former Japanese capital
  - 11 Musical finale
  - 12 Blew away
  - 13 Non-sexist suffix
  - 14 Pacific islands
  - 15 Register instr.
  - 16 Keen
  - 18 Like some nerves
  - 19 Security grp.
  - 23 Lesage's "Gil —"
  - 24 Rhine siren
  - 29 Attempt
  - 30 Clubber Lang's portrayer
  - 31 — Amboy, NJ
  - 32 General's helper
  - 33 Job opening
  - 34 Biting field
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  - 90 Tina's ex
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**The FLOYD COUNTY TIMES** does not knowingly accept false or misleading advertisements. Ads which request or require advance payment of fees for services or products should be scrutinized carefully.

**AUTOMOTIVE**

**130-Cars**

**For Sale 2000 Cavalier LS**, Loaded, power windows and locks, keyless entry, tilt cruise, cd player, spoiler runs great, 70,000 miles asking 4,500 O.B.O Call 606-285-3776

**For Sale 1993 Ford Crown Victoria**, 138,000 miles, \$12,000. call 606-874-0467

**HICKS AUTO SALE**

**404 DAVID ROAD 01 Chevy Blazer** LT 4 door 34,000 miles **REDUCED \$9,500**, **1996 ED Explorier** moon roof loaded, \$6,500 call Hicks Auto Sales at 606-886-2842 after hours 886-3451

**\$500 Police Impounds!** Honda's / Chevys/ Ford! Cars, Trucks and SUV's from 500.00 for. Listings: 800-391-5227 xA919

**150-Miscellaneous**

**Will haul off old cars, trucks, and appliances** for free call 606-886-7923

**Will trade 4 wheel drive pick-up for a 4 wheel drive 4 wheeler** call 606-874-2703

**160-Motorcycles**

**For Sale 1988 Gold Wing Trike** 1,500 Miles Maroon in color, loaded call 606-358-2000 asking \$19,995

**1995 Honda CVR 900RR Cobra** and Yoshi pipes-slip on with 2 matching helmets. Runs great call 606-226-1577 or 606-889-9283

**For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80** New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

**180-Trucks**

**MAZADA, B-2300 1995**, 2 wheel drive runs good, some body work needed \$1,500 and **1977 Chevy 1 ton Flatbed** 2 wheel drive runs good and good condition truck \$3,500.00 call 606-874-9743

**For Sale 1994 Toyota 4x4** \$2,000 call 606-886-8717

**For Sale 1987 DODGE 1/2 ton truck**-good runing 1,200.00 and **1991 Mitiz**, Looks excellent \$1,600 call 606-874-9743

**Wanted used full size pick-ups** 1998 thru 2003, will pay cash call 800-789-5301

**190 - Vans**

**For Sale, 1997 full size Chevy Conversion Van**, 1500 series, V-8.1 owner, 38,000 miles. Non smoking vehicle. Options include front and rear AC, Quad captain seating, fold away bed, AM /FM /cassette & 10 disk CD changer, color TV/ VCR, fully customized interior. Great condition. Asking \$14,000. call 606-886-9143

**FOR SALE 1995 FULL SIZE CONVERTER SION VAN**, WHITE GOOD SHAPE 2000 DODGE CARVAN GOLD EXCELLANT SHAPE CALL 606-886-3489

**EMPLOYMENT**

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

**205-Business Opp.**

**Attention Entrepreneurs** Jump start your new Business, tired of being employed? Obtain the Assistance you need Start / Develop your business today call 800-613-9918

**210-Job Listings**

**Experienced Block Layers** Needed to approx. 2 weeks work On the Floyd Co. Public Library Addition \$25/hour Call 606-743-4435 Or stop by thre job-site, 161 N Arnold Ave, Prestonsburg

**Welding position available** call for an appointment between 8am to 5pm call 606-285-9358

**Full time LPN position** at Martin Co. Health Care Facility, If interested call Diane for details at 606-298-0091

**Bank Trust Officer Degree + 5yrs** Trust Experience Required \$40-\$70,000 + Pkg. Fax (304) 529-3391 or Attach resume to kpwv@hotmail.com

**Now hiring fiber optic splicers** and splicer helpers or experienced communication worker for a large fiber optic project in the eastern Ky. Call 606-789-7871 or 800-903-3263

**Help wanted Insurance claims adj.** for Floyd, Pike and surrounding counties, experience preferred, but will train qualified person. Send resume to fronter adjuster P.O. Box 264 Elizabeth town, Ky. 42702

**Wanted full time position** for Dental Hygenist Send, resume to Dr. Marvin Bush 1098 South Mayo Trail Plkevile 41501

**AVON** Earn your own money, \$10.00 sign up fee. Free gift. Call Jancy at 886-2082

**220-Help Wanted**

**Mountain Manor of Paintsville** is hiring Certified Nursing Assistant starting pay for newly certified nursing assistants is \$8.50 per hour. Starting wage will be adjusted for up to 5 years experience.

**Class A CDL Construction Worker** needed Utility construction type work contact Mary at 606-874-1263

**Help needed Female to help with elderly lady.** Day shift, 7 a.m. to 6p.m. Lifting and references required. Call 606-789-4419, day is 789-5434

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST/ CERTIFIED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT**

Salversville Health Care Center in Salversville, KY is seeking a full-time Occupational Therapist or Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. Our 157-bed facility offers inpatient/outpatient services and Anodyne therapy, and provides therapy to young adult and geriatric patients. We offer exceptional benefits, Monday-Friday hours and a state-of-the-art working environment.

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**Full-Time File Clerk** in Johnson County

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 Maintains all deposit account files in an accurate, complete and systemic order.

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**FINANCIAL**

**330-For Sale**  
**For Sale Up Right Floor Model Piano** call 606-886-9581

**Steel Buildings all must go**, huge savings on Hurricane cancellations, no Reasonable offer refused, financing available call today 800-405-7501

**MERCHANDISE**

**440-Electronics**

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

**460-Yard Sale**

**SPECIAL 2 WEEK END NOV. 4-6 AND NOV.11-13 Carport Sale** Furniture, clothing, Christmas tree Satellite receivers, Lots of everthing 4th thru 6th from 8am to anytime 1/4 miles up Corn Fork, follow signs call 606-889-9898

**FORTUNE 500 COMPANY**

2 full-time positions. Full benefits. Complete training package. No experience needed. \$35-\$45 1st year.

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**475-Household**

**\$7.99! Stereo Speakers** Seized property TV, Computers & More! from \$10.00! for more information call 800-366-0307 ext.P620

**For Sale: 8 ft' refrigerated deli case**, \$1000, small pizza oven, \$400, small juice cooler, \$150, washer & dryer, \$150 pair. Call 606-886-2367.

**480-Miscellaneous**

**For Sale 2 ton central heating and cooling unit** (gas) good working condition, also 1994 Chevrolet S-10 Pick-up, 4.3 Vertex 139,000 miles, has ground effects which are not on truck runs good, new paint Black in color For more information call 606-886-1626

**DVD PLAYERS**, and TV'S from 10.00! police seized 800-400-5673 EXT.P620

**For Sale: 8 ft' refrigerated deli case**, \$1000, small pizza oven, \$400, small juice cooler, \$150, washer & dryer, \$150 pair. Call 606-886-2367.

**Lender / Business Development Officer**

Local Bank seeks an experienced Lender/Business Development Officer. The main function of the position is to develop and maintain account relationships. Two or more years' related experience required. Competitive compensation package includes lender incentive/referral plan, 401(k) plan, medical benefits, and life insurance plan. Serious inquiries from qualified applicants may be sent to the following address by November 30, 2004:

**Lender P.O. Box 426 Prestonsburg, KY 41653**  
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**For Sale: 8 ft' deli cooler**, \$950 and Gas convection oven, \$450. Call 606-886-2367.

**Kay's Wallpaper** 205 Depot Road Paintsville, Ky Hundreds of Patterns of Wallpaper & Borders All under \$10.00. Open Tues - Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m to 3 p.m. Closed Sun. & Mon. 606-789-8584.

**REAL ESTATE**

**510-Comm. Property**

**For Rent: Beauty shop** equipped with 3 stations, and tanning bed. located 1 mile south of Martin on Route. 122. or would consider remodeling for office space Call 606-285-4826 or 606-285-9112.

**530 - Houses For Sale**

**House for sale 3 bed room**, 1 bath small fenced in yard, basement newly painted newly carpeted central heat and air, appliances included call 606-889-9176

**HOUSE FARM SALE** on Spurlock Fork Middle Creek call 886-6499

**House for sale** located U S 23 East Pointe, 3 bed room central heat & Air, Security system storage buildings Immediate occupancy call 606-886-3833

**2 Houses for Sale** both located at 305 Ralph Road. Garrett, Ky 2 bed room 1 bath, with Siding the other house is brick 3 bed rooms 2 baths call 606-358-4044 or 205-247-4275 asking 170,000 for both homes

**House for sale**, furnished, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, full unfinished basement, near Mac .49,000, leave message at 606-265-4577

**Price Reduced House for Sale** 4323 Ky Rt.550 Hueysville Ky, 3 bed room, 1 1/2bath eat in kitchen large living room full basement, storage building, carport, fenced in yard central heat and air, city water call 606-358-4065 day 606-358-4369

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**For Sale newly remodeled 2 bed room house** located at Betsy Layne fronts US 23 could be used for home or office asking 65,900.00 call 606-478-4545

**570-Mobile Homes**

**For Sale really nice 14 x 70 mobile home** reduced for immediate sale asking \$7,500.00 serious inquires only call 606-886-7869

**For Sale 3 bed room 2 full bath,** Double wide, 3 years old for more information call 606-889-0937 or 606-889-9654

**For Sale 1973 2 bed room, bath and 1/2 with tilt out living room trailer,** good condition call 606-349-5167

**For Sale 3 bed room 2 full bath,** Double wide, 3 years old for more information call 606-889-0937 or 606-889-9654

**For Sale 1995 28x 48 Clayton Embassy** Double wide spacious, 3 bed room, 2 full baths, large living room and dining room, kitchen with / patio door call 606-377-6657, great condition

**For Sale 1973 2 bed room, bath and 1/2 with tilt out living room trailer,** good condition call 606-349-5167

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**For Sale a newly remodeled 3 bed room brick home** located at Creek side in Prestonsburg. This is a very nice home with a nice lot. For more information please call 606-886-8286 or 606-886-6186

**For Sale 4.11 acres** surveyed, water, electric septic, near Cave Run Lake asking \$25,000 Call Becky Moore at 606-356-0984

**For Sale Single Family residential lot,** city amenities and restructructions \$25,000 call 606-237-4758

**For Sale 9 acres more or less** on Samson fork at Dana, Ky. call 440-967-4088

**For Sale 2 lots** at Davidson Memorial \$1,000 for both call 606-886-3023

**For Sale Single Family residential lot,** city amenities and restructructions asking \$25,000 call 606-237-4758

**For Sale 9 acres more or less** on Samson fork at Dana, Ky. call 440-967-4088

**For rent 1 bed room Apt.** with kitchen furnished at Sugar Loaf call 606-874-9174

**1 bed room Apt.,** utilities paid, w/d furnished, No Pets \$425.00 per month \$150.00 Deposit, phone 606-874-5577 or 606-226-0999

**For Rent nice 1 bed room Apt.** forced air and heat Beysy Layne Bottom \$250.00 rent 100.00 deposit call 606-478-9772

**For Rent 1 bed room Apt** all utilities paid located four miles on Mt. Parkway call 606-886-6061 after 5pm or 606-886-3996

**For rent 2 bed room Apt.** on 321 between Highland Hospital and Porter school, central heat and air, washer and dryer hook-up, dishwasher \$375.00 per month \$200.00 Deposit call 606-789-5973

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**For rent 1 bed room Apt.** located in Prestonsburg \$150.00 deposit plus \$365.00 a month non-smoker single parking available call 606-886-0008 or 889-0208

**For rent or lease Town House** 2 bed room 2 1/2 bath Kitchen appliances furnished, washer/dryer furnished nice deck \$500.00 per month plus utilities located at Timberline Estates call 606-886-1997

**Townhouse Apt for rent** 2 bed room, stove refrigator with W/D Hook-up in city limits on U.S. 23 and 80 \$450 per month plus utilities, no pets 1 year lease call 606-237-4758

**2 bed room 1 1/2 bath Townhouse** also 1 bed room furnished or unfurnished located in Prestonsburg, NO PETS CALL 606-886-8991

**\$99.00 Move - In Special Pay \$99.00 On Sec. Dep. & Get 1 st month free!** Park Place Apartments in Prestonsburg, Elderly, Handicapped & Disabled Available for immediate occupancy Rent 1 bed room \$309, 2 bed room \$345 calls 606-886-0039

**For rent 2 bed room Apt.** located near Pike/Floyd line 500.00 per month call 606-478-8711 or 606-836-1501

**For rent 1 bed room Apt.** located in Prestonsburg \$150.00 deposit plus \$365.00 a month non-smoker single parking available call 606-886-0008 or 889-0208

**For Rent 2 bed room town house** Apt. Stove, Refrig erator W /D hook-up, \$450.00 a month plus utilities. \$250.00 deposit 1 year lease. No Pets, call 606-237-4758

**620-Office Space**

**For Rent 1 bed room Apt.** newly carpeted and newly painted all utilities paid located 4 miles at Mountain Parkway call 606-886-6061 after 5pm or 606-886-3996

**For Lease Finished Office Space** for lease in prime location near BSCTC, (PCC) and the new Food City -- 2100 -- sq. ft. Ground floor location with up to five private offices, conference room, kitchen, bath, parking lot call Today 1606-424-2690 or 226-2266

**630-Homes**

**House for rent /sale** older 2 bed room home, good condition located on Cliff road, lease 2 year min. deposit required 606-886-3489 for details

**House for rent in the Wheelwright** area. call 606-285-3511

**House for rent 239 Francis Ct.** Prestonsburg 1,400 sq ft. 2 bed rooms 2 baths, suitable for office, small business, or residence not suitable location for children or pets \$500.00 per month plus utilities, minimum 2 year lease, call 606-886-6362

**For Rent furnished house,** nice and clean, near Prestonsburg Couple preferred, central heat and air No Pets call 606-886-2474

**For Rent David, Ky. 3 bed room,** 1 bath single family home 500.00 per month plus utilities and 200.00 deposit call 606-285-1888

**For rent 2 bed room House** at Banner central heat and air with city utilities, utility room nice kitchen, No Pets, No Hud, 1 mile off US 23 call 606-874-6030 After 5PM

**For rent 2 bed room house** quiet neighborhood central heat and air, located in Martin, Ky. furnished, excellent condition for appointment call 606-285-3025 or 606-285-9812

**House for rent in the Prestonsburg** vicinity, 2 bed room, recently remodeled, new central heating and air, deck, double carport, large yard. No pets, Non smoker, call 606-886-8231

**640-Land & Lots**

**Mobile Home lot for rent,** all utilities available, on Route 321 between Preston burg and Paintsville 606-889-9747 or 606-886-9007

**Trailer for rent** at Garrett call 606-358-0239

**2 bed room mobile home** for rent on Rt. 680 at Minnie, Ky. 606-377-6657

**For Rent :** newly constructed Mobile Home Lots on Reynolds Hill, in new Allen, city water, sewage, under ground utility lines and lighted concrete drive ways, First and Last month rent and reference required call 606-874-2212

**Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23** between Prestons-burg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

**For rent 2 bed room trailer** with utility room, all electric HUD approved, conveniently located near Stumbo Elem. School on Frasure Br. Rd. at Grathal cll 606-587-1004

**2 Trailers for rent** 1st at Minnie trailer court and 1 at Ruff and Tuff call 606-226-2266

**For Rent Trailer and lot** on left fork of Abbott call 606-886-9479 or 606-889-6560

**For Rent clean Trailer** in a good neighborhood located 3 miles from Prestonsburg, on 404 on David road call 606-886-3902

**For rent Trailer** call 606-874-9790

**Mobile Home for rent** in the Martin area, all electric 2 bed room 2 bath call 606-285-3980

**Mobile Home for rent** 3 bed room, 2 bath like new, insulated top, sewer, water & garabe furnished near P.C.C. 475.00 per month call 606-874-2162

**For Rent 2 bed room trailer** @Hueysville, city water nice yard \$260.00 per month ,deposit required, HUD Approved references required, call 606-358-3392

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**Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23** between Preston-sburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

**650-Mobile Homes**

**Mobile Home for rent** 3 bed room, 2 bath like new, insulated top, sewer, water & garabe furnished near P.C.C. 475.00 per month call 606-874-2162

**For rent 3 bed room mobile home** 6 1/2 miles out of Prestonsburg references required call 606-886-8366

**For Rent or sale 2003 Clayton 14x 80** , 3 bed room, 2 bath, central air, kitchen appliances dishwasher new berber carpet living room, pay off 21,500 or 475.00 per month. 6 mos. lease 3 references, damage deposit 275.00 required call 606-886-2512 if no answer leave message.

**670-Comm Property**

**For Rent: Beauty shop** equipped with 3 stations, and tanning bed. located 1 mile south of Martin on Route. 122. or would consider remodeling for office space Call 606-285-4826 or 606-285-9112.

**NOTICES**

**805-Announcements**

**NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE MONTH**  
The Alzheimer's Association Greater Kentucky & Southern Indian Chapter encourages you to Maintain your Brain by staying mentally and socially active, being heart smart and adopting a brain healthy diet. Recent studies show that these factors contribute to healthier aging and may also decrease your risk for Alzheimers for more information visit www.alzinky.org PSA

**812 - Free**

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

**850-Personal**

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

**Wanted a care free out door type female** between age 25 and 45 to share driving to western states. If interested write with area code and telephone number to P.O. Box 115, Allen Ky. 41601

**START DATING TONIGHT!** Have fun meeting eligible singles in your area. Toll Free. 800-ROMANCE

**890-Legal**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5307, RENEWAL #2**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.5 mile northeast of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation, will disturb 21.00 surface acres and will underlie 842.70 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 863.70 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.24 mile north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194, and located 0.08 mile east of the Levisa Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Eddie B. Merritt. The operation will underlie land owned by Eddie B.

Merritt, Sandra Ed Leslie Estate, Forrest Burchett, Troy Whit, Clyde Burchett, William Jarrell, Irvin Harris, Roland Blackburn, Leonard Goble, Rosie Woods Estate, Columbus Jervis, William H. Amburgey and Brodis Goble. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, or objections, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5461, AMENDMENT NO. 2**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky, 41839, has applied for an amendment for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.5 mile northeast of Hippo, in Floyd County. The

amendment will add an additional 0.0 acres of surface disturbance and an additional 1,609.3 acres of underground acres, making the total area within the permit boundary, 2178.7 acres. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 mile northwest from State Route 850's junction with Brush Creek County Road, and located north of Hicks Fork of Brush Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the underground method of mining. The amendment area will underlie lands owned by William E. & Peggy Stephens, Harvey Watson, John Paul & Lou Ellen Pitts, Eva & George Thornsby, John Paul Pitts, Shade Pitts, Floyd & Edna Davis, Jeffrey & Zelma M. Watson, John T. & Anna Lea Thornsby, Kenneth & Phyllis Reffitt, Betty Conn, Dolores Smith, Billy E. & Susan Reffitt, Ina Thornsby, Polly Elizabeth Pitts, Sandra Sue Thacker, Floyd Allen, William P. Runnels, et al., Madge Allen Casey, Effie Lois Bond, Pamela Frasure, Phil Ray Frasure, Effie Lois Bond, Thomas Sherman Ratliff, Mary Margaret Baldrige, Rondel R. & Priscilla Prater, Danny Ousley, Josephine Ousley, Effie Hughes, Mont Ousley Heirs, Danny Lee Ousley, Virginia Hicks & David Reffitt, AEP Kentucky Coal, LLC, Bobby Matthew & Reta Akers, Alice D. Isaac, Roger & Joyce

Slone, Steven Reed, David & Billy Marie Smith, Allen Ratliff Estate, Myrtle, Bertha & Sydney Ratliff, Jack & Mary Ratliff Estate, Henry & Ellen Ratliff, Billy M. & Dora Allen, and Tamara K. & Mary Christina Hicks. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application, all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Robert Johnson, 3542 Ky. Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a soil fill consisting of approximately 8,000 cu. yds. on the floodplain of Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River. The property is located west of and adjacent to Ky. Rt. 1428, one-quarter mile north of its junction with Ky. Rt. 194, near the mouth of Cow Creek. Any comments, or objections, concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

**DATE:**  
NOVEMBER 14, 2004  
**BLASTING NOTIFICATION**  
for Town of Martin Phase 1A Redevelopment Site Project Corps of Engineers Contract No. W91237-04-C-0006. This advertisement is intended to serve as Notification of Blasting on the above referenced project for the local governments, public interest, residents, and commercial interest located in the City of Martin, Kentucky. Please be advised, Blasting for the above referenced project will begin no

earlier than 10 days, or more than 30 days from the date of this notice. Blasting may take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Saturday. No blasting will be done on Sundays. The duration of project blasting activity will be approximately 15 months. The site is located at the intersection of KY 1428 and the KY 80 Connector Bridge. All blasts will be preceded by a loud audible Warning Signal from an electric siren. The Warning Signal will be sounded using the following procedures: 1. WARNING SIGNAL — a one minute series of long audible signals five minutes before the blast. 2. BLAST SIGNAL — a one minute series of short audible signals one minute before the blast. 3. ALL CLEAR SIGNAL — a prolonged audible signal following the inspection of the blast area. Access to the blasting area is strictly prohibited, warning signs will be posted and flag persons will be used at all access to dangerous areas. Only authorized personnel will have access to the blasting area. These procedures are in place for the protection of everyone involved and your cooperation is vital to safeguard against injury and or property damage. Contractor: Bush & Burchett, Inc., P.O. Box 400, Allen, KY 41601, 606-874-9057. Excavation

**Subcontractor:**

Bizzack Inc., P.O. Box 12530, Lexington, KY 40583, 859-299-8001.

Prestonsburg City's Utilities of Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a 30'x50' storage building, located in the floodplain, approximately 0.7 mile southwest of intersection of KY Route 1428 and KY Route 321, at latitude 37°40'07.94" N and longitude 82°44'31.62"W. Any comments, or objections, concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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