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briefs

Stumbo warns of vaccine gouging

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The office of Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced Wednesday that consumers should be on the alert for, and immediately report, suspected price-gouging by distributors and providers of Flu vaccine.

The announcement came just one day after the Attorney General's office of Kansas filed suit against a Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based company that has allegedly upped the price of its flu vaccines in the wake of the shortage.

"We are not presently aware of such instances of price-gouging taking place in Kentucky," Stumbo said. "However, due to the limited distribution of the influenza vaccine this flu season, the opportunity is present for a distributor or provider to gouge consumers. This will not be tolerated and we will act swiftly and aggressively to protect citizens of the commonwealth from such actions."

The price for the vaccine costs, on average, about \$85 a vial. If you suspect that you are a victim of price-gouging, the Attorney General urges you to contact his Office of Consumer Protection at (888) 432-9257.

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Mother's early release being reconsidered

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Judge Danny Caudill held a hearing Friday to revisit a "shock probation" request by Michelle Carroll.

Carroll was serving time for her part in a check-forging scheme when her 4-year-old son, who was under the care of

Carroll's mother, lost his leg in a lawnmower accident in June.

When she appeared in court last week, after drafting a letter to Judge Caudill, she tearfully pleaded to be allowed shock probation in order to care for her son. Caudill said at the time that he rarely granted shock probation, which allows first-time convicts an early release under the presumption that their

brush with the law had scared them straight, but was leaning towards doing it in this case.

"I am considering it more for the child in this case," Caudill said.

On Friday, the subject was revisited in circuit court after a motion was filed by the Commonwealth's Attorney's

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Michelle Carroll looks sheepishly at Judge Danny Caudill as he announces that he will rule on her petition for early probation in 10 days.

photo by Tom Doty



photo by Sidney Jane Bailey

Residents of Cow Creek are concerned about the continuing deterioration of their road. Currently, Route 194 is slipping into Dewey Lake, posing dangerous travel. Heavy vehicles such as coal trucks and busloads of children frequently travel along the road.

Bond set for alleged burglars

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Bill David Hagans, 26, and Phillip Matthew Hagans, 20, both of Langley, were in court Friday on bond matters for a case that has the brothers accused of breaking into a neighbor's home in Langley.

Each was given a \$10,000 bond in the matter that alleges that on August 6 they broke into the home of Langley neighbor Cecilia Lemaster at 4 a.m. Lemaster heard a noise and ventured downstairs to investigate, and alleges she found the defendants, whom she recognized, in her house.

"I caught Matthew redhanded with his hand in my purse trying to get my money," Lemaster said shortly after the incident.

Lemaster also told The Times in August that, "Someone called [after she pressed charges] and threatened to burn my house down." That statement has been followed up on by the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and was brought up in court by Asst. Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor

"There may be more charges forthcoming," Taylor said. "There is evidence of intimidation of witnesses in this case."

Judge Danny Caudill took the threats seriously as he outlined the conditions of bond for both brothers.

"There is to be no contact with you and the victim in this case," Caudill instructed. "That also goes for any contact that is conducted through a go-between. Neither of you are to go within 1,000 feet of the victim in this case. If you walk into a store and you see them in there, then that means you have to leave."

The victim was very upset about the incident after it occurred and was candid about how she felt violated by it.

"It is awful to wake up early in the morning with someone in your house," Lemaster said.

Lemaster did not, however, let that feeling intimidate her when it came to pursuing the matter through the courts.

"I am going to press charges and take this as far as I can," she said.

Forgery defendant appears in court

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Tanya Kestner Perkins, of Martin, was arraigned Friday in circuit court for her part in an alleged check-forging scam.

Perkins is also being charged with being a persistent felony offender, which will double any sentence she is

meted out if she is found guilty of the charges.

A pretrial conference was set for Jan. 6 on the charges and a \$10,000 bond was set.

Perkins is accused of working with Michelle Carrol to steal checks from a couple and forge several of them for cash. Perkins has had a prior felony conviction and is married to another felon whose crimes instigated the fall

from grace of a Kentucky police chief.

Perkins is the wife of Matthew Perkins who has had his share of trouble with law enforcement and, through no fault of his own, helped get the police chief of Martin arrested.

Two years ago, Perkins was charged with robbing a drugstore in Martin, where he got away with close

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House chairman: former insurance company exec 'did nothing improper'

by JOE BIESK ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A former insurance company executive who advised Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration in developing a 2005 health insurance proposal "did nothing improper," the chairman of a committee investigating the matter said Friday.

Mark Birdwhistell, a former CHA Health executive and subject of the investigation, testified before the House State Government Committee and read a prepared statement denying any wrongdoing. Birdwhistell said during the hearing that all of his actions while working with the administration were "legal, moral and ethical."

Rep. Charles Geveden, the committee chairman, said that based on the committee's investigation that Birdwhistell had not done anything wrong. The committee had not raised any specific allegations against

Birdwhistell.

"I'm satisfied that Mr. Birdwhistell did nothing improper," Geveden, D-Wickliffe, told reporters after the hearing.

Fletcher called the General Assembly into a special session last week, hoping it could improve upon the administration's 2005 health insurance plan, which has been met with a huge public outcry and a threatened teachers' strike later this month if current benefits aren't restored.

The state's health insurance plan covers 229,000 retired and active public school and state employees. Participants have argued the governor caught them by surprise with expensive changes.

Geveden's committee has been holding hearings and gathering testimony on Birdwhistell's involvement in the development of the administration's proposal.

Birdwhistell, until January, had been the

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Steve Kay, facilitator, turned the microphone over to John Rosenberg, of Prestonsburg, for comments during a forum hosted Tuesday evening at Prestonsburg High School by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. The Council, established in 1997, is responsible for leading the education reform efforts set out in the 1997 Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act. Forum discussions centered around how to best prepare Kentuckians for postsecondary education, how to ensure that those enrolling complete their programs, and how to develop improved Kentucky communities and economy.

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Odds and Ends

■ **LIVERMORE, Calif.** — Even art sometimes needs to go through a spell check.

A Miami artist has agreed to correct the spelling errors on the ceramic mural she assembled outside the city's new library.

Maria Alquilar, who originally refused to fix the misspellings despite being paid \$40,000 for the project, said Assistant City Manager Jim Piper persuaded her to rethink her decision.

"He convinced me the easiest way to lay the matter to rest is to correct it," Alquilar said. "I really want people to see the work's meaning so they stop making issues of things that are unimportant."

Library staff counted 11 misspellings in the names of Einstein, Shakespeare, Vincent Van Gogh, Michelangelo and seven other historical figures.

Alquilar, who has called the mosaic's message one of "enlightenment" and pursuit of knowledge, said officials overseeing the project bore some responsibility for not catching errors before she cemented the tiles.

The mosaic mess became a local controversy after the city acknowledged it would pay Alquilar \$6,000 plus travel expenses to return and fix the misspellings.

Alquilar said she intends to sign a \$6,000 contract to correct the errors, but plans to wait for the issue to cool down before she returns to do the work.

"I'm not racing out there right away, and when I do, it won't be with a big announcement," she said.

■ **BEN LOMOND, Calif.** — Preschoolers have parents hitting the bottle.

Parents and staff of the Children's Center of San Lorenzo Valley planned a whisky fund-raiser after the school's Santa Cruz County grant was cut for a second year.

They've hired Ray Pearson to introduce area residents to the finer points of single-malt Scotch whisky at a \$35-a-person fund-raiser Saturday.

"There's a lot of chuckling when people think of someone as needing guidance in how to drink," Pearson said. But the business of tasting fine whiskey, he said, "is really educational."

"It's not a booze fest," he said. Besides tasting, Pearson presents a history lesson, a show-and-tell discussion about artifacts he has collected from Scottish distilleries, including an antique malt shovel and a hunk of peat moss.

"There's been a lot of apprehension," said Karla Kleinsasser, director of the private nonprofit preschool. "Some staff didn't want the school associated with this. People said, 'alcohol ruins families.' We knew it was a gamble."

The school needs the money, she said.

"We need to get a base of supporters outside our parents," she said. "You can't just keep having Tupperware parties."

■ **HONOLULU** — A man got badly burned while trying to steal a copper cable from a Maui Electric Co. distribution system.

The Lahaina man was hospitalized in critical condition with third-degree burns to his upper body following the attempted theft Tuesday night, authorities said.

The suspect, who knocked out power to 1,600 homes and business in West Maui for about an hour, crawled to a service station after he was shocked, Maui police said.

"When an officer arrived at the station, he noticed the man was severely burned. He could smell burned skin and hair, and noticed the man's upper torso was burned and his hair was singed," Capt. Charles Hirata said.

He allegedly crawled through a tunnel to an underground junction box where he attempted to cut through a 12,000-volt distribution line, MECO manager Mike Ribao said.

The suspect got through the outer layer of insulation when he was electrocuted.

"The guy started to cut through the cable, but he didn't get through," Ribao said. "All he did was break through the

outer jacket. That's all it took.

"He can count his blessings that he's still alive."

■ **ZAGREB, Croatia** — A bank clerk didn't need a weapon to ward off a would-be robber. When the masked man pulled out a gun, she just laughed in his face.

The suspect was so humiliated he ran away.

The bungled holdup occurred Thursday at a small bank on Zagreb's main square, police said.

The 31-year-old clerk, identified only as Martina S., "laughed aloud" at the threat from the bandit because she knew she was protected by a bulletproof glass, said Gordana Vulama, a police spokeswoman.

After cackling at the thief, she coolly picked up the phone to call police, Vulama said.

The failed robber spun around and fled the scene, police said. Police are searching for the suspect, Vulama said.

■ **LONDON** — Spiders are more scary than terrorists — at least according to a survey of a thousand Britons.

Household creepy crawlies frighten Britons more than ter-

rorist attacks, or even death, the survey released Monday found.

Terrorism only came second on the list of respondents' top ten fears, according to the survey conducted by RSGB Omnibus for Universal Pictures UK Ltd. The survey was based on telephone interviews of 1,000 aged 16 to 55 across Britain on Sept. 22-26.

Another crawling phobia — snakes — was ranked third, followed by a fear of heights. Death came in a surprising fifth place as the nation's greatest fear.

"It's not surprising that terrorist attacks came only second to creepy crawlies," said psychologist Donna Dawson. "This is because fear of small creatures that scuttle about on four or more legs is a much more ancient, primordial fear, going straight back to caveman days."

For Britons, a visit to the dentist came in sixth place, followed by needles and injections, and fear of public speaking — whether professionally or at family events. Fear of debt came in ninth position, beating concerns over flying.

■ **SAN FRANCISCO** — Scott Duncan and Pamela

Habek have embarked on an attempt to sail alone around the world, a journey made even more treacherous by the fact that both are legally blind.

Duncan, 38, and Habek, 42, set out Monday in a 32-foot cutter for what they hope is a two-year voyage that takes them down the coast to Panama, across the Pacific and Indian oceans, around the tip of South Africa, through the Panama Canal and back home.

"We can't drive a car at 60 mph, but we can drive a boat at six knots," Duncan said.

With the help of modern technology that includes a talking Global Positioning System and a 10-power video magnifier they can use for reading charts, the couple is confident they have what they need to avoid sailing into harm's way even without perfect vision. Duncan has been a recreational sailor for 25 years.

Carl Augusto, president and CEO of the American Foundation for the Blind, said he wasn't aware of another blind couple having attempted such a journey before.

Duncan, who once taught at a camp for blind children, said he hoped their adventure would

inspire young people with visual impairments, as well as send a message to those who can see clearly with their eyes, but not always with their hearts.

"Next time you see a blind person, think, well, they're different, but I don't necessarily need to do something for them," he said. "Nothing drives me more crazy than when I'm crossing a street and someone grabs my arm."

■ **CATHEDRAL CITY, Calif.** — Residents ripping out lawns here are still seeing green.

The city is kicking in up to \$500 to some homeowners who replace turf with low-water desert landscaping. The reimbursement program is available to people in the Panorama neighborhood where broken sprinklers and standing water are a problem.

The city set aside \$30,000 from a pool of money it gets from the state to promote conservation, city environmental conservation manager Deanna Pressgrove said.

Resident Shilo Herrling has already uprooted grass in his front yard and installed desert plants.

"It is just so time-consuming.

Trimming and mowing and watering, and then you do it all over again," said Herrling, who is applying to the city for \$500 in reimbursements for converting to a desert-friendly, low-water landscape.

■ **SHANGHAI, China** — Things to do in Shanghai: Visit a museum, take a cruise, go shopping.

Watch a bull fight. Adding to the city's list of sometimes bizarre firsts, Shanghai next week will host China's inaugural edition of the ancient spectacle, complete with three Spanish matadors and eight Mexican fighting bulls.

"People here have money and cultural interests and are willing to spend to broaden their horizons," Zhu Weifeng, a spokesman for the show's promoters said Monday.

Boasting the highest incomes in China and eager to promote its image, Shanghai has hosted a series of pricey, high-profile events such as last month's first Formula One Chinese Grand Prix.

Other recent activities have been even more unusual, includ-

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Program urges adults to 'share a story'

FRANKFORT -- "Share A Story" nights, part of the statewide Unite to Read project and supported by KET, are scheduled at public schools across the state during October and November.

"Share A Story" will feature activities centered around the book *How Much Is a Million*, which was written by David M. Schwartz. The activities are designed for students, parents

and educators and include: displays on the featured book, reading tips for families, guest readers, activity booths and carnivals.

Unite to Read, a statewide literacy project designed by Kentucky's Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs), the Future Educators of America (FEA) and the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), is supporting

the PBS KIDS "Share A Story" initiative. Unite to Read is designed to promote literacy and lifelong reading among school-children in the state and involves nearly 50,000 middle and high school students, who lead the project in their respective schools.

PBS KIDS "Share A Story" is a national campaign that helps

kids develop reading and language skills, funded in part by a Ready to Learn cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Education.

More than 60 schools statewide have plans for activities during "Share A Story" nights. Contact local school district officials for more details in your area.

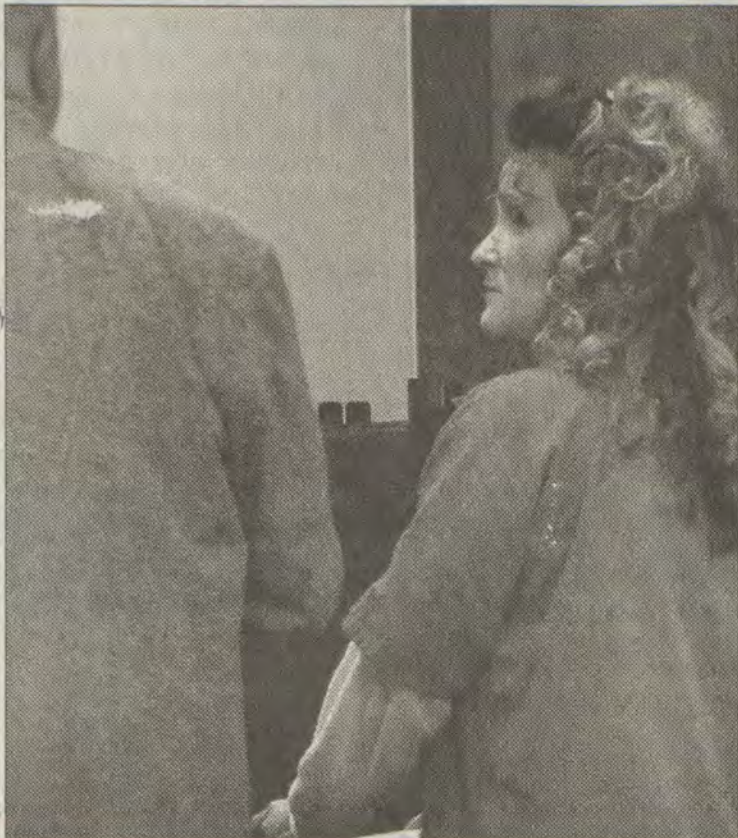


photo by Tom Doty
Tanya Kester Perkins, of Martin, looks up anxiously at public advocate Jim Adkins as she is arraigned Friday on charges of forgery.

Forgery

to 3,000 pills. The pills were recovered when he was arrested by the Martin Police Department. Perkins pleaded guilty to the charges and the drugs were ordered to be brought to the sheriff's department to be destroyed.

But Martin Police Chief Jeff Powell reported that he had already destroyed the pills, which raised suspicions since it is illegal to destroy evidence in a case without a court order. The Kentucky State Police launched an investigation which was ongoing when the City of Martin chose to fire Powell.

Longtime Martin police officer Jim Slone was chosen as the new chief. Slone discovered that paperwork from a "guns for cash" program didn't measure up to the number of guns that had been collected. A second investigation was begun into

Powell and he eventually pleaded guilty to charges of stealing evidence and was sentenced to two-and-a-half years in prison after the investigation revealed that Powell had sold some of the guns back to other Martin residents.

At the time, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said, "We believe it is a very important case, because the public needs to have confidence in their law enforcement officers. Here we have a case that involves a theft of prescription pills when drug abuse and drug trafficking is such a big problem in this area. Anyone that is charged with enforcing the law cannot be above the law. We've got a hard enough time dealing with the drug problem as it is without having to worry about police officers contributing to it."

Mother

Office. Their argument, articulated in court by Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, was that they had been misled by Carroll into thinking that she would be able to immediately begin caring for her son. The fact is that all three of her children have been placed in different foster homes. A representative from social services was on hand to confirm that fact.

The only way that Carroll will be able to see her boy will be during supervised visits which will only be instituted after she has proven that she can stay off drugs and maintain gainful employment.

Caudill asked for clarification from the social services representative by inquiring, "If she was released today, could she care for these children?" The representative responded that she could not and would not be granted weekend supervision of the children until she could indicate through her actions that she was ready for the responsibility.

Carroll was represented by public advocate Jim Adkins, who said, "I would just note that she [Carroll] was not aware of all of the steps that she would have to take to see her children."

At the end of the hearing, Caudill said for the record that he would rule on the motion for

early probation within 10 days, but did not hold out too much hope for Carroll when he said, "I do feel that you have misled this court."

Insurance

chief executive officer at Lexington-based CHA Health, one of the companies who won state health insurance contracts for next year. He is now an undersecretary in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

The committee had approved a resolution on Tuesday allowing itself to summon people under oath. However, no one who testified was placed under oath.

"Sometimes you hold the sword at the throat, but you don't cut," Geveden said.

Geveden said the committee would be issuing a report with findings on the investigation.

After the hearing, Birdwhistell said only that he was "happy to have had an opportunity to tell my side of the story."

Fletcher had said the investigation "offended him" and called it a "witch hunt."

On Friday, the governor said he was pleased by the committee's decision.

"It seemed like a trial with no allegation laid out initially," Fletcher said. "And, Mr. Birdwhistell is someone who has utmost character, exemplary abilities who did nothing, absolutely nothing wrong."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct. 17, the 291st day of 2004. There are 75 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 17, 1777, British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, N.Y., in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

■ In 1919, the Radio Corporation of America was created.

■ In 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted of income tax evasion and sentenced to eleven years in prison. He was released in 1939.

■ In 1933, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

■ In 1941, the U.S. destroyer Kearney was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Iceland; 11 people died.

■ In 1945, Col. Juan Peron staged a coup, becoming absolute ruler of Argentina.

■ In 1973, Arab oil-producing nations announced they would begin cutting back on oil exports to Western nations and Japan; the result was a total embargo that lasted until March 1974.

■ In 1977, West German commandos stormed a hijacked Lufthansa jetliner on the ground in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all 86 hostages and killing three of the four hijackers.

■ In 1978, President Carter signed a bill restoring U.S. citizenship to Confederate

President Jefferson Davis.

■ In 1979, Mother Teresa of India was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

■ In 1989, an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale struck northern California, killing 67 people and causing \$7 billion worth of damage.

Ten years ago: Leaders of Israel and Jordan initialed a draft peace treaty. Negotiators for the Angolan government and rebels agreed to a peace treaty to end their 19-year-old civil war.

Five years ago: The FBI reported that serious crimes reported to police declined for the seventh straight year in 1998 and murder and robbery rates reached 30-year lows. Former nurse Orville Lynn Majors was convicted of murdering six patients at a western Indiana hospital; the jury deadlocked on a seventh count. (Majors is serving a 360-year prison sentence.)

One year ago: Fire killed six people in a high-rise county building in Chicago. The House and Senate voted to spend some \$87 billion earmarked for securing peace and eliminating terrorist threats in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bolivian President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada

resigned; Vice President Carlos Mesa replaced him.

Today's Birthdays:

Playwright Arthur Miller is 89. Actress Marsha Hunt is 87. Actor Tom Poston is 83. Actress Beverly Garland is 78. Actress Julie Adams is 78. Daredevil Evel Knievel is 66. Country singer Earl Thomas Conley is 63. Singer Jim Seals (Seals & Crofts) is 62. Singer Gary Puckett is 62. Actor Michael McKean is 57. Actress Margot Kidder is 56. Actor George Wendt is 56. Actor Bill Hudson is 55. Actor Sam Bottoms is 49. Astronaut Mae Jemison is 48. Country singer Alan Jackson is 46. Animator Mike Judge is 42. Actor-comedian Norm Macdonald is 41. Singer Rene' Dif is 37. Reggae singer Ziggy Marley is 36. Singer Chris Kirkpatrick ('N Sync) is 33. Rapper Eminem is 32. Singer Wyclef Jean is 32. Actress Sharon Leal is 32. Rock musician Sergio Andrade (Lifehouse) is 27.

Thought for Today: "Some people always sigh in thanking God." — Elizabeth Barrett Browning, English poet (1806-1861).

Odds

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ing an Italian festival featuring a five-story-high replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and parachute jumps off the city's tallest skyscraper.

Zhu put the cost of importing the bulls at more than \$120,000. Two are reserves that, if not needed, may be donated to another country, he said.

"We have an agreement with the Mexican side not to use them for breeding. After all, bull fighting is a foreign culture that we have no intention to localize," Zhu said.

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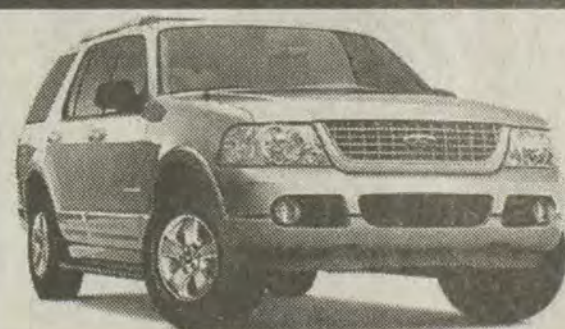
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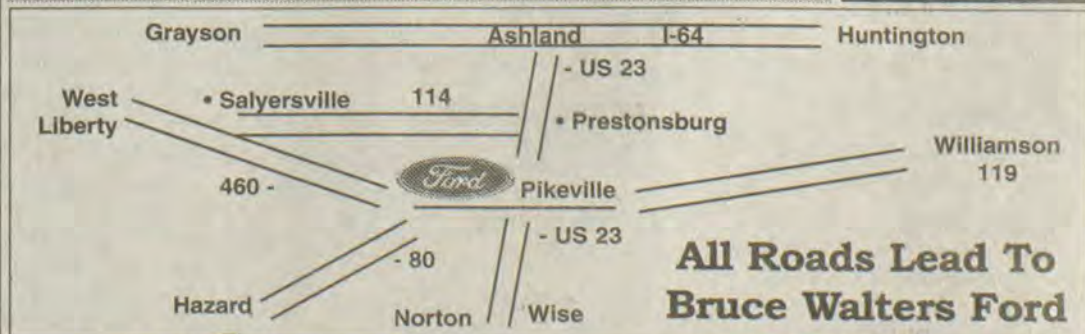
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Guest View

Public needs to know more

Fletcher administration officials are screaming "witch hunt" over the investigation into the role a former health insurance executive played in developing Kentucky's new insurance plan for public employees.

We don't think they're seeing the big picture.

Forget politics for a minute and consider the facts:

■ Last year, Mark Birdwhistell was CEO of CHA Health, a health insurance carrier 84 percent owned by the University of Kentucky. He also had registered as a lobbyist in Frankfort.

■ In January, he was "lent" to the state to serve as undersecretary for health. The state agreed to pick up his \$182,894 a year salary. CHA Health and/or UK also apparently agreed to hire him back to a comparable job when his contract with the state is over, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader.

■ While undersecretary, Birdwhistell has helped Gov. Ernie Fletcher develop a new insurance plan for teachers and state workers. (The degree of that help is the issue being probed.)

■ CHA Health's bid was very successful — it was selected as the exclusive carrier in two of the state's eight regions.

Given those facts, and regardless of whether there are any specific allegations of wrongdoing, how could state legislators not be expected to ask questions?

By all accounts, Birdwhistell is a smart and honorable man. And it's certainly not unusual to have experts advise the state on complicated legal, health and economic issues. (Or to be recruited from those industries — in the last few months the Fletcher administration has hired three other CHA Health officials. Democratic Attorney General Greg Stumbo, who is conducting a separate but similar probe of Birdwhistell, is also investigating those three officials' work on the state insurance program either while employed by the state or CHA Health.)

Stumbo's probe may be overkill, but when an executive on loan from a large company has a hand in a process that awards his company a big contract, it's certainly cause for questioning. As Rep. Charles Geveden, the Democratic chairman of the House State Government committee, said, "There's got to be a perception that there might have been some undue influence on the part of somebody."

It doesn't help that the description of Birdwhistell's role in the process has evolved by the day.

On Sept. 24, Gov. Fletcher said Birdwhistell's experience played a huge role in negotiating with the four winning insurance companies. Immediately Birdwhistell and others said the governor was wrong, and that he played only an insignificant advisory role in developing bid specifications.

But various health and finance officials have testified to Geveden's committee this week that Birdwhistell met with Fletcher and others both before and after the state sent out the bid specifications, giving the governor and others "technical advice" as they evaluated the bids being received.

But Birdwhistell did not personally evaluate the bids and did not influence the awarding of contracts, they said.

We want to know more. We are not ready to convict either Birdwhistell or the process yet, but things sure seem funny.

And that's called a "fact hunt," not "witch hunt."

— The Kentucky Post, Covington

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—Rich Lowry Column

Kerry's Iraq gambit

John Kerry plans to make a fall campaign push on Iraq. Since this issue has been one of his major weaknesses (quick: Describe his position in a sentence with five clauses or less), this latest new-and-improved Kerry strategy seems folly. But it is conceivable that Kerry can make a comeback based on Iraq. Here is why the gambit at least makes sense and how — if he makes the right moves — it could work for him.

NECESSITY: John Kerry will not win the election trailing President Bush by 20 points on national security. Pointing to the chaos in Iraq offers the best opportunity to dent Bush's national-security credentials.

ATMOSPHERICS: Bush loses every time there is a picture of another car bombing in Iraq. The more Kerry highlights Iraq — rather than Vietnam or health care or whatever — the more incentive the media have to cover events in Iraq.

TRUTHFULNESS: The Democrats

have picked away at President Bush's National Guard record. But no one cares much about 35-year-old events. On Iraq, Bush is forced to give the sunniest possible picture, one that will depart from more pessimistic analyses within the government and perhaps even from reality. It is here that meaningful points can be scored against his truth-telling.

FERTILE GROUND: Americans have been roughly divided on whether

the Iraq War has been worth it. This shows that about half of the people have some inclination to agree with Kerry if he makes a four-square case against the war.

If it makes sense to focus on Iraq, what should Kerry say and do?

FLIP-FLOP AGAIN: Repudiating his Iraq authorization vote would be the mother of all Kerry flip-flops. But it would finally give Kerry an Iraq position that is coherent, even if it has been inconsistent over time. You can't argue that we have been misled into a mistaken war, yet stand by your vote to authorize the

"mistake."

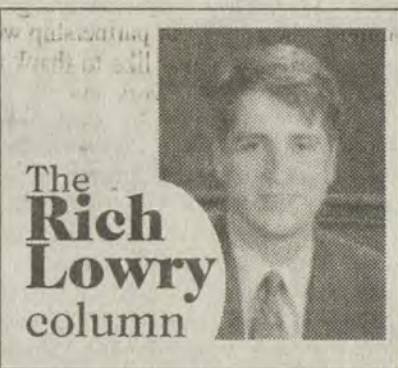
RESORT TO NATIONALISTIC DEMAGOGUERY: U.S. troops have been essentially placed at the disposal of a foreign government. Kerry should pledge never to allow this abdication of a commander in chief's responsibility to happen again. A cheap shot? Yeah, but you better believe Republicans would take it if a Democrat were in office.

HAMMER THE "POLITICIZED WAR": It has been domestic political considerations in Iraq that have kept U.S. troops from going all out in Fallujah and elsewhere. This is natural, since war always has to be related to its political goals, in this case creating a stable, legitimate Iraq government. But it provides fodder for another line of attack: for Kerry to denounce the "politicized war."

Of course, Kerry's Iraq attack might prove futile. Most of these criticisms come at Bush from the right. Kerry won't be able to make them convincingly — or at all — if he doesn't believe them. In his heart, he probably still believes there is a French division somewhere over the horizon that will bail us out in Iraq, if only we bow and scrape enough.

In any case, now the election will turn on exactly what it should, and be won or lost on the most important issue facing the country.

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— beyond the beltway

The first debate, such as it was

by DONALD KAUL

A good many TV commentators, speaking right after said after the first presidential debate, called it a tie. The president seemed a little slow at the beginning, they said, but he hit his stride and held his own with John Kerry during the rest of the evening.

So this is the liberal media we've been hearing so much about? A tie? Either they'd been drinking heavily or they'd been hypnotized by Karl Rove, Bush's chief shill.

If that debate was a tie, the Muhammad Ali-Sonny Liston fight was a draw.

By any objective standards — style, substance or demeanor — Kerry won going away. If it really had been a prize-fight, the referee would have stopped it at about the time Bush sputtered: "Of course I know Osama bin Laden attacked us. I know that."

Bush's performance was somewhere between Richard Nixon's in 1960 — when Mr. Nixon showed up looking like a sleep-deprived vampire — and that of Al Gore in 2000 — who gave his imitation of a petulant first grader whenever he was forced to sit still and listen.

Bush not only looked awful — tense, angry — he looked small. This was partly due to the fact that, by mutual agreement, the two lecterns were of the same height, which was fine for Kerry who is something of a giant, but the top of it

came almost to the armpits of the president and left him looking a little like a man peering over the top of a tall box.

You got the feeling Bush, who speaks only to groups that have been screened for friendliness, wanted to yell: "Who let that guy in here? Where's my Secret Service detail? Get Dick Cheney, Condi, somebody."

The format of the debate turned out to favor Kerry too. He's a bit of a windbag and being forced to keep his answers to two minutes improved the clarity of his responses.

The president, on the other hand, is information-challenged and had trouble filling in the two minutes with his meager store so he was left repeating himself again and again. How many times can you say "mixed messages" before the audience nods off?

So by me, it was a rout.

Still, it's very difficult to make an accurate judgment on who "wins" presidential debates. They're basically Rorschach tests; people see what they are prepared to see in them.

I say Kerry won, and while après-debate polls seem to bear that out, my opinion, sad to say, is really no better than yours or your Uncle Frank's. If you are determined to believe, against all evidence, that George W. Bush bested John Kerry in the debate and deserves to remain president, you are beyond my powers of persuasion. So be it.

Or you might think that too much is made of the debates, that the best debaters don't necessarily make the best presidents. I can respect that opinion.

The people I can't comprehend are those who say they're undecided.

Still?

Bush has been president for four years; Kerry has been campaigning for nearly half that time. Each of them has a record; each has made countless speeches and issued innumerable position papers. They have submitted themselves to interviewers and press conferences. You can go online and find transcripts of almost every word they utter. And there are still people who can't make up their minds?

What are they waiting for, a sign from Heaven? (If they are, they might check out what's happened to Florida recently, the state that swung the election to Bush last time.)

How would you like to be behind one of those undecideds in the checkout line at the supermarket when the cashier asks: "Paper or plastic?" You'd be there a week.

If you're undecided because you just started paying attention and the debate was your first exposure to the campaign, however, here's a little tip for you:

The guy on the right was the President of the United States.

Honest.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Joanne Brown, 68, of Spring Arbor Twp., formerly of Dansville, Michigan, a native of Alphoretta, died Sunday, October 10, at Great Lakes Hospice. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 15, under the direction of Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

Randall Gene Coggins, 54, of Betsy Layne, died Wednesday, October 6, at UK Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Billie Joyce Clark Coggins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Louise J. Elswick, 70, of Hi Hat, died Friday, October 8, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, James C. Elswick. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alex Hall, 61, of Grethel, died Tuesday, October 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Alice Rogers Hall. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Helen "Betty" Lykens

Hamilton, 71, of Honaker, died Saturday, October 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Charles T. Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Josie M. Hicks, 78, of New London, Ohio, a native of Bosco, died Friday, October 8, at the home of her daughter in North Fairfield. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 12, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home, New London.

Gladys Stambaugh Hughes, 88, of Ocala, Florida, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, October 7, at Palm Gardens of Ocala. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 11, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Donnie Jones, 56, of Stanville, died Friday, October 8, at his daughter's residence at Danville, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Launa Jones, 62, of Morehead, formerly of McDowell, died Tuesday, October 12, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 15, under the

direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sammy Everette Maggard, 62, of Drift, died Monday, October 11, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Benjamin Franklin "Frankie" Martin, 44, of Langley, died Saturday, October 9, at Wellington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Jessie Ray Isaac, 46, of Kite, died Tuesday, October 12, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Robert Keith Guyton, 50, of Inez, died Saturday, October 9, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Genet Fitchpatrick Guyton. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 13, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Brien Eddie Moore, 35, of Pilgrim, died Friday, October 8, at his residence. Funeral ser-

vices were conducted Sunday, October 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Luster "Ted" Sluss, 85, of Catlettsburg, a Martin County native, died Sunday, October 3, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 5, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Garland Spence, 71, of Inez, died Saturday, October 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 11, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Jean Ann Brown Collins, 56, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, October 6, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Bill Risner, 81, of Salyersville, died Sunday, October 10, at Mt. View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Graveside funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Harold DeRice Conley, 76, of Oil Springs, died Friday, October 8, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Helen Imogene Conley. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 11, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Howard V. Davis, 74, of Sumter, Florida, died Thursday, October 7, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 12, with burial at Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, under the direction of Childers Funeral Home.

Margaret Jean Welch Lamb, 71, of Palatka, Florida, a native of Whitehouse, died Sunday, October 3, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Herbert Lamb. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 6, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Walter L. Picklesimer, 94, of Orange City, Florida, formerly of Johnson County, died Thursday, September 16, at Oakwood Garden in DeLand, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Audra Picklesimer. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 19, under the direction of Lankford Funeral Home, Orange City.

Guy W. Preston Sr., 74, of West Van Lear, died Wednesday, October 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were Sunday, October 10, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Louise Milton Reynolds

Ballard, 89, of Naples, Florida, formerly of Louisa, died Saturday, September 11, following an extended illness. Memorial services were conducted Monday, October 13, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Barbara Jean Hogan Justice Kitchen, 69, of Louisa, died Sunday, October 10, at her residence. Graveside funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 13, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Brien Eddie Moore, 35, of Pilgrim, died Friday, October 8, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Mary Belle Young, 77, of Louisa, died Saturday, October 9, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, October 12, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Margaret Jean Welch Lamb, 71, of Palatka, Florida, a native of Whitehouse, died Sunday, October 3, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Herbert Lamb. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 6, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Carl Henry Taylor, 74, of Pikeville, died Friday, October 8, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lois Fraley Taylor. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 11, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

CAP receives 'Organization of Hope' award

Christian Appalachian Project Vice President Casey Sterr attended the World Vision conference in Phillippi, West Virginia on Friday, September 24.

While attending the conference hosted by World Vision, Christian Community Development Association (CCDA), World Servants and Appalachian Community CARE, World Vision-Appalachia Executive Director Ruston Seaman presented the

Christian Appalachian Project with the Organization of Hope award, an honor that congratulated CAP on 40 years of dedicated service in Appalachia.

According to Executive Assistant Shelby Dettinger of World Vision-Appalachia, the award is given to "an organization that has made a significant impact on the lives and communities in Appalachia."

"[The award] shows how we partner and collaborate with other organizations to be more

effective in serving people in need throughout Appalachia," said Sterr. "It is encouraging to see how these partnerships can grow and culminate into something that helps people throughout the region. Also, I would like to express my thanks to Vision Appalachia for giving us this award and for recognizing how well our partnership works. I would also like to thank them for all their work and dedication to the people we serve in Appalachia."

World Vision Appalachia is a Christian humanitarian organization, serving children and families in nearly 100 countries.

World Vision maintains health, education, agriculture, water, sanitation, and small business projects that help millions of people in their communities. These projects transform the lives of children and families in need without regard to religious beliefs, gender, race, or ethnic background.

The Christian Appalachian Project is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian organization committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through a wide variety of programs and services.



Dr. Thomas Matijasic, left, professor of history at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, joined with Dr. T. Allen Comp of the Department of the Interior, and Toby Edwards of the Tennessee Valley Authority to sponsor a session on Appalachian Preservation and Environmental Reclamation during the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual meeting at the Galt House in Louisville Sept. 28 through Oct. 3. Dr. Matijasic opened the session with a slide presentation on successful preservation efforts in the former company coal towns of eastern Kentucky. His presentation featured the community efforts in Benham, Lynch, Stearns, Stone and Van Lear. Matijasic stressed the role of strong community support in each of these preservation programs. He specifically praised local preservationist like Bobbie Gothard of Benham and Danny Blevins of Van Lear for their dedication and hard work.



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Pikeville College to host medieval cycle plays

PIKEVILLE — It was an age of castles and kings, captured on canvas by da Vinci and Michelangelo, and chronicled in the pages of great literary works like Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales." The Middle Ages, also known as medieval times, was a period of significant change tempered by a strong religious influence that shaped society. On Oct. 20, Pikeville College will bring the drama of the era to the stage, hosting five short plays known as "medieval cycle plays."

Medieval cycle plays were originally performed by local trade guilds made up of craftsmen and merchants who would put on a type of play, also known as a "miracle play," that was based primarily on Old and New Testament biblical themes. The community would come out to see the productions, which were performed on large wagons at various locations. The plays provided an opportunity for towns to publicly show their devotion to God and were commonly an arena for competition among actors and guilds.

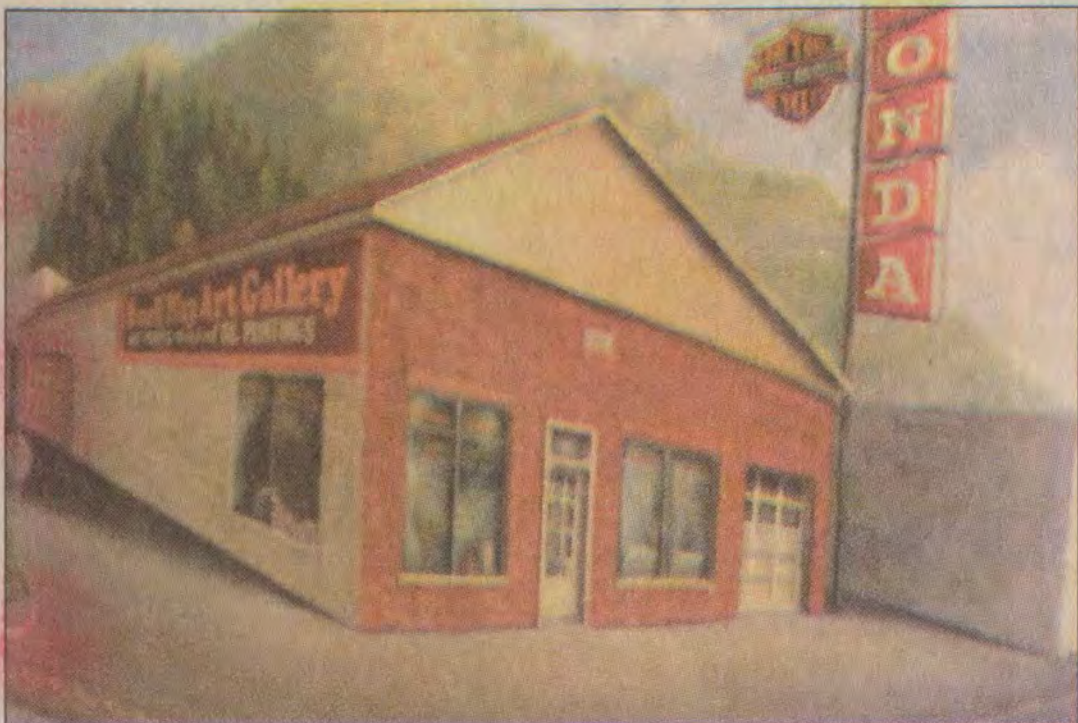
The series of performances are a collaborative effort of faculty and students from Pikeville College, Alice Lloyd College, Kentucky Christian and Ohio Valley Christian Colleges, Ferrum College, and the Appalachian College Association (ACA).

Pikeville College will be performing in "Noah's Flood," which features Basil Clark, associate professor of speech and theater, and Carol Grizzard, professor of religion. They will be joined by students Josh Salyers, Jesse Peck, Dana Smith, Adam Collins, Ashley Turk, Quintin Smith, Amber Skeens and Brenton Dials. Other plays include "The Creation and the Fall," "Cain and Abel," "Abraham and Isaac," and "The Second Shepherd's Play." In keeping with the structure of cycle plays, similar performances are being hosted by each of the participating colleges Oct. 17-23.

"The idea was conceived about two years ago when a couple of faculty from two other

ACA colleges decided to see if they could get a grant to produce cycle plays, similar to methods from medieval times," said Clark, who is also directing Pikeville College's play. "This has been a truly educational experience for me and the others involved in the project and I personally am excited about performing our play, "Noah's Flood."

The performance in Pikeville is set for Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Booth Auditorium. The event is free and the community is cordially invited. Prior to the show, Clark said cast members will be in the lobby of Booth Auditorium in medieval costume, "roaming the area and talking to theatre-goers about different aspects of medieval times."



Floyd County artist Randy Lawson is currently having a display of his art work at the Prestonsburg Campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The show, which ends Oct. 26, features landscapes of familiar local landmarks, painted deftly in the oil medium. Lawson is familiar to many area school children, having taught art, and by his murals which adorn many area schools. Lawson, who is a graduate of Morehead State University, has exhibited both locally and statewide. Currently he is settling into a new studio located at Lancer and plans to earn a living at the job he enjoys most, taking on challenging art commissions. "I love doing murals that highlight the richness of our area" Lawson said. The Prestonsburg Campus Art Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Special tours can be arranged by contacting Tim Sizemore at (606) 886-3863, ext. 67205.



Pikeville College professor Basil Clark and student Josh Salyers rehearse for "Noah's Flood," one of five medieval cycle plays that will be presented Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Booth Auditorium. The evening of drama is the culmination of a two-year collaborative effort on behalf of faculty and students from several colleges in the Appalachian College Association.

New trustees named to Pikeville College board

PIKEVILLE — On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Pikeville College, President Hal Smith has announced the addition of five new members to the Board of Trustees.

Robert B. Sparks and R. Scott Madden were elected during the board's annual meeting in February. Charles (Chris) B. Chrisman Jr. of Lexington, James A. Brown of Cynthiana, and Timothy B. Matthews of Fort Mitchell, were elected during the Board of Trustees' annual meeting in May.

Robert Sparks, of Carlisle, is a native of Pike County. He is an alumnus of Pikeville College's Class of 1958 and a graduate of Belfry High School. He received his D.M.D. from the University of Louisville's School of Dentistry in 1962. He retired from his dentistry practice after 41 years. Sparks is active in the Carlisle community serving in leadership positions in numerous church and civic endeavors, including in the banking and farming industries, health care and housing. He has received commendations for his distinguished community service from the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Jaycees. He and his wife Carol have two children.

Scott Madden, of Manchester, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky and his J.D. degree from the University of Kentucky's College of Law. He opened his law practice in 1974 in Manchester. He has served as an active mediator since 1985, with more than 1,000 cases completed. Madden is a member of several state and national legal associations and professional groups and frequently lectures on mediation and personal injury. His wife, Linda Stevens Madden, is a Pike County native. The couple has two sons, Jared, a recent graduate of the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine and Justin a law student at the University of Kentucky.

Chris Chrisman follows in the footsteps of his father Charles "Chuck" Chrisman

who, until his death earlier this year, was a devoted trustee for more than three decades. Chris' grandfather, Norman A. Chrisman Sr., was treasurer at the College and served as acting president in the late 1930s. A Pikeville native, Chris received his undergraduate degree in architecture from Rice University. He is director of architectural services for Summit Engineering. A member of both the American Institute and Kentucky Society of Architects, he is past president of the Kentucky Society. He and his wife, Sharon, have three grown children, and they are active members of the First Presbyterian Church in Lexington.

James Brown has been the president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of directors of Farmers National Bank Corp since 1975. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1954 and also served in the United States Air Force. Brown was mayor of the City of Cynthiana from 1994 to 1999 and a city commissioner for 10 years. Throughout his career, he has been active in a number of civic and community endeavors, serving in leadership positions in education, health care, economic development and the Cynthiana Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. He is married to Martha R. Brown.

Timothy Matthews has been a partner at Keating, Muething & Klekamp since 1987 and serves as head of the firm's Commercial Finance Practice Group. He graduated from Harvard University in 1978. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1981 and joined the firm of Brown & Gardner Co., L.P.A., for six years. He has served as adjunct professor of law in the field of federal taxation at the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. He is active in his church and community and serves on a number of foundations related to higher education. Matthews resides in Fort Mitchell with his wife, Therese Anne, and six children.

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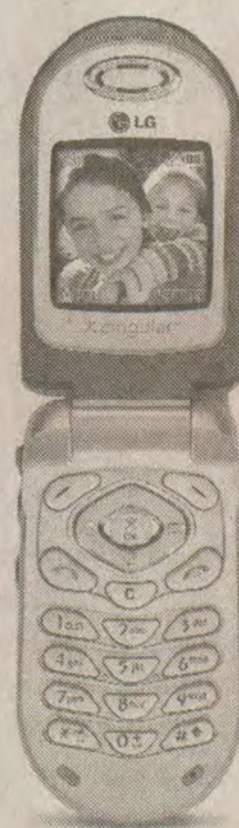
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Blackcats roar past Pike Central

P'burg defense holds Hawks under 50 yards of offense

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – Senior Night, held Friday night, turned out to be one of the best offensive nights of the season for Prestonsburg as the host Blackcats rolled past Pike Central 53-6 on a chilly night at Blackcat Stadium.

Prestonsburg came into Friday's game

fresh off a heartbreaking loss to Belfry, but it was evident from the opening kickoff that this group of Blackcats had put the Belfry loss behind it.

It took Prestonsburg less than two minutes to hit paydirt as senior tailback Joe Blackburn took a pitch from Trevor Compton and raced 32 yards for a Blackcat touchdown.

After a botched snap on the extra point

attempt, Prestonsburg led 6-0 with 10:45 remaining in the first quarter of play.

Pike Central, coached by Johnny Poynter, was unable to move the football throughout the night and was forced to punt after three plays on their first possession.

Prestonsburg needed only two plays to march 66 yards with junior quarterback David Shaffer capping the drive with a 64-yard touchdown pass to senior Trevor Compton at the 8:45 mark of the first quarter.

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Prestonsburg junior David Shaffer, pictured listening to instructions from Coach John DeRossett, made his mark early in Friday night's victory over Pike County Central.

photo by Jamie Howell

Mullins-Galloway ranked as one of top 12 prospects

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

A girls' basketball player from Knott County is ranked as one of the state's top 12 prospects. Preseason Kentucky Rankings by Rick Bolus, who runs the High Potential Basketball Recruiting Service and the Blue-Chip Camp, rank Knott County Central senior Kasi Mullins-Galloway (5-7) as one of the state's top 12 female hoops players. She is joined on the list by Wolfe County eighth-grader Lori Fletcher. Betsy Layne senior guard Kim Clark and Pike County Central sophomore guard Haley Ratliff are each listed in the "Best of the Rest" category.

Mullins-Galloway, a varsity starter since the seventh grader, immediately made Knott County Central a strong con-

(See **PROSPECTS**, page two)

Betsy Layne to meet Clinton County in Prime Time Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – With Lexington Catholic High School serving as the host school, the foundation has been laid for the 2004 Prime Time Classic. Betsy Layne – again one of the top teams in the 15th Region – is paired with Clinton County in the first round of the Lexington Catholic tournament. Many of the state's top teams are scheduled to participate in the tournament. Other area teams of note in the tournament include defending 15th Region Champion Pike County Central, Whitesburg and Boyd County.

The Clinton County-Betsy Layne will be a rematch of last season's All "A" Classic quarterfinals contest, a game in which the Clinton County girls pulled away. For Clinton County, last year's win over Betsy Layne came along the path to an All "A" Classic state

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South Floyd senior running back Joe Osborne (14) ran wild against the Allen Central defense. Osborne was one of several Raiders to score points in the win over Floyd County rival Allen Central. Also pictured for South Floyd is Kyle Hall (35).

photos by Steve LeMaster

RAIDERS ROMP

South Floyd buries rival Rebels in Red, White & Blue Bowl

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – The Football Homecoming was held Friday night at South Floyd High School. Come to think of it, there was a lot of crowning that went on when the host Raiders took on visiting Allen Central. It took South Floyd just 17 seconds to dent the scoreboard for its first points of the game. The Raiders rolled early and scored often. Host South Floyd led 54-6 at halftime and went on to post a 60-28 win.

In his post-game pep talk, Daniels praised his team for the Red, White and Blue Bowl victory.

"This is a good win for us," Daniels told his team. "Right now, we have to get ready and focus for the next one."

The next one Daniels was eluding to is next week's regular-season finale against Class A, District Eight rival Paintsville.

On Friday night, the South Floyd offense was

again turning on all cylinders. For a third straight week, South Floyd scored over 50 points.

Following Homecoming festivities, South Floyd, after receiving the opening kickoff, wasted little time getting on the scoreboard. A fired up Raider offense took it to rival Allen Central (4-5).

Junior Justin Slone hooked up with senior Joe Osborne on a 60-yard touchdown pass at the 11:43-mark of the first quarter and junior quarterback Ryan Johnson hooked up with fellow junior T.J. Hall on the conversion to make it an 8-0 lead for the Raiders.

After Allen Central's first offensive drive of the game stalled, South Floyd went right back to work. Wes Hall got loose and found the endzone on a 20-yard touchdown run and Osborne again got his name called over the Raider PA system following a score when he added a two-point conversion to make it a 16-0 lead.

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Wes Hall (4), also a senior, was another South Floyd back that racked up big yardage against the Rebel defense.

NASCAR President Mike Helton to speak at UVa-Wise Oct. 25

TIMES STAFF REPORT



Mike Helton

WISE, Va. – NASCAR President Mike Helton will discuss "The Business of NASCAR" during a presentation at The University of Virginia's College at Wise on Monday, Oct. 25. The event, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths, is free and open to the public.

Helton became president of the multi-billion dollar industry in November 2000, succeeding Bill France, who had served as president since 1972. Helton was the first person outside the France family to

take over the day-to-day operations of NASCAR when he was promoted from his position as vice president for competition and was named senior vice president and chief operating officer in February of 1999.

Born and raised in Bristol, Va., Helton has a varied background in motorsports from managing a track to sitting behind the wheel of a race car. His motorsports management experi-

ence began in 1980 at what was then known as Atlanta International Raceway. He was promoted to general manager in 1985 before joining the management team at Daytona International Speedway in 1986. Eighteen months later, Helton was offered the job of general manager at Talladega Superspeedway.

Within two years, he quickly advanced to vice president of the International Speedway Corporation and in 1989 was promoted to president of the Talladega track. He held that position until January of 1994, when he relocated to Daytona Beach, Florida as the new vice-president for competition.

Girls' basketball

A-TEAM: Fields leads Adams over Allen

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN – When the A-team units hit the court Thursday night at Allen Elementary, it didn't take long for the Adams Lady Blackcats to take control. Adams raced out to an 18-3 lead in the first quarter and outscored the host in two of the next three periods to roll to a convincing 41-19 win. Allen was held in single digits scoring in three of the four quarters.

Several players provided both offense and defense for

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Adams

Adams. Linsey Fields led Adams to the win, scoring a game-high 16 points. Fields netted nine points in the opening quarter and finished strong by tossing in four more points in the fourth quarter. Tosha Wallen scored 11 points for Adams and DeRossett just missed double figures, scoring nine points. Felicia Keathley scored three points and Halee Hicks rounded out the Lady Blackcat scoring with two points.

Six different players scored for Allen.

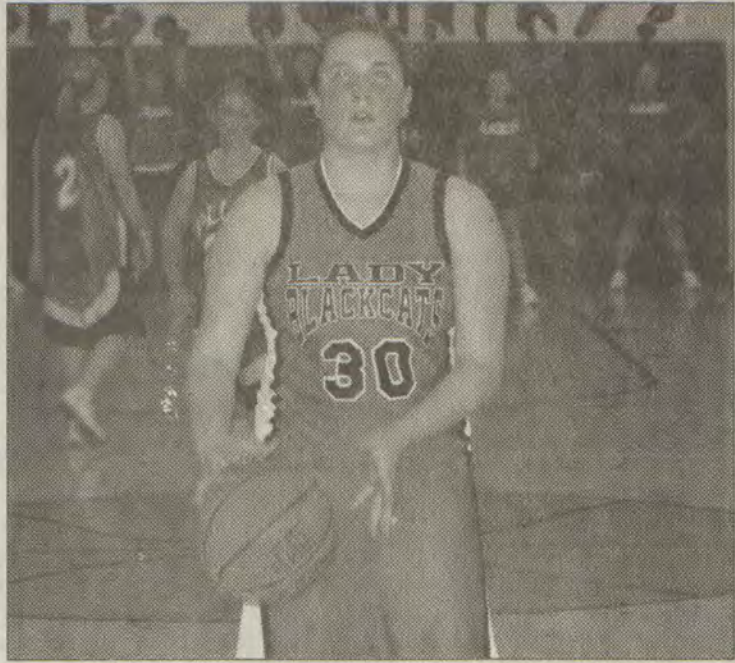
Allen eked out a win in the B-team game, edging Adams 20-19. Erica Meade hit a pair of three-point field goals and tossed in a game-high 20 points to pace the Lady Eagles.

Alexis DeRossett tossed in 11 points, six of which came on a pair of fourth-quarter field goals.

Allen was also victorious in the C-team game, winning 10-9. Adams held a comfortable 7-0 lead at the halftime of the C-team game, but couldn't make it stick as the youngest Lady Eagles turned up their collective play and rallied for the victory.

Cassie Burchett pushed in six points and Kristian Waugh netted four to lead the Allen C-team.

DeRossett tossed in seven points to lead Adams. Samantha Hall chipped in two points.



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Left: Adams Lady Blackcat Linsey Fields (30) put the dribble down prior to a free-throw attempt Thursday night against host Allen.

Below: Adams got out to an early lead and played its way to a convincing win over Allen



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Betsy Layne will be led in the upcoming season by seniors Kim Clark, Kristal Daniels and Breann Akers. The Cats' Pause Kentucky Basketball Yearbook ranks Clark as the top player in the 15th Region.

Clinton County is again led by twin guards Paige and Amber Guffey - now seniors.

Another top returnee for the Lady Bulldogs is senior forward Brittany Abbott.

In the first round of the Prime Time tourney, Pike Central is paired up against Rockcastle County and Boyd County is pitted against Mercy.

A list of opening round pairings for the tournament follows.

- Prime Time Classic**
Dec. 18-21
Lexington Catholic High School
 Dec. 18 (National Division):
 10 a.m. - Lexington Christian-South Laurel
 11:30 a.m. - Christian Academy of Louisville-Graves County
 1:15 p.m. - Paris-Ohio County
 2:45 p.m. - Henderson County-Cawood
 4:30 p.m. - Elizabethtown-Muhlenberg North
 6 p.m. - Greenwood-Whitesburg
 7:45 p.m. - Sacred Heart-Todd Central
 9:15 p.m. - Newport Catholic-Russell
 Dec. 18 (American Division)
 10 a.m. - Eastern-Owensboro

- 11:30 a.m. - Washington County-Louisville Central
 1:15 p.m. - Harrison County-Wayne County
 2:45 p.m. - Lexington Catholic-Monroe County
 4:30 p.m. - Mercy-Boyd County
 6 p.m. - Clinton County-Betsy Layne
 7:45 p.m. - Paducah Tilghman-Bullitt East
 9:15 p.m. - Rockcastle County-Pike Central
 Dec. 19 - Every team plays.
 Dec. 20 - Every team plays; games start at 9 a.m.
 Dec. 21 - Championship game of American Division at 9 a.m.; Championship game of National Division at 10:30 a.m.
 Dec. 21 - Overall championship game at 8:30 p.m.
 Dec. 21 - Games all day in each division for third-place, fifth place - up to 11th-place. No games for 13th- or 15th-place. Three gyms will be used: new gym, old gym, and KBA (Kentucky Basketball Academy) gym.
 Lexington Christian Academy is in need of a game the week of Dec. 13-16. For more information, contact Donna Murphy via email at donnaj.murphy@kctcs.edu.
 The North Laurel High School girls' basketball team is in need of one team to play in its tip-off tournament Dec. 3-4. There will be four teams total and each team will play one game on Friday night and one game Saturday. For more information, call Ron Smith at 606/862-4699 or 606/862-1947.

Blackcats

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Pike Central was held to only one yard on its second possession of the night. After fielding a Pike Central punt at the Hawks 45-yard line, Jeremy Carr put the finishing touches on the cats third drive of the game on a one-yard plunge with 6:08 left in the first quarter. Prestonsburg then led 19-0 with 6:08 remaining in quarter number one.

Brenton Hamilton tacked on a fourth touchdown on the night on a two-yard dive into the endzone and after Seth Moore's extra point, Prestonsburg led 26-0.

Prestonsburg added another score late in the first quarter on a 60-yard touchdown pass from Compton to Jesse Chaffin and the Cats took a 33-0 lead after one quarter of play.

Pike Central was forced to punt early in the second quarter and Prestonsburg needed only three plays to march 40 yards. Senior Corey Tincer scored from 10 yards out to give Prestonsburg a 40-0 lead with 8:01 left in the first half.

Pike Central coughed up the ensuing kickoff and Prestonsburg added six more tallies to the lead on a 12-yard touchdown run from Joe Blackburn to take a 46-0 lead with 7:12 left in the first half. With Prestonsburg leading 46-0 at the half, the running clock rule went into effect in the second half.

Prestonsburg got its final score of the night on a three-

yard touchdown run from junior Brandon Peters and another extra point from Moore gave the Blackcats a 53-0 lead with 3:30 remaining in the third quarter.

Pike Central avoided the shutout on a 10-yard touchdown run from Gordon Varney with only 1:30 left in the game to make the final score. With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in district play while Pike Central fell to 3-5 and 2-3 in the district. Prestonsburg will be on the road Friday night, traveling to take on Shelby Valley in another district contest. Pike Central, still playing for a spot in the State Playoffs, will be back at home next week, hosting Sheldon Clark.

Kickoff for both games is set for 7:30 p.m.

Raiders

Johnson hooked up with Slone on a 44-yard touchdown pass and Kyle Hall barreled his way to paydirt to make it a 24-0 advantage in favor of the Raiders with 5:42 showing on a first-quarter scoreclock.

A versatile South Floyd offense scored many different ways Friday night. Many of the Raiders' scores came on plays that consisted of large yardage.

With his team trailing 24-0, Allen Central senior Wilfredo Domingez breathed new life into the Rebel offense with 3:57 remaining in the first quarter. Domingez got away and scored on a 19-yard touchdown, but the conversion failed. Following the first-quarter touchdown, Allen Central didn't reach the endzone again until the fourth period.

After the initial Allen Central score, the Raider defense tight-

ened up and allowed very little in the way of a scoring threat until the fourth quarter.

South Floyd (7-2) took a 24-6 lead into the second quarter and added an additional 30 points.

Wes Hall added another touchdown in the second quarter, while Osborne scored three more times. Johnson crossed the goal line on a pair of two-point conversions and defensive standout Robert Mullins - inserted into the Raider offensive backfield - added another two-point run to push South Floyd out to the huge 54-6 halftime lead.

Allen Central speedster Charles Robinson broke loose for a 34-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter and the Rebel offense added the two-point conversion afterwards to

give the visiting team a bright spot in the game's third period.

Domingez returned to the endzone in the fourth quarter. However, his score was answered when South Floyd backup quarterback Anthony Thornsby kept on a keeper and worked his way into the endzone.

Allen Central's Eric Crum, with under two minutes remaining, scored the game's final touchdown.

Both South Floyd and Allen Central will return to action this Friday night. Both will play in regular-season finales. South Floyd will play one of its biggest games in school history, playing host to Paintsville in a game that'll have a first-round home playoff date hanging in the balance. Allen Central is scheduled to travel to Pikeville

for its final game of the regular season.

H.S. FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

- Fairview 67, Berea 7
 Fleming Co. 79, West Carter 24
 S. Laurel 51, Montgomery County 7
 Paul Blazer 34, Lawrence County 16
 Paintsville 29, Hazard 22
 North Laurel 19, Johnson Central 7
 Russell 49, Estill County 8
 Pikeville 60, Fleming-Neon 8
 Phelps 56, Letcher 20
 Leslie County 42, Cawood 12
 Harlan 54, Pineville 0
 Rockcastle Co. 36, Madison Southern 0
 South Floyd 60, Allen Central 28
 Pulaski County 38, Lincoln County 0
 Clay County 38, Knox Central 32

Tech women picked to capture OVC crown

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

NASHVILLE - Tennessee Tech has been selected to win the 2004-05 Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball title in a preseason poll of the league's head coaches and sports information directors. The Golden Eaglettes tallied 180 points, edging out Jacksonville State by just four points. Tennessee Tech received nine first-place votes, while the Gamecocks had six. Defending OVC regular-season and tournament champion Austin Peay, which racked up 162 points and four first-place votes, was picked to finish third. Eastern Kentucky received 156 points, including three first-place nods, for a fourth-place prediction. Rounding out the poll were Southeast Missouri, Murray State, Tennessee-Martin, Morehead State, Eastern Illinois, Samford and Tennessee State.

Tennessee Tech finished the 2003-04 season with an 18-22 overall record and a 12-4 OVC mark to take second place in the Conference. Head coach Bill Worrell will have all five of his starters back from a year ago, including the league's top returning scorer in Emily Christian. The 6-foot-1 junior forward recorded 20.4 points per game a year ago to lead the Conference and rank 13th nationally. Also returning for the Golden Eaglettes this season is sophomore guard Kendall Cavin, who ranked third on the team in scoring (8.9 ppg) and rebounds (4.7

ppg) as a rookie.

Jacksonville State ended the 2003-04 campaign with an 18-10 overall record and a 10-5 league mark to finish third in the OVC in its first year in the Conference. Senior All-OVC forward Shanika Freeman is among the Gamecocks' top returning starters. The 6-foot-0 forward was the league's top rebounder (10.2 ypg) in 2003-04 and also ranked second with 19.4 points each time out.

Austin Peay is coming off a third consecutive OVC regular-season title and fourth straight OVC toumey crown. Andy Blackston, the 2003-04 OVC Coach of the Year, enters his second season at the helm of the Lady Gavs and welcomes back four starters from a year ago with 5-foot-10 junior Ashley Haynes among the top returnees. The All-OVC forward/guard averaged 11.9 points per game in 2003-04 and was second-best in the league with 9.2 boards each time out.

OVC Preseason Teams Features Some Familiar Faces

Four players selected to the All-OVC team a year ago were have been chosen for the 2004-05 preseason All-Conference squad. Earning unanimous selections to the preseason first team were Tennessee Tech junior forward Emily Christian, the 2004-05 OVC Preseason Player of the Year, and Jacksonville State senior forward Shanika Freeman.

Freeman, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., led the league in rebounds (10.2 rpg) and was second in scoring (19.4 ppg) to rank among the nation's leaders last season.

The All-OVC pick finished the year fifth in the Conference with a 46.6 field goal percentage and recorded 15 double-doubles in 2003-04 to give her 50 for her career. Christian led the OVC in scoring last season, netting 20.4 points each time out. The Baxter, Tenn., product also ranked third in the league in field goal percentage, shooting 47.8 percent from the floor.

Joining Freeman and Christian on the first team are Eastern Illinois senior Pam O'Connor and Austin Peay juniors Ashley Haynes and Kera Bergeron. O'Connor, a center from Wood Dale, Ill., ranked second in the Conference and sixth nationally in field goal percentage a year ago, shooting 60.1 percent from field. Haynes, a forward/guard native of Clarksville, Tenn., was second in the league in rebounding (9.2 rpg) while also averaging 11.9 points a game and tying for a team-high 112 assists. Bergeron, a guard out of Nashville, Tenn., set a new Lady Gavs and OVC single-season record with 105 treys in 2003-04.

Making up the second team are Samford sophomore guard Alex Munday (Knoxville, Tenn.); Southeast Missouri senior center Chandra Brown (Louisville, Ky.); Eastern Kentucky senior forward Miranda Eckerle (Brookville, Ind.); Tennessee-Martin sophomore forward Andreika Jackson; and Murray State senior guard Rebecca Remington (Scandinavia, Wis.).

2004-05 Preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference Women's Basketball Team

(Selected by OVC Head Basketball Coaches and Sports Information Directors)

FIRST TEAM

- Shanika Freeman, Jacksonville State
 Emily Christian, Tennessee Tech
 Pam O'Connor, Eastern Illinois
 Ashley Haynes, Austin Peay
 Kera Bergeron, Austin Peay

OVC PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Emily Christian, Tennessee Tech

SECOND TEAM

- Alex Munday, Samford
 Chandra Brown, Southeast Missouri
 Miranda Eckerle, Eastern Kentucky
 Andreika Jackson, Tennessee-Martin
 Rebecca Remington, Murray State

2004-05 OVC Women's Basketball Predicted Finish
 (Selected by OVC Head Basketball Coaches and Sports Information Directors)

1. Tennessee Tech (9 first-place votes) - 180
2. Jacksonville State (6 first-place votes) - 176
3. Austin Peay (4 first-place votes) - 162
4. Eastern Kentucky (3 first-place votes) - 156
5. Southeast Missouri - 135
6. Murray State - 108
7. Tennessee-Martin - 71
8. Morehead State - 70
9. Eastern Illinois - 68
10. Samford - 64
11. Tennessee State - 20

(*Schools were not allowed to rank their own team. Ten points awarded for a first-place vote, nine for second, etc.)

Prospects

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tender in the highly competitive 14th Region. She has already committed to play play her college basketball at the University of Kentucky. Before enrolling at Knott Central, Mullins-Galloway played the last two years at Boyd County after three years at East Carter and one at Fairview.

Knott Central is fresh off a 55th District Championship season. Mullins-Galloway and the rest of the Lady Patriots are coached by Rhett Gibson.

Knott Central figures to contend in the 14th Region along with perennial contenders Perry County Central and Whitesburg.

Rick Bolus is now entering his 32nd year as publisher of High Potential Basketball Recruiting Service and he is the camp director of the High Potential Basketball Showcase Mini-Camp. For more information, go online to www.basketball-camp.net.

These Bengals, Browns don't know the rivalry

by JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — Paul Brown's revenge. Pat McNally's catch. Bernie Kosar's heave. Sam Wyche's taunt.

The state's pro football rivalry is full of great moments, the kind that stir the blood pressure and divide Ohioans into northerners and southerners for two weekends each fall.

To borrow from Wyche's most famous and most inflammatory line as the Bengals' head coach: If you don't know the history of this often-bitter rivalry, then you don't live in Cleveland ... or in Cincinnati.

Or, maybe you happen to play for one of their teams.

The Browns (2-3) and Bengals (1-3) have remade their rosters and struggled so mightily that the game has lost much of its sizzle for the guys who play it.

"All I've heard is a little bit of the history of the Brown family," Bengals rookie middle linebacker Caleb Miller said Thursday. "I don't even know what's true with that or not, so I can't really say anything about it."

"I know they're close cities, and that's about it."

Same thing up in Cleveland, where the new quarterback from San Francisco is trying to get a handle on what makes this one special.

"As much as I had rivalries with San Francisco, it was pretty much limited to the Rams and then maybe the Raiders, who we'd play every couple of years or every so often," Jeff

Garcia said. "You find that in this division, there is a rivalry with every team."

Cleveland's main rival has always been Pittsburgh, a similar city with a shared football history. The in-state ill will started when former Browns owner Art Modell fired coach Paul Brown after the 1962 season.

Brown got his long-awaited payback by forming the Bengals and then beating Modell's team 14-10 at Riverfront Stadium in 1970, giving the series its raw edge.

Many legendary moments have followed, including:

— Bengals receiver Pat McNally getting knocked unconscious by safety Thom Darden, then returning to catch a touchdown pass in 1980;

— Kosar throwing deep on the first play in the Browns' 34-3 victory in 1986, propelling them into the playoffs and the first of three heartbreaks against John Elway;

— the Browns winning 26-10 while their fans ripped up Cleveland Stadium in the final game before Modell's move to Baltimore in 1995.

— Cleveland officially opening Paul Brown Stadium with a 24-7 victory in 2000.

To many of the current players, it's all rather foreign.

For instance, Miller doesn't know anything about the Dawg Pound — the notorious section of dog-faced fans in Cleveland's end zone. That's not surprising — Miller was born the year of McNally's catch and grew up in Texas and Arkansas.

They have different rivalries

— and different mascots — down there.

He's not alone. Players on both teams are a little unclear about exactly what's on the line when they line up this weekend by Lake Erie.

"It's a rivalry between the cities, no question about it," said Marvin Lewis, who got his first win as the Bengals' coach last year in Cleveland. "It goes back a long time. But with our players of today and their players — they're all so young. They don't know. Both teams are fairly young, so it's not as it used to be."

It's so humdrum in the locker rooms that it took an antacid to give it some spice this week. Bengals receiver Chad Johnson sent Pepto-Bismol to his buddies on the Browns' defense — the joke was that they'd get sick trying to cover him — for a good-natured jump-start.

"I think it's fun, especially that it's the rivalry week and all that," Johnson said Thursday. "It's something to look forward to more than just the Cleveland fans and Cincinnati fans."

Neither team has a winning record, and that may be the biggest reason there's not much pizzazz. Games that mean the most are remembered the longest. This rivalry hasn't had any of those for a long time.

"Hopefully we'll get it back to where it used to be, and that's when both teams are playing well and it means seeding in the playoffs," Lewis said. "That's when it's a rivalry because it's big. We have to have big games to make it be try it used to be."

Some highlights of the Browns-Bengals series

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Some highlights of the Browns-Bengals series, which Cleveland leads 32-29 heading into their rematch on Sunday.

— 1961: Art Modell buys the Browns for \$4 million, then fires coach Paul Brown after the 1962 season. Brown moves downstate and starts the Bengals.

— Oct. 11, 1970: The Browns beat the Bengals 30-27 in Cleveland, starting the series.

— Nov. 15, 1970: Brown gets his revenge, coaching the Bengals to a 14-10 victory at Riverfront Stadium in front of a then-record Cincinnati sports crowd of 60,007.

— Dec. 21, 1980: Browns safety Thom Darden knocks Bengals receiver Pat McNally unconscious with a vicious hit. McNally is carried off on a stretcher, returns and catches a 59-yard touchdown pass that ties the game before the Browns pull out a 27-24 win.

— Dec. 2, 1984: Boomer Esiason throws 1-yard touch-

down pass to Anthony Munoz on a tackle-eligible play to tie the game with 1:01 left, and the Bengals win 20-17 in overtime in Cleveland.

— Dec. 14, 1986: Bernie Kosar throws deep on the Browns' first play, setting the tone for a 34-3 victory at Riverfront that propels Cleveland into playoffs. The Browns will beat the Jets in double overtime before Denver's John Elway breaks their hearts with "The Drive" in AFC title game in Cleveland.

— Oct. 18, 1987: Browns backup quarterback Gary Danielson, receiver Brian Brennan and six others who crossed the picket line have an easy time in the final strike replacement game. Danielson throws four touchdown passes in a 34-0 victory at Riverfront that stands as the first shutout and the most lopsided win of the series.

— Dec. 10, 1989: During a 24-17 loss to Seattle, Bengals coach Sam Wyche takes the on-field microphone, tells fans at Riverfront to stop throwing snowballs and yells: "You don't live in Cleveland, you live in Cincinnati!"

— Oct. 29, 1995: Eric Zeier starts for Browns and sets up a 29-26 overtime win in Cincinnati. Later that week, word leaks out that Modell will move the team to Baltimore.

— Dec. 17, 1995: While fans tear up the stands, the Browns win the final game at Cleveland Stadium, beating the Bengals 26-10. It's their only win in eight games after word leaks about the team's move.

— Oct. 10, 1999: Bengals rookie quarterback Akili Smith makes his first NFL start in Cleveland and throws a 2-yard touchdown pass to Carl Pickens with 5 seconds left for an 18-17 win, then thumps his chest and taunts the Dawg Pound.

— Sept. 10, 2000: The Browns rough up Smith and beat the Bengals 24-7 in the inaugural regular season game at Paul Brown Stadium.

— Dec. 28, 2003: In his final game with the Browns, quarterback Tim Couch leads Cleveland to a 22-14 win that eliminates Cincinnati from playoff contention.

No. 3 Miami 41, No. 18 Louisville 38

by STEVEN WINE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Flat on his back on the Orange Bowl turf, Brock Berlin writhed from the hit he had just taken. The Louisville Cardinals had him down, but not out.

Berlin rose slowly and stayed in the game, sparking a second-half rally to help the No. 3-ranked Miami Hurricanes beat No. 18 Louisville 41-38 Thursday night.

"I was hurting pretty good," said Berlin, who bruised his chest in the second quarter. "But I never considered coming out of the game."

Good thing for the Hurricanes (5-0), who needed Berlin's three touchdown passes. They erased a 17-point deficit over the final 20 minutes and came from behind twice in the fourth quarter to remain in the race for their sixth national championship since 1983.

"Brock Berlin played a super game, especially in the second half," coach Larry Coker said. "He was on fire."

Berlin threw for 308 yards — 215 after halftime — and directed the winning drive, a 56-yard march capped by Frank Gore's 1-yard run with 49 seconds left.

"We kind of got ourselves in a hole," Berlin said. "Some things weren't working. But we proved what type of character our team has."

Gore's touchdown capped a see-saw fourth quarter. Devin Hester scored on a 78-yard punt return to put Miami ahead 34-31, but Louisville (4-1) regained the lead when freshman backup quarterback Brian Brohm directed an 80-yard touchdown drive.

Stefan LeFors threw three touchdown passes for the Cardinals before being sidelined with a concussion in the fourth quarter.

"There's no such thing as a moral victory," LeFors said. The Cardinals had touted the game as perhaps the biggest in school history, and they rose to the occasion. The Hurricanes narrowly averted only the second loss in their past 30 games at the Orange Bowl.

Murray State favored to win OVC men's crown

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

NASHVILLE — Defending OVC Tournament champion Murray State is the overwhelming favorite to win the 2004-05 Ohio Valley Conference men's basketball crown in a preseason poll of OVC head basketball coaches and sports information directors. The Racers received 19 first-place votes and 199 points to finish ahead of Tennessee State, who was chosen second, earning one first-place vote and 166 points. Eastern Kentucky was awarded a first-place vote to finish third in the poll with 148 points, while Tennessee Tech was selected fourth, claiming the final first-place vote and 137 points. Defending OVC regular-season champion Austin Peay earned a fifth-place preseason ranking and 123 points, followed by Tennessee-Martin in sixth with 116 points. Rounding out the preseason picks were Jacksonville State and Southeast Missouri (tie), Morehead State, Samford and Eastern Illinois.

Murray State enjoyed a banner year in 2003-04, recording a second-place Conference finish (14-2) before capping off the season with an OVC Tournament championship and 12th NCAA tourney appearance. Head coach Mick Cronin recorded the most wins for a first-year coach at Murray State as the Racers tallied the program's second-highest win total ever with a 28-6 overall mark. After graduating nine players from last year's squad, the Racers enter the 2004-05 campaign with a revamped roster, headed by senior guard Adam Chiles.

After winning just two games the year prior, Tennessee State enjoyed a resurgence under first-year coach Cy Alexander in 2003-04, posting a 7-21 overall record (6-10 OVC) and eighth-place Conference finish. Three starters, including senior forward Roshawn Bowens and sophomore All-OVC guard Bruce Price, return to lead the Tigers as they continue their rebuilding process.

Last season, Eastern Kentucky recorded its highest OVC finish in 10 years, winning five of its last seven regular-season contests to end the 2003-04 campaign with an 8-8 Conference record (14-15 overall) and fourth-place rank-

ing in the league standings. Three starters are back for fifth-year head coach Travis Ford, including junior All-OVC guard Matt Witt and senior forward Michael Haney.

Tennessee Tech third-year head coach Mike Sutton returns two starters from a squad that tied for fifth in the Conference standings (7-9) and posted a 13-15 overall mark. Back to lead the Golden Eagles are senior All-OVC forward Willie Jenkins and junior guard Milone Clark.

Tennessee Tech's Jenkins Headlines Preseason ALL-OVC Squad

According to preseason voting by the league's coaches and sports information directors, Tennessee Tech senior Willie Jenkins is the player to watch in 2004-05, forecasting the 6-foot-6 forward as the OVC Player of the Year. A Memphis, Tenn., native, Jenkins made a big impact in his league debut a year ago, earning OVC Newcomer of the Year honors after scoring in double figures in all but one of Tech's 28 games, including 23 straight to open the season. He collected seven double-doubles over the course of the year, ranking second and fifth in the league, respectively, in scoring (19.5 ppg) and rebounding (7.2 rpg).

Jenkins, the only unanimous selection to the 2004-05 preseason All-OVC first team, is joined by Tennessee State sophomore guard Bruce Price, Eastern Kentucky junior guard Matt Witt, Austin Peay senior guard Anthony Davis and Murray State senior guard Adam Chiles.

Price had an outstanding rookie season, earning second-team All-Conference and OVC Freshman of the Year honors after ranking among league leaders in six different categories, including scoring (3rd/17.6 ppg), 3-pointers (2nd/2.6 pg), steals (7th/1.7 spg), assists (8th/4.0 apg), free throw percentage (8th/73.5%) and 3-point shooting (10th/34.1%). Witt has been among the Conference's Top 3 in assists in each of his first two seasons and earned second team All-OVC accolades a year ago after scoring a team-high 15.6 points per game. Davis, the lone returning starter for the defending champion Govs, captured third-team

All-OVC honors last season after averaging 12.8 points a game. Chiles started 24 games in his first season with the Racers, contributing 10.1 points and 4.6 assists each time out in 2003-04.

Selected to the preseason All-OVC second team were junior forward Jared Newson of Tennessee-Martin, junior guard Walker D. Russell of Jacksonville State, senior forward Roshawn Bowens of Tennessee State, senior guard Derek Winans of Southeast Missouri and junior guard Josh Gomes of Eastern Illinois.

2004-05 Preseason All-OVC PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech

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Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech

Bruce Price, Tennessee State

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Anthony Davis, Austin Peay

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Roshawn Bowens, Tennessee State

Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri

Josh Gomes, Eastern Illinois

2004-05 OVC Men's Basketball Predicted Order of Finish

(Selected by Head Basketball Coaches and Sports Information Directors)

1. Murray State (19 first-place votes) - 199

2. Tennessee State (1 first-place vote) - 166

3. Eastern Kentucky (1 first-place vote) - 148

4. Tennessee Tech (1 first-place vote) - 137

5. Austin Peay - 123

6. Tennessee-Martin - 116

7. Jacksonville State - 92

8. Southeast Missouri - 92

9. Morehead State - 52

10. Samford - 45

11. Eastern Illinois - 40

(*Schools were not allowed to rank their own team.

Ten points awarded for a first-place vote, nine for second, etc.)

The Cats' Pause KY Basketball Yearbook

Top 10 Players, Teams (2004-05 Season)

15th Region Girls
Top 10 Players

1. Kim Clark, Betsy Layne
2. Hailey Ratliff, Pike Co. Cent.
3. Becky Thomas, Allen Central
4. Shawna Howard, Pikeville
5. Samantha Howard, Pikeville
6. Molly Burchett, Prestonsburg
7. Alice Daniel, Johnson Central
8. Ashley Hall, Paintsville
9. Ashley J. Howard, Magoffin Co.
10. Mishay Weddington, Pike County Central

Top 10 Teams

1. Pike County Central
2. Betsy Layne
3. Pikeville
4. Magoffin County
5. Belfry
6. Johnson Central
7. Prestonsburg
8. East Ridge
9. Paintsville
10. Allen Central

15th Region Boys
Top 10 Players

1. Seth Kiser, Shelby Valley
2. Aaron Branham, East Ridge
3. Kelsey Friend, Shelby Valley
4. Burnett Little, South Floyd
5. Patrick Tackett, Shelby Valley
6. Brandon May, Sheldon Clark
7. Paul Deese, East Ridge
8. Nick Music, Johnson Central
9. Steven Stanley, South Floyd
10. Jesse Parrish, Pikeville

Top 10 Teams

1. Shelby Valley
2. East Ridge
3. South Floyd
4. Johnson Central
5. Prestonsburg
6. Sheldon Clark
7. Pikeville
8. Belfry
9. Paintsville
10. Pike County Central

2005 NCAA men's basketball tournament ticket applications still being accepted

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Ticket applications for the first and second rounds of the 2005 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament in Nashville are continuing to be accepted.

The first deadline of May 1 for accepting ticket orders has passed, and there are still seats

available. The application process would have closed May 1 had there been a sellout at that time. However, since the event is far from a sellout, ticket applications continue to be accepted.

The 2005 event will be held at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in downtown Nashville on March 18 & 20, 2005. More information is available by call-

ing (615) 770-2040 or sending an e-mail to ncaa2005@gaylordcenter.com.

Tickets are \$150 each (plus a \$4 per ticket service charge) and are good for two Friday sessions and one Sunday session, a total of six games. Application forms will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis and payment is due at the time of application.

Longtime NASCAR stars on way out

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Millions of fans have watched Bill Elliott, Rusty Wallace, Terry Labonte and Mark Martin race to fame and wealth over the past two decades.

Slowly but surely, though, those longtime stars are being replaced in the consciousness of NASCAR's ever-growing fan base by a tidal wave of talented younger drivers.

There are the thirtysomethings that include Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Matt Kenseth, Kevin Harvick and Dale Earnhardt Jr. Add to that "Young Guns" such as Kurt Busch, Elliott Sadler, Kasey Kahne, Carl Edwards and Brian Vickers, all in their 20s. And 19-year-old Kyle Busch will replace Labonte next season.

Though the time has come for the older stars to step aside, leaving is not easy.

"It is hard to walk away," Elliott said.

"Awesome. Bill from Dawsonville," who turned 49 last week, got things started this year, cutting back to a limited schedule of only five Nextel Cup events.

Wallace, 48, made the next

move, announcing in August that 2005 will be his last season.

The 47-year-old Labonte said Tuesday he will cut back to 10 races each of the next two seasons before stepping out of the car for the last time. And 45-year-old Martin has told car owner Jack Roush he expects next season to be his last.

Of the four, only Martin made it into NASCAR's new 10-man, 10-race playoff-style championship this year, but all of them have remained competitive.

It's rarely easy for any athlete to walk away from the rush of competition, the piles of money or the adoration that comes with being a star in any sport — and auto racing is no exception.

H.A. "Humpty" Wheeler, president of Lowe's Motor Speedway and a friend of all four drivers phasing out their careers, sees departure of each as a natural process.

"There's a few guys that are sort of Cal Ripken-type people that defy the odds," Wheeler said. "Two things working against them are NASCAR's youth movement and their financial condition."

"A guy's sitting there worth 15-20 million bucks — his house is paid for and everything — he

doesn't have to do this anymore. He's had a few bad wrecks, spent some time as we say 'between the sheets,' so he can afford to walk away."

From a competitive point of view, the sport's senior drivers are no longer dominant.

"If you're 45, 47 years old, you're racing against guys who could easily be your sons," Wheeler said. "It's pretty difficult to win cup races when you're over 40. When you get over 45, it really gets tough."

Sadler says there are lessons to be learned from watching the way the older drivers have raced, how they have handled themselves and how they are winding down their careers.

"I think us young drivers that are in this sport really need to open our eyes and pay attention to where these guys have taken us," he said. "We have to take the torch forward and keep carrying it down the path that they've got us going on."

Labonte, Wallace and Martin have sons starting racing careers and would like to be able to spend more time helping them reach their goals. And Labonte and Wallace pointed to Elliott's experience this year as directly affecting their decisions.

"Bill has just been so relaxed

and happy this year," Labonte said. "He says all the pressure is gone and he's able to do things with his family and friends that he hasn't been able to do in years."

"You know, as much as we all love racing, it does become a grind, particularly with all the outside things we have to do — personal appearances for our sponsors and charities and things like that."

Just because they are cutting back, though, doesn't mean the older drivers have lost confidence.

"I won a race this season and I believe I will win more races before I'm through," Wallace said. "There's no doubt that the competition has gotten tougher, but that just makes it sweeter when you do win."

And the competitive fire isn't out in Labonte, either.

He noted that when he first came to NASCAR in the late 1970s, it was not uncommon for drivers to race limited schedules and still be successful.

"I remember when the (No.) 21 would roll in with David Pearson and saying, 'Well, he's probably going to win the race.' It wouldn't surprise me to see more of that," Labonte said.



Young set Chase Austin appears headed to a career in NASCAR.

Signing of 15-year-old racer raises question:

How young is too young?

by STEVE BRISENDINE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Next October, Chase Austin will finally be old enough to drive to the grocery store by himself.

By then, though, he'll also have a full season of stock car racing under his belt.

When Hendrick Motorsports signed the 15-year-old high school freshman from Eudora to a developmental contract last week, it raised the question: How young is too young?

"All I know, when I think back, is that I wasn't ready to be signed even at 18," said 22-year-old Blake Feese, another of Hendrick's developmental drivers. "So much has changed over the years in terms of how I've progressed."

Austin doesn't seem intimidated, although he acknowledges his is an unusual situation.

"I can see where people are coming from," he said. "Sometimes I've thought I'm too young because there's so much involved with this. But if I saw some other 15-year-old have this chance, I'd want it, too."

J.D. Gibbs, president of Joe Gibbs Racing, also doesn't have a problem with Austin's age.

"I don't think it's a big deal," said Gibbs, whose team's developmental drivers are both in their early 20s. "I don't think everyone's going to rush out and sign a 15-year-old unless he's pretty darn good."

And if Austin proves himself on the track, Gibbs said, his age won't matter to anyone. The exception would be NASCAR, which won't let a driver race on its top three circuits — Nextel Cup, the Busch Series and the Craftsman Truck — until age 18.

"If you go out there and show you're competent, there shouldn't be a problem," Gibbs said. "If you go out there and cause a bunch of issues, that's one thing. But that has nothing to do with age. There's 40-year-old guys who cause issues."

Austin does have an impressive racing resume that invites comparisons to the early years of Jeff Gordon's career.

Austin started racing go-karts when he was 8 — and by 13, just like Gordon, was competing in full-size sprint cars. He has run modifieds and late models on dirt tracks, has experience on paved tracks in the late model division — and in his first year of Topless Outlaw Racing Association competition finished 11th in points and was the top rookie.

And he's a sports marketer's dream. He's good look-

ing, personable, talented — and biracial, the son of a black father and white mother.

For auto racing, still searching for a way to bring more minorities into its fan base, that makes Austin an appealing combination of Gordon and Tiger Woods.

"I do think he's got a lot of natural outstanding talent," said H.A. "Humpty" Wheeler, president of Lowe's Motor Speedway. "He's the best black American I've seen in a race car. I'm glad Rick (Hendrick) has done this, because Rick will be able to put the kind of equipment under him that he needs to reach his potential."

"We can do all advertising we can do reaching out to African American fans," Wheeler said. "But when we have one that starts winning, that's what's going to break it wide open."

Players have been going straight from high school to the NBA for years. The courts, not a lack of talent, kept Maurice Clarett from jumping to the NFL after his freshman year at Ohio State. And earlier this year, Freddy Adu made his highly anticipated Major League Soccer debut — at 14.

Then again, they don't climb into high-horsepower machines and tear around tracks at almost 100 mph. That's how high qualifying speeds can run in the American Speed Association's Late Model Series, where Austin will compete next year for SS Racing.

But there's precedent for other young drivers doing well not only on short tracks, but on superspeedways.

There's Gordon, of course, who broke into Cup competition at 21 and won his first championship at 24.

"The theory prior to Jeff Gordon is that nobody started winning major long-distance races in the U.S., whether that was in Winston Cup or the IRL, until they were about 28," Wheeler said. "Jeff Gordon came along and shot that theory down."

"That perpetuated what I call Pop Warner Racing. Now a few years after him, you've got all these kids racing."

Shelby Howard became ARCA's youngest race winner at age 16 in 2002. Last year, at 17, he became the youngest driver to win on a big track in any circuit.

"Ultimately, the great thing about sports racing is that either you're good or you're not," Gibbs said. "I think Rick saw a good opportunity to partner up with a good talent for the future."

Austin's mother, Marianne, made light of the debate over her son's age.

"Pretty soon, we'll see kids in diapers and it'll be, 'He waddles well. Let's get him,'" she said.

Warm weather success puts onus on deer hunter

by STEVE VANTRESE
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST PADUCAH — For thousands of Kentucky hunters who take deer in warm, early season conditions, table-worthy venison demands special care.

With the proliferation of the state's deer herd has come added opportunities — early muzzleloader hunting, extended bowhunting and the early youth firearms season — when temperatures may be balmy. Even the modern gun hunt that begins the second Saturday of November doesn't guarantee frosty weather.

Mild weather opportunities bless the hunter but add a concern for the viability of the venison a successful hunt yields.

"People think wild meat lasts longer in the heat, but venison is still meat," said Alan Hughes of McCracken County, a longtime sportsman who also is a deer processor. "If you don't get the heat out, meat goes bad in a hurry."

Besides his own game, Hughes has reduced thousands of deer to tidy bundles of wrapped venison. He says a palatable finished product calls for expeditious field care for the deer — the sooner the better in warm weather.

"A deer has to be field dressed (viscera and organs removed) pretty quick after it's killed," Hughes said. "And if any of the intestine has been cut by a shot or field dressing, the inside ought to be washed out with cool water as quickly as you can."

He recommends opening the body cavity with a careful incision, blade turned upward, with a knife guided along the abdominal wall between two inserted fingers. It's the closest thing to surgery a deer hunter should have to perform.

Hughes said it is unnecessary to split the chest, the organs therein being removed by reaching above them and cutting them lose with careful knife strokes.

The other end of the tract can

be removed by cutting a circle around the anus, pulling the intestine inside "and take it all out in one piece," he said.

"Washing with clean water helps get rid of anything that could contaminate the meat, and it helps get heat out of the deer," he said.

The deer's own body heat can spoil the venison if allowed, and the process is complicated in warm weather.

"The worst thing a hunter can do is to throw a deer in the back of a truck and fold its legs together," Hughes said. "The hind legs are at the thickest part of the deer, and even in cool weather, they hold the heat longer."

Barring immediate delivery to a chilly meat locker, the best treatment a hunter can provide a harvested deer is to ice it.

"Put two bags of ice in the chest cavity and a third bag between its hind legs," Hughes said. "Leave the hide of the deer on because it's an insulator and helps keep the carcass clean. The ice inside makes a cooler

out of the deer.

"Once the deer is chilled down, you can wrap it in a tarp to put more insulation around it, and you keep icing it every four or five hours," Hughes said. "But don't wrap it until you get the body heat out."

A deer that can be properly cooled with ice can be hanged in a shady, ventilated outbuilding for a day or more, he said. A deer so hanged should be suspended head-down from its rear leg hocks, he added.

Taking a deer to "show it off" isn't necessarily a bad thing if it has been chilled out and iced to temporarily preserve the quality of the venison, Hughes said. "Just get the heat out and ice it before you go showing it around," he cautioned.

A processor can't avoid a product with "gamey" taste when he must start work with a deer that's first aged in its own body heat. A hunter's care for a deer in the field and immediately afterward determines whether the venison is fit to grace the table, Hughes said.

Basalyga hired to direct EKU's new women's soccer program

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University Director of Athletics John Shafer announced Friday the hiring of Lindsay Basalyga as the school's inaugural women's soccer coach.

Basalyga, a standout player at Maryland, spent the last four years as a coach at Toledo, and will now be charged with building the EKU soccer program from the ground up as the Colonels look to take to the playing field in the fall of 2005.

A 2001 graduate of Maryland, Basalyga was a four-year letterwinner for the Terrapins (1996-99) and helped Maryland to four-straight NCAA Tournament appearances (advancing to the second round on three occasions). A three-year starter, she tallied eight goals, nine assists and 25 points during her playing career. As a senior, Basalyga played in 21 games and led the team in assists (six), while ranking third

in points scored (14). Basalyga added four goals during her senior campaign, all of which came in Maryland's two NCAA Tournament games that year. She still holds the Terrapins' school record for points scored in the NCAA Tournament.

Basalyga joined the Rockets' coaching staff in August 2001 as a graduate assistant, before being promoted to assistant coach in January 2003. Her duties as the Rockets' top assistant involved aiding in all aspects of the program, including field coaching, implementation of practice plans and strategies, recruiting and performing administrative duties. Toledo's 2004 recruiting class was ranked 14th in the Great Lakes Region by Soccer Buzz and 82nd in the nation. The Rockets went 8-11 in 2003 with a 5-7 mark in Mid-American Conference play. This year's squad sits 4-3-2 through its first nine games of the season.

Basalyga supplements her collegiate coaching experience

with her involvement in the Kick It Soccer Camp and the Great Shots Great Saves Camp. Basalyga founded the Kick It Soccer camp in 1997 and serves as the director to this day. In 2003, she added to her resume' by co-founding Great Shots Great Saves, a camp with which she serves as the co-director.

Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Basalyga attended Turpin High School, where she was an all-city and all-league first team selection as a senior, while earning spots on the Cincinnati Enquirer and Cincinnati Post all-star teams. A six-year member of the Olympic Development U.S. Region II Team, she then went on to earn a bachelor's degree in art studio from Maryland before getting her master's from Toledo in recreation and leisure studies.

Basalyga will begin the process of building the inaugural Colonel soccer program when she joins the Eastern Kentucky athletic department full time on Oct. 18.

Commentator takes Keeneland feature

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Commentator remained unbeaten in four starts Thursday with a seven-length win over Eurosilver in the featured \$112,600 Perryville Stakes at Keeneland.

Jockey Rafael Bejarano earned his fourth stakes win during Keeneland's fall meet, which is only in its fifth day.

The Nick Zito-trained Commentator, a three-year-old gelding, was making his first start outside of New York. The chestnut gelding covered the seven furlongs and 184 feet over a muddy track in 1:25.19 and paid \$5.80, \$3.80 and \$2.60.

Commentator earned \$69,812 for owner Tracy Farmer.

Newman breaks Lowe's track record

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.C. — Ryan Newman shattered the track record at Lowe's Motor Speedway, winning the pole for the UAW-GM Quality 500.

Newman turned a lap at 188.877 mph in his Dodge to win the top starting spot. It beat the track record of 187.052 that Jimmie Johnson set here in May — a lap that erased the record Newman had held.

Newman's 33rd-place finish in Kansas last weekend dropped him to eighth in the standings, 232 points behind leader Kurt Busch.

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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.

I suppose I am in the worst fix imaginable for anybody who presumes to do a bit of fishing, now and then. I have not caught a big one, I have not lost a big one. I have not even—and this is the bad part—fished enough to tell a lie about it.



Norman Allen

IN BEHALF OF PLAIN ENGLISH

The Legislative Research Commission has, if it does nothing else, justified its existence by suggesting plain English (and commonsense) for the wording of bills to be offered the General Assembly and possibly to become law. Here are a few samples of the good work: Avoid "and the same hereby is" and simply say, "is."

Use "final" instead of "final and conclusive."

Instead of saying, "In the event that, in case," simply say "if."

"Is defined and shall be construed to mean" should be reduced to plain "means."

Other changes in behalf of the rapidly deteriorating language are: "Null and void and of no effect" becomes simply "void;" "and the same hereby is" becomes "is," and "until such time as" is just plain "until." Now, if somebody will change the party of the first part" and so on to read. "No, I" and "No. 2," the shackles of legal phraseology will be shaken and become "null and void and of no effect," as they say.

GET IN ON THIS!

It has come to my attention that what a good part of the world waited for has been supplied by a group headed by a Kentuckian, one Bailey Root, of Newport. It is the U. S. Duffers Association, at last report had 175 members (add another, please), and had issued a rules book which is plumb tolerant of all lovers of wildlife who never shot a birdle. Says USDA President Root:

"All we've done is take the things we all do—like changing to a new ball on the greens or fairways, improving your lie and ignoring the two-stroke out-of-bounds penalty—and make them legal."

If USDA's rule on getting out of the rough suits me, think I'll organize a chapter here and return to the ancient and honorable sport.

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A crowded street as viewed from the Opera Garnier steps in Paris.

photos by Mary Music

Paris, City of Lights

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PARIS — I walked away from Paris unfulfilled. The pieces of it that I saw — both good and bad — left me wanting to see more, and it's just not possible on a three-day excursion. My feelings toward this place are mixed, but, even so, I'd love to go back and do it all again.

In class, I'm studying about American authors who visited Europe in the 19th century to get educated, advance their career or explore their own personal growth. In his writings, Herman Melville resonated a specific distaste for tourists, saying that they basically visit tourist attractions to enhance their own self-importance. They check off their lists after viewing the work of art, he said, while at the same time, sucking the beauty of the art right out of it.

I understood what he was saying when I visited Paris last weekend. This magnificent city, the world-renowned City of Lights, is extraordinarily beautiful and filled, head to toe, with wondrous works of arts and the tourists that flock to them. In one sense it was exciting, exhilarating, breathtaking. In another, I was highly disappointed.

Like any true tourist, I, too, checked off my list. I got an ample tour of the city on a boat ride down the Seine River, bought gifts from merchants and painters who gathered with their wares along the riverbank. I mounted the top of the Eiffel Tower, sucked in a crowded view of the glorious mid-night city lights, walked (and got lost, very lost) along the endless city streets and breathed in the relaxed café life so prominent there.

My journey also took me to the Louvre Museum, where I saw the Mona Lisa (which, by the way, was quite small in comparison to the legacy that follows her). I also visited Paris' Cathedral, one of the most magnificent achievements of gothic architecture. I visited Concorde, a cobble stone square between Jardin des Tuileries and the Champs-Élysées that was constructed in 18th century. Louis XVI, and his wife, Marie Antoinette, along with 1,343 other people were guillotined there. Today, among magnificent statues and water fountains, it is home also to the Obelisk, an Egyptian monument stolen during Napoleon's reign.

I saw the 13th century cathedral, Notre Dame, fed some finches in the street from the palms of my hand, watched a little boy, dressed in a red poncho, dance and splash in mud puddles, and laughed at several humorously dressed Irish



The Eiffel Tower, built for the 1889 World Fair, is 320 meters high.

men (in town for a game against the French) make merry of the rainy day.

Though these places and things were extraordinary (even with the tourist invasions) the most beautiful place I visited while in Paris was Versailles, where sits the magnificent Chateau de Versailles, a palace built in the 17th century during the reign of Louis XIV. The enormous gardens that encapsulate the entire palace are dressed with Roman and Italian statues, breathtaking fountains, rows of perfectly trimmed hedges and shrubs, flowers of all sorts, amazing works of art, and topped off with families taking rides on

(See PARIS, page six)

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Slugs'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Here's a movie that is so dumb that it actually makes for an entertaining comedy in the Ed Wood vein. The quaint upstate New York town of Ashton is the setting. It's a nice little town that boasts a booming tourist trade, a dedicated Public Health Department, a somewhat cranky sheriff and, it just so happens, a thriving population of mutant killer slugs.

Turns out that this quiet country town was built over a toxic waste dump. Said dump, of course, has sprung a leak and the toxic waste has gifted these slimy boogers with special powers that include the ability to generate dramatic tension by moving at an incredibly slow pace, the ability to leave a slimy and highly traceable path wherever they go, and finally they have changed their dietary needs to include humans.

Luckily this town has also got a dedicated health department guy named Mike Brady in its back pocket. Brady may come off as a little whiny, but this doesn't prevent him from having a really difficult time convincing anybody that killer slugs are responsible for a spate of bizarre deaths. When Brady advances the notion that killer slugs may be responsible he is, surprise, surprise, laughed off. The goofy deputy character simply pines for the days when excitement came from "fat drunks running naked down Main Street," while the grumpy sheriff is more direct with Brady when he asks, "What'll it be next, demented crickets?"

This is the kind of movie where they expect you to shiver when a piece of lettuce appears to move on its own steam until it is revealed that — gasp — there is a slug under it.

Anyone who views this one will be treated to some of the most odd set pieces ever imagined. You get to see a death match between a slug in one corner and a cuddly hamster in the other. A guy eats a slug-laced salad and this causes him to explode during a business meeting the next day. The character who describes this incident later wasn't even present during the scene.

You will actually learn a fair amount about slugs from watching this flick. You get useful information like that they are hermaphrodites and can thus impregnate themselves (thank you, Discovery Channel).

The town may be small but it actually has one slug expert. He comes up with the brilliant plan to kill the slugs by throwing a chemical on them that will explode when it reacts with moisture. This rocket scientist then proceeds to drag few gallons of the chemical into the sewer system to look for the slugs (where is Ed Norton

(See LAGOON, page six)

The 15-minute rule

by FERNA LARY MILLS

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE MOTHER & DAUGHTER SOUL

When my mother and grandmother moved in with me, I believed with all my heart that we could make whatever sacrifices were necessary, for I loved them both dearly. They were both widowed within six months of each other, and it just seemed the natural thing to do. Being divorced and raising a young daughter by myself, I thought it would be nice having the extra family around. Maybe ours wasn't a typical family setting, but it was our family, and there was much love and laughter in our home.

There were concessions to be made and bound-

aries to be outlined, but by far our biggest obstacle has been - the laundry. Four women don't have too much laundry, unless one of them is 13. Mother was "in charge" of the laundry, as we each had our own assigned household chores and responsibilities. As my daughter, Sara, entered her teens, she picked up the belief of most teenage girls that she needed to change her attire at least 15 times a day. Now, this wouldn't have been such a problem except for laundry day.

Mom went on a rampage and tried to explain to Sara that it was OK to change clothes so often, but followed with these instructions: "If they aren't dirty, don't put them in the laundry room. Just hang them back up." Every laundry day I heard

the same shriek form the washroom: "I'm not washing clean clothes!"

Weeks went by, and the problem escalated with each load of laundry, until Mom finally laid down the law with her official definition of "dirty." "If you didn't wear it more than 15 minutes, it isn't dirty! So hang it back up!" she screamed.

As crazy as it sounds, this declaration seemed to work. Laundry day was no longer a shouting match. The piles of clothes in the washroom became smaller each week, much to my mother's great satisfaction.

One morning after a teenage slumber party, I arose early to meet Mom in the kitchen for coffee. I found her leaning over the cabinet laughing so hard the tears were streaming down

her face.

"What's so funny this early in the morning?" I grumbled. I'm not a morning person, so it has to be pretty good to get a chuckle out of me this early in the day. Yet, here was my mother, holding herself in stitches with uncontrollable laughter. She was laughing so hard, she couldn't even answer me. Every time she tried to speak, she got tickled all over again, and finally she just handed me the bowl that had been sitting on the kitchen cabinet.

Inside this very large stainless-steel bowl was a note in my daughter's handwriting that said simply: "Memaw, is this dirty? It only had popcorn in it for about 15



(See SOUP, page six)

Jim Davidson

Money is not everything

It has been said that money is not everything, but it sure beats what's in second place!

There is little doubt that in today's society money is a very useful tool. Some people pray for it, others gamble for it, still others work for it and a few even kill for it. The Greek teacher and philosopher Aristotle once said, "Money is a guarantee that we may have what we want in the future."

Though we need nothing at the moment, it insures the possibility of satisfying a necessary desire when it arrives."

There have been thousands upon thousands of books and articles written about money and its many uses and there will be countless others written in the future.

The subject of money is inexhaustible, but today I want to tell you a true story about a young lady who thought that money was much higher up on the list of her priorities than it actually was. As a result, she took a job that paid a lot more money, with a prestigious company that was located in nearby Little Rock, Ark. As a result, she had

to travel a much greater distance from her home each day. However after several months on this new job, while earning a lot more money, she came to the conclusion that money was not everything, at least to her.

The reason I wanted to share her story with you is because I suspect there are thousands of

other people across this great country that find themselves in a similar situation. To begin, here is a question for you to ponder. While we all need a certain amount of money to live the way we want to live, beyond that, what good is money if we are unhappy?

In the case of this young lady, here is what actually happened. She was lured away from her old job where she had friends, was really involved in the community and was able to spend a lot more time with her young son. This, coupled with the fact that she was driving a much greater distance to work each day in heavy traffic, which extended the number of hours she was away from home.

To make a long story short, she finally realized that she had made a poor choice and since her old job was still open, she went back to it. To me this shows a lot of maturity on her

part. Many people would have let pride get in the way and stayed on the higher paying job and been miserable.

Do you know anyone like this? If you do, please share this true story with them, because what she did about her situation could be an example and also provide the courage they need to make a change.

Before I paint with a brush that is too broad, there were several other factors that played a part in this young lady's decision. First, she is happily married to a man who earns a good income. This means that she did not have the financial pressure that many people face. On the other hand, many people are trapped in jobs they hate because the prospects of finding another job that will meet their financial obligations are not easy. Next is too much personal debt. Like this young couple, those people who are relatively

debt free can make decisions about a job or career change that are not afforded to those who are in debt up to their eyeballs.

The answer, of course, is to get out of debt, over time, and have the flexibility to find a job where we are happy and do not have the financial pressure that confronts millions of people in our nation today. With these things said, I would like to return to my earlier statement. "Money is not everything." To make this statement accurate, allow me to add these three words. Money is not everything for some people. Unfortunately, it is "everything" for a lot of others. In reality, the amount of money we need depends on what is important to us.

We all know or have known people for whom money was their god. Here I'm going to make a statement that you may disagree with and it may even make you angry. As a general rule, money is more important to people who are insecure, shallow and who are trying to win the approval of others.

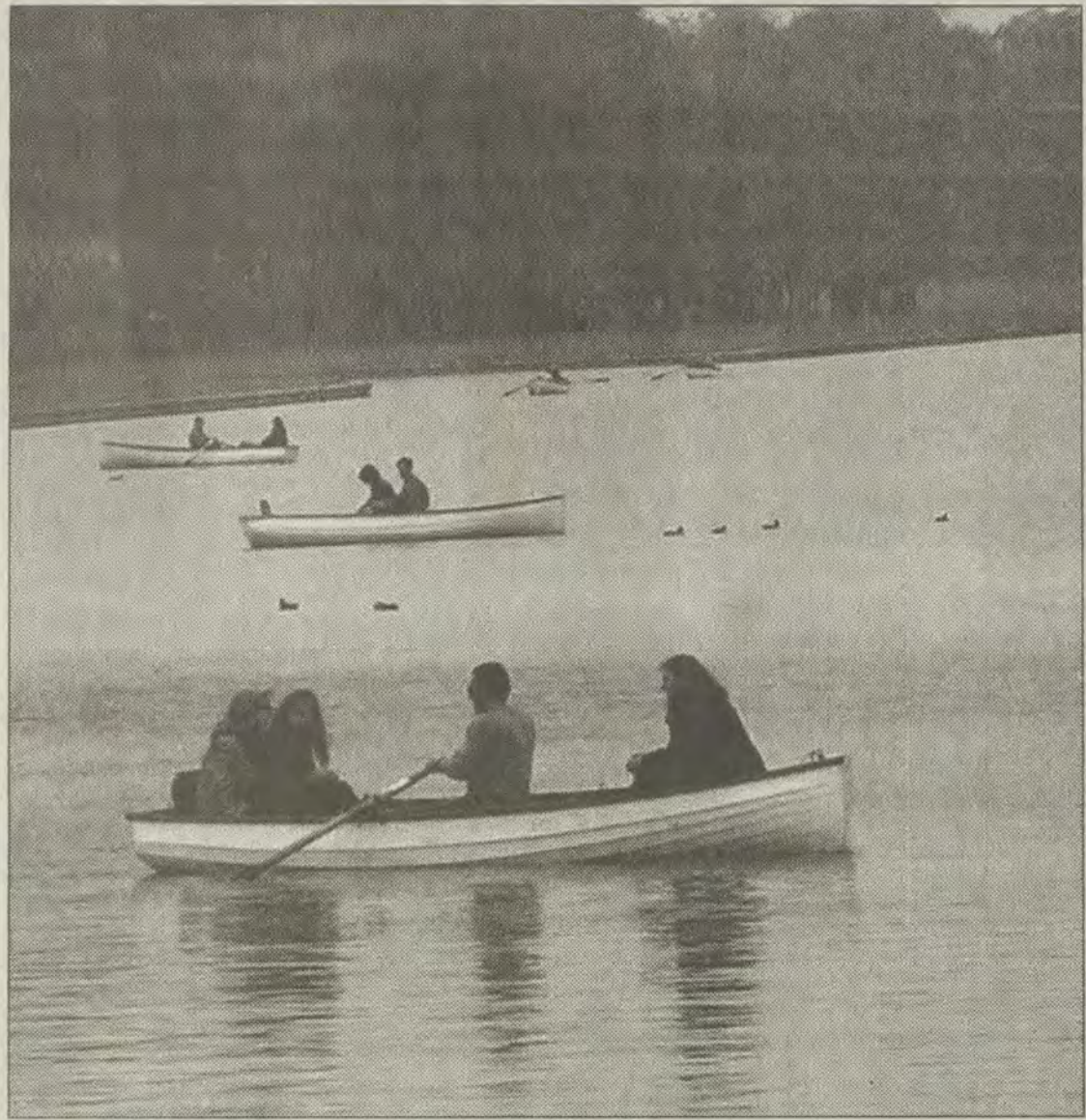
The reason I can make this

statement is because I lived this way for most of my life. When I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ, money was not nearly as important to me and as a result, I've been blessed more in the area of money than ever before.

Over the past several weeks I have gotten to know a man by the name of Kirk Jordan, who is a wonderful photographer and writer. He has a ministry of taking pictures of wildflowers, sunsets, trees, lakes and rivers and anything that is part of God's creation. He often emails them to me, along with his poetry and descriptions of his subject matter. Some mornings my computer screen opens up to a portion of his work and it is ablaze with brilliant hues of color. Breathtaking!

Like I said earlier, money is not everything. It's really a matter of what's important to us.

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Afternoon boat rides at Versailles.

photo by Mary Music

Paris

horse drawn carriages or lovers taking boat rides in the ponds there.

These and the other places I visited captured one piece of the exhilarating French culture. The other piece of it comes out through its people. I stumbled onto a rather rude introduction to Paris as soon as I stepped off the Eurostar, when I was approached by a Brazilian woman, in her late-40s, early-50s.

"Do you speak English?" she said, and when I confirmed her suspicion, she handed me a postcard, one that said her mother was in the hospital and she needed money. My heart went out to her, but I refused to help her, a decision that became very difficult when she started begging, repeatedly begging. "Please, Please," she looked at me, hands folded. She was escorted off the premises by a security guard there, who warned me about pickpocketing in the area. She returned a few moments later, and later still, to repeatedly repeat the encounter. I pretended not to see her the last time she came around.

My friends and I met several beggars in Paris who followed the same procedures. One, covered head to toe with heavy clothing, was bent over with a cane, shaking terribly, mumbling and holding out a cup. Though posing a disfigured back, I noticed this beggar was wearing a backpack, and that he/she was alert enough to hold the cup out when people passed, and draw it back in when they walked by.

Another — a woman of approximately 50 years — showed a postcard that said she just had a new baby and needed help. I didn't believe her either.

My heart, and any donation I gave, went more easily to the musicians who played on the streets or in the metro train stations. When we took the train to Versailles, a trio — guitar, sax and xylophone — serenaded the passengers. A group of drunken English men and women joined in singing.

It was interestingly hilarious. The people in Paris are much different (less reserved, I guess you could say) than the people in England. In London, the British dog owners carry little plastic bags with them to scoop up their doggie doo. In Paris, it's everywhere. It even becomes a commodity in souvenir shops, where T-shirts poke fun at the "City of Poo." The London Underground is also more convenient and much cleaner than Paris's metro, where it's legal for people to relieve themselves as long as their backs are turned to the public. (Believe me, this is not a pretty sight to see first thing in the morning.)

French people are more profound in their being. A particular distaste for Americans (and our president) was quite prominent in the non-tourist places that I visited. The hardest part about all of it was not knowing what the people around me were talking about — in shops, in the metro, on the street. The word "loneliness" is best described when you're standing in a crowded line to the top of the Eiffel Tower and you understand nothing being said during the hour and 15 minutes that you're standing there. As Bob Webb once told me, "The smile is universal." That's surely true, but in France, smiling at a gentleman can easily be taken the wrong way — which made my excursion all the more worri-

some.

Some of the other memorable aspects of the trip:

■ A group of teenagers who boarded a metro train coach, ripped off magazine advertisements that were hanging from the ceiling, and wrote, "No advertisement," on the walls (in French, of course.) I saw the mark they left behind in several train stations. Their rebellion was very interesting.

■ A drunken Irish couple who boarded our Eurostar coach on the way back to London. For whatever, as of yet uncertain, reason they verbally attacked a member of our group. They cursed, threatened and downgraded Americans for being "what's wrong with the world."

■ The woman screaming in the street one night when we were lost and searching for our hotel. Her cries went on for at least 30 minutes — loud, crisp and frantically echoing against the silence of the darkened alleyway. The only words we could translate were "Come back!" and "Why?!"

■ An argument that ended our four-hour tour bus ride of the city in the center of the Red Light District. Our driver, heading up a narrow street to the Cathedral, got out of the coach to bend a side view mirror on a car and broke it completely off. The owner, outraged, spent about 30 minutes arguing with him in French (just outside of the "Kiss Me" bar) before someone called the police and we were advised to find our own way home. (Yes, lost again.)

■ French shops are trendy and pricey. French dogs are tiny and dolled up. The cafés are honey and busy. Wine is cheap. French bread is good, but the croissants are unbelievable.

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

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

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 Tuccillo (Simon Spotlight Entertainment)
3. "How to Talk to a Liberal (If You Must)" by Ann Coulter (Crown Forum)
4. "Chronicles: Volume One" by Bob Dylan (Simon & Schuster)
5. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston (Rodale Press)
6. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
7. "Family First: Your Step-by-Step Plan for Creating a Phenomenal Family" by Philip C. McGraw (Free Press)
8. "Unfit for Command: Swift Boat Veterans Speak Out Against John Kerry" by John E. O'Neill, Jerome R. Corsi (Regnery)
9. "Will They Ever Trust Us Again?" by Michael Moore (Simon & Schuster)
10. "The Family: The Real Story of the Bush Dynasty" by Kitty Kelley (Doubleday)

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

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
2. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon (Vintage)
3. "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck (Washington Square Press)
4. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
5. "Reading Lolita in Tehran" by Azar Nafisi (Random House)
6. "The 9/11 Commission Report" (Norton)
7. "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger (Harcourt/Harvest)
8. "Friday Night Lights" by H.G. Bissinger (Da Capo)
9. "Sacred Stone" by Clive Cussler and Craig Dirgo (Berkley)
10. "The Wedding" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
2. "The Big Bad Wolf" by James Patterson (Warner)
3. "Blow Fly" by Patricia Cornwell (Berkley)

Soup

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Be a part of Chicken Soup's 10th Anniversary. Look for our 10th Anniversary Edition, "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Living Your Dreams." Visit www.chickensoup.com for more details.

Town

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Father Time is taking his toll, me laddies, if it takes you longer to rest than it did to get tired.

I have been dipping into the ology, a bit of late, and have by dint of much celebration decided I wouldn't give one trusting soul for all the Pikes, Tillichs, Bultmanns and so on down the line that you could round up from now till doom's-day.

Lagoon

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when you need him?). The scientist fails to see the flaw in his plan and even seems shocked when the resulting explosion levels half of the town.

The last shot of the film provides the only real scare as we see one lone slug slowly crawl off towards the inevitable sequel. Though it may appear that we will be spared a sequel (it's been 16 years since "Slugs" came out) one must remember that these are slow-moving critters and they could already be slithering towards a cinema near you.

Best line: "I suppose these killer slugs of yours aren't 18 years old and speak French?" 1987, rated R.

When was the last time someone tacked a television ad to their refrigerator?

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140 - 4x4's	270 - Sales	420 - Appliances	510 - Commercial Property	640 - Land/Lots	715 - Electrician	780 - Timber	
150 - Miscellaneous	280 - Services	445 - Furniture	530 - Homes	650 - Mobile Homes	720 - Health & Beauty	790 - Travel	
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460-Yard Sale

Oct 21, 22, 23rd Clean Sweep Yard sale, food processor, pellet rifle, charcoal and electric & propane grills, video tapes, other items. located at 560 Adams Cemetery Road Prestonsburg off 114 look for signs

3 family Yard Sale

Oct. Fri. 15, Sat. 16, Sun. 17, located between Parson's Garage and Allen-Banner road 6870 KY Rt 1428 Allen, Ky. Women's clothes sizes 8-10 household, beautiful Ivory wedding dress size 8 from 9 am to ???

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The Allen Volunteer Fire Department, on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at 1:00 p.m., at the Allen Fire Department Building at Allen, Ky., will be selling to the highest bidder:

- (1) 1991 Ford Crown Vic
- (1) 1994 Dodge Van

To review vehicles before sale date, contact Roy Compton, Chief, Allen Volunteer Fire Department at 606-791-1790

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Food City offers you competitive wages, flexible hours, comprehensive training and an excellent benefit package.

Food City also has Career Management Opportunities.

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All applicants will receive an appointment date and time to be interviewed!!! We are also accepting applications for these positions for our upcoming Prestonsburg Store at our current Prestonsburg location.

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890-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5444, OPERATOR CHANGE

(1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that G & L Energy, Inc., 651 Meade Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit 836-5444 to change the operator. The operator presently approved is C & C Mining, Inc., Hwy. 7 South, Dema, Ky 41859. The new operator will be Spud Mining, Inc., Hwy. 582, Kite, KY 41828, (2) The operation is located 0.6 mile west of Hueysville in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.3 mile east of Coolwater Road's junction with Ky. Rt. 7, and is located 0.07 mile south of Saltlick Creek. The operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map (3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive,

Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, must be filed with the Director, of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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