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briefs

Leslie men charged with poaching elk

The Associated Press

HYDEN — Two Leslie County men have been arrested on a charge of poaching a bull elk.

State conservation officers arrested Brandon K. Mosley, 25, of Hoskinston, and John P. Madden, 29, of Stinnett, on Tuesday for allegedly shooting the 800-pound animal on a surface coal mine near Stinnett on Monday.

Mosley also was charged with shooting from a vehicle, which is illegal in Kentucky.

Witnesses told Conservation Officer Billy Collett that they heard the shot and saw the elk fall just before a Toyota pickup truck approached the dead animal and then fled.

A tag on the elk showed it had been released in 1999 as part of an effort to restore the animals in Kentucky, which now has a herd estimated at 4,500.

Mosley and Madden were lodged in the Clay County Detention Center. Mosley was released on Tuesday and Madden on Thursday, both on \$1,000 bond each.

Officers confiscated a .270 caliber rifle, ammunition and a spent cartridge, that they allege were used to kill the elk.

Bishop murder trial now set for January

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Dwayne Bishop, of Grethel, will most likely go to trial in January for the murder of his wife, Carolyn, four years ago.

Bishop's case has seen over 250 motions filed and a heap of delays. The case was set for trial two months ago but was derailed at the last minute when a defense witness, cur-

rently incarcerated, recanted his testimony.

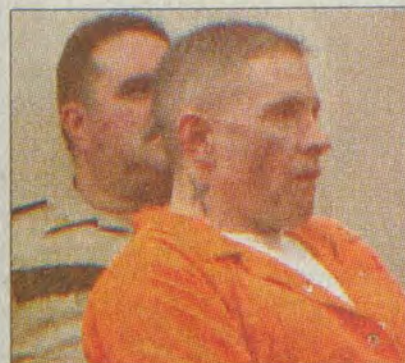
Despite the reversal, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office felt that witness was compelling enough that the prosecutors decided to appear as witnesses in the case in order to still be able to introduce the convict's story, which includes many unreleased details of the case. This decision had stalled the case again until a special prosecutor could be

introduced.

On Friday that prosecutor made his first appearance. David Smith has taken over the prosecution of Bishop. Smith is a member of the Attorney General's Office and has a record which includes arguing successfully for the death penalty on six of seven occasions.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent

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Dwayne Earl Bishop, awaiting a trial date for the murder of his wife, grimaced in court Friday when a motion to reduce his \$250,000 cash bond was denied.

photo by Tom Doty



Toufic Saad demonstrated how to apply pressure using one knuckle to the bicep of an attacker to break their hold at a self-defense seminar he conducted Thursday evening.

photo by Tom Doty

The Art of Defense

Residents learn to protect themselves during seminar

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Chuck Stamper, of the Floyd County 4-H, listened to the teens of the local 4-H chapter when it came to programming seminars this year and put together an intense evening pro-

gram that included self-defense instruction, important tips for avoiding situations where violence may occur and a lot of open discussion about what was on the minds of attendees.

The program, which was held at the Floyd County Extension Service Building on South Lake

Drive, was led by Toufic Saad who teaches computer technology courses at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Saad noted his philosophy at the outset, saying, "Teaching is my profession, but helping the under-

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Sheriff uncovers meth lab

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

DWALE — Crystal methamphetamine has arrived in Floyd County.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Office arrested Randy D. Brown, 33, of Hager Hill, Friday at a Dwale residence that was allegedly being used to manufacture crystal meth.

Brown's arrest came on the same day that Judge Eric Hall referred the cases of three individuals, charged with manufacturing the drug last

week at a trailer park in David, to a grand jury. Those three were Amy Joyce Crum, 28, of Blue River, Thomas Shepherd, 30, of Paintsville, and Gary Lynn Wood, also known as Jimmy Luther Bowman, 28, of Clinton, Tenn. Their arrest was followed in 24 hours by a raid on an alleged meth lab in Johnson County that saw three more arrests.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn, acting on a tip supplied to Lt. Greg Clark, was able to shut down the Dwale meth lab within hours of getting the information.

Blackburn was alerted to the case when Waste Management drivers informed Clark that a garbage run they were doing in Dwale had caused the refuse they were hauling to catch fire.

An investigation quickly discovered where the flammable garbage was coming from. Bottles of lye and Coleman fuel

canisters were the culprits and each is part of manufacturing crystal meth. The garbage was traced to a Dwale address, so Blackburn investigated it and found the same supplies that had been picked up by the garbage truck stacked outside a trailer in Dwale. He reported the problem to County Attorney Keith Bartley, who advised him to get a search warrant. Within hours, Blackburn contacted Det. Randy Hunter, of Kentucky State Police.

Hunter was no stranger to such an assignment due to his intensive training on crystal meth manufacturing, which was sponsored by the Division of Drug Enforcement. "I had to take 40 hours of training to learn how to handle the drug," Hunter said. "I had an additional eight hours of training on how to provide security while checking out a lab and it involved how to handle hazardous materials."

Hunter pointed out that there are telltale signs when someone is manufacturing the drug. There are two types of labs, with both emitting strong chemical odors which either resemble ether or a pungent aroma that is not unlike cat urine.

Hunter donned protective gear to empty the lab and had to be extra careful handling the materials, which are highly combustible. Hunter pointed out that the labs will use

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Beating suspect charged with assault at courthouse

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Cecil David Ousley got a rude awakening Friday only minutes after he entered a holding cell in the Floyd County Justice

Center after being sentenced on drug trafficking charges.

Ousley was allegedly assaulted by Clyde Bentley, 33, of Martin, who didn't have to be at court and was waiting to be sent back to jail.

Bentley is currently at the jail for allegedly assaulting another man in the same manner. He was indicted on those charges after a grand jury saw the evidence in the case that has him accused of savagely beating his neighbor,

Homer Music.

Ousley had to be taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center after the attack, which bloodied his eye and may have broken his nose.

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Demand for natural gas spurs drilling boom

The Associated Press

ALLEN — Growing demand and higher market prices are fueling a natural gas boom in Kentucky, state and industry officials say.

Kentucky has more than 17,000 natural gas wells, nearly all in the eastern part of the state.

The number of permits sought rose an average of 13.5 percent each year between 1995 and 2003, to 851 applications last year, according to state records. The state is on pace to break another record this year, with 753 permits requested through September.

"Eastern Kentucky is going

bonkers on natural gas right now," said John Gabbard, executive director of the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association, an industry group.

Another indication of the boom is a record amount of state severance tax revenue, which hit an all-time high of \$17.9 million last year, up from \$5.5 million in

1995. More gas production and higher prices are expected to push the severance tax to another record this year, said Rick Bender, director of the Kentucky Division of Oil and Gas.

Natural gas is being used more often to generate electricity and higher prices are making it more

profitable to look for more wells, said Andrew Melnykovych, spokesman for the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

The PSC said last month that natural gas prices for consumers this winter are expected to increase by 10 percent to 15 per-

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Odds and Ends

■ **CONFLUENCE, Pa.** — A man missed a mouse he was trying to shoot and wounded his girlfriend instead, state police said.

Donald Rugg, 43, was trying to kill the rodent with a .22-caliber handgun when his girlfriend, Cathy Jo Harris, 38, apparently went into the line of fire and was hit in the arm early Tuesday, state police said.

Harris was in stable condition at Somerset Hospital on Thursday, a hospital spokeswoman said.

State police said they won't charge Rugg, but advised against people shooting firearms inside.

■ **SEA RANCH LAKES, Fla.** — What two words are 12 letters long and mean precocious puzzlemaker? The answer is Kyle Mahowald, who at 17 is the youngest person to publish a Sunday crossword in The New York Times.

The teen began constructing crosswords for his school newspaper last year. That's after he was completing weekday Times puzzles in less than four minutes. By February, major newspapers were picking up his submissions for up to \$350 a puzzle.

He's had puzzles in the Times on weekdays, but his first Sunday one appeared Sept. 19. His work also was in The Wall Street Journal and Los Angeles Times this year.

"His puzzles are ambitious and well-crafted," said Will Shortz, puzzle editor for The New York Times. "He uses interesting, long, colorful answers with no obscurity at all. They're all familiar words and phrases, but they are challenging."

The high school senior from the Fort Lauderdale area was considering careers in law or journalism, but was waiting to hear whether he was accepted into one of the top-tier colleges to which he applied. He got a perfect 1,600 score on the SAT.

"It's hard to make it professionally as a puzzle creator," Kyle said. "But I'll keep doing it as a hobby for as long as I can. It's just really fun."

■ **SEATTLE** — Looking for a quick, healthy getaway? How about a high-speed ferry trip to

Victoria, British Columbia, and a flu shot?

Trying to capitalize on the flu shot shortage in the United States, Clipper Navigation is offering travelers aboard the Victoria Clipper a special rate of \$105 per person for round-trip transportation and influenza vaccination.

The normal fare is \$115 per person, the company said Thursday.

The shots will be available to passengers after they are cleared by Canada Customs and Immigration at the Belleville Terminal in Victoria's Inner Harbor, officials said.

Vaccines will be available Monday through Saturday until Dec. 31, officials said. Those who have already booked trips can add a flu shot for \$30.

The Victoria Clipper departs Seattle at 8 a.m. and leaves Victoria at 5 p.m. daily.

■ **ATLANTA** — You may not be able to fool Mother Nature, but she's fooling the magnolias.

This fall's changing climate has magnolia trees and other plants blooming at what is considered the wrong time of the year.

"It's not unusual to have some of our spring flowers, shrubs and trees come into bloom," said Jim Midcap, a horticulturist with the University of Georgia Extension Service.

"Almost always, whenever we have a late-summer drought, things get stressed, and then you get wet conditions, dogwoods and magnolias come into bloom," Midcap said. "They get revitalized. They think spring has hit us again."

That happened when a dry spell was snapped by a series of tropical storms that brought torrents of rain to much of the region within the past six weeks. That was followed by a warm beginning to the fall.

"Plants just don't know what to think," said Rick Moler, assistant manager at the Tucker, Ga., Pikes Family Nurseries. "Plants get a false sense of what time of year it is."

In Georgia, for example, Japanese magnolias are suddenly in bloom, well ahead of their normal, late-winter, early spring schedule.

Despite blooming at the

"wrong" time this fall, Moler said it doesn't make much difference in his sales of magnolia trees.

"Magnolias don't fly out of the store," he said. "People do look for them from time to time and want them, but usually it's on a design plan because they get so big and grow so slow."

■ **LONG BEACH, Wash.** — When hundreds of giant squid washed up dead on the Long Beach Peninsula last weekend, Dean Marsh knew exactly what to do: He stocked his freezer.

"No sense letting them go to waste," said the 57-year-old bait salesman, who planned to cut them up and sell them to fishermen.

An estimated 1,000 to 1,500 Humboldt jumbo flying squid — typically found off the coast of Mexico — have washed up

on southwest Washington beaches in the past few days, said Greg Bargmann, a marine fish manager with the state Fish and Wildlife Department.

What's killing them isn't clear.

"They're like salmon: They spawn and then they die," Bargmann said. "I don't know if this is post-spawning, or if the waters got so cold they couldn't take it anymore."

Tuna fishermen first reported seeing the squid about 30 miles off the southwest Washington coast in August. At the time, the ocean water was significantly warmer than usual — 67 degrees, instead of 50 to 55 degrees.

Ever since, the squid have surprised anglers as far north as Sitka, Alaska. One salmon fisherman in British Columbia hauled in a 6 1/2-foot, 44-pound

squid this month — a specimen that's now in a formaldehyde tank at the Royal British Columbia Museum.

Some people have called Bargmann to ask if they can eat the dead squid they find on the beach.

"I sure wouldn't eat them. It would be like eating a deer on the side of the road," Bargmann said. "But if you catch them live they'd be good."

■ **MARYSVILLE, Kan.** — Eric Swim was surfing on the Internet in June when he stumbled across the story of a 10-year-old Jewish boy from Israel who was in desperate need of a kidney transplant.

"I began thinking that I have two good kidneys," the Marysville man said, "and I didn't have to have one of them."

Swim, 38, returned Sunday

from Israel with one less kidney and the thanks of the many Israelis he met.

"It's a humbling thing when a Holocaust survivor comes up to you and says 'you're a big hero,' or 'gibor' in Hebrew," Swim said Monday during an interview at his home, "when in reality all I did was donate a kidney. It's very humbling."

The organ recipient, Moshiko Sharon, who had waited for a compatible kidney donor for more than a year, is doing well after undergoing implant surgery Sept. 21 at a Tel Aviv-area hospital.

But before the surgery could happen Swim had to undergo tests to determine whether he would be a good match. Swim learned the results of the tests Sept. 3 and left three days later

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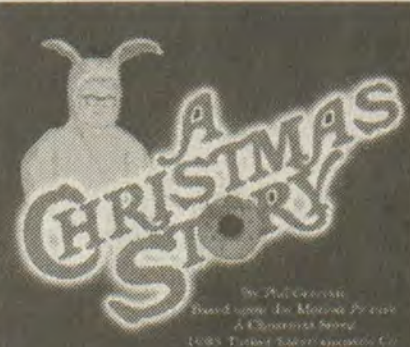
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Obituaries

Bill Gray Jr.

Bill Gray Jr., 71, of Gardner, Kansas, died Monday, October 18, 2004, at his home.

Born on May 30, 1933, in Martin, he was the son of the late William Gray and Josephine Hughes Gray. He was a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

He was a T/Sgt. in the US Air Force, retiring in 1969, after 20 years of service. He served in Korea. He was awarded the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of the American Legion; the Disabled Veteran's Association; the retired Air Force Association; and the VFW, in Oklahoma.

He had lived in Chicago, Illinois; Oklahoma City; and Alatha, Kansas, before moving to Gardner, Kansas, three years ago.

He managed several McDonald's Restaurants in Chicago, Oklahoma, and Kansas, for 15 years.

He was a member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, in Prestonsburg, and also the Masonic Lodge in Oklahoma.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

He is survived by his wife, Magdalena Perez Gray, whom he married on July 14, 1960, in Rabat, Morocco, Africa.

Other survivors include his children: Ann Gray of Paola, Kansas, Dennis Gray and Becky Capps, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one brother, Galloway Gray of Franklin, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Emogene Milligan.

Memorial services were held at 6 p.m., Thursday, October 21, at the Bruce Funeral Home, Gardner, Kansas.

Masonic funeral rites, military services, and inurnment were conducted Saturday, October 23, at noon, in Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association. (Paid obituary)

Defense

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dog is my passion."

Saad put the audience at ease right away by explaining that they would learn to use pressure points to get out of violent situations and that the only parts of their body that would be employed would be their knees, elbows and the knuckle of their pinky finger.

Saad was given strong support by Brandon Hall, who is graduating from Big Sandy this spring with a degree in art. Hall stood about one foot taller than Saad and was the perfect example for how one can use pressure points to inflict immediate pain and thus escape from an attacker without inflicting permanent damage. Saad explained that it is not the intent of the class to learn methods of deadly force, though the techniques could be used that way.

Saad said that defense is 95 percent mental and only 5 percent technique. Anyone can freeze in a fight situation and Saad pointed out that many people do well in self-defense training but can forget everything they know under the intensity of a real life threat. To supplement that idea, he provided the audience with a comprehensive list of books which elaborate on things people can do to avoid putting themselves into situations where violence can occur.

Stamper was pleased with the program and said, "I listened to what the teens in our 4-H group wanted. Many are going off to college soon and needed to feel that they could be responsible for their own safety."

Next month, Stamper plans to offer an evening devoted to the preparations one can make in the face of emergencies, which could be helpful to those who want to be better prepared when weather and other forces create a dangerous environment.

John H. Jervis

John H. Jervis, 66, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, October 21, 2004, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington.

Born December 31, 1937, in Endicott, he was the son of the late Tom and Elizabeth Spears Jervis. He was a retired employee for a Paint Manufacturer, and was a member of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Spears Jervis.

Other survivors include a son, John David Jervis of Prestonsburg; four daughters, Versinda Lee Fulford of Prestonsburg, Patricia Ann Jarrell, Melinda Jervis and Sherry Dawn Osborne, all of Endicott; a brother, Wayne C. Jervis of Auxier; two sisters, Hattie Strickland of Prestonsburg, and Irene Jarvis of Newark, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Jervis.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 23, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rick Kelly officiating.

Burial was in the Jervis Cemetery, at Endicott, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Freddie Jervis, Stanley Jervis, Merlin Osborne, Walter Fulford, William Jr. Jarrell, and Jason Jervis. (Paid obituary)

Bishop

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Turner said he couldn't be happier with the assignment of David Smith to the case.

"David is basically the director of the death penalty division for the attorney general," Turner said. "He oversees all of their capital cases. I've known him for a few years and have a great amount of confidence in him. We know he'll do a good job."

Bishop's counsel, Harolyn Howard, pleaded Friday for a bond reduction for Bishop, citing how long he has been in jail and arguing that he could be instrumental in planning his defense.

But Smith countered that the defense was basically complaining about how long the process has taken. He pointed out that Bishop had a lot to do with his extended stay in prison, which has been due in no small part to his inability to get along with his lawyers and his not respecting the rules of the court.

Judge John Caudill heard both sides and denied the bond reduction.

Meth

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conspicuous materials like Coleman fuel, lots of matches and over-the-counter cold medicines, preferably Sudafed. It is when traffickers are cooking the materials that they are most volatile. During the process they release a phosphene gas which can be deadly.

Bartley promised to work

Gas

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cent compared with last winter. Last year, prices climbed by as much as 40 percent, according to the PSC.

The supply of natural gas is so great in Eastern Kentucky that companies are working to build a pipeline to help take gas toward the East Coast. The pipeline would follow a path from Floyd County to Boyd County before feeding into one of two transmission systems that go northeast, said Willard Kinzer, who operates 1,400 natural gas and oil wells in Kentucky and is heading the pipeline project.

Kinzer said the capacity of existing lines has been filled by the supply of natural gas from larger companies, including Columbia Gas of Kentucky, and from coal-bed methane production in Virginia.

"We have the gas, but we can't get it shipped out," Kinzer said.

Kinzer said the planned line is years from completion and likely will cost tens of millions of dollars.

Small and family-owned natural gas companies like Kinzer Drilling have become major employers in impoverished Eastern Kentucky. Kinzer had a staff of five in the early 1970s and now employs 75.

Jerry Kanney and Dennis Rohrer followed Kinzer when they created Pikeville-based Interstate Natural Gas Co. in 1989. Kanney, a former banker, handled financial matters, and Rohrer dealt with field operations. The company had no other employees.

Today, Interstate has 60 full-time and contract employees who crisscross Eastern Kentucky in search of natural gas reserves trapped in shale deposits.

"There's a gigantic demand for natural gas, and I think that will continue," Kanney said.

Joe Garrett of Floyd County leased 49 acres of land to Interstate five years ago.

Garrett, 68, a retired coal miner, said the drilling on his property has yielded him free natural gas and an average of around \$4,000 a year in royalties — added income that enabled him to afford a new truck.

Garrett said post-drilling reclamation, which is required by law, has left few scars on his land.

"All you see is a pipe sticking up in the yard," Garrett said. "No one ever notices it."

Tom FitzGerald, who is director of the environmental group Kentucky Resources Council, said his office has received fewer complaints about natural gas drilling operations than about coal mining operations, including claims that natural gas wells had tainted local water supplies.

FitzGerald said natural gas drilling is less intrusive than coal mining but that an increase in gas drilling has a potential downside.

"If you have an irresponsible operator, there can be certain disruptions in people's ability to use roads and land," FitzGerald said.

diligently on crystal meth cases which almost always pass through his office on their way to circuit court.

"People are gonna find out what happens when we catch them with this drug here," Bartley said. "They can expect to spend a large percentage of their future in the penitentiary."

Odds

for Tel Aviv.

"I was doing my housekeeping work at the hospital when we got the call," said Swim, who works at Community Memorial Healthcare Inc. in Marysville. "It was Labor Day weekend and the banks were shutting down, and they wanted us to leave for Israel on Labor Day. So we left, with four airline tickets we had bought at the last minute and \$60 in our pockets."

Swim was joined by his wife, Lori, 34, and the couple's two children, Lucy, 10, and Josiah, 6.

"So many bad things are going on these days that it is hard to look at the world and have any hope for children," Lori Swim said. "If you want to have children see a better way, maybe saving one person's life will help us in the bigger scheme of things."

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

A man charged with forgery allegedly tried to get out of jail by — what else? — forging documents for his release.

Now, 20-year-old Jared J. Bailey faces new felony charges of attempted escape and forgery.

Investigators say Bailey forged the signature of Monroe Circuit Judge Douglas R. Bridges on a court order that purportedly changed his bail from \$100,000 surety bond to \$500 in cash.

Bailey's old roommate told police that Bailey asked him to fax the fake papers to Bailey's attorney. The friend said he went

to a copy store with a fax number he thought was the attorney's, but the documents went to the jail instead, according to an affidavit.

The fake document is complete with a clerk's office stamp and a template similar to the real thing. It details a hearing in Bridges' court and states: "The defense informed the Judge that substantial evidence disputing the prosecution's claims had been found ... After hearing the new evidence presented by the defense, the court orders that the defendant's revoked bonds be reinstated, and that the corresponding holds be lifted."

Jail staff viewed the papers as suspicious and did not release Bailey, whose bond has since been raised to \$250,000 surety.

In April, Bailey was charged with six felony counts of forgery and theft involving \$5,200 reportedly taken from three people. Bailey is also awaiting trial on charges of burglary, felony battery, confinement with a deadly weapon, attempted armed robbery and impersonating a police officer.

OSLO, Norway

A young Norwegian with a hankering for an unusual name likely won't win any friends among fans of the "Free Willy" films or, for that matter, among conservationists.

The 20-year-old, who works in a butcher shop, legally changed his middle name to "Keikoburger" this month, Norwegian media reported

Tuesday.

Keiko, a killer whale, starred in the trilogy of "Free Willy" films, about a young boy who befriends a captive Orca.

The six-ton Keiko died in remote Taknes Bay in December, likely from pneumonia, after swimming to Norway from Iceland in 2002 in a failed effort to return him to the wild. It was an odd choice for the cetacean given that Norway is the only country that conducts commercial whaling, despite a global ban and protests.

Norwegians eat the red meat of minke whales — not of orcas — which is sometimes ground into whaleburgers.

Espen Scheide, of the central Norway city of Trondheim, decided to make his Internet moniker "Keikoburger" part of his legal name.

The young man, now known as Keikoburger Scheide, told Norway's largest newspaper, Verdens Gang, that he happened to see a form for name changes on the Internet, and decided, on a whim, to apply for Keikoburger.

"I didn't think I would get such a name approved," the paper quoted him as saying. "This is fun. Now I can get a driver's license and passport with an exclusive name."

Keikoburger Schiede, who could not immediately be reached by telephone, said he had no special relationship with Keiko, but thought the name was amusing. The change was approved on Oct. 7.

Assault

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Lt. Greg Clark discovered that Ousley had been attacked when he checked on the prisoners and quickly identified Bentley as the suspect, which will now see him facing another charge for assault.

Bentley is in the jail under a \$20,000 cash bond and will most likely remain there. He was on probation for another assault when he was charged with beating Music. He has a pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 14.

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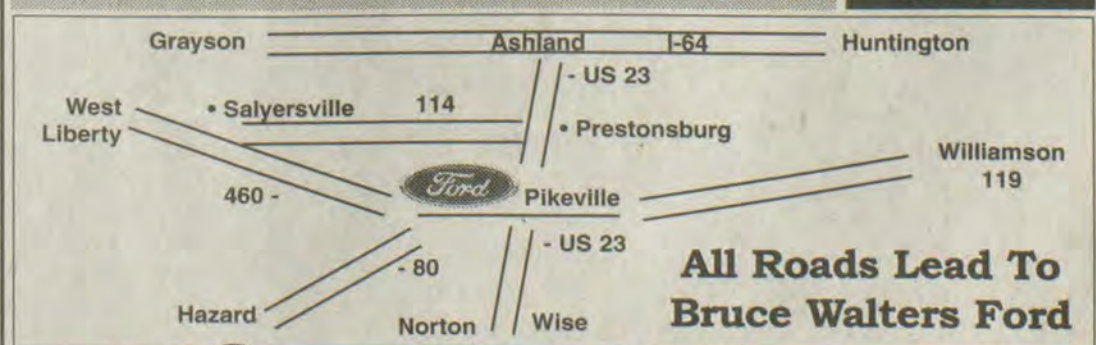
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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

Legislators blind to private sector

As state lawmakers were preparing for a final vote on legislation that will add \$180 million to the taxpayers' tab for state workers' health insurance benefits, a new survey was released that showed Kentucky has one of the worst tax climates for business in the country.

The juxtaposition of the "emergency" legislative plan to rescue state employees from rising health care costs with the state's dismal tax ranking tells Kentuckians a great deal about why the state consistently lags behind the national average in measures of economic growth and per capita income.

Kentucky's political leaders are far more interested in protecting and expanding government than they are in nurturing growth in the private sector. This explains why lawmakers who could not agree on a budget that included tax changes designed to ease the burden on businesses put partisanship aside and rushed back to Frankfort to meet the demands of state employees.

The angry response from state employee unions to Gov. Ernie Fletcher's attempt to control skyrocketing costs in the state health plan was deemed a crisis that required a special session — at a cost to the taxpayers of \$50,000 a day. But our legislators seem completely indifferent to surveys that identify Kentucky as a high-tax state with a poor climate for job creation.

This indifference is reflected in the state's complicated and burdensome tax structure. According to the Tax Foundation, a nonprofit group based in Washington, D.C., Kentucky has a tax system that is unfavorable to business growth.

Kentucky ranked 44th in the survey, which was based on an analysis of factors such as corporate tax rates, sales tax rates, unemployment taxes and overall tax collections.

All of Kentucky's neighbors except West Virginia have more hospitable tax climates for business. In the Tax Foundation survey, Missouri ranked 11th, Indiana 12th, Tennessee 15th and Illinois 23rd.

The authors of the Tax Foundation report note that "taxes affect business decisions, job creation and retention, plant location, competitiveness and the long-term health of a state's economy."

Federal statistics show that twice as many jobs move from one state to another than move to foreign countries through "outsourcing." Increasingly companies are seeking greener pastures within the United States.

It's not surprising that Tennessee, a state with a low overall tax burden, has grown much faster than Kentucky. Tennessee's tax structure invites economic growth. Kentucky's system discourages it.

Improving Kentucky's position in the battle for jobs and economic opportunity clearly is not a priority for the legislature. Gov. Fletcher's tax reform proposal is a mixed bag, but it contains changes that would improve the state's business tax climate. Even so, House Democrats are adamantly opposed to the governor's plan, and there's been no movement from either side to find common ground on critical tax issues.

The upshot is that state employees have a legislature that is responsive to their wishes, but private sector workers are on the outside looking in at a political system that shows little or no interest in their fate.

— The Paducah Sun

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Rich Lowry Column

Momma gets tough

Does terrorism threaten single men or women? One could be forgiven for thinking it doesn't when listening to John Kerry's latest pronouncements on terror. At Temple University recently, Kerry explained that terrorism is a grave threat to mothers in particular. Terrorism "goes to the very heart of what we value most — our families," he said. "It strikes at the bond between a mother and child."

Whether the overriding goal of terrorists is actually to strike at maternal bonding is open to debate, but Kerry has clearly been reading his poll numbers. The Beslan school massacre in Russia played out a parent's worst nightmare on TV screens everywhere, and had a discernible effect on the attitudes, and voter preferences, of married women almost immediately.

Republican strategist David Winston says the economy and jobs had been the top concerns of married women all year, but defense and terrorism became the top issues in August, after the Democratic

Convention (where there was lots of talk of terrorism, in between the Vietnam flashbacks). Then terror and defense became even more important for married women in September in the wake of the Beslan massacre.

"Women are engaging on defense and terror because of what they saw at that school," says Winston. "It made the threat very present and very vivid."

According to Time magazine, Kerry had a typical Democratic lead of 50 percent to 36 percent among women generally in early August. The lead evaporated in early September, and now the two candidates are essentially tied among women.

Married women worried about terrorism have been dubbed — in the latest cutesy name describing a boutique demographic group — "security moms." According to GOP pollster Kellyanne Conway, they include both the famous "soccer moms" from the 1990s — suburban moms who tend to be liberal on abortion, guns and the environment — and

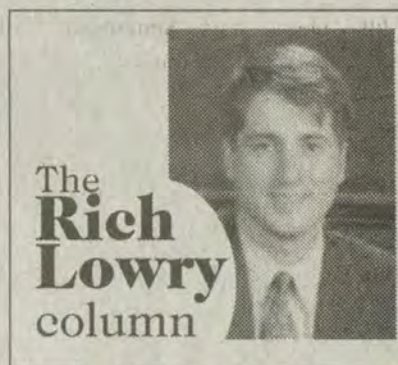
blue-collar moms, who are less well-off than their suburban counterparts. Among both groups Bush has leads on key attributes, such as strong leadership and sticking by his positions. It isn't, says Conway, that the soccer moms have abandoned their liberal-leaning views on social issues, just that those issues have been eclipsed by terrorism and homeland security.

The prominence of terrorism has given the GOP an opening. "If Bush is close, just close, among women, he is going to win the election," says Winston.

The soccer mom has been associated with much that was contemptible in our politics, especially soft-focus, meaningless policies like that old Clinton soccer-mom sop, his promotion of the so-called V-chip, which was supposed to protect America's children from untoward TV programming. Who knew that soccer moms were made of sterner stuff?

Of course, other factors are influencing women's views of the candidates besides terror, and Kerry is underperforming among every one at the moment. But it just might be that tough counterterrorism is the new V-chip. The old saying goes, "When momma ain't happy, nobody is happy." The same apparently applies when she's not feeling secure.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

beyond the beltway

Debates don't bring out our best

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

The presidential debates are, at long last, over. There will be no others; at least not this time around. The president and Sen. Kerry squared off for a total of four-and-a-half hours, supplemented by their running mates for another hour-and-a-half.

If you haven't made up your mind by this time, there is very little hope for you. You should consider checking into a Clinic for the Terminally Ambivalent.

The various commentators did a lousy job of judging the debates (they kept calling them ties; they weren't) but a much better job of pointing out the lies, exaggerations and inconsistencies of each man but erred in equating them. (President Bush's were more numerous and far more egregious.)

This is my take on the debates: Kerry won the first one going away, as Bush fell victim to Al Gore disease, the inability to mask one's utter contempt for an opponent. Bush looked small, nervous, and ill at ease, an odd thing for a sitting president who, after all, won the presidential debates the last time around. Kerry, on the other hand, looked ... well ... presidential.

Kerry lost a chance to add to that advantage in the second debate. He missed opportunity after opportunity to skewer the president on issues, contenting himself to drone on about his four-point plans. (Ask John Kerry how to fry an egg and he'll give you a four-point plan to do it.)

Bush, on the other hand, didn't really answer the questions asked him. Instead, he attacked Kerry. Ask him about Social Security and he attacks Kerry. Ask him about the war in Iraq and he attacks Kerry. Ask him what time it is; he attacks Kerry.

It gets old after a while but there's a certain effectiveness to it and I thought the second debate was no better than even for Kerry and maybe less than that.

This set up a sense of drama going into the third debate. (I pretty much decided to ignore the vice presidential debate. Who votes for vice presidents anyway?)

The questions at hand were: Could Kerry regain the smooth assurance and command of the first debate? Could Bush carry his attack to another (that is to say, convincing) level?

The answers turned out to be yes. And no.

Kerry had a coherent, well thought-out answer to virtually every question and a four-point plan to solve every problem.

I don't know what the president was doing. I guess they told him not to scowl so he came out smiling. And grinning. And giggling. He looked like a man ODing on Viagra.

I know Americans like optimists, but the economy's doing terrific? The war is going great? Our coalition is strong? His tax cuts went mostly to the middle-class? What planet do those people in the White House live on?

This giddy side of George Bush is one we really hadn't seen before and it wasn't pretty.

Kerry's worst moment was his mention of Mary Cheney, the vice president's daughter, in his answer about whether being gay is matter of choice. It's no secret that Ms. Cheney is a lesbian, but why bring family members into a public debate? It seemed uncharacteristically low-class and smarmy on Kerry's part.

Still, if you were to choose the president of the United States strictly on the basis of debates, John Kerry deserved to win in a landslide.

That, however, is not the way it is, nor should it be.

There are a lot of presidents — Dwight Eisenhower comes to mind — that wouldn't have been great debaters but turned out to be pretty good presidents.

If you choose your presidents on the basis of their records, I think Kerry wins again, largely by default. The president's record on the war, the economy, the environment, on tax fairness, is pathetic. Kerry's is that of a bright but increasingly cautious politician of moderately liberal persuasion. He hasn't left many footprints in the Senate.

The race looks dead even right now. It all depends on which way those damnable undecideds finally decide to go. That and on whether the Republicans can steal the election again.

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Minister's Moment

You might need a spiritual checkup

By **REV. THOMAS R. BIDDLE**
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These days a big issue that faces our nation is health care costs. How do you keep them affordable? How do we make sure that it is available for everybody? Will I be able to make a choice of doctors and health care facilities?

One thing that does see to hold true about health care is the need for regular checkups. Regular checkups help us avoid those critical and more serious illnesses.

Well, all of that talk got me to thinking about our spiritual lives. What if we thought about our spiritual lives the same way we do our physical lives? What if we tried to avoid the critical times by having regular periodic checkups?

As I began to study the possibilities, I went to the first place we all seem to go to these days

for information — the internet. I typed "spiritual checkup" into the search engine and, to my surprise, I came up with multiple ideas and suggestions.

I even found actual tests with a battery of questions trying to help me discern my spiritual health. The questions ranged from my attitude towards my neighbor to my prayer frequency.

I found the test to be very challenging and lengthy. It had far too many questions to list here, so I came up with my own short list of spiritual questions.

■ If you think that eating at the International House of Pancakes qualifies as foreign missions experience, you might need a spiritual checkup.

■ If the preacher calls for prayer concerns and the only thing you have to offer is the name of your favorite pro-wrestler because he appeared to be injured in a recent match, then you might need a spiritual checkup.

■ If you have ever considered making change for a \$5 bill as the offering plate came by, then you might need a spiritual checkup.

■ If your favorite gospel song is "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," then you might need a spiritual checkup.

■ If the majority of your personal prayers begin with the words, "Lord, please let the Wildcats win tonight," then you might need a spiritual checkup.

■ If you have ever made the statement, "It's too pretty to go to church today," then you might need a spiritual checkup.

■ If you find yourself paying more attention to the clock than the preacher, you might need a spiritual checkup.

Obviously, I can look at this with a bit of humor. In all seriousness, though, this world has never been more spiritually ill.

There is supposed to be love, but we see envy and strife. There is supposed to be holiness, and it seems that ungodli-

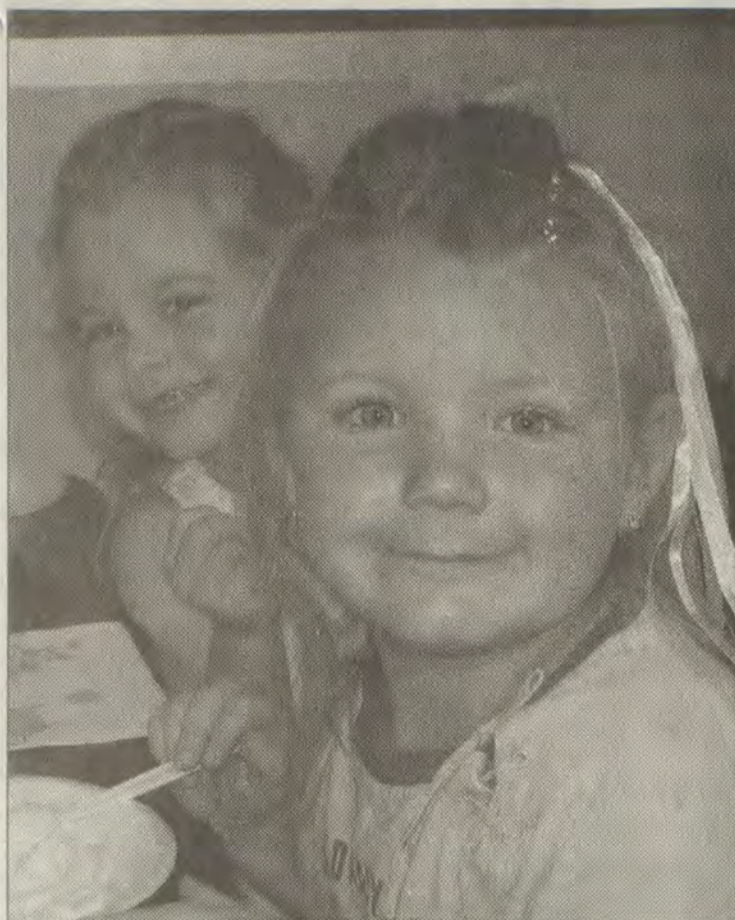
ness prevails. As churches, we attempt to have revival, yet see no great awakening.

Simply put, this should not be. I tend to agree with the quote, "What is wrong with the church must be the sum total of what is wrong with each individual." I suppose that is why Paul twice said in the Corinthian letters, "Examine yourself." (I Corin. 11:28 and II Corin. 13:5.)

I think if we would just take a step back, many of us would realize we are not where we need to be with God. Our relationship with God is not as healthy as it should be, but we can change that.

We all have the possibility of being seen by the great physician — Jesus Christ. He has branch offices at a church near you. You don't even need an appointment. The best part is that it is free.

Far too many of us wait until the critical times to ask for His care, when if we saw Him more regularly, life would be better.



Martin County CFDC marks anniversary

INEZ — Martin County Child and Family Development Center, a program of the Christian Appalachian Project, had its first anniversary Oct. 13. We have come a long way in a year.

As we began our services here at the Roy F. Collier Community Center in October 2003, we had an enrollment of three children. We had employed three local residents as teachers and cook.

By January, we had an enrollment of nine children. By mid March, we were at the center's capacity of 11 preschool students and five toddlers. We also maintained a waiting list of students desiring to be enrolled. In July, we graduated eight preschoolers.

After graduation in July, it was time to evaluate our program and determine the most crucial age group needing care in the area.

Martin County has a capacity of 144 for head start students in the age group of 3- and 4-year-olds. There is no child care for toddlers (ages 1 to 2).

We decided to partition off part of our dining area and add an additional space for five

more toddlers. We were fortunate in being able to hire another area person for the teacher position for this new toddler room.

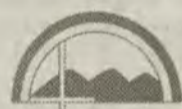
The Martin County Child and Family Development Center currently maintains an enrollment of 11 preschool students and nine toddlers.

We employ a manager, a head teacher, three classroom teachers, and one cook. We also have one long term volunteer.

We are open Monday to Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Our fees are \$10 per day for all day care and \$5 per half day. We offer a very structured program in both preschool and toddler care. We are also involved in the STARS for KIDS program initiated by former Gov. Paul Patton.

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For additional information, you may contact Brenda Wireman, program manager or Lisa Dingess, head teacher, at (606) 298-2651.



CAP Corner

Democrats take aim at Bunning

by **DAVID ESPO**
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON — Searching for a Senate upset on Nov. 2, Democrats are putting fresh money in Kentucky in hopes of denying Republican Sen. Jim Bunning a second term.

Several sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, say the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee purchased more than \$800,000 worth of television time to air commercials designed to help Democratic candidate Dan Mongiardo.

The ad relies heavily on newspaper headlines to accuse Bunning of "scant leadership" and "slipping judgment" in an era of lost jobs, skyrocketing health care costs and overcrowded classrooms. It is expected to run until Election Day.

Bunning holds a huge financial advantage over his rival, a physician and state senator. But even Republicans concede privately that his once formidable lead has dwindled to single digits under the weight of a series of controversial comments and curious actions.

Republicans hold a 51-48 majority in the Senate, with one Democratic-leaning independent. Democrats must gain two seats to be assured of a majority when Congress that convenes in 2005 — a difficult challenge since it involves winning seven of the eight other races that party strategists agree are the most competitive.

At various points in the campaign, Bunning has said his wife was "black and blue" after

Mongiardo's staff assaulted her at a summer picnic — and compared his rival's appearance to one of Saddam Hussein's sons. Mongiardo denied the first charge, and Bunning apologized for the second comment.

Recently, Bunning did not appear in Kentucky for a scheduled campaign debate, deciding instead to participate via remote hookup from Washington.

On Wednesday, Bunning opened a late-campaign trip

around the state and accused his rival of spreading rumors about his mental health.

"The rumors that have been spread by my opponent about my health are disgusting," Bunning said during a campaign stop here. "People who know me know the truth."

Mongiardo dismissed the charge as "just another absurd comment," and questioned what he called his opponent's "bizarre conduct."

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Regional Obituaries

■ Orville Blevins, 79, of Betsy Layne, died Thursday, October 14, in the Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Betty Lou Fraley Blevins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Clarence Keathley Jr., 54, of Harold, died Wednesday, October 13, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Roy O. Ratliff, 75, of Martin, died Saturday, October 16, in St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Eulene Hamilton Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 19, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Ted Thompson, 66, of Stanville, died Saturday, October 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Elizabeth Mayton Thompson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Martha Williamson, 83, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Estill, died Saturday, October 16, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 19, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Sammy Everette Maggard, 62, of Drift, died Monday, October 11, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Lynda Price Maggard. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier 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.

■ Alex Hall, 61, of Grethel, died Tuesday, October 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Charles W. Cook, 62, of Debord, died Wednesday, October 20, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, October 22, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home of Inez, Ky.

■ Irene Fitch, 90, of Hager Hill, died Wednesday, October 20, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 22, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ John B. Hall, 66, of Brinkley, died Tuesday, October 12, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Vadis Jay "Cooley" Fields, 32, of Lotts Creek, died Saturday, October 15, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Marie Herald Fields. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Josephine Harmon, 79, of Floyds Knobs, Indiana, died Tuesday, October 19, at Clark Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 22, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Martin Fannin Jr., 50, of Inez, died Friday, October 15, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Fletcher Fannin. Arrangements were under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Billy Ray Adams Jr., 35, of Barbourville, died Wednesday, October 13, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Patti McDonald Adams. Funeral services were

conducted Saturday, October 16, under the direction of Knox Funeral Home.

■ Alex Pelphrey Jr., 82, of West Jefferson, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, October 6, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Marie Ward Pelphrey. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 9, under the direction of Rader-McDonald Funeral Home.

■ Marvin Fannin Jr., 50, of Inez, died Friday, October 15, at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Fletcher Fannin. Arrangements were under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Lee Roy Spears, 91, of Hager Hill, died Wednesday, October 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 15, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Eddie Clay Meade, 84, of Chiefland, Florida, formerly of Louisa, died Sunday, October 3, at Veteran's Hospital, Gainesville, Florida. Graveside services were held Wednesday, October 6, under the direction of Knauff Funeral Home.

■ Martin Picklesimer, 87, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, October 14, in Lancaster, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Mabel F. (Tackett) Picklesimer. Services were held Monday, October 18, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Naomi L. Pinkerton Hammond, 83, of Webbyville, died Friday, October 15, in Carter Nursing and Rehab Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 18, under the direction of Malone Funeral Home.

■ Eddie Clay Meade, 84, of Chiefland, Florida, formerly of Louisa, died Sunday, October 3, at Veteran's Hospital, Gainesville, Florida. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, October 6, under the direction of Knauff Funeral Home.

■ Mabel Maynard Adams, 90, of Fallsburg, died Monday, October 18, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 21, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Luther Howard Williams,

92, of Groveport, Ohio, formerly of Lawrence County, died September 23, at Mt. Carmel

Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Marie Hayes Williams. Burial was in Arlington

Cemetery, Canal Winchester, under the direction of Myers Funeral Home.

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South Floyd stuffs Tigers, 26-16**Raiders roll out of regular-season 8-2**by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Yes, it's a very good time to be a South Floyd Raider.

The Hit Hat Craziest were out and into character Friday night and so was the team they were cheering on.

Host South Floyd headed into

Friday night's home game against District Eight rival Paintsville looking to wrap up a second seed in the district and with that, a first round home playoff game. The Raiders came out fired up Friday night, scoring three touchdowns in the first half of the first quarter. Paintsville played from behind all night and couldn't overcome the

early scores. South Floyd never trailed and posted a 26-16 win, securing a home playoff game in the first round.

South Floyd head coach Donny Daniels, with his team now 8-2, couldn't help but flash a smile after Friday night's win. His team is now 8-2 and is at least assured of no worse than a second-place fin-

ish in Class A, District Eight.

"It's sweet," Daniels said, when asked what he thought about his team's latest winning effort.

"These kids are just unbelievable. They keep surprising me. Nobody gives us any credit up here and we just keep on taking care of

(See RAIDERS, page two)



South Floyd head coach Donny Daniels collected his team and gave instructions during half-time of Friday night's pivotal district game against visiting Paintsville.

photo by
Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg junior back Brandon Peters (4) took carries out of the Blackcat backfield during Friday's win over Shelby Valley.

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Ho, Humby JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ROBINSON CREEK – After lighting up the scoreboard at Blackcat Stadium last Friday to the tune of 53 points against an outmanned Pike County Central team, one had to wonder what Prestonsburg would do for an encore on Friday night on the road against district rival Shelby Valley. The suspense would not last long, as it took Prestonsburg less than three minutes to hit paydirt in the contest. Prestonsburg, before rolling to a 62-12 win, took the opening kickoff and marched 55 yards in four plays capped by a four-yard touchdown pass from Trevor Compton to John Mark Stephens. Prestonsburg led 6-0 after less than three minutes had ticked off the first quarter clock.

Shelby Valley looked as though it was up to giving the Blackcats a game, but the effort proved to be short-lived.

After the Wildcats drove to the

Blackcat 30-yard line, the Prestonsburg defense stiffened and stopped Shelby Valley on downs. Prestonsburg took over on its own 25-yard line and on the first play from scrimmage, Compton found a seam and raced 75 yards for another Blackcat touchdown.

Joe Blackburn barreled in for the two-point conversion and Prestonsburg led 14-0 with 4:21 remaining in the first quarter. The score remained 14-0 after one quarter, but after Shelby Valley failed to produce any offense, Prestonsburg capitalized and add to the lead on a 10-yard run from quarterback David Shaffer.

Seth Moore's extra point gave the Blackcats a 21-0 lead with 11:48 left in the first half. Prestonsburg added two more scores late in the first half on short runs from Compton and Blackburn to take a 35-0 lead into the half. The game was basically

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Blackcats hang 62 on Shelby Valley

In a rout, the Prestonsburg defense held Shelby Valley to just two scores.

Belfry, Betsy Layne finish 1-2 in region, againby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY – Belfry is making another trip to the State Volleyball Tournament. For a second straight year, Belfry is the 15th Region Champion and Betsy Layne is the 15th Region runner-up. Belfry, playing at home Thursday night, upended then-undefeated Betsy Layne 2-0 (25-16, 25-18) to capture the regional championship. Betsy Layne, coached by Christina Crase, packed a perfect 21-0 record into the championship match and finishes the season with a 21-1 worksheet. Crase experienced a great deal of success in her first season at the helm of the Betsy Layne volleyball program, winning another 54th District title.

Belfry, coached by Rick Mounts, played an extremely competitive schedule, hosting the Belfry Bash and playing in both the Ashland Blazer Invitational and the Queen of the Bluegrass before rolling to championships in both the 56th District and the 15th Region.

Belfry will play in the State Volleyball Tournament Friday in Frankfort. The match, scheduled for 5 p.m., pits Betsy Layne against 12th Region champ South Laurel.

(See BETSY LAYNE, page two)

P'burg paired against Allen County-Scottsville in preseason matchupby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – Following a 58th District championship season and an appearance in the 15th Region Tournament semifinals, Prestonsburg carries much momentum into the start of practice here in the 2004-05 boys' basketball preseason. Prestonsburg, coached by Jackie Day Crisp, will hit the Rupp Arena floor two days after Thanksgiving on Saturday, Nov. 27 when it takes part in the Kentucky Basketball Academy (KBA) pre-season showcase. The Blackcats are scheduled to take on Allen County-Scottsville in an evening game at 5:10 p.m.

Prestonsburg will play in the showcase in one of 11 boys' basketball scrimmages. The event is sponsored by Toyota on Nicholasville.

Crisp is looking forward to both the preseason scrimmage and the upcoming season.

"It'll be a great experience for our kids and our basketball program – getting to play in Rupp Arena," said Crisp. "The kids that we've got out for practice at this time have worked real hard."

Prestonsburg began practice Monday. Several Blackcat boys' basketball players, including seniors Trevor Compton, Joe Blackburn, John Mark Stephens, Jesse Chaffins and Kyle Ousley, find themselves still on the gridiron. Michael Stephens, Sean Leslie, Brooks Herrick and Nick McGuire, all contributors from last season's team, took part in practice this week.

The lineup for the KBA pre-season showcase follows: Williamstown-Western Hills, 9 a.m.; Harlan-Menifee County, 10:10; Bracken County-Sayre, 11:20; Mercer County-Bath County, 12:30 p.m.; Monroe County-Russell, 1:40; Campbell County-East Jessamine, 2:50; North Laurel-Lexington Christian, 4; Prestonsburg-Allen County-Scottsville, 5:10; Cawood-Shelby County, 6:20; Paul Dunbar-Perry County Central, 7:30; Clay County-South Laurel, 8:40.

Smith pleased with team's progress
Incoming guards figure key in squad's successby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Rondo

LEXINGTON – University of Kentucky men's basketball coach Tubby Smith is looking forward to another year on the hardwood. The veteran college basketball coach was very optimistic

Thursday when the UK men's basketball program held its annual media day.

Two of the top incoming players for UK men's basketball team are freshman guard Rajon Rondo, a player fresh out of Oak Hill Academy, and junior Patrick Sparks, a transfer who comes to UK from Western Kentucky University.

"We're really pleased with the way things are going," said Smith. "A lot of great things are happening around the country in college basketball. I've been on a lot of committee's this year with (NCAA President) Dr. Myles Brand and others talking about the basketball issues and things that are happening. We

feel good about where Kentucky basketball is and where basketball around the country is. There are a lot of things we have to continue to work at and improve. But I feel confident, through the NABC and other entities that are involved in college bas-

(See TEAM'S PROGRESS, page two)



Sparks



ROLLING INTO NASHVILLE – Prestonsburg stock car driver Steve Blackburn (22) will leave Wednesday for Nashville – the city where he'll be honored as the 2004 NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Region Champion. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday.

photo by David Allio

Betsy Layne

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STATE VOLLEYBALL BRACKET

Region vs. region matchups for next week's KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament are posted on the website. The event is scheduled for Oct. 29-30 and will be played at the Frankfort Convention Center. New to the tournament this year is a "one court" schedule of the event. Previous tournaments used a "two court" set-up for Friday's first round and Saturday morning's quarterfinals.

Following are the first round region vs. region match-ups:

Friday, Oct. 29
Region 14 Winner vs. Region 2 Winner, 1 p.m.; Region 16 Winner vs. Region 1 Winner, 2 p.m.; Region 13 Winner vs. Region 7 Winner, 3 p.m.; Region 3 Winner vs. Region 10 Winner, 4 p.m.; Region 15 Winner vs. Region 12 Winner, 5 p.m.; Region 5 Winner vs. Region 9 Winner, 6 p.m.; Region 11 Winner vs. Region 8 Winner, 7 p.m.; Region 4 Winner vs. Region 6 Winner, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30
Quarterfinals at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.; semifinals at 2 and 3 p.m.; championship at 8 p.m.

Team's Progress

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ketball, that we're trying to come together to help make it a better game.

"We have an exciting group of players returning as well as new players that have arrived on campus. As a coach, I'm always eager to get started and see how our team comes together. Every time a new year starts there is always the anticipation that you hope (the new players) are going to be as good as advertised. I think some of our freshmen have shown us that they're capable of being major contributors immediately in our program."

Another talented incoming backcourt player is Joe Crawford, a freshman from Detroit, Mich. Another freshman guard is Ramel Bradley (New York, N.Y./The Pendleton School, Fla.) Sparks spent last season practicing with the UK men's bas-

ketball team and could become a team leader early on in the season.

"Patrick has been on our team for a year and gone through the practices," Smith noted during Thursday's media day. "He's got a leg up on the other guards because he's been in the system for a year. But in this day and time, guys like Ramel and Rajon and Joe, those kids have played AAU ball and traveled around the country. They've been exposed to the media and the pressure of having their name on the internet and being talked about by scouting services for years now. I think that is part of our culture in basketball and its part of our culture now in America."

Sparks is noticeably excited about being eligible to play and again having a chance to give it the old college try - and then

some.

"I am expecting to have a lot of fun this year. I am eligible this year so I am looking forward to it."

"I am expecting to have a lot of fun this year," said Sparks, who previously starred at Western Kentucky University. "I am eligible this year so I am looking forward to it."

"It was hard sitting out last year, but it was what I had to do to help the team. Now it is my turn to play, so I am looking forward to it."

"I feel good going into this year, I haven't played for a long time and I am looking forward to getting back into the real game situations and playing the game of basketball."

Kentucky will open the 2004-05 exhibition season Wednesday, Nov. 2 at home against Northern Kentucky.

FOOTBALL:

Williams wants to play again

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MONICA, Calif. - Ricky Williams abruptly retired from the Miami Dolphins last summer because he disagreed with the NFL over a disputed drug test. Williams now wants to play again.

Williams' attorney David Cornwell had a 90-minute meeting with two NFL officials and a union representative aimed at resuming the star running back's career.

Williams did not attend the meeting. Cornwell said his client is taking classes in Northern California and refused to elaborate.

Hall nominees announced

CANTON, Ohio - Quarterbacks Dan Marino and Steve Young and wide receiver Michael Irvin are among nine first-time nominees for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue also is among the 89 nominees on the preliminary ballot.

Other first-time nominees include coach Dan Reeves, guard Nate Newton, defensive lineman Charles Haley, Kevin Greene, Steve Atwater and the late Derrick Thomas.

The list of 89 will be narrowed first to 25 semifinalists and then to 13 finalists.

NBA Preseason: Rockets 98, Bulls 78

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON - Tracy McGrady had 27 points and Yao Ming 20, and the Houston Rockets rode three impressive runs to a 98-78 preseason victory Thursday night over the Chicago Bulls.

Jim Jackson added 17 points for Rockets (3-1).

Luol Deng, the 19-year-old rookie from Duke, led the Bulls with 20 points. Eddy Curry added 17.

Chicago was down 22-17 in the first quarter when it went on an 11-0 run to take a six-point lead. Curry had 10 points in the period.

The Rockets went 4:02 without scoring before McGrady, who had nine points in the first quarter, hit a basket at the buzzer to pull them to 28-24.

Houston began the second quarter with a 13-2 run for a 37-30 lead. Jackson had seven points in the quarter as the Rockets stretched their lead to as much as 45-34.

Both McGrady and Curry had 14 points at the half and Houston led 50-44.

The Rockets scored the first seven points of the third quarter to open a 57-44 lead. Yao and Jackson scored four points apiece in a 10-0 run later in the quarter as Houston made it 69-52.

Then Rockets opened their biggest lead at 98-73 on a jumper by Ryan Bowen with 1:39 remaining in the game.

Raiders

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business. We've had a lot of highs and lows. It's so satisfying for us to be where we are right now. I am so happy for this great bunch of kids."

South Floyd took the opening kickoff Friday night and didn't take long to make it into the endzone. Junior quarterback Ryan Johnson hooked up with junior receiver Justin Slone on a 46-yard scoring strike for South Floyd's first score of the game. The Raiders couldn't hit on a two-point conversion try and the score stood 6-0 with 10:42 left to play in the opening quarter.

Paintsville came up short on its first drive and South Floyd hit paydirt again with 7:44 remaining in the opening quarter when senior running back Wes Hall scampered in from eight yards out. The two-point conversion on the second Raider touchdown failed, too, leaving South Floyd to lead 12-0.

Host South Floyd scored again with 5:00 remaining in the first quarter and went ahead 18-0. Paintsville got two points back on a safety early in the second quarter. The Tigers scored their only first half touchdown with 2:29 remaining in the second quarter when junior running back Wes Ward got loose and ran for a 66-yard touchdown. Paintsville sophomore quarterback Daniel Pugh then got in on a keeper to tack on the two-point conversion.

Leading 18-10, South Floyd went ahead 24-10 when Johnson hooked back up with Slone - this time on a 24-yard pass-catch combination. Slone was also on the receiving end of the two-point conversion, pushing South Floyd out to a 26-10 halftime lead.

Paintsville junior running back Hans Doderor, back from a near season-ending injury, scored Paintsville's final touchdown of the game with 5:36 showing on a third-quarter scoreclock.

The Tiger offense attempted a pass on a two-

point conversion following Doderor's touchdown, but came up short.

Leading 26-16, South Floyd's offense drove in the fourth quarter, but stalled. Paintsville (6-3) was threatening to score with 9:11 left in the game and fumbled the ball back to South Floyd. After recovering the Paintsville fumble, South Floyd again stalled on offense.

Paintsville got the ball back in the final minutes of the fourth quarter and failed to convert on a fourth-and-eight when Pugh was forced to scramble and after being pressured, came up short on a run out of the pocket.

South Floyd will have the last week of the regular-season off and will have an extra week to prepare for its first-round opponent, a foe that has yet to be determined.

Paintsville will entertain Pikeville next Friday in a regular-season finale for both teams.



South Floyd junior Justin Slone hauled in two touchdown passes in Friday night's win.

photo by Steve LeMaster

A-TEAM: Stumbo 36, Adams 35

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GRETHEL - Playing on the road Thursday night, Adams lost hold of a couple of leads and dropped a game to host John M. Stumbo. The Lady Mustangs outscored Adams 12-10 in the fourth quarter and pulled out a 36-35 win.

Lindsay Martin scored a

game-high 17 points and Amby Tackett tossed in 13 to lead the Lady Mustangs. In all, four different John M. Stumbo girls scored in the victory.

Linsey Fields scored 12 points and Tasha Wallen netted 10 for visiting Adams. Alexis DeRossett followed with seven points.

Adams won the B-team

game 19-17. DeRossett scored a game-high 11 points to lead Adams to the triumph in the B-team contest. Julie Compton and Felicia Keathley each had four points.

In the C-team game, Stumbo edged Adams 11-10. T.J. Tackett paced Stumbo with four points. DeRossett and Compton scored five points each to lead Adams.

Table with 3 columns: A-TEAM, B-TEAM, C-TEAM. Lists player names and scores for Stumbo and Adams teams.

High School Football Scoreboard

Table listing high school football scores for various counties including Bell, Betsy Layne, Breathitt, Corbin, Estill, Fairview, Fleming, Lawrence, Madison, Phelps, Pike, Pikeville, South Floyd, Prestonsburg, Casey, Ironton, Bath, Boyle, Campbellsville, Carroll, Caverna, Central, Clay, Conner, Bowling Green, Owen, Ballard, Central Hardin, Male, Boyd, Butler, Russell, St. Xavier, Bates, West Jessamine, Powell, Newport, Paris, Newport Central Catholic, Mercer, Mayfield, Ludlow, Lexington Catholic, Madison Southern, Scott, Breckinridge, Trimble, Eastern, Bullitt Central, Atherton, Greenup, Hart, East Carter, Butler, Bryan Station, Anderson, Lewis, Henry, Nicholas, Bellevue, Lloyd Memorial, Fulton, Dayton, and Western Hills.

Blackcats

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decided at the half. Prestonsburg outgained Shelby Valley 300-44 in total yards for the first half, and the Cats rolled up over 550 total yards on the night. After Shelby Valley quarterback Timmy Griffith was intercepted by Brandon Peters early in the second half, Prestonsburg added to the lead on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Shaffer to Kyle Ousley. Prestonsburg led 41-0 with 9:45 left in the third quarter and found the end zone again on a 62-yard touchdown run from Compton at the 7:01 mark of the third quarter.

After Prestonsburg had taken a 48-0 lead in the third quarter, the running clock rule kicked in and the game ended quickly.

Shelby Valley was able to get on the board on a four-yard touchdown pass from Griffith to Patrick Tackett which cut the lead to 48-6, but

Prestonsburg would tack on two more scores one of which came on a five-yard run from fullback Brenton Hamilton.

Carmen Maines rounded out the scoring on a two-yard dive late in the game to give the cats a 62-12 win. With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 7-2 on the year while Shelby Valley fell to 5-4. Prestonsburg will close out the regular season on the road against East Ridge next Friday evening. The Prestonsburg defense was anchored by John Mark Stephens and Billy Joe Hicks. The Blackcats held Shelby Valley's ground attack in check for most of the night.

Prestonsburg will look to put an exclamation point on another successful regular season this Friday night when it hits the road, traveling to Lick Creek - once again in Pike County - to take on the East Ridge Warriors.

KHSAA changes football finals format

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - Beginning in 2005, the state football finals will take on a new look with new game times.

For the last 20 years, the Class A and Class 2A state high school football title games have been played on Friday, with afternoon kick-offs - the Class A first and the Class 2A second.

The Class 3A and 4A state finals have then followed on Saturday. But that is about to change. Not this year, but next year.

Beginning in 2005, one state finals game will be played on Friday night at 7:30. One and only one, and then on Saturday

the other three classes will play with three game times - 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The KHSAA has previously held three state finals on a Friday.

This past week, game times for this year's State Football Finals were finalized.

Following is this year's schedule of games for the 2004 State Football Finals scheduled for Dec. 3-4 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville.

- Friday, Dec. 3
Class A Championship 12 p.m. (ET); Class 2A Championship 3:30 p.m. (ET)
Saturday, Dec. 4
Class 3A Championship 11:30 a.m. (ET); Class 4A Championship 3:30 p.m. (ET)

NFL GAMES ON TAP

Table listing NFL games on tap for Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, including teams and game times.

Monday's Game
Denver at Cincinnati, 9 p.m.

Table listing NFL games on tap for Sunday, Oct. 31, including teams and game times.

Monday, Nov. 1
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 9 p.m.

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No. 15 W. Virginia 27, Syracuse 6

by JOHN RABY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Rasheed Marshall set a Big East career rushing mark for quarterbacks and threw three touchdown passes while leading No. 15 West Virginia over Syracuse 27-6 Thursday night.

Jason Colson had 113 yards against the league's worst rushing defense, and Chris Henry caught two TD passes against the Orange for the second straight season.

The Mountaineers (6-1, 2-0) took sole possession of first place in the conference by scoring the first 17 points and stopping four Syracuse drives inside the red zone without points.

Syracuse (3-4, 1-1) now must win three of its final four games to become bowl eligible. Each loss by the Orange has been to a ranked team.

Marshall owns league records once held by Syracuse's Donovan McNabb and Virginia Tech's Michael Vick.

Marshall's 87 rushing yards Thursday gave him 1,605 for his career, breaking McNabb's mark of 1,561. In 2002, Marshall set the single-season mark of 666 formerly held by Vick.

Walter Reyes, Syracuse's leading rusher, had a bad cold and missed his first game since the start of his freshman season, a streak of 42 contests. Reyes wore a jacket and a towel over his head on the sidelines.

His replacement, Damien Rhodes, breathed life into the

sluggish Orange with a 2-yard TD run midway through the third quarter to cut the deficit to 17-6.

But Syracuse turned the ball over twice on downs inside the West Virginia 20 in the fourth quarter.

Henry's 47-yard catch midway through the period set up Marshall's 22-yard scoring pass to Charles Hales, a backup quarterback lined up at receiver.

Syracuse's Collin Barber missed two field goals, had one blocked and hit an upright with an extra-point try.

After Mike Lorello blocked Barber's 46-yard attempt in the first quarter, Henry took a screen pass and went 27 yards into the end zone to put the Mountaineers ahead 10-0.

Just before halftime, Syracuse's Marcus Clayton called for a fair catch but dropped the punt and West Virginia's Brad Palmer recovered at the Orange 20.

Marshall then set the rushing mark on a 24-yard TD run that was called back when Henry was flagged for holding. Marshall was credited with nine yards on the spot foul.

Henry make up for the gaffe on the next play, hauling in a 25-yard TD pass for a 17-0 halftime lead.

West Virginia did have some trouble close to the end zone. Three drives ended inside the 10, resulting in two Brad Cooper field goals. Another Cooper attempt was partially blocked.

OVC inks O'Reilly Auto Parts at title sponsor

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — The Ohio Valley Conference has entered into the largest multi-year deal in Auto Parts in a corporate partnership agreement that gives the automotive parts distributor exclusive title sponsorship of the Conference's 18 championship events. The Hutt Sports Group negotiated the transaction on behalf of the Conference.

OVC Commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher made the ground-breaking announcement Tuesday. The first event to take place under the new agreement will be the 2004 O'Reilly OVC Cross Country Championships, slated to be held Saturday, Oct. 30, in Martin, Tenn.

"To say I am pleased with today's announcement is an understatement," noted Steinbrecher. "This is the largest multi-year corporate sponsorship package in the history of the Ohio Valley Conference and is a key ele-

ment of the strategic plan we recently implemented to promote the league.

"We're thrilled to be working with O'Reilly," continued Steinbrecher. "The company is a leader in the automotive parts industry and its geographic ties to our Conference footprint makes it a perfect fit for the OVC."

Based in Springfield, Mo., O'Reilly Auto Parts is one of the largest specialty retailers of automotive aftermarket parts, tools, supplies, equipment and accessories in the United States, serving both the do-it-yourself and professional installer markets. Founded in 1957 by the O'Reilly family, the company operates over 1,100 stores within the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. For additional information, visit www.oreillyauto.com.

"The OVC is an outstanding

group of institutions that are in the heart of our company geographically," said Ron Byerly, O'Reilly Vice-President for Advertising, Marketing and Training. "We're extremely proud to be the newest member of the OVC Family and we look forward to working with all the schools in the future. We look for this to be a great partnership for a long time to come."

The Hutt Sports Group, which assists the OVC in the solicitation of major corporate sponsorships, played a key role in securing this title sponsorship. The Hutt Sports Group is a national strategic sports marketing company providing consulting and sales representation services to collegiate and professional sports clients. For further information, visit www.huttsportsgroup.com.

"This first of its kind agreement between the Ohio Valley Conference and O'Reilly Auto Parts offers both parties substantial value, and the Hutt Sports Group is proud to have represented the OVC in estab-

lishing the partnership," said J. P. Holland, Vice President of Business Development for the Hutt Sports Group. "O'Reilly is a leader in its industry, and the company's strong presence in the Ohio Valley region and substantial experience in sports sponsorships makes for a natural partnership with the OVC."

The Ohio Valley Conference is the nation's eighth-oldest NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics conference, comprised of 11 member institutions from the states of Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee. The member institutions are: Austin Peay State University, Eastern Illinois University, Eastern Kentucky University, Jacksonville State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Samford University, Southeast Missouri State University, University of Tennessee at Martin, Tennessee State University and Tennessee Technological University. Additional information can be found at www.ovcsports.com.

SEC releases youth clinic information

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ATLANTA — The Southeastern Conference (SEC) is committed to helping youth strive for excellence in the classroom as well as on the playing field. Each year, the SEC is proud to support the SEC Youth Clinic Program in conjunction with several SEC championship events.

The Youth Clinics involve over 200 youth from each respective area. The primary target will be youth between ages 7 and 12. These youth will be learning various athletic skills and will be able to associate with current SEC Coaches and Student Athletes who will stress the valu-

able aspects of sportsmanship. The participating elementary schools will, in turn, receive a donation and a portion of the equipment used during the clinic to help facilitate physical education programs at their respective schools. The students will also receive a T-shirt, a meal and be exposed to a championship atmosphere. This positive youth clinic experience is made possible by a collective effort on behalf of each of these SEC Corporate Partners: Alltel, BC Powder, Chick-fil-A, Cooper Tires, Dr Pepper, Gatorade, Golden Flake, Regions Bank.

The clinics give many youngsters across the nine-state SEC region the chance to

participate in educational, motivational and sporting activities involving SEC championships. Additionally, the conference has reinforced commitment to youth through the SEC Education Initiative and on the Internet at its kid-friendly website, SECKids.com.

2004-2005 Youth Clinic Dates

Football Youth Clinic - December 3, 2004 (Atlanta, GA Dome)
Women's Basketball - March 2, 2005 (BILLO Center)
Men's Basketball - March 9, 2005 (Atlanta, GA Dome)
Baseball - Hoover Met - Birmingham, AL

Colts' Jefferson ready for first action in more than year

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Joseph Jefferson's right knee might never be completely healthy. He can't worry about it now.

On Sunday, Jefferson will make a gameday appearance in his Indianapolis Colts uniform for the first time in nearly 1 1/2 seasons.

"I know what I can do," he said. "I'm just going to go out and play without worrying about the knee. Either it's going to go or it's going to blow."

Jefferson, a native of Russellville, has had few opportunities to prove himself during his first three seasons in the NFL.

He played in 14 games as a rookie during the 2002 season, primarily on special teams, then missed all of last season because of a groin injury that required surgery.

This year, he was expected to compete with Donald Strickland for a starting job until the knee problem flared again in August. Jefferson, who has arthritis, tried to rest it for a couple weeks but the soreness never dissipated and on Aug. 30, he had arthroscopic surgery to remove bone fragments and repair cartilage.

Coach Tony Dungy said he would miss four weeks. The layoff actually lasted a little longer, and on Sunday, Jefferson is expected to make his first regular-season appearance since Dec. 29, 2002.

"I'm very curious to see what Joseph Jefferson can do," Jefferson said. "I'm also eager. I know it's going to be fast because it was fast in the pre-season game in San Diego and this is a whole different level."

Jefferson hasn't played since Aug. 14 and even his practice time has been sparse.

But the Colts need him now. Strickland's season ended Oct. 10 when the Colts put him on injured reserve with a right shoulder injury. He was scheduled for surgery this week.

That left the Colts dangerously thin at cornerback.

Starter Nick Harper has practiced this week with a brace on his injured left elbow. Although he's listed as questionable, Jefferson and Dungy both said Harper should play Sunday against Jacksonville. The only other cornerbacks on the roster are rookies Jason David and Von Hutchins and Wayne Bacon, who made his NFL debut Oct. 10 against Oakland.

Jefferson gives the Colts another body and a different look with his 6-foot-1, 202-pound frame.

"He's a size and speed guy and with his ball skills, he should be really good in this type of defense," Dungy said.

The question is: Will Jefferson's body hold up?

He originally hurt the knee at Western Kentucky. When the knee didn't heal properly, Jefferson played through it and impressed the Colts so much that they made him a third-round draft pick.

While the August surgery fixed some of the problem, other issues have lingered.

After practicing twice last week, the knee swelled three straight days. He's had more swelling this week, but Jefferson said he's accepted it.

"He's missed a lot of games and wants to play," Dungy said. "He's worried about being labeled as injury-prone. We had the same thing when I was in Minnesota with Robert Smith, who missed some games early and then put together five pretty good years."

The Colts are hoping Jefferson can follow Smith's lead.

But until he goes through the rigors of a pro season and starts dealing with the typical punishment a body endures in the NFL, Jefferson can't be certain how the knee will hold up.

"If you think about it, or you try to compensate for it, you're not doing your job on the field," Jefferson said. "It's out of my control. If it was in my control, I'd be healthy."

Bengals can't afford to bungle on Monday night

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Smile for the camera. Recite your name, position and alma mater. Do it in a way that sounds really cool to all the folks back home and envious buddies around the league.

Then, back it up by playing your best game in front of a national audience. Try not to think about how one bad play could define your career. Hope your team plays well enough to get invited back.

This is some gig. "Yeah, it's Monday night," Denver quarterback Jake Plummer said. "Yeah, it's this. Yeah, it's that. What are you going to do?"

That's the best question for Cincinnati's first home Monday night game in 15 years: What are the Bengals (1-4) going to do?

Everybody knows what the Broncos (5-1) are going to do: approach it like just another game. And why not? The Broncos are Monday night regulars, appearing for 13 straight years, with as many as three games a season.

They're so accustomed to the spotlight that they don't even squint.

"I think we've got guys on this team that can separate themselves from the grandeur of the game and go out and just play football like they know how," said Plummer, who will be playing in his third. "We've got a few guys that have played in Super Bowls, a lot of guys that have played in some big games."

And the Bengals have ... problems. Their season is ready to unravel, just like the last 13. Despite a resolve to change, they're back to being lovable losers — good for a few pratfalls, a few laughs and a half-dozen wins each season.

"If we win the game, everything is not going to be all positive again," linebacker Brian Simmons acknowledged. "You can't control what people say and how people think about you."

All they control is how they think of themselves, and that's another problem. They're not very good in the self-image category. They get skittish whenever there's a chance to show the NFL they're not as bad as everyone thinks, a recurring theme during their 14-year slump. Come Monday night, will the country see confident new Bengals or the same old Bungles?

"That's another step that we fight all the time with our guys, but I've got to find a way to get that out of

them," coach Marvin Lewis said.

He won't get many more chances. Such opportunities visit these parts about once a decade.

Cincinnati hasn't hosted a Monday night game since Sept. 25, 1989, a 21-14 win over the Browns at Riverfront Stadium. Sam Wyche was the head coach, Boomer Esiason was the quarterback and Ozzie Newsome was catching passes for Cleveland.

The Bengals haven't even played on Monday night since Oct. 19, 1992, a 20-0 loss at Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium.

Since then, the Broncos have played 31 Monday night games — nine preseason, 22 regular season — while the Bengals have piled up lonesome losses in exile.

If they blow this chance, they may not get another.

"We don't want to look bad on national TV," right tackle Willie Anderson summed up.

Anderson hasn't played on Monday night during his nine-year career — the price for playing in Cincinnati. Simmons is getting his first Monday night game in seven seasons.

Most of the Bengals have only fantasized about moments like this.

"Every kid does," quarterback Carson Palmer said. "I remember my dad would get home from work on Monday nights — it starts a lot earlier on the West Coast — and we'd eat dinner and watch the game. That was our Monday night tradition."

The Broncos have quite a different Monday night tradition. They actually get to play on it. "We've been on national TV quite a bit," coach Mike Shanahan said. "So, to be honest with you, I don't even think about it."

Nor do most of his players, who have been through the say-your-name routine many times. To them, this is about seeing how many yards they can squeeze out against a woeful defense.

Denver is rushing for an averaging of just under 152 yards per game, best in the league. Cincinnati is giving up an average of just over 160 per game, worst in the league.

If they do what they want — get Reuben Droughns running free in Cincinnati's secondary — they'll most likely improve to 6-1, their best start since their 1998 Super Bowl season.

"You can be excited about it," safety John Lynch said. "It's a heck of a lot better than the alternative."

No need to remind the home team.

The Cats' Pause KY Basketball Yearbook

TOP 14TH REGION TEAMS/PLAYERS

BOYS' TEAMS

1. Perry Central
2. Breathitt County
3. Wolfe County
4. Powell County
5. Leslie County
6. Hazard
7. Owsley County
8. Lee County
9. Knott Central
10. Cordia

BOYS' PLAYERS

1. Daniel Combs, Perry Central
2. Tyson Gross, Owsley County
3. Andrew Sewell, Breathitt County
4. Jacob Hundley, Breathitt County
5. Jermaine Martin, Powell County
6. Cody Gilbert, Wolfe County
7. Andrew Dunn, Wolfe County
8. Chris Chaney, Perry Central
9. Derrick Miller, Knott Central
10. Alex Williams, Letcher

GIRLS' TEAMS

1. Whitesburg
2. Perry Central
3. Knott Central
4. Breathitt County
5. Wolfe County
6. Leslie County
7. Owsley County
8. Jenkins
9. Powell County
10. Fleming-Neon

GIRLS' PLAYERS

1. Carnille Cook, Whitesburg
2. Kasi Mullins Galloway, Knott Central
3. Britta Maggard, Perry Central
4. Austin McIntosh, Owsley County
5. Whitney Hogg, Whitesburg
6. Colette Cole, Breathitt County
7. Beth Branham, Jenkins
8. Heather Martin, Knott Central
9. Candy Walls, Powell County
10. Keisha Johnson, Knott Central

Cashman coming back, plans to look for pitching

by MIKE FITZPATRICK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Brian Cashman's job is safe — at least for now. The rest of the New York Yankees have plenty to worry about this winter.

Soon after the Yankees completed a historic collapse against Boston in the AL playoffs, volatile owner George Steinbrenner told Cashman, the team's general manager, that he will not be fired before next season.

Steinbrenner also informed Cashman he should prepare to be summoned to Tampa, Fla., for meetings in the next few days: The star-studded Yankees need to figure out why they fell apart against the Red Sox after opening a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven ALCS.

"He wants results for his investment, like any businessman," Cashman said Thursday.

Cashman has one year remaining on his contract. It's his job to spend Steinbrenner's money wisely and bring championships to the Big Apple, but the Yankees have gone four years without winning the World Series.

He knows what he needs to look for in the offseason.

"It'll be pitching," Cashman said. "I don't think offense is a problem on this club."

Despite a \$183 million opening day payroll, the Yankees were short on starting pitching all season. When they wanted to add Randy Johnson

during the summer, they didn't have enough major league-ready prospects to interest Arizona in a trade.

Injuries to the aging rotation forced manager Joe Torre to overwork his bullpen, leaving the team vulnerable in the playoffs — even with a seemingly insurmountable lead.

The Red Sox rallied against closer Mariano Rivera in Game 4, then setup man Tom Gordon in Game 5. Those two games totaled 26 innings in two days, taxing New York's relievers.

Because of a rainout earlier in the series, 39-year-old Kevin Brown wound up starting Game 7 on a balky back and only three days' rest.

He got hammered, as did right-hander Javier Vazquez, who followed Brown and walked five batters in two innings in Boston's 10-3 blowout.

"Those are the areas we're going to look at, the bullpen and the rotation," Cashman said. "I thought this past winter was more difficult. We had a great amount of holes to fill. This winter, we don't have three guys coming out of the rotation, but we do have pitching needs, nonetheless."

New York became the first team to blow a 3-0 lead in a best-of-seven series. The rival Red Sox celebrated right in the middle of Yankee Stadium, a most humiliating moment for such a storied franchise.

"DAMNED YANKEES," proclaimed the New York Post

over a shot of shortstop Derek Jeter hanging his head.

"THE CHOKE'S ON US," offered the Daily News, which featured a doctored picture inside of Babe Ruth with a tear rolling down his cheek.

Still, Steinbrenner was classy in defeat Thursday.

"I congratulate the Boston Red Sox on their great victory," he said in a statement. "I want to thank our loyal fans for their enormous support. Of course, I am disappointed because I wanted a championship for them and for our city. You can be assured, we will get to work and produce a great team next year."

The offense was not without fault, though some of the team's best hitters did get off to a great start. After a 19-8 victory at Fenway Park in Game 3, New York failed to come through in the clutch time and time again. Gary Sheffield was 1-for-17 in the final four games. Alex Rodriguez went 2-for-17.

"When a guy is hitting .640 for the first few games of a series, he's probably not going to hit .640 for the whole series. This isn't Little League," said batting coach Don Mattingly, who said he would like to return next season if the organization wants him back.

"Those are the games I look back on, that we left some guys out there. We got a little bit out of our game plan," he said.

Help is probably on the way. The Yankees are said to be

extremely interested in Carlos Beltran, the multitalented center fielder who is having a huge postseason with the Houston Astros.

Beltran can become a free agent after the World Series, and the Yankees are probably one of the few teams that can afford him. If he winds up in New York, Bernie Williams could become a full-time designated hitter.

The Yankees also expect slugger Jason Giambi to be completely healthy by spring training.

The free-agent market for starting pitchers includes Pedro Martinez, but it's hard to imagine him going from the Red Sox to the Yankees. There's too much ugly history there. Derek Lowe could also be available — he was the winner in Game 7 on Wednesday night.

Other interesting names include Florida's Carl Pavano, Atlanta's Russ Ortiz, St. Louis' Matt Morris, and Matt Clement of the Chicago Cubs.

The free-spending Yankees are sure to add somebody.

"There's a lot of names, but I've got to dig now into the scouting reports," Cashman said. "I feel I know how to do this job. I feel I do a good job."

Bench coach Willie Randolph could be headed across town. He is scheduled to interview Monday with new Mets general manager Omar Minaya for their manager's job

Cardinals 5, Astros 2

by BEN WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — The best team in baseball now gets a chance to prove it in the World Series.

MVP Albert Pujols hit a tying double, Scott Rolen followed with a home run and the St. Louis Cardinals suddenly erupted against Roger Clemens, starting the Houston Astros 5-2 Thursday night to take Game 7 of the NL championship series.

"It's every little boy's dream. I'm glad to have won the MVP, but that trophy is going to stay right in this room because everybody here is MVP," Pujols said.

In a matchup where the home team won each time, the Cardinals broke through with two outs in the sixth inning. It came in a span of only two pitches, and Busch Stadium became a roiling sea of red.

Jeff Suppan overcame a lead-off home run by Craig Biggio to win an apparent mismatch against Clemens, helped by a stunning catch from center fielder Jim Edmonds. The bullpen combined for three scoreless innings, shutting down Carlos Beltran and Co., with Jason Istringhausen working the ninth for his third save.

After posting 105 wins and running away with the NL Central, the Cardinals advanced to their first World Series under manager Tony La Russa, and first overall since 1987.

Next up, the Boston Red Sox in Game 1 on Saturday night at Fenway Park. By all accounts it should be a classic — they also met in the 1967 and 1946 Series, and St. Louis won both, each time going the full seven games.

"It's going to be a blast," Edmonds said. "Boston's a great town. They played so well to beat the Yankees."

Pujols led the way, hitting .500 with four homers and nine RBIs. Overall, the teams combined for 25 home runs, the most in any postseason series.

Larry Walker singled home an insurance run in the eighth, and the club sporting the famed birds-on-the-bat logo captured its 16th pennant.

"We got every element," Walker said.

For the Astros, it was total disappointment. They have never reached the World Series since their expansion season of 1962, the same year Clemens was born.

But the Rocket could not hold an early 2-0 lead in his record fourth start in a Game 7.

Suppan was 0-4 in head-to-head games against Clemens this year, including a loss in Game 3. Yet he pitched out of trouble for six innings, then turned it over to relievers Kiko Calero, Julian Tavarez and Istringhausen.

When it was over, the teams did not shake hands on the field, as St. Louis and Los Angeles did at Dodger Stadium after the first round. La Russa, who had previously been 0-3 in the NLCS, waved across the diamond at Houston manager Phil Garner.

Garner took over the Astros at the All-Star break and when they dropped to 56-60 in mid-August, they were tied for seventh place in the wild-card race.

Houston rallied, then beat Atlanta for its first postseason series victory. But with Clemens and 20-game winner Roy Oswalt out of sequence, the Astros could not stop St. Louis.

The Cardinals improved to 9-4 in Game 7s, the most such wins in baseball. They did it against Clemens, who ended a brief retirement and came back to pitch for his hometown team.

Clemens seemed born for this occasion — he was born on Aug. 4, 1962, the same day the Houston Colt .45s lost 2-0 at St. Louis. But at 42, the ace came up

empty.

While Rolen and Pujols did the major damage in the sixth, Roger Cedeno surely deserved some credit for rattling the Rocket.

Cedeno opened the sixth with a pinch-hit single, his 11th hit in 25 lifetime at-bats against Clemens, and immediately began dancing off first base. Clemens made three pickoff throws and stepped off the rubber three times trying to hold Cedeno close.

Cedeno moved up on a bunt, and again his leads attracted Clemens' attention before the speedster took third on Walker's groundout. That brought up Pujols, and brought Astros manager Phil Garner to the mound.

With the count at 1-2, catcher Brad Ausmus again went to visit Clemens. Pujols lined the next pitch into the left-field corner, cocking his arm as he eased into second base with a tying double.

The crowd was going crazy by then, and Rolen seized the opportunity. Clemens tried to throw a first-pitch fastball by Rolen, and instead the All-Star slugger rocketed it just inside the left-field foul pole.

While Rolen ran hard around the bases and several Cardinals spilled out of the dugout to meet him, Clemens could only stare ahead.

An inning earlier, Ausmus preserved a 2-1 lead by picking off Tony Womack at first base with two runners on.

Biggio picked on Suppan's fourth pitch, hitting a no-doubt drive to left. At 38, it was the kind of big hit he hoped for much earlier in his career.

Edmonds prevented a big inning with the type of catch that's made him a six-time Gold Glove winner. Shaded toward right-center, he raced back into the left-center alley and made a headlong dive to rob Ausmus with two runners on. Clods of grass kicked up as Edmonds' knees hit the ground, and he slid several feet on his stomach.

"It's probably the hardest I ever ran for a ball. It just faded into me," Edmonds said.

When Edmonds came up in the bottom of the second with his grass-and-dirt stained uniform, he had a few fun words with Ausmus at the plate.

After taking away a couple of runs, Edmonds was charged with an error that gave back a run in the third. Beltran walked with one out, stole second and tagged up on Jeff Bagwell's fly ball. Edmonds' strong throw and Beltran arrived at third base simultaneously, and the ball skipped into the dugout.

Edmonds was charged with the error that let Beltran trot home. It was a tough error, and ended St. Louis' record streak of 12 straight postseason games without a mistake, dating to 2002.

Suppan put down a perfect suicide-squeeze bunt that pulled the Cardinals to 2-1 in the third.

Notes: The Cardinals became the first NL Central team to reach the World Series. It was the only division without an appearance.

... Hall of Famer Red Schoendienst threw out the first ball. He managed the Cardinals to the 1967 World Series title against Boston, and currently is a special assistant.

Herd picked to finish fourth in MAC East

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The Toledo Rockets are the favorite to win the MAC Tournament and the Mid-American Conference West Division according to the MAC News Media Association poll released

Thursday at MAC Media Day in Cleveland, Buffalo was picked to come out on top in the East Division.

Marshall, in its last season as member of the Mid-American Conference, was picked by the media organization to finish fourth in the MAC East. In 2003-04, the Herd posted a 12-17 overall record and finished fourth in the MAC East with an 8-10 mark. Nine letterwinners and four starters return from last year's team.

West Division (first-place votes):

1. Toledo — 251 (331);
2. Ball State — 190;
3. Western Michigan — 189 (3);
4. Eastern Michigan — 153 (3);
5. Bowling Green — 116
6. Northern Illinois — 88;
7. Central Michigan — 49.

East Division:

1. Buffalo — 207 (29);
2. Kent State — 174 (7);
3. Miami — 171 (1);
4. Marshall — 84;
5. Akron — 79;
6. Ohio — 62.

MAC Tournament:

- Toledo — 19;
Buffalo — 8;
Ball State — 3;
Western Michigan — 2;
Eastern Michigan — 1;
Kent State — 1;
Miami — 1.

Clemens at Fenway just another what-might-have-been

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — All of New England would have been quaking with anticipation. Just imagine: Roger Clemens back at Fenway, wearing the enemy's colors for a fourth time in the postseason, this time in Game 7 of the World Series.

Five years ago, when Clemens came back in pinstripes to face Pedro Martinez, it was called the most anticipated pitching matchup in the long and quirky history of Boston's venerable old ballpark. Now, instead of a rematch with Clemens wearing the brick-red jersey of the Astros, it's just another of those tantalizing baseball "what-might-have-beens."

Don't try telling this to the fans in Boston and St. Louis, but a little electricity and even more glamor drained out of the World Series early Thursday night. That's when Scott Rolen lined a back-breaking, two-run homer off Clemens just beyond the wall in left in the sixth inning to lift the Cardinals to an eventual 5-2 win in Game 7 of the National League championship series.

"When I have a chance to look back tomorrow and throughout the week a little bit, I'll be extremely happy I didn't break down this year because I couldn't afford to do that with the other injuries we had," Clemens said. "I couldn't have an off night. You grind and hope it's good enough."

"I really felt good about our chances tonight," he said. "It just didn't work out."

That the Astros got this far, farther than they had in the 42-year history of the franchise, seemed like small consolation on this night. They were 12 games behind St. Louis in the NL Central when Phil Garner took over as manager for Jimmy Williams and 19 1/2 back when they began the improbable run that carried them to the wild-card and past Atlanta in the division series.

Clemens was 10-1 from the midway point of the season, including two wins

in the playoffs, and each outing became more important once fellow starters Wade Miller and Andy Pettitte were injured and had to be shut down for the season. The wear and tear on his arm and his nerves, at age 42, was considerable, but he never let it show. Instead, he took the ball every time Garner offered it, determined to see the string play out.

When it did, finally, the memories that came flooding back weren't about the performances on the mound that could earn Clemens an unprecedented seventh Cy Young award. Instead, they were about the quirky moments that validated his decision to unretire and pitch once more in his hometown just a few weeks after telling after Yankees boss George Steinbrenner that he was through.

Whether he'll do the same to Astros owner Drayton McLane is anybody's guess.

"I'll leave that for later," Clemens said.

What he chose to remember at the moment was the fans in Houston turning up outside his house at all hours of the night and day, pleading with him to return after the Astros signed Pettitte. He remembered the brief bus rides to different ballparks as the Astros heated up in the playoff chase, filled with bravado and laughs. He remembered his sons getting a chance to see him pitch at home and how, on more than a few nights, he drove home from Minute Maid Park wearing "a funny smile on my face."

"Even with everything I've done in my career," he said, "this was special."

Unfortunately, it's also over.

Pettitte, who pitched alongside Clemens in New York and helped convince him to come back, promised to "try my darnedest" into talking the old man to come back.

"The funny thing," he added, "is that my biggest worry was that Roger would get hurt and the whole thing would end badly. Instead, he has a Cy Young season and

I'm the one who ends up going down."

For most of the night, against one of the most potent lineups in the game, Clemens looked like his untouchable self. No one in the Cards' batting order could get around on his splitter or his fastball — he was clocked between 85 mph and 94 mph throughout — and he felt strong. Then came the sixth inning.

"The night was cool, he looked strong and his velocity was still right there. It was a dangerous part of the lineup, some of the best hitters there are against one of the best pitchers of all-time," Astros pitching coach Jim Hickey recalled. "We had as much confidence in Roger as anybody else we could have turned to."

"How could you not?" Hickey said, "It just turned out that two of them wound up getting the best of him."

That would be Albert Pujols, who pulled a low fastball into left for a double, and Rolen, who followed that by ripping a shot into the corner. Both figure to be showcase performers when St. Louis, baseball's winningest team this season, rolls into Fenway to start the World Series on Saturday night.

The Cards are as professional an outfit as there is in the game, solid and patient and efficient, but hardly spectacular. The Red Sox will counter with plenty of hitting, a little better pitching from starters to closer, and plenty more personality.

But the most entertaining pitcher in the game, the guy who came back and defied age and the odds of carrying an undermanned Astros team even this far, won't be along for the ride.

"I'm sure I'll watch bits and pieces of it," Clemens said.

Without the lure of the Rocket back at Fenway for a Game 7, it will be interesting to see how much of the nation does the same.

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MLB WORLD SERIES

Saturday, Oct. 23
St. Louis at Boston (Wakefield 12-10), 8 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24
St. Louis at Boston (Schilling 21-6), 8:10 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 26
Boston (Martinez 16-9) at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27
Boston (Lowe 14-12) at St. Louis, 8:25 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 28
Boston at St. Louis, 8:25 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, Oct. 30
St. Louis at Boston, 7:55 p.m., if necessary

Sunday, Oct. 31
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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.

VOTE—OR SHUT UP!

There is no election story on this page, but, scattered through the paper, are facsimiles of the ballot as it will appear next Tuesday, on the machine in your precinct, wherever you vote in Floyd County.



Norman Allen

And please vote! Do you prefer one candidate above another: do you favor the bond issue or oppose it — whatever your sentiments, go to the polls and express them with your vote.

We prate of God-given rights, and complain about the loss of individual liberties, and then deny our rights and liberties when we fail to vote.

"36"

Jimmy Goble, who died last Sunday, left this newspaper for The Courier-Journal, 26 years ago, but the pleasure it was to work with him is well-remembered and remains one of many things that I put down on the profit side of the ledger.

I should have told him this but didn't: On several occasions when the old job became a grind and I grew tired, and wished I could toss it all overboard, I, for some reason, would recall the boyish enthusiasm with which he tackled each days work, every story that was his to write — and I would then sail back into the drudgery as if every commonplace item was worth a banner headline.

And now, though by this, reminded that I shouldn't, I will probably go on neglecting to give credit to a lot of others who have given me, by their example, the pick-me-up that I need.

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You know I have done my part of wading through literary filth that is literal filth—foul, gutter language that, as far as I have been able to discern, was filth for filth's sake. I have read stories that were revolting, others that shocked almost to numbness.

But this "God-is-dead" drivel that I read last week in a national magazine which reviewed some

(See TOWN, page six)

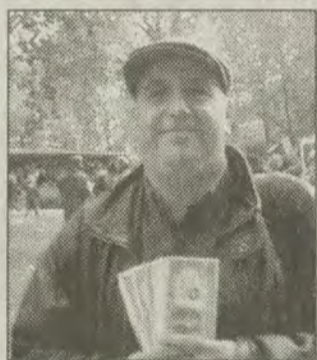


The presidential election is not only important to residents of the U.S., but it has also captured the attention of Europeans. Some of those most vocal in their opposition to the war held a protest in London a week ago.

photos by Mary Music

War, election spark outcry across the Atlantic

by MARY MUSIC
ASSOCIATED PRESS



Martin Summer
44, Bristol

Member of the Labor Party
On the war: "There are still unanswered questions about Sept. 11. I think people should remind themselves that we are talking about people from the Reagan era. People need to remind themselves of the Iran Contra Affair where millions of tons of cocaine flooded in the U.S. There are some who should have been punished for it and they haven't. They now have support."

On the election: "The issue here is whether it should be a rule of law. The Bush administration is a deeply corrupt and criminal legislation. We can't allow a criminal legislation to run big countries."

For more reactions,
see page B6

The upcoming presidential election is turning eyes all over the world.

Last Sunday, I went to an international protest rally initiated by the European Social Forum. The demonstration, a loud but peaceful march, was the culmination of a convention which began earlier in the week by individuals and organizations representing 35 countries.

These groups each had their own agendas and opinions. The strongest seen Sunday were those shouting for an end of the war in Iraq and the resignation of President George Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Others sought a worldwide movement to obtain "genuine social change, "smash capitalism, and punish both Bush and Blair for the "crimes" they've done to society as a whole.

The muddled clad walked several miles, trekking rain, chanting, shouting, singing and dancing, from Russell Square in London to Trafalgar Square near Piccadilly Circus.

Chants heard along the street

- "We are the ISR (international social reform) No more fears! no more wars!"
- "Say hey, say ho — Bush and Blair have got to go!"
- "We all live in a terrorist regime, terrorist regime, terrorist regime!" (sung to the tune of "We all live in yellow Submarine.")

Signs, shirts and flags prominently displayed

- "No more blood for oil!"
- "No more crosses for Bush and Blair"
- "Troops Out"
- "Free Palestine"
- "Bush: World's number 1 terrorist"
- "End the occupation of Iraq!"
- "Wanted: Bush"
- "US Style Iraq democracy: 1. Bomb voters. 2. Rig election 3. puppet regime"



Dot and Peter Potts
Sussex

Global Women Group, protected Iraq and Sudanese women who are kidnapped and sold as prostitutes.

Dot Potts, on the war: "By putting our troops in with the American troops, Bush is asking our government to put our troops up front in the firing line to lessen the kill rate of the Americans."

Dot Potts, on the election: "We're looked at as the 51st state, another state of America, but we don't have a vote."

Dot Potts, on American people: "A lot of people are totally ignorant in what goes on outside of America." Peter Potts believes the American culture has "taken over" and the media giants in America only perpetuate lies from the government.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Deadly Eyes'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Nature strikes back, yet again, in this giant rat movie from Canada.

Sam Groom, who starred on NBC's truck driver drama "Movin' On," stars here as a high school basketball coach with a lot on his plate. His problems include a team that's not playing as well as it could, a cheerleader who has developed a crush on him, an impending divorce and, oh yeah, giant rats.

The rats actually help him out a bit by making sure he gets involved with a single health inspector who thinks a giant rat ate his power forward's hand. The romance, though, is cut short by the giant rats who have been chowing on steroids and become as big as dogs. This is convenient because this film pre-dates CGI so the rats are played by dogs who have been zipped up into rat suits.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

Scatman Crothers ("Hong Kong Fooey") has a cameo role here as a sewer worker who discovers the rats but can't stay off their menu long enough to warn anybody.

The film sags a bit in the middle as the main characters begin dating, but things pick up in the final half-hour with rat attack scenes that really deliver on the thrills scale. They go through the cast like they were dipped in fondu in three attack scenes that are surprisingly well staged and suspenseful.

The best one happens at movie theater that is showing "Enter the Dragon" (which the director of this film, Robert Clouse, also made). You also get a great bit where the rats ruin a bowling tournament as well as the opening of a new subway line.

Clouse does a fair job of generating suspense here by not giving you too many closeups of the rats. He also manages to make the rats look good on screen in medium shots which are most effectively used in sequences where they are shown chasing humans around Toronto like they stole their "Smartfood."

Groom makes for a dull leading man but Sara Botsford has enough charisma as the health inspector to make it work. The best character has to be Dr. Spencer. He just so happens to be a rat expert and is called upon to investigate. He's one of those arrogant

(See LAGOON, page six)

Hooray for the ho-hum marriage

by TRISH VRADENBURG

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE ROMANTIC SOUL"

Then the prince swept the lovely young maiden into his arms and carried her home to his castle. And they lived ...

What I want to see is a federal study of all these princes and princess seven years after their happily-ever-after marriages. The truth is that life isn't made up of the continual highs found in the initial stages of courtship. Yes, the flirting is fun and the chase exciting. But after a while, your system needs a rest.

It's called the second stage. All of a sudden the man who wanted you morning, noon and night prefers watching the football game, falls asleep while you're revealing your innermost secrets, and forgets the four-year anniversary of the first time ever he saw your face.

Actually, settling in is the best thing about a marriage. No longer do each of you have to do a little tap dance to win approval. You've won each

other's acceptance, and that is not to be undervalued.

Yet as time progresses, you look at the glorious union that you were sure would be filled with Kodak moments. You see a house that has to be cleaned, carpools that have to be organized and a husband who looks as weary as you feel. You ask, "This is it?"

Now comes the third stage, when you come to terms with your marriage and why it's worth the ups and downs. What saves the relationship is that your plus column is fuller than your minus column. Maybe he doesn't tell you how incredible you look when you've spent three hours putting yourself together (minus), but he unloads the dishwasher without being asked (plus). Although he doesn't surprise you with tickets for a weekend in Miami (small minus), he treats both you and your parents with respect (big plus).

Maybe you don't have his newspaper and slippers waiting for him (little minus), but you ask him about his day, and are even interested in his

response (super plus).

Then there are the things your husband does that say: This man cares about me. He makes me feel loved. It's a security I wouldn't trade.

Who else but someone who loved me would agree to take our teenage daughter shopping because her taste in clothes makes me want to gag?

Who else but someone who loved me would kiss my sleepy head before he leaves in the morning and not tell me I look like Medusa on a bad day?

Who else but someone who loved him would pick up his trail of underwear and socks that never quite made it to the hamper and not question his

upbringing?

Who else but someone who loved me would insist I meet him every Thursday night for dinner?

By the time we sit in the restaurant and have a chance to do what we do at home (exchange stories of the day), we usually don't — because we're alone and forced to share more of our feelings, to laugh a lot. The net result, after 18 years of marriage, is romantic (super plus).

Although no marriage is continually blissful, it can be pretty good most of the time. The reason we lasted through arguments, money worries, kids' traumas and midlife crises is not that our relationship is always like the Fourth of July. It's because the fundamental reason for our marriage has outlasted the craziness of day-to-day living: We love each other. That's my idea of "happily every after."



Jim Davidson

Tidbits to 'dazzle' your friends

Did you know that a shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes? Did you also know that peanuts are one of the ingredients in dynamite?

If you have ever found yourself in a position where you needed a conversation starter, Boy, do I have some good news for you! However, you may be like the "ol' boy" who said, "Look, what I need is not a conversation starter, what I need is a conversation stopper."

While back a friend sent me a whole list of things or tidbits of information that were interesting and I feel sure there were many things on the list that you do not know. If you do, you are sure ahead of me. I might add that our ability to communicate will go a long way in determin-

ing our success or failure.

To know or be reminded of these tidbits is not going to have a direct or immediate impact on your life. Like the acquisition of any knowledge, the key is to



have it in reserve or stored in our mind and then pull it out when the need arises. Here we go:

1. A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
2. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
3. A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.
4. Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
5. A snail can sleep for three years.
6. All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln

Memorial on the back of a \$5 bill.

7. "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt."
8. In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.
9. "Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand; "lollipop" with your right.
10. Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.
11. Butterflies taste with their feet.
12. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
13. Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
14. Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it would digest itself.
15. There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."
16. There are more chickens

- than people in the world.
17. The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
18. The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
19. The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
20. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
21. Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
22. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
23. The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.
24. "Typewriter" is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
25. A dragonfly has a lifespan of 24 hours.
26. Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
27. February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to

- have a full moon.
28. Almonds are a member of the peach family.
29. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
30. The average person's left hand does 56 percent of the typing.
31. The Bible does not say there were three wise men; it only says there were three gifts.
32. A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
33. A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
34. Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
35. Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
36. No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
37. On a Canadian two-dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.
38. If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
39. Cats have over 100 vocal

- sounds. Dogs only have about 10.
40. If you are an average American, in your whole life you will spend an average of six months waiting at red lights.
41. There are only four words in the English language, which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
42. This last one is one of those mind teasers. The words "racecar," "kayak" and "level" are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).
- Now, I believe you will agree, that's quite a list of tidbits. Like I said earlier, knowing these things is not going to have an immediate impact on your life, unless of course you are a contestant on a game show and one of these tidbits is the correct answer to a question that means several thousand dollars in your pocket.
- We should always stay alert and strive to learn new things. It is really distressing for me to see people never experience the joy of learning and who never use that marvelous mind that God has given to each one of us.

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current so-called theological thought, gave me the worst shock of all.

One called himself a Christian-atheist, which seems to be a pretty fair example of his twisted thinking. Another thought God was so remote, He is dead. One thought God should be made more real, and as far as I could penetrate the fog, it seemed he proposed to bring this about by whittling the Almighty down to man's size.

Then there was one who appeared to think God was too far away, that he should be brought down to belong to the social pattern of men.

I think I read the best answer to the gentlemen on a church bulletin. It went like this:

DOES GOD SEEM FAR AWAY? WHO DO YOU THINK MOVED?

THE COST OF A FRIENDLY CHAT

Until one left Prestonsburg for Kansas not long ago, two old friends here used the telephone daily to discuss the day's events, haggle in neighborly fashion over this and that, and generally enjoy themselves. Roland Allen says he could set his watch by the call from Mont Collins—7 p.m., sharp, day after day. But it's too far from Kansas to Kentucky for these daily chats now, so Mont has cut them down to one a month. They cost him \$3.50, every time he calls, but he counts it a bargain.

NEW MATH—UGH!

A correspondent from East Point writes:

"I would like to know the score of Floyd County teachers having to learn new methods of math teaching, and why isn't the old good enough. And why break the camel's back when it is already carrying the last straw, anyway? What will happen to these students when they take over and won't know a thing about the old method? I say the old is fine, and let good enough alone."

Editor's note: As one who wanted to know what they were going to do with the atom after they'd split it, I agree—the old is fine. The trouble is, they won't let it alone.

They're lowering Dewey Lake to its winter level. Jumped the gun on the job, it seems, but if they'll leave one big bass stranded on a sand bar and send for me, there'll be no objections voiced from this quarter.

Lagoon

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braniac types, so it's extra fun to watch him crawl into the sewers, where there are supposed to be giant rats, without a weapon. He begins poking around and, in the film's funniest moment, screams like a banshee and runs like a rabbit when he sees his first rat (Crocodile Hunter, this guy ain't).

The ending is a bit of a downer and promises a sequel that, unfortunately in this case, was never made.

Best line: "You have your own car, you're a cheerleader ... what else do you want?"

1982, rated R.

More war, election reactions from London



Osagye Fo Tonggogra Tewod Ros, Jamaica

On the election: The election taking place in the US offers no choice at all between Kerry and Bush. One is from an imperialist party and the other is from the imperialist party. It seems to me that the organization that offers some type of alternative is run by Ralph Nader... People here are under the illusion that Bush is the main enemy. What is more important than that is that America—America that encompasses a much larger area than America itself—is dominated by big corporations, big industries and those who have vast wealth. Yet there are millions who have no social insurance, there are millions who are unemployed... What people need to figure out is how to build an alternative to this. They must support a progressive social economy. They need neither Bush or Kerry. It's necessary to unite people around the issue of social change. I feel that the people of the U.S. will in the end, and it may take 100 years, bring about a change to the social configurations of that society. They must also acknowledge that a crime has been done against the people and they must address that."



Claus Faber, Austria

About the election: "If Europe voted for the American president, we know that it would probably be 80 percent for Kerry, but then again we have a different perception of the world. The world isn't always as you see it at the moment. ... The official America, the Bush America, the weapons of mass destruction, the oil industry — nothing is secret. It's still the official way that America sees the world. It's like they have hijacked the public opinion."
To Americans: "There is a world outside beyond Fox News, beyond a certain administration that is fueled an paid by a certain individual group, America, the official America."



Andrea Salazar, 30, Mexico

Carrying a "Freedom for Palestine" sign
On the election: "I think the ways we are doing things in this world are just not right. You can look at the economic differences in the world and see that there's no consensus from the government. There injustice—the war, all of it. I hope Bush is not elected for all those reasons. Kerry is not a good one but I don't think he's as mad as Bush."



Nigel Demir, 38, Turkey

On the election: "In my opinion, George Bush must go, but definitely, the other guy, Kerry, is it. I am against American politics. They are not responsible for other cultures or nations. They don't know what's happening around the world these days. ... In my opinion, Bush and Tony Blair must go immediately. They have to resign and our troops in Iraq should be brought back." (Demir suggested that the working class people around the world come together and rise up against capitalism and globalization.)



Paul Engril, South London

With his son, Colli, 8 months
The Green Party
On the election: "It's not just America. The whole world will be affected by the election. The future of the world is at stake in terms of the politics being pursued. Americans should be more critical of the place that their politicians take on foreign policy. I want my son to grow up in a world where people cooperate rather than in a world that is blown up before his 21st birthday."

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Northern Lights" by Nora Roberts (Putnam)
2. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
3. "The Plot Against America" by Philip Roth (Houghton Mifflin)
4. "The Dark Tower VII: The Dark Tower" by Stephen King (Scribner/Grant)
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7. "Light on Snow" by Anita Shreve (Little, Brown)
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9. "Incubus Dreams" by Laurell K. Hamilton (Berkley)
10. "Nights of Rain and Stars" by Maeve Binchy (Dutton)

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. "Chronicles: Volume One" by Bob Dylan (Simon & Schuster)

4. "How to Talk to a Liberal (If You Must)" by Ann Coulter (Crown Forum)
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. "A Paper Life" by Tatum O'Neal (HarperCollins)
9. "When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?" by George Carlin (Hyperion)
10. "Will They Ever Trust Us Again?" by Michael Moore (Simon & Schuster)

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1. "The Big Bad Wolf" by James Patterson (Warner)
2. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
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4. "Blow Fly" by Patricia Cornwell (Berkley)
5. "Deception Point" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
6. "Digital Fortress" by Dan Brown (St. Martin's Press)

7. "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham (Dell)
8. "Split Second" by David Baldacci (Warner Vision)
9. "Seizure" by Robin Cook (Berkley)
10. "The Tristan Betrayal" by Robert Ludlum (St. Martin's)

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. "Friday Night Lights" by H.G. Bissinger (Da Capo)
4. "Sacred Stone" by Clive Cussler and Craig Dirgo (Berkley)
5. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
6. "Reading Lolita in Tehran" by Azar Nafisi (Random House)
7. "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck (Washington Square Press)
8. "The South Beach Diet Good Fats/Good Carbs Guide" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (Rodale)
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670-Com. Property

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

NOTICES

812 - Free FREE PALLET: can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

890-Legal

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Jerry

O'Neill of (current) 13131 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet for placement of 16x80 trailer and fill dirt, located at (new) 90 First St., Harold, KY 41635, 1/4 mile from US 23. Any comments or objections, concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Michael McKinney, Box 1138, Martin, KY 41649, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet for placement of fill. The property is located 2 1/2 miles between Allen and Martin on Beaver Creek, 8550 Rt. 1428. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

PUBLIC NOTICE

K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc., P.O. Box 1158, 201 Trigg Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24211, hereby declares intentions to apply for a Retail Beer license no later than October 25, 2004. The business to be licensed will be located at 429 University Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, doing business as Food City #471. The owners: principal officers and directors; limited partners; or members are as follows: chairman of the board, Jack C. Smith of 21077 Shepard Lane, Abingdon, VA 24211; President, Steven C. Smith of 19042 Lake Road, Abingdon, VA 24211; VP Finance & Admn., Secretary/Finance, Robert L. Neeley of 23475 Sportsman Drive, Abingdon, VA 24211. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication

230.362 Report of unclaimed pari-mutuel winning tickets presumed abandoned.

Any person holding unclaimed pari-mutuel winning tickets presumed abandoned under the provisions of KRS 230.361 shall file annually, on or before September 1 of each year, with the office of the authority a list of and the amounts represented by unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets held by such person as of July 1, and other information as the authority may require for the administration of KRS 230.361 to 230.373. The report shall be made in duplicate;

the original shall be retained by the authority and the copy shall be mailed to the sheriff of the county where the unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets are held. It shall be the duty of the sheriff to post for not less than twenty (20) consecutive days a copy of the report on the courthouse door or the courthouse bulletin board, and to publish the copy in the manner set forth by KRS Chapter 424. The cost of the publication shall be paid by the authority. The sheriff shall immediately certify in writing to the authority the dates when the list was posted and published. The list shall be posted and published as required on or before October 1, of the year when it is made, and such posting and publishing shall be constructive notice to all holders of pari-mutuel tickets which have remained unclaimed for a period of one (1) year from the time the ticket became payable. Effective: July 13, 2004 History: Amended 2004 Ky. Acts ch. 191, sec. 18, effective July 13, 2004. — Amended 1998 Ky. Acts ch. 237, sec. 7, effective July 15, 1998. — Amended 1980 Ky. Acts ch. 188, sec. 223, effective July 15, 1980. — Created 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 307, sec. 2, effective June 17, 1978. REPORT OF UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL TICKETS (To be Submitted in Duplicate prior to September 1, 2004) Report of Unclaimed Pari-Mutuel Tickets, in compliance with KRS 230.361, Section 3. I, Wilma Foley of Thunder Ridge, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, do report as of July 1, 2004, \$38,892.20 in unclaimed winning pari-mutuel tickets

one (1) year old or older. COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY, County of Floyd. The affiant being duly sworn or affirmed according to law, deposes and says that the foregoing report is correct and true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn or affirmed to and subscribed before me this 30th day of August, 2004. Anita S. Ratliff, Notary My commission expires 07-11-06. Anyone holding such unclaimed winning tickets may redeem same prior to December 1, 2004, at the office of Thunder Ridge, Prestonsburg, Ky., at which time, the remaining balance will be forwarded to the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, 4063 Iron Works Pkwy., Lexington, Kentucky 40511. I, John K. Blackburn, Sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky, do hereby certify that the above notice has been posted at the county courthouse for twenty (20) consecutive days from 9-9, 2004 to 9-29, 2004, and a notice published in the Floyd County Times on in accordance with KRS 230.362.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County. The Elk-Horn Coal Company, LLC, 836-0305, Issued 04/09/09; FCDC Coal Incorporated, 836-5186, Issued 04/09/27; Matt/Co. Incorporated, 836-5306, Issued 04/09/29; Belfry Coal Corporation, 836-5378, Issued 04/09/16; LWF

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Leasing Limited Liability Company, 836-5407, Issued 04/09/02; The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 836-5438, Issued 04/09/16.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Albrough Slone, of Allen, KY 41601, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct an addition to an existing commercial building, located in the floodplain, approximately 1.9 mile south of Allen, and on the east side of Beaver Creek of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, in Floyd County, KY, at latitude 37°35'58"N and

longitude of Water, Water Resources Branch, 82°44'09" W. Any comments, objections, concerning this application shall be directed to (502) 564-3410. Kentucky Division

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