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briefs

Lane closing on 23

Big Sandy Guardrail will close the outside (slow) southbound lane on U.S. 23 near Rax at Coal Run Village north of Pikeville on Monday.

Paxton Weddington, Construction Engineer for Highway District 12, said the lane closure should begin about 9 a.m. Monday morning and last the better part of the day as the contractor re-opens the access ramp from U.S. 23 to Main Street (the new frontage road).

"This inconvenience shouldn't last but a few hours," Weddington said. "We want to thank motorists in advance for their understanding and ask them to slow down in this area on Monday. It is a construction work zone."

"As always, people should be cautious, not just because of construction but also because this is a congested area that is heavily traveled. Remember: drive to arrive alive!"

Seven sentenced for drug trafficking

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The scene in circuit court Friday was a bitter reminder of the drug problem in Eastern Kentucky, as seven people were sentenced on drug traf-

ficking charges.

Twenty-eight years in prison was the sum total of sentences handed down, with the largest individual sentence going to Phillip Chaffins.

Judge John Caudill gave Chaffins seven years after Chaffins rejected a smaller sen-

tence from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. Chaffins later decided that the stiff sentences that have been habitually handed out by juries wasn't worth the risk. He entered what is called a blind plea, which usually falls somewhere between the prosecution's offer and the

maximum sentence.

Judge Caudill pointed out to Chaffins that his seven-year sentence was still lenient in light of what juries have been giving to traffickers in Floyd County.

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photos by Tom Doty

Sheriff John K. Blackburn, left, Sgt. Terry Chaffins, right, and Sgt. Steve Little uprooted 126 marijuana plants found growing in four plats at the Bush Branch of Toler Creek.

Sheriff's office destroys \$400,000 worth of pot

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

TOLER CREEK — To the casual observer there was little that was unique about the scene. Just four men standing around a fire and swapping stories about where to get the best deal on an oil change or maybe complaining about how to make ends meet now that the wife needs a new car.

But this was no ordinary campfire. The men were

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, Sgt. Terry Chaffins, Lt. Gary Clark and Sgt. Steve Little, and the burning pile was actually a little over \$400,000 worth of marijuana.

Acting on an anonymous tip, the sheriff's department ventured into the mountains surrounding the Bush Branch section of Toler Creek on Friday. The search yielded pay dirt when four plats of

(See SHERIFF, page three)



Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn added more to the fire during Friday's burning of marijuana plants.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Lawmakers considering options

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — House and Senate lawmakers, pondering two possibilities for improving state health insurance benefits, are hoping to announce legislation by early next week, Speaker Jody Richards said Friday.

One option was to extend current benefits for teachers and state workers for another year, Richards said. That would require voiding existing contracts for next year, a move that could prove costly to the state, said Richards, a Democrat from Bowling Green.

Lawmakers could also decide on amending the 2005 benefit plan being offered by the Fletcher administration to include some current benefits, he said.

"I think everyone wants to go with continuation," Richards told reporters after a private meeting of House Democrats. "It's just whether we can financially do that or not."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher last month announced substantial changes to the state's health insurance plan, which covers 229,000 retired and active public school and state employees. Participants have argued the governor caught them by surprise with expensive changes.

For example, an employee who makes the state average \$36,000 per year and is covered by one of the state's least expensive family plans this year would pay about \$430 per month. Next year, a comparable plan — the state's benchmark "Commonwealth Preferred" plan — would cost about \$490 a month.

Current benefits also call for set copays. But under the new plan, participants would have to pay a percentage of their doctor visits and medications.

Teachers have threatened to strike on Oct. 27 — less than a week before the November elections — if the current benefits aren't restored. Calling the situation a "crisis," Fletcher called the General Assembly into a special session, which began Tuesday.

Lawmakers have said their options were limited because the administration had already signed contracts with four insurance carriers for next year — CHA

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Tuesday



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Man whose plea rejected chooses to go to trial

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Donnie Bentley, 30, of Dwale, opted to go to trial during a circuit court appearance Friday in front of Judge John Caudill.

A Jan. 19 trial date has been set for Bentley, who has had an extensive though unsuccessful criminal career for the last 11 years. Bentley chose to go to trial after

Judge Caudill told him two weeks ago that he was exercising his discretion as a judge and not accepting the plea agreement that Bentley had made with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

The ruling, on Caudill's part, was not a snap decision. He opted to ignore the plea offer after Bentley showed up at the Justice Center under the influence of drugs.

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The younger passenger seems a little nervous about making that turn, but big sister appears confident maneuvering their go-kart at the track set up off Court Street for the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival. More pictures of the festival can be found on page B5.

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Odds and Ends

■ **BURLINGTON, Wash.** — Want to see a pumpkin hurled more than a half mile?

A group of friends who are metal fabricators built a 56-foot-tall wooden catapult for this weekend's Harvest Festival.

Their goal is to break the world record of 1,145 feet for pumpkin-tossing.

"This particular machine was designed not just to beat the world record. We want to deci-

mate it," said Wes Frank, team leader.

Frank believes this year's device, officially called a trebuchet, can throw a pumpkin upward of 3,000 feet.

The group created the monster machine after a crudely built one made from several alder trees hurled a pumpkin 500 feet at last year's festival.

This year's machine was cut from two 100-foot Douglas firs. Frank estimates the effort may

have cost \$10,000.

The festival is set for Saturday and Sunday at Skagit River Park here.

■ **COLUMBUS, Ohio** — The search for extraterrestrial life has ended at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

The department on Thursday fired a computer programmer who admitted to using a state-owned computer server to process data for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence project, run by the University of California at Berkeley.

Charles E. Smith, 63, told administrators he didn't think loading the SETI software on the server was much of a problem because he ran the program only on weekends and on weekdays between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., when the server wasn't being used, according to a disciplinary report.

Department director Tom Hayes disagreed.

"I understand his desire to search for intelligent life in outer space, because obviously he doesn't find it in the mirror in the morning," Hayes said. "I think that people can be comfortable that security has beamed this man out of our building."

■ **LOUISVILLE** — A Kentucky congressional candidate copied his answers to an AARP survey from materials distributed by the National Republican Congressional Committee, his spokesman says.

Geoff Davis submitted answers identical to those of at least five GOP candidates from California, Florida, Nebraska and Georgia, to questions about Social Security, health-care costs and prescription drugs.

"We didn't see anything that we disagreed with," said spokesman Justin Brasell, adding that Davis had received permission to use the material which was posted online as part of the AARP's voter guides.

Democratic candidate, former TV personality Nick Clooney, said through a spokesman that Davis apparently missed the point of the "honor code" at West Point, Davis' alma mater.

"We knew that the folks in Washington were going to tell Geoff Davis how to vote," said campaign manager B.J. Neidhardt. "We just had no idea they were going to tell him how to answer questionnaires also."

Brasell said it's ridiculous for Clooney to suggest that Davis is a puppet of the nation-

al GOP. He said Davis differs from his national colleagues on issues including a proposed buyout of tobacco farmers.

Davis is making his second run in the northern Kentucky district. He lost two years ago to Democratic Rep. Ken Lucas, who is retiring.

■ **BEDFORD, Ind.** — Kerra Fowler's opposition to President Bush has gone to her head, thanks to the highest bidder.

She offered up on eBay her shaved skull for an anti-Bush message and received a tattoo

of a large W with a cowboy hat and a red slash after a bid \$103.50.

The 29-year-old mother of four said she placed her ad with an opening bid of a penny after seeing two others offering to sell head space for tattoos backing Democratic candidate John Kerry.

"One wanted 10 grand and the other, \$30,000," she said. "So I thought, that isn't right, to say you believe in something and then charge \$30,000. I thought that was audacious."

Fowler said the winning bidder asked her not to get the tat-

too.

"Fowler accepted the money, gave half to the tattoo artist and used the rest to pay part of a bill, buy a gift for her children and beer."

Fowler, who home schools her children, ages 2 to 9, said she disagreed with Bush over the war in Iraq.

She's unsure what she'll do after the November election.

"If Bush wins, I'll keep it there," she said. "It's my little civil disobedience thing. A permanent picket sign. If Kerry wins, I'll probably just let my hair grow."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct. 10, the 284th day of 2004. There are 82 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Forty years ago, on Oct. 10, 1964, the 18th Summer Olympic Games opened in Tokyo.

On this date:

■ In 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Md.

■ In 1911, revolutionaries under Sun Yat-sen overthrew China's Manchu dynasty.

■ In 1935, George Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess" opened on Broadway.

■ In 1938, Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

■ In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek took the oath of office as president of China.

■ In 1970, Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte was kidnapped by the Quebec Liberation Front, a militant separatist group. (Laporte's body was found about a week later.)

■ In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion, and resigned his office.

■ In 1978, President Carter signed a bill authorizing the Susan B. Anthony dollar.

■ In 1981, funeral services were held in Cairo for Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat, who had been assassinated by Muslim extremists.

■ In 1985, U.S. fighter jets forced an Egyptian plane carrying the hijackers of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro to land in Italy, where the gunmen were taken into custody.

Ten years ago: Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras resigned as commander-in-chief of Haiti's armed forces and pledged to leave the country. Iraq announced it was withdrawing

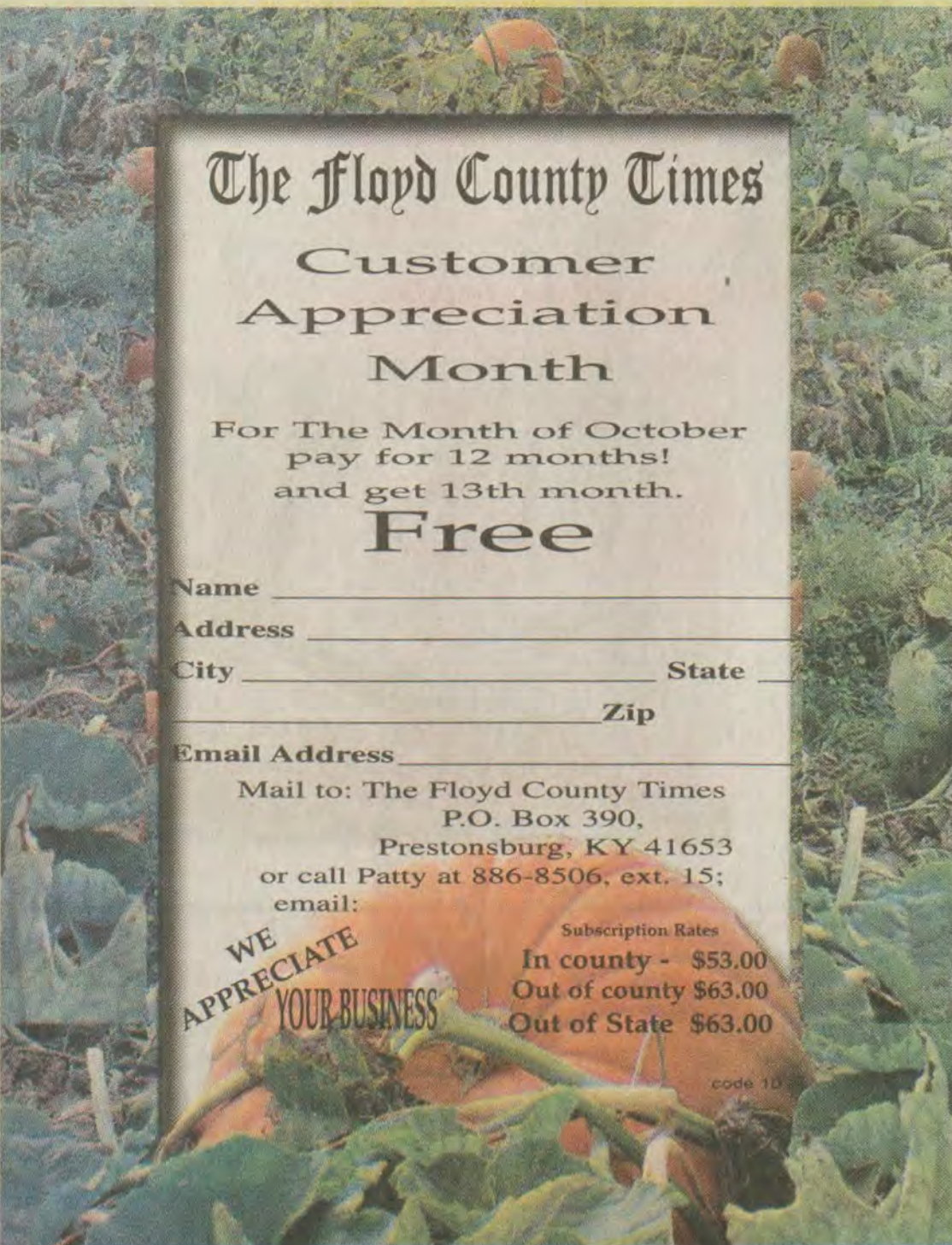
its forces from the Kuwaiti border; seeing no signs of a pull-back, President Clinton dispatched 350 additional aircraft to the region. Americans Alfred G. Gilman and Martin Rodbell won the Nobel Prize in medicine.

Five years ago: Portugal's governing Socialist Party was returned to power by a comfortable margin in a general election. Six college students getting out of their cars or walking along a highway on their way to a fraternity party at Texas A&M University were struck and killed by a pickup truck whose driver who had fallen asleep.

One year ago: Iranian writer and activist Shirin Ebadi won the Nobel Peace Prize. Conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh announced during his syndicated radio show that he was addicted to painkillers and was checking into a rehab center.

Today's Birthdays: Playwright Harold Pinter is 74. Former Illinois Sen. Adlai Stevenson III is 74. Actor Peter Coyote is 62. Entertainer Ben Vereen is 58. Singer John Prine is 58. Actor Charles Dance is 58. Rock singer-musician Cyril Neville (The Neville Brothers) is 56. Actress Jessica Harper is 55. Singer-musician Midge Ure is 51. Singer David Lee Roth is 49. Country singer Tanya Tucker is 46. Actress Julia Sweeney is 45. Actor Bradley Whitford ("The West Wing") is 45. Musician Martin Kemp is 43. Rock musician Jim Glennie (James) is 41. Actress Rebecca Pidgeon is 39. Rock musician Mike Malinin (Goo Goo Dolls) is 37. Actor Mario Lopez is 31. Actress Jodi Lyn O'Keefe is 26. Singer Mya is 25. Singer Cherie is 20.

Thought for Today: "I believe the love of God may be taught not to seem like bears." — Emily Dickinson, American poet (1830-1886).



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State facing flu vaccine shortage

Sentences

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky has a statewide shortage of flu vaccines and, health officials said they are trying to determine how to distribute it.

The state Department of Public Health has asked all local health departments to hold back 10 percent of their vaccine supply so it can be sent to health departments with little or none of the treatment, said state epidemiologist Dr. Kraig Humbaugh.

"It's been a little difficult to get a grasp on how much we're going to end up with," Humbaugh said.

Federal officials announced a possible shortage this week after the British government abruptly suspended the license of Chiron Corp. to make the vaccine in Liverpool, saying the company's manufac-

turing process didn't comply with British regulations. The company supplies about half of all the flu vaccine used in the U.S.

The result is Kentucky, like many other states, expects to have a shortage as the flu season begins.

Some health departments are still receiving flu vaccine shipments, Humbaugh said. Once the state completes its review of how much vaccine is available, work will begin with local health departments to distribute the medication and develop contingency plans, Humbaugh said.

Humbaugh said people ages 2 through 64 who are otherwise healthy may want to skip or delay a vaccination because of the shortage. But, they can take preventive measures against the flu, such as washing their hands, Humbaugh said.

The vaccine shortage means some

planned flu shot clinics are being called off. The Lexington-Fayette County health department postponed eight such events. University Hospital in Louisville also canceled its drive-through flu-shot clinic for the season so that it would have enough vaccine for staff and patients.

Louisville city officials said there are about 18,000 children and 94,000 seniors in Louisville in the high-risk groups, although not all residents at risk get the vaccine in a typical year.

For people wanting the vaccine, the shortage is proving to be bad news.

"It's stressful to me," said Lexington's Nikki Callahan, 25, who carried her 3-month-old son, Devin, to a Kroger in Lexington on Thursday, only to be turned away because of the long line. "You have to protect your child — that's the No. 1 thing."

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Two of the sentences on Friday were for people picked up in the April Fool's Day drug bust that was carried out by the Floyd County Drug Task Force. Scott and Dordena Moore received comparatively lighter sentences than Chaffins, but each has agreed to help prosecute Arthur Huff, who was also picked up April 1 and is the only roundup suspect to decide to go to trial. Huff's attorney will face a tall task, having to confront the task force's audio-

tape evidence and testimony by the task force members and the Moores.

The drug problem doesn't stop at sentencing. Friday also saw two traffickers asking for shock probation and one case of a probation being revoked due to drug use.

Judge Caudill will rule on the shock probation cases at a future date but both men who requested it are one-third of the way through sentences that were already reduced to one year.

KCTCS enrollment colleges increases to 81,000

LEXINGTON — Fall enrollment in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) will increase slightly, topping 81,000 students.

KCTCS reported to the Council on Postsecondary Education an enrollment estimate of 81,127 students, up less than one percent from the fall

2003 enrollment of 80,695.

The enrollment estimate reported by KCTCS includes full and part-time students in credit programs who are already in class and those who will enroll in course sections that will open in the coming weeks. KCTCS will report final, official enrollment to CPE in early November.

For the first time, the enroll-

ment total includes Lexington Community College, which was transferred to KCTCS on July 1, 2004.

In recent years, KCTCS annual enrollment increases have ranged from 6% to 21%. However, Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president, said an increase in this fall's enrollment was not anticipated due to sus-

tained reductions in state funds.

"Four state funding cuts in three years has limited our ability to provide all the programs and services needed by our students, as well as our clients in business and industry. Our colleges are to be commended for the quality programs and services they are offering given the available resources," McCall said.

Sheriff

marijuana were found. The plants were well taken care of and probably scheduled for harvest this weekend.

Around 126 plants were uprooted, with a small sample preserved for evidence while the rest was doused with kerosene and burned on the mountain. Someone is out a lot of money, with each plant having an estimated street value of \$3,000.

Sheriff Blackburn noted, "I think we messed up somebody's Christmas."

Sgt. Little said that finding patches of marijuana would be next to impossible without the aid of concerned citizens who call in tips.

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"There have been times," Little said, "when we have searched a hill for hours and walked right by it."

Little also pointed out that one can't put a proper estimate on what will not happen now that the drugs have been found and destroyed. There is no way to know what damage has been avoided. Now someone won't get their first taste of drugs from this batch and someone else will not get into a wreck because they burned a joint before hitting the road.

"It's all up in smoke," he said, looking into the dwindling flames. "Hey, didn't they make a movie about that?"

Trial

"He was not just under the influence, he was heavily under the influence," Caudill said.

The judge did give Bentley one break at the time and that was a two-week period to meet with his lawyer, public advocate Jim Adkins, and discuss the merits of their case before deciding on the trial option. He came back Friday with a decision to go to trial.

Bentley has been charged with fleeing the police, wanton endangerment, driving on a suspended license, improper passing and violating the terms of his parole. To top it off he is also being charged as a persistent felony offender which will dou-

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ble any sentence meted out by a Floyd County jury.

Bentley also suffers from incredibly bad luck. When he was evading police he happened to pass a driver who knew him. That driver notified the police in pursuit and went on his way.

Bentley actually escaped from the police during that incident, but was nabbed by his misfortune when the policeman who was pursuing him that night happened to bump into the driver who recognized Bentley. That driver casually asked why the police were chasing Bentley and promptly directed the officer to Bentley's home. There they found Bentley dressed in black and sporting a layer of black shoe polish on his face.

Legislature

Health, Anthem Blue Cross, Bluegrass Family Health and United Healthcare.

Richards said he spoke with the attorney general's office and was told the state could void those contracts for various reasons, including that the benefits were not as high as required by state law.

The attorney general's office had been asked to give an opinion on the contracts, but had not yet made a decision, Vicki Glass, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Greg Stumbo, said in a statement.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said he did not have a preconceived preference for either option. But there were "all sorts of issues" to consider if the state decided to void the contracts and extend

current benefits, Williams said.

"As far as getting out of the contracts, getting out of the contracts is a relative term," Williams said. "You know, you can get out of them voluntarily or you can get out of them and be sued. I don't know."

Afternoon meetings between House and Senate leaders did not produce an agreement and they were planning to meet again Monday, Williams said. However, their goal was still to be finished by next Friday, he said.

Williams said he authorized the Legislative Research Commission to hire an actuarial firm to help.

Rep. Harry Moberly, chairman of the House appropriations committee, said the attorney general's decision would factor into the what the state ends up

doing. Still, the state would not have "legal certainty" about the ramifications of voiding the contracts, Moberly said.

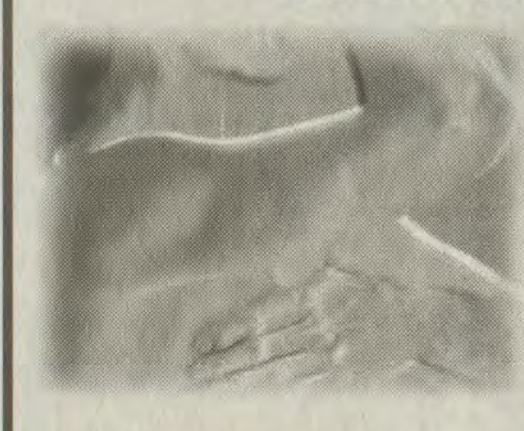
If lawmakers opt to pursue extending current benefits with existing carriers, they still have to determine whether those carriers would continue offering coverage, he said. And, lawmakers don't know exactly what extending the contracts would cost, Moberly said.

Fletcher said he would hold judgment on the ideas until he saw the final details. However, he hoped that the health insurance situation had a "sobering effect" on state lawmakers.

"I think they're beginning to realize, as they came in and looked at the numbers, at the magnitude of this problem," Fletcher said.

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Guest view

Probably a waste of time

It's going to be a frosty Thanksgiving in the Fletcher household. The governor's older brother, Harold, who's running for the state Legislature, issued a press release Monday blasting the Fletcher administration's health insurance plan for state workers next year and claiming workers have been "betrayed by our leaders in Frankfort."

The governor tried to play down his brother's action, saying the words were merely proof of Harold's independence and spirit. But he has to be fuming.

Fletcher the governor has been taking body blows from all angles since he unveiled his overhaul of next year's health benefits for 229,000 retired and active public school employees and state workers. Those who participate in the plan say it would increase deductibles, premiums and other medical expenses. Teachers are threatening to strike beginning Oct. 27 if the current plan isn't restored. And even fellow Republicans have sought to distance themselves from the governor's plan.

Trying to share the pain, the governor called a special session of the Legislature. Oct. 5, House and Senate members met to take up "the compensation, health insurance benefits and retirement benefits of active and retired public employees," according to the proclamation issued by the governor.

We predict it'll be a monstrous waste of time and about \$55,000 a day.

In fact, we identify it already as a candidate for the "waste, fraud and abuse" search the governor has been conducting since being elected last fall.

We say that for two reasons:

No. 1, this is a Legislature that wasted the first four months of the year doing essentially nothing to solve the state's problems. Doomed by partisan bickering, the 2004 regular legislative session came and went with little to show for it — no budget, no tax reform, no medical malpractice reform, no ethics bills, no fixing of the school funding formula, no simplification of the school testing system, etc., etc.

With little in the way of preparation and no attempt at consensus building, what makes the governor think this session — even with its limited agenda — will be any more successful?

This session is motivated by anger and panic. Fletcher is angry at the criticism he's taken for exposing the health-care crisis for what it is, and legislators are panicked by the thought of a furious electorate just four weeks before the Nov. 2 election.

Actually, we don't think a furious electorate is such a bad thing. This Legislature deserves to be punished for sidestepping the tough issues.

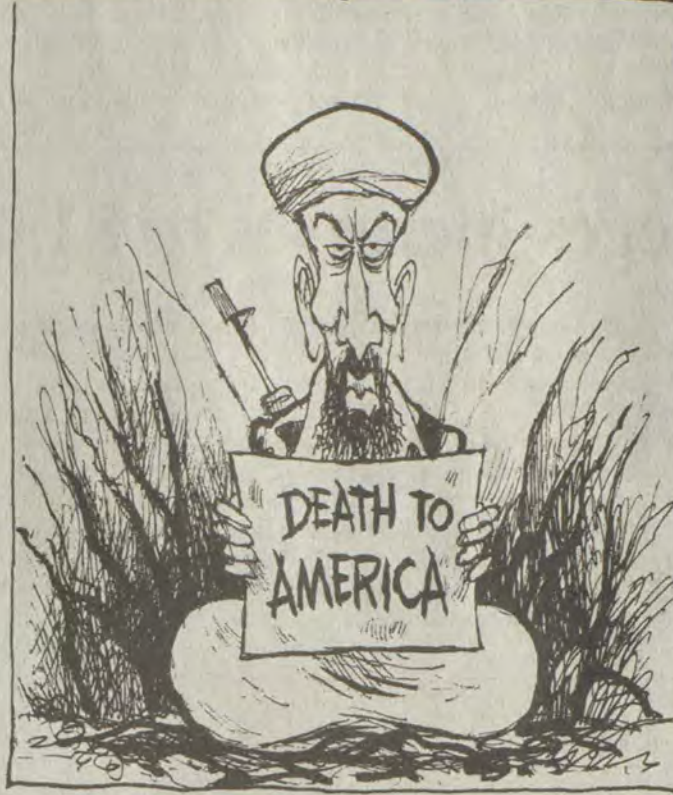
No. 2, Kentucky has no budget and an archaic system of collecting revenue. Any attempt to alleviate the financial burden of out-of-control health costs on teachers and other state workers will be the medical equivalent of slapping on a Band-Aid and taking a pain pill — at best temporary relief only. The budget has to be done first. And tax reform can't be put off any longer. Ignoring the big picture is "ludicrous," as one legislator put it Monday.

He's right. The governor should either change the agenda for this session, or he should keep the Legislature home.

Paying \$55,000 a day for what at best is a quick fix to placate some angry voters is not our idea of good government.

— *The Kentucky Post, Covington*

KERRY WINS...



BUSH WINS...



Rich Lowry Column

The asthma attack

Is George Bush against black children breathing? In the current political environment, no charge against President Bush is too poisonous or preposterous to make, including this one.

In promoting his new book, environmental activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has loosed this assault: "One out of every four black children in New York now has asthma. Those asthma attacks are triggered by pollution from power plants, which George Bush let off the hook."

So potent is the notion of Bush denying children their very breath that John Kerry repeated the charge by implication in his speech at the Democratic Convention: "What does it mean when 25 percent of children in Harlem have asthma because of air pollution? America can do better, and help is on the way."

This ranks among the most transparently nonsensical charges against the president. Start with the fact that air pollution has been declining in recent years,

as it has been for decades. Name your pollutant, it's been dropping: particulate matter, ozone, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, lead, whatever.

In light of this, the question we should be asking is: Why is declining air pollution associated with increased rates of asthma? Because the nation is indeed in an asthma epidemic. Rates of asthma —

a chronic inflammatory disease of the lungs — have more than doubled in the past 20 years to 17.3 million cases in 1999. There is just very little evidence that air pollution, let alone George Bush, is causing anyone to get the condition.

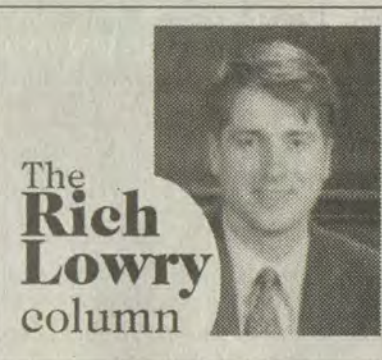
Environmentalists point to a study in California showing that kids who played three or more team sports — a small percentage of the total sample — in high ozone areas were more likely to get asthma than similar kids in lower ozone areas. What environmentalists fail to mention is that kids overall were 30 per-

cent less likely to get asthma in the high ozone areas than in the low ozone areas. American Enterprise Institute expert Joel Schwartz has crunched the California numbers and found that the asthma rate in many communities with lots of air pollution is actually lower than in communities with little pollution.

It's a mystery why asthma rates have soared. Maybe kids spend more time indoors in houses that, since the energy crisis of the 1970s, are efficiently sealed off from outside air, and so trap irritants like dust mites, cockroach droppings and pet dander. Some researchers have even pointed to the declining use of aspirin or the generally cleaner, less infectious world kids live in today, which might mean that their immune systems overreact to things like dust.

Given all of this, Kerry's implied pledge to end the asthma epidemic stands as one of the emptiest political promises of all time. Is he going to launch a crusade against pet dander if that's proven a major cause of the epidemic? But for Bush critics, all medical uncertainties and research imponderables disappear before their one all-purpose epidemiological insight: It is George Bush's fault.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.



The Rich Lowry column

— beyond the beltway

Guns don't kill people, breasts do

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Washington D.C., has a problem. Its young people keep dying of gunshot wounds. Oh, it's not a big problem — a mere 20 kids under the age of 18 have been shot to death here since the first of the year, one every two weeks or so — but it's a bigger problem than . . . say, French Lick, Ind., has.

In addition, many more get shot but survive — in wheelchairs, some of them, but they survive. (It should be noted that, in a typical year, there will be about 250 homicides in the District, which is a smallish city of 650,000. Recent trends show the number of adult homicides going down as youth deaths go up.)

But never fear, gentlefolk, the Republican majority in that great legislative body that, for want of a better name, we call the House of Representatives, has a solution to the problem. Even as we speak, they are getting ready to pass legislation that would legalize the sale, purchase and possession of handguns and semi-automatic weapons on the streets of the District.

The bill, which carries the deliciously Orwellian title of "The District of Columbia Personal Protection Act," was authored by Republican Mark Souder — of Indiana, of course. The constitutionally mandated right to bear arms, he says, takes precedence over the District's anemic version of home rule. And precedence over sanity as well, apparently.

The thinking, if any, behind the proposal is that the stiff gun laws in the District don't seem to be working and perhaps we should try something else: arming the victims.

This, I suppose, means that all those 14- and 15-year-olds getting shot should now start packing, as they say in Tombstone. They'll go off to school in the morning with their Uzis in their little backpacks, ready to defend themselves.

I might support the law if Congress were sincere about it; I mean really sincere. For example, at present, you can't carry firearms into the U.S. Capitol for example. Why not? I mean, if guns-on-demand would make the District a safer place, why wouldn't they make Congress safer as well? Let people bear their arms into the halls of Congress. Let our elected Representatives do the same.

Imagine the inspiring sight of our solons whirling in their seats to spray the galleries with bullets because a terrorist appeared waving a revolver. It would increase CSPAN's ratings enormously.

Failing that show of sincerity, however, I am left to assume that the bill is just faithful old Congress, rolling over at the feet of its paymaster, the National Rifle Association, hoping to get another rub on the tummy from the gun-sellers' lobby before the election. I'll bet they get it too.

Nor is the presidential campaign free of gun madness. Hardly a week goes by without the paper carrying a picture of a candidate looking manly as he aims a gun at something. Perhaps one of the presidential debates should be given over

to duck calls.

But Congress and the presidential campaigns aren't the only comedy acts in town. There is, for example, the Federal Communications Commission.

The FCC, one of whose jobs it is to make sure that the public airways are as clean and wholesome as a candidate's official campaign biography, last week voted to fine television stations owned by CBS \$550,000 for their part in staging and broadcasting last January's Super Bowl halftime show. (The commission is also mandated to see that the stations serve the public interest, but they don't spend much time on that.)

The halftime show in question was the one, you'll remember, where we caught a flash of Janet Jackson's right breast "in apparent violation of the broadcast indecency standard." In other words, the elegantly tasteful sport of football with its amalgam of violence, taunting and caboose-waving "cheerleaders" was cheapened by Miss Jackson's brazen flaunting of her treasure.

Put the two stories together and whaddya got? Guns don't kill people, breasts do.

And Americans wonder why Europeans think us weird.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Bessie Ann Goble Burkette Burke, 101, of Martin, died Friday, September 24, at Riverview Healthcare Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Eunice Evelyn Martin Fraley, 98, of Wayland, died Tuesday, September 14, at Highlands

Regional Medical Center. Services were held at the Wayland United Methodist Church on Friday, September 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Kenneth (Sammy) Hall, 56, of Beaver, died Friday, September 24, on Route 542, Salyersville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 27, under the direc-

tion of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Carlos L. Hall, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, October 3, at Norton Community Hospital, in Norton, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Sherlene Hall. Funeral services were Tuesday, October 5, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Melda Hall, 93, of McDowell, died Saturday, September 25, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Robert Keith Hopkins, 31, of McDowell, died Thursday, September 23, at Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James Richard Hunt, 47, of

Minnie, died Friday, September 24, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Verlie Johnson, 80, of Harold, died Wednesday, September 22, at Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bobby Gene Jones, 64, of Melvin, died Saturday, October 2, in King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lemuel Meade, 88, of Harold, died Sunday, September

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Obituaries



Jerry Wayne II

(Dayna) Robinette

Jerry Wayne II (Dayna) Robinette, 55, of Meridan, Mississippi, formerly of Floyd County, passed away, Friday, September 24th, 2004, at a local hospital, following a brief illness.

He was the son of the late Glen Dalton and Pauline Robinette. He was born on December 23, 1948, in Portsmouth, Virginia, and was raised on Prater Creek in Floyd County.

He retired from the United States Navy after 23 years service. He also served in the Vietnam War. While serving his country, he received two Purple Heart medals. He was an active officer of the Virginia Beach Auxiliary Police Department, and was presently working for Canon IFS, as a computer technician.

He is survived by his wife, Denise Ward Robinette; two sons: Jerry (Dayno) Wayne Robinette II, of Meridan, Mississippi; Scott (Nikki) D. Robinette of Virginia Beach, Virginia; three daughters: Shawntel Leigh (Johnny) Ray of Wheelwright; Robin Lynn (Virgil Jr.) Slone of Hi Hat, Paulena (Lee) Summer of Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico; one sister, Tina Goble of Pikeville; eight grandchildren: Kyle, Cody, Corey, Meshana, Wesley, Jason, Lillie, and Jessie.

He was preceded in death by both parents, and his brother, Michael Robinette.

Visitation was at the Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home on Monday, September 27, and funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 28, at 11 a.m.

Final resting place was at Colonial Grove Memorial Park in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Full military honors were given at the graveside.

Active pallbearers: Jerry W. Robinette II, Scott D. Robinette, Johnny W. Ray, Virgil Slone Jr., Daniel Cox, and Scott Ray.

Honorary pallbearers: The Military Auxiliary.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

(Paid obituary)

Susie Ousley

Susie Ousley, 76, of Claypool, Indiana, died Thursday, October 7, 2004, at her residence.

Born March 3, 1928, in Dock, she was the daughter of the late Jake and Phiobla (Hyden) Bradley. She had been a Claypool resident since 1962, moving from Dock. She was employed by Jomac Glove Co., Warsaw, Indiana, and was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kosciusko County.

She was married to Odis Ousley, in Prestonsburg, on November 16, 1945, and he preceded her in death on October 10, 2002.

Survivors include two sons: Dan (Sue) Ousley of Silver Lake, Indiana, and Kenneth (Maureen) Ousley of Fort Wayne, Indiana; two daughters: Carol (Richmond) Salmons of Claypool, Indiana, and Debra (John) Seitz of Mentone, Indiana; four sisters: Alva Hackworth, Phyllis Bolen, Winnie Ousley and Dorothy Bolen, all of Kentucky; six brothers: Farish Bradley, Frank Bradley, Jimmy Bradley, and Odis Bradley, all of Kentucky, and Jake Junior Bradley and Loren Bradley, both of Indiana; 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, October 11, at 10 a.m., at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kosciusko County, with Pastors Terry Bradford and Willie Collins officiating.

Burial will be in the Graceland Cemetery, Claypool, Indiana, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to: Kosciusko Home Health Care and Hospice, 920 Provident Dr., Warsaw, Indiana 46580.

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26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Morris Finley Newsom, 78, of Harold, died Friday, October 1, in the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, in Somerset. He is survived by his wife, Verdine Frasure Newsom. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, October 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ostal Ray Pitts, 63, of David, died Monday, October 4, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 7, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Angela Lorrina Sammons, 36, of Banner, died Friday, October 1, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Marie Stout, 82, of Wheelwright, died Thursday, September 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, October 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Machala Michelle Walters, 21, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, September 19, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Ransom Stephens, 91, of Shiloh, Ohio, a native of Magoffin County, died Sunday, October 3, 2004, at Hillside Acres Nursing Home, Willard. Services were conducted Wednesday, October 6, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home, Greenwich.

MARTIN COUNTY

Evelyn Rebecca Crum, 63, of Louisa, died Saturday, October 2, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 5, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Alvin Dalton, 57, of Inez, died Thursday, September 30, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 3, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Shirley Marie Hinkle, 32, of Louisa, died Saturday, October 2, in Inez. Grave side rites were conducted Wednesday, October 6, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Angel Maynard, 12, of Inez, died Thursday, September 23, at Prestonsburg Health Care in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 26, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Betty Louise Maynard, 69, of Louisa, died Sunday, October 3, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Carl Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 6, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Bennie Moore, 78, of Columbus, Ohio, a Martin County native, died Saturday, September 25, at Riverside Medical Clinic in Columbus. He is survived by his wife, Celia Preece Moore. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 29, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Hattie Hinkle Pack, 73, of Inez, died Thursday, September 30, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 2, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Luster "Ted" Sluss, 85, of Catlettsburg, died Sunday, October 3, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 5, at Lovely Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Callahan Funeral Home.

Orville Spence, 70, of Tomahawk, died Friday, October 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Helen Maynard Spence. Funeral services were conducted Monday,

October 4, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Maxie Click Caudill, 90, of Swamp Branch, died Friday, September 24, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Naomi C. Looney, 78, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, September 22, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 25, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Delbert Music, 73, of Boons Camp, died Monday, September 20, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Flora Blevins Rust, 96, of Georgia, a Johnson County native, died Monday, September 20, in Whigham, Georgia. Funeral services were conducted in Whigham, Georgia, under direction of Whiddon-Shiver Funeral Home.

James Earl Stapleton, 76, of Volga, died Saturday, September 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Irene Salyer Stapleton. Funeral services were conducted, Tuesday, September 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

George Ward Jr., 82, of River, died Monday, September 27. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 30, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Charlie Combs, 79, of Lexington, formerly of Knott County, died Sunday, September 26, at Sayre Christian Village, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Julie Combs. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 28, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Curt Hall Jr., 35, of Rogersville, Tennessee, formerly of Knott County, died Thursday, September 16, at Holston Valley Hospital, Kingsport, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 26, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Virgil Hall, 80, of Kite, died Thursday, September 23, at Hazard Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

R.B. Martin, 68, of Fisty, died Friday, September 24, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Oralee Martin. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 26, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Marie Jones Nickles, 87, of Millville, Ohio, a native of Mallie, died September 8, at her home. She donated her body to medical research. Arrangements for a memorial service are incomplete.

Elmer Perry, a native of Kite, died Tuesday, September 14. Other information is unavailable.

Arthur Jerome "Jerry" Pierce, 94, of Franklin, Tennessee, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, September 18, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 23, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Lona Faye Smith, 59, of Huber Heights, Ohio, a native of Hollybush, died Monday, September 30. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 23, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

PIKE COUNTY

Bertha Ramey Blackburn, 84, of Lick Creek, died Tuesday, September 28, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 30, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Matthew Shawn "Diggy"


Blankenship, 20, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, September 28, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 2, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Mollie Branham Oney, 74, of Lizzie Fork, a native of Pikeville, died Tuesday, September 28, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 1, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Randall "Randy" Sergent, 41, of Virgie, died Monday, September 27. He is survived by his wife, Shelby Sergent. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 30, in the Hemphill Freewill Baptist Church.

Sandra Joan Williamson, 63, of Pikeville, died Thursday, September 30, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

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Floyd County natives Francis, Burton capture gold

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Summer National Senior Games are less than a year away, and already preparations are being made for one of the largest multi-sports athletic competitions in the world.

Two athletes of local interest that took part in the track and field events

at the 26-State Regional Seniors Games for individuals ages 50-plus were Bill Francis, a graduate of Garrett High School, who now lives in Mousie in neighboring Knott County, and Brenda Layne Burton, a Martin High School graduate and retired Powell County teacher and track coach currently living in Stanton. Both were

successful, capturing gold medals.

This is the qualifying year for the National Seniors Games to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., June 3-18, 2005. To qualify for the National Games, athletes must first compete and win at the regional level. This year, Kentucky was the host state, and the City of Pikeville, the host

town for the regional event.

Athletes must compete and win against others that were represented in Pikeville, from 26 states comprising the region. During regional competition, runners from as far away as Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Tennessee, Ohio, North Carolina and South

Carolina and other states competed Sept. 14-19 at Bob Amos Park in Pikeville.

The 5K cross country run began the Regional Summer Games. The race started during the early morning on Sept. 16, around 7:30 a.m., with rain and fog. The firing of a gun started the run with

(See GOLD, page two)



Brenda Layne Burton (right), Stanton, and Bill Francis, Mousie, collected numerous medals during the recent Regional Senior Games.



The South Floyd offense scored both on the ground and through the air Friday night in a convincing win over Class A, District Eight rival Hazard.

photos by Steve LeMaster

Raiders thump Hazard, 56-20

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Host South Floyd came ready to play Friday night. The Raiders, hosting Class A, District 8 rival Hazard, put the game's first score on the board at the 3:04 mark of the opening period. After a successful two-point conversion, the Raiders led 8-0. Once South Floyd grabbed its first lead, it was commanding. The Raiders never trailed in a 56-20 pounding of Hazard. The win puts South Floyd closer to a goal of hosting a playoff game. To host a state playoff game, South Floyd would have to finish in one of the district's top-two spots. Pikeville looks to be rolling toward the top spot in Class A, District 8. But that runner-up slot is still wide-open.

At the conclusion of Friday night's game, South Floyd Coach Donny Daniels was one of several happy Raiders.

"Our kids came ready to play, but we can't take anything away from Hazard," said Daniels. "I'm proud of the way our kids played. We've got a great bunch."

South Floyd (6-2) put Hazard in a hole early when senior running back Joe Osborne hit paydirt on a 17-yard touch-

down run with 3:04 remaining in the first period. Junior quarterback Ryan Johnson kept on the two-point conversion and the Raiders led 8-0.

The Hazard defense failed to stop the Raider offense on several tries. After South Floyd struck for the game's initial score, Hazard had to play catch-up.

South Floyd took an 8-0 lead into the second quarter before Hazard scored its first points. Hazard receiver Cleve Washington hauled in a 74-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Durrel Olinger to make it an 8-6 game, still in favor of the host Raiders. Hazard's attempt to tie the game on a two-point conversion failed.

The Raiders grabbed what little momentum the Bulldogs had right back.

Wes Hall put South Floyd ahead 16-6 when he scored on a 23-yard touchdown and followed it up with a successful catch on a two-point conversion. Hall's first score of the game came with 56.9 remaining in the first half. Hall, after South Floyd recovered a fumble, scored on a 50-yard run with 41.1 left in the second quarter to put the Raiders ahead 22-6. South Floyd's two-point conver-

(See RAIDERS, page four)



Joe Osborne (14) put South Floyd's first points of the game on the scoreboard in the first quarter Friday. The Raiders have now put up over 50 points up in each of their last three outings – all district games.

South Floyd sends seniors off with win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – On Senior Night, members of the South Floyd High School volleyball team banded together and sent final-year volleyball players off their hometown with another 15th Region win. South Floyd and head coach Keith Smallwood and staff triumphed, winning 2-0 (25-9, 25-15). In the second game of the match, every South Floyd player who dressed for game action – played.

The victory upped South Floyd's record to 17-3. The SFHS volleyball team was back in action yesterday playing on the road at Fleming-Neon in what was to be the final action of the regular-season.

Leslie Holbrook helped to pace the South Floyd attack, going four-of-five on serves with 11 assists and two digs. For the season, prior to Saturday's game at Fleming-Neon, Holbrook had 163 assists.

Katie Cook came through with eight-of-eight successful serves with five digs, three aces, three saves and one kill. Megan Castle landed 12-of-13 serves to go along with one kill, three aces, seven digs and one save. The seven digs Thursday night brought Castle's season total to 124.

Candice Hall had two kills, two assists, three digs and one serve. Hall's

two assists against Pike County Central brought her season total up to 52.

Sabrina Reid could have went over 100 kills on the season yesterday at Fleming-Neon. In the win over Pike Central, Reid tapped out seven kills to bring her season total to 95. She also had three serves, seven digs and two saves. Her seven digs registered against Pike Central brought her season total to 99.

Kayla Hall was 10-of-11 on serves with two aces and nine digs. One of the team's most consistent players, Kayla Hall had 146 digs on the season as of Friday.

With everyone seeing floortime, several South Floyd players contributed in the win over Pike Central. Tiffany Tackett had one assist and one dig while Tab Tackett pushed through with two kills, four digs and one block. Christina Berger finished with five digs, three blocks, one kill and one save.

Courtney Blocker had two serves and two digs. Ashley Bealer had three digs and Brita Meade had one serve and two digs. Pam Walker placed herself in the stat column with one serve and one dig.

South Floyd will return to play Monday night in the District Tournament. A No. 2 seed, South Floyd is paired against Allen Central, the tournament's No. 3 seed.

Floyd Special Olympics schedules meeting

PRESTONSBURG – Floyd County Special Olympics will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be the first meeting to plan for next year's area track meet. Organizers of area Special Olympics organizations are asked to attend.

Later this month, Floyd

County Special Olympics will host both the Area 3 and Area 9 bowling events. Top finishers from the Area bowling events will advance on to the state competition.

For more information on the meeting, call Floyd County Special Olympics head Ed Senig at 452-9564 (home) or 606/452-4200 (work).

Blackcats fall to Belfry in overtime

by JAMIE HOWELL
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BELFRY – It was billed as one of the biggest games of the year in Class 2A, and by the end of regulation the outcome was still undecided. Belfry rallied for a late touchdown from senior tailback Doug Howard to send Friday's game against visiting Prestonsburg into overtime. In the overtime session, Belfry prevailed, winning 20-14.

In regulation, Prestonsburg won the toss and elected to take the opening kickoff.

For Prestonsburg, after driving to the Belfry 45 yard line, David Shaffer's pass was intercepted by Matt Maynard and Belfry took over. The Pirates would need

only one play for Howard to scamper 60 yards for a Belfry score and after the extra point Belfry led 7-0 with 10:11 remaining in the first quarter. The opening quarter ended with Belfry leading 7-0, but Prestonsburg struck back on a 2-yard touchdown run from Joe Blackburn with 11:55 left in the first half of play.

The highlight of the Blackcat scoring drive was a 50-yard pass completion from senior quarterback Trevor Compton to Kyle Ousley. Both teams exchanged punts in the second quarter and the game went into the half even at 7-7.

Belfry took the second half kickoff and failed to muster any offense. Prestonsburg took the Belfry punt and marched 60 yards

(See BLACKCATS, page four)



Belfry running back David Jones (5) took a handoff as Prestonsburg defender David Shaffer looked to close in.



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior Joe Blackburn (32) tried to elude a pair of Belfry defenders.

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runners lined up in the center of the football field. Runners ran the length of the football field and then circled around the track twice, taking off on the grueling cross country course up a steep hillside road, going around the mountain-side that had been cleared with a bulldozer.

There were many water- and mud-filled potholes that the runners had to cross, sinking into deep mud, due to the previous several days of rain that had saturated the course.

Many steep hills, partially covered with gravels, were very dangerous for runners to loose their footing and all of the runners had the fear of falling on the steep downhill portion of the course.

"A runner could have broken a leg or injured his or herself worse at any time on the course," said Burton.

After running down the steep mountainside, Burton, Francis and the other runners circled around the golf course and several buildings, then raced up an incline back onto the track where they sprinted to the finish line for a total distance of 3.1-miles.

Both Francis and Burton won medals in running the challenging course used by several area high school cross country teams.

In the women's division 5K cross country run, Burton won a gold while Francis won a silver in the men's division.

Francis took a silver medal in the 100-meter run, a gold medal in the 200-meter run and a gold medal in a 400-meter run event that was very competitive as Francis and fellow runner Ron Chilton out-distanced the other runners. In the 400-meter run, it became a two-man race between Francis

and Chilton as the pair raced down to the wire as Francis pulled through for a split-second win. In the 800-meter (one-half-mile) distance run, Francis won a gold medal. He also captured a gold in the 1500-meter run.

Burton also medaled in the 1500-meter, 800-meter and 400-meter runs, taking gold medals in each.

Both Francis and Burton said that the sprinters had the advantage in the short distance runs such as the 100-, 200-, 400-, and 800-meter runs due to being long distance runners themselves. It was hard to overcome, but the two runners overcame the odds. Francis and Burton did not have the advantage of starting blocks used in the meet by the other runners. Francis and Burton started from upright standing positions.

The former Floyd Countians will be eligible to represent Kentucky and to participate in the Nationals in the events that they won either a silver or gold medal in during the four-day event held in Pikeville. Bronze-medal winners are not eligible to participate in the 2005 National Games.

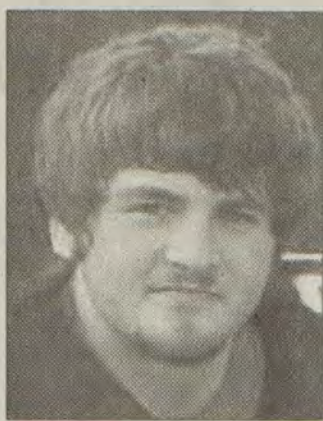
In June 2005, when Pittsburgh, Pa., and Allegheny County host the Summer National Senior Games, city and county will be hosting some 10,000 to 12,000 athletes and their friends and families from 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Some of the sporting events during the Summer National Games will include track and field, swimming, triathlon, basketball, golf, cycling, softball, and archery, among others.

Both athletes will represent Kentucky and the region well.

Stephens schedules visit to Western

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR



John Mark Stephens

PRESTONSBURG — Senior tight end/linebacker John Mark Stephens is enjoying a successful season as he is excelling on an individual level and helping his team as it plays toward post-season prominence. Stephens, a three-year starter for the Prestonsburg High School football team, also plays basketball and baseball. But he wants to take his game to the next level and play the gridiron sport he has grown to love. On Saturday, Oct. 30, Stephens will make a visit to Western Kentucky University as the Hilltoppers play host to Southern Illinois in a key Gateway Football Conference game.

Prestonsburg High football coach John DeRossett is one who believes in Stephens, and

his abilities and his potential to be a Division-I football player, following in the footsteps of former Blackcats Jeremy Caudill (Kentucky) and Nathan Leslie (Marshall), among a few others.

"John Mark has great size, good speed and excellent hands," DeRossett said. "He's started for us three years now and he led us in tackles as a junior last season. He gets to the football on defense and on offense — he runs after the catch. He could be an excellent college football player. He's got a great frame and he's going to continue growing."

In college, Stephens — who over the summer attended camp at the University of Nebraska — has the potential to play either offense or defense. A team player, Stephens is focused on helping his team return to the State Playoffs.

David Elson is in his second season as head coach of the Western Kentucky University football team.

Elson, 32, is now the youngest Division I football coach Elson was named Western's head football coach March 5, 2003 after serving as defensive coordinator for Western Kentucky's 2002 NCAA I-AA national championship team. He replaced Jack Harbaugh, who resigned after 14 years at the top of the program.

Western Kentucky currently features Breathitt County High grad Justin Haddix, a sophomore, starting at quarterback.

Western is 70-28 (71.4 percent) over the last eight years and has made the NCAA I-AA playoffs in five of the last seven seasons.



photos by Steve LeMaster

On Thursday evening, prior to traveling to Belfry Friday night, Prestonsburg Blackcat football fans showed their support during a pep rally. Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett addressed players, fellow coaches and fans.

Clark, U of L tennis team hosting Fall Invitational

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville men's tennis team is hosting the 6th annual Louisville Fall Invitational Tournament. All matches are being played at the Bass-Rudd Tennis center on the University's Belknap Campus. Junior Jeremy Clark, a Stanville native and a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, is in competition for the U of L tennis team.

This year, the tournament again features three divisions in both singles and doubles. The strong field includes 18 teams from around the region: Ball State, Bradley, Chicago

State, Dayton, DePaul, Eastern Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa, IUPUI, IU-Southeast, Kentucky, Louisville, Morehead State, Murray State, Southern Illinois, Southern Indiana, Tennessee-Martin, and Wright State.

"This is one of the strongest fields ever for the Louisville Tennis Invitational. It includes former national champion Illinois, SEC power Kentucky, Mid-American Conference power Ball State and Iowa as well as 12 other very competitive teams," said Louisville coach Rex Ecarma.

First round singles action began Friday. The tournament continues through today.

MSU set to host Greg Palmer Eagle Classic



Ryan Martin

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University will host the Greg Palmer Eagle Classic golf tournament Monday and Tuesday at Eagle Trace Golf Course.

In addition to MSU, the participating teams will be Bellarmine, Butler, Cleveland State, IPFW, IUPUI, Murray State, Samford, Tennessee Tech, UT Martin and Youngstown State.

Morehead State sophomore Ryan Martin, a graduate of

Prestonsburg High School, maintains a role as one of the top Eagle golfers.

All participating golfers in the Greg Palmer Eagle Classic are scheduled to play 36 holes on Monday, beginning with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The final round is scheduled for 8 a.m. EDT on Tuesday.

The Morehead State golf team finished second in the Murray State Invitational, played Oct. 4-5 at the Miller Golf Course in Murray.

MSU shot 292-281-294 (total-867) and finished 10 shots behind host Murray State. Southeast Missouri was third at 869. Kyle Hosick of Southern Illinois was the top individual, firing a five-under par 208.

Casey Wade and Kyle Litter each shot 215 to finish tied for eighth. Martin fired a 221, just missing the top-10. He finished 13th.

No. 10 Virginia 30, Clemson 10

by HANK KURZ Jr.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Guard Elton Brown and his Virginia teammates don't care that their national ranking and gaudy offensive numbers have been questioned.

The Cavaliers figure they've justified their No. 10 ranking by dominating all of their opponents, including a convincing 30-10 victory over Clemson on Thursday night.

When Brown looked across the line at Clemson's defenders in the second half, he saw a team about to give in. The Cavaliers did all they could to make the Tigers their fifth victim of the season.

"We saw they were getting tired," Brown said. "We just wanted to get out after it and just let it go. Coach put the ball in our hands and we responded."

The Cavaliers (5-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) ran the ball with ease in the second half, putting together three scoring drives and another to the 5-yard line. In the process, they made believers of the Tigers,

who were dealt their fourth straight setback.

"They're a running team," Clemson quarterback Charlie Whitehurst said. "In the second half, we had a couple of three-and-outs and they drove it."

The Cavaliers play pretty good defense, too. After Clemson drove 80 yards in six plays on its first drive to take a 7-0 lead, the Tigers managed just 131 yards and seven first downs the rest of the way.

"When you drive it down like that in pretty convincing style, you're expecting you can do it again," Whitehurst said. "We didn't."

Alvin Pearman ran for 104 yards and scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to help Virginia seal its first 5-0 start since 1998.

"Whatever coach needs me to do, I'm willing to do so," said the senior, who also returns punts and plays wide receiver. "Today, I just happened to be carrying the rock a little more and I'll take that."

Virginia won its eighth straight and has nine days to

prepare for its toughest test yet — at No. 8 Florida State a week from this past Saturday.

The Cavaliers certainly looked ready against the Tigers.

Clemson (1-4, 1-3) drove easily downfield on its opening drive, using a 56-yard pass from Whitehurst to tight end Ben Hall to set up a 5-yard TD reception by Duane Coleman after just 3:11.

But all the Tigers added was a 43-yard field goal by Jad Dean on their third possession — capping a drive that covered only 16 yards.

Connor Hughes had field goals of 21, 43 and 50 yards, and the Cavaliers gained 239 yards on the ground, 225 through the air. Heath Miller added a 5-yard touchdown catch to give Virginia a 13-10 half-time lead.

Playing without defensive end and captain Chris Canty for the first time after he had season-ending surgery, the Cavaliers looked just as dominant on defense as they had in blowout wins in their first four games.

Clemson rushed for just 45 yards on 21 carries.

"The players knew what the challenges were in front of them, and I thought they responded to those challenges," Virginia coach Al Groh said.

The Tigers also had no answer for Virginia's running game, getting a reprieve only when Wali Lundy fumbled after running for a first down at the Clemson 5 in the third quarter. Travis Pugh recovered for the Tigers.

Three plays later, the Tigers were forced to punt from their 22. Pearman took over at tailback and the Cavaliers put the game away.

Virginia scored the last 27 points.

Whitehurst finished 16-of-28 for 166 yards and threw his 11th interception of the season. Tony Franklin made the pick for Virginia.

Hagans was 14-of-26 for 225 yards.

Virginia honored former coach George Welsh at halftime. He coached the Cavaliers for 19 seasons and is their leader in career victories with 189. He'll be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in December.

Lewis has changed everything except Bengals defense

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The uniforms sure are different — as bright and gaudy as any around.

The reputation? That's definitely changed for the better. Comedians no longer use the Cincinnati Bengals as a punch line.

The bottom line is better, too. Instead of playing in a half-empty stadium, they enjoy the roar of record crowds at home.

Coach Marvin Lewis has changed just about everything since he took over last year and set out to revive the league's most downtrodden team. His imprint is everywhere.

Everywhere except the defense, that is. And that's quite a surprise.

It's been easier for Lewis to remake the Bengals' image than to upgrade their defense, the main reason they're stuck at 1-3 during their bye week. The fans have come back, but not the tackles or the sacks.

"It's taking a little longer," safety Kim Herring said.

Herring knows what Lewis would like to see. He was a starter on the 2000 Baltimore defense that set NFL records and won a Super Bowl with Lewis as the coordinator.

"It's controlled mayhem," Herring said. "When I played four years in Baltimore, that's what it is. It looks crazy when you see it on film, but it's 11 guys knowing what they're doing and it's controlled aggression."

Lewis' current unit isn't even close.

When he took over last year, Lewis inherited an up-and-coming offense and a down-in-

the-dumps defense that was the main reason for the Bengals' poor showings each year.

He started an overhaul right away, getting rid of veterans who had never panned out. Former first-round pick Reinard Wilson was jettisoned, a sign it was a new day in Cincinnati.

The next step came last April, when the Bengals took four defensive players among their first five draft picks. They all had one thing in common.

"He's going to try to build a defense around speed," linebacker Kevin Hardy said. "The guys he's drafted are fast and athletic and can run around and get to the football. That's the blueprint of the defense that he's trying to put together."

The Ravens used the same blueprint and assembled a defense full of speed, talent and orneriness. Lewis still admires the way they play.

When linebacker Ray Lewis leveled quarterback Carson Palmer with a high, illegal hit during their game two weeks ago, the Bengals coach saw nothing wrong with it.

"Ray was just launching into whoever has the football," Lewis said, admiringly.

He wishes he had someone like him. He tried to get defensive lineman Warren Sapp through free agency in the off-season to give the unit some attitude, but lost him to Oakland.

Lewis was left with a youthful unit still finding its way. Because of injuries, they've found their way right into the lineup.

Second-round pick Madiou Williams was forced to start one game at cornerback, two at strong safety and one at free safety because of injuries.

Third-round pick Caleb Miller started twice at middle linebacker. Others have been forced onto the field prematurely.

"Right now, it is not the way we had this thing put together," Lewis said. "But it is what it is right now, and we're going to get better with it."

They're at the bottom right now, giving up a league-high 166 yards rushing per game and 5.2 yards per carry. The problems go beyond the rookies — the veteran linemen are ineffective as a group, making it tough to get anything done.

As the missed tackles mounted, Lewis got defensive about the unit's failures.

"You do your job, you make tackles, you have a chance to play well," he said recently, smacking his hand on a table for emphasis. "If you don't, you're going to be in big trouble. Just line up and do your job. We keep making a big deal out of this. It's not a big deal."

It's a bit of a mystery why a coach known for defense has been able to change everything except the defense. His former head coach understands.

"You're no longer the offensive or defensive coordinator, you're the head coach and if you don't attend to those (other) things, you're not going to be the head coach for very long," Ravens coach Brian Billick said.

Lewis already has job security in Cincinnati, getting a contract extension after he turned most things around in his first season. He has the community's respect and ownership's support.

The only thing missing is defense.

U of L breaks ground on baseball stadium

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville held a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday afternoon on a \$10 million baseball complex that will be built next to Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Jim Patterson Stadium is named for the local businessman and former Louisville baseball player who provided the \$1 million lead donation to the project. The stadium will open in February 2005, the start of Louisville's first season as a member of the Big East.

Since 1998, the Cardinals have played at cavernous Cardinal Stadium at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

"It's great for our baseball players to have a place we can finally call home," said Lelo Prado, Louisville's coach since 1996. "It's going to be one of the best facilities in the country."

Athletics director Tom Jurich said a new baseball stadium has been on his wish list since he took the job in 1997. He said one of the first calls he received when he became Louisville's AD came from Nebraska athletics director Bill Byrne, who wanted to hire Prado. Jurich said Prado took a leap of faith to stay put.

"All I had to sell Lelo was a dream," Jurich said Thursday to a crowd of about 300 U of L supporters.

The new stadium will have a capacity of 2,500, with 1,500 chair-back seats. It will be fitted with FieldTurf, the artificial surface in place at the football stadium.

Locker rooms, training rooms and batting and pitching cages will be built in the basement of an adjacent building, formerly an American Air Filter plant. It will also include the baseball staff offices and a health center operated by Jewish Hospital.

"This is truly going to be a

crown jewel of our athletics department," Jurich said.

Jurich and university President James Ramsey described the stadium as an "anchor" for the south end of campus. Ramsey said it's the perfect companion to the football stadium, which was built on an abandoned railroad yard.

"This is really becoming a destination spot for our community," Ramsey said. "Again, we're able to take a piece of land that's been abandoned and turn it into something that is very beautiful, very meaningful and very productive."

The wall will be 402 feet from home plate in center field and will measure 330 feet down the left- and right-field lines. The football stadium will be the centerpiece of the view beyond the outfield walls.

The Cardinals made their first-ever NCAA tournament appearance two years ago. They went 26-30 last season.

Rebels sweep Shelby Valley

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Allen Central High volleyball team got its 14th win of the season by winning its second consecutive match with a convincing 2-0 win Tuesday over Shelby Valley. Junior Brandi Meade led the Rebels in the win with four kills on .500 hitting and a .250 kill percentage as Allen Central hit .294 with a .059 kill percentage on the evening.

Junior Yumekia Hunter played well, putting down four kills on .333 hitting and record-

ing 14 digs. Courtney Martin and Amanda Mills each added one kill.

Alesia Hall set up the offense 11 times while committing only one error and earning three assists. Hunter earned two assists, setting Meade for two ferocious kills, and running the offense on seven occasions. Mills ran the offense eight times earning two assists while Brittany Hodge set it up 10 times and getting one assist to Meade.

Martin, a sophomore, led the Rebels serving attack with five

aces on nine serving attempts and serving 90-percent on the night. Hodge and Hunter pounded in four aces each on 14 attempts apiece. Hall also had an ace for the night.

Defensively, the Allen Central team committed two many unforced errors but got 82 percent of the Shelby Valley point attempts. Meade stopped 13 point attempts while Courtney Martin prevented nine. Christina Blevins had an errorless night, stopping five Shelby Valley tries and joined Martin in a block at the net.

Modified racing still an option for Brandon Kinzer Motorsports

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — It's been a while since the No. 18 Brandon Kinzer Motorsports J.B. Performance Modified turned laps, but fans can expect the Open Wheel ride to return to the track some time. Brandon Kinzer Motorsports has kept up one of the nation's busiest Late Model racing schedules, but still has the option of returning and racing the Modified ride.

"It's hard to say right now when we'll race the Modified

again," said Brandon Kinzer. "We've had a lot going on racing in the Late Model division."

Although the Modified portion of the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team is on the backburner, driver, crew and race team continue to push ahead by maintaining a highly competitive Late Model schedule. The next two dates will see the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports No. 18 Kinzer Drilling, Barry Wright Race

Cars, Eastco Supply, Ranger Contracting, Mopar By Gaerte Engines Dodge Intrepid race at the UMP National Championships (this weekend) and the Dirt Track World Championship (next weekend) — two of the sports most prestigious races.

RACING REMINDER: For the latest on the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team, go online to www.brandonkinzer.com.

Blackburn doesn't rule out more racing for 2004 season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The reigning 2004 NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series Atlantic Region and Lonesome Pine International Raceway Late Model track champion, Steve Blackburn, recently returned home from a testing session at Martinsville Speedway. The testing session, held in preparation for the upcoming Bailey's 300 Late Model stock car race, proved that Blackburn is as hungry as ever. The driver of the No. 22 Late Model wants to race now and he wants to continue racing in the future. The former motorcycle racer hasn't ruled out racing this season

beyond today, the date set for the Bailey's 300.

"Right now, we couldn't really rule out not racing beyond this upcoming weekend," said Blackburn. "At this point, we really can't shut the door on this racing season — not just yet."

Blackburn claimed 14 feature wins during the 2004 season. As long as he's racing, and it's still the year 2004, he'd like to visit victory lane again.

"It was a great season, there's no doubt about that," Blackburn admitted. "We looked at the Bailey's 300, the largest Late Model stock car race, as a chance to get back out on the track. It's a great opportunity for us to have the chance to race at Martinsville

Speedway."

It's safe to say Blackburn has taken to the sport of stock car racing rather quickly. He hasn't even reached double digits in the number of seasons he's been behind the wheel of a stock car, but yet he has already captured a track championship and a NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series regional championship. Both titles worthy nods that drivers across the country strive for year-in and year-out.

Future race plans for the Steve Blackburn Motorsports team, in regards to the 2005 race season are still pending. In 2005, fans can expect to see Steve Blackburn returning to the track and turning circuits working his way to top-place finishes.

Ravens' Lewis pleads guilty to lesser charge in federal drug case

by HARRY R. WEBER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis will be sentenced to four months in federal prison and two months in a halfway house after pleading guilty Thursday to a lesser charge in a federal drug conspiracy case.

Under the deal with prosecutors, Lewis would serve his sentence during the NFL offseason. But he could be suspended by the league.

"We will review the court documents from today's proceedings and announce a decision on league discipline as soon as possible, perhaps as early as (Friday)," said NFL spokesman Greg Aiello.

Even if Lewis is suspended by the league, he has five days to appeal, so he's likely to play in Sunday night's game against Washington.

Lewis pleaded guilty to using a cell phone to violate federal law by trying to set up a drug transaction more than four years

ago. Under the plea agreement — which includes 500 hours of community service — drug conspiracy and attempted cocaine possession charges are expected to be dropped.

His trial had been scheduled to start Nov. 1. No immediate sentencing date was set.

"Jamal made a mistake when he was 20, over four years ago," Ravens president Dick Cass said. "He admitted today that he introduced two individuals for the purpose of facilitating a drug transaction. Contrary to some media reports, Jamal did not — and did not attempt to buy, sell or possess drugs. He had no financial stake in any drug transaction."

"We will continue to support and believe in him. He has admitted his mistake and is prepared to move on. We are prepared to move on with him."

"We understand that Jamal is also subject to discipline by the NFL. We know that the commissioner will look thoroughly at all the circumstances surrounding Jamal's admission. We

will accept whatever the commissioner decides."

Lewis was accused of helping broker a cocaine deal for co-defendant Angelo Jackson, a childhood friend, during conversations with a government informant in Atlanta during the summer of 2000. Charges against Jackson are still pending.

The FBI has said an informant contacted Lewis on his cell phone on June 23, 2000, to discuss selling cocaine to Lewis and Jackson. The FBI said Lewis and Jackson later met the informant at an Atlanta restaurant. Both conversations were taped.

Jackson and the informant met several times more over the next several weeks, but Lewis was not part of any of those conversations, court papers say.

According to Lewis' plea deal, he agreed to testify at Jackson's trial if called as a witness.

Lewis ran for 2,066 yards last season, the second-highest total in NFL history.

Rules clinic slated for Allen Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — A KHSAA basketball rules interpretation clinic will be held at Allen Central High School Tuesday at 7 p.m. Fifteenth Region officials and coaches are urged to attend.

High school basketball teams in the state of Kentucky

— both boys and girls — can officially begin practice on Friday, Oct. 15.

It is an Association requirement that each licensed official and head coach attend a rules interpretation clinic conducted by the KHSAA (ByLaw 26, Sec. 2). All track officials are required to attend a clinic every other year. Officials who have

not met the requirement will not be permitted to officiate any postseason contest. Coaches who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to coach any postseason contest. Currently, attendance by swimming coaches at clinics is not mandatory.



The Betsy Layne High School volleyball team will head into this week's district volleyball tournament undefeated.

photo by Steve LeMaster

BRIEFS

Lewis pleads to lesser charge

ATLANTA — Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis pleaded guilty to a lesser charge in a federal drug conspiracy case and will be sentenced to four months in federal prison and two months in a halfway house, to be served after the regular season ends in January.

Lewis still could be suspended this season by the NFL, which said Thursday it would have no immediate decision on such punishment. Sentencing was set for Jan. 26. The Super Bowl is scheduled for Feb. 6.

Lewis, 25, pleaded guilty to using a cell phone to violate federal law by trying to set up a drug transaction more than four years ago. Under the plea agreement, which includes 500 hours of community service, drug conspiracy and attempted cocaine possession charges will be dropped.

NASCAR adding delay after Earnhardt incident

NEW YORK — NBC is adding a 5-second delay to its NASCAR telecasts after Dale Earnhardt Jr. used a vulgarity during a post-race TV interview last weekend.

Earnhardt was docked 25

points in the Nextel Cup standings and fined \$10,000 for his slip of the tongue in an NBC interview after his victory at Talladega Superspeedway, dropping him to second place with seven races left in the season. He will appeal the point penalty.

Federal regulators have cracked down on objectionable content on TV and radio since Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" during her halftime performance at the Super Bowl. CBS was fined a record \$550,000 by the FCC for Jackson's breast-baring incident.

Sosa fined \$87,400 for being late

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa was fined \$87,400 — one day's salary — for arriving late to the Cubs' regular-season finale at Wrigley Field and leaving the game early. The slugger's agent said that Sosa most likely will file a grievance.

Sosa arrived 70 minutes before Sunday's first pitch, and he apparently left 15 minutes after the game started without putting on his uniform, according to security cameras in the team's parking lot at Wrigley Field. Sosa told the Chicago Sun-Times he was in the club-

house until the seventh inning.

After hearing that manager Dusty Baker told reporters he wanted Sosa to be in top shape next season, an angry Sosa told the newspaper he was tired of Baker blaming him for the Cubs' failures.

Bowl may headed to Canada

TORONTO — A plan to bid for a college football bowl game here next year won support from a committee of the Toronto Council.

A U.S.-based group, Sports World Interactive, wants to stage a game between teams from the Big East and Mid-America conferences at SkyDome in December 2005.

The economic development and parks committee, hearing estimates that the game could pump as much as \$20 million into the local economy, decided to endorse the bid and send a representative to the NCAA's event-certification meeting next April.

The city's support doesn't leave it open to any financial obligations, because Sports World Interactive has to acquire the TV deal, SkyDome contract, teams and sponsors, Ross said.

— The Associated Press

Churchill Downs renovation work ahead of schedule

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Renovation work at Churchill Downs is just ahead of schedule, so officials are planning to open much of the track's new clubhouse for the fall meet.

Racing will begin Oct. 31 with features of the \$121 million renovation on display. The Silks lounge, the first-floor clubhouse eatery that disappeared during the renovation, now will be on the clubhouse's second floor.

Outside, the popular Paddock Grill is returning to its home near the Aristides statue. Fans will again be allowed to sit in general admission boxes on the finish line and enter Gate 10 near the Longfield Avenue parking lot, skipping the shuttle buses to the track's main entrance — one of the project's many disruptions.

Some of those areas were previewed briefly during the spring before being shut down as construction resumed after the Kentucky Derby.

For the first time, fans will be able to grab ice cream, pizza and sandwiches at a second-floor

food court in two adjoining lounges overlooking the paddock. Each holds about 240 people.

Overall, the track's new clubhouse will have seating for 800 people and feature nearly 200 TVs on the second floor. The Trackside off-track betting parlor, which Churchill officials have operated during the last two live racing meets, will remain open during the fall.

"We wanted to make sure we're accommodating every customer we can, particularly this fall," Churchill President Steve Sexton said. "So we just made the decision to keep it open."

Sexton called 2004 a "challenging year" for the track, which has conducted live racing despite the ongoing construction.

Churchill blamed the work partly for a 13 percent drop in average daily attendance and a nearly 9 percent reduction in average daily wagering on track and at the off-track parlor during the spring meet.

Sexton said the project is on track to be finished in April, shortly before the Derby.

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Traditional Keeneland not afraid to experiment

by MURRAY EVANS
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LEXINGTON — Keeneland prides itself on tradition — this is a race track, after all, that didn't even have an announcer for years, and few people seemed to mind.

But as Keeneland's annual fall meeting opened Friday, experiments are taking place at the training track, the mutual windows and in the chartcallers' booth.

"We call it 'progressive tradition,'" Keeneland president Nick Nicholson said. "You have to continually try to improve and set standards high."

Keeneland's opening day, called "Founders Day," still had an old-fashioned feel. Most employees dressed in 1930s garb, harkening back to the track's opening in 1936. As track officials saluted Keeneland founder Hal Price Headley and 1941 Triple Crown champion Whirlaway, a brass band played near the paddock and a replica of Keeneland's original orange-and-black flag flew in the infield.

"You enjoy history. You enjoy the fun times from the past," said Mickey Farmer of Birmingham, Ala., who won the female division of a contest for patrons dressed in 1930s-era outfits. "You can celebrate the Depression years."

Farmer wore a Franklin Roosevelt campaign button and carried a copy of a Dec. 12, 1936, newspaper with her, while the male division winner, Rob Lindauer of Lexington, showed off a gold pocket watch and took pictures with a Speed Graphic

camera from the 1930s.

But signs of the future also could be found around the track.

Last month, Keeneland became the first racing facility in North America to debut a new all-weather surface known as Polytrack on its training track. Polytrack is a combination of conventional and synthetic materials that has a cushioning effect that helps reduce injuries to the back and legs of horses.

During the fall meet, Keeneland will become the first track in North America to use the TurfTrax Speed System, an electronic chartcalling system that uses radio transmitters and antennas to gather information such as how wide a horse might have tracked during a particular race, when a horse accelerated or slowed down, the distance between horses and precise finishing times for each horse.

Keeneland also debuted Friday a new wagering system for those who don't know much about racing. Fans, with one wager of \$20, can bet on several different races that have been handicapped in advance by an expert.

The system will work much like a mutual fund manager selects stocks for a fund.

"Keeneland has a very unique fan base that we feel will support this kind of wager," Nicholson said. "We run the gamut of very educated horsemen and women who are experienced handicappers to folks whose only visit to the track is a day of socializing and dining at Keeneland with a little racing mixed in."

The racing this weekend will include three Grade I races — the Lane's End Breeders' Futurity

and Shadwell Turf Mile on Saturday and the Overbrook Spinster on Sunday.

The Lane's End Breeders' Futurity, a Grade I race for the first time, will include the first three finishers from the Grade III Cradle Stakes at River Downs — Bellamy Road, Diamond Isle and Scipion.

Bellamy Road, owned by New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, is undefeated in two starts. Three Hour Nap, which didn't run in the Cradle Stakes, is 3-for-3 and is coming off a Grade III win. The 12 horses in the field are pointing toward the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

Irish-bred Perfect Soul will try to defend his Shadwell Turf Mile crown against eight other horses. Jockey Edgar Prado, atop Perfect Soul for his win last year, returns to ride the horse after a three-race absence. Perfect Soul has won his last three races at Keeneland.

Nothing to Lose, trained by Bobby Frankel; Silver Tree, the son of Hennessy; Sweet Return, the winner of the Grade I Hollywood Derby last year; and Honor in War, last year's Shadwell Turf Mile runner-up, look to be the top challengers to Perfect Soul.

Azeri, the 2002 Horse of the Year, leads a field of seven for the Overbrook Spinster, a major prep race for the Breeders' Cup Distaff. Azeri, who has won \$3.6 million, most recently finished second to Storm Flag Flying in the Personal Ensign Handicap at Saratoga on Aug. 27.

Pat Day, Keeneland's leading career jockey, will ride Azeri.

Allen Central takes thrilling victory over Prestonsburg

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Over 100 fans watched Thursday as the Allen Central Rebels secured their third straight win, 15th overall, defeating Prestonsburg 2-1.

Junior Brandi Meade seemed to thrive on the atmosphere of the gym, matching her season's best 10 kills on .357 hitting. She also paced the Allen Central serving game, getting four aces in 16 attempts while serving for 92 percent and recording 19 digs that prevented Prestonsburg from mounting a real threat in the second game of the match.

The Allen Central team had a hard time mounting much of an offense the first game of the match, losing 25-21. The young Rebels committed 15 unforced errors and could not recover. Meade earned three of her kills during the game

while Yumekia Hunter collected two. Alesia Hall ran the offense nine times earning three assists, while Amanda Mills maneuvered the Rebels 13 times getting two assists, and Brittany

Hodge set the offense six times, getting one assist.

Game 2 saw the Allen Central defense tighten up and their offense began to execute. Meade again paced the Rebels getting an unprecedented four kills in a row as Brittany Hodge set her up twice and Hunter and Mills set her up once each. This caused Prestonsburg to call a timeout. However, Prestonsburg could not get it going after that as Meade, Courtney Martin, and Hodge earned two aces each in their serving order. Hunter stepped in to serve and got two aces and the Rebels defense and offense worked hard to keep her serving for nine more

times. The Rebels could not be stopped and won the game 25-9.

Game 3 became tenacious as the lead seesawed back and forth while the game lead changed six times. However, Hunter earned two kills, Meade got two kills, and Martin added a kill to put the Rebels ahead by two and Prestonsburg never got closer. With the score 24-22, Hall stepped in to serve and planted an ace.

The match and final game went to the Rebels 25-22.

Allen Central will return to action Monday at 7:30 p.m. as it takes on South Floyd in the first round of the District Tournament. The tournament will be held at Betsy Layne High School.

MRN to add seven-second delay to broadcasts

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Award-winning Motor Racing Network, the nation's largest independent sports radio network, announced Friday that it will institute a seven-second audio delay in its NASCAR coverage, beginning with

Sunday's Banquet 400 Nextel Cup race at Kansas Speedway.

"The millions of fans that tune in each week can still expect the quality programming from MRN which they are accustomed to," said MRN President David Hyatt. "However, given the recent

scrutiny in the broadcasting industry, we feel this is the right thing to do to protect our hundreds of local affiliates across the country."

MRN is the primary source for NASCAR stock car racing and related radio programming in the United States.

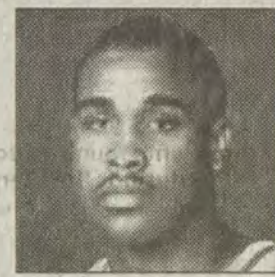
Jacob Cruz leaves Reds as free agent

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Utility player Jacob Cruz decided to become a free agent Thursday rather than stay with the Cincinnati Reds, who had dropped him from their 40-man roster.

Cruz was the Reds' top pinch-hitter last season, leading the team with 14 hits and 55 at-bats off the bench. He also started 22 games in the outfield, at first base and as a designated hitter before he was promoted from Triple-A Louisville on April 28. Cruz hit .224 overall with three homers and 28 RBIs.

Kentucky's Thomas undergoes surgery; full recovery expected



Sheray Thomas

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky forward Sheray Thomas underwent a planned surgical procedure of an undisclosed nature at the University of Kentucky

Hospital Wednesday and is expected to make a full recovery. He is scheduled to be discharged from the hospital by the weekend. The sophomore from Montreal, Quebec, will not be available when the team begins practice Oct. 16, but should return to basketball activity in 4-6 weeks.

"Sheray is resting comfortably and appreciates everyone's thoughts and prayers. He looks forward to being back on the court soon," Coach Tubby Smith said.

The University respects Thomas' rights under federal privacy laws and will make no further comment at this time per his request.

Raiders

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sion try failed following Hall's second score. The Raiders took a 22-6 lead into halftime and came out just as strong in the second half.

Joe Osborne set South Floyd up for its first second half score when — just 59 seconds into the third quarter — he broke free for a 55-yard touchdown run. Osborne's long run allowed South Floyd to set up shop on the Hazard 2-yard line. Johnson scored on a 2-yard keeper and then hooked up with his favorite target — receiver Justin Slone — on the two-point conversion to give the Raiders a 30-6 lead.

South Floyd added two more scores in quick fashion in the second half. The latter South Floyd score, a 12-yard

touchdown pass to Slone, came with 2:36 remaining in the third quarter.

Hazard put together a mild rally in the final minute of the third quarter, scoring a pair of touchdowns in 15 seconds. Leading 42-20, South Floyd buckled down and went on to add its final two scores in the fourth quarter, further solidifying its win over the visiting Bulldogs.

The South Floyd team that hit the field Friday night knew the importance of a win over Hazard.

"We had a good week of practice and I think these kids knew going in the significance of the game," said Daniels. "These kids play hard. They want to win."

And win they have. This group of Raiders have won in their last three outings, outscoring opponents 165-44.

Hall found the endzone again with 6:50 remaining in the game. Hall's final touchdown of the game was a 55-yard scamper. Fullback Kyle Hall added a two-point conversion and South Floyd led 50-20.

Gabe Stewart, inserted into the Raider backfield late in the game, scored on a 27-yard run with 2:53 left in the game to make the final score. The two-point conversion after Stewart's score failed.

Fresh off its biggest win of the season, South Floyd will return to action this Friday night, hosting Floyd County rival Allen Central (4-4).

Blackcats

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in 6 plays which was capped by a 16-yard touchdown run from Trevor Compton. The Blackcats then looked to be in control. Prestonsburg led 14-7 after three quarters of play, and still held the lead with less than 8:00 remaining, but that is when Belfry's Howard took control.

Howard carried the ball six times in Belfry's next possession for a total of 45 yards. Howard found the endzone on a 9-yard run with 3:55 left in the game to even the score at 14-14.

Prestonsburg was then unable to move the pigskin and was forced to punt the ball back

to Belfry. David Jones, who had been held in check all night by the Prestonsburg defense, reversed field and returned the punt from the Belfry 40 to the Blackcat 24-yard line.

Belfry marched to the Prestonsburg 5-yard line with less than :30 remaining, but Howard coughed up the football at the Blackcat 4-yard line and the game went into overtime.

Prestonsburg took the football in the overtime and was faced with a fourth-and-goal from the Belfry 1-yard line when Joe Blackburn was stopped at the goal line, and Belfry took over on downs.

Belfry took the win on the first play in overtime as Howard raced to the corner of the endzone and the Pirates escaped with the 20-14 overtime win.

Prestonsburg controlled the game for the most part as the Blackcat defense frustrated Belfry for most of the night. But in the end, Belfry claimed the win. The game ended as one in a series of many classic match ups in the Belfry-Prestonsburg rivalry and with any luck football fans in Eastern Kentucky could be treated to a rematch in the State Playoffs at the end of the season.

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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.

Wonder how Alexander ever cut the Gordian knot, or Washington managed to stand up in that boat, without first taking a pill?



Norman Allen

LOOK TO THE HILLS

All you

Lowlanders, and all who are away from home, come to the mountains, and soon. Make it not later than two weeks hence. The maples, sweet gums, oaks, poplars, sourwood and a host of other trees are just now giving a hint of the beauties they soon will be. Soon all this color will run riot, and away from the mountains, you will miss the grandest sight nature has for eyes grown tired of fine print/ TV screens, grimy streets and unending drabness.

SPOT OF COLOR

As you approach Ball Alley, at the upper limits of Prestonsburg, going south, you may, if you look, see a "chimney rock" on the hillside. And, just now, there's a tree-top that's aflame with color, near its base. I have a title for that picture if you get one. "Fire in the Hearth."

UNDECIDED

I am between two straits as to what to do. The dog isn't content with one desk. Now he sails onto mine, with devastating results. I have considered spraying the desk with dog-repellant, but there are some who would say that would keep me away, maybe the best prescription would be a dose of turpentine, which might be called a dug-propellant.

A little boy was just closing the deal for a newly-weaned puppy. He had picked the one he wanted from the litter and was prepared to depart when the kennel owner had a moment of doubt.

"Oh, dear," she said, "perhaps I shouldn't let that one go. I'm not sure if he is big enough to eat yet."

A look of alarm flashed across the boy's face. "Gosh, lady," he said. "I don't want to eat him. "I love him!"

JENNY WILEY PIONEER FESTIVAL



Everyone loves a festival

With the help of beautiful weather, local residents found all sorts of ways to have fun during the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival over the weekend. Here is a look back.

photos by Tom Doty



MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Brain'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Hollywood has a long fascination with killer brain movies. Though we only use 10 percent of this organ, it apparently has a high scare factor when it is out of our heads and on the loose.

These brain flicks observe a few common rules. One, the brain can usually fly, or at least leap. Two, they are almost always from outer space, though they still resemble our gray matter. Three, they tend to have mind control powers. You can see these rules on display in countless 1950s flicks like "The Brain From Planet Arous," "Donovan's Brain" and (my favorite) "Fiend Without a Face," in which leaping brains from outer space try to knock out a satellite station by strangling everyone in a 10-mile radius with their spinal chords.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

In "The Brain" we get a late-1980s variation on the killer brain flick which includes such modernizations as splattery gore and a mind control via television message. This Canadian brain movie is also an homage to those great 1950s paranoia flicks like "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

It opens with the live broadcast of a talk show hosted by the arrogant Dr. Blake (played by David Gale, who also costarred as a mad scientist who proves deadly even after decapitation in "Reanimator"). While watching the show, a teen viewer is assaulted by a giant brain that comes out of her set while tentacles spring from the walls of her bedroom. It's a great moment and sets up an "anything can happen at anytime" atmosphere that pervades the rest of the film.

Next we meet a teen with an attitude problem that is evidenced by his blowing up the school's toilets. The angry adolescent, named Jim, is punished by being sent to "The Psychological Research Institute," which is run by — you guessed it — Dr. Blake.

Blake hooks him up to a monitor which is actually attached to the giant pulsing brain in the next room. He immediately starts hallucinating and breaks out of the institute in a rare scene that demonstrates that some people know how to act in a horror movie.

The bad news is that everyone in town watches the Dr. Blake show and is being controlled by the brain. Jim is eventually captured but escapes only to realize that he has to have a showdown with the brain. This means doing the unthinkable stupid and heading back to the place he just escaped from, but you gotta respect the civic responsibility he displays

(See LAGOON, page six)

The cat doctor

by NORMA and VINCENT HANS

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CAT & DOG LOVER'S SOUL"

Dr. McFarland, a veterinarian who goes by the name The Cat Doctor, has a practice in my hometown, where we bring our cat, Ragamuffin. At one point, we had to put Ragamuffin on a strict diet of prescription food, sold only at the vet's office. One time, when I went there to get a refill, I saw one of the saddest sights I have ever seen — a cat whose hind quarters were paralyzed and who could get around only by dragging his back legs behind him.

I asked the receptionist about the cat. She told me his name was Slick, and that some people had found him by the side of the road a couple of years

earlier and brought him in. The poor little guy had been shot and left for dead. The Cat Doctor treated him, and when he recovered, they decided to keep Slick as the office mascot.

At first, it just broke my heart to see him pull himself around the office, using just his front legs. But Slick has such spirit that each time I saw him, I seemed to notice his difficulties less and less.

Not too long ago, Ragamuffin became ill and I had to take him to the vet. The cat was scared to death to leave our house. Although he was in horrible pain from his illness, he put up a terrific fight. He fought his way out of the cat carrier three times before I could secure it.

I finally got Ragamuffin into the car and head-

ed over to see The Cat Doctor. Ragamuffin howled and cried the whole way. Even as I carried the carrier into the office, my cat was putting up a fight. He was terrified of being in this strange place filled with the new cat and people smells.

As I looked around I noticed Slick sitting on a little cat bed across the room, oblivious to all the commotion I'd brought into his kingdom. He ignored us, continuing to groom himself.

Setting the carrier down on the floor, I tried not to listen to Ragamuffin's strident pleas for help as I filled out the proper paperwork.

Then suddenly it got quiet. Really quiet. No more screaming. No more howls. I cocked my head to listen as I continued to calculate Ragamuffin's weight in my head. Still,

silence.

A sudden fear rushed over me as I realized that the front door to Dr. McFarland's office was still open. Omigosh, I thought, Ragamuffin must have gotten out of the carrier and run outside! I dropped my pen and turned to bolt out the door. I hadn't taken more than two steps when I stopped short — captivated by the scene before me.

Ragamuffin, still in his cage, had his pink nose pressed up against the bars. He was exchanging a calm little cat greeting with Slick, who had managed to crawl all the way across the room to comfort the agitated Rags. Slick, with his paralyzed hindquarters splayed behind him, pressed his nose

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Jim Davidson

Some thoughts on the ACLU

Former President Harry Truman, referring to our Founding Fathers' understanding of human rights once said, "The basis for our Bill of Rights comes from the teachings we get from Exodus and St. Matthew, from Isaiah and St. Paul. I don't think we can emphasize that enough these days. If we don't have a proper founded moral background, we will finally end up with a government, which does not believe in rights for anybody except the state."



One of those Founding Fathers President Truman was

referring to was our nation's fourth, President James Madison, who was also known as the Father of the United States Constitution. It is a matter of record where he said, "We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Now that is a far cry from something that I have just read in the Mission Statement for the ACLU, which stands for the American Civil Liberties Union. This statement says in part, "The ACLU is active in our national and state capitals, fighting to ensure that the Bill of Rights will always be more than a 'parchment barrier' against government oppression and the tyranny of the majority." This organization, founded in 1920, now has around 380,000 card-carrying members and one of its goals is to "work to insure that religious liberty is protected by keeping the government out of the religion business." What this means is that this "self-appointed" organization is basically in existence to protect

us from ourselves. From my perspective, they have been highly successful, but it has been terrible for America. Anytime there is an issue, whether national, state or local, involving the so-called separation of church and state, you will find them there fighting to remove the presence of God and all religious observances in any public arena where tax dollars are used to build or fund it. Is this really and truly what George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry and our other forefathers had in mind when they established our government?

One of the latest issues of this nature came about back in August 2003, when Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore was forced to remove the Ten Commandments from the Rotunda of the Alabama Justice Building. The day this took place, something interesting happened here locally. It was discovered that a copy of the Ten Commandments was hanging on the wall of a municipal

court building of a community near Little Rock.

At this point, I don't know whether this copy will be removed or not, but the CBS television affiliate did a poll that day and contacted 500 people by telephone and asked the question, "Do you think the Ten Commandments on the municipal court building wall should be removed?" Here were the results. Ninety percent said they should stay. Nine percent said they should come down and I guess the other 1 percent was undecided, like the fellow who said his favorite color was plaid.

During this time the state ACLU director was interviewed on television to get her opinion and some comments. She said they should come down because the government did not need to be in the religion business and her next comments were what really galvanized me. She said, "What if people like Moslems, Buddhists, Hindus and those of other faiths would be offended?"

In all my days I have never heard of an American going to Jordan, Saudi Arabia, India, Japan or any other country and being offended because they had symbols of their religions on display. Give me a break!

In recent days we have had reports of those in our country that want to remove the word "God" from our currency and to remove the word "God" when we recite the Pledge Of Allegiance to our flag. The one thing I have not heard that would be just about as ridiculous is for some of these folks to suggest that we should remove the passages from the Bible that have been chiseled in stone or marble on many of the buildings in our nation's capital.

Please understand, the ACLU and its members have the same rights that you and I have, and I certainly respect that. One of the reasons for writing this column is that I want more Americans to know about this organization and what they stand for. If we really and truly want to do something to change things in this country, we need to elect Godly men and women to be judges, who understand what our forefathers were talking about. They meant for us to have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion.

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Lagoon

here because teens in movies tend to be portrayed as having an aversion to any responsibility.

Can Jim stop the mad doctor before his show gets into syndication? How can he stop a villain who is prone to saying clever things like, "Get him"? Will he be able to outwit an alien brain and, if he does, will the school lift his suspension? You will have to find this flick for the answers but, believe me, you'll have so much fun that you forget the questions, or is that the brain taking over your conscience?

Best line: "Your mediocre mind is incapable of understanding the depth of my work." 1988, rated R.

Special Announcement

The Black Lagoon is pleased to announce the first annual "Halloween Horror Trivia

Contest." It's easy to play. Just visit our website, www.floyd-countytimes.com, and click on the pumpkin. You'll be taken to a page where you can submit your answer, as well as your name, age (very important since the DVD prize has been rated R), address and phone number.

The winner will be randomly selected from all entries received by 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28. The winner will be announced in the Halloween edition of the Black Lagoon, which will hit the streets on Sunday, Oct. 31.

The werewolf movie is making a comeback this year when Wes Craven and Kevin Williamson, the director and writer behind the "Scream" trilogy, finally release "Cursed." Christina Ricci stars in this modern take on the werewolf genre and it promises to be a film to watch for.

This year's trivia question comes from the original "Wolfman," which was released by Universal pictures in 1941. In the film, Lawrence Talbot is bitten by werewolf and succumbs to the curse of the lycanthrope. The question is: What horror icon played the Gypsy werewolf who put the bite on Talbot?

The winner of the contest will receive one copy of John Landis' 1981 werewolf classic "An American Werewolf in London." This is the DVD version which includes a ton of extras. Among the special features are a widescreen print of the film, a making-of documentary, deleted scenes and a feature on makeup artist Rick Baker, who provided the werewolf effects for the film as well as the special make up for Wes Craven's upcoming werewolf opus.

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Kentucky Opry to stage annual Halloween show

PRESTONSBURG — Tickets are now on sale for the Kentucky Opry Halloween Show with The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros. The show will be presented Saturday, October 30, at 7:30 p.m.

The evening will include costume contests in the lobby for four age categories starting at 6 p.m. Categories include 3 months to 2 years, 3 to 5 years, 6 to 9 years and 10 to 12 years. Contestants must register for the contest as soon as they arrive.

Kids in costume will be invited to go on stage with the Kentucky Opry. There will also be games, activities and treats in the lobby before the show.

Last year's Kentucky Opry Halloween Party played to a sold-out crowd. Little ghosts and goblins of all sorts and descriptions filled the lobby before the show to register themselves to win one of the many prizes that were given away.

Kids also enjoyed the games which included "Toss The Rat," "Storytelling," "Face-Painting," "Apple-Bobbing" and more. The place was absolutely filled with candy treats for all the little goblins.

All the costumed kids got to go on stage during the Opry performance, and prizes were awarded in age categories.

Then, more prizes were handed out from the stage. As usual, Munroe caused a ton of devilment. He was even accused of cutting the high heel off one of the singer's shoes.

Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$11 for students 18 and under, \$11 for senior citizens 55 and older, and \$11 for guests in wheelchairs. Groups of 15 or more can receive discounted tickets for \$10.

Kids 12 and under who arrive in their costumes will be admitted free, but must have a reserved seat.

For tickets call toll-free, (888) MAC-ARTS, or locally, 886-2623.

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1. "The Dark Tower VII: The Dark Tower" by Stephen King (Scribner/Grant)
2. "Incubus Dreams" by Laurell K. Hamilton (Berkley)
3. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
4. "Trace" by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)
5. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
6. "Shopaholic & Sister" by Sophie Kinsella (Dial)
7. "Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell" by Susanna Clarke (Bloomsbury)
8. "The Plot Against America" by Philip Roth (Houghton Mifflin)
9. "Nights of Rain and Stars" by Maeve Binchy (Dutton)
10. "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" by Sidney Sheldon (William Morrow)

- 3. "Family First: Your Step-by-Step Plan for Creating a Phenomenal Family" by Phillip C. McGraw (Free Press)
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5. "Unfit for Command: Swift Boat Veterans Speak Out Against John Kerry" by John E. O'Neill, Jerome R. Corsi (Regnery)
6. "The Family: The Real Story of the Bush Dynasty" by Kitty Kelley (Doubleday)
7. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
8. "The Gourmet Cookbook" Edited by Ruth Reichl (Houghton Mifflin)
9. "Eats, Shoots & Leaves" by Lynne Truss (Gotham)
10. "Chain of Command: The Road from 9/11 to Abu Ghraib" by Seymour M. Hersh (HarperCollins)

- 5. "Winner Takes All" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
6. "Deception Point" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
7. "Split Second" by David Baldacci (Warner Vision)
8. "Safe Harbour" by Danielle Steel (Dell)
9. "Digital Fortress" by Dan Brown (St. Martin's Press)
10. "The Notebook" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)

Soup

to the bars as well. The two cats sat quietly, Slick continuing to soothe Ragamuffin's fears in a way only another cat would know how to do.

Smiling, I realized that there was more than one Cat Doctor around this place.

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- NONFICTION/GENERAL
1. "America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction" by the writers of The Daily Show, Jon Stewart (Warner)
2. "He's Just Not That into You" by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuocillo (Simon Spotlight Entertainment)

- MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS
1. "Blow Fly" by Patricia Cornwell (Berkley)
2. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
3. "A Lady of His Own" by Stephanie Laurens (Avon)
4. "The Big Bad Wolf" by James Patterson (Warner)

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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 1994 Ford Crown Victoria 1 owner, looks good and runs good, new Battery and almost new tires, high mileage asking \$1,000 OBO call 606-874-2887

For sale 1997 Cadillac Catera, fully loaded, sun roof 12 C/D player, Leather seats, Boise, 3.0 6 cyl. 79,000 miles asking \$5,200 call 606-377-0011

For Sale 1996 Mercury Cougar, White 2 door, all power, A/C, six cylinder only 40,000 miles, perfect body very nice \$4,225 call 606-285-3688 after 5pm

For Sale 1992 Ford Tempo and 1981 Rivera call 606-478-4015 after 6pm.

For Sale 1993 Ford Crown Victoria 138,000 miles. \$1,200, call 606-874-0467

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404 DAVID ROAD
 01 Chevy Blazer LT 4 door 32,000 miles 10,500, 1996 ED Explorier moon roof loaded, \$6,500 call Hicks Auto Sales at 606-886-2842 after hours 886-3451

For Sale 1991 Ford Mustang GT convertible, low actual miles 66,000, call 606-886-8765

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

We will pick up and remove all junk cars for free quick change engine and transmission repair and used auto parts with 24 hours records service call (606)-886-2175 qcgoodwrench@yahoo.com business hours 9.am. To 7 p.m. 24/7

160-Motorcycles

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.

175-SUV's

For Sale 1993 Honda 300 4x4 with Snow blade 1,500 call 606-285-5176

180-Trucks

For Sale 1998 Chevy S10 pewter, 2.2L, C/D player, chrome rims, bed tarp, ground effects, asking \$3,000 call 606-358-9214

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

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.

210-Job Listings

Mountain Manor of Paintsville is now taking applications for LPN, RN, CNA Excellent pay and benefits, Apply in person at 1025 Euclid Ave, Paintsville, Ky from 8am to 4:30pm Mon.-Fri.

Thunder Ridge is taking applications for bartenders, servers & tenders for Prestonsburg and Pikeville locations, call Mark at 606-886-7223. Mon-Wed. 9am to 2 pm

Aggressive fast growing company seeks Route driver with class B CDL and Hazmat, no over night runs. Excellent benefits, plus bonus program apply in person at junction 23 & 80 at Air Gas call 606-874-8001

Position available, Vice President / CADC 2 years experience in the Pikeville / Paintsville opioid replacement therapy center call 606-437-0047 or 606-789-6966

Want like to do Computer work from my home, have experience in Quark Adobe Photo Shop Office 2004, Windows XP, can do ads, flyers, typing scanning pictures and retouching old photos call 606-297-1454 leave message if no answer

Wanted Paralegal for law office in Hindman /Knott county experience required call 606-785-5556 day phone 606-946-2271 evening. or fax resume to 606-785-0015

AVON

Make your own money, sign up for \$10, for limited time. Call Jancy at 886-2082.

220-Help Wanted

Wanted Part time employer in the Prestonsburg area, for office / clerical computer skills a must experience in Windows Send a resume to P.O.Box 2363, Pikeville, Ky. 41501

Looking for Energetic, self person, who can work on deadlines and handle stress. If this sounds like you and you have reliable transportation and can work full time, Salary, plus Commission mileage and Insurance plus 401K. Send resume to Sales K.F. P.O. Box 390 Prestonsburg, Ky 41653

Manpower temporary services, located in Prestonsburg, is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following positions Billing clerk experience in a medical setting reviewing and a submitting insurance billing, general clerical duties, knowledge of AS 400 a plus. Accounting clerk knowledge of financial statements, payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, at least one year accounting experience or degree required. Data entry clerks above the average keying speed, experience and medical office setting, excellent phone and communications skills are required. Must be able to work any shift and be highly flexible Qualified applicants should calm and power to schedule an appointment at 889-9710.

Tax preparer positions available. Experience not necessary. We provide training. For information regarding positions available call 800-738-4714

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

The Martin and Areas Senior Citizens Center is now accepted applications and/or resumes for the position of Cook Assistant. This position is responsible for preparing and delivering F.D.A. approved meals for Senior Citizens Centers, maintaining kitchen and equipment, supplies and inventories, Daily set up and cleanup of dining room and kitchen, perform other duties as necessary to operate and maintain the center, safety and efficiency. General requirements for this position include High School Diploma or equivalency, one year experience in commercial cooking, inventories experience, valid driver's license with clean driving records, negative TB, attend a CPR and nutritional training. All applications /resumes must be presented to the Martin Area Senior Citizens Center P. O. Box 398, Martin, Kentucky 41649 and received by 1:00 PM October the 15, 2004, with RESUME on the outside of the envelope. You may call (606)-285-9573 for more information. Martin Area Senior Citizens Center does not discriminate in employment on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status or disability.

O.T.R. Driver needed mid-west to south east new equipment, home weekends, good pay. call 606-452-9343 **Need lady to stay with newborn infant** Monday thur Friday 7:30am to 4:30 pm in the Prestonsburg area call 606-886-6728 or 606-886-8201 in no answer leave message references required.

Wanted some one to do house cleaning must have references call Judy at 606-886-1539 before 9 am or after 5 pm.

Demonstrators Wanted for in-store events at Wal-Marts; Saturdays & Sundays, Daytime Hours, Good pay, Bilingual a plus. Call 88-638-3568 Monday Friday, Please leave a message with area code, phone # and names of cities / states around you

Help wanted in Mt. Sterling some one to live in Trailer beside house, and help with lady and man in wheelchair. must meet Pathways rules, they pay 40 hour a week and we furnish trailer and extra pay for help with lady call 859-498-2403 Night or 859-498-3658 day ask for Betty

Looking to hire experience welder, deep mine equipment mechanic, and fabricator for shop work call 606-874-6441 or 478-4219

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280-Service Secretary for Medical office 9am to 5pm or 10am to 7pm should have some Sec.or Medical billing experience call 606-886-1714 or 606-285-9000

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MERCHANDISE

410-Animals

For Sale AKC Black German Shepard pup pies, 8 weeks old has had 1st shots call after 6pm 606-886-794

445-Furniture

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

460-Yard Sale

Moving Sale level: Furniture, Clothes Washer & Dryer, Dishes, Mattress, TV,s Backer Rack, Bed Rails, call 606-454-1975

Huge 4 family Yard Sale containing brand name clothes, sporting goods, hunting & fishing equipment, appliances, electronics, jewelry and 4x4, Automobiles, 7 miles up big Mud Creek, Route 979 Friday and Sat. Sun call 606-587-2031

Moving Sale level: Furniture, Clothes Washer & Dryer, Dishes, Mattress, TV,s Backer Rack, Bed Rails, call 606-454-1975

2 family Yard Sale Fri. 10th and Sat, 11th only located 466 Trimble Branch Rain or shine

480-Miscellaneous

For Sale Frigidaire, Dish washer, Black like new, 2 high back sofa chairs, matching, large couch, his & hers chairs, audubon. call after 6:pm call 606-874-6700

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House for Sale \$95,000 3 bed room 1 1/2 bath, private lot located on Ky. Route 1428 between Allen and Prestonsburg call 606-874-6500 home work. 606-886-6468

Land for Sale Bear Hollow 9/10th of a mile from new U.S. 23 city water available for more information call 606-886-295910-8to 13

For Sale Single Family residential lot, city amenities and restructions asking \$25,000 call 606-237-475

For Sale 8 ft' refrigerated deli case, \$1000, small pizza oven, \$400, small juice cooler, \$150, washer & dryer, \$150 pair. Call 603-886-2367.

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House for Sale 2 bed room, located 2 miles above Mc Dowell call 606-377-1145

House for Sale 3 bed room, 2 bath approximately 1 acre 2 minutes from town, asking 69,500 reduced for quick sale 59,500 call 606-886-9565

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Positions Available Direct Care Provider

Join a growing organization committed to providing quality services to individuals with mental retardation/developmental Disabilities. Must be 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license (DCPs do some transporting of individuals) and must be able to work flexible hours and weekends. Starting salary is \$6.50

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 P.O. Box 468

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570-Mobile Homes

For Sale 2 cemetery plots for sale in old section Davidson Memorial call 606-478-1376

For Sale 1995 Fleetwood Stone Ridge 24 x 52, 3 bed room 2 bath with 2 new decks, all kitchen appliances included, central heat and air, in excellent condition asking 19,500 call 606-886-3437 leave message,

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RENTALS

610-Apartments

Renovated efficiency Apts.1 and 2 bed room in Martin, Ky. like new good location call 606-285-3025 between 9am to 5pm for more information

For rent furnished Apartment near J. W. Lake in Prestonsburg very clean, private, suitable for working man, ready to move in, no pets call 606-886-3941

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For rent House with apartment references required 7 miles from prestonsburg call 606-886-8366

Furnished 1 bed Apt. 5 miles from Martin, on route 1210 Utilities already turned on \$370, plus electric, \$120.00 deposit call 606-285-3641 anytime...

For Rent 2 bed room town house Apt. Stove, Refrigerator W /D hook-up, \$435.00 a month plus utilities. \$250.00 deposit 1 year lease. No Pets, call 606-237-4758

\$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 call 606-886-0039

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620-Office Space
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! 424-2690 or 226-2266

630-Houses
For Rent nice 1 bed room House on Highland Ave. in Prestonsburg 300.00 pr month 200.00 Deposit call 606-874-9488

For Rent 2 bed room house located 2 miles from P.C.C., completely renovated, new central heating & cooling, non smoker, couple preferred call 606-886-8231

For Rent 3 bed room located in Lancer / Prestonsburg \$400.00 a month \$300 deposit call 606-478-5389 or 606-477-1707

For rent 3 bed room house all electric heat must have good references deposit required call 285-1680

For Rent small nice house 1 bed room located on Highland Ave in prestonsburg \$300.00 per month \$200.00 deposit

House for rent at Spurlock Creek 2 1/2 miles from Mac Arts Prestonsburg, nice 2 bed room 1/12 bath, large living room Kitchen dining room with all appliances plus w/d Deposit 300.00 rent 500.00 plus utilities call 606-886-1997

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House for rent 2 bed room House in Martin quite neighborhood, excellent condition furnished with all accessories, call 9a.m to 5 p.m. 606-285-9812 or 606-285-3025

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House for rent willing to sell on a lease purchase contract, \$ 750.00 per month \$1,000.00 deposit, references required NO PETS 3 bed room 1 1/2 bath, private lot located on Ky. Route 1428 between Allen and Prestonsburg call 606-874-6500 home work. 606-886-6468

2 bed room Duplex central heat and air, close to Prestonsburg, No Pets. call 606-886-9007 or 606-889-9747

650-Mobile Homes

Owner private, in country, location trailer 686 on Fitzpatrick Road, off Mountain Parkway 4 1/2 miles from Prestonsburg, \$150.00 plus \$150. deposit, 281-538-4405

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

640-Land & Lots

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

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Trailer for rent call 606-874-2805

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

For rent 2 bed room mobile home in Wayland Hud approved call 606-3504 \$350.00 per month 250.00 deposit

For rent two bedroom mobile home near Wayland HUD approved, call evening's (606)-946-2833

Trailer for rent 300.00 a month located in Salt Lick on Route 7 call 606-358-4524

For rent 14 x 65 Total electric 2 bed room 2 bath call 606-285-3980

670-Com. Property

For Lease Retail or Office space in Prestonsburg call 606-886-8366

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.

For Sale or Lease Large Building Great for offices spaces call 606-478-5403

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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The Floyd County Times is seeking to fill the position of Business Manager. The successful candidate will be a self-motivated individual who is task-oriented, able to work without close supervision, and with good people skills. Prior bookkeeping experience is required, office manager background preferred. Ability to supervise others will be considered a plus.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SEWER RATES SOUTHERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an application filed with the Public Service Commission of Kentucky under KRS 278.023 by the Southern Water and Sewer District (the "District"), the District proposes to establish its monthly sewer rates and its sewer tap fees as follows:

Usage Block	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
First 2,000 gallons of water usage	Not Applicable	\$ 23.65 Minimum Bill
All over 2,000 gallons of water usage	Not Applicable	7.93 per 1,000 gallons
Tap Fees		
New Customers on gravity line	Not Applicable	\$ 400.00
New Customers on force main	Not Applicable	\$ 2,610.00

The proposed rate adjustment is required by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development ("RD") in connection with a PRIDE Grant, which will be administered by RD, to the District in the amount of \$1,020,000, and a proposed loan from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority ("KIA") in the amount of \$230,000.

The PRIDE Grant and the KIA loan proceeds will be used in conjunction with an EPA Grant in the amount of \$1,500,000, and a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 to finance a sanitary sewer system improvement project known as the Wayland Sewer Project (the "Project"). The Project consists of the construction and installation of (a) approximately 5.5 miles of gravity and force main sewer collection lines and appurtenances; (b) a 100,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant; (c) four (4) pump stations; and (d) a telemetry system.

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BUSINESS SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc., is seeking a Business Services Representative for the Floyd County Service Office. Duties would include, but not limited to, promoting JobSight policies and initiatives, attending community meetings, coordinating outreach and marketing efforts, and providing services to customers in Johnson, Martin, and Magoffin Counties.

Would prefer Bachelor's Degree in business, social work or related field, but will consider non-degree candidate with a combination of relevant education and work experience.

The successful candidate must possess the ability to communicate effectively, have excellent planning, organizational and marketing skills, and possess the ability to work with a wide range of people. Proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office products is essential. Must have a valid driver's license and access to an automobile.

Qualified applicants may send a resumé and letter of application to Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc., ATTN: Ida F. Webb, Human Resource Manager, Johnson County Courthouse, Third Floor, Paintsville, KY 41240.

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