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briefs

Mongiardo stumps in Prestonsburg

by SIDNEY JANE BAILEY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — State Sen. Daniel Mongiardo, of Hazard, spoke to a large crowd at the courthouse Wednesday afternoon as he brought his campaign for U.S. Senate to Eastern Kentucky.

Mongiardo expressed to the packed room that his agenda will be "taking care of Kentucky."

Mongiardo's name may be Italian, but his story is American. His family moved to Kentucky over 100 years ago looking for a better life. His grandfather worked as a coal miner and a stone mason. His parents ran a small country store. Mongiardo was the first in his family to go to college and, after graduating from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, he returned home and helped start a free health clinic. Four years ago, he was elected to the state Senate.

Speaking points that he considered important were the outsourcing of American jobs overseas, Pell Grants for college students, the high rate of children living in poverty in Kentucky, Kentucky coal and agriculture and the crisis in health care.

County takes control of gas company

by SIDNEY JANE BAILEY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — During a special meeting Thursday, the Floyd County Fiscal Court took up an emergency situa-

tion involving 1,100 customers of the East Kentucky Utilities.

Due to a billing error by Equitable Energy, East Kentucky Utilities was underbilled the sum of \$148,323 for gas purchases, which Equitable now wants

paid. Because of this request for a lump sum payment, East Kentucky Utilities — which provides service to Allen, Dwale, Estill, Garrett, Hueysville, Lackey, Wayland and portions of Minnie and Middle Creek — has been unable to meet

its obligations for bond payments for the system, its obligations to lease agreements with the Floyd County and its obligation for regular monthly invoices from

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Late Wednesday morning saw a CSX train collide with this 1987 Ford Truck at an uncontrolled railroad crossing in Wayland. The driver of the truck survived and is being treated at Highlands Regional Medical Center. photo by Tom Doty

Train hits truck in Wayland

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — A man was taken to Our Lady of the Way Hospital on Wednesday and later transferred to Highlands Regional Medical

Center, after his 1987 Ford truck was hit by a train in Wayland.

Terry L. Gibson was traveling east on Mill Creek Road when he entered an uncontrolled railroad crossing and was struck by a locomotive, owned by CSX, that was

heading south.

No occupants of the train were injured in the accident, which totaled Gibson's truck.

The incident is being investigated by accident reconstructionist State Trooper Rick Conn.

Investigation into threats wrapping up

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The investigation into three recent bomb threats of Floyd County schools is shaping up well for the Prestonsburg Police Department.

The addition of a five hundred dollar reward being offered by the school board certainly won't hurt, though. Major William Petry, of the Prestonsburg Police Department, couldn't give out many details of the investigation but did note, "Right now it is still an open investigation, but we have some solid leads with thanks in no small part due to several federal agencies which were more than happy to cooperate. The only thing that was slowing us down was cutting through red tape, but we are making headway there."

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15-year-old charged with making threat

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

EASTERN — An arrest has been made in the case of last week's bomb threat to Allen Central High School and Middle School.

The arrest came after the threat to Allen Central was investigated by Det. Bryan Shepherd and Trooper Rick Conn. The suspect is a juvenile and so far has only been connected to the threats made to Allen Central on Oct. 20.

The suspect — who is described as a 15-year-old male who is from the Betsy Layne area — was lodged in the Breathitt County

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Jury begins deliberations in vote fraud trial

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — A jury began deliberating Thursday afternoon in the election fraud trial of former state Sen. John Doug Hays.

Prosecutors claims Hays is a key figure in an eastern Kentucky election fraud case. Defense

attorneys contend he was an unwitting beneficiary of a wayward political activist.

A jury of 11 women and one man will decide which depiction is correct.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Taylor said in his closing argument Thursday that Hays conspired with others in Pike

County, including a wealthy Pikeville businessman who was convicted of election fraud last month, in an unsuccessful attempt to sway a race for district judge in 2002.

Taylor said the conspiracy was to try to buy enough votes to assure Hays would win. That was to be done with illegal contribu-

tions from Ross Harris, the convicted businessman who Taylor said has a history of pumping money in campaigns in return for favors after his candidates are elected.

"He is like a puppeteer," Taylor said of Harris. "These politicians are his puppets. And John Doug Hays was going to be

another of them."

Defense attorney John West said Hays didn't know that Harris was financing the campaign with illegal straw contributions. In his closing argument, West said Harris volunteered to assist in the campaign after he became angry

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Today



High: 73 • Low: 60

Tomorrow



High: 77 • Low: 48

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Prestonsburg Head Start children trick or treated Thursday at the Justice Center and received help in crossing the streets from a safety-conscious clown. photo by Tom Doty

Tax bills are in the mail

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It's not pleasant to talk about, but tax season is upon Floyd County, with tax bills going into the mail today.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn doesn't relish the job but it is a necessary evil and he hopes to make it less of a burden on citizens of Floyd County by offering incentives to pay early.

There will be a 2 percent discount for anyone who pays their tax bill by the end of November. If you wait until December to pay, then you will only be charged for the face value of your taxes but if you wait until the new year, penalties kick in.

People who wait until January to pay taxes to the county will have to add an

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Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn is mailing out 22,495 tax bills today with incentives for those who pay early. photo by Tom Doty

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Odds & Ends

■ **SPOKANE, Wash.** — It may seem creepy, but it's not necessarily a crime to keep a corpse in the freezer, police say.

A 59-year-old man walked into the Public Safety Building on Tuesday to ask what he should do with the dead woman's body he had stashed in a chest-style freezer, Capt. Bruce Roberts said. Detectives who responded to the Chateaux Apartments found the body of a 57-year-old woman inside the freezer, he said.

Police did not identify the man but said he was the woman's caregiver. He told them he arrived at the woman's apartment about a week ago and found her dead, then put her in the freezer.

"His underlying motivation, at least what he told us, was he wanted to preserve her dignity," Roberts said. "It's unique and unusual, but at this point there

is nothing criminal."

The man was sent to a hospital for a mental evaluation.

Detectives couldn't remove the body, so they took the whole freezer, Roberts said. There were no obvious signs of foul play but an autopsy was planned once the body thawed.

The man told investigators that he had a relationship with the woman for several years but was not her husband.

"She apparently had several strokes and other medical problems during that time," police spokesman Dick Cottam said.

■ **DUBLIN, Ireland** — Several drunks are being drawn from the River Liffey each week, according to the Dublin Fire Brigade.

The fire service said it made unexpectedly heavy use of its newly purchased water-rescue equipment because peo-

ple increasingly are falling or jumping into the river that cuts central Dublin in two.

The service said it was responding to up to 10 emergency calls a week. While some are attempted suicides, an increasing majority are alcohol-fueled slips or deliberate leaps made in response to a bet. Several low-level road and pedestrian bridges span the river, which runs alongside the heavy-drinking tourist quarter called Temple Bar.

The Dublin Fire Brigade in the past year has bolstered its River Liffey rescue service, buying an inflatable raft, floating ropes, wet suits, a dingy and a truck with a crane that hoists the dingy in and out of the water.

After rescues, people are almost always treated for hypothermia. Firefighters and those they rescue must be

decontaminated because of the level of river pollutants.

■ **HIGH POINT, N.C.** — Call it the return of the snakes.

Someone had stolen about 80 snakes from a heated storage shed and hid them in the woods, apparently hoping to sell them. But two people shunned the solicitation and alerted the owner.

Howard Hayes, a recreational reptile breeder working to grow the hobby into a business for his son, reported the snakes had been stolen Tuesday. The 26 ball pythons, 10 red-tail boas and about 45 corn snakes were worth about \$2,600, he said.

A young man and woman came to Hayes' home Wednesday saying they had met with some acquaintances who were peddling the potential pets:

"They said the people who

took them had them hid out in the woods," Hayes said, adding that the animals could have been injured or died if they had remained in the cold for another night or two. "It's a real relief. It would have set our operation back six months to a year."

Hayes didn't press the couple for the names of the thieves.

"I didn't want to quiz them," Hayes said. "They did a good thing in returning them when they could have just let them rot out in the woods."

■ **LONG BEACH, N.Y.** — Dillon and Jesse Smith are fraternal twins, but their penchant for perfection is identical.

The 16-year-old brothers beat the odds to each score a perfect 1600 on the SATs. Of 1.4 million high-schoolers who took the Scholastic Aptitude Test in 2004, just 939 scored a perfect 1600.

The seniors at Long Beach High School aced the English and math tests after taking the SATs for the second time. Earlier this year, Dillon scored 1520 and Jesse 1530.

Jesse ranks third in their senior class; Dillon ranks 16th.

"Sixteen is running my life. I'm 16 years old, I'm 16th in my class, and I got a 1600 on my SAT," Dillon said Wednesday.

Dillon said he didn't even study too hard for the tests.

"I didn't spend, like, weeks and months and years of my life studying for this test," he said. "I took it easy. ... 'I happen to be good at taking tests.'"

Dillon plans to major in engineering and apply to Columbia, New York University and Cooper Union. Jesse plans to apply to Brown, Boston University, Wesleyan and Bates.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Oct. 29, the 303rd day of 2004. There are 63 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 29, 1929, "Black Tuesday" descended upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapsed amid panic selling and thousands of investors were financially wiped out as America's Great Depression began.

On this date:
■ In 1682, the founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, landed at what is now Chester, Pennsylvania.

■ In 1901, President McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, was electrocuted.

■ In 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed.

■ In 1947, former first lady Frances Cleveland Preston died in Baltimore at age 83.

■ In 1956, during the Suez Canal crisis, Israel launched an invasion of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

■ In 1964, thieves made off with the Star of India and other gems from the American Museum of Natural History in New York. (The Star and most of the other gems were recovered; three men were convicted of stealing them.)

■ In 1966, the National Organization for Women was founded.

■ In 1967, the counter-culture musical "Hair" opened off-Broadway.

■ In 1979, on the 50th anniversary of the great stock market crash, anti-nuclear protesters tried but failed to shut down the New York Stock Exchange.

■ In 1998, Ohio Sen. John Glenn, at age 77, roared back into space aboard the shuttle Discovery.

Ten years ago: Francisco Martin Duran of Colorado Springs, Colo., fired more than two dozen shots from a semiautomatic rifle at the White House while standing on Pennsylvania Avenue; Duran was later convicted of trying to assassinate President Clinton and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Five years ago: A panel of European Union scientists ruled that British beef was safe for export, rejecting French scientific arguments to continue a ban because of fears of mad cow disease. Some 3,000 people attended a memorial service in Orlando, Fla., for golfer Payne Stewart, who was killed along with five other people in the crash of their Learjet.

One year ago: International organizations continued their exodus from Iraq in the wake of car bombings in the capital and attacks against coalition troops. A powerful geomagnetic storm walloped the Earth, knocking out some airline communications but apparently causing no large power outages or other major problems. Opera star Franco Corelli died in Milan, Italy, at age 82.

Today's Birthdays: Bluegrass singer-musician Sonny Osborne (The Osborne

Brothers) is 67. Country singer Lee Clayton is 62. Rock musician Denny Laine is 60. Singer Melba Moore is 59. Musician Peter Green is 58. Actor Richard Dreyfuss is 57. Actress Kate Jackson is 56. Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is 53. Country musician Steve Kellough (Wild Horses) is 47. Singer Randy Jackson is 43. Rock musician Peter Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 39. Actress Joely Fisher is 37. Rapper Paris is 37. Rock singer SA Martinez (311) is 34. Musician Toby Smith is 34. Actress Winona Ryder is 33. Actress Tracee Ellis Ross is 32. Actor Trevor Lissauer is 31. Actor Brendan Fehr is 27.

Thought for Today: "Moral indignation is in most cases two percent moral, 48 percent indignation, and 50 percent envy." — Vittorio De Sica, Italian movie director (1901-1974).

State, federal officials plan campaign against drugs in mines

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — State and federal mining officials are forming a task force to analyze the extent of on-the-job drug and alcohol use in mines — and find a way to stop it.

They're also teaming up for a campaign aimed at educating miners about the dangers of being impaired at work, officials said at a Tuesday news conference.

"Miners who are sober and straight are in the mines and they're afraid," said LaJuana Wilcher, secretary of the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet.

Aside from anecdotes,

officials are not exactly sure how bad the problem is because there is not any solid data on it, Wilcher said.

The task force will include representatives from Virginia and West Virginia. It should begin meeting in early December and could propose legislation in the General Assembly's upcoming session, officials said.

In Kentucky, there have been four mine fatalities so far this year. One miner who was killed tested positive for the presence of illegal drugs in his system.

The Kentucky Mining Board also has been gathering information to gauge substance abuse and how it

affects mine safety. Some coal operators have proposed mandatory drug testing for miners.

While drug and alcohol use at mines is illegal, state and federal agencies currently can't force miners to take drug tests.

Dave Lauriski, U.S. assistant secretary of labor, said that the rate of fatal accidents has steadily been decreasing since 2000. The challenge now is dealing with preventable problems caused by people who are impaired by drugs or alcohol, said Lauriski, who heads the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

"We believe that the pub-

lic education and outreach initiative that we're launching here today will help this mining community deal with one portion of the behavioral side of safety and health in our country's mine: the problem of drug and alcohol abuse and use in the mining workplace," Lauriski said.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said in a news release that he welcomed the outreach efforts.

"There is absolutely no room for drugs which impair a miner's ability to function safely in the mining environment," Caylor said.

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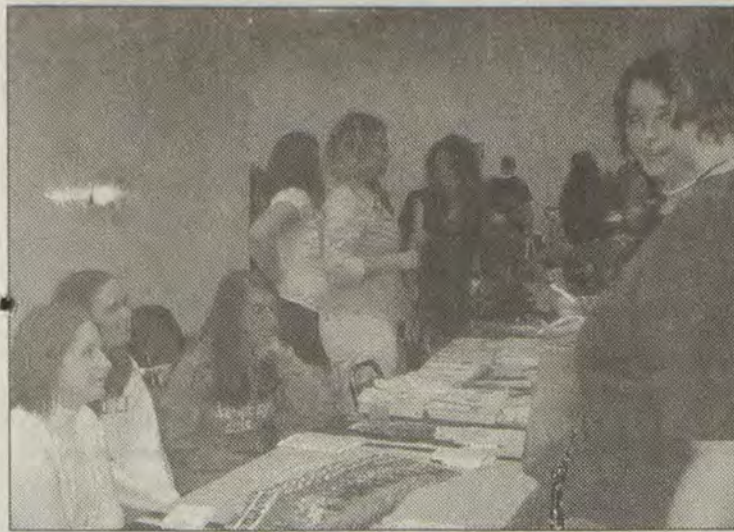


photo by Kathy J. Prater

Pikeville College was well represented by a group eager to answer the questions of interested students at the annual "College/Career Day" event held Wednesday morning on the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Area businesses, as well as colleges and universities from across the region, manned information booths to help guide the college and career choices of local high school seniors.

Governor featured in radio advertisement supporting same-sex marriage amendment

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher is going to be heard on radio commercials across the state starting today supporting a proposed same-sex marriage amendment.

Fletcher will be encouraging Kentuckians to vote "yes" for the same sex marriage amendment, and telling voters that both he and First Lady Glenna Fletcher intend to do the same, said Kent Ostrander, executive director of the Lexington-based Family Foundation.

Ostrander read a preliminary script of the commercial featuring Fletcher over the phone to The Associated Press. Fletcher's help would clear any "potential confusion" for people unsure of whether they would support the amendment, Ostrander said.

"To have one of the state's major leaders explain that he and his wife are voting 'yes' for marriage helps clarify that question," Ostrander said.

Fletcher spokesman Doug Hogan confirmed Fletcher's participation in the radio commercial.

The proposed amendment asks voters whether they favor changing the Kentucky Constitution so that a marriage can only be "between one man and one woman." It would also ban civil unions. Same-sex marriages are already illegal in Kentucky.

The Courier-Journal released its Bluegrass Poll released earlier this week which found 76 percent of likely polled voters said they would vote for the amendment.

Earlier this week, the governor asked television stations across the state to stop running an ad sponsored by a group opposing the amendment. Fletcher claimed that the "NO on the Amendment" group's

commercial misquoted him and took him out of context.

The original version claimed Fletcher said at an Oct. 13 news conference, "We did not have a legal evaluation ... for all the ramifications of the amendment."

Fletcher's actual words were: "As you know, the administration was not involved in the drafting of that so I did not, we did not have a thorough legal counsel evaluation of that looking at all of the different ramifications."

Sarah Reece, campaign manager of the anti-amendment group, said the group has since released a second version of the commercial which now uses a tape of comments Fletcher made at an Oct. 13 news conference. The governor was supporting "discriminatory legislation," Reece said.

"It's a shame that the governor and proponents of this amendment continue to fail to address the broad-sweeping ramifications of this amendment and how it's going to affect all Kentuckians," Reece said.

However, Fletcher feels there is no ambiguity surrounding the amendment's effects, and fully supports it, Hogan said.

"This is a way to set the records straight so to speak and to again show his support for this amendment," Hogan said.



Kitty White, the Pike County Chamber of Commerce executive director, has been named Chamber Executive of the Year by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives (KCCE), a federation of local chamber representatives and community leaders from across Kentucky. White received the award at KCCE's recent Fall Conference, Oct. 5-6, in Richmond, Ky., recognizing her outstanding achievements during her five-year tenure as Pike County executive director.

Trial

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with the incumbent, Pike County District Judge Darrel Mullins.

While Hays was out campaigning one-on-one in communities throughout Pike County, West said Harris was supposed to be raising funds to buy advertising and to pay people to drive voters to the polls.

"Where is the evidence of a conspiracy in this case?" West asked jurors.

Hays is on trial along with his wife, Brenda Hays, and campaign supporter Jerry Joe Dotson of Freeburn.

Harris and one of his business associates, Glen Turner of Drift, were convicted on election fraud charges in a separate trial last month. The charges against them stemmed from the same election.

Charges against four other Hays campaign workers indicted in the same case were dismissed by prosecutors before the trial began. Another defendant, Tom Varney of McCarr, pleaded guilty and testified against Hays.

In his closing argument, Taylor said he would not spend time discussing Dotson, who is accused of handing out \$10 bills to voters in a church parking lot in rural Pike County. Taylor said evidence was clear that he joined in the conspiracy. "In the grand scheme of things, he's a small player," Taylor said.

Dotson's defense attorney, Mickey McGuire of Prestonsburg, said his client, who doesn't even own a car, did not conspire with Harris, a multimillionaire, and other Pike County movers and shakers to sway an election.

McGuire said prosecution witnesses who testified in the monthlong trial didn't even recognize Dotson as the person handing out money at the church.

"For a guy who is supposed to be a player in this conspiracy, nobody knows him," McGuire said.

Fiscal court

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Equitable. For these reasons, East Kentucky Utilities has voluntarily requested that the Floyd County Fiscal Court assume management of the utility, which the court approved Thursday.

"We have no other option," said Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson. "There are town homes, two schools, a nursing home and general customers that are going to require heat this winter. There will be low gas rates for the people as long as we pay Equitable before the 31st. Otherwise we go on open market rates."

Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens agreed with the need for a takeover, at least on a temporary basis.

"I want the people to know that their gas will stay on this winter because the Floyd County Fiscal Court assumed the debt of East Kentucky Utilities," Owens said. "At this time gas rates are stable and will remain the same, but East Kentucky Utilities has already asked the Public Service Commission for a rate increase. Floyd County will have to pay almost a million dollars to pay East Kentucky Utilities out of debt. I want to let the people know we are gonna take over the running of this company and an appointed board will be in place to operate day-to-day business until the Floyd County Fiscal Court can sell this company."

The utility's current board of directors — John Allen, Judith A. McCreary and Charles Michael Harris — was expected to resign at midnight this morning, to be replaced by a new board appointed by Thompson.

The court next took up a resolution concerning a plan to reorganize the assets and debts of the utility.

In other news, the court hired a new jail employee, Larry Johnson.

Charged

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Juvenile Detention Center on Thursday.

The juvenile in custody has been charged with two counts of first-degree terroristic threatening. One charge for each Allen Central school.

The investigation into the October incident is ongoing.

New Arrival

Hunter Reece Clatworthy was born on September 25, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

He weighed 9 lbs. and 4 ozs. Hunter is the son of Kevin and Tangie Clatworthy of McDowell; the grandson of Cecil and Deanna Shelton of McDowell, and Dora and the late Johnny Clatworthy of Wayland.

He has one older sister, Cassidy Brooke Clatworthy.



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- I graduated from Prestonsburg High School, Transylvania University and Northern Kentucky University Law School. I have practiced law in Floyd County for the last 13 years.
- Rose and I served as Youth Leaders in our church for several years. I have been a volunteer assistant football coach at Betsy Layne High School, Adams Middle School and Prestonsburg High School.
- I have five step-grandchildren living in this school district, and nothing is more important to me than their future.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"All animals except man know that the ultimate in life is to enjoy it."

— Samuel Butler

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Los Angeles Times, on looted explosives:

The confirmation that U.S. forces in Iraq failed to prevent the looting of 380 tons of conventional explosives represents a new chapter for the "just when you thought things could not get much worse" file. Further, the execution-style murder Saturday of dozens of Iraqis being trained as soldiers, the very men to whom the United States planned to transfer the job of guarding the country, demonstrates an abject failure by Iraqis and occupation officials to learn from past mistakes. ...

President Bush has repeatedly said his generals have not told him they need more than the 140,000 U.S. troops in Iraq. But it's now clear that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and his Pentagon colleagues should have listened to Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, then the Army chief of staff, when he warned that "several hundred thousand" troops would be required to win the peace as well as the war. Instead, Rumsfeld and his deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, disparaged Shinseki and shoved him aside. ...

Zarqawi's followers claimed responsibility for the Saturday attack on the unarmed army recruits. Rebels dressed as police or soldiers stopped three vehicles, ordered the passengers out and shot them. Iraqi police and military trainees have been targets for months. The recruits should have been protected by other soldiers or given weapons to defend themselves.

There have been better days in the Iraq war, but not many worse ones.

Chicago Tribune, on Sept. 11 panel recommendations:

A few days ago, at the urging of Sept. 11 panel chairman Thomas Kean and others, the White House leaped into the middle of the most dramatic effort in generations to reshape America's intelligence agencies. Top White House officials issued a detailed letter attempting to guide negotiators from the Senate and House who are struggling to reconcile two vastly different versions of legislation inspired by recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission.

There's a blizzard of detail in all this, but at its crux the legislation approved by the Senate hews closest to the recommendations of the Sept. 11 panel and deserves to be favored in the conference committee.

The Senate legislation establishes a strong national intelligence director with full budget authority and significant power in personnel matters. ... The House has unnecessarily complicated the bargaining by peppering its bill with an array of law enforcement and immigration measures that were not envisioned by the Sept. 11 commission. ...

The Sept. 11 commission has produced some sound ideas for revamping the U.S. intelligence apparatus. By moving to enact its most important recommendations, Congress and the president can show that they've absorbed the lessons of the intelligence failures this nation suffered before Sept. 11.

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HOW the TERRORISTS PLAN to DISRUPT the ELECTION

Washington Today

Washington Today Progress slow in unearthing Saddam's victims for courtroom evidence

by GEORGE GEDDA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Iraq's 270 mass graves could be the key to a successful prosecution of Saddam Hussein, but bodies have been dug up at only one site in the year and a half since he was toppled.

Worries about security at the grave sites and a lack of resources and direction from the Iraqi government have contributed to the slow progress.

Also, Europeans with expertise in exhumations generally are not helping because of their aversion to the death penalty, a legal punishment in Iraq that Saddam could well face.

Saddam appeared in court July 1 to hear seven preliminary charges, including the killing of rival politicians and of Kurds and Shiites.

Eleven leading officials from his regime also face trial. Among them is Ali Hasan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali" for his role in chemical weapons

attacks against the Kurds.

Iraq's interim prime minister, Ayad Allawi, is eager for an early start to the trials, but U.S. officials say patience is necessary to ensure the proceedings meet the highest international standards.

The graves are among the chief legacies of Saddam's regime. About 270 grave sites have been identified, but exhumations have begun only at the site near the Kurdish town of Hatra.

Some of the worst massacres occurred in Kurdish areas in the 1980s. At the time, however, the Reagan administration said virtually nothing about the butchery because the United States was siding with Iraq in that country's war with Iran.

As of earlier this month, investigators had removed 120 bodies from a trench believed to contain about 300. A bulldozer appeared to have been used to dump remains into graves. Among the victims was a mother still clutching her baby. The infant was shot in the back of the head and the mother in the face.

Indeed, many of the remains were those of women and children. In Bosnia, scene of widespread ethnic cleansing operations a decade ago, the great majority were fighting-age men.

U.S. officials say quicker action on exhuming sites in Iraq could have served as good public relations for an administration struggling for politically positive images from Iraq — something to contrast with the slaughters carried out by Iraqi insurgents and their foreign allies.

But the insurgency in Iraq is making it

hard to get to those sites to examine them.

Only a small percentage of the remains unearthed in Iraq will be used for courtroom evidence against Saddam and his former lieutenants. For the rest, attempts will be made to identify them to help Iraqi families come to closure.

Some Iraqis are digging up remains of relatives on their own, rather than waiting for exhumation experts to do the job.

One group expected to play a key role in the exhumations is the International Commission for Missing Persons, which has had extensive experience in identifying remains of Bosnian war crime victims.

The commission is putting together an international conference on helping Iraqis deal with a similar problem. Iraqi officials invited to the conference will be expected to provide guidance on how they want to proceed. Another of the few groups with expertise on humanitarian exhumations is the Boston-based Physicians for Human Rights.

"The challenge is to develop in a careful but hopefully expeditious way a plan for all of Iraq that would involve the various stakeholders, including Iraqi government, religious leaders and representatives of families of the missing," said Susannah Sirkin, the deputy director of the doctors' group.

Ideally, Sirkin says, outside groups prepared to help would bow out as Iraqis develop their own expertise in unearthing and identifying the hundreds of thousands of Saddam-era victims. She says the process could take decades.

Letters

McGuire showed concern

I worked for the Floyd County Schools for the past three years as a librarian, and have acquired one former major and a specialist degree in school librarianship.

This year I am not employed with the Floyd County Schools. If I were, I could have tenure with the first teaching day of this next school year. Floyd County was glad to let me substitute teach in 2000, but they did not want to pay me to work full time even though I have three degrees with majors in English, German and library information science, and they had vacancies in those areas. I had established informal positive reviews from the students, principals, teachers, etc.

Later, when I successfully challenged them for employment, citing state statutes, I was secretly informed that instructions were given that if anyone were caught talking to me, especially the staff and teachers, their jobs would be on the line! Two of the five principals in those five schools were generally supportive and kind. The others intimidated me constantly, held back my funding, and scheduled me unmercifully, not allowing me to do a proper job, as I was

willing and capable.

Because I loved my craft, the students, and had the respect and support of many of my colleagues, I won most of them over. In 2003, I was sent to a new school, Stumbo Elementary, under the direction of principal Deresa Ray, with a daily drive of 100 miles. This is the same principal, from Martin County, whose resume was recently pulled from the web, as well as, the "egging scene", that occurred at the former Kentucky school where she was released mid-year, just prior to coming to Floyd and Stumbo Elementary.

Committees are formed, supposedly to involve the community and support the schools and the entire educational program in the Floyd County School System. In reality, the guidelines and procedures are written in such a way, as they were at Stumbo Elementary, that they block instead of invite. It has been said that such structure was mandatory for the good of Stumbo's educational program.

Among other things, that I consider equally bad if not worse, I personally witnessed: 1) the roaches scatter, as lights were turned on in classrooms (Jeff Stumbo was told about this); 2) children being pulled down the hallway by their little arms; 3) children in caps and coats throughout the day because the temperatures were so cold;

I wish to remind Carol Stumbo of a

national law that is called CAPTA, (Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, originally passed in 1974, but revised in 1996, coded 42 U.S.C. 5 101, et. seq.) This act mandates that any citizen who is aware of the physical and emotional abuse of children, is to report the abuse to proper authorities.

Since so many who are in positions of authority and control in the Floyd County School System were not fulfilling their job description (if any exists) properly, then one had only the choice to report to someone who was dependable and responsible and would not only listen, but take action. That someone was Mickey McGuire! (By the time he received my letter and packet on Jan. 30, at 11 a.m., he had pulled the boss in charge of the Stumbo library plumbing from a job in Knott County, and had him working on the library heating system, by 1 p.m. that Friday afternoon!)

Those school children and I had had to endure temperatures of 61 degrees from Nov. 12 to Jan. 30, over two months! I tried to protect them as much as I could by sitting them at the tables where the sun shone in, or going to their rooms for stories. Until Jan. 30, nobody that I approached about the issue in the Floyd County Schools, would come to our aid.

Throughout the entire year, I had no

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At the Movies: 'Saw'

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

The fright flick "Saw" is consistent, if nothing else.

This serial-killer tale is inanely plotted, badly written, poorly acted, coarsely directed, hideously photographed and clumsily edited, all these ingredients leading to a yawner of a surprise ending. To top it off, the music's bad, too.

You could forgive all (well, not all, or even, fractionally, much) of the movie's flaws if there were any chills or scares to this sordid little horror affair.

But "Saw" director James Wan and screenwriter Leigh Whannell, who developed the story together, have come up with nothing more than an exercise in unpleasantness and ugliness.

"Saw" is vicious to no end, loaded with gruesome torture devices and scenarios that Wan and Whannell — and the producers they managed to con into backing the movie — somehow thought audiences would want to see.

How such a cruelly empty and infantile movie got made is



"Saw," a Lions Gate release, is rated R for strong grisly violence and language. Running time: 103 minutes.

One star out of four.

mystery enough. More puzzling is why Cary Elwes, Danny Glover and Monica Potter would sign on as co-stars. The biggest question, though, is how Whannell got himself cast in a lead role opposite Elwes.

If Whannell can act, he sure doesn't show it. Perhaps out of sympathy, the more experienced cast members don't perform much better.

Most of the movie is set in a dingy, dirty lavatory, where Dr. Lawrence Gordon (Elwes) and a whiny guy named Adam (Whannell) awaken to find themselves chained to opposite walls. Between them is the bloody body of a man who apparently died of a self-inflict-

ed gunshot wound. Turns out they're the latest victims of a psychopath known as Jigsaw, who concocts sick games to test the morality of his victims. For Lawrence, it's the choice of killing Adam or having his wife (Potter) and daughter slain instead.

Crude flashbacks detail the killer's previous atrocities, with Glover a police detective obsessed over bringing Jigsaw to justice. Wan and Whannell admit one of their aims was shock value, yet the instruments and stratagems of punishment they come up with are grotesque without being terribly clever. And while they pat themselves on the back

for what they think are macabre doodads of death, they muddle up their silly creations with cheap fast-motion effects and clunky editing that obscures the action. Conversely, the shrill exchanges between Lawrence and Adam and the interplay between Lawrence's wife and her tormentor are so static, they seem like early table reads of the script, albeit with the actors in chains and gags.

There are no insights into the motivations of serial killers, no perspective on the depths to which the human soul will sink to preserve itself at the expense of others. This movie just wallows in its own unrelenting repulsiveness.

Unless you happen to relish the image of a killer using a stethoscope to hear the changes in a little girl's heart rate while he holds a gun to her mother's head, there's no reason you'll want to see "Saw."

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The last week of October added even more horror movies for fright fans. Plenty of horror classics hit area shelves this week alongside two new films which should offer plenty of their own scares. The new movies include one remake and one comedy that's so awful it is downright frightening.

"Dawn of the Dead" is a 2004 remake of the George A. Romero classic and once again features victims of a zombie plague hiding out in a shopping mall from the living dead. Here the accent is on action, with Ving Rhames in fine form as a cop who leads the survivors on a desperate escape from Milwaukee.

There is an unrated director's cut available as well which restores much of the

gore that was cut from the film to obtain an "R" rating. Viewers shouldn't hit the stop button when the credits roll or they will miss the real ending to the film, which is decidedly grim.

The other new flick this week is the unfunny comedy "White Chicks." The makers of "Scary Movie" strike again here with a story about two black FBI agents who pose as white women to thwart a kidnapping. The scary thing about this one is that it ever got made.

Television series continue to make their presence known on DVD this week. "That 70's Show" arrived with its whole first season this week and should please fans of slapstick comedy. Anyone over 30 will have a better chance of getting all of the jokes, but the emphasis is on slapstick so there's something for every-

body with this sitcom which also employs plenty of actors who made their splash in the 1970s like Tanya Roberts of "Charlie's Angels" fame.

"21 Jump Street" also hit DVD this week with its entire first season collected. Johnny Depp got his start here and has some fine moments as a young undercover cop.

Two classic NBC series were back this week with collections of "Little House on the Prairie" and "Quantum Leap" hitting area shelves.

Horror classics continued their reign this week with the DVD arrival of the 1973 film "Mark of the Devil." This European witch hunting epic was so shocking that it had to be released without a motion picture rating. The American distributors decided to turn the gross factor to their advantage and launched an advertising campaign which

included free air sick bags at every show. Those bags, which featured the film's logo, now fetch \$50 on eBay.

"Happy Birthday to Me" is a 1980s slasher film that is a cut above the rest. Melissa Sue Anderson (Little House on the Prairie) and Glenn Ford star in this one, which features some creative deaths and a whopper of an ending.

There's a bad egg in every batch and this week's stinker is "The Bloody Judge." This is another witch hunting movie but it ought to be burned at the stake. Director Jesse Franco has probably directed more films than any filmmaker. Sadly, all of the films are terrible and this one is no exception, though star Christopher Lee does his best.

Next week's releases will include some old favorites and the family friendly "Shrek 2."

Halloween Horror TV From the Black Lagoon

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Over 100 horror-themed programs are scheduled to air this Sunday, so the Lagoon thought it would be a good idea to try to help viewers decide on their best bets for what's on "terror"-vision this weekend.

AMC: This network has added commercials and dropped most of the classic films which were its staple since going on the air but they still pull out all of the stops on Halloween. Their horror programming began last Monday and they unfortunately, saved the worst for last with several "Halloween" and "Amityville Horror" sequels taking up most of the day. They do finish on a high note with "Scream 2" airing at 8 p.m.

Cinemax has four scary films in store for the evening and kicks off with "The Lost Boys" at 6 p.m. Afterwards you can check out the Quentin Tarantino/Robert Rodriguez film "From Dusk Till Dawn" at 8 p.m. which is followed by "Underworld" — think Blade with a distaff lead — and they finish with the most unlikely of sequels with "Emmanuelle vs. Dracula" unspooling at midnight.

The Starz channel has a good lineup that starts with "Scream" at 7 p.m. Next up at 9 is the horror slugfest "Freddy vs. Jason" which gets points for never being dull. That is followed by last year's serviceable remake of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

Surprisingly, it is a channel aimed at younger viewers that has put together the best Halloween lineup. "Wam," which is part of the Starz network of movie channels, has a

slew of PG-rated horror films on tap for Sunday and they have dug up some treasures. They have the 1977 giant rat flick "Food of the Gods" running at 11:15 a.m. and it's a keeper. Evangelist-turned-actor Marjoe Gortner stars as a football pro who teams up with Hollywood vets Ida Lupino and Ralph Meeker to stop an army of out-sized and out-of-control critters. This one has it all with giant mosquitoes, roosters (not too scary, I admit) and an army of gargantuan rats. This is followed by "Futureworld" (an okay sequel to "Westworld") and the Vincent Price classic, "Dr. Phibes Rises Again." Later on, at 6 p.m., they are running the Ray Bradbury classic "Something Wicked this Way Comes." This is probably the best adaptation of Bradbury ever to get filmed and certainly was the scariest Disney film ever made.

FMC (Fox Movie Channel) features the best of Southern gothic horror with a back-to-back showing of "The Other" and "Hush, Hush, Sweet Charolette." The first film is based on a novel by actor Tom Tryon and is a creepy tale of twin boys who may be murderers. It's also got a corker of a twist ending and an early screen appearance by John Ritter. The latter film is one of those ishe-or-isn't-she-a-crazed-axe-wielding-murderess movies. It is brought off well by veteran action director Robert Aldrich (The Dirty Dozen) and stars Bette Davis, Joseph Cotten and Olivia De Havilland. Look for Bruce Dern in an early screen appearance as a young man who gets the axe in the film's jarring opening scene.

So nuke some popcorn and dim the lights, folks, but don't forget to lock those doors and windows.

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Threats

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No doubt the department was aided by laws established since Sept. 11, 2001, which give broader investigative powers into private records.

Though Petry didn't want to jeopardize the investigation by giving away any strict details about the case, he did admit, "We have two people we are looking at. We're going to be talking to them just as soon as we receive some records, but I shouldn't really say any more than that."

County Attorney Keith Bartley has already gone on record stating that

since some of the threats were county-wide, they will be treated as felonies, giving the school system an opportunity to seek restitution for the expenses incurred from evacuating buildings and missing almost two full days of class which they still had to pay staff for.

Major Petry also reiterated that anyone with tips on the case can call the Prestonsburg Police Department at 886-1010, Kentucky State Police at 433-7711, or the sheriff's department at 886-6711. All information will be kept

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HALLOWEEN HORROR

TRIVIA CONTEST

This Halloween, "Movies from the Black Lagoon" is offering its first "Halloween Horror Trivia Contest." To enter, just visit our website — floydcountytimes.com — and follow the link to the contest. (If you're having trouble finding it, just look for the pumpkin shown above.) To enter, just fill out the information and answer the question. One winner will be drawn from all correct entries submitted and will receive a copy of "An American Werewolf in London" on DVD (must be 17 or older to win). The winner will be announced in the Oct. 31 edition of "Movies from the Black Lagoon."

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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Mary Jane Bentley, 34, of Magoffin County, to Carlos Hoover, 47, of Hueysville.
Alva Sue Ousley, 28, of Pike County, to Donald Edward Lovely, 26, of Morgan County.
Crystal Lee Martin, 24, of Pike County, to James Matthew Johnson, 26, of Columbus, Ohio.

Civil Suits Filed

Capitol One bank vs. John H. Callis, to collect credit card debt.

Heilig Meyers Master Trust vs. Allie and Darrell Combs, for damages.

Highlands Regional Medical Center vs. Curtis Preston, for damages.

Appalachian Regional Health Care vs. Ashley Slone, for damages.

Central Baptist Hospital vs. Alan R. Howell, for damages.

Erma Taylor vs. Jeffrey Lester, notice to evict.

Cash in Hand vs. Thomas Blackburn, for damages.

Cash in Hand vs. Randy

Goble, for damages.

Capitol One Bank vs. Michael Newsome, for damages.

Capitol One Bank vs. Rose E. Tackett, for damages.

Capitol One bank vs. Randy L. Johnson, for damages.

Capitol One Bank vs. Ricky Dorton, for damages.

Pioneer Credit Company vs. Ronald and Tammy Bartley, to collect a debt.

Small Claims Filings

B.J. Slone vs. Anthony Scott Hall, for damages.

Samuel J. Doyle vs. Ann Conley, to collect rent owed.

Floyd County Housing Authority vs. Carol Sue Cook, to collect rent owed.

Floyd County Housing Authority vs. Pamela Ann Tackett, to collect back rent.

Charges Filed

Lenora Absher, 46, of Prestonsburg; violation of an emergency protection order, expired plate.

Susan Neeley, 37, of Martin; possession of marijuana, posses-

sion of a controlled substance not in its original container, possession off drug paraphernalia.

Ervine Marsillett, 54, of Auxier; alcohol intoxication.

Bennett Blankenship, 42, of Teaberry; alcohol intoxication.

Ricky Lee Hall, 25, of Garrett; public intoxication.

Bobbi Iricks, 35, of Betsy Layne; harassment.

Angelena Hobson, no DOB available, of McDowell; criminal trespassing.

Mary Cat Spradlin, 45, of Harold; harassment.

Jimmy Conn, 40, of Harold; criminal trespassing.

Patricia Ann Burton, 43, of Prestonsburg; harassing communications.

Crystal Ann Nelson, 23, of Auxier; fourth-degree assault.

Donna DeRossett, 43, of Prestonsburg; criminal trespassing, harassment.

Kenneth Martin, 50, of Printer; two counts of terroristic threatening, fourth-degree assault.

Joshua Ryan Spriggs, 26, of Dana; terroristic threatening.

Linden Elliot, 71, of Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.

Sharon Sammons, 59, of Prestonsburg; criminal trespassing.

Cameron Rowe, 19, of Wayland; alcohol intoxication.

Steven Edward Dalton, 22, of Wayland; alcohol intoxication.

Jimmy L. Nelson, 32, of Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.

Bobby J. Gayheart, 36, of McDowell; alcohol intoxication, drinking an alcoholic beverage in public.

Michael Kevin Ousley, 26, of Martin; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Mickie Parsons, 32, of Ivel; alcohol intoxication.

Jerry Slone, 45, of Garner; theft by unlawful taking.

Bradley Daugherty, 22, of Stanville; nonsupport, resisting arrest.

Robert Hughes, 51, of Banner; criminal trespassing.

Bradley Farrell Tolliver, 26, of Paintsville; alcohol intoxication.

Ronnie G. Stumbo, 43, of East Kentucky; illegal taking of wildlife.

Kevin Sexton, 28, of Wittensville; wanton endangerment.

Devin David Osborne, 28, of Topmost; burglary.

Wayne Hunt, 37, of Prestonsburg; wanton endangerment.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits

Indoor Flea Market

Craft sale
Indoor Flea Market/Craft Sale at the Prestonsburg National Guard Armory on Saturday, November 13, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Anyone interested, call 886-6167, Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Concessions will be available on site. Proceeds from this will be used for Christmas for the families of the soldiers of this unit who are presently deployed to Kosovo.

Maytown hayride and bake sale

The Maytown Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will host a Hayride and Bake Sale on Friday, October 29 and Saturday, October 30, from 6-9 p.m., at the fire station. All proceeds will benefit their "Operation Christmas Child" fund.

Tussey reunion

The Tussey reunion will be held on November 6, at the Pines Building at Jenny Wiley State Park. Old photos and genealogy will be on display (a copier will be provided.) Festivities will begin at 11. Dinner at noon. On Saturday, a Tussey tour. For further information, contact Cheryl Tussey Shepherd, 886-8863; Brenda Tussey Gray, 886-1249; Bill Tussey, 358-0076; or Don Tussey, 886-3338.

D.A.V. Chap. 18

The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, in McDowell. All invited to attend.

Board of Health meetings

The Floyd County Board of Health will hold regular meetings the 2nd Tuesdays of December, 2004, and March, June and September, 2005. Meetings will be held in Prestonsburg, at 144 N.Front

Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

NYC Bus Trip

A trip, by bus, to New York City, has been scheduled for Nov. 26-28. For more info., or to sign up for the trip, contact Ed or Linda Senig at 452-9564.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

***GED classes** - Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Later times may be arranged - call office to make arrangements.

***Craft/Sewing Club** - Mondays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

***Creative Sewing** - Mondays, 6-8 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information about these activities and class fees, call 886-0709.

Free Body Recall classes

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church.

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Thursday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Newbee (Beginner) Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office, Prestonsburg.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

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IT SADDENS MY HEART TO SAY, THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE TO ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PLEA TO FIX THE PROPERTY HE DEVALUED.

HIS ACTIONS RELATING TO THE CUSHAW PROPERTY CAUSES ME CONCERN ABOUT HIS DECISION-MAKING. IS HE FOR THE VOTERS OR AGAINST THEM?

WILL HE TREAT THE SENIOR CITIZENS WITH DISRESPECT LIKE HE DID FRANK MARTIN AND MERLENE DINGUS!

WILL HE LAUGH AND TURN HIS BACK ON SITUATIONS LIKE HE DID WITH THE ONE HE CREATED ON CUSHAW?

WILL HE TAKE CREDIT FOR THINGS HE DID NOT DO?

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CAN YOU BE ASSURED THAT YOU, AS A VOTER, WILL NOT RECEIVE THE SAME?

WILL HE TURN HIS BACK ON YOU, TOO?

A STAY-AT-HOME VOTE IS A YES VOTE.

Pol. adv. pd. by Merlene Jo Dingus

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Inspections

Country Road's Cafe, Mud Creek, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided for all cooling units, proper hair restraints not in use, no readily available towels at hand wash sink in food prep area, restroom doors in disrepair, light in restroom not properly shielded. Score: 93.

Little Caesar's Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some freezer units without conspicuous thermometers, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use not restricted, light in walk-in refrigerator not working. Score: 95.

Family Dollar, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Snack food items observed stored directly on the floor.

Score: 98.

Dollar General, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Display refrigerator and freezer units have no thermometers, coffee filters stored in contact with the floor, restroom ceiling in disrepair. Score: 95.

Rite-Aid, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy-to-see thermometers not available in refrigeration units, bags and garbage stored in restroom. Score: 98.

Dingus Mobile Home Park, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not properly numbered, lot size not in compliance, insufficient number of garbage cans, several lots have an accumulation of debris. Score: 90.

Red Top Tobacco, Huesville, regular inspection.

Violations noted: Easy-to-see thermometers not provided for all cooling and freezing units, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use not restricted. Score: 95.

Hot Rod's Pizza, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Refrigeration and freezer units have no thermometers, proper hair restraints not in use, pizza boxes stored on floor, floors in disrepair, walls in storage area in disrepair. Score: 94.

Taco Bell, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: No soap in hand wash sink in food prep area, floor tile around three-compartment sink in disrepair, wet mop head observed stored on the floor. Score: 96.

Canteen Correctional Services, Otter Creek Correction Center, Wheelwright, regular inspection.

Violations noted: Upright refrigeration and hot holding unit need new gaskets, electric hand drying unit won't shut off, wall around three-compartment sink in disrepair. Score: 96.

Bypro Pizza, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all cooling units, no light in walk-in cooler, food contact surface in disrepair. Score: 96.

Speedway, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all cooling units, proper hair restraints not in use, wall around three-compartment sink in disrepair, wiping cloth not stored in sanitary solution, no violations observed in retail section. Score: Food 96, retail 100.

Property Transfers
Ethel Pressley to Tammy

Martin, property location undisclosed.

Barry L. Hamilton and Gail Hamilton to Barry Shawn Hamilton and Rachel Hamilton, property location undisclosed.

Daryl Cavins to Betty Cavins, property location undisclosed.

Gary Knight and Elizabeth Knight to Big Sandy Physical Therapy Inc., property located at Prestonsburg.

Beatrice Alder Jarrell to Terry and Jerry Kinzer, property located at Bull Creek.

Michael Waid Meade to Shawn and Melissa Roop, property located at Prestonsburg.

Alice B. Adams to Lavonne Lafferty, property location undisclosed.

Lillian Taylor, Roger and Betty Steele to Hershel and

Mary Lou Spradlin, property located at Ivel.

Dorothy and Lewis Dotson to Nancy Eileen Campbell, property location undisclosed.

Jonah and Eugene Tackett to William Lynn Hall property location undisclosed.

Woody Ratliff and Trena Ratliff to Lillian Conley Ousley, property location undisclosed.

Pauline Green to Richard Lee Dotson, trustee of the Nice and Braga home trust, property location undisclosed.

Gary, David, Terri, Robert, Steven and Kevin Sellards to Aileen Hall, property located at Banner.

Francis Akers, Lea Pridemore Akers and Gladys Williams to Rot Williams and Michael Akers, property located at Prater Creek.

Obituaries

Randolph Crisp

Randolph Crisp, 75, of Martin, died Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center emergency room.

Born October 22, 1929, at Martin, he was the son of the late Ed and Mattie Conley Crisp. He was a minister; a member of the Prater Creek Baptist Church; and he had a Sunday morning radio show for 20 years with WMDJ.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Goodrich Crisp.

Survivors include a daughter, Reba Harvey of Martin; three brothers: Don Crisp, Bill Crisp and David Crisp, all of Martin; two grandchildren: Alan Harvey (wife, Limikia) and Randy Harvey; and three great-grandchildren: Nick, Phillip and Eric.

In addition to his parents, and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Carl Crisp and Herbert Crisp; a sister, Gail Crisp and a son-in-law, Mack Harvey.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, October 30, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Arnold Turner Jr. officiating.

Burial will be in the Crisp Cemetery, (Bucks Branch) in Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Edgar Howell

Edgar Howell, age 88, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Craynor, husband of Jessie Robbins Howell, passed away, Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at the Marion General Hospital, Marion, Ohio.

He was born December 13, 1915, in Craynor, the son of the late Levi and Dolly Martin Howell. He was a self employed used car dealer for over 50 years, a member and deacon of The First Freewill Baptist Church, Marion, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie; one son, James E. (Ruth) Howell of Marion, Ohio; one daughter, Virginia (Doug) Hall of Harold; one brother, Archie B. Howell of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Edgar Howell will be conducted Saturday, October 20, 2004, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with the Rev. Mike Blanton officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church, at Marion, Ohio. (Paid obituary)

Noreen Howell (nee Kidd)

Noreen Howell (nee Kidd), age 51, of Lake Station, Indiana, passed away, Saturday, October 2, 2004.

She was a longtime Lake Station resident.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis Howell of Lake Station; her father, Carmel Kidd of Kentucky; two daughters: Alice (Tom) Walworth of Lake Station, and Kimberly Howell of Lake Station; two sons: Clifton (Misti) Howell, of Hobart, Dennis Tracy (Rejal) Howell of Austin, Texas; three brothers: Granvel (Connie) Kidd, Vincent Kidd, Patrick (Lori) Kidd, all of Kentucky; two sisters: Dianne (James) Howell of Lake Station, Krista Stewart of Kentucky; 10 grandchildren: Noreen, Charlene, Stephanie, Timothy, Darian, Justin, Madison, Dametri, Logan, and Alden; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Draxie Kidd and two brothers: Arnell Kidd and Ricky Kidd.

Funeral services were Wednesday, October 6, 2004, at 10:30 a.m., at Rees Funeral Home, 600 W. Old Ridge Road, Hobart, with Rev. Gerald T. Walworth officiating. (Paid obituary)

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and their families. Next meeting, Thursday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m., at Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Meeting will begin with dinner, followed by presentation. This month's focus will be on "Humor as a Healing Agent."

Community Weight Loss Support Group - To meet Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center, beginning Feb. 5. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd

Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

Danny Blevins

Danny Blevins, 46, of Tram, was dead on arrival, Tuesday, October 26, 2004, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born September 10, 1958, in Martin, he was the son of Dollie Hatfield Blevins of Tram, and the late Clyde Blevins.

Other survivors include his daughters: Brandy Taylor of Stanville, and Bridget Hughes of Ivel; sisters: Cassie Adkins and Cathlene Honeycutt, both of Tram, and his grandchildren: Caleb, Brian, Ally, Megan, and Morgan.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, October 29, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, with Atha Johnson officiating.

Burial will be in the Tackett Cemetery, at Tram, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Bills

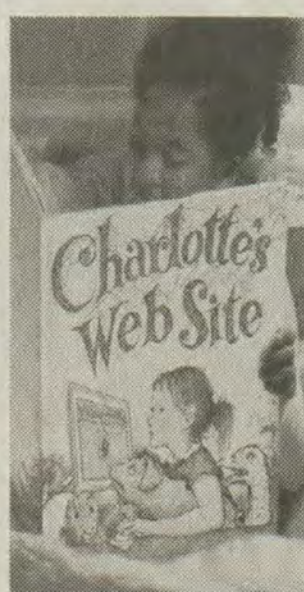
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additional 5 percent to the bill but it gets worse if citizens wait until February and beyond, when the penalty will sharply rise to 21 percent.

To make paying easier on

people who work during the week, the sheriff will have his office at the Floyd County Fiscal Court building open on the first and third Saturday of the month, between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon, throughout November and December.

Taxpayers who are mailing their payments in should enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if they wish to receive a receipt.



By 6th grade, an alarming number of girls lose interest in math, science & technology. Which means they won't qualify for most future jobs. That's why parents have to keep their interest alive, in every way we can.

It's her future. Do the math. www.girlsgottech.org

People know Pueblo for its... Famous Hot Salsa? In Pueblo, the free government information is also hot. Dip into the Consumer Information Center web site, www.pueblo.gsa.gov. You can download all the information right away.

Be an Angel. Become a Kentucky organ & tissue donor. Sign the back of your drivers license or place a Donor Dot on it & tell your family of your wishes. For information contact: 1-800-525-3456, or www.trustforlife.org

WIN WITH A WRITE-IN! DOUG WELLS PRESTONSBURG CITY COUNCIL Write Me In and We All Win

Urgent news for people who took VIOXX. Many VIOXX users suffered strokes, heart attacks, heart failure, chest pains, blood clots, serious bleeding and even death. If you or a loved one took VIOXX, and had any of these problems, call us now toll free at 1-800-THE-EAGLE for a free consultation. We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S. GOLDBERG & OSBORNE 1-800-THE-EAGLE (1-800-843-3245) www.1800theeagle.com

REWARD The Floyd County Board of Education during its meeting of October 25, 2004 authorized a reward of \$500.00 for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for the threats made against The Floyd County School District on October 13, 15, and 20, 2004. Anyone who has information should call the Prestonsburg Police Department at 606-886-1010; the Kentucky State Police at 606-433-7711; or the Floyd County Sheriff's Department at 606-886-6711. All information will be kept confidential. PAUL W. FANNING Superintendent

Proposed Site Plan for New Consolidated Prestonsburg Area Elementary School. Site Master Plan Prestonsburg Area Elementary School. RICHARDSON ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS P.A.C.

Senate candidates continue tours around state

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Daniel Mongiardo called on eastern Kentucky's Democratic Party faithful on Wednesday to help defeat Republican U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning, while the incumbent also worked to rally supporters.

"We have an opportunity to elect the first senator from eastern Kentucky," Mongiardo said during a campaign stop in Pike County, a Democratic stronghold and home of former Gov. Paul Patton. "We have got to have a big vote out of eastern Kentucky."

On Thursday, Bunning was in Madisonville, joined by U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, and U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield. He tried to capitalize on support for President Bush, who has strong support in western Kentucky.

"If you're going push Bush-Whitfield, you might as well push Bunning, so I can help George W. Bush lead the free world and help him keep this country on course — we don't want to veer to the left and

that's exactly what John Kerry would do to this country if he were elected president," Bunning said.

Some 75 Mongiardo supporters, including former first lady Judi Patton, crowded into a courtroom in the Pike County Courthouse for a rally Wednesday afternoon. Paul Patton, who hasn't been publicly active in politics since leaving office, did not attend.

The former governor, who had planned to run for the Senate before an extramarital affair ended his political career, has helped with campaign fundraisers.

"I'm glad to have his support," Mongiardo said.

Also Wednesday, ads by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee began running in Kentucky, attacking Bunning as being "out of touch."

The ad shows video from last week when Bunning told reporters: "Let me explain something: I don't watch the national news, and I don't read the paper."

The ad is part of the

\$800,000 worth of television time the committee purchased recently to help Mongiardo.

"Maybe Jim Bunning missed the news about 79,000 kids with no health coverage when he voted against children's health care," a voiceover on the ad says.

Meanwhile, Dan Allen, a spokesman for the Republican National Senatorial Committee, said his committee has put in about \$450,000 to help pay for two pro-Bunning television ads running in Kentucky.

"The Senate Democrats talk about Kentucky being a sleeper race but ultimately this is going to be another nightmare for them, because ultimately the team of Senator Bunning and President Bush are going to prevail and the Democrats are going to come up empty," Allen said.

Two of Mongiardo's state-house colleagues traveling with Bunning on Wednesday kept up personal comments about Mongiardo, who closed a double-digit lead by Bunning to six points in a poll published Sunday.

"I served with Dr. Dan — let me tell you he is not a gentleman," said state Sen. Elizabeth Tori, R-Elizabethtown. "I'm not even sure the word 'man' applies to him."

Those attending the Bunning rally laughed and applauded the remark.

State Senate President David Williams referred to McConnell and Bunning as a "one-two punch" in Washington.

"We don't want to trade that one-two punch for a limp wrist," Williams said, repeating comments he made earlier in the week on the Bunning tour. Asked to explain the remark, he has said he meant no sexual connotation.

"It's apparent that the Jim Bunning campaign in the final week is a gutter campaign, a campaign of sleaze and smear,"

said Mongiardo campaign manager Kim Geveden. "These are just more outrageous smear attacks by a candidate and a campaign that is desperate and on the ropes."

On Thursday, Bunning noted for a Hopkins County crowd of about 50 that he narrowly lost that county and the 1st District in the 1998 election when he defeated Scotty Baesler.

"We're going to win next Tuesday but we can't take it for granted," Bunning said.

Mongiardo was in eastern Kentucky on Wednesday and was bringing his campaign to Lexington and Louisville on Thursday. In Pikeville, he touted coal as an alternative that would help the United States rid itself of dependence on foreign oil. He also promoted a plan to help small businesses insure

their employees.

"There are over 600,000 Kentuckians without health insurance, and it's time to do something about it," Mongiardo said.

Mongiardo said he wants to provide tax relief that will allow small businesses to recover up to half of the cost of employee health insurance. He said he also wants to help small businesses leverage lower costs for health insurance by allowing them to participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

Associated Press writers Kimberly Hefling in Madisonville, Brett Barrouquere in Elizabethtown and Nancy Zuckerbrod in Washington contributed to this report.

Governor has reinstated voting rights to 214 convicted felons

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Since Gov. Ernie Fletcher changed requirements for felons to have their voting rights restored, 214 applications have been approved, the governor's general counsel said.

However, a group opposing Fletcher's changes said Wednesday that the administration was effectively suppressing votes with its new rules.

Heather Roe Mahoney, of the Democracy Resource Center in Lexington, claimed the administration's new policy was preventing more than 700 felons from voting in next week's election.

"This is an injustice," Mahoney said. "It is an assault on our democracy."

Under the new requirements, implemented in June, Fletcher's administration requires felons to supply three character references and an explanation why their voting rights should be

reinstated.

Fletcher's general counsel, John Roach, said the new policy was not overly burdensome and ensures that only people who have fulfilled their sentences and paid restitution are allowed to vote.

"This is a process that allows the people that truly deserve to have their civil rights restored restored," Roach said. "But it also allows us to actually make sure that they're worthy of having their civil rights restored."

The state constitution leaves it up to the governor to reinstate people's voting rights after they are convicted of felonies.

Former Gov. Paul Patton's policy was to approve applications, provided that applicants completed their sentences and made full restitution. Felons had to apply for reinstatement, then parole officers would verify the sentences were completed. Local prosecutors also were given an opportunity to object.

Now, applicants have to submit references and the written

explanation after their initial applications. That information is forwarded to prosecutors for their opinion.

Since Fletcher took office, 1,082 people have filed initial applications for voting reinstatement, Roach said. Of those, 319 have submitted explanations and references, and Fletcher has reinstated voting rights for 214 people, Roach said.

So far, the administration has not heard back from 747 people after receiving an initial application, Roach said. Meanwhile, 28 requests have been held in abeyance for various reasons, including some where felons had not paid full restitution or where local prosecutors raised concerns, Roach said.

Mahoney, however, estimated 705 felons were not being allowed to vote because of the administration's policy. While some were reinstated by Oct. 4, the cutoff to register to vote for next week's election, others weren't reinstated weren't until after that date, Mahoney said.

Letters

protection (And, KEA would not protect me!) from the daily taping of the hidden cameras, the hidden recordings that were made at the unscheduled conferencing, the harassment of volunteers or staff who were sent to the library, and the sabotage of my equipment as I tried to set up

lessons and teach the children. But, thank goodness, by contacting Mickey McGuire, I finally managed, at least, to protect the children and me from the cold!

In closing, I wish to state that I believe Jody Mullins, Mike Vanderpool, and Mike Harris

will show the same commitment, devotion and concern for the students' personal welfare and educational needs in the Floyd County Schools that Mickey McGuire has already shown.

Sharon Allen Firebaugh
Royalton

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Kerry good for U.S.

As a citizen of Missouri (another "battleground state") I am appealing to each of you to stand up and vote for John Kerry on Nov. 2 for the good of the entire country.

President Bush seems more concerned about the profits of pharmaceutical corporations and insurance companies than the health of average Americans.

Millions of hardworking Americans are either unprotected

or covered by substandard health-care plans because of rising insurance and prescription costs.

I have seen this first hand when my daughter has called to tell me she cannot afford the cost of her antibiotic prescription and when my own emergency room co-pay has doubled in 2004 rising to \$100.

The prescription drug plan so widely hailed by the Bush administration has had little effect on the plight of the elderly. Many older people tell me that in reality the plan is of no assistance to them. Others say they see little real savings.

Innocent children and our retired citizens are denied

healthcare because the cost is too high!

We need an administration that truly cares about the health care needs of Americans.

John Kerry and John Edwards have a plan to address soaring health insurance premiums for Americans. Their plan will lower family premiums, cut waste from the system and lower the cost of prescription drugs. They will work to ensure that healthcare is not just a privilege for the wealthy, but affordable for all Americans.

Please join me in supporting John Kerry for president.
Marilyn Hughes
Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Kerry would destroy conservative Christianity

Dear France and all the other countries who would not support America in this Gulf War,

It is without question that you have blatantly forgotten that it was the U.S. that was attacked without warning on Sept. 11, 2001. It was our people, who had never engaged Osama bin Laden or Saddam Hussein, who died in the Pentagon and the Twin Towers. It was our people who worked side by side with people from your country (who also died in the attacks of 9-11), but somehow you do not care or else you have forgotten.

Many of you hate America and our president because of the presence of conservative Christianity in America, a practice that is less in power than

you believe. In truth, many Americans hate conservative Christianity, too. I write this letter to tell you we are changing as fast as we can and if John Kerry gets in office we will move even faster.

Let me explain. I believe that you will not have to wait much longer because it is a very likely possibility that President Bush represents that last vestiges of a Christian leader we will ever have in our executive branch. I tell you truthfully that if John Kerry is elected next week, in time we will become more like you.

Just give him four years and we will let down all guards against the sanctity of marriage and allow homosexuality to spread rapidly through America, because it will become a required subject taught in our schools.

Just give him four years and we will reinstate the practice of teaching the "benefits" of abortion in our schools and soon we will kill more children in the name of "women's rights" than China will kill in forced popula-

tion control.

Just give him four years and morals will no longer be the fighting force of America's conservative Christians because they will pass hate legislation that will keep Christians from preaching publicly at all. And, you will like this best of all, after awhile many who call themselves Christian will turn the conservative Christians in.

Just give him four years and we will create millions of babies in laboratories and kill them all in the name of research.

But people of France please be consoled, if President Bush is reelected, then wait just four more years and one you can really get behind will get into the office. Hillary Clinton is waiting in the wings and the best and brightest liar that has ever held the office of president is waiting behind her so he can get into power again. Just wait a little while and America will become the pansy you have always hoped for us to be. We will be just like you.

Randell Reno
Prestonsburg

Replacing Stumbo would be a mistake

I am writing to respond to two political ads for Mike Vanderpool who opposes incumbent Carol Stumbo in District 4. One of the ads was a plea from Shirley Vanderpool, Mike's mother. Mrs. Vanderpool was my favorite teacher at McDowell. I respect her tremendously and I admire her for supporting her son. But I strongly disagree with her. Mike Vanderpool said he

would be a candidate that is accessible and willing to work with parents, teachers, students and the community. Carol Stumbo has done this for five years.

Carol Stumbo taught at McDowell High School, Alice Lloyd College and Wheelwright High School. She has served as the director of Region Eight Education Center and was available to assist teachers in any way possible. She has always spoken out for teachers and was a leader of the Floyd County Education Association.

Carol has never faltered in her support of Floyd County children. She is interested in raising test scores as well as the quality of education our children receive. Now that she has retired, she volunteers in the

county schools and attends many of the extracurricular activities in her district.

She has received both state and national honors for her teaching skills. She has been appointed or elected leader of various organizations because of her administrative skills. She has spent 38 years as an educator.

If the people of District 4 choose to unseat Carol Stumbo, they will be making a grave mistake. She has the education, the experience, the ethics and the passion needed in a board member. She encourages parents and students to speak out about their needs. She has welcomed comments and suggestions from them. What more can we ask of a board member?

Christine Stumbo
McDowell

A Sale So Good, It's

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Prestonsburg, Kentucky

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Bring in the completed entry form and enter to win a beautiful Marlo Purse from Kentucky Mountain Bride. Drawing on Saturday, October 30, 2004.

Entry Form:

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Free Gift-Wrapping for Christmas

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P'burg City Wrestling Club accepting new members

Anyone interested in joining the Prestonsburg City Wrestling Club should attend a meeting at the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church on Thursday, Nov. 4.

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For sports fans, life is good

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

It's a great time to be a sports fan. Many folks have their favorite time of year for sports. March, clearly, is a terrific month. It leads the way and is scarcely challenged, but for those of us who still have the patience to be a loyal follower, baseball in October is difficult to beat.

On top of Boston sports fans reversing the curse — capped by one clever fan during the final stages of the ALCS who brought a sign reading "ESRUC EHT" — we had a marvelous series between the Cards and Astros, giving us four teams doing all that was possible to grasp the golden ring.

It's something that can't be topped. And then, of course, there's high school football.

Tonight, many members of the Class of 2005 will suit up to play football for the final time. Those whose teams will not reach the playoffs will wrap up their seasons tonight, looking for one final memory to draw from as the rest of their lives unfold.

To them, we say, simply, thank you. You have given of yourselves through the unbearable heat and humidity of July and August and suffered through the rain and cold of a Kentucky autumn, all for the sake of representing your school and your community.

You have carried the banner proudly, and here's one sports fan who appreciates your sacrifice.

A tradition has carried on thanks to efforts like yours. May your efforts never be forgotten.

Others will prepare themselves for the postseason, when the month of November reveals the truly elite.

Many will play for a while. It is commonly held that Breathitt, Belfry or maybe Prestonsburg will spend the first weekend in December in Louisville competing for the Double-A state title, and to them we offer the best of wishes.

But for others, the playoffs are the championship. Most student-athletes realize they have a slim-to-none chance of seeing Papa Johns Cardinal Stadium without a ticket, but they'll continue to work and continue to practice and continue to

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Morehead State holds annual Hall of Fame Banquet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State University Hall of Fame Banquet was held last Friday (Oct. 22) as a part of the University's Homecoming 2004 celebration. Six of the seven individuals honored during the evening had direct ties to Eagle athletics.

Three individuals were inducted into the Eagle Athletic Hall of Fame. Those inducted were Sally-Anne Birch (women's tennis), Bob McCann (men's basketball) and Irene Moore Strong (women's basketball).

Birch was a four-time All-Ohio Valley Conference performer and is the most decorated women's tennis player in MSU history. McCann, who went on to play in the NBA following his MSU career, was a three-time All-OVC honoree and was the league's Men's Basketball Player of the Year in 1986-87. Strong, a Kentucky Miss Basketball at Breathitt County High School before signing with MSU, is the Lady Eagles' all-time assist leader and ranks 14th on their all-time scoring list.

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Hall fitting into Pikeville College men's basketball program

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Former South Floyd High School basketball sensation Mike Hall received letters from college basketball programs — some Division I schools — early on in his prep career. Hall earned a starting spot on the South Floyd High boys' basketball team as an eighth-grader and maintained the starting position for the next five seasons. He scored 2,000 points and helped lead South Floyd to the Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Tournament during his sophomore season. He

helped the Raiders win four straight 58th District titles and when it came time to choose a college a year and a half ago, Hall chose to stay close to Floyd County, picking Pikeville College. Hall was quite familiar with the Pikeville College men's basketball program, which at the time had already proven itself as a national power in the NAIA. Now, after a first year of college, Hall could find himself right in the middle of the Bears' men's basketball attack. He is enjoying his time as a college student-athlete.

"Things have been going great," Hall said, during a recent trip back home to a South Floyd High foot-

ball game. "The whole team has been working hard."

Hall and his Pikeville College teammates will enter the upcoming season fresh off an appearance in the NAIA National Tournament.

Pikeville reeled off seven consecutive wins to begin



Mike Hall

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photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg beat Ashland for its third win of the season back in the fifth week. Tonight, the Blackcats will travel to East Ridge for a regular-season finale against the host Warriors. Quarterback Trevor Compton (2) is pictured above going for yardage against Ashland. Also pictured for Prestonsburg is Bobby Hughes (1) and Cody Crider (62).

Prestonsburg closing out regular season on road at East Ridge

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Another regular-season is winding down for the Prestonsburg High School football program. Tonight, the Blackcats will hit the road, traveling to Lick Creek to take on East Ridge in the regular-season finale for both teams. Prestonsburg is headed back to the State Playoffs as a No. 2 seed in Class 2A, District Eight. East Ridge isn't headed to the Playoffs, but according to Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett, the Blackcats' final opponent of the regular-season can't be overlooked.

"We're going to go on the road here in the final week and play and try to beat East Ridge," DeRossett said.

East Ridge is led by senior quarterback Paul Deese. DeRossett and the entire Prestonsburg coaching staff are well aware of Deese and the talented game he brings to the gridiron.

"Paul Deese is a tremendous athlete," said DeRossett. "He can run, he can pass — he gets things done. He's probably one of the most underrated football players here in the Mountains. And East Ridge has some other talented football players."

In preparing his team for East Ridge, DeRossett kept in mind that the final regular-season opponent could not be overlooked. But the Playoffs are now one week away for Prestonsburg, a team which remains a strong contender for both the region and the state championships.

Prestonsburg has beaten East Ridge in each of the first two meetings. East Ridge is coached by second-year mentor Mike Davis.

The Blackcats have been able to practice through this week's often-wet weather.

"We've had a decent week of practice," DeRossett said Thursday evening. "We've had wet feet all week, practicing in the rain. We do have some kids out sick and we had some kids hurt in a junior varsity game at Breathitt County on Monday night."

Prestonsburg junior offensive lineman Darrick Williams appears to be very questionable for tonight's game. Williams, who has been out of school this week, is battling a case of the flu. Senior Zack Lafferty, another lineman, has had pneumonia, but according to DeRossett will most likely be ready to go tonight when the Blackcats hit the field for the game against the Warriors.

Kickoff for the Prestonsburg-East Ridge game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Ties back to Floyd County

East Ridge assistant coach Jackie Bush cut his coaching teeth as an assistant coach at Betsy Layne and later at Prestonsburg. He was a Blackcat assistant coach in 2001 — the season in which Prestonsburg played its way to the state championship game and a state runner-up finish. Bush served as the head football coach at Betsy Layne High School for one season — the 2003 season. Last night, Bush brought the East Ridge junior varsity team to Prestonsburg for a game against the Blackcat JV squad.

Left Beaver football fans beaming after 8-2 regular-season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — It's an exciting time for the South Floyd High School football program and the folks who reside in Left Beaver. While the sport of basketball is what most sports-related conversations in and around Left Beaver consist of this time of year, football is suddenly the hot topic. And why shouldn't it be? South Floyd has just posted an 8-2 regular-season record — the best in school history. Done playing in the regular-season, South Floyd coaches and players now await the outcomes of a couple of games tonight to see just which opponent from District Seven they'll face in the post-season. At this time, it looks like defending Class A, Region Four Champion Lynn Camp will make the trip to Left Beaver.

Today, South Floyd head coach Donny Daniels and members of his coaching staff

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LPR sets awards banquet for Nov. 6

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

COEBURN, Va. — Lonesome Pine Raceway will honor its track champions for the 2004 race season on Saturday, Nov. 6 during an awards banquet.

The banquet is scheduled to get underway with a social hour at 2 p.m. A dinner will follow at 3 p.m. with the awards portion of the banquet tabbed for 4 p.m. Entertainment will be provided following the awards presentation. Dress for the event is casual attire.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids ages six to 12. Kids six and under will be admitted free.

Prestonsburg stock car driver Steve Blackburn is the 2004 Lonesome Pine Raceway Late Model track champion. Blackburn is also the 2004 NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Region Champion. He is currently in Nashville attending functions associated with the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series post-season awards banquet.

The last date to purchase tickets for the

(See LPR, page two)

UK FOOTBALL: Williams, Dickerson earn game captain roles

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky senior strong safety Mike Williams and sophomore long snapper Jason Dickerson are the game captains for this week's contest at Mississippi State University, Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

Game captains are selected each week based on their performance in the previous week's game and usually include one representative from special teams. Williams had five tackles and a pass breakup last Saturday at



photo by Jamie Howell

Adams Lady Blackcat Allyson DeRossett (left) defended against McDowell.

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McDowell ends season at 12-4

Allen Central, Betsy Layne play into C-team finals

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GRETHEL — The Floyd County C-Team Girls' Basketball Tournament got underway Tuesday at John M. Stumbo Elementary. Betsy Layne was battling Allen Central for the county championship last night. Results were unavailable at press time and will appear in Sunday's edition.

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Bentley

condition until the very end.

It's called competing, and it's something they do very well. They put pride on the line every day in practice and every Friday night in games. It's admirable, their efforts.

What a wonderful time of year to be a sports fan.

■ Odd stat of the week: We all get by with a little help from our friends, but for the sports fan of Boston, all the help they need comes from the Gateway City.

It was appropriate for the Sox to end their curse against the Cards, because St. Louis has helped out the other Beantown teams in the past: The Celtics won their first NBA title in 1957 by beating St. Louis. The Bruins ended a Stanley Cup drought of 41 seasons in 1970 by knocking off the Blues. And more recently, the Patriots won their first Super Bowl title in 2002, when they beat the Rams.

■ One of my favorite things about a championship being won is being able to turn immediately to QVC to see the shirts

and caps. Those folks waste no time in getting down to business.

■ OK, with Ironton out of the way, who was the last Kentucky team to beat Belfry when the Bucs score? It happened more than 25 months ago when Lawrence County got the measure of Philip Haywood and the Pirates 30-6. The date was Sept. 6, 2002.

■ Yes, the defense that yielded eight - 8! - rushing touchdowns to Kansas City last Sunday was Atlanta's, the same unit that was the top defense against the run (ital) in the entire league (ital) entering the game.

■ Yes, that was me smiling widely on Sunday when I saw Priest Holmes had gotten four of them for the Really Rottens, my fantasy football team.

I can't tell you how happy I am with the guy who left Holmes on the board in favor of Peyton Manning in our draft.

■ Finally, this note from Jason Blanton.

My friend who spends time as one of the voices of

Morehead State athletics sent an email this week, noting the odd shift in the atmosphere with all the things accompanying my wedding last weekend. I'll turn it over to Jay for some closure. See you next week for the play-off preview:

- *The week you get married, the Red Sox win four straight from the Yankees and win the ALCS;*

- *The week you get married, the Bosox now have swept St. Louis and are have broken the curse;*

- *The week you get married, the Cincinnati Bengals are on Monday night football for the first time since 1989;*

- *The week you get married, the Bengals win on MNF over Denver.*

I have started checking the ground temps, just in case something is getting ready to freeze over. The only thing that has kept me going is that the University of Kentucky is still playing football like always (terrible) ... but wait, it's Mississippi State this weekend ... *oh no!*

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Program

the 2003-04 season and never endured a longer losing streak than three games. The Bears finished the season with three straight losses, the last coming to Lewis Clark State College in the NAIA National Tournament.

Pikeville College has a loyal fan base and supporters have come to expect a run a run that propels the Bears into the National Tournament.

Many from Floyd County's Left Beaver area also support the Raiders.

Gone from last season's team are Teon Knox (14.8 ppg, 8.7 rpg) and Kevin Gaines (11.0 ppg, 5.3 rpg), the squad's number and two scorers and rebounders, respectively.

A key starter back for the Bears is senior B.J. Townsend (6-4, 195). The senior from Canton, Miss. started 33 of 34 games he played in last season, averaging 10.7 points per game, third best on the team. Townsend also pulled down 4.2 rebounds per game and hit 33-of-93 three-point field goal attempts. He led Pikeville in scoring in five games last season.

In 19 games last season, Daniel Price (6-2, 190) averaged 10.6 points and 5.1 rebounds. A native of Jackson, Miss., Price is expected to play a key role during the upcoming

season, his senior campaign.

Junior Emanuel Tekie (6-3, 175) is another top returnee for the Bears. Tekie, a native of Toronto, Ont., played in all 34 games last season, earning two starts and averaging 7.7 points per game. Tekie led the team in three-point field goals, connecting on 56-of-110 attempts.

Jarrell Jones (5-8, 155, Sr.), Martin Gerlero (6-6, 210, Jr.) and Chris Carroll (6-8, 235, Jr.) also return for the Bears. Each player started at least one game last season. All three played in 30 or more games. Jones averaged 7.1 points per contest last season and dished out 94 assists, good enough for second on the team.

Hall has adjusted well to the college game. Last week, he and his Pikeville College teammates went through two-a-day practices. The Bears, coached by Randy McCoy, will open the season next Saturday against rival Alice Lloyd College.

A talented senior trio - Jerome Stamper (6-6, 210, Jacksonville, Fla.), David Hamilton (6-9, 250, Los Angeles) and Walter Harris (6-4, 200, Birmingham, Ala.) are among the top newcomers. Ben Valentine, a 6-10, 225-pound junior from Nelson, New Zealand is another new Bear.

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Auburn. Dickerson has been a dependable snapper all season on field goals, extra points, and punts.

Williams and Dickerson will join permanent captains Shane Boyd and Sweet Pea Burns at the coin toss.

With starting tailback Tony Dixon sidelined by injury, Brooks said that freshman tailback Rafael Little might make his first collegiate start Saturday at Mississippi State. "After missing most of training camp (because of injury), Rafael is much further along now. He's close to 100 percent on assignments. He's improved his blitz pickup and pass routes," Brooks said. "Rafael is a 'slasher' who has good vision. It's hard to get a clean shot at him once he gets into the secondary."

With Sweet Pea Burns out with an injury, Cedric Koger has moved from linebacker to defensive end to shore up the depth at that position. "Cedric did a fair job at linebacker but he struggled to play in space. He played defensive end in junior college, so it should be a good transition for him."

Brooks also noted that quarterback Shane Boyd is continuing to recover well from his shoulder injuries and might be able to start on Saturday.

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Fans

will pair up, maybe two or three to a group, and travel to a couple of District Seven games. Daniels will give his team today off. Members of the South Floyd High football team have had this week to reflect on an 8-2 season that featured just one district loss, that coming to Pikeville. But at the same time, these Raiders have stayed busy with practice and preparation for the State Playoffs. Earlier in the week, Daniels admitted that he and his team had been practicing for Lynn Camp. The excitement surrounding the best football season in school history has captivated many fans and supporters of the SFHS football program. After all, South Floyd is poised to make its second consecutive trip to the State Playoffs.

"It's an exciting time and our kids are happy to be headed back to the Playoffs for a second straight year," said Daniels. "But at the same time, they know they have to get ready for the next one and in this case, the next one is a playoff game. These kids have

prepared well all season long and that's what we've tried to do this week - prepare for the next game."

They have played a nice brand of football up in Left Beaver. The Raider faithful is looking for a deep post-season run.

South Floyd ended the regular-season last Friday on a successful note, beating rival Paintsville 26-16. It was the Raiders' second straight win over Paintsville.

South Floyd has never won a playoff game. That could be used as motivation. Barring an upset, South Floyd will play Lynn Camp in the first round of the playoffs - the same program that knocked the Raiders out of the post-season one year ago. Revenge could also be motivation.

"These kids have gotten up for every game this year," Daniels added. "I'm confident they'll be ready to play next Friday."

Both the South Floyd offense and defense came to play in the regular-season. In the regular-season, South Floyd outscored opponents 414-273.

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H.S. FOOTBALL - REGION RECORDS

CLASS A, REGION 4

Team	Record
Williamsburg	9-0
Harlan	8-1
South Floyd	8-2
Pikeville	7-2
Paintsville	6-3
Cumberland	6-3
Lynn Camp	5-4
Phelps	5-4
Somerset	5-5
Allen Central	4-6
Hazard	3-6
Evarts	2-7
Jenkins	1-8
Pineville	0-9
Fleming-Neon	0-9

CLASS 2A, REGION 4

Team	Record
Breathitt County	9-0
Belfry	8-1
Prestonsburg	7-2
Leslie County	6-3
Shelby Valley	5-4
Middlesboro	5-4
Pike County Cent.	4-5
Magoffin County	3-6
Cawood	3-6
Whitesburg	2-7
East Ridge	2-7
Knott County Cent.	2-7
Sheldon Clark	1-8

CLASS 3A, REGION 4

Team	Record
Bell County	8-1
Clay County	8-1
Ashland Blazer	6-3
Rockcastle County	6-3
Boyd County	5-4
Greenup County	5-4
Perry County Cent.	3-6
Knox Central	3-6
Rowan County	3-6
Madison Southern	3-6
Lawrence County	2-7
Mason County	1-8

iHigh.com football polls

- Class 4A**
1. St. Xavier (8-1)
 2. Trinity (8-1)
 3. Conner (9-0)
 4. Manual (7-2)
 5. Male (7-2)
 6. Henderson County (9-1)
 7. Madison Central (9-1)
 8. Dixie Heights (8-2)
 9. Ballard (7-2)
 10. Scott County (7-2)
- Class 3A**
1. Hopkinsville (9-0)
 2. Highlands (8-1)
 3. Bowling Green (9-0)
 4. Lexington Catholic (8-1)
 5. Boyle County (7-2)
 6. Waggener (9-0)
 7. Bell County (8-1)
 8. Covington Catholic (6-3)
 9. Pulaski Southwestern (7-2)
 10. Central (7-2)
- Class 2A**
1. Breathitt County (9-0)
 2. Russell (9-0)
 3. Elizabethtown (9-1)
 4. Belfry (8-1)
 5. Fort Campbell (8-1)
 6. Prestonsburg (7-2)
 7. Fleming County (9-0)
 8. Trigg County (8-1)
 9. Garrard County (8-1)
 10. DeSales (7-2)
- Class 1A**
1. Beechwood (9-1)
 2. Newport Central Catholic (9-1)
 3. Danville (7-2)
 4. Louisville Holy Cross (8-1)
 5. Hancock County (9-1)
 6. Williamsburg (9-0)
 7. Pikeville (7-2)
 8. Murray (8-1)
 9. Lexington Christian (7-1)
 10. Harlan (8-1)

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Brandon Peters, Prestonsburg High School Football

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LPR

LPR event is Wednesday. There will be tickets available at the door the day of the banquet. Floyd County resident Morris Copley is the Lonesome Pine Raceway track promoter.

The track is owned by Floyd County resident Willard Kinzer.

Several Floyd County businesses sponsored classes during the 2004 race season.

Other track champions for

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the 2004 season include Nancy Hardwick (Pro Challenge Division); Jay Young (McDowell Professional Pharmacy Legends); Randall Davis (Community Trust Bank Pure 4s); Jody Bostic (Freedom Ford Modified 4s); Roger Neece (Miner's Exchange Bank Grand Stocks); and Brian Bevins (Honda of Prestonsburg Sportsman).



Adams Coach Gaye Hatfield talked with Haley Howell (right) and Allyson DeRossett.



Host John M. Stumbo and Osborne met up in the first round of the Floyd County C-Team Girls' Basketball Tournament.

Prestonsburg Junior Basketball to hold first meeting

Another season of Prestonsburg Junior Basketball has arrived and Sunday afternoon, an organizational meeting will be held at Adams Middle School at 2 p.m. Any coaches that wish to return this season need to be in attendance at the meeting. Signups are scheduled to take place the week of Nov. 1-6. Contact Jamie Howell at 886-9797 for further information. Any parent that is interested in coaching or helping with concessions work should attend the meeting.

SEC selects future men's basketball tourney sites

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Southeastern Conference has selected Tampa, Nashville, Atlanta and New Orleans as host cities for its 2009-2012 Men's Basketball Tournaments, SEC Commissioner Mike Slive announced Wednesday.

The St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, Fla. will host the 2009 SEC Men's Basketball Tournament, March 12-15. The tournament returns to the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville, Tenn. on March 11-14, 2010 and to the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Ga. on March 10-13, 2011. The New Orleans (La.) Arena will host the SEC Tournament on March 8-11, 2012.

"We are excited to bring the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament to these outstanding venues during this four-year rotation," said SEC Commissioner Mike Slive. "These venues have all played host to SEC or NCAA basketball tournaments in the past and have proven to be outstanding arenas for our student-athletes to participate in and for our fans to watch quality basketball."

The visit to Tampa will be the first-ever for the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament. The only other visit for the SEC Tournament to the state of Florida was in Orlando in 1990.

The Gaylord Entertainment Center hosted the SEC Tournament in 2001 and will host again on March 9-12, 2006. Vanderbilt's Memorial Gym hosted the SEC Tournament in 1984 and 1991.

The Georgia Dome has hosted the SEC Tournament six

times previously and will host again on March 10-13, 2005, and will also host again in 2007 and 2008. The Georgia Dome played host to the highest-attended game in SEC Tournament history in the 1995 finals, when 30,057 fans watched Kentucky defeat Arkansas, 95-93, in overtime. The 1995 tournament is also the highest attended in SEC history, with 250,301 fans witnessing the four-day event.

The SEC will visit the New Orleans Arena for the first-time ever, but is no stranger to New Orleans. The Louisiana Superdome has played host to the 1996 and 2003 SEC Tournaments.

The future sites for the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament from 2005-12 are:

2005 (March 10-13)
- Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.

2006 (March 9-12)
- Gaylord Entertainment Center, Nashville, Tenn.

2007 (March 8-11)
- Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.

2008 (March 13-16)
- Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.

2009 (March 12-15)
- St. Pete Times Forum, Tampa, Fla.

2010 (March 11-14)
- Gaylord Entertainment Center, Nashville, Tenn.

2011 (March 10-13)
- Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.

2012 (March 8-11)
- New Orleans Arena, New Orleans, La.

Jerious getting serious about success in Bulldogs' backfield

by JOEDY McCREARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSON, Miss. - It took a cathartic, clutch touchdown run to bring everything together for Jerious Norwood and the Mississippi State Bulldogs.

He battled through seemingly endless practices at downtrodden Mississippi State, and suffered through a languishing five-game losing streak that tested the patience of Bulldog fans, coaches and players.

The consecutive beatings wore on Norwood. Finally, against mighty Florida, he was positioned to dish one out.

Norwood busted through two tacklers during a dazzling 37-yard touchdown run to give Mississippi State a 38-31 win over the then-No. 20 Gators in

one of the season's biggest upsets.

The heavy-handed discipline, the hard work - suddenly, new coach Sylvester Croom's old-school teachings were paying off.

"We've been coming out here every week working hard. Sometimes, things have to change around here," Norwood said. "All the work we've been putting in, taking a beating every weekday. It's good to win."

It was Norwood's second straight game with more than 100 yards rushing. He ran for 201 in a loss to UAB, had 118 of his 174 yards in the fourth quarter of the Florida win and impressed his coach with his bigger-than-his-body running.

"I'm a big-back guy," said Croom, a former assistant with the Detroit Lions.

"Jerious is not the biggest guy in the world, but he runs big. Barry Sanders was not big - I'm not saying he's Barry Sanders by any stretch of the imagination - (but) Jerious is breaking tackles in defiance of his size."

Norwood, who is 6-foot tall, proved that on his final carry. After four running plays moved the ball to the 37, Norwood took the handoff from Omarr Conner, bounced left to elude one defender, then ran through another Gator at the goal line.

"That was why I gave him the ball," Conner said. "I said, 'Jerious, we're going to break this play right here.'"

Norwood wasn't interested in setting up kicker Keith Andrews. He wanted six points, not three.

"I didn't want to take a chance and just get the field goal out of it," Norwood said. "I just ran the ball - that's how I did it. I ran the ball to the open space and tried to get to the end zone."

Norwood has a chance for a third big game against struggling Kentucky.

He ran for 138 yards as a freshman against the Wildcats in 2002. Last year, he ran for 133 yards despite a turf toe injury to his left foot. His size-14 shoe flopped during a 58-yard touchdown run that gave the Bulldogs a 10-point lead. Still, the Bulldogs lost 42-17 and have dropped two straight to Kentucky.

"I'm focusing on this year," Norwood said, adding, "it was kind of hard for me to run, but I got the job done."

EKU Homecoming activities planned

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Eastern Kentucky University graduates, their families and other friends of the University are invited to the Richmond campus during the upcoming weekend for Homecoming 2004.

Thousands are expected for a weekend full of floats, football, family fun and fellowship.

"Eastern is fortunate to have so many loyal alumni and friends," said Jackie Collier Ballinger, interim alumni relations director. "It's always exciting to see them back on campus to reconnect with their friends and the University."

One of the weekend's highlights is the Homecoming Concert featuring the Temptations Review starring Dennis Edwards and the Supremes starring Mary

Wilson. Tickets for the concert, at 8 p.m. tonight in Brock Auditorium, are \$45 each. For ticket information, contact the Alumni Relations office, 859-622-1260, or e-mail skip.daugherty@eku.edu.

Other Friday activities include a Sigma Chi cookout and softball game and reunions for Sigma Chi, African-American grads, the Class of 1979, Department of Music and Beta Theta Pi.

Activities on Saturday include the annual Homecoming "Run, Walk or Roll" at 10:45, followed by the Homecoming Parade at 11 a.m. along the traditional Lancaster Avenue-Main Street route. For race entry information, call 859-622-1244.

The largest tailgate party on campus, the Colonel Country Fair, follows from noon to

2:30 p.m. in the Alumni Coliseum Parking Lot. The fair will feature carnival booths, entertainment and a variety of foods from on- and off-campus vendors and restaurants. In addition, numerous campus departments and organizations have scheduled reunion events Saturday, including the Department of Technology, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Department of Psychology, Department of Geography, Delta Zeta, Agriculture and Horticulture, College of Justice & Safety, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and Kappa Delta, among others.

At 3 p.m., the Colonels will take on Ohio Valley Conference rival Murray State at Roy Kidd Stadium. The coronation of a Homecoming

king and queen will be held at halftime. Game tickets may be reserved by calling the EKU athletic ticket office at 859-622-2122, or toll-free in Kentucky, 1-800-262-7493, ext. 2122, or by visiting ekusports.com.

The annual African-American Alumni Dinner and Dance will be held at 7 p.m. at the Madison County Fairgrounds; for more information, contact Donna Kenney, 859-986-8699 or donna.kenney@eku.edu. An African-American Memorial Worship Service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday in the Meditation Chapel.

For more information about any of the Homecoming activities, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 859-622-1260 or, toll-free in Kentucky, 1-800-262-7493, ext. 1260.

UK-IU game time changed

The time for the Kentucky-Indiana men's basketball game on Dec. 11 has been changed from 2 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.

CBS has announced. UK and IU will play their annual neutral-site game at Freedom Hall in Louisville.

Sluggers museum auctioning off baseball artifacts

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The Louisville Slugger Museum is having a rummage sale.

A Hall of Fame-caliber collection of bats, balls, photos and other items will be up for bidding at a public auction at the museum Nov. 6. Many of the items were dredged from a warehouse and file cabinets in the basement of the Hillerich & Bradsby Co.'s downtown museum and factory, where the trademark bats are still manufactured.

"It's monumentally significant," said David Hunt, president of Hunt Auctions, the firm selected by Louisville Slugger to organize the event. "It's not just the desirability of the items or the rarity, but for them to come straight from H&B's archives, that makes the collection almost unequalled."

Marquee items include Louisville Sluggers handled by "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, Ty Cobb, Jim Thorpe and Babe Ruth. The collection also includes a ball signed by both Ruth and Lou Gehrig, a Cleveland Indians jersey worn by Satchel Paige and a letter handwritten by Ruth with six of his signatures at the bottom.

"There are things so unique in this auction that have never been publicly sold," said David Bushing, a bat expert and authenticator. "It's going to be quite an event for collectors."

The proceeds from the auction will create a fund the museum will use to obtain other baseball artifacts, said Anne Jewell, the museum's executive director. The museum's wish list includes a complete set of bats from every slugger in the 500-home run club.

"It just makes sense for us to trade things, like you do baseball cards," Jewell said. "In a trade, if there's something you're lacking, you look at what you've got that someone else

might be interested in and that helps you acquire new things.

"We look at our collection and we know there are some holes in it. We need to stay fresh and vital."

The Jackson bat figures to be the auction's highlight. Cracked on the handle and worn on the barrel, the bat has Jackson's signature along the hitting area in bold ink. Bushing said the item will likely draw a price "deep in the six figures."

The bat was acquired from the estate of Syd Smith, Jackson's teammate and close friend. Bushing said there's no proof Jackson actually used the bat, but it is the only known one autographed by the enigmatic Jackson, who batted .356 from 1908 to 1920. Although acquitted by a jury on charges he helped fix the 1919 World Series, Jackson was banned from baseball in 1921 by commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis and never made the Hall of Fame.

"I don't know if the Jackson bat is the star of the show, but it's definitely going to be in the top five," Bushing said. "The fact that it could've been used by Joe Jackson adds to the mystique. If there was proof it was Joe Jackson's game bat - one that he used in games - with his autograph on it, we'd be talking about millions of dollars."

The Thorpe bat still has a ring of black handle tape, ball marks on the barrel and two small cobbler's nails hammered into the end. Thorpe believed the nails would strengthen the bat and had them inserted at a shoe store in Ohio.

Thorpe was stripped of the two gold medals he won at the 1912 Olympics because he had signed a semi-pro contract before the games. He signed with the New York Giants in 1913 and played in the majors for six seasons. The bat dates to between 1917 and 1920.

Like the Jackson bat, the Thorpe model was consigned to

the auction from outside the museum.

The gem of the museum's contributions is a bat used by Cobb, circa 1911-15, with grease-pencil markings made on the side. The markings were not made by Cobb, but by Henry Morrow, Hillerich & Bradsby's receiving agent in Cobb's era.

When a player returned a bat to the factory, Morrow wrote the date, the player's name and the city or team where the bat originated. Bushing said the markings increase the bat's value, which he guessed at between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

"Side-writing in the world of bat collecting is as good as a letter of authenticity," Bushing said.

Jewell said the museum has no estimate on how much money the auction might raise.

The museum will not be allowed to bid on its own items, Hunt said. But Jewell said the museum would consider approaching buyers to loan their purchased items for temporary display.

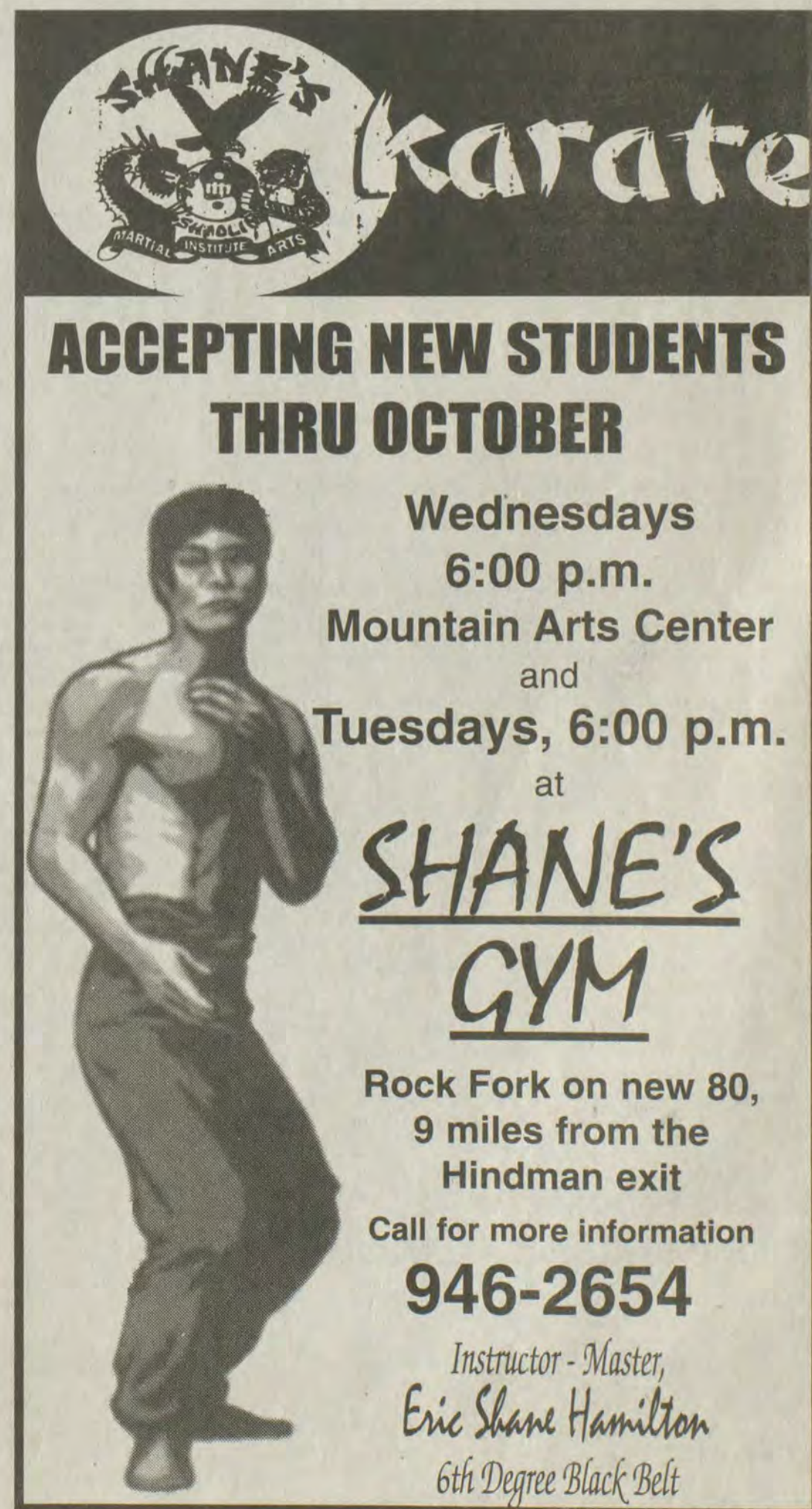
"It's really important for this museum to have really new things on a regular basis," she said. "We need to have reasons for people to come back."

Two days before the auction, the museum will offer free appraisals of memorabilia. Patrons can bring items to the museum and upon approval, get them added to the auction list.

Bushing said a walk-up "appraisal fair" in Louisville two years ago turned up a bat used by Ruth and a photo autographed by Ruth and Gehrig.

"If people want to put something in the auction, they're more than welcome to do so," he said. "That aspect of the auction will bring more people out because you never know what's going to come up and you don't want to miss it and have to hear about it later."

The collection will go on display at the museum in the week leading up to the auction.



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Red Sox 3, Cardinals 0

by BEN WALKER
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ST. LOUIS — The Boston Red Sox — yes, the Boston Red Sox! — are World Series champions at long, long last. No more curse and no doubt about it.

Ridiculed and reviled through decades of defeat, the Red Sox didn't just beat the St. Louis Cardinals, owners of the best record in baseball, they swept them for their first crown since 1918.

Johnny Damon homered on the fourth pitch of the game, Derek Lowe made it stand up and the Red Sox won 3-0 Wednesday night. Edgar Renteria grounded out for the final out, wrapping up a Series in which the Red Sox never trailed.

Chants of "Let's go, Red Sox!" bounced all around Busch Stadium, with Boston fans as revved-up as they were relieved. Only 10 nights earlier, the Red Sox were just three outs from getting swept by the New York Yankees in the AL championship series before becoming the first team in baseball post-season history to overcome a 3-0 deficit.

It was Boston's sixth championship, but the first after 86 years of frustration and futility. Since the Red Sox last won, there were two world wars, the Great Depression, men on the moon and the rise and fall of the Soviet Union.

After all that, the Red Sox made it look easy.

Gone was the heartbreak of four Game 7 losses since their last title, a drought — some insist it was a curse — that really began after they sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1920.

Damon's leadoff homer and Trot Nixon's two-out, two-run double on a 3-0 pitch were all that Lowe needed. Having won the first-round clincher against Anaheim in relief and then win-

ning Game 7 at Yankee Stadium, Lowe blanked the Cards on a mere three hits for seven innings.

Relievers Bronson Arroyo and Alan Embree worked the eighth and Keith Foulke finished it off for his first save.

Even the heavens reacted to the news with a total lunar eclipse. And what a reward the Red Sox earned for their first Series sweep: They get to raise the World Series banner next April 11 in the home opener at Fenway Park, with the Yankees in town forced to watch it.

The Red Sox became the third straight wild-card team to win it, relying on the guts of Curt Schilling and guile of Pedro Martinez. And they took it in the same year they traded away popular shortstop Nomar Garciaparra.

Boston got key contributions from almost everyone. Backup outfielder Dave Roberts did not play in the Series, yet it was his stolen base in the ninth inning of Game 4 in the ALCS that began the comeback against Mariano Rivera.

And while second baseman Mark Bellhorn was born in Boston, no one else on the roster came from anywhere near Beantown. And the only home-grown players on the team are Trot Nixon and rookie Kevin Youkilis.

No matter, this win might make all of them as much a part of New England lore as Plymouth Rock and Paul Revere.

Or, as Red Sox owner John Henry said close to gametime: "People tell me this is the biggest thing since the Revolutionary War."

The Boston win also left no doubt which city is now the most jinxed in baseball. It's Chicago — the Cubs last won it all in 1908, the White Sox in 1917.

Meanwhile, the Cardinals

team that led the majors with 105 wins never showed up. The timely hitting, solid pitching and sharp baserunning that served them so well all season completely broke down.

Albert Pujols, Scott Rolen and Jim Edmonds, the meat of the order, combined for just one RBI. Rolen got it on a sacrifice fly, and it was little consolation as he went 0-for-15.

Lowe was loose from the start. While the Cardinals took batting practice, he sat alone in the Boston dugout, his hat backward and singing the little ditty, "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands."

Lowe was equally relaxed on the mound. He gave up a leadoff single to Tony Womack, then retired 13 straight batters until Renteria doubled in the fifth. Renteria made it to third on a wild pitch, but Lowe fanned John Mabry — who unsuccessfully argued that he tipped strike three — and got Yadier Molina on a routine grounder.

At that point, the Cardinals were going quietly. About the only noise they made came when Molina, a 21-year-old rookie catcher whose two brothers catch for Anaheim, began yapping at Series MVP Manny Ramirez when the Boston star came to the plate in the fourth.

Red Sox manager Terry Francona quickly rushed out of the dugout to keep things calm.

Best known before this year for being Michael Jordan's manager in the minors, Francona made plenty of wicked smart moves. Oakland's bench coach in 2003, he took over after Grady Little was fired last fall. Baltimore and the White Sox also interviewed the man who managed Philadelphia to losing seasons from 1997-2000.

And while many Boston fans hollered for him to bench the slumping Damon in the ALCS, Francona stuck with him. Damon hit a grand slam and

two-run homer in Game 7.

Facing Jason Marquis, Damon yanked a shot over the right-center field wall and before he could circle the bases, the chants of "Let's go, Red Sox!" began echoing from the upper deck.

Damon became the second Boston player to hit a leadoff homer in the Series. The other? Patsy Dougherty, who did it in 1903 for the Americans — renamed the Red Sox five years later.

A single by Ramirez and double by David Ortiz got the Red Sox ramped up again in the third. Pujols threw out Ramirez at the plate, trying to score on a grounder to first base, and a walk loaded the bases with two outs.

Nixon took three straight balls and Francona gambled, giving his good fastball hitter the green light. That's what Nixon got, and he drilled it off the right-center wall for a 3-0 lead.

Notes: Ramirez tied Derek Jeter and Hank Bauer for the longest postseason hitting streak at 17 games. ... Damon hit the 17th leadoff homer in Series history. Jeter (2000) was the last to do it. ... This was Jim Burton's 55th birthday. A rookie in 1975 for Boston, he gave up Joe Morgan's go-ahead single in the ninth inning of Game 7 against Cincinnati. Burton pitched only one more game in the majors. ... The Red Sox led for 34 of the 36 innings. ... Larry Walker put down his first sacrifice since 1991. He bunted in the first inning, but Lowe threw him out. ... Boston teams continued to bedevil St. Louis clubs. The New England Patriots beat the Rams in the 2002 Super Bowl, the Bruins swept the Blues for the 1970 Stanley Cup and the Celtics won their first NBA title by defeating the Hawks in 1957.

Kentucky, Mississippi State picked to win SEC divisions

by JOHN ZENOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Mississippi State's Rick Stansbury had one question when his team was picked ahead of Alabama: Why?

Kentucky's Tubby Smith contends Florida is the SEC East's team to beat.

Sorry, guys. The Wildcats were picked as the favorites to win the SEC championship, drawing nine votes to the Bulldogs' eight and the Gators' one on Thursday among media covering the league's media days.

"How do you pick us to win the West?" Stansbury asked Thursday. "Alabama has four starters back and only loses a walk-on. LSU has four starters back and a McDonald's All-American. We have three starters back. I don't understand it."

For one thing, one of those three starters is SEC player of the year Lawrence Roberts. For another, that "walk-on" that Alabama lost was starting point guard Antoine Pettway, who arrived as a walk-on but was later awarded a scholarship.

Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said his team doesn't belong as a front-runner either, though no SEC team advanced further in the NCAA tournament last season.

"Florida, Mississippi State and Kentucky — those are the three teams to beat," said Gottfried, who led the Tide to the round of eight. "Florida's as talented as anybody in the country. We're a long way from those three."

Kentucky's Smith also gives the nod to the Gators.

"I think they're just as good as last year or better," said Smith, who led the Wildcats to the league title and a 27-5 record last season. "I think they're going to be the team to beat."

Not so fast, says Billy Donovan.

In terms of experience, the Gators coach said, "there are a lot of teams in this league that are in a much, much better position than we are at this point in time."

Of course, he also has all five starters back, led by point guard Anthony Roberson. Roberson, David Lee and Matt Walsh combined to score 47 points per game last season.

The Wildcats received 16 of 18 first-place votes in the East, while Florida got the other two.

The Crimson Tide got the only first-place vote that didn't go to Mississippi State in the West.

Preseason predictions aside, Jonathon Modica is hoping the Arkansas Razorbacks can enter the title chase, too.

"The SEC is always a crazy conference," the Razorbacks'

top scorer said. "It's always difficult to really say who's No. 1. We plan on making it that way again this year."

His coach, Stan Heath, said the West is wide open.

"The West is dynamite this year," Heath said. "Alabama ... still looks great. LSU and Mississippi State are also looking great. No one in the West can really be overlooked this year because everyone has the potential to take it all the way."

The coaches, at least, can agree on one thing.

LSU's John Brady said the league should be strong "top to bottom, maybe as good as it's ever been."

"Our league is an incredibly gifted league and we are nationally underrated," Donovan said.

Gottfried said the SEC is "being overlooked. We are the best and most balanced conference in the country, and I think we will send at least seven teams to the tournament."

Mississippi State guard Shane Power has a theory about the preseason predictions.

"Auburn and LSU are picking us to win the West, and we're picking them to win the West," Power said.

But, he added, "I think this is going to be one of the most competitive years in the SEC in recent memory."

Roberts, Roberson head preseason All-SEC team

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Mississippi State forward Lawrence Roberts was the overwhelming pick to repeat as Southeastern Conference player of the year.

Roberts was picked as the SEC's top player on 13 of the 18 ballots by media covering the league's media days Thursday. Three players drew one vote apiece — Florida point guard Anthony Roberson, Alabama forward Kennedy Winston and Florida center David Lee — while two voters did not select a player of the year.

Roberts and Roberson were chosen to the All-SEC first team by 17 of 18 voters. The rest of the first team was comprised of Winston, Tennessee guard Scooter McFadon and Kentucky forward Chuck Hayes.

The first- and second-team preseason All-SEC picks with votes received:

FIRST-TEAM: Lawrence Roberts, Mississippi St., 17; Anthony Roberson, Florida, 17; Kennedy Winston, Alabama, 12; Scooter McFadon, Tennessee, 11; Chuck Hayes, Kentucky, 10

SECOND-TEAM: Brandon Bass, LSU, 8; David Lee, Florida, 7; Kelenna Azubuike, Kentucky, 2; Ronnie Brewer, Arkansas, 2; Earnest Shelton, Alabama, 2. — The Associated Press

Kitten's Joy is even-money favorite in Breeders' Cup Turf

by BETH HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — Kitten's Joy was made the even-money favorite Wednesday for the \$2 million Turf, and Nothing to Lose was the morning-line choice in the Mile, giving owners Ken and Sarah Ramsey two favorites in the Breeders' Cup.

The Ramseys also own Roses in May, the 5-1 third choice in the \$4 million Classic on Saturday at Lone Star Park.

"All three are coming up to the races in super condition," Ramsey said. "We're coming in with no excuses."

Defending champion Pleasantly Perfect was made the 5-2 favorite for the Classic.

Kitten's Joy has won eight of 11 career starts, including three in a row. He defeated Magistretti, the third choice in the Turf, by 2 1/2 lengths on a yielding turf course at Belmont Park in the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic this month.

Nothing to Lose, the 7-2 Mile favorite, is coming off two consecutive victories and has six wins in 13 career starts. He is trained by Bobby Frankel, after the Ramseys took Nothing to Lose from D. Wayne Lukas last year. The Kentucky couple also bred the horse.

Jockeys Corey Nakatani, Edgar Prado and John Velazquez have mounts in all eight races. Nakatani will ride the favorites in the Juvenile Fillies and Juvenile, while Velazquez will be aboard favorites in the Distaff, Mile,

Sprint and Turf.

In other Breeders' Cup races:

— Ashado was made the 7-2 favorite in the \$2 million Distaff, which lost probable favorite Azeri when Lukas entered the 2002 Horse of the Year in the Classic.

— Sweet Catomine is the 5-2 favorite in the \$1 million Juvenile Fillies. The California-based filly has two wins in three career starts.

— Speightstown, the 3-1 favorite in the \$1 million Sprint, finished third in his most recent start in the Vosburgh at Belmont Park on Oct. 2. Previously, he had won four in a row for trainer Todd Pletcher. Midas Eyes, trained by Frankel, was the 7-2 second choice.

— British-bred Oujia Board is the 8-5 favorite in the \$1 million Filly & Mare Turf. The 3-year-old filly has four wins in seven career starts but is coming off a third-place finish in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Oct. 3.

— Bob Baffert trains 8-5 Juvenile favorite Roman Ruler, who has won three of four career starts. The \$1.5 million race for 2-year-olds has just eight horses; no Juvenile winner has gone on to win the Kentucky Derby. Champagne Stakes winner Proud Accolade was the 5-2 second choice.

The \$1.5 million Mile was the only one of the eight Breeders' Cup races with a full field of 14. Of the 101 pre-entered horses, 92 are set to run Saturday.

Breeders' Cup Classic shapes up as tough race

by BETH HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — The \$4 million Classic is the richest race on a lucrative Breeders' Cup card, and trainer Nick Zito sees this year's version shaping up as very tough.

Even without retired Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Smarty Jones, the 13-horse field has some familiar names bidding for a victory that could bolster their credentials for Horse of the Year honors.

Saturday's race got a surprise entrant in Azeri, the 2002 Horse of the Year who will try again to beat the boys for the first time. The mare would have been the favorite in the \$2 million Distaff, but trainer D. Wayne Lukas gave up an expected easy victory for a chance to make history.

Reflecting Azeri's challenge, she was 15-1 on the morning line in the 1 1/4-mile race at Lone Star Park.

"A lot of times you got to keep your mouth shut because you never know what can happen," said Zito, who will saddle Belmont Stakes winner Birdstone. "Azeri will probably show a lot more speed than usual."

Pleasantly Perfect was made the 5-2 morning-line favorite when post positions were drawn Wednesday. He won the Dubai World Cup and the Pacific Classic this year.

A year ago, trainer Richard Mandella won four Breeders' Cup races, capping the day with Pleasantly Perfect's Classic victory.

"If he wins Saturday, I'd have the time to digest it, appreciate it and see it," Mandella said. "Last year it happened so fast, one right after another."

Ghostzapper, trained by Bobby Frankel, was the 3-1 second choice. Roses in May was the 5-1 third choice. Birdstone and Funny Cide, last year's Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, were at 6-1.

"I was grateful and flattered," Zito said about his horse's odds. "It's a very tough race."

Funny Cide, a national fan favorite last year, earned a comeback win in the Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont Park

earlier this month. But the gelding has had several stumbles since nearly winning the Triple Crown 16 months ago — including a next-to-last finish in the 2003 Classic at Santa Anita.

What would a Classic victory mean?

"Vindication," said Robin Smullen, assistant to trainer Barclay Tagg. "A lot of people, even after the Jockey Club Gold Cup, have written him off as not a Grade 1 horse. Funny is good right now. He's better than he was before the (2003) Preakness."

Roses in May has won all five of his starts this year. Ghostzapper has gone 3-for-3 after winning the Woodward Stakes.

Owners Ken and Sarah Ramsey are in position to have a big day Saturday. Besides Roses in May, they own morning-line favorites Kitten's Joy (Turf) and Nothing to Lose (Mile).

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A total of 92 horses were entered, with Corey Nakatani, Edgar Prado and John Velazquez having mounts in all eight races.

The other morning-line favorites were Ashado, 7-2 in the \$2 million Distaff; Sweet Catomine, 5-2 in the \$1 million Juvenile Fillies; Speightstown, 3-1 in the \$1 million Sprint; and Oujia Board, 8-5 in the \$1 million Filly & Mare Turf.

Rapid Proof wins Keeneland feature on turf

LEXINGTON — Rapid Proof ran between rivals at the top of the stretch to win by a neck Wednesday in the \$52,545 Hurstland Purse at Keeneland.

The 4-year-old son of Fast Fly covered the 1 1/8-mile yielding turf course in 1:51.09 with Brian Hernandez Jr. aboard.

King David's Son was sec-

ond, 1 1/4 lengths ahead of Slew Slayer.

Rapid Proof, owned by Dolphus Morrison, increased his career earnings to \$218,153 for his 19th win. He paid \$6.60, \$4.20 and \$3. King David's Son returned \$8 and \$5, and Slew Slayer paid \$4. — The Associated Press



Evan Hayes, 11, a sixth-grader at Adams Middle School, bagged his first deer — a four-point buck — on Saturday, Oct. 9. He is the son of Bryan and Lisa Hayes of Prestonsburg. He is the grandson of Frances and the late Kenneth Ray Hayes of Middlesboro and Linda and Everett Collins of New Boston, Mich., and Donald and Nadene Napier of Richmond, Ind.

Hendrick tragedy could motivate Gordon

by JENNA FRYER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ricky Hendrick was like a little brother to Jeff Gordon.

As a 12-year-old boy, Ricky idolized Gordon when he began driving for Hendrick's father in 1992. Later, when he tried to become a racer himself, the four-time NASCAR champion was his mentor.

Their relationship grew, and as a young adult Ricky provided a little guidance of his own — helping Gordon through his very public divorce two years ago and easing him back into the Charlotte social scene.

Now, Ricky's death and those of nine others in the crash Sunday of a Hendrick Motorsports plane, will almost certainly affect Gordon in his bid for a fifth Cup title.

How so remains to be seen, but fellow drivers believe Gordon will rise to the challenge.

"Jeff Gordon has exhibited over a long period of time to be the utmost professional," Jeff Burton said. "He and Ricky I'm sure did a lot of things together. I know that will be very difficult.

"On the other hand, knowing Jeff Gordon, I wouldn't be surprised to see this springing him into running better than they've been running."

Gordon, second in the championship standings with four races to go, has used adversity

as a motivator before — especially when it concerns Hendrick Motorsports.

He has driven for no other team since his Cup debut, and now has a lifetime contract and part ownership in the company.

He won his first series championship in 1995 and wrapped up his second in 1997 — one month after Hendrick was diagnosed with leukemia. Gordon added a third title the next season as Hendrick battled the disease that nearly killed him and kept him away from the race track.

"Jeff is extremely professional," Burton said. "That team is extremely gifted. It wouldn't surprise me for them to use this as motivation much as they did when Rick was dealing with his leukemia."

It's possible the recent tragedy also could further spark the comeback of Jimmie Johnson.

Johnson was the most dominant driver for the first seven months of the season, then slumped when NASCAR's 10-race playoff system began. He dropped to ninth in the standings before consecutive victories the past two weeks vaulted him back into fourth place.

It might take a collapse from leader Kurt Busch, Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. for Johnson to win the title, but garage rivals believe the Hendrick teammates will be on a mission over the final month of the season.

Others killed in the plane

crash were company president John Hendrick, general manager Jeff Turner, and chief engine builder Randy Dorton, constantly credited for making the power supply in the Hendrick cars durable each and every week.

"This means a lot to those guys — they're going to keep their heads up, I'm sure," driver Greg Biffle said. "In this business we always say, 'That's what they would want us to do.' And it's the truth.

"Randy wanted those guys to win the championship. That's what he would want. He doesn't want them to give up or miss a beat. That's what he built all that stuff for. He's probably got the rest of the engines built for the season."

No matter how motivated they now are, they'll face a stiff challenge from Busch, who takes a 96-point lead into Atlanta this weekend.

Busch has finished sixth or better in all six of the Chase races, and is looking very difficult to beat. But as he heads into Atlanta, like everyone else in the NASCAR garage, Busch is thinking about the Hendrick family.

"It's certainly something that illustrates how close-knit the entire racing community really is, and right now we're all just thinking and praying for all of the families," Busch said.

NASCAR AUTO RACING GLANCE

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

Site: Hampton, Ga.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 7 p.m.); Sunday, race (NBC, 12:30 p.m.).

Track: Atlanta Motor Speedway (quad-oval, 1.54 miles, 24 degrees banking in turns).

Race distance: 500 miles, 325 laps.

Last race: Jimmie Johnson's win at the Subway 500 in Martinsville, Va., was marred by the news that a plane owned by his team, Hendrick Motorsports, crashed in thick fog en route to the race, killing all 10 people aboard, including the son, brother and two nieces of owner Rick Hendrick. The Hendrick team also includes Jeff Gordon, Terry Labonte and Brian Vickers.

Last year: Jeff Gordon held off a strong challenge from Tony Stewart and won the Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500. The event was suspended one day because of rain.

Fast facts: Kurt Busch finished fifth at Martinsville and built his lead in the championship standings to 96 points over Jeff Gordon. ... Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the Golden Corral 500 at Hampton on March 14. No driver has swept both races in Atlanta since Bill Elliott in 1992. ... Ryan Newman won his series-high seventh pole at Martinsville. ... None of the remaining championship contenders has an average finish better than 10th at Atlanta.

Next race: Checker Auto Parts 500, Nov. 7, Avondale, Ariz.
On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

NASCAR BUSCH

Aaron's 312

Site: Hampton, Ga.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 1:30 p.m.); Saturday, race (TNT, 1 p.m.).

Track: Atlanta Motor Speedway (quad-oval, 1.54 miles, 24 degrees banking in turns).

Race distance: 312.62 miles, 203 laps.

Last race: Martin Truex Jr. extended his points lead by holding off Greg Biffle in a green-white-checker and winning the Sam's Town 250 at the Memphis Motorsports Park. Truex, who has six wins this season, is now 208 points ahead of Kyle Busch.

Last year: Greg Biffle passed Michael Waltrip for the lead with 10 laps left to win the Aaron's 312.

Fast facts: Busch has not won since posting consecutive victo-

ries at Indianapolis and Michigan in August, a span of seven races. ... Mark Martin is expected to make his fourth Busch start of the season this weekend. He has three wins and six top-10 finishes in nine career appearances with the series at Atlanta.

Next race: Bashas' Supermarkets 200, Nov. 6, Avondale, Ariz.

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Last race: Jamie McMurray became the eighth driver in NASCAR history to win in the Cup series, the Busch series and in a truck after taking the Kroger 200 in Martinsville, Va.

Next race: Chevy Silverado 150, Nov. 5, Avondale, Ariz.
On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

Bengals 23, Broncos 10

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Chad got the best of Champ, turning the Cincinnati Bengals into an unexpected prime-time success.

Chad Johnson left cornerback Champ Bailey face-down in his tracks on a 50-yard touchdown catch that got the Bengals revved for a 23-10 victory over the Denver Broncos in their long-awaited return to "Monday Night Football."

The Bengals (2-4) hadn't played on the Monday night stage for 12 years, the longest such exile in the league. A crowd of 65,806 — the biggest ever to see a Bengals game in Cincinnati — was hoping just to avoid embarrassment.

A chatty receiver gave them so much more.

A week after one of the most embarrassing moments of his career, Johnson excelled in a matchup of Pro Bowl receiver vs. Pro Bowl cornerback.

With Bailey locked on him man-to-man, Johnson made one easy catch and a bunch of acrobatic ones that positioned Cincinnati for the upset.

"They believe in covering man-to-man and loading up to stop the run," quarterback Carson Palmer said. "We were counting on Chad, leaning on Chad to

get open and catch balls downfield."

Denver (5-2) had won its last four games with the NFL's best running game and a defense that ranks among the leaders in every category. The Broncos couldn't get nearly enough out of either.

Johnson did the most damage, catching seven passes for 149 yards. He had two 50-yard catches against Bailey in the first half alone, getting the downtrodden Bengals to believe they could pull it off.

"He made a couple of plays," said Bailey, a four-time Pro Bowl player who is rarely burned so often. "That's just the way it is in this league. I'm not afraid of any challenge. That's the way I roll."

A week earlier, Johnson had sent Pepto-Bismol to the Cleveland Browns' defensive backs, only to have the worst game of his career — three drops in a 34-17 drubbing.

This one more than made up for it.

"A lot of guys would go in the tank," said Palmer, who was 12-of-21 for 198 yards. "That's a true judge of character, having to bounce back from adversity with that whole Pepto-Bismol deal."

Rudi Johnson also had a breakout game, running for 119 yards and a 36-yard touchdown that put the Bengals up 20-10 late in the third quarter.

It was only the second time all season that an opponent scored so many points on Denver's defense.

Only the Bengals' inability to score from close range prevented it from being even more lopsided. They got inside the 20-yard line five times, but had to settle for three field goals by Shayne Graham, including a career-best 53-yarder.

Twice, they got inside the 10 but came away empty — Rudi Johnson was stopped on fourth-and-1 and Bailey intercepted Palmer's pass to Chad Johnson.

The Bengals had been exiled from the Monday night lineup since 1992 because of their history of losing. Cincinnati hasn't had a winning record since 1990, the league's longest current streak of futility.

Instead, the Broncos did the bumbling. Reuben Droughns ran for 110 yards but fumbled and couldn't convert critical third downs. Jake Plummer threw two interceptions that set up field goals and was sacked three times, matching the Broncos' total for the first six games.

Notes: The Bengals' last home Monday night game was Sept. 25, 1989, a 21-14 win over Cleveland. Their last Monday night appearance was a 20-0 loss in Pittsburgh on Oct. 19, 1992.

Morehead

Two of the three individuals inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame are familiar names in MSU athletic history. Rocky Adkins, an 18-year veteran of the Kentucky House of Representatives and current House Majority Floor Leader, captained the 1982-83 Eagle basketball team that won the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament and competed in the NCAA Championships. Myron Doan, the University's

current Dean of Students, has coached the MSU varsity cheerleaders since 1981, winning 14 national championships.

Annually, the Laughlin-Miller Award is the highest honor bestowed on behalf of the MSU Athletic Department to a former student-athlete. By vote of all coaches and athletic staff members, the Laughlin-Miller Award winner is deemed to have best demonstrated excellence in their sport, in academic achieve-

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ment and character, as well as in school and community service. This year's recipient is Olive Hill native Kandi Brown, a three-time All-OVC performer for the women's basketball team. At the conclusion of her career in March, she became the most proficient free throw shooter in NCAA history, connecting on 91.54 percent of her career attempts. She also received the OVC's Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award in 2004.

Hoops

McDowell played its way into the tournament semifinals, falling to Allen Central Wednesday night. Allen Central beat McDowell 16-13. McDowell finished its season with a 12-4 record.

In the McDowell-Allen Central game, McDowell's Chelsie Tuttle led all scorers with a game-high nine points. Four different players scored for Allen Central. Three players scored for McDowell.

Allen Central jumped down

to an early lead and led 6-0 at the end of the first quarter.

A linescore for the McDowell-Allen Central game follows.

Allen Central (16) — L. Braggs, S. Spurlock 4, M. Jones 2, A. Shepherd 4.

McDowell (13) — C. Tuttle 9, K. Dye 2, C. Slone 2.

In an opening round game, McDowell beat Adams 26-21. McDowell led at the end of every quarter.

Tuttle paced McDowell,

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scoring 13 points. Kelsey Dye netted four points and Heather Little scored three. Whitney Hall, Chelsea Slone and Hayli Hall all had two each.

Alexis DeRossett paced Adams with a game-high 15 points. Julie Compton scored four and Haley Howell, a third-grader who saw plenty of action, tossed in two.

A complete rundown of the tournament will also appear in Sunday's edition.

Kinzer competes in 2 Southern All-Star races

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports/Barry Wright Racecars Housecar team loaded up the No. 18 Commonwealth Chiropractic, Alert Oil & Gas, Kinzer Drilling, Barry Wright Race Cars, Eastco Supply, Ranger Contracting, Mopar By Gaerte Engines Dodge Intrepid up in the familiar purple Featherlite hauler and headed south over the weekend to a set of Southern All Star (SAS)-sanctioned races — the Grassy Smith Memorial at The new Thunder Valley Speedway, and the Stick Elliott Memorial held at Cherokee Speedway.

On Friday, Thunder Valley Speedway hosted the 6th annual Grassy Smith Memorial, a \$5,000-to-win, 50 lap event. As always in SAS-sanctioned races, the top-16 qualifiers were locked into starting positions 1-16 on the starting grid. The rest of the cars were forced to run a consolation race and try to get into the event based on their race finish. Kinzer qualified 18th, two spots shy of making the field through qualifying, thus he had to run a last chance consolation race.

Kinzer went on to dominate the consolation race and started 18th in the feature event.

On the first lap of the feature, Kinzer couldn't avoid a crash in front of him and was collected in the mayhem. Battered and bruised, with the car sustaining heavy sheet metal damage, Kinzer went on to finish 16th in the event.

The next evening Kinzer returned to Cherokee Super Speedway, site of the 2004 Stick Elliott Memorial. He set fast time in the No. 18 Barry Wright Racecar and sat on the pole of the main event. The team decided to take a gamble and changed tires. Unfortunately the tire change plan backfired and Kinzer backslid to the ninth position and that's where he eventually finished.

"Unfortunately we just put on the wrong tires at Cherokee," said Kinzer. "It's one of those deals where you live and you learn, and it makes you a better racer."

This weekend the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team sits idle. Next weekend, the team will head to Phoenix City, Ala. for the National 100 at East Alabama Motor Speedway, an event set to pay \$30,000-to-win.

Morgan-McClure Motorsports fires Jimmy Spencer

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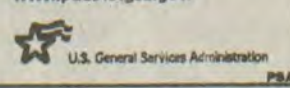
CORNELIUS, N.C. — Jimmy Spencer was fired by Morgan McClure Motorsports, just days after he was arrested and accused of interfering with police officers as they attempted to serve a warrant on his son.

Spencer has driven 25 races for the team this season without posting a top-10 finish. The team didn't indicate whether the firing was because of Spencer's arrest.

On Sunday night, officers went to Spencer's home to arrest James Jonathan Spencer Jr., 18, on a misdemeanor charge of injury to personal property. He is accused of pouring paint on two cars at a Cornelius home Oct. 6.

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Candlelight service held for 10 killed in NASCAR plane crash

by PAUL NOWELL
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CONCORD, N.C. — Hundreds of candle-bearing mourners gathered outside the Hendrick Motorsports complex for a vigil Wednesday evening for 10 people who died in the crash of the team plane.

Team owner Rick Hendrick's son, brother and twin nieces were among the victims when the plane went down on the way to a race Sunday in Virginia.

At dusk, the mourners lit their candles while the Christian band MercyMe played on loudspeakers above dozens of bouquets and cards.

There also was a large picture showing the victims in happier times with the inscription: "Always In Our Hearts."

Randie Skaggs of Denver, N.C., came to the service with her husband, Jeremy.

"The NASCAR community needs to stick together," she said, her eyes welling up with tears. "We feel like we know all these guys because we follow all the teams."

Her husband wore a cap that showed his support for one of Hendrick Motorsports' drivers, Jimmie Johnson, who won Sunday's Nextel Cup race at Martinsville.

Johnson didn't learn about

the crash until after he won the Subway 500.

"It was a real roller coaster," Skaggs said, holding his unlit candle before the ceremony began. "Everyone was so happy for a minute and then we heard the news. It made the race seem so unimportant."

The Beech 200 King Air was headed from Concord to Martinsville, Va., when it slammed into the side of Bull Mountain in Patrick Springs, Va., after missing its first landing attempt. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the crash.

Killed were Ricky Hendrick, son of NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick; John Hendrick, the owner's brother and president of Hendrick Motorsports; Kimberly and Jennifer Hendrick, John's twin daughters; Joe Jackson, an executive with DuPont; Jeff Turner, general manager of Hendrick Motorsports; Randy Dorton, the team's chief engine builder; Scott Latham, a pilot for NASCAR driver Tony Stewart; and pilots Richard Tracy and Elizabeth Morrison.

Latham, 38, retired last year as a Kentucky State Police trooper. He had spent the past 14 years in the Army Reserve and was about to deploy to Iraq. He was with the 8th Battalion, 229th Attack

Helicopter Regiment, a unit of Apache helicopters based at Fort Knox, Ky.

Robbie Loomis, crew chief for another Hendrick Motorsports team with driver Jeff Gordon, couldn't finish reading the names of the 10 victims without breaking down several times.

Loomis said he found some solace in words he remembered hearing after Adam Petty, a race driver and the son of driver Kyle Petty and the grandson of Richard Petty, died in an accident four years ago.

"It's the saddest day on earth when we lose someone we love," Loomis said, reciting the words. "For them, it's their happiest day because they are going into heaven."

Loomis told the mourners that John Hendrick led a weekly bible study at the racing shop. He was preparing this week to discuss one of St. Paul's letters in which the apostle writes to a follower that he has "fought the good fight and kept my faith."

Dale Beaver, a chaplain with Motor Racing Outreach, said faith would help everyone deal with their grief.

"God never said he would keep us from having to mourn," Beaver said. "He did say he would be with us when we do mourn."

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THROUGH MY EYES

Happy Halloween

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

In this office, we are forever looking ahead. As we work to meet one deadline, another fast approaches. No small wonder then that I am always feeling as though I have just "lost" a day, a week, a month. As I sit at my computer this morning (the 27th) and date articles for the 29th, I feel a sadness that this month, my most favorite of the year, is almost gone.

Where do our days go? How can it be that memories from years ago can be so fresh upon our minds as though it were only yesterday - or that "lost last week" - that they were made?

My children are all teenagers now. Yesterday afternoon I was in Wal-Mart when I passed by a young mother with two small children in tow. The children, a

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Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Piarist School announces first quarter honor roll

Thirty-three students were named to the Honor Roll for the first quarter at The Piarist School, a private, college preparatory high school located in Martin. Eighteen students received First Honors for having grade point averages above a 3.70, and fifteen students received Second Honors for having grade point averages between 3.25 and 3.70.

Those students receiving First Honors were: seniors Justin Frasure and Ashley Gunnell, of Martin, Lakita Lykins, of

Auxier, Keisha Slone, of McDowell, and Trista Tackett, of Betsy Layne; juniors Michael Combs and Alyson Layne, of Martin, Marie Dennison, of Salyersville, and Dionna Hall, of Paintsville; sophomores Hannah Blackburn, of Stanville, Nicholas deGuzman, of Paintsville, Whitney Howell, of Harold, and Jacob Meek, of Prestonsburg; and freshmen Lynsey Caudill, Rebekah McIntosh, and Sarah McIntosh, of Prestonsburg,

Jonathan Hall, of Paintsville, and Caleb Hoskins, of Salyersville.

Those students receiving Second Honors were: seniors Shannon Hicks, Savanna Jarrell, and Lauren Preston, of Prestonsburg, and Brian Jones, of Langley; juniors Sarah Carty and Emily Helton, of Salyersville, and Stephanie Williams, of Prestonsburg; sophomores Christopher Baker, Joshua Ousley, and John McIntosh, of Prestonsburg, Ryan

McKinney, of Harold, and Alyssa Reed, of Betsy Layne; and freshmen Leena Gundumalla, of Prestonsburg, Tyler McNish, of Salyersville, and Samantha Pillersdorf, of Van Lear.

The Piarist School is located on Route 80, in Martin. To register for the spring entrance examination or for more information, call the Piarist School at 285-3950, or visit the website at www.geocities.com/piarist.



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Inset
Chrysanthemums in vivid yellow, purple and orange brighten this landscaped area of the home's front yard. The seasonal autumn decorations interspersed among the bedding plants say "Fall is Fun."

The home of David and Lois May, located on Friend Street, in Prestonsburg, was recently named "Yard of the Month" for its autumn seasonal decorations.

October 'Yard of the Month' celebrates autumn harvest and fun

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

The home of David and Lois May, of Prestonsburg, has been chosen this month to be recognized by the Prestonsburg Woman's Club as "Yard of the Month" in light of the festive fall decorations that are sure to send a message of friendly welcome to excited trick-or-treaters this weekend.

The home's yard is gaily festooned with smiling pumpkins, tiny ghosts and goblins that peek from underneath the limbs of trees, friendly looking scarecrows that aren't so "scary" after all, and a multitude of late-blooming chrysanthemums in a variety of eye-catching colors.

Clearly, the May's send the message, loud and clear, to those passing by that they love the harvest season and

welcome the fun and frivolity that come along with it. Congratulations, David and Lois, on a job well done!



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Focal points such as this harvest time bounty of fun and delight catch the eye of those passing by the May home.

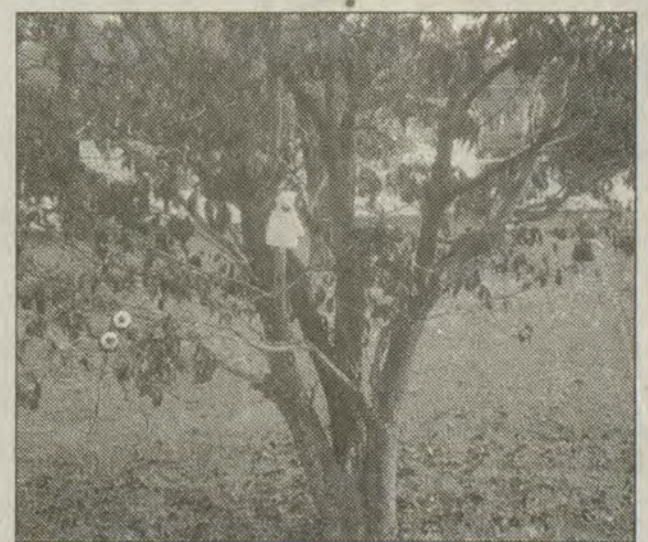


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Ghosts, goblins and a set or two of spooky eyeballs dangle from this tree in the May yard.

POSTSCRIPT

Meet the author

Fellow writer and former Floyd Countian Paul Jordan writes to say he will be at the Kentucky Book Fair in Frankfort on November 13 to sign his new book, *Journey from Beaver*

Creek. I think I talked about the book a few months ago. It chronicles Paul's growing up in the Wayland area and his subsequent career in journalism and government.

The book started as a reflection of Bert T. Combs and his important term as governor of Kentucky. A couple of chapters of the book that focus on Combs were published in the Floyd County Times

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THINGS TO PONDER

Temper Tantrums

Grandparents have the reputation of spoiling their grandkids. For example, a child goes to spend the weekend with her grandparents and the whole time she is with them they give her what she asks for and does what she wants. When mom comes to pick the child up, they go to the store. As soon as they go through the door, the child starts asking for a toy. Mom says, "no, maybe you'll get it for your birthday." As if a button was pushed, the child starts

to scream and yell for what she wants. All others in the store stop and stare to see who might be killing a child.

According to what "they say," temper tantrums are characteristic of 2-year-olds, but they should be far apart by the time the child is 5. It is not unusual for temper tantrums to keep appearing beyond 2 years or become worse, if any of the following occurs: reinforcement by the parents; seeing other children or adults in the family have tantrums; witnessing family members being violent toward each other, plus physical punishment; a tendency to react quickly or be unwilling to adjust; fatigue; hunger; and lack of routines. Breath-holding spells may follow a tantrum. They happen in 8 percent of children younger than 8 years old.

It is also said that preschool children comply with adults' request about 50 percent of the time. Their not doing at first exactly what the adult desires is often part of the young child's attempts to be her own person, whereas passivity is viewed as a potential symptom of depression or intimidation, such as being inappropriately over-controlled by an adult. Another part of the issues of temper tantrums and aggression in preschoolers is the parents perceiving the child as "overactive," which more than 25 percent of parents indicate they did. Usually, when the adults establish rules and follow them consistently, the child's "hyperactive or overactive" behaviors will really slow down.

Sure temper tantrums are a "normal part" of childhood, but it doesn't feel too

good for the adults who need to cope with the child and the situation. Many times, it seems the "tall person" becomes very frustrated and wants to also have a "fit," similar to what the child is doing. Like other developmental issues or the necessary parts of maturing, it's a phase that the child has to work through, without feeling shame or hurting herself. Researchers have found that the child feels very out of control and is scared. "They need the adult to stay calm." Typically, how a parent/adult copes with the young aggressive child or one having temper tantrums depends upon how the adult was treated as a child, during similar circumstances. Remember the saying, "We often parent as



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Ponder

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we were parented." That doesn't necessarily mean that it was good.

There are some pretty easy things that can be done to prevent and cope effectively with temper tantrums or aggressive behaviors in preschoolers. Most importantly, a parent knows her child better than anyone and can usually anticipate some troublesome times. Being prepared and having realistic plans ahead of time can be helpful to everyone. A quickie is when the young one comes in from the day, feeling tired and hungry and is irritable. Before expecting her to get into the rhythm of the household, have a snack with a time to tell what has happened.

A great way to cope with the young child beginning to act out is to use distraction. As they say, "Pinch the bud before it blooms." The adult, that is truly supervising a child 2 to 5 years of age, can usually know what to expect to happen next. This does not mean that parents can watch TV with the guarantee that the untrained, hungry 4 year old will not pour out a box of cereal. The behavior that is leading to trouble can be interrupted by pointing out something else or suggesting a new activity. If the child quickly moves to being out of control, gentle restraint might be necessary. Sometimes humor pays off, such as a silly face or singing a song. When my son was young, he was acting-out and he knew that he wasn't being appropriate, I'd pretend I was taking a close-up movie of his behaviors and we both would usually start laughing in short time.

Then there are those times with children that demand the adult keeps calm. This is frequently very difficult for parents who say, "I was whipped as a child and she needs to be." But, hitting a child as discipline usually works only for that time and place and does not teach the child to control herself from the inside out later. Besides, whipping a child is often a show of the big person's anger and sends the message, "it is OK for me to hit you, but you can't hit me or people your size or you'll get into trouble again." It is also important that you don't make "put-down" remarks to the angry child. Even if it's hard for you to witness your child's anger, it does not help things for you to become angry also. It is only likely to make things worse. If you realize that you are angry, leave the room if

you can and return in a few minutes, when you are better able to act like an adult.

The minor tantrums need to be ignored. Typically, my suggestion is, "if the house is not on fire, the child is not being hurt, no one else is being hurt, and nothing is being destroyed, focus on, look at, or talk about something else." To pay attention to the behaviors tends to reinforce it and it sure is likely to happen again and again. It all is like a bad habit. The chain of events needs to be broken. However, serious behaviors cannot be ignored, such as throwing something and/or hitting a person. Usually, if discipline is needed, "time-out" with one minute for each year of age will do the trick and it works wonders, if used appropriately by the adult - not over used. Have the same spot for time-out, where you can observe what the child is doing, but make sure that she is not able to entertain herself. If she will not stay in the spot, you might have to stay there with her. The time does not begin for time-out until the child is quiet. It is surprising how quickly a child will learn the routine, when the adult is consistent. Years ago, a parent also learned to follow through in public places, such as grocery store or a restaurant, when her child started acting-out. She kept a dry wash cloth in her purse and the child was required to stand on it for time-out. That was much nicer for all concerned and the child learned that there were immediate consequences to her inappropriate behaviors, which decreased in a hurry.

If the child has sufficient language skills, you can point out what happened and why without lecturing and with a matter-of-fact tone of voice and attitude. It is also good to allow the child to talk about how she felt. That doesn't mean that she is talking back. When she is calmed down, she needs to apologize for the behavior to anyone that she hurt.

Your child having temper tantrums does not mean that you are a bad parent. As described earlier, there can be many reasons with "habit" being a major one. Stop and see the pattern of behaviors you and your child are displaying. When tantrums happen often, when a child holds his breath and faints, or if they get worse after age 4, you should seek professional advice to check if the child has a physical or psychological problem.

Anniversaries



50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James Riley and Minnie Alice Hall will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month with family and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have three sons, James Jr. (Sherry), Jeff (La Neva), and Ray (Lisa). They have also been blessed with seven beautiful grandchildren, Connie (Brian), Riley, Rachell, Alice, Jason, Stetson and Chris. Their family sends much love and prayers for continued blessings in the years to come.

Eyes

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boy and a girl, were dressed as Mickey and Minnie Mouse. The mother informed me that they had just returned from a costume contest at Food City and were full of smiles and giggles.

In my mind, I see three other children. One, a girl, dressed in "fancy lady" attire, complete with oversized pearl necklace and floppy southern belle hat; another, a boy, dressed in bluejeans and a jeans jacket, cowboy boots, bandanna and a pint-sized tengallon hat; yet another, tiny and petite, all done up round and harvest orange as a miniature jack-o-lantern. These, of course, are my children. The memory is several years old but yet in my own mind, it seems like only last week that these children were hopping about the room and rolling on the floor, legs in the air, laughter spilling all about as I tried to bring order to the chaos of preparing for the holiday

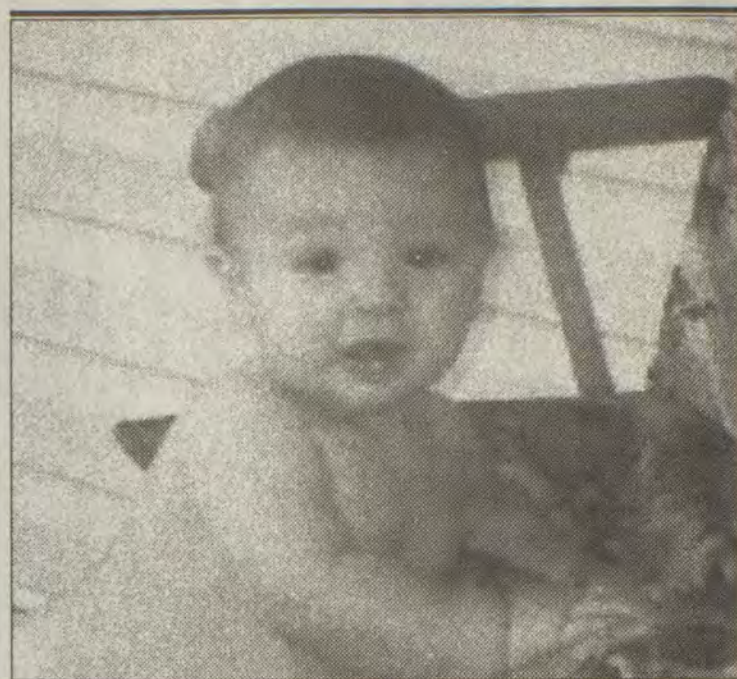
evening.

Today, we still deal with chaos in our lives, but of a different nature. Teens live busy lives and, as a result, so do I. Work, school, teenage activities, and throw in a pet or two and a mother in the nursing home and what do you get when you stir it all together? To match the mood of the Halloween season - bats in the belfry.

But, just as I now take pause to remember those chaotic days of toddlerhood and kindergarten, elementary and middle school, I realize that in a time that will come far too quickly, I will also look back on these days of hectic schedules and teenage angst and say, once again, where did the days go?

It's Halloween this weekend. Put your worries aside, sneak some candy from a trick-or-treat bag and enjoy your life, your loved ones and the beauty of the harvest season.

Birthdays



Cameron is 1!

Cameron Blake Zimmerman, born October 28, 2003, turned one year old this week. The son of Kayla (Goble) and Walter Zimmerman Jr., Cameron is the paternal grandson of Nick and Lorrie Howard, of Prentonsburg. His maternal grandparents are Jim and Kathy Goble, of Little Paint. Cameron celebrated his special day with a party attended by his family and friends, but missing one very important person - his dad, who is currently serving the U.S. as a member of National Guard Unit 206, in Kosovo. Cameron sends hugs and kisses to his daddy and hopes he returns home very soon.

Weddings



Goble-Franklin

Mary Dawn Goble and Jeffery Dean Franklin are pleased to announce their forthcoming marriage ceremony, to be held Friday, November 19, 2004, at seven o'clock in the evening, at the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church. Pastor Nathan Lafferty will perform the nuptials.

Mary Dawn is the daughter of Phillip Goble, of Cow Creek, and Diana Williams, of Winchester. She is currently employed by The Floyd County Times.

Jeffery is the son of Dean Franklin, of Nippa, and Leah Franklin, of Corn Fork. He is employed by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Nov. 1-5 - Book Fair.

■ Nov. 4 - Open House, 4-6 p.m.

■ Nov. 4 - Fall Festival, 6-8:30 p.m.

Food, games and fun. Funds raised will support school activities.

■ Nov. 5 - Deadline to donate canned food to the Food Drive.

■ Nov. 11 - "Parent University," to be held at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Speaker: Trooper Scott Hopkins. Lunch will be provided and door prizes will be awarded. Sponsored by the Floyd County Family Resource and Youth Service Centers in collaboration with the Title I program.

■ Nov. 15 - PTO meeting, 6 p.m., at the school.

■ Nov. 17 - Advisory Council meeting for the AMS Youth Services Center, 4 p.m., at the school. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Anyone interested in helping with the school's annual "Adopt-A-Child" Christmas program, please contact the school at 886-1297.

■ If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.

■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

Turn in Food City receipts to home room teachers!

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00

p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. September calendar activities include presentations in collaboration with the Floyd County Health Department, Quality Kids, Parent Volunteer Meetings (VIP) with Lola Ratliff from the Floyd County Board of Education and our school nurse, Debra Hayes. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

■ Nov. 8 - Advisory Council meeting, 5 p.m., in school library.

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

Duff Elementary

School is collecting Food City receipts again this year! Receipts must be dated Sept. 12, 2004 - March 12, 2005.

■ Oct. 29 - Dance, K-5 students, 6-8 p.m.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department

Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Time to collect Food City receipts again! School goal is \$500,000 in receipts. Anyone in the community may mail receipts, in care of PES, to 236 North Lake Drive, or drop them off at the school office.

■ Nov. 11 - "Parent University," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, in Prestonsburg. Keynote speaker: Trooper Scott Hopkins. Lunch will be provided. Sponsored by the Floyd County BOE.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Walking track open to public.

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

■ FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

■ "Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If items not picked up within 2 weeks, they become the property of the resource center.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W.D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

Wesley Christian School

■ Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care now accepting infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

■ For information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.



Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



Medication can prevent atrial fibrillation-induced clots

Vascular dementia causes disrupted thought and memory problems

Question: Are there any interventions to help a post-stroke victim with cognitive deficits — especially short- or long-term memory loss?

Answer: First let me talk a bit about strokes. A stroke occurs when the blood supply to the brain is cut off or slowed, thereby preventing a sufficient amount of oxygen from reaching brain tissue. The specific area of the brain that's affected is determined by which blood vessels are involved. The brain cells in this area

may be injured or die depending on the severity of the stroke.

About 80 percent of strokes are caused by a blocked artery in the neck (carotid artery) or in the brain. Less commonly, a stroke may be caused by a ruptured blood vessel in the brain. The injury to the brain and the resulting loss of function in the patient depends on the location of the decreased blood flow.

Prevention is the key to stroke management. Not smoking, lowering your cholesterol, managing your diabetes and keeping your blood pressure under control, all can help prevent a stroke. If a stroke occurs, several things can be done to help lessen the effects.

Early recognition of the signs of a

stroke can get you to a hospital emergency department quicker. If your stroke is caused by a blood clot, using "clot-busting" drugs can help to reestablish the blood supply to the injured area and prevent permanent damage. If this is not possible, early rehabilitation can help a patient to improve lost functions.

Rehabilitation should begin in the acute care hospital with 24 to 48 hours of the stroke. Passive movement of an affected limb and frequent change of position in bed can keep the limbs strong and prevent bedsores. By moving the limbs, the brain is getting signals to help reestablish lost connections and help the patient learn how to do things in new ways.

Your specific question has to do with memory loss after a stroke. When a person becomes confused, has memory loss, difficulty planning and organizing, decreased attention span and/or other signs of intellectual decline after

a stroke, this is classified as vascular dementia. It is the second leading cause of dementia after Alzheimer's disease. About 20 percent of the people who have strokes will develop vascular dementia.

Vascular dementia can also develop from chronically decreased blood supply to the brain. For instance, one type of vascular dementia — called "multi infarct dementia" — can develop after a person has had a series of small strokes. These 'mini-strokes' can cause symptoms such as light-headedness, temporary blindness and mild weakness in the arms or legs. Since the symptoms usually clear up quickly, many people don't seek medical attention. That's unfortunate, because if preventive measures aren't taken, these mini-strokes, over time, may result in sufficient damage in the brain to produce dementia.

Unfortunately there is no treatment for vascular dementia at this time. If it

is identified early and the vascular problems can be corrected, then the problem may not progress. A person with vascular dementia needs a strong support system and a concerned, loving caregiver. There are a few medications currently undergoing clinical trials that are showing some hope for medical treatment of vascular dementia.

Family Medicine@ is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicineews.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnose and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.familymedicineews.org.

Kentucky School of Craft

It was a long-awaited day of great celebration for the official dedication ceremonies on Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Kentucky School of Craft, a school that will become a national and international model for arts design.

The school's founding dean, Tim Glotzbach, conveyed his passion, knowledge, and commitment to the school which is now offering classes in jewelry and wood and will later offer classes in ceramics and soon to follow will be blacksmithing, with fibers to be added thereafter.

"This occasion marks the beginning of much more than the opening of a building and a new education program," noted Becky Anderson of the National Advisory Council. "It offers a legacy, a legacy of our rich cultural tradition of craft, a legacy of a new frontier of economic development; a legacy of the historic spirit of a community, and a legacy devoted to enabling a new tradition of leadership—a new style of civic giving and involvement that was begun in this process."

"I'm very proud of this facility," noted former Gov. Paul Patton, who was in the audience. During comments after the program, he expressed his pride in what has been accomplished since the early days of his administration, when the school was being discussed as a way to boost the economy of the region.

Dr. Michael B. McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), said "The opening of the Kentucky School of Craft in this historic school house provides access to all who love to create, to experience, to preserve the artisan skills of the Appalachian heritage."

"It is a place where the rich talents and traditions of our forefathers is preserved, created anew for the 21st century, and offered to the world market. The opening of this school

is important not only in maintaining traditions but in creating new opportunities and new challenges. There are a million reasons why a vibrant art and craft community is important to an area such as Knott County. The dedication of this building is the first step in building such a community. Art attracts business, and make a town like Hindman a most interesting place to live!

"When I look at this community and this facility and think about the future I begin to visualize art communities in states such as New York, New Mexico, and Arizona—places where people come from all parts of the world to work, to observe, and to buy art. These art communities started small, and as they grew in quality, they grew in reputation."

"I see the role of the Kentucky School of Craft as two-fold. First, the school will be in the business of training people to become artisans who create high quality works based on the regional traditions of design and workmanship. The second role of the Kentucky School of Craft is to train the artisan in the business of art. The growth and success of any artist depends upon audience appreciation. This can only happen when skills are developed in the business side of artistic practice. This school will provide information and resources to help artists promote their work, write proposals, handle business affairs, and protect their health and safety. Here students will learn about the financial responsibilities of



Kentucky School of Craft held its official dedication of the school in Hindman.

both the artist and the collector. The student will study pricing, taxes, and accounting.

Hazard Community and Technical College President Jay K. Box said the Kentucky School of Craft is truly an impressive facility that through its programming will help transform Hindman and Eastern Kentucky into an arts and crafts mecca.

"Using the School of Craft in Hindman as the foundation, Hazard Community & Technical College plans on adding a professional music program in Hyden that will feature Bluegrass music, a visual arts and graphic arts program in Jackson at our Lees College Campus, and an interpretive arts program in Hazard that will feature traditional story telling and restore the college's drama program."

"Our students will become craftsmen. Our craftsmen will become businessmen and women in our communities. Our communities will grow and thrive. And the Community Development Initiative's vision of using our heritage to build

tomorrow's community will become a reality," Dr. Box said.

Bill Weinberg, past chair of the Knott County Community Development Initiative, spoke passionately about the community's plan for an artisan/business incubator.

The event was also highlighted by remarks from Fred Brashear, Chair of the HCTC Board of Directors; Janice Jarrell, City of Hindman mayor; Debbie Moore, Knott County Judge-Executive Representative; Senator Johnny Ray Turner. The national anthem was sung by KCTCS Board of Regents Student Representative Cynthia Osborne, who is also a student at HCTC. Also attending were some of the 13 people who say they were honored to serve as the National Advisory Council.

The money allocated from the state for the Kentucky School of Craft was \$4.1 million for the College to purchase the property, to renovate, and build a parking lot. Of that amount \$2.877 million went for renovation of the old Hindman High School for the school.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College honors 192 scholarship recipients and their donors

One hundred ninety two scholarship recipients were invited to meet with scholarship donors and Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) representatives as the college honored the recipients and their benefactors on October 21st. The fourth annual Scholarship Reception was held in the new Student Center atrium at the Prestonsburg Campus. Scholarship donors, community members, college faculty and staff and representatives from the college boards joined the scholarship recipients to pay homage to education and to honor those who gave the gift of scholarship and those who challenged themselves to use those scholarships to make their lives and the lives of their

families better. More than fifty scholarships are currently available at BSCTC.

Dr. George D. Edwards, President of BSCTC said, "There is no better gift than a scholarship. It encourages and makes possible the continuation of education that in turn benefits the students, their families and the community where they will become contributing members as they enter the workforce. It is a gift that will continue to produce rewards long after the initial gift."

BSCTC students: Christa Kimbler, Johnathan Murphy, Douglas Stevens and Stacy Tuttle spoke eloquently about the benefits they are receiving from scholarships. They thanked the donors who have

provided a way for them to continue their educations as they prepare for rewarding futures that will allow them to provide for their families.

Mary Begley from American Electric Power, Dr. Rodney Handshoe, from East KY Cardiology and Chairman of the BSCTC Board of Directors, and Fred Goble from Mended Hearts, Inc. spoke to the group about the rewards of being a donor and the personal satisfaction that comes from assisting a student to fulfill his or her goals.

The evening was opened and closed by Robert Bayes, Chair of Big Sandy College Educational Foundation, Inc. Entertainment was provided by Laura Ford Hall, BSCTC Instructor and locally known as a member of the Kentucky

Opry. Anyone who is interested in giving the gift of a scholarship should contact Judy Bocook at 606-886-3863, ext. 67369.

Big Sandy Community and Technical is a part of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System which comprises 16 colleges with over 65 campuses and other locations open or under construction. KCTCS colleges change lives by providing accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning.

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back in the late 1990s when I was on the staff.

Later, Paul began to expand the focus to include his own life experiences, particularly his youth in the Appalachian coalfields.

In a letter from Youngsville, NC, where he has lived for several years now as a retiree, he explains that the book took three decades to write.

Of course, he's not talking about steady writing. The process was, as he puts it, "off and on."

As a memoir and as a reflection on Gov. Combs' administration, the book is also regarded by the author as a history. In his letter, he tells me, "My fondest hope is that the book will be accessible to school kids studying state and national history —

that it is a clean account."

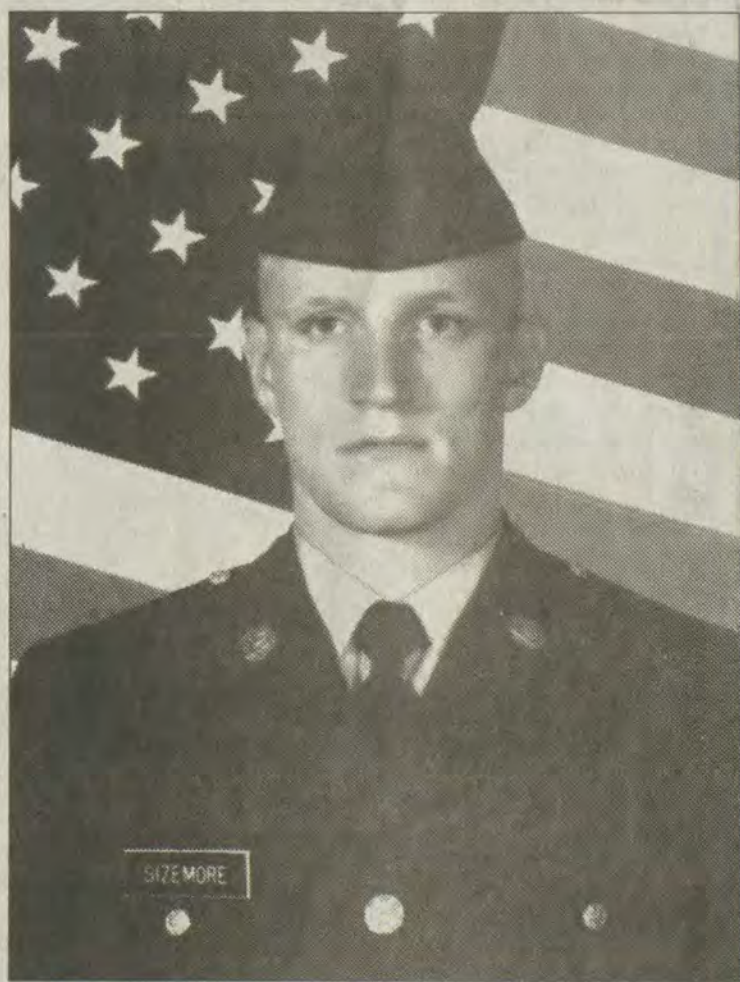
I haven't spoken to Paul in a long time, but his letter indicates he doesn't think all history books are accurate.

He writes, "I did not write this book to please any individual. I wrote it to please the truth."

"It is not perfect, I know; few things are. But it does reflect an honest way, the challenge of life itself."

I thank Paul for sharing his experiences with us, and I hope he sells a lot of books at the book fair. If you're going, look him up among the host of writers and shake his hand.

Next Tuesday is a most important date. Please, please, go to the polls and vote. From the local to the national level, every vote counts.



Floyd soldier honored for diligence

Sgt. Brandon Merle Sizemore, of Martin, recently received the distinguished honor of being selected as NCO Soldier of the Month, for August, 2004. The selection was based on his performance in

servicing diligently above and beyond the call of duty. Brandon is currently serving with the 206th Engineer Unit (from Prestonsburg), in Kosovo. His unit should return home in late February-March, 2005.

UCM to hold Open House/Informational Session

The University Center of the Mountains (UCM) will be conducting an informational session/open house on Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 4 pm. To 7 pm. in Room 141 of the J. Marvin Jolly Classroom Center on the Hazard Campus of Hazard Community and Technical College. Eight bachelor and four master degree programs are presently available through the UCM partnership in the Kentucky River region.

The partners of the UCM are Eastern Kentucky University, Hazard

Community and Technical College, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Lindsey Wilson College and Morehead State University. Partner representatives will be available to provide a general overview of programs and provide information about the admission, registration and financial aid process. If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact the UCM administrative staff at (800) 246-7521, ext. 73182 or (606) 487-3182 or Heather.Pennington@kctcs.edu.

Floyd County Devotional Page

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.
New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloos, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.;
Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Jim Fields, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eglpt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.
First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.
First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

"LET'S GO TO MARKET!"

IN THESE MODERN TIMES, GOING TO MARKET IS A MATTER OF GETTING INTO A CAR AND DRIVING TO THE SHOPPING CENTER. WE NEVER SEE THE MAN WHO GREW OUR FOOD, THE PEOPLE WHO MADE OUR CLOTHES, OR THE OTHER ARTICLES WE BUY AND USE. EVERYTHING IS PACKAGED NEATLY AND SHIPPED TO THE STORES WHERE WE DO OUR SHOPPING. BUT...

...THE BIBLICAL MARKETPLACE WAS ANOTHER MATTER. A CITY'S GATEWAY OPENED INTO A KIND OF PLAZA—HERE WAS THE MARKET, WHERE EVERY KIND OF TRADING AND SELLING TOOK PLACE. AN ANCIENT SAYING DECLARED, "ONE CAN BUY ANYTHING IN THE MARKETS OF JERUSALEM, FROM A FINE CAMEL TO A FALSE TOOTH!" AND YOU WOULD MEET THE MAN WHO RAISED THE MEAT YOU BOUGHT, OR THE GRAIN YOU WANTED FOR A FINE FLOUR—THE SHEEP-RAISER, THE OLIVE OIL-MAKER, THE FARMER, THE POTTER, THE CLOTH-SPINNER, WERE HERE TO PERSONALLY SELL YOU THEIR OWN GOODS. PEOPLE OF MANY NATIONS THROGGED JERUSALEM'S MARKETS—A DOZEN LANGUAGES MIGHT BE HEARD WITHOUT TAKING MORE THAN A FEW STEPS—A CONSTANT DIN OF VOICES, CRYING THE VIRTUES OF THIS MELON, THAT PERFUME, AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF THE CLINK AND JINGLE OF THE MONEY CHANGERS, WITHOUT WHOM THE BUYING AND SELLING OF ALL THESE GOODS COULD HARDLY BE MANAGED. A DOZZEN OF ACTIVITIES WAS THE ANCIENT MARKETPLACE WHEN "GOING TO MARKET" WAS AN EXCITING EVENT, INDEED!

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Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.
Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barrett, Minister.
Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.
Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
Lancer Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter
Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.
Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.
Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.
Meytown First Baptist, Main St., Meytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.
McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.
Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.
Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister, home phone 285-3365
Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.
Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.
Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.
Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister, Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.
Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.
Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.
Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.
Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.
Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.
United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.
Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.
Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD
Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.
The Church of God of Prophecy, Hi Hat; Sunday School, 3 p.m.; Saturday night, 7:00 p.m. Singing; Wednesday night, 7 p.m. Prayer Service. Ralph Hall, Pastor.
The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL
St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

LUTHERAN
Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLV (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST
Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.
Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lamaster, Minister.
Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Paszcoszko, Minister.
Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.
Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Jack Howard, Minister.
First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.
Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.
Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.
Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.
Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.
Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.
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- 2 ounces shiitake or white mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 6 green onions, trimmed (about 6 inches long)
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds (optional)

In large, shallow baking dish or plastic bag, pour 1/4 cup marinade over steak. Cover, or close bag, and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes.

Remove steak from marinade, discarding marinade. Evenly skewer steak, mushrooms and green onions onto wooden skewers (soak in water about 30 minutes before using). Grill or broil, brushing with remaining 1/4 cup marinade, until steak is desired doneness. Sprinkle with sesame seeds.

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Teriyaki Strip Steaks With Broccoli Salad

Teriyaki Steaks Over Asian Slaw

Prep Time: 20 minutes
 Marinate Time: 30 minutes
 Cook Time: 15 minutes

- 3/4 cup Carb Options Asian Teriyaki Marinade, divided
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 3 (7-ounce) Omaha Steaks Flat Iron Steaks, thinly sliced (3 1/2-ounce portion equals 1 serving)
- 6 cups shredded savoy or green cabbage
- 1 cup shredded radicchio
- 1/2 cup Carb Options Whipped Dressing
- 1/2 cup chopped, drained pineapple chunks
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

In large, shallow nonaluminum baking dish or plastic bag, pour 1/2 cup marinade blended with lime juice over steaks. Cover, or close bag, and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine cabbage, radicchio, Whipped Dressing, pineapple, cilantro, red onion, vinegar and salt.

Remove steaks from marinade, discarding marinade. Grill or broil steaks, brushing generously with remaining 1/4 cup marinade, until steaks are desired doneness. To serve, slice steaks and arrange over slaw.

4 servings

Teriyaki Strip Steaks With Broccoli Salad

Prep Time: 20 minutes
 Marinate Time: 30 minutes
 Cook Time: 15 minutes

- 3/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon Carb Options Asian Teriyaki Marinade, divided
- 2 (10-ounce) Omaha Steaks Boneless Strip Steaks (5-ounce portion equals 1 serving)
- 4 cups water
- 2 cups broccoli florets (about 6 ounces)
- 1/4 cup diced red bell pepper
- 3 tablespoons chopped peanuts
- 1 tablespoon chopped roasted garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons Carb Options Italian Dressing
- Low-carb tortillas (optional)

In large, shallow nonaluminum baking dish or plastic bag, pour 1/2 cup Marinade over steaks. Cover, or close bag, and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, in medium saucepan, bring water to boil over high heat. Add broccoli and cook 30 seconds. Immediately drain and rinse with cold water.

In medium bowl, combine broccoli, red pepper, peanuts, roasted garlic, salt,

Italian Dressing and 1 tablespoon Marinade.

Remove steaks from marinade, discarding marinade. Grill or broil steaks, turning once and brushing frequently with remaining 1/4 cup Marinade until steaks are desired doneness. Slice steaks and serve, if desired, in low-carb tortillas with broccoli salad.

4 servings

Smothered BBQ Steak With Cheesy Cauliflower Mash



Smothered BBQ Steak With Cheesy Cauliflower Mash

Prep Time: 15 minutes
 Cook Time: 20 minutes

- 2 cups water
- 1 medium cauliflower, separated into florets
- 1 clove garlic, peeled
- 2 (10-ounce) Omaha Steaks Boneless Strip Steaks (5-ounce portion equals 1 serving)
- 1/2 cup Carb Options Original Barbecue Sauce
- 1/4 cup Carb Options Whipped Dressing
- 1 tablespoon I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! Spread
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (about 4 ounces)

In 3-quart saucepot, bring water to a boil. Add cauliflower and garlic and cook covered 15 minutes or until cauliflower is tender; drain.

Meanwhile, grill or broil steaks, brushing with barbecue sauce, until steaks are desired doneness. In food processor or blender, process hot cauliflower, Whipped Dressing, spread and salt until creamy, scraping down sides as needed. Stir in cheese. Serve steaks with mashed cauliflower.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0307

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.6 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 113.16 surface acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.70 miles northeast from Sugarloaf Branch Road's junction with KY 1428 and is located on Dials Branch of Sugarloaf Branch of the Levisa Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, Clark Pergem and Jesse Rudd, Jimmy and Ramona Burchett, Floyd Harris Heirs, Tri-Star Development, Inc., and E. L. and Bertha Cline. The operation will use the area method of surface mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

invited and public comment will be heard. Written comments may be sent to: Zoning Commission, 200 N. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Plot Maps are available for public review at the office of Planning, Prevention, and Enforcement, 200 N. Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Slone, Steven Reed, David & Billy Marie Smith, Allen Ratliff — Estate, Myrtle, Bertha & Sydney Ratliff, Jack & Mary Ratliff — Estate, Henry & Ellen Reffitt, Billy M. & Dora Allen, Tamara K. & Mary Christine Hicks and Phyllis Ratliff Lenox.

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

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky, 41839, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.5 miles northeast of Hippo in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 0.0 acres of surface disturbance and an additional 1,609.3 acres of underground acres making the total area within the permit boundary will be 2178.7 acres. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 miles northwest from State Route 850's junction with Brush Creek County Road and located north of Hicks Fork of Brush Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the underground method of mining. The amendment area will underlie lands owned by William E. & Peggy Stephens, Harvey Watson, John Paul & Lou Ellen Pitts, Eva & George Thornsbury, John Paul Pitts, Shade Pitts, Floyd & Edna Davis, Jeffrey & Zelma M. Watson, John T. & Anna Lea Thornsbury, Kenneth & Phyllis Reffitt, Betty Conn, Delores Smith, Billy E. & Susan Reffitt, Ina Thornsbury, Polly Elizabeth Pitts, Sandra Sue Thacker, Floyd Allen, William P. Runnels, et al., Madge Allen Casey, Effie Lois Bond, Pamela Frasure, Phil Ray Frasure, Effie Lois Bond, Thomas Sherman Ratliff, Mary Margaret Baldrige, Rondel R. & Priscilla Prater, Danny Ousley, Josephine Ousley, Effie Hughes, Mont Ousley — Heirs, Danny Lee Ousley, Virginia Hicks & David Reffitt, AEP Kentucky Coal, LLC, Bobby Matthew & Reta Akers, Alice D. Isaac, Roger & Joyce

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093, notice is hereby given that AEP KENTUCKY COAL, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase III release on Permit Number 836-0296, Increments 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 23, 25 which was last issued on 5/13/02. The approximate acres for Increment 4 is 62.20, Increment 5 is 50.70, Increment 6

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By owner 218-538-4405, 7 acers unzoned, prime property just north across road from park way interiors on right hand side \$6,000.00

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ZONE CHANGE HEARING

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
09-24-04	04-P-00350	Opal E. Robinson	Kenneth D. Robinson	
09-27-04	04-P00352	Nancy S. Litton	Donna Blackburn Wells	
09-30-04	04-P-00359	Glenn Stephen Frasure	Teresa Lynn Case	
09-30-04	04-P-00360	Harold V. Cooley	Hattie L. Owens ***and*** Mary A. Woods	Keith Bartley
09-30-04	04-P-00361	Delcie Gayheart	Rhoda Lanman	
09-30-04	04-P-00362	Alex Stephens	Sally Ann Osborne	
10-04-04	04-P-00364	Jay Lee Hamilton	Lizzie B. Hamilton	
10-05-04	04-P-00366	Charles W. Gray	Faye Gray	William S. Kendrick
10-06-04	04-P-00367	Burgis Cook	Sonja A. Chaffins	
10-06-04	04-P-00368	Connie Sammons	John D. Sammons	Anthony Craig Davis
10-13-04	04-P-00373	Douglass Garrett	Clara Lucille D. Garrett	Gerald DeRossett
10-14-04	04-P-00374	Bobby Cumutte	Alice M. Cumutte	
10-14-04	04-P-00375	Isaac Riley, Jr.	Flora Riley	
10-14-04	04-P-00377	Ralph Vernon Frye	Jackie Frye	
10-15-04	04-P-00378	Albert Whitaker	Betty Whitaker	James D. Adams II
10-15-04	04-P-00380	Clyde Hogsed	Margie Hogsed	
10-18-04	04-P-00382	Sammy Everett Maggard	Lynda Mac Maggard	
10-18-04	04-P-00381	Stephanie Shepherd	Shannon Shepherd	
10-19-04	04-P-00384	Clarence Keathley, Jr.	Debra Carroll	

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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 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, that we are holding \$38,892.20 in unclaimed winning pari-mutuel tickets one (1) year old or older.

COMMONWEALTH 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 in accordance with KRS 230.362.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5383

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Sly Branch Energy, Inc., 6166 KY Rt. 114, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1.0 mile east of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 9.24 surface acres, and will underlie 246.14 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 246.14 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 mile east of KY 194's junction with the KY 1428, and is located 0.02 mile south of Cow Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer, and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Stanford Burchett. The mineral is owned by Stanford Burchett and The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie property owned by Wm. & Pauline Foley, Paul Foley, Floyd & Pam Collins, Charles Wright, Heirs, Larry & Gail Blackburn, James Burchett, Dale & Tyliina Mullins, Ed Burchett, Stanford Burchett, Paul Aken, James Hunter, Henry Moore, Jr., and Wayne Crider. The surface mining application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Daryl G. Hamilton and Brenda K. Hamilton, 310 Rt. 680, P.O. Box 100, McDowell, KY 41647, hereby declares intentions to apply for a Retail Beer license no later than November 1, 2004. The business to be licensed will be located at 9707 Ky. Rt. 122, McDowell, Kentucky 41647, doing business as Hamilton's McDowell Stop and Shop. The owners; principal officers and directors; limited partners; or members are as follows: Daryl G. Hamilton of 310 Rt. 680, P.O. Box 100, McDowell, Ky. 41647, and Brenda K. Hamilton of 310 Rt. 680, P.O. Box 100, McDowell, Ky. 41647. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF

KENTUCKY PIKEVILLE CIVIL ACTION NO. 93-205-DLB

Kentucky West Virginia Gas Co., et al. Plaintiffs Vs. Advertisement Timmus Land Co., et al. Defendants. By order entered on February 4, 2003, the Court awarded royalties to the persons, corporations and entities hereinafter set forth because the following were determined to be the persons, entities, heirs or beneficiaries of those who should have been paid royalties by Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company for a production period between 1979 and 1983.

The undersigned Special Master has forwarded checks in payment of those royalties to the individuals and entities set forth below and those checks have either been returned to the undersigned or, for some other reason, have not cleared the bank upon which they were written.

Any of the individuals listed below who wish to claim their royalty check should make their claim with the undersigned Special Master at the address listed below in writing and should provide the undersigned with a copy of a government issued photo identification card together with a daytime telephone number in the event questions should arise. In the event that any of the individuals set forth below are deceased, the written claim should be accompanied by a photocopy of the decedent's death certificate together with a recorded will or affidavit of descent establishing the heirs or beneficiaries of the deceased party.

Any of the corporations or entities listed below should provide the undersigned Special Master with written evidence of the authority to act on behalf of the corporation of the person requesting payment, together with a daytime phone number in the event questions should arise.

Any person or entity requesting payment of royalty pursuant to this advertisement should provide satisfactory documentation to the undersigned establishing a relationship to the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company Lease which generated the royalty.

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To place an ad call Pauline at 886-8506

Riverview Health Care Center will once again be celebrating Halloween with their Annual Fall Festival this Friday, October 29. Missy Allen, Administrator, stated that this year's festival will be better than ever. "We have new games this year, and of course will have our haunted house, along with The Sweet Shoppe, which is a gift shop that includes baked goods and various crafts." Games at the festival will include bingo, darts, cake walk, fish pond, duck pond, ring toss, dime toss, haunted house, and, of course, lots of food! The facility will also sponsor a costume contest with cash prizes awarded for the best costume. The festival will start Friday and last from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Lone Mountain offers an excellent compensation and benefits package, including outstanding wages, 100% medical coverage, 401-K Plan with high level matching funds, retirement and short term disability plan.

QUALIFIED CANDIDATES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

Both Electrician and Equipment Operators Minimum Requirements:

- Must have current Kentucky Underground Miner Certification
- Must have at least 2 years of underground mining experience
- Must have current MSHA Underground Miner Training
- Must have excellent safety performance record
- Must have excellent attendance record

Electrician Minimum Requirements (in addition to the above requirements)

- Must possess Current MSHA and Kentucky Electrical Certification

Equipment Operator Minimum Requirements:

- Must be able to efficiently operate a roof bolting machine
- Must be able to operate at least two of the following:
 - Continuous Miner
 - Bridge
 - Scoop
 - Ram Car/Shuttle Car

Preferred but not required skills:

- Kentucky EMT or MET Certification
- Kentucky Mine Foreman Certification

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UNDERGROUND MINE PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR

Lone Mountain Processing, Inc., a large underground mining complex located in Southeastern Kentucky, is in search of an experienced Underground Mine Production Supervisor.

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The successful candidate will possess the following:

Minimum Requirements:

- Must have a current Kentucky Underground Mine Foreman Certification
- Must have at least 5 years of underground mining supervisory experience
- Must have at least 10 years of underground mining experience
- Must have current MSHA and Kentucky Underground Miner Training
- Must possess excellent communication skills
- Must possess excellent leadership skills
- Must have an excellent attendance record.

Preferred but not required:

- MSHA Dust and Noise Sampling Certification
- MSHA Instructor Certification
- Kentucky Certified EMT or MET
- Experience with continuous haulage systems
- Supervisory experience in a union free workplace

Interested and qualified candidates may submit resumes in confidence via email to HYPERLINK bjohnston@archcoal.com or by mail to Lone Mountain Processing, Inc., P.O. Drawer C, St. Charles, VA 24282, or call Buddy Johnston at (276) 383-4455 ext. 13.

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before November 30, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	04-P-00165	Carlos Stone	Dorothy Engle	09-23-04
Final	03-P-00205	Luther E. Miller	Kathleen Miller	09-27-04
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Final	02-P-00386	Pearl Ellis	Bucky Ellis	10-06-04
Final	04-P-00136	Gertrude Harris	Benita Collins	10-13-04
Final	02-P-00394	Burnis S. Moore	Alberta T. Moore	10-14-04
Final	04-P-00144	Hilda Bishop	Jill Strickland	10-14-04
Final	02-P-00421	Melvina Thornsburg	George Thornsburg	10-14-04
Final	04-P-00161	Burnis Akers	Marie Damron	10-14-04
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Final	04-P-00086	Daniel Campbell	Shelia Setser	10-20-04
Final	02-P-00399	Buddy Roy Hall	Shirley Hall	10-20-04
Final	03-P-00451	Bobby B. Ison	Belinda K. Case	10-20-04

INVITATION TO BID INVITATION

Sealed proposals for the following work will be received by the FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY in the manner and on the date herein specified for the furnishing of all labor, materials, supplies, tools, services, etc. necessary for: ADDITION TO BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BETSY LAYNE, KENTUCKY as set forth in the specifications and drawings prepared by Sherman-Carter-Barnhart Architects, PSC, 2405 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40504, (859) 224-1351. **BID SUBMITTAL** Contractors must submit their bids prior to 2:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, November 18, 2004, should be delivered to: FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT—DR. PAUL FANNING 106 Front Street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Each proposal shall be submitted on forms obtained from the Architect. See Section FOP of Specifications for a copy of the Form of Proposal. Proposals shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the following information on the outside, viz: "BID DOCUMENTS" ADDITION TO BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BETSY LAYNE, KENTUCKY 2:00 p.m. Local Time Thursday, November 18, 2004

Two (2) copies of the completed Form of Proposal will be required from each bidder. Forms of Proposal shall be completely filled out and submitted prior to the time of bids. Corrections to information on the Bid Form must be initiated to be valid. Forms of Proposal not completely or correctly filled out will not be considered. Refer to Form of Proposal for additional requirements. **PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS** Contract Documents may be examined at the following places: Sherman-Carter-Barnhart Architects, PSC, 2405 Harrodsburg Road Lexington, Kentucky 40504. Floyd County Board of Education 106 Front Street

Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 AGC/Dodge Corporation 950 Contract Street, Suite 100 Lexington, Kentucky 40506-3664 AGC/Dodge Corporation 311 Barbourville Street, 2nd Floor Corbin, Kentucky 40702 A G C / D o d g e Corporation 1717 Alliant Avenue, Suite 11 Louisville, Kentucky 40299 A G C / D o d g e Corporation 2333 MacCorkle Avenue SW, Suite 203 St. Albans, WV 25177 Associated General Contractors of Kentucky, Inc. 1717 Alliant Avenue Louisville, KY 40299-6302 Builders Exchange 2300 Meadow Drive Louisville, KY 40218 Associated Builders and Contractors A.B.C. Plan Room 1801 Taylor Avenue Louisville, KY 40213 C.M.D. Plan Room 95 Bishop Lane, #202 Louisville, KY 40218 Builders Exchange 2300 Meadow Drive Louisville, Kentucky 40218 Pre-Bid Conference: A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on November 5, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. local time. This Pre-Bid Conference will be conducted by the Architect at the Betsy Layne Elementary School, Betsy Layne, Kentucky. Attendance is not mandatory. General Contractors submitting bids are urged to attend. It is also highly recommended that all subcontractors visit the site, prior to bidding, to review existing conditions. Greg Adams, Facilities Director, should be notified, in advance, of all anticipated site visits. Contact Greg Adams at phone number 1-606-874-9569. Bid security in the amount of five (5) percent of each Proposal submitted, must accompany each Proposal in accord with the Form of Proposal. Obtaining plans and specifications for bona fide bidders, at Lynn Imaging Company, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507 (859) 255-1021 in accordance with the following places: Sherman-Carter-Barnhart Architects, PSC, 2405 Harrodsburg Road Lexington, Kentucky 40504. Floyd County Board of Education 106 Front Street

identify the position of the firm as to prime bidder, material supplier or other. Please give name, address, e-mail address and telephone of person responsible for receiving addenda material and general communication concerning this bid. ALL PRIME CONTRACTORS, MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS A deposit check of One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) is required per set and refundable only on the first two sets requested and furnished. An additional charge of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per set will be assessed for all sets mailed. Mailing is a separate charge and is not refundable and will need to be made on a separate check from the deposit. NO PARTIAL SETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SHERMAN-CARTER-BARNHART ARCHITECTS, PSC. Plans and specifications must be returned to Lynn Imaging within 20 calendar days after the closing date for the receipt of bids. Do not, in any case, deliver your plans and specifications to any bidder, person, firm or Sherman-Carter-Barnhart. Return all such to Lynn Imaging, otherwise no refund will be made. **RIGHT TO REJECT AND WAIVER** The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all informalities and/or technicalities where the best interest of the Owner can be served. **MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDA** Bid may not be modified, withdrawn, or canceled by the Bidder for a period of sixty (60) days following the time and date designated for receipt of Bids and Bidder so agrees in submitting his Bid. **GENERAL INFORMATION** State Prevailing Wage Rates are applicable. **LEGAL NOTICE TO UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS** This is a legal notice to unknown defendants. By Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, the undersigned Attorney, Jarrod Bentley, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney to notify any and all unknown

defendants, that legal action has been filed in the Floyd Circuit Court, Civil Action No.: 04-CI-01087, styled Bobby Justice and Aileen Hamilton as the plaintiffs vs. W.E. Elliott and W. E. Elliott, Jr., 1968 and Lindsey and Elliott and Elliott Gearheart and Elaine Gearheart, his wife, and unknown defendants as the defendants. The nature of this action is that the plaintiff owned the coal rights on the property at issue. The plaintiffs allege that the defendants, without the plaintiffs' consent or permission wilfully placed and drilled natural gas wells on the subject property at or near plaintiffs' coal estate, thereby preventing plaintiffs from recovering substantial portions of their coal underlying certain tracts as set forth in the complaint. The plaintiffs state that the defendants had full knowledge that the surface owners Paul and Elaine Gearheart held no ownership or leasehold interest in and to plaintiffs' coal estate underlying the surface tracts owned by Paul and Elaine Gearheart. The plaintiffs also state that the defendants did not obtain permission from the plaintiffs, nor did plaintiffs give permission to any defendant to place or drill natural gas wells, all of which have damaged the plaintiffs and has unjustly enriched the defendants to the plaintiff's detriment. The plaintiffs are seeking damages to their coal estate. The unknown defendants involved in this complaint, or having participated in drilling gas wells on the said property, are hereby notified of this legal action and that they have 50 days from October 8, 2004, within which to appear and answer the Complaint of the plaintiffs in the above styled civil action. **JARROD BENTLEY BOBBY ROWE LAW OFFICES** P.O. Box 1330 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 (606) 886-6876 **NOTICE OF INTENT TO MINE** Pursuant to Application Number 836-5457, Operator Change #1 in accordance with the 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439

Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit number 836-5457, to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Dennis Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 90, Teaberry, KY 41660. The new operator will be Green River Mining Company, Inc., 2550 Mallie Road, Mallie, KY 41835. The operation is located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.50 mile southwest from KY 550's junction with KY Route 80, and located 0.10 mile northwest of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37°30'56" and longitude 82°48'32". The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg, 3140 Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments or objections, must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments, or objections, must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date. **NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE** In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093, notice is hereby given that AEP KENTUCKY COAL, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase III release on Permit Number 836-0296, Increments 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 23, 25 which was last issued on 5/13/02. The approximate acres for Increment 4 is 62.20, Increment 5 is 50.70, Increment 6 is 22.40, Increment 9 is 50.11, Increment 11 is 196.35, Increment 12 is 154.78, Increment 16 is 18.15, Increment 17 is 96.75, Increment 18 is 81.37, Increment 23 is 35.23, Increment 25 is 67.4 acres. The operation is located 2.0 miles northeast of Hippo, in Floyd County. The proposed operation

is approximately 1.0 mile northeast from Prater Fork Road and KY 850, and located 0.25 mile south of Turner Branch. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The bond now in effect for 836-0296, Increments 4 is \$75,000, Increment 5 is \$67,600, Increment 6 is \$25,500, Increment 9 is \$60,800, Increment 11 is \$240,100, Increment 12 is \$194,300, Increment 16 is \$25,100, Increment 17 is \$85,200, Increment 18 is \$96,000, Increment 23 is \$48,600, and Increment 25 is \$80,500. Remainder of these bonds is being requested. Reclamation work performed includes, grading and seeding completed on Increment 4 is 12/1/96, Increment 5 is 12/1/96, Increment 6 is 11/15/94, Increment 9 is 12/10/99, Increment 11 is 12/10/00, Increment 12 is 10/25/95, Increment 16 is 11/15/94, Increment 17 is 12/10/00, Increment 18 is 12/12/00 and 12/20/00, Increment 23 is 12/12/00, Increment 25 is 12/9/99. Written comments, objections, and requests for public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by December 12, 2004. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m., December 21, 2004. The Department for

Natural Resources, Floyd County Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by December 20, 2004.

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briefs

Fourth science fair announced

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The fourth annual East Kentucky Regional Science Fair is coming to the East Kentucky Science Center on Feb. 26.

Teachers are urged to enter their students early and should do so by Dec. 3 for the event, which is, appropriately, going to be held at the science center, which is located on the grounds of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

The fair is open to students from grades 4-12 who have won first place in their school science fairs between 2004-2005.

The seventeen counties eligible are Breathitt, Elliot, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Wolfe.

Teachers at public and private schools, or parents who home-school their children, are encouraged to register early for the fair, which gave away \$8,000 in prizes last year.

For more information, can call (606) 889-0303, or log on to the center's website at www.wed-science.org.



Amy Smith, of Knott County, picked up a Police Corps application from representative Sharon Davis during career day at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg. photo by Tom Doty

BSCTC students learn about advanced training program

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College students in the two-year law enforcement program attended a seminar Wednesday by the Kentucky Police Corps and learned about the intensive program, which guarantees jobs in police and sheriff's departments across the state to graduates as well as offering \$15,000 to graduates to use as they see fit.

Students heard about the finer details of Police Corps training from representatives Sharon Davis and Jim Carrey, who outlined the intensive training. They explained that it is a 23-week course which goes seven weeks past standard training

and includes several extra regimens like ground fighting techniques, autopsy observations, clandestine weapons and tactical mountain bike certification.

Davis noted that since it is a federally-funded program, they have had to suffer cutbacks even though their training is a proven success.

(See **CORPS**, page three)

Tuesday's ballot has lots of slots to fill

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday is shaping up to be one of the best attended election turnouts in history, if early reports are accurate.

One issue may bring more voters to the polls than any well-heeled candidate and this year it is the right to vote for an amendment to the constitution to ban gay marriages.

On the local front, many races are not so heated, with some notable exceptions.

City Races

Prestonsburg will see eight people elected to the City Council, with just eight candidates filing for the race. But the last-minute addition of write-in candidate Doug Wells could add some drama to a race that came close to being uncontested.

The Martin City Council has six spots open and, also, just six candidates. Mayor Thomasine Robinson has the mayoral contest sewn up with zero opposition. The City Commission race in Wayland is more of the same with four people

vying for four slots.

Wheelwright, however, has the most wide open commission race, with 12 people running for four spots. The candidates include Lowell D. Parker, Denny Ray Bates, Tracy Gilliam, James Butler, Andy Wayne Akers, Rodney Hall, Lonzie Tackett Jr., Don "Booty" Hall, Bruce Johnson, Shelvia Boyd, Ruby Johnson and Hubert Farmer.

The city of Allen also has a contested commission race, with six

(See **BALLOT**, page three)

Facts to help voters with Tuesday's election

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Secretary of State Trey Grayson said he expects Kentucky's elections to run smoothly on Tuesday. The state has safeguards in place that would prevent Kentucky from having similar problems like Florida had in the 2000 presidential election. Still, there are various questions or concerns voters may have on Election Day. Here are some voter facts that could help eliminate possible confusion.

Q. Where do I vote?

A. State law requires voters to cast their votes at the polling place in the precinct where they live, Grayson said. "You can only vote if you're in the correct precinct," Grayson said. Voters may call their local county clerk's office or the State Board of Elections, at 502-573-1000, if they have any questions. The Kentucky Secretary of State's Office also has a Voter Information Center set up on the Internet at www.elect.ky.gov where voters can check their registration

status and voting locations.

Q. Is it too late for me to register to vote?

A. Yes. Kentucky's deadline for voters to register for Tuesday's election was Oct. 4.

Q. When can I vote, and how long are the polls open?

A. Kentucky's polls are open Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time.

Q. What happens if I'm in line and the polls close?

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Three arrested for drug sale in parking lot

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn made three arrests Friday in Betsy Layne — in broad daylight at about 1 p.m. — after a drug tip paid off.

Blackburn was acting on a tip of heavy traffic passing through a quiet neighborhood and people going in and out of a Betsy Layne residence. He was monitoring the house when the female resident left with another woman and proceeded to J and J Liquors in Betsy Layne.

Blackburn followed the

pair and didn't have long to wait before a young man pulled into the parking lot and walked straight over to the where the women were parked. According to Blackburn, the man passed them \$40 through the window and was handed eight Lorcet tablets.

Blackburn called in for backup at this point and promptly arrested Vranda Steele, 35, of Tram, Lila Jo Griffith, 34, of Betsy Layne, and Justin Brian Hughes, 22, of Tennessee. The sheriff was aided in the arrest by Deputy Will Holbrook and Sgt. Terry

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Police ask judge to give break to man who fought them

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man who attacked several officers from the Prestonsburg Police Department was offered an olive branch by police during his preliminary hearing in district court Friday.

Ryan Johnson, 20, of Jamestown, wound up in trouble last week when he fought with officers who were called to Sam an' Tonio's restaurant to remove him for public intoxication.

But what would have been a \$100 misdemeanor fine quickly escalated when Johnson threatened and fought the officers, breaking one's watch and

ripping another's uniform.

Major William Petry, of the Prestonsburg Police Department, was in court for the hearing and represented the department for a settlement that will help Johnson by amending his assault charges to misdemeanors and keeping him from facing a felony conviction.

"He's a young guy but he has an alcohol problem," Petry said. "He now gets a chance at treatment and hopefully he can turn this around."

Johnson will serve 60 days on the amended assault charges and pay \$485 in fines and restitution. Judge James Allen,

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Odds and Ends

■ PORTAGE, Wis. — A woman has been arrested for digging up her dead boyfriend's ashes from a cemetery more than 10 years ago and drinking the beer that was buried with him, possibly out of spite for his family, authorities say.

Karen Stolzmann, 44, was charged Tuesday with concealing stolen property, in a case Columbia County Detective Wayne Smith calls "twisted and bizarre."

Sheboygan County District Attorney Joe De Cecco said Thursday he would determine if additional charges should be filed in his county since the urn was found at Stolzmann's Sheboygan home.

Michael Hendrickson, 27, died in 1992 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. His family contacted authorities three weeks ago when they discovered his remains had been stolen.

An exhumation revealed Hendrickson's cremated remains — along with beer and cigarettes that were buried with him — were missing from Cambria Cemetery in Cambria.

Detectives searched Stolzmann's home and found her hiding in the shower. The

remains, located in her garage, had "identifiable things to make us believe they're (Hendrickson's)," Smith said.

Detective Jay Yerges said Stolzmann and Hendrickson were living together in the early 1990s, while they were both married to other people. The relationship was stormy, with a pattern of alcohol and domestic abuse, he said.

Stolzmann was present when Hendrickson shot himself in January 1992. Yerges said Hendrickson's family blamed her for his death and she was not invited to his services.

"I feel that her motive was spite," Yerges said.

Robbing graves is a felony offense, but the six-year statute of limitations has passed for prosecution. There may be a way to prosecute because the alleged theft was only recently discovered, Yerges said.

■ RICHLAND, Wash. — Leana Beasley has faith that a dog is man's best friend.

Faith, a 4-year-old Rottweiler, phoned 911 when Beasley fell out of her wheelchair and barked urgently into the receiver until a dispatcher sent help. Then the service dog

unlocked the front door for the police officer.

"I sensed there was a problem on the other end of the 911 call," said dispatcher Jenny Buchanan. "The dog was too persistent in barking directly into the phone receiver. I knew she was trying to tell me something."

Faith is trained to summon help by pushing a speed-dial button on the phone with her nose after taking the receiver off the hook, said her owner, Beasley, 45, who suffers grand mal seizures.

Guided by experts at the Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound, Beasley helped train Faith herself.

The day of the fall, Faith "had been acting very clingy, wanting to be touching me all day long," Beasley said Thursday.

The dog, whose sensitive nose can detect changes in Beasley's body chemistry, is trained to alert her owner to impending seizures.

But that wasn't what was happening on Sept. 7, and Faith apparently wasn't sure how to communicate the problem. During Beasley's three-week hospital stay, doctors determined her liver was not properly processing her seizure medication.

■ VICTORIA, British Columbia — A University of Victoria English professor has stick-handled his way through academe to create what may be Canada's — or even the world's — only college course on hockey literature.

The puck drops in January for "Hockey Literature and the Canadian Psyche," a second-

year English offering by Doug Beardsley, whose previous classes have been largely in Holocaust literature and post-modern Canadian poetry.

Not every prospective student made the cut for the class, which was limited to 40 and runs three hours — appropriately divided into three periods.

"There is a national emptiness in the country" because hockey is "so much a part of us" that its absence, for Canadians, is "like losing a limb," said Beardsley, who has written two hockey books.

"Hockey represents the dark side of the Canadian spirit," he added. "The way we play the game on ice is semi-legal mayhem, which allows us to balance the psyche."

■ MILFORD, Conn. — Cupcakes are contraband at

Meadowside elementary school.

Principal Robert Davis's ban on all celebratory sweets has made some parents sour.

Health officials said Davis adopted a new policy of using games and crafts instead of baked goods to fete birthdays, holidays and special occasions, and praised it as a way to combat childhood obesity.

Parent Jack Fowler said no one should dictate what students can bring to school for special events. He said health and school officials have turned into the "fat police," in an attempt to rid schools of foods children enjoy.

Mayor James L. Ricketelli Jr. said as a parent he can understand health and school officials' concern regarding food allergies and childhood obesity, but cupcakes should remain.

Break

however, noted that the charges are still serious when imposing his judgment.

"Normally I would give you the time you have already served [seven days], but these are very serious charges and I want you to know that," Allen said. "Your 60 days start now."

The judge's words were preceded by comments from assistant County Attorney

Continued from p1 Jimmy Marcum, who said, "His record is horrible for someone his age. If he wants to live here, he will have to learn how to behave himself better."

Petry was happy with the result, saying, "He will be better off getting drug and alcohol counseling. Our guys were just trying to protect themselves and he [Johnson] is a big guy."

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Wording of the marriage amendment ballot question

Are you in favor of amending the Kentucky Constitution to provide that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be a marriage in Kentucky, and that a legal status identical to or similar to marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized?

Gay marriage ban amendment supporters and foes prepare for future

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Those on both sides of the debate over same-sex marriage in Kentucky agree on one thing: even if voters approve a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, the issue isn't going away any time soon.

"Nov. 2 is not going to be the end of the issue," said State Sen. Ernesto Scorsone of Lexington, the state legislature's only openly gay member.

In April, the General Assembly voted to place a question on the ballot asking voters if they favor amending the Kentucky Constitution to provide that "only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be a marriage in Kentucky." The amendment also would ban civil unions.

Kentucky is one of 11 states that will vote Election Day on

ballot initiatives banning gay marriage.

A Bluegrass Poll published in The Courier-Journal on Tuesday found 76 percent of likely voters polled said they would vote for the amendment. That was even higher than in a poll a month earlier, which found 72 percent of likely voters supporting the amendment.

Kent Ostrander, the executive director of the Family Foundation of Kentucky, said he is optimistic that the amendment will pass, "because we believe most Kentuckians want to say yes to the protection of marriage."

But in the same breath, he adds, "We do anticipate a court challenge from those working against the amendment and we believe the amendment will be sustained."

A similar amendment to the Louisiana constitution, approved with 78 percent of the

vote on Sept. 18, is being challenged in that state's courts. A district judge ruled the state legislature's approval of the amendment was constitutionally flawed, and an appeals court sent the issue to the state Supreme Court, which will hear arguments in the case Dec. 1.

A spokeswoman for a group campaigning against the Kentucky amendment's passage wouldn't say if that group would try to challenge the amendment in court. Sarah Reece, the campaign manager for "NO on the Amendment," said only that "the work for fairness and equality will continue" after the election.

Scorsone, a lawyer, said the amendment could either be challenged through political means - such as a repeal effort - or in federal courts.

"It's too broad," Scorsone said. "It hurts a lot of people, not just gay people. It's really con-

trary to what our constitution is all about. Our constitution says that no matter how big the majority is, it can't trample on the rights of the minority. Here we seem to be doing just that."

Carolyn Bratt, a law professor at the University of Kentucky, said part of the amendment could have major legal ramifications, because it refers to "unmarried individuals."

She said that domestic violence orders might no longer be available for unmarried couples, either same-sex or opposite-sex. She said the amendment would invalidate governmental "relationship recognition measures" for all unmarried couples.

Ostrander disputed that and said the amendment - which will supersede a state law already in place that offers a similar definition of marriage - won't change the everyday reality for anyone. "We believe that all of the

suggestions that people will lose rights or benefits because it has passed are absurd," he said of the amendment.

"It is my belief that everyone who has rights and benefits on Nov. 1 will have those exact same rights and benefits on Nov. 3."

State Rep. Stan Lee of Lexington, also a lawyer, supports the amendment and said a federal court challenge would fail.

"I think the federal court would say that marriage is a states-rights issue," Lee said.

Reece said that whether or not her group prevails, the process has been a success.

"We're going to consider Nov. 2 a major victory, no matter what the numbers show," she said. "We win every day, every time we talk to a voter, because that voter understands that basic protection for all folks is a value we believe in in Kentucky."

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Chaffins of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Blackburn says he feels that the drug problem is getting out of hand and he will be looking to cooperate with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office to tighten up the local procedures for sale of prescription drugs.

"They don't make these drugs, they go into a pharmacy and buy them," Blackburn said. "This lady we arrested today bought a prescription for 270 methadone tablets four days ago and is missing 256 of them. Even if she took them over the course of a month, as prescribed, that would have been nine a day. Something is wrong there, but at \$10 a pill, she probably cleared \$2,560 in four days. The money is definitely a factor."

One thing Blackburn wants to implement is a policy that makes it illegal to pick up a narcotics prescription for another person and that a picture I.D. be used to make the purchase.

Blackburn says he is ready to enter the next phase of going after the prescription drug abuse problem and feels it's about time.

"We are running out of places to put them," the sheriff said.

Obituaries

Easter Marie Stanley

Easter Marie Stanley, 58, of Blue River, died Thursday, October 28, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born March 3, 1946, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Jay and Kittie Shepherd. She was a homemaker and a member of the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, at Prestonsburg.

Survivors include six sons: James Henry Stanley of Paintsville, William David Stanley and Tony Douglas Stanley, both of Lexington, Steven Dwayne Stanley of Kendallville, Indiana, Jeffery Lee Stanley and Mark Christopher Stanley, both of Blue River; five brothers: Arlen E., Beacher C., Robert Deford, and David L., all of David; and John Henry of Findlay, Ohio; six sisters: Myrtle Pitts, Joyce Whitaker, and Shirley Kilgore, all of David, Christine Stillwell of Martinsburg, West Virginia, Delores Baldrige of Blue River, and Barbara Shepherd of Pierceton, Indiana; 11 grandchildren: Tiffany B., Tiffany S., Jessie, Steven, Jeremy, Summer, Ginger, Brandon, Nichole, Jamie and Kathy, and two great-grandchildren: Kalie and Makayla.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Keith Scott Stanley and a brother, Lamon L. Shepherd.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 31, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with William Canterbury officiating.

Burial will be in the Henry Slone Cemetery, at Buckeye, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Democrat says Senator breaking Ten Commandments

by BRUCE SCHREINER
Associated Press

HOPKINSVILLE — Democratic challenger Daniel Mongiardo on Friday accused U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning of breaking two of the Ten Commandments by allowing supporters to make personal attacks that seemed to suggest Mongiardo is gay.

Mongiardo said he decided to counterpunch after his 78-year-old father told him to fight back against the insinuations,

which the candidate said are untrue. As a state senator, Mongiardo — a 44-year-old bachelor — co-sponsored a proposal on Kentucky's ballot next week that would add a same-sex marriage ban to the state constitution.

"Everything they've done has been pure lies," Mongiardo said of Bunning while speaking at a rally in this western Kentucky city, where hours earlier a prominent Republican traveling with Bunning repeated his reference to Mongiardo as a

"limp wrist."

Mongiardo, a surgeon from Hazard, told about 75 supporters that he learned the Ten Commandments while attending a two-room Catholic school as a first- and second-grader in the Appalachian town. Mongiardo said the Republican attacks violate the commandment against "false witness."

The Democrat said the falsehoods also violated the commandment against killing.

"The nuns taught me that 'Do not kill' means more than

kill somebody's life," Mongiardo said. "They said you're not supposed to attack somebody's character because the character is a part of your soul and the soul comes from heaven. So when Jim Bunning attacks my character he's breaking more than just 'Thou shalt not bear false witness.'"

Mongiardo, who replied "No" when asked by a reporter Wednesday if he is gay, said personal attacks against him

don't represent Kentucky values.

"We need role models for our children to look up to, and this kind of behavior is not becoming of a Kentucky gentleman, much less a United States senator," Mongiardo said.

Bunning surrogate David Williams, the Kentucky Senate president, referred to Mongiardo as a "limp wrist" several times

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Info

A. State law says the local precinct sheriff must stand at the end of the voting line at 6 p.m. Voters who are in the voting line by 6 p.m. local time will be allowed to vote.

Q. What kind of identification do I need?

A. Kentucky requires all voters to meet an identification requirement. Voters must either show their identification or be known or recognized by the poll worker. State law allows voters to show different forms of identification to meet the requirement: driver's license, Social Security card, credit card or another form of identification that shows a person's signature and photo.

Q. If I'm in the voting booth and have a question, what do I do?

A. Voters may ask the local poll workers for help if they have any questions.

Q. What if I'm not going to be in my home precinct, or unable to vote on Election

Day?

A. In certain circumstances, voters may cast absentee ballots through the local county clerk's office. Voters have until Monday, Nov. 1, to cast absentee ballots in person at their local clerk's office. Voters may qualify to cast an absentee ballot through the mail or in person for various reasons, including if they are: students away from home; in the military; citizens overseas; on vacation; out of the county because of work or some other reason or unable to vote in person because of an illness or disability. Counting of absentee ballots starts at 10 a.m. on Election Day.

Q. What is a provisional ballot?

A. Provisional ballots are a "last resort ballot," Grayson says. A provisional ballot is intended for voters whose eligibility to vote is called into question for some reason. Voters casting provisional ballots may only vote on federal races, including president, U.S. Senate

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and Congress. Provisional ballots are counted after the election, and on a case-by-case basis by the local county board of elections. Voters may be eligible to cast a provisional ballot for the following reasons: their name is not on the polling place's eligible voter list and poll workers cannot determine their status; they dispute that they are ineligible to vote; they do not meet identification requirements; a court order has extended polling hours; or their eligibility is called into question by all four election officers at the local precinct.

Q. Who do I call if I have a question about the election?

A. General questions about the election can go to the local county clerk's office.

Q. Who do I call if I want to report any concerns or possible improprieties concerning the election?

A. The state has an Election Fraud hotline at 1-800-328-VOTE.

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people running for four spots. The candidates there include Ernestine Burchett Hall, Judy Parsons, Larry Castle, Bayliss Jerome Kinzer, Cindy Bentley Parsons and Raymond Parsons.

School Races

Three of the county's five school board seats are up for election this year, and all three incumbents are facing challengers.

In District 3, board vice chairman Jeff Stumbo will square off against two challengers, Jim "Mike" Harris and Clyde Johnson.

In District 4, board chair Carol Stumbo is being challenged by Mike Vanderpool.

In District 5, board member Glenna Howard Slone is also running against two challengers, Sherry Sue Dingus Robinson and Jody Mullins.

State Races

Local legislative races are a fairly ho-hum affair this year, with two incumbents facing no opposition. State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner narrowly defeated his only opposition in the May primary, while 97th District state Rep. Hubert Collins was given a free pass from any challengers this year.

The only contested legislative race involving Floyd County this year involves 95th District state Rep. Chuck Meade, who is squaring off

against former Republican county chairman Bobby Stumbo. The race, however, is a repeat of a special election in February to fill the unexpired term of former Rep. Greg Stumbo, who was elected attorney general last year. In that race, Meade bested Stumbo by a 3-to-1 margin and neither candidate has mounted much of a campaign for the fall contest.

One state race which has gathered attention is the state Supreme Court race between incumbent Justice Janet Stumbo and Will T. Scott. That race has become a battle of nicknames as the "Coal Miner's Daughter" faces the "Walking Judge," but has also become somewhat bitter, with Stumbo's campaign accusing Scott of misleading advertising and Scott calling for Stumbo to resign her position.

One neighboring race that has attracted widespread interest is the 31st District state Senate race, covering Pike, Johnson and Martin counties. That race is well-financed rematch between first-term incumbent Sen. Ray Jones and Republican rival Chris Ratliff and has been most notable for the mudslinging between the two candidates.

Federal Races

The U.S. Senate race between Republican incumbent Jim Bunning and Democratic State Sen. Daniel Mongiardo is another race notable for its negativity,

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with each side accusing the other of spreading false rumors about the other.

The big contest between Republican President George W. Bush and Democratic U.S. Sen. John Kerry is shaping up to be an even match in the final days of their campaign blitz across states identified as battlegrounds, but Kentucky has long been considered out of play in the race, as Bush has maintained a lead of about 17 points throughout the campaign.

Other Information

Voting begins at 6 a.m. Tuesday and runs until 6 p.m.

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Superintendent

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

Our view

More than election results on the line

This year's election is one of the most important Americans have faced in many years, and, judging from the predictions of a record turnout this year, it seems that most people get that fact.

The presidential election is just the tip of the iceberg. Locally, Floyd Countians are being asked to decide not only president, but also to vote in races involving the U.S. Senate, state Supreme Court, a state constitutional amendment to outlaw same-sex marriage and civil unions, and the local school board and city councils.

With a ballot like that, there should be more than enough incentive for everyone to make every effort to vote this Tuesday. But the sad fact is, quite a few won't. These days, participation by just half the electorate is considered an achievement. We think we stand a good chance to surpass that figure this year, but probably not by much.

So, to those of you who seemingly cannot find the will to make your voice heard, we will give it one more try.

We have tried to get into the heads of nonvoters to understand why they would not want to exercise their democratic right and responsibility. To be honest, that is a difficult task, because we cannot understand why so many people would allow their very lives to be dictated by the actions of others. The only thing we can come up with is that these people feel like their vote does not matter much, so voting itself isn't very important. They probably feel that there is not much difference between the candidates and that the end result will not affect them very much, so voting would be a meaningless and bothersome chore they could do without.

Those people could not be more wrong.

Consider this ironclad fact: Politicians go where the votes are. And since government consists primarily of politicians, government best serves those who participate most.

Why do you think issues such as retirement and health care are always at the forefront of every political campaign? It is not just because these are important issues for our country. It is also because politicians know that senior citizens vote in far greater numbers, by far, than any other age group and that those issues weigh heavily in the voting decisions. Any politician who ignores these issues, then, is more or less sealing his or her defeat.

This is most important for young adults — those aged 18 to 30 who have the lowest voter turnout — to understand. We are certain most of those younger voters, or nonvoters, are not really very concerned about the health of Social Security or Medicare, because their participation in those programs is so far distant as to seem nonexistent. But those programs are the so-called "sacred cows" of politics, because any politician who even remotely suggests tinkering with them in a way that could be considered negative will incur the wrath of senior citizens and most likely go down in defeat.

So younger voters might think that is less of an incentive to vote that before, but it isn't. Consider what our nation would be like if the voting statistics of the young and the old were reversed. What if politicians felt the need to cater to younger voters in order to survive? We are certain that our government would be more interested in issues that primarily concern the young, issues such as child care, education, job training, home ownership, even recreation. Perhaps we would begin seeing government provide financial assistance for newlyweds or new car buyers, maybe even tax credits for buying iPods. Well, perhaps that last one is a stretch.

We do not mean to suggest that the problems of the young outweigh the problems of the elderly, or vice versa. But those who do not vote because they think it doesn't matter much in their lives insure that government will not matter much in their lives.

But since we are putting our imaginations to work, let us try another exercise and try to foresee a future in which Floyd County has the highest voter turnout in the state. Imagine if the rest of the state were stuck in the 30 percent range, but Floyd County, year after year, posted a voter turnout of 70 or 80 percent. What do you think would happen then?

We predict that Floyd County would certainly begin to weigh a lot

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—Rich Lowry Column—

The move on democrats

John Kerry might yet come back and win. If not, it's possible to pinpoint the moment he and the Democrats put themselves on a glide path toward defeat. It didn't have anything to do with Kerry per se, but it affected contemporary Democratic politics in an irrevocable way. Last June, Howard Dean went on "Meet the Press" and had, by any reasonable standard, a disastrous performance. Among other things, he didn't know how big the U.S. military is.

If the traditional rules of presidential politics had applied, Dean probably would have been laughed out of serious contention. Instead, contributions poured into his Web site, helping create that famous Dean Surge. Donating to Dean despite his obvious shortcomings was a way to stick it to the establishment: "Sure our candidate is a walking embarrassment, but we like him anyway — so take that!"

Dean eventually got his comeup-

pance in a Kerry comeback widely interpreted as a return to Democratic rationality. But the massive apparatus of outside Democratic money and activism that fueled Dean didn't go anywhere. It hated President Bush, and it would do as much this year, with its financial might, to define the Democratic message as the Kerry campaign would do.

Just one such outside group, MoveOn.org, has spent roughly \$17 million. To what effect? A recent MoveOn.org ad was typical. It slammed Bush for getting us into a quagmire in Iraq, depicting a U.S. soldier slowly sinking into quicksand until he raises his rifle in a surrender-like gesture.

This ad must have been emotionally satisfying to produce, but the over-the-top image of a helpless U.S. soldier was radioactive and provided an opening to the Bush campaign to excoriate Democratic defeatism. Like the Dean candidacy itself, much of the advocacy of anti-Bush lefties this year has been an expression of purposeless fury.

The way a slave used to whisper in a conquering Roman general's ear, "You are a mere mortal," Democrats have been whispering in Kerry's ear, "You must be angrier." So he responded to the Swift Boat ads with an attack on Dick Cheney's draft deferments and Bush's Guard service, emphasizing Vietnam just when it was clear Vietnam was the wrong subject for him. Kerry has been advised at every turn to make the race about George Bush, natural advice from people who are motivated above all by their animus toward Bush.

What they are missing is that a challenger must offer his own compelling and substantive vision. Bill Clinton didn't just bash the first President Bush in 1992, he sold his own detailed budget and economic plan. As Kerry has spent more and more time criticizing Bush, unfavorable impressions of his candidacy have steadily increased. He has been driving his own campaign into the ground.

St. Augustine said the wages of sin are sin. Similarly, the wages of the left's impotent rage this year just might be the occasion for yet more impotent rage: a Bush re-election, even after he looked so beatable for so long. Come on, everyone, all together now for a good Dean screech: YAAAAAARGHHH!

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.



—beyond the beltway—

You want truth? Here's some truth

by DONALD KAUL

We often portray politicians as slimy, duplicitous characters who will say anything to get elected. And they are, of course, but whose fault is that?

Ours. There is no greater mistake a candidate can make than, in a moment of weakness, to speak the truth, particularly if it is a self-evident truth. The public will never forgive him for it. Remember when we captured Saddam Hussein and Howard Dean, running for president, said that it wouldn't make us safer? The press jumped all over him for it.

Well, Saddam's been in captivity for six months or so now. Feel safer yet? Then there was President George W. Bush who, while he doesn't speak the truth often, slipped up a few weeks ago and said that the war on terrorism couldn't be won (which it can't). The remark caused such an uproar (which included John Kerry attacking the president for his defeatist attitude) that Bush retracted it the very next day. Interestingly enough, John Kerry, a week or two later, told "The New York Times" that terror, while it couldn't be eradicated, could be reduced to the level of a "nuisance." Bush immediately attacked him for his defeatist attitude and his posse of Right-Wing Radio Ranters went on full red alert. In no instance, did the public rise in

support of the truth. It preferred the lie.

In an effort to confound this trend, I am going to put forth my candidacy — or rather, my candidacy as it would look if I were a candidate, which I'm not. I have only one plank in my platform: I will never lie to you. About anything. This is your chance to interrogate a candidate who is completely candid. Ask me your questions:

Q: How do you feel about the war?

A: A little sick to my stomach. Getting rid of Saddam, however admirable as a goal, isn't worth the price we've paid in blood, treasure and international good will.

Q: If you were president, then, you'd pull out.

A: No. Having blown that country apart, we can't just say "Adios Chumps" and go on our way. We broke it; we have a moral responsibility to fix it.

Q: How would you do that?

A: Beats me. I suppose I'd try a version of what Bush is doing, trying to prop up a reasonable facsimile of an Iraqi government to keep the place from imploding as we extricate ourselves. I'd forget about making it the Switzerland of the Middle East, however.

Q: If you're going to do what Bush is doing, why shouldn't we vote for Bush?

A: The dummy who gets you into a mess is seldom the best dummy to get you out of it.

Q: On the domestic front, do you agree with the Catholic Church's position on gay marriage, that it is a crime

against nature?

A: No and I think an organization of celibates that has for decades protected and enabled child abusers has a hell of a nerve to talk about crimes against nature.

Q: How do you answer the criticism that gay marriage violates the sanctity of marriage?

A: By putting my tongue between my lips and blowing real hard. In any case, the sanctity of marriage is overrated. Traditionally it depends on the woman accepting a subservient role to a man who is very often not as smart as she is. What's sanctified about that?

Q: How do you account for the voter turnout in our elections, among the lowest in the western world?

A: The majority of Americans graduate from high school knowing little of history, nothing of political science and unable to find their home towns on a map of the United States. And you're asking why they don't vote? They have a hard time keeping up with reality shows on TV.

Q: Why do you want to be President?

A: I've always wanted to ride on Air Force One.

And that's the way it is. Really.

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Faith Extra

The God Gap:

The role of faith, values, morality in the election and the impact on voters

by PAULINE ARRILLAGA
AP NATIONAL WRITER

PHOENIX — Joe Guinnip and Ronda Kelso have a lot in common, and God's at the top of the list.

They recite Scripture, attend church every Sunday, preach fervently of faith and the ideals they hold dear. And both want a president who embodies those values.

Dig deeper to explore what those values are, and that's where the lines of consensus get fuzzy.

Guinnip talks of morals and sin and the societal decay he sees in every abortion, homosexual union or attempt to keep prayer out of schools. Kelso speaks of equality and protecting individual freedoms by ensuring government doesn't legislate conduct.

Guinnip is an evangelical Christian who backs George W. Bush. Kelso is a Christian and a lesbian, and a supporter of John Kerry.

In this election year, they also are something else: Symbols of how issues of faith and values energize American politics and color voters' thinking as they prepare to make their choices.

The two epitomize the schism of values in America today.

"You hear all these arguments about separation of church and state. There's really no separation," says Guinnip, the prayer coordinator at Phoenix's Covenant of Grace Christian Fellowship. "It's more of a combination of church and state."

Kelso sees it differently. Speaking while manning a booth for her church at a gay and lesbian festival in downtown Phoenix recently, she extolls diversity, including "different belief systems."

"We can have our belief and we can enter it into politics and our values, and you shouldn't be beaten down for it. I may not be right," says the 40-year-old nurse-turned-lawyer, "but you may not be right either."

Faith and values matter to Americans. And what part does it all play in politics in a nation where "The Passion of the Christ" and "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" are both blockbuster hits?

This election year, voters are confronted with the so-called "God Gap," prompted by incessant debates over gay marriage and the stir created when some Roman Catholic bishops vowed to deny communion to lawmakers who support abortion rights (the pro-choice Catholic Kerry was cited by name).

These days, most voters con-

sider religion important in their lives and evaluate issues of "moral values" when choosing leaders.

Whereas voters in 1960 wanted assurances that John Kennedy's Catholicism would remain purely private, voters in 2004 — 7-in-10, according to the Pew Research Center — desire a president with strong religious beliefs and most don't mind hearing about those views. Two-thirds of Americans say the issue of values will be important when they go to the polls on Nov. 2.

"Religious beliefs are proxy measures for that strong moral compass that Americans want," explains Luis Lugo, director of the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. "For somebody it may be the abortion question. For others it's presidential character. For somebody else it's how we're treating the environment or the poor."

"My sense is all of them consider moral values important," he concludes, "but they will all define that differently."

Geri Epcar, who owns a Jewish book store in Phoenix, is weighing which candidate is "best for Israel," but adds: "I just want somebody who is honest. Everyone now equates values to abortion and gay marriage, and I don't think that's right."

"The wrong spin is being put on values," she says.

Bishops stepping into the fray and campaigns requesting church rosters to identify and mobilize voters.

"Religion makes its best contribution to the life of the nation when it acts like religion — not when it's treated like a political action group," says the Rev. Welton Gaddy, a Baptist minister and president of the Interfaith Alliance.

Religious voters have nonetheless become a much sought-after voting bloc — and "values" a popular political buzzword.

There are "pro-life" voting guides and church bulletin inserts from such groups as the

Traditional Values Coalition — addressing not health care or the economy but abortion, homosexuals and faith. Ad campaigns in swing states organized by The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund endorse candidates "most likely to fight for your equal rights."

The Democratic National Committee hired a religious outreach coordinator and launched a Web site called "John Kerry Shares Our Values" to talk about the poor, the hungry and the environment. The Republicans' "Catholic Team" touts Bush's faith-based programs and his view that "human life is defended." The GOP's "Muslim Team" promises to empower those "from all walks of life."

In states like Kansas, interfaith monitors are sitting in on conservative Christian services to ensure pastors don't endorse candidates, while a group called "Rat Out A Church" is doing the same of left-leaning parishes.

Then there are the candidates themselves.

Kerry has dropped his reticence to talk about his religious views. "I don't wear my own faith on my sleeve, but faith has given me values and hope to live by ...," he said in accepting the Democratic nomination.

Bush, who freely espouses his beliefs as a Methodist and a born-again Christian, has performed a delicate juggling act. While shoring up support from the religious right, he has wooed moderates, as when prime speaking slots at this summer's GOP convention went to Arnold Schwarzenegger and Rudy Giuliani, Republicans who support legalized abortion and gay rights.

Not all Americans operate at the poles of the values debate, of course.

For sisters Leslie Todd and Shelley Davis, Sunday morning rituals include sipping Starbucks under a crystal blue Arizona sky, feet propped up, The New York Times in hand.

"Our family is, what, Presbyterian or something?" the

43-year-old Todd asked her sibling on a recent Sunday.

They went to church growing up and though both consider themselves spiritual, they don't attend services regularly. To them, "values" means integrity, not some of the hot-button issues cited by others.

For Todd, a business consultant whose company provides no medical insurance, health care trumps traditional "values" issues.

For Davis, a 45-year-old lawyer, it's the war in Iraq and the United States' relationship with the world.

"The majority of people ... whether they practice a religion or not, their concern is really what's right in front of them: their family and their job," Todd said. "All that other stuff, they're not focused on that."

Some research says she's right.

In this year's National Survey of Religion and Politics, a poll of 4,000 voting-age Americans sponsored by Lugo's group, economic issues ranked first among individuals from all major religious backgrounds. Foreign policy was second, and "cultural issues," those associated with the values debate, were a distant third.

Only one religious subgroup picked cultural issues as their No. 1 priority.

Political analysts note that group, 12.6 percent of the population, could decide a close presidential race.

"The moral issues are my main concern ... abortion, same-sex marriage, prayer back in the schools, the pledge of allegiance," the 61-year-old Guinnip said after a morning of song and prayer at Covenant of Grace.

"As far as war issues and things of that nature — yes, I'm very concerned about that as well," Guinnip said. "But right now the main thing is to get our country back on track. Once we get the moral issues back into alignment, the political issues will solve themselves."

Most Americans have more

trouble reconciling their religious beliefs with their social and political ideology.

In the National Survey of Religion and Politics, a slim majority favored a woman's right to an abortion in most circumstances, but a wider majority supported embryonic stem cell research.

On marriage, a majority supported traditional marriage between a man and a woman over civil unions or same-sex marriage, yet even more agreed that homosexuals should have the same rights as other Americans.

John Green, a political scientist at the University of Akron who conducted the survey, uses a real-life example to illustrate the complexities.

After he addressed a Catholic church in Ohio recently, a group of congregants expressed uncertainty about the criteria they should consider in choosing between Bush and Kerry. They'd carefully examined bishops' policy statements on the issues, and "protecting human life" came first.

Half believed they should therefore place the greatest weight on the issue of abortion, while the other half wanted to rate the candidates on all of the issues, and vote for the man with the highest overall score.

"Within the Christian community, there are sharp divisions. Even within individual churches, there are sharp divisions. And there are a lot of religious people in the middle," says Green.

Take Helen Capistran and Michael Laguna, both members of Saint Agnes Catholic church in Phoenix.

Capistran, 81, opposes abortion.

"Being Catholic," she says, "it means a lot."

Laguna, 36, believes abortion should be legal and gays allowed to marry if they want — but he's tired of hearing about both topics.

"Those aren't the issues," he insists. "That shouldn't make or break someone to vote for."

CAP program helps adults obtain diploma and beyond

by BILL TUSSEY
ADULT EDUCATION MANAGER

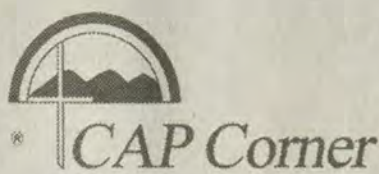
I have been involved in teaching and managing an adult education program for almost 14 years. It still amazes me at the amount of time and effort that students expend to receive their GED or high school diploma. Often the student has to build up the courage to enter the classroom or office. The student has to overcome the fear of failure that may permeate his/her thinking after having failed so many times in the public schools. (I'm not placing blame.) Sometimes the disappointment of learning that it will take longer than a day, week, month, or year, causes the student to be discouraged. This feeling of discouragement causes the student to delay, for a while, the pursuit of the GED/high school diploma.

Yet, each year we see students complete the requirements of the program and receive a GED/high school diploma. The student completes the pre- and post testing. They complete the GED practice test, obtaining the score needed to take the actual test. After waiting, with anxiety, the results are received through the mail. They have passed the GED test. They will graduate from the program. Each year CAP hosts a graduation for those students who receive their GED/high school diploma through the program. CAP provides the student with a graduation cap and gown, arranges for a professional photographer to provide a packet of graduation pictures, and continues to provide support and encouragement to pursue educational goals, such as a B.A., M.A., or vocational degree. We give them the tassel from their cap as a memento and invite them and their guests to a buffet dinner. Each student who completes program requirements has the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to help continue their future educational studies.

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agement to believe that the goal can be achieved. When I see the students file up the aisle, take their seats, march across the stage, see the smiles on their faces, the excitement in their eyes as they receive the certificate of completion, it brings excitement and meaning to all the duties that I perform. Not only is it their completion, it is our programs completion. It is the completion of another program year, the dedication and competency of each teacher apparent and evidenced by each student marching across the stage. Finally it is the start of a new program year and the start of a new stage of life for each student.

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Bunning

while campaigning with Bunning this week, including Friday in Hopkinsville.

Williams has said he intended no sexual connotation, but was speaking in sports parlance by saying that Bunning, a Hall of Fame pitcher, is still capable of "throwing that hard pitch from the mound."

Another Republican state senator, Elizabeth Tori, declared Wednesday that Mongiardo "is not a gentleman," and then added of her Senate colleague, "I'm not even sure the word 'man' applies to him."

Bunning, 73, who is seeking a second term, said in an interview with WHAS-AM radio in

Louisville that he has no control over what Williams and other legislators say.

"That's their opinion. They can have it," Bunning told the

station on Friday. "They don't belong to my campaign."

When questioned about whether he should speak to Williams about the comments,

Bunning said the state senator is entitled to express his opinion.

"He's going to say what's on his mind," Bunning said. "God bless him for doing it."

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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.

It started with all Soul's Eye, then became Hallowe'en, and now it's Tick-Tack when the ghosts and goblins turn on. One resident told me he got so nervous answering the door to Tick-Tackers that he dipped freely into the family supply of candy with these adverse results: 1. The candy almost out before the visitors stopped calling; and 2. He was pale as a ghost, himself, by bedtime.



Norman Allen

DID...YOU...RING?

I envy the guy who dreamed up this stunt.

He got busy, before Tick-Tack, and rigged up a skeleton inside his front door, and added a weird lighting effect for same. The door hinges were dried to provide appropriate creaks. Then a tape recorder was prepared.

So it was that when his nocturnal visitors arrived to notify him that it was "trick or treat," the door swung slowly back creaking in top Inner Sanctum fashion to reveal a dangling skeleton. At the same time the tape recorder went into action, playing a funeral march) and there came a voice in slow, measured, sepulchral tones (a la Lurch inquiring "did...you...want...some...candy?")

We understand that some of the visitors waited to hear the question but that most of the ghosts simply evaporated from the premises.

GOOD, OL! APPALACHIA

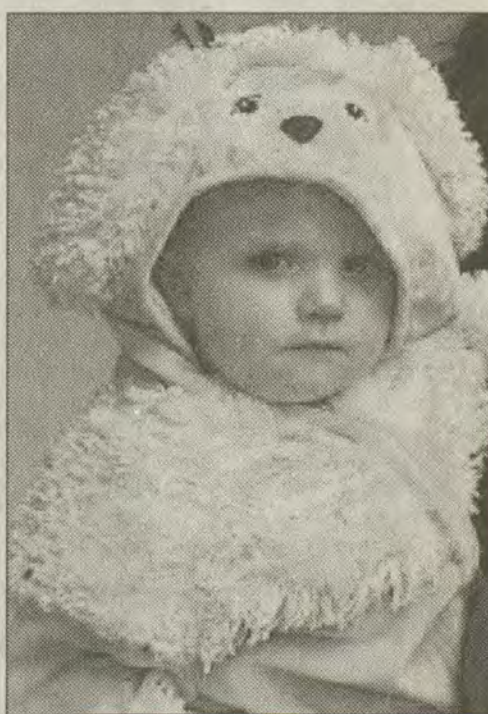
A newspaper clipping at hand says that the state of Massachusetts, which has a population only three times, that of West Virginia, is getting seven times the poverty aid the Mountain State has drawn. And Mass. ranks 10th from the top in per capita while West Virginia is only eight notches from the bottom of the ladder.

And West Virginia, which was visited by the late President Kennedy, is where all this anti poverty program started.

We are in our part on a carload of used clothing for the relief of those poor Back Bay folks. Don't you think that would be a good idea?

Young parachutist: A teen-age dropout.

Safe Trick or Treat 2004



MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Sin'

by TOM DOTY
 STAFF WRITER

The white desert sands of Reno, Nev., stand in stark contrast to the dark nature of this neo-noir thriller that sees two men with a lot of baggage settle old scores while examining the notion that our past is always waiting around a corner to spring up and bite us again and again.

Ving Rhames ("Pulp Fiction") stars as an ex-cop who lost the use of his arm in the line of duty. That same case forced him off the force and continues to eat at him.

The story begins with his sister being drugged and left for him to find in the desert. He winds up in a cat-and-mouse game with a caller who repeatedly tells him that he has sinned and has thus earned all the pain that's coming his way.



Tom Doty
 Staff Writer

It's apparent that this guy knows Rhames' character, but only the audience gets to see him for most of the movie as Rhames tries to piece together who is after him. His ex-partner Cal helps him from inside the department and it's obvious that he has some secrets, too. Turns out the bad guy knows them and uses those misdeeds to blackmail Cal into luring Rhames into a trap.

Rhames, meanwhile, has to rely on any help he can get and soon finds himself allied with an assortment of eccentric characters who live way outside the law. He gets some help from an over-the-hill drug dealer-cum-playboy and eventually finds himself working with an ex-independent filmmaker from New York who has fallen on hard times and now makes low-budget adult entertainment for rich weirdoes.

As Rhames gets closer to his quarry, the audience learns that the bad guy has some solid reasons for revenge and that our hero may not be all that noble. The climax involves a spectacular high-speed, and off-road, desert chase sequence

that ratchets up the action and gives way to a killer ending that actually sees the adversaries come to a level of understanding just as one of them is taking his last breath.

This is a solid, albeit sordid, thriller that explores its characters and gives everyone a past that holds some kind of dark secret. The people here

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Contest update

We have a winner!

See winner on page 2

The day I became a mom

by LINDA JONES

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE MOTHER'S SOUL 2"

The day I became a mom was not the day my daughter was born, but seven years later. Up until that day, I had been busy trying to survive my abusive marriage. I had spent all my energy trying to run a "perfect" home that would pass inspection each evening, and I didn't see that my baby girl had become a toddler. I'd tried endlessly to please someone who could never be pleased, and I suddenly realized that the years had slipped by and could never be recaptured.

Oh, I had done the normal "motherly" things, like making sure my daughter got to ballet, tap and gym lessons. I went to all of her recitals and school concerts, parent-teacher conferences and open houses — alone. I ran interference during my

husband's rages when something was spilled at the dinner table, telling her: "It will be OK, Honey. Daddy's not really mad at you." I did all I could to protect her from hearing the awful shouting and accusations after he returned from a night of drinking. Finally, I did the best thing I could do for my daughter and myself: I removed us from the home that wasn't really a home at all.

The day I became a mom was the day my daughter and I were sitting in our new home having a calm, quiet dinner just as I had always wanted for her. We were talking about what she had done in school, and suddenly her little hand knocked over a full glass of chocolate milk by her plate. As I watched the white tablecloth and freshly painted white wall become dark brown, I looked at her small face. It was filled with fear, knowing what the outcome of the event would

have meant only a week before in her father's presence. When I saw that look on her face and looked at the chocolate milk running down the wall, I simply started laughing. I am sure she thought I was crazy, but then she must have realized what I was thinking. "It's a good thing your father isn't here!" She started laughing with me, and we laughed until we cried. They were tears of joy and peace and were the first of many tears that we cried together. That was the day we knew that we were going to be OK.

Whenever either of us spills something, even now, 17 years later, she says: "Remember the day I spilled the chocolate milk? I knew that day that

you had done the right thing for us, and I will never forget it."

That was the day I really became a mom. I discovered that being a mom isn't only going to ballet, tap and gym recitals, and attending every school concert and open house. It isn't keeping a spotless house and preparing perfect meals. It certainly isn't pretending things are normal when they are not. For me, being a mom started when I could laugh over spilled milk.



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Jim Davidson

Our place in history

Have you ever thought about your place in history? We all have one, you know. Our place in history, however long or brief, begins the moment we are born and ends the moment we die.

The people who are dead and gone have had their place in history, and the history books and other forms of documentation are replete with names, faces and stories of those who made a contribution to the success or demise of the human race. We who live in the United States of America have been the most blessed people on earth and especially those of us who have lived for the past 50 years.

Any educated person would be hard pressed to name any



field of endeavor, whether it is science, technology, medicine, commerce, transportation, communications and all the others, where we have not experienced phenomenal progress. From a national perspective however, we have no way of knowing what the future holds.

In many ways we can learn and profit from the past, but the future, we can only hope and pray that the best is yet to come. One of the things that God has blessed me with is positive, optimistic outlook on life. I just look for and expect the best and I'm grateful in saying that for the most part, it has worked out that

way.

To be sure, I am also a realist and try to keep things in perspective as I make decisions that affect me and especially those I love. However, what we should always keep in mind is that there are some things we have some control over and there are other things we have no control over whatsoever. Keeping this in mind, it would seem to me that our best course of action would be to always invest our time, energy and resources doing those things that will produce the greatest amount of happiness and satisfaction.

As what I am saying relates to the future of our nation, if history can teach us anything, I want to share a true story that may be a harbinger of things to come. You may be familiar with the saying or the concept, "From shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves in three generations." If you are

not, here is a good true-life example that will bring it closer to home. There was a family who lived in the county where I grew up, who at the time was considered to be wealthy.

Going all the way back to the 1930s and 1940s, the "old man" of the family had acquired a good deal of land and money and because he was a shrewd businessman, and he acquired even more material possessions. In fact, before his death he owned a good percentage of all the land in the county.

When he died his sons took over the operation of the business, which included a number of different holdings. At this point, each son who received his inheritance was still the head of a very prosperous family. In a few years however, word began to spread that there was a chink in the armor, because of some bad business dealings, poor crop years and some very extravagant lifestyles. As time passed, one by one, the sons died and the family operation was passed on to the grandchildren.

Since I was not around during these years, I don't know all the details and what I am saying is certainly not meant to be painful or hurtful to anyone, because these were wonderful people. The sad ending to the story is that before too many more years, the family fortune was gone and those who remained to administer it filed for bankruptcy.

In summary, here was a clear-cut case of "From shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves in three generations." In just plain English, here is the best way I know to say it. The old grandfather made it, his kids managed it and his grandkids squandered it.

There are many lessons to be learned from this true story, both from an individual standpoint and also for the future of our nation. If the world does not come an end, history will record whether I am right or wrong, but I believe this is a good analogy of where we are as a nation.

Our nation began on July 4, 1776, with the signing of the Declaration of Independence

and we have had some hard times and some good times but now, unlike the first 175 years of our nation's history, we are drowning in a sea of red ink. We are several trillion dollars in debt.

This brings me back to my earlier question, "Have you ever thought about your place in history?" We only live once and when we are dead and gone, our place in history is fixed. The real question then becomes, "What are we, you and I, going to do with the time we have left?"

With God's help I want to do the right thing with regard to my citizenship, be loyal to this nation, stand for truth, morality and decency and work to leave something behind for future generations. If we are to survive, we need leaders, men and women, who are statesmen and not politicians.

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Lagoon

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do cruel things to each other to be sure, but the characters are so well rounded that you can understand, if not endorse, their actions. The script actually develops these people so that their actions, while repugnant, resonate with a sense of truth and unalterable destiny.

The direction by Michael Stevens is taut and keeps things moving at a good pace. The performances are uniformly good with several actors standing out.

Rhames, as always, brings his unique line delivery to the fore and makes for a solid hero. The fact that he can only use one arm doesn't soften him a bit; in fact, he comes off as a modern version of Spencer Tracy's character from "Bad Day at Blackrock." In that classic Tracy destroyed the bigger Ernest Borgnine in a brawl that saw right make might. Rhames may not always be in the right here, but his fury is enough to compensate for any perceived disadvantage.

Gary Oldman ("The Professional") excels as the villain who first comes off as completely nuts but turns out to be driven by righteous anger.

Alicia Coppola is the closest thing this movie gets to comic relief as a pretentious art house director who has fallen down to the lowest rungs of the adult film industry but manages to retain her moral fiber when the going gets rough.

Bill Sage also turns in some fine work as a cop who has the greatest sins to harbor and no one to tell them to. His betrayal turns out to be understandable and tragic.

Shame on the big studios (Paramount/Columbia) who decided not to give this film a theatrical release. It's smart, edgy and honest. Guess they thought audiences couldn't handle all of those qualities in what's supposed to be a formula picture.

Best line: "In 'Shaving Private Ryan' he was getting enemas from a squad of stormtroopers."
2002, rated R.

Contest update

We have a winner!
Altogether, 19 contest entrants got the correct answer for our first trivia contest and the randomly selected winner was ... Marilyn Barnes, of Pikeville.

The correct answer was Bela Lugosi who costarred in "The Wolfman" as the gypsy who passes on his curse to Lawrence Talbot (Lon Chaney Jr.).

We also received correct answers from Brittney Stanley, Elizabeth Horn, Kimberly Bradley, all of Prestonsburg; Dianne Price, of Blue River; Shane Murray, of Pikeville; Randy Caudill, of Martin; Lisa Parsons and Ronnie Fannin, of Allen; Mary Jones, of Flat Gap; Lisa Hinkle, of Dwale; Mary Young, of Phelps; Stephanie Johnson, of Minnie; Carla Johnson, of Anna, Ohio; Charles Conn, of Banner; Tracey Walser, of East Point; Susan Slone, of Hueysville; and two members of the Eta Delta fraternity in East Orange, N.J., named Neil Anderson and Steven Warshaw.

Thanks to everyone for playing and get ready for our Thanksgiving contest with 10 DVDs as the holiday prize.



Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Barbara Bales' battle with cancer ended on October 13, at her home in Fayetteville, Georgia. She is survived by her husband, Robert J. Bales of Fayetteville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 16, under the direction of Carl J. Mowell & Son Chapel.

Danny Blevins, 46, of Tram, died Tuesday, October 26, at the Pikeville Medical Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mallie Mullins Brown, 77, of Martin, died Wednesday, October 20, at Kings Daughters' Medical Center, at Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Patricia Ann Caudill, 56, of Harold, died Friday, October 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Edward Caudill. Memorial services will be announced at a later date, under the direction of the Hall

Funeral Home.

Randolph Crisp, 75, of Martin, died Wednesday, October 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center emergency room. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

April Lynn Goble, 22, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, October 23, at Martin. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Hester Newman Hall, 75, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, October 23, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Albert Junior Hall. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 27, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Noreen Howell (nee Kidd), age 51, of Lake Station, died Saturday, October 2. She is survived by her husband, Dennis Howell of Lake Station. Funeral services were conduct-

ed Wednesday, October 6, under the direction of Rees Funeral Home, 600 W. Old Ridge Road, Hobart.

Edgar Howell, 88, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Craynor, died Wednesday, October 27, at the Marion General Hospital, Marion, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Jessie Robbins Howell. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

On Saturday, October 16, the ashes of Curtis Lee Jarrell, who died May 11, were placed in the Jarrell Family Cemetery, at Water Gap. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Jarrell.

Elizabeth Yates, 74, of Honaker, died Friday, October 22, in the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Okie L. Yates. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Charles W. Cook, 62, of Debord, died Wednesday, October 20, at his residence.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 22, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Charles Wiley, 53, of Beauty, died Thursday, October 21, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 24, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Harold I. McCoy, 70, of Tomahawk, died Monday, October 11, at Steptown, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 13, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

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

Jane Michelle "Mickey" Ray Blythe, 49, of Greenville, South Carolina, died Friday, October 15, at Greenville Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted

Tuesday, October 19, under the direction of Floyd Mortuary.

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

William James Endicott, 92, of Crum, West Virginia, died Saturday, October 23, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 25, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Debra Sue Castle Caudill, 54, of Sitka, died Wednesday, October 20, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Willis Caudill. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Margaret Hayes Cantrell,

82, of Staffordsville, died Sunday, October 24, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Charles Wiley, 53, of Beauty, died Thursday, October 21, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 24, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Saul B. Williamson, 80, of Martha, died Sunday, October 24, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Clara Rose Meek Williamson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 27, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Thelma Ramey, 83, of East Point, died Sunday, October 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Corps

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One change is that they can no longer recruit high school seniors and must limit themselves to college seniors. The \$15,000 financial reward is also half of what it used to be.

The program, as Carrey said, is built to help cadets succeed and has traditionally lost only those students who did not have the proper support at home. Cadets are in training up to 60 hours a week in Richmond and don't have much free time to spare.

"The only thing we can't give the cadets is the desire to be a police officer," Carrey said. "But if you come to us with that and understanding from your friends and family about committing to the course, then you will succeed."

Several aspects of the program distinguish it from standard police academy programs. First there is a heavy emphasis on learning Spanish so that officers can communicate better with the rising Hispanic population in the country. There is also a two-week training seminar that is held in Mexico so that cadets can learn firsthand about the culture and even observe the workings of police departments there. There are also several basic areas where training time is doubled and tripled for Police Corps cadets in key areas like vehicle operations, physical training and firearms.

Several students picked up applications for the Corps, though most won't be eligible to enroll until they enter their senior year at another institution.

Views

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more heavily on the minds of candidates, particularly in close races. We predict that, suddenly, every politician would try to make sure that his or her campaign reflected the values of Floyd Countians to a greater degree. We predict that government would soon work a lot harder to find solutions to the problems we face, and those who say Frankfort and Washington do little or nothing for Floyd County would soon be left without any ammunition.

Perhaps that is just a fantasy, but it is one with an important lesson for all of us. If you are dissatisfied with the way government operates, if you feel that politics makes little difference in your life, the worst thing you can do is give up and not vote.

We challenge all Floyd Countians to do everything they can to help our county achieve the highest voter turnout in the state. Make voting a matter of personal pride, civic responsibility and community spirit. If every person makes a concerted effort to show up at the polls and encourages his or her friends, family and coworkers to do the same, the politicians will quickly notice the trend and begin to follow the votes.

Change begins with you.

— The Floyd County Times



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MSU women's team finishes eighth nationally in Team GPA

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – For the second time during Laura L. Litter's seven-year tenure as head coach of the Morehead State women's basketball team, the Lady Eagles were honored by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) on its Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll, the national organization announced Friday afternoon.



Penny Gearhart

The Lady Eagles finished eighth in Division I with a 3.349 GPA. MSU previously finished 21st in 1999-

2000 with a 3.253 GPA.

"Being first in the Ohio Valley Conference and eighth nationally, is a great achievement," said Litter. "Our student-athletes are to be commended, along with the instructors and staff who helped make this honor possible."

The award recognizes the nation's highest team grade point averages for the 2003-04 season based upon nominations submitted by WBCA-member head coaches. GPAs are calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned by each student-athlete on an insti-

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Firearms deer season tied to rut-related upswing

by STEVE VANTREESE FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH – It is purely a hormonal matter that Kentucky's firearms deer hunting season opens on the second Saturday of November.

It is regulatory in that the season is set by the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission based on biologists' recommendations. But it is a factor of deer hormones that has wildlife managers routinely calling for the second Saturday opening, Nov. 13 this year.

In order to provide maximum opportunity for hunter success and keep the growing herd in check, managers aim the annual modern gun season, the most productive of deer hunting sessions, for the exact time of the year when whitetails are most active – the peak of the rut.

The rut is the once-a-year

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Pikeville taps Paintsville 50-15, finishes perfect in district

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Pikeville put an exclamation point on a perfect regular-season in district play Friday night, beating rival Paintsville 50-15. The Panthers handed Paintsville a loss on its home-field. Pikeville's one-two running back

punch of Weston Robinson and Robert Shurtleff kept the Tigers guessing all night long. Pikeville jumped out to a 20-0 lead before Paintsville put its first points on the scoreboard. The Panthers cruised to a 50-15 win over the Tigers, gaining even more momentum heading into the start of the State Playoffs.

It was Senior Night for Paintsville,

but the Tigers didn't have much to celebrate about.

Pikeville had 205 yards rushing in the first half and went on to have 413 rushing yards for the game. Robinson had 226 yards himself. He and Shurtleff nearly combined for 400 of the yards. Shurtleff scored five touchdowns and Robinson scored two TDs. Pikeville's

total offense for the game was 469 yards.

The Panther offense went back and forth as both Shurtleff and Robinson shared a majority of the offensive touches.

Pikeville went ahead with 5:22 remaining in the first quarter when

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photos by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg had its way with East Ridge Friday night, winning on the road and improving to 8-2. Prestonsburg will host Leslie County this Friday night in the first round of the State Playoffs.

Blackcats roll past East Ridge Offense puts up 57 points in rout

by JAMIE HOWELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LICK CREEK – The final regular-season game of the 2004 season was expected to be just a formality as Prestonsburg went into its district showdown with East Ridge Friday night as a heavy favorite. After four quarters of football the scoreboard showed another blowout win for the Blackcats to the tune of a 57-0 final score.

Prestonsburg started slow as East Ridge recovered an onside kick to start the game, but that proved to be one of the few bright spots for the Warriors on this night.

After stopping East Ridge on downs, Prestonsburg drove 60 yards in four plays to take an early lead. Senior running back Joe Blackburn scampered in from eight yards out to give the Blackcats an early lead.

East Ridge was hampered



Carmen Maines broke loose for a successful run during Prestonsburg's junior varsity win Thursday night over East Ridge.

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Raider backs among best in Class A

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – South Floyd High School senior running back Joe Osborne ended the regular-season as the state's third-leading rusher in Class A. In 10 games, Osborne rushed for 1,482 yards and 15 touchdowns – second only to Danville's Kelvin Turner (1,582 yards in nine games) and Harrodsburg's Brandon Ford (1,483 yards in eight games).

Wes Hall finished the season with 1,341 yards in 10 games.

Hall also ranks as one of the top scorers in all of Class A.

South Floyd quarterback Ryan Johnson finished the regular-season with 123.1 passing yards per game in eight outings. Johnson is closing in on over 1,000 yards passing for the 2004 season – a campaign that he got a late start in, missing the first two games.

In 10 regular-season games, South Floyd junior wide receiver Justin Slone hauled in 38 passes for 706 yards and nine touchdowns.

These Raiders will no doubt look to add to their totals this Friday when the State Playoffs get underway.

After the first 10 weeks of the regular-season, South Floyd ranked as the sixth-best Class A in the category of scoring.

"Our offense has played well all season long," South Floyd Coach Donny Daniels acknowledged. "Joe and Wes have run the ball hard and Kyle Hall, our fullback, has blocked for them all season long. Ryan came in and went under center and he's also played extremely well."

This year's 8-2 record put up by the 2004 Raiders is the best in school history.

Kentucky Horse Park, AAEP launch 'Healthy Horses' partnership

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON – Emanating from a mutual commitment to improve the lives of horses, the Kentucky Horse Park and the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) are set to embark upon a new partnership called Healthy Horses.

Healthy Horses is a series of seminars primarily geared toward those who own or have stewardship over horses. Farm managers, backyard breeders, grooms, trainers, and those who currently own or anticipate owning horses will glean practical, cutting-edge information from the seminars which will be led by AAEP member veterinarians at the Kentucky Horse Park on topics essential to responsible horse care.

John Nicholson, Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park, commented, "Horses and horse lovers come to the Kentucky Horse Park from around the world, which places us in the unique position of having the ability to make a difference in the lives of untold numbers of horses. We are proud to partner with the AAEP and some of the top equine veterinarians across the country in endeavoring to make the Kentucky Horse Park the equine education capital of the world. The more people know, the better they can care for these beautiful, complex creatures under their guardianship." He continued, "Healthy Horses complements and broadens the already-successful, existing owner-education programs currently hosted by the park and the AAEP independently. We anticipate that the inauguration of Healthy Horses will be

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The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team (right) and women's basketball team (left) are each set to begin the 2004-05 season. The ALC men's team is coached by Gary Gibson. David Adams is in his first season as the head coach of the ALC women's basketball program. Both teams will open their respective seasons during the upcoming week.



MSU

tution's squad list in the given academic terms by the total number of hours earned by the team. The GPAs are rounded to the nearest thousandth of a point. Twenty five schools were recognized in each of the following categories: NCAA Division I, Division II, Division III and the NAIA. Ten schools among junior/community colleges were also ranked.

Eastern Washington posted the highest overall GPA among Division I schools with a 3.626. EWU was followed by (in order): Indiana State (3.577), Iowa State (3.480), Fairleigh Dickinson (3.475), Northern Arizona (3.436), Valparaiso (3.397), Villanova (3.353), Binghamton (3.336), Vermont (3.330), Belmont (3.325), Iona (3.317), Maine (3.314), Lehigh (3.310), Detroit-Mercy (3.308), St. Bonaventure (3.306), Oakland University (3.290), Washington (3.284), Creighton and Wisconsin-Green Bay (3.281), Weber State (3.278), Notre Dame (3.277), Robert Morris

(3.276), Tennessee-Martin (3.261) and Wyoming (3.259).

The OVC was one of eight conferences to have multiple honorees. The America East and Big Sky Conferences each had three representatives on the list.

"It always brings the WBCA esteemed pleasure to recognize women's basketball programs that have not only committed themselves on the court, but academically as well," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "Each of these teams has set a benchmark of success in the classroom among their peers and in the sport."

Among the Lady Eagles' top performers were rising sophomores guard Megan "Penny" Gearheart (Olive Hill, Ky./West Carter HS) and guard/forward Jessie Plante (Windsor, Ontario, Canada/F.J. Brennan HS), who each posted a perfect 4.0 for the entire year and earned the OVC's Medal of Honor. Along with Gearheart and Plante, four others, graduated senior guard Haley

Gilmore, plus rising junior guard/forward Shermeca Howard (Dayton, Ohio/UNC Wilmington), and sophomores guard/forward Natalie Collins (Indianapolis, Ind./Franklin Central HS) and center Patti White (Cincinnati, Ohio/Purcell-Marian HS) also were recognized on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Gearhart, Gilmore, Howard and Plante each earned a perfect 4.0 in the fall semester. White and Collins joined them on the MSU Dean's List that semester. In the spring, Gearhart and Plante again earned a 4.0, and were joined on the Dean's List by Collins, Gilmore, Howard, White and graduated senior LaKeta "Red" Wales.

Morehead State opens its campaign at home with an exhibition contest against the Blue Chip Legends on Monday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m., and then the regular-season at home against Wright State on Sunday, Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

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Deer

reproductive cycle of deer. Whitetail bucks are capable of breeding from late summer when their antlers first attain maximum growth and harden until late winter to early spring when their hormonal levels change and their year's antlers are shed.

Yet, it's the girls of the species who really determine the rut timing.

Adult doe deer potentially can come into estrus, reach breeding stage, from early fall to late winter. At the latitude of Kentucky, however, the vast majority of does reach that hormonal readiness just about the second Saturday of November, give or take a handful of days.

Scientists say the primary factor in the timing of the deer's reproductive cycle is the photoperiod, the length of daylight. The declining sunlit hours of autumn days trigger the hormonal changes, and the photoperiod is the same year after year.

Hunters do notice some variations in the rut timing from secondary factors. Unseasonably warm weather is thought to delay the rut, while

sharp, frosty conditions are generally believed to hasten it.

Yet, biologists say weather more often may affect deer behavior within the context of the rut, possibly shifting more activity to hours of darkness in warmer weather. And all deer may be more active for everyday behavior in cooler temperatures, lower humidities and conditions of lighter winds.

The rut goes on regardless of conditions, and the total response to that biological phase is what is most important to hunters. Beginning in late October and intensifying through middle November, the rut simply increases deer activity. Bucks in particular move about their habitats more and they increasingly are active in daylight hours.

Older, more cautious bucks often are largely nocturnal until hormones send them on forays to seek out potential mates. As the rut surges, areas come alive with buck activity where there seemingly was none previously.

As what many consider the "pre-rut" tuneup period for reproduction approaches, bucks often increase sign-making in

their home territories, creating hoof-scuffed, urine-scented scrapes on the ground and an increasing number of antler-abraded rubs on trees and bushes.

At the height of rut activity, mature bucks may abandon their regular home-range habitats to wander far to shop for receptive does. Trailing and chasing of does ensues when bucks follow their noses and detect a scent of approaching readiness in the females whose paths their travels intersect. Scent signals based on hormones pull their strings.

The firearms deer hunter who's lucky and calculating enough to be in the right place at the appointed hormonal time then may be sitting in a strategic tree stand or ground blind on opening morning of the gun season. That's when a lovelorn buck from two miles across the ridge or three farms over shows up to court the local ladies.

It may be the first time the buck has seen the spot, but his endocrine system sent him on a mission all to the good fortune of the hunter whose sporting life can be regulated to the bodily functions of whitetails.

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just the beginning of a very significant series of joint education seminars over the next few years.

"The Kentucky Horse Park is actively engaged in promoting equine welfare, most recently and notably with the opening of the Secretariat Center located at the park, which seeks homes and second careers for at-risk Thoroughbreds. The Healthy Horses program is an unfeigned extension of Kentucky's vital obligation to assist the horses which contribute so much to our lives and our Commonwealth" said Nicholson.

The AAEP, which is headquartered at the Kentucky Horse Park's National Horse Center, is the world's largest professional association of equine veterinarians. The AAEP's mission is to improve the health and welfare of the horse, to further the professional development of its members, and to provide resources and leadership for the benefit of the equine industry.

"We are very excited to be a part of the Healthy Horses program. AAEP has been heavily vested in education for the horse owner for several years now and the Kentucky Horse Park provides both an ideal setting and a natural partnership for this venture" said David Foley, Executive Director of the AAEP.

For information on the first Healthy Horses seminars at the Kentucky Horse Park in May, contact Dana Kirkland, Owner Education Coordinator for the AAEP at 859-233-0147 or visit their websites at www.aaep.org or www.myhorsematters.com. Registration forms and detailed information will be available next Spring; watch for details.

Coppin State AD Fang Mitchell undergoes surgery

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — Ron "Fang" Mitchell, Coppin State University athletics director and head men's basketball coach, is recuperating from surgery to remove a benign tumor, the college said Wednesday.

Doctors at the University of Maryland Medical Center removed Mitchell's thymus gland, located behind the sternum, which had a fist-sized tumor, on Oct. 19. The coach was released from the hospital on Sunday and has been recuperating at home.

The tumor was discovered this month after Mitchell complained of shortness of breath.

While Mitchell is recuperating, senior associate head coach Don Anderson will run practices. Coppin begins its season Nov. 20 against Kentucky.

Mitchell, 56, is in his 19th season as Coppin's head basketball coach.

Pikeville

Shurtleff scored on a five-yard touchdown run. Pikeville extended its lead when Robinson found the endzone on a touchdown run. Panther quarterback Shurtleff added a 21-yard run before Paintsville struck for its first paydirt.

After faking to teammate Hans Doderer, Paintsville quarterback Daniel Pugh scored on a 44-yard run and Jeff Collett added the PAT kick to give Paintsville its five seven points — its only points — of the first half. Pikeville carried the 21-7 into the break before adding to its comfortable lead in the second half.

After Paintsville stalled on the opening drive of the second half and the third quarter, Pikeville went right back to work. Robinson scored his second touchdown of the game on a five-yard run to put Pikeville ahead 26-7. Shurtleff scored on the two-point conversion following the first score of the second half to put the Panthers

ahead 28-7 with 5:24 remaining in the third quarter.

The opening score of the second half essentially put the Tigers out of the game.

Shurtleff scored again for Pikeville with 2:55 remaining in the third quarter — this time on a 16-yard run. Josh Sullivan carried the two-point conversion in following Shurtleff's first score of the second half and Pikeville led 34-7.

A lone bright spot for Paintsville in the second half was a 95-yard kickoff return by junior T.J. Freno. Pikeville led 44-15 at the end of the third quarter before tacking on a final score in the last period.

The win allowed Pikeville to finish the regular season at 8-2 with a perfect 7-0 District Eight record. Paintsville, following the loss, slipped to 6-4 overall and 5-2 in the district. Both teams are headed to the post-season with Pikeville hosting a game in the first round of the State Playoffs and Pikeville hit-

ting the road in the first week.

Johnson Central falls to Madison Central, ends season short of playoffs

PAINTSVILLE — Johnson Central took the field Friday at home against Madison Central on a night in which final-year football players, athletes and other students were honored as part of Senior Night. The Golden Eagles played from behind against visiting Madison Central for most of the game before taking a lead in the third quarter. But the host team couldn't make it stick. Madison Central, after Johnson Central enjoyed a 30-27 lead at the end of the third quarter, turned up the heat, and the pressure, and a bruising running game, and most everything else. The visiting team held the Golden Eagles scoreless in the fourth quarter and rebounded with a 22-point effort on its way to a 49-30 win. The loss, coupled

with a Clark County win over South Laurel, knocked the Golden Eagles out of a spot in the State Playoffs. Clark County edged South Laurel 21-20.

Turnovers ultimately sealed Johnson Central's fate. The Golden Eagles, coached by Jim Matney, committed five turnovers. Madison Central, which had no turnovers, turned every Johnson Central miscue into a touchdown.

Madison Central led 14-0 at the end of the first quarter. Johnson Central got its first touchdown when quarterback Cory Caudill kept on a three-yard run. The Indians led 21-6 at halftime and looked to be

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building even more momentum early in the third quarter when Johnson Central made its comeback. Johnson Central took and enjoyed its first lead of the game with 2:41 remaining in the third quarter when after Caudill kept and scored on another keeper, Ron Blume added a two-point conversion to put the Golden Eagles ahead 21-20.

Blume and teammate Scotty McCoy, a senior playing his final high school football, each had big nights running the football as Johnson Central ended the season 7-3 and completed a remarkable turnaround from last season's 1-9 showing and two dismal losing campaigns prior to that.

Injuries keeping Bengals' top pick Chris Perry off field

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Two months into the season, the Cincinnati Bengals' top draft pick has contributed next to nothing.

And it's driving Chris Perry batty.

The rookie running back from Michigan has spent much more time in the trainer's room than on the field, tending to a couple of injuries that have made him an afterthought.

"Patience isn't a virtue I have not at all," Perry said. "I guess this is a life lesson. I have to deal with a whole range of emotions, a lot of things."

It's nothing like what he expected.

The Bengals ignored their needs for help on defense and chose Perry with the 26th overall pick. They envisioned the shifty back quickly becoming a complement to power runner Rudi Johnson.

A hamstring injury in the final preseason game sidelined Perry for the season opener, and he didn't play in the next two games, either. Bengals coaches want to make sure he knew who to block on blitzes before putting him in.

Perry finally made his debut in Pittsburgh on Oct. 3, catching two passes for 24 yards. A week later, he caught one pass in Cleveland for 9 yards and carried twice for 1 yard.

Two days before the Bengals' first Monday night game in a dozen years, Perry aggravated strained abdominal muscles during practice and had to miss the game.

"You can't rush Mother Nature," Perry said. "The only thing you can do is delay the process, which I did on Saturday. I've got to be patient. I'm pretty sure I'll get an opportunity when I'm healthy."

The Bengals had expected that to happen long before now. "Chris has been hurt," coach Marvin Lewis said. "There's not much we can do. I have not been displeased

with Chris when he's gotten an opportunity to play and the things he's done."

He's got a role waiting to be filled.

The running back from Michigan is a better receiver than Johnson, so he's a natural fit for third down. The Bengals have been particularly abysmal on third down, converting only 4-of-26 in the last two games.

"I'm not sure when he's coming back, what the timeline is," quarterback Carson Palmer said. "But we could use him. He's so explosive and creates mismatches all over the place."

"You can line him up in the slot and he can run routes. He catches the ball very well and he runs the ball well between the tackles and outside. We can run screen plays with him. He can run any route and catch any ball. So we're definitely hurting for him to get back on the field."

His injury amounted to a second setback for the Bengals, who decided to let Peter Warrick take his place on the active roster Monday. Warrick sat out the last two games with a cracked bone in his lower leg and was used sparingly in the 23-10 victory over Denver, failing to catch a pass.

Warrick also is a valuable third-down receiver, able to shake free for a short reception. With Warrick and Perry hobbled, the Bengals' options are limited.

The Bengals (2-4) weren't sure whether Warrick will be available for a game Sunday in Tennessee. Palmer hopes that the limited appearance against Denver prepared him for a larger role.

"It's great just to have him on the field," Palmer said. "Hopefully he got a little more comfortable because it's been awhile since he's been out there. It takes you a little while to get your feet back under you. So hopefully that was a good game for him to get comfortable and he'll be ready to play this week."

Together at Ringside — Couple shares passion for boxing

by SCOTT HAGERMAN MESSENGER-INQUIRER

OWENSBORO — Most husbands would probably have a fight on their hands if they were as dedicated to boxing as Dan McLellan.

But a binding force in his 17-year marriage to Paula McLellan has been a shared passion for the sweet science.

"It's good to have something in common with your wife, so it hasn't hurt," Dan McLellan said. "But we might spend too much time talking about it."

It was Paula McLellan who initiated the turn of events that has transformed their interest into more than a part-time endeavor.

"I've always been a blood and guts person I guess, just into competitive stuff," said Paula McLellan of how she became enamored with the sport. "So I was talking to the chairman of the Kentucky Athletic Commission at an event here, and he mentioned that a commissioner was going to retire."

Paula McLellan jumped at the chance to join the commission, which oversees all boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts and tough man competitions staged in Kentucky. McLellan acquired letters of recommendation for the position, and in 2000 was appointed by Gov. Paul Patton to fill an unexpired term.

"The chairman assigns where you go, and for over a year I had to go to Paducah every Wednesday for a fight," she said. "And I loved it."

Dan McLellan, 49, also enjoyed the weekly assignments, as he accompanied his wife each week. But after sev-

eral months, he "was tired of just following her around. I became interested in judging."

After reading articles, talking with other judges and attending a seminar, Dan McLellan became a licensed judge in Kentucky. He then became certified through the Association of Boxing Commissioners in 2002 — and is one of two ABC certified judges in Kentucky.

Dan McLellan spent the next nine months gaining experience, including judging several "tough man" fights, before he got his first professional bout. But he felt he was much more experienced than his resume indicated.

"When I watch boxing on television, I'm not watching as a fan, I'm judging," he said. "So I judge hundreds of fights during the course of a year. And it's very good practice. I've learned many things from doing that."

Dan McLellan said concentration is the most important quality for a judge, which he believes is a trait that is enhanced by his work as an optometrist.

"And I don't spend many days not thinking about how I can improve as a judge," he said.

Dan McLellan's dedication hasn't gone unnoticed. Mike Cunningham, chairman of the KAC, had Dan McLellan as a judge the recent Mike Tyson fight at Freedom Hall in Louisville.

"Everybody has to do their first big one at some point," Cunningham said. "Dan was highly qualified and a good judge."

Dan McLellan admits he had a few nerves leading up to the Tyson bout. But once the big day arrived, it was all business.

A glance at drivers in NASCAR's Championship Chase...

by JENNA FRYER
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A glance at the 10 drivers competing in NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup, in order of points standings:

DRIVER: Kurt Busch
CAR: No. 97 Sharpie Ford
CHASE POINTS: First, 6,015
POSITION CHANGE: None
WHAT HAPPENED: Busch is making it look as if the championship is his to lose, scoring a fifth-place finish at Martinsville to give him a top-six or better in all six of the Chase races.
SPEAKING: "Our sponsors are getting excited and the team is definitely feeling a bit closer to things. We're looking at the mechanical side of our equipment and making sure we don't have any of those types of issues because those do hurt you in the championship battle."

DRIVER: Jeff Gordon
CAR: No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet
CHASE POINTS: Second, 5,919
POSITION CHANGE: Plus 1
WHAT HAPPENED: Gordon started 15th at Martinsville, had a poor middle of the race and rallied to finish ninth. Afterward, he learned of the crash of a Hendrick Motorsports plane that killed 10 people, including 24-year-old Ricky Hendrick, who was like

a little brother to him.
SPEAKING: "He and Ricky I'm sure did a lot of things together. I know that will be very difficult. On the other hand, knowing Jeff Gordon, I wouldn't be surprised to see this springing him into running better than they've been running," Jeff Burton said.

DRIVER: Dale Earnhardt Jr.
CAR: No. 8 Budweiser Chevrolet
CHASE POINTS: Third, 5,890 points
POSITION CHANGE: Minus 1
WHAT HAPPENED: Earnhardt had been good at Martinsville in the past, finishing in the top five of the previous five races. But he finished 33rd Sunday, and dropped a spot in the standings.
SPEAKING: "Martinsville was disappointing, but it's behind us now. We're moving on and staying focused on what we have to do, because we can't afford any more slip-ups. We're a resilient team. Nothing keeps us down for too long. Usually after a bad week, we have a good week," Earnhardt said.

DRIVER: Jimmie Johnson
CAR: No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet
CHASE POINTS: Fourth, 5,808
POSITION CHANGE: Plus 4
WHAT HAPPENED: So, perhaps it was premature to write Johnson out of the championship chase. His second consecutive victory vaulted him four

spots in the standings. A hot streak like this could put him back into contention, but like Gordon, he also must get past the Hendrick tragedy.
SPEAKING: "Our relationship with Hendrick Motorsports extends beyond a traditional business relationship. They are a part of our family and remain in our thoughts during this difficult time," Johnson said.

DRIVER: Mark Martin
CAR: No. 6 Viagra Ford
CHASE POINTS: Fifth, 5,791
POSITION CHANGE: None
WHAT HAPPENED: Martin finished 12th at Martinsville, but those in front of him in the standings have generally beaten him ahead of him in the races.
SPEAKING: "We've had some good runs lately, we just haven't been able to get the finish we should have. But hopefully we'll be able to put it all together this weekend in Atlanta and take the car back to Victory Lane," said crew chief Pat Tryson.

DRIVER: Tony Stewart
CAR: No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet
CHASE POINTS: Sixth, 5,769
POSITION CHANGE: None
WHAT HAPPENED: Stewart led 18 laps at Martinsville, but finished 15th. He heads to Atlanta laden with emotion — his helicopter pilot, Scott Lathram,

was killed in the Hendrick crash, and was on board only because he wanted to give Stewart an award for his support of the U.S. armed forces.
SPEAKING: "Scott Lathram was a great friend, a respected employee and one of the best helicopter pilots in the country. He was also one of the most loyal people I've ever met, not just to me and my employees, but to his country," Stewart said.

DRIVER: Elliott Sadler
CAR: No. 38 M&M's Ford
CHASE POINTS: Seventh, 5,760
POSITION CHANGE: Minus 3
WHAT HAPPENED: Sadler finished 32nd at Martinsville, and dropped three spots in the standings.
SPEAKING: "The best thing we can do is to try and put last weekend's performance behind us. We just never hit on the right combination and never could get a handle on things," Sadler said.

DRIVER: Matt Kenseth
CAR: No. 17 DeWalt Tools Ford
CHASE POINTS: Eighth, 5,755
POSITION CHANGE: Minus 1
WHAT HAPPENED: Kenseth had a disappointing day at Martinsville, finishing 16th to lose one spot in the standings. He's hoping to bounce back this weekend at Atlanta.
SPEAKING: "It's a lot of fun to drive

at Atlanta, especially when you have a great handling car. The speeds are fast, but it's fun when you're running up front and that's what we need to be doing on Sunday in order to get some of these points back we've been missing."

DRIVER: Ryan Newman
CAR: No. 12 ALLTEL Dodge
CHASE POINTS: Ninth, 5,749
POSITION CHANGE: None
WHAT HAPPENED: Newman battled with teammate Rusty Wallace for second place over the last few laps, and ended up finishing third.
SPEAKING: "There was a little beating and banging there on the giving and receiving end, but the bottom line was we had some not-so-good pit stops to start with and we had some real good pit stops to end with. We ended the day on the good side, and that was definitely a good thing," Newman said.

DRIVER: Jeremy Mayfield
CAR: No. 19 Dodge Dealers/UAW Dodge
CHASE POINTS: 10th, 5,651
POSITION CHANGE: None
WHAT HAPPENED: Mayfield used good pit strategy to finish sixth in Martinsville, his best finish there since 1996. Still, he's 364 points behind Busch.
SPEAKING: "We needed a good finish like that," Mayfield said.

After mourning period, NASCAR gets back to work

by PAUL NEWBERRY
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HAMPTON, Ga. — The NASCAR family paused for a few days to mourn.

Now it's back to business. The seventh stop in NASCAR's championship chase is Atlanta Motor Speedway, where Kurt Busch will try to extend his lead over Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. at Sunday's Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500.

Not that it's business as usual.

The sport was rocked last Sunday by the plane crash that killed the son, brother and twin nieces of prominent car owner Rick Hendrick. They were traveling to the race in Martinsville, Va., when the team plane slammed into the side of a mountain.

All 10 people aboard were killed, including the general manager of Hendrick Motorsports, the team's chief engine builder, and a pilot for NASCAR driver Tony Stewart.
"There will be a somber feeling to things," said Busch, who holds a 96-point lead over Gordon with just four races remaining. "It's a tight-knit community, and we're all going to be here to support the Hendrick family."

NASCAR and at least one major sponsor cut back on their promotional events during the

week out of respect for the victims. Candlelight vigils were held in North Carolina. But this is a sport that's accustomed to dealing with death, so calling off the next race was never an option.

All of Hendrick's drivers — Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, Terry Labonte and Brian Vickers — will be racing on the high-banked, 1.54-mile oval that usually produces the fastest speeds on the Nextel Cup circuit.

Gordon, already a four-time champion, is the team's best hope for a title in 2004, though Johnson has jumped up to fourth by winning the last two races.

The 26-year-old Busch is clearly in the driver's seat, poised to become the second-youngest champion in NASCAR's modern era. The only driver he can't surpass is Gordon, who was 24 when he won the first of his titles in 1995.

Earnhardt trails by 125 points, while Johnson is a whopping 207 points behind. Everyone behind Busch in the 10-man championship chase needs the leader to have a major meltdown.

For instance, if Gordon wins the last four races and picked up the maximum number of points, Busch could still claim the title by one point if he averaged a fourth-place finish and led only one lap the rest of the way.

Earnhardt's title hopes took

a major blow last week when he got caught up in a wreck and finished 33rd in the Subway 500. But he's always done well in Atlanta.

"Martinsville was disappointing, but it's behind us now," he said. "We're moving on and staying focused on what we have to do, because we can't afford any more slip-ups. We're a resilient team. Nothing keeps us down for too long. Usually after a bad week, we have a good week."

Earnhardt won the March race in Atlanta after a 35th-place finish at Las Vegas the week before — his worst showing of the season. He also bounced back from 19th at California to win at Richmond, and his Bristol victory came just six days after he placed 21st at Michigan.

"It didn't used to be like that, but as we've matured, we've realized we can bounce back from anything," Earnhardt said. "Atlanta is a track we've always been really good at. Every time I go there I feel like I have a chance to win. We did it last time. We can do it again."

Busch will be driving the same Roush Racing Ford that gave him fits at Lowe's Motor Speedway two weeks ago. Despite a fender-bender in practice, a wreck on the first lap of the race and two other close calls, he managed to finish fourth.

"We don't need any off-track excursions and we need to make sure that we make as many laps as we possibly can on the good asphalt and not on the apron like lap one last time," Busch said.

Consistency is the key. Busch has yet to finish lower than sixth in the first six events of NASCAR's 10-race playoff. His background in Atlanta bodes well, too — he won the fall race two years ago during his breakthrough season.

"Atlanta is the fastest race track we go to, but it's one of those tracks where Kurt has won before, so we feel good about our driver this week," crew chief Jimmy Fennig said.

Despite their generation gap — Fennig's career goes all the way back to Bobby Allison — there seems to be good chemistry between the temperamental young driver and the old-timer in his ear.

"He's the veteran crew chief that I have to listen to, but any idea that I bring up, he's willing to listen to me as well," Busch said. "It takes that good team communication to know what it's going to take to build these cars, what it's going to take to race them, and the mind-set going into each race."

Of course, it's still a little early to celebrate.

"We can't get ahead of ourselves," Busch said, "because we still have four to go."

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throughout the night by the inability to move the football and Prestonsburg wouldn't need long to capitalize on Warrior mistakes.

Blackburn scored the second of his four touchdowns on a 13-yard run at the 2:39 mark of the first quarter and after the Seth Moore extra point, Prestonsburg led 14-0.

After an East Ridge turnover, Prestonsburg needed only three plays to tack on another score from Brenton Hamilton and the cats led 21-0 with 11:31 left in the first half.

Trevor Compton's 38-yard run set up the Hamilton touchdown in the drive. East Ridge took the next possession and marched to the P'burg 20 yard line before the drive stalled.

The Warriors attempted a 37-yard field goal off the foot of senior Paul Deese, but a Prestonsburg defender got a hand on the kick and Compton caught the kick and raced 95 yards for another Blackcat touchdown.

Prestonsburg took a 28-0 lead with 6:14 left in the first half and never looked back. David Shaffer connected with Kyle Ousley on a 10-yard touchdown pass late in the first half to give the Cats a 35-0 lead.

Blackburn's four-yard touchdown run with :38 left in the first half gave Prestonsburg a 42-0 lead at the half.

On Prestonsburg's first possession of the second half, Blackburn

race 50 yards for another score to give the Cats a 48-0 lead. Corey Tinchler added a score late in the game to up the score to 55-0, and a Wes Woods safety in the fourth quarter made the final score.

Prestonsburg got a big game on the defensive side of the ball from Tyler Hamilton, Billy Joe Hicks, Brenton Hamilton, John Mark Stephens and Shaffer. Prestonsburg finished the regular season with an overall mark of 8-2. The Blackcats will be at home to host Leslie County in round one of the State Playoffs on Friday. Kickoff is set for 7:30.

JV: P'burg 14, East Ridge 0

by JAMIE HOWELL
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PRESTONSBURG

Thursday evening saw the final junior varsity game of the 2004 season for Prestonsburg and the Blackcats would come away with a 14-0 win over East Ridge.

Prestonsburg scored early on a 31-yard touchdown pass from Bobby Hughes to Lincoln Slone to take an 8-0 lead.

Prestonsburg led 8-0 at the half and tacked on a score with 2:00 remaining in the third quarter on a one-yard keeper from Bobby Hughes.

The touchdown drive was set up by a 30 yard run from



The McDowell girls' basketball team and Little Dazzlers competed in this week's C-team tournament.



This past week, Chelsie Tuttle played her final grade school basketball game. Tuttle, a sixth-grader at McDowell, scored nearly 200 points this season and helped lead her team to a 12-4 record.



EXTREME SPORTS: San Jose to host event on first action sports circuit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE, Calif. — San Jose's HP Pavilion will host one leg of the first nationwide action sports tour set for 2005, organizers announced Wednesday.

The Dew Action Sports Tour will feature a season of competition in skateboarding, BMX, freestyle motocross and other alternative sports. The well-bankrolled circuit is an attempt to generate more attention and money for sports without a traditional competitive structure.

San Jose will host the tour's fourth stop from Sept. 7-11, 2005. The tour, which will be partly televised by NBC, also will visit Louisville, Ky.; Denver; Portland, Ore.; and Orlando.

Organizers expect more than 100,000 fans at each stop, generating at least \$20 million for the local economy. More than 20 towns submitted bids for the five tour stops.

"Our community will embrace this event, because it will generate excitement downtown, provide a real boost for local businesses, and provide terrific television exposure worldwide," San Jose mayor Ron Gonzales said.

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Friends remember pilot killed in Hendrick plane crash

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — The former Kentucky state trooper who died in a Hendrick Motorsports plane crash was remembered by friends and neighbors as a man who never met a stranger.

Friends said Scott Latham's love of talking and of people helped him in his work as a state police trooper and later as a helicopter pilot for NASCAR driver Tony Stewart.

Latham, 38, was killed Sunday afternoon when the plane in which he was riding crashed into a foggy mountain-side in Patrick Springs, Va., about seven miles from Martinsville. The plane, owned by Hendrick Motorsports, was carrying 10 people to the NASCAR Subway 500 race at the Martinsville Speedway.

"I still find it hard to believe," said Eddie Jarvis, Stewart's business manager and a Paducah native. "Tony is just devastated. He really liked him."

Latham retired as a state trooper last year, and called flying for Stewart a dream job, said Greg Hultman, who helped Latham get the position with Stewart.

Latham's uncle, Harmon Latham, said Latham drove to North Carolina over the weekend and planned to fly Stewart's helicopter to Martinsville to present the racer with an award for supporting employees in the military. The foggy conditions forced Latham into riding on the plane with other members of the team.

Latham had spent the past 14 years in the U.S. Army Reserve and was about to deploy to Iraq. He was with the 8th Battalion, 229th Attack Helicopter Regiment, a unit of Apache helicopters based at Fort Knox.

Latham is survived by his wife of 17 years, Tracy, and three children: Zachary and Eli, 16, and Ally, 13.

His immediate family requested no interviews with the media but issued this statement:

"During this very tragic time, we are so grateful for the outpouring of support. We covet your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for us in earnest. Scott was a strong, committed Christian man who loved God and each of us fully. It touches us to see that he also made an impact on so many people in the region and in this nation.

"There is a giant hole in our lives. But we will lean on God and his grace to fill us up. As we mourn our loss, we also extend sincere condolences to the Hendrick family and others who lost loved ones. We will continue to pray for them as we know they are praying for us."

The news of Latham's death hit many in the community hard.

Marshall County High School assistant principal Russell Palmer lives next door to the Lathrams and has known Scott Latham since he was a child.

"He's never met a stranger and never did anything but try to help someone," Palmer said. "It's an attribute of his. It's

something that we will desperately miss."

Latham graduated from Marshall County High School in 1984. He joined the military to learn how to fly helicopters, recalled Trooper Barry Meadows, a longtime friend and member of Latham's state police cadet class in 1989.

"Scott could do anything," Meadows said. "When he set his mind to it, when he had a goal, he somehow always managed to achieve that goal. He was a very, very intelligent guy."

Livingston County Sheriff Tommy Williams remembered when Latham first wanted to become a state trooper. After working days as a dispatcher, he would spend nights riding with Williams, who was a trooper at the time. Later as a trooper, Latham was assigned to Livingston County for a time.

"He was just always fun to be around," Williams said. "He always had a smile."

Information from: The Paducah Sun, <http://www.paducahsun.com>

No. 22 Virginia Tech 34, Georgia Tech 20

by PAUL NEWBERRY ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Bryan Randall threw for 304 yards and two long touchdowns in the fourth quarter as No. 22 Virginia Tech, stifled much of the night, rallied for a 34-20 victory over Georgia Tech on Thursday.

Randall threw an 80-yard scoring pass to Eddie Royal with 5:28 remaining, then completed another pass for the tying 2-point conversion.

Randall wasn't done. On the Hokies' next series, the quarterback ran for 32 yards, then connected with Josh Morgan on a 51-yard TD with 3:10 remaining.

Josh Minor went 64 yards with an interception return in the final minute, capping a 25-point fourth quarter for the Hokies (6-2, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Georgia Tech (4-3, 3-3) scored two touchdowns less than a minute apart in the second quarter for a 14-0 lead. But the Yellow Jackets couldn't hold it, their highly ranked defense falling apart in the final period.

After giving up a total of 265 yards in its two previous games, the Yellow Jackets were burned for 446 yards by Virginia Tech.

Much of it came in the last quarter.

Travis Bell kicked his second field goal, a 34-yarder with 5:44 remaining that gave the Yellow Jackets a 20-12 lead.

On the very next snap, Virginia Tech went all the way to the end zone. Randall spotted Royal standing alone along the sideline, the result of blown coverage when Georgia Tech safety Dawan Landry was lured away by the tight end. Royal caught the ball at the 50, cut back across the field and went all the way to the end zone.

Needing a 2-point conversion to tie, Randall rolled right and, with two defenders in his face, heaved a desperation pass to Richard Johnson, who was all alone for the catch that made it 20-14.

But Virginia Tech wasn't

done. After the Yellow Jackets went three-and-out, Randall pushed the Hokies near mid-field with his long run, then caught Georgia Tech on a corner-back blitz.

Morgan ran right by safety James Butler and hauled in the pass on the run at about the 35, cruising the rest of the way to put Virginia Tech ahead for the first time all night.

Minor, a second-string corner-back, picked off two passes by Reggie Ball in the final 2 1/2 minutes. He took the second one all the way to the end zone, stunning the Yellow Jackets one last time.

On a foggy night in downtown Atlanta, the Hokies survived a wacky game. There were seven turnovers, all sorts of botched plays and plenty of wasted opportunities.

Ball inexplicably ran out of the back of the end zone in the third quarter to give Virginia Tech a safety. The Hokies had to settle for a field goal after having first-and-goal inside the Georgia Tech 1.

Turnovers set the tone in the first half.

Randall fumbled deep in Georgia Tech territory, while P.J. Daniels lost the ball twice on the Hokies side of the field.

After Daniels' second fumble, Randall gave the ball right back with an ill-advised pass over the middle that was picked off by Butler and returned to the Hokies 39.

Finally, someone took advantage of a turnover. Ball threw a 27-yard pass to Nate Curry, then hooked up with Calvin Johnson in the back of the end zone for a 9-yard touchdown.

Virginia Tech couldn't even get its offense back on the field. On the ensuing kickoff, Royal was hit from behind and fumbled the ball away, with Jamal Lewis recovering at the Hokies 28.

Ball completed a 15-yard pass to Darius Williams, then Daniels redeemed himself for the fumbles with a 13-yard scamper around left end to give the Yellow Jackets a two-touchdown lead, the scores coming just 46 seconds apart.

Cards picked to win Conference USA title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Led by the Conference USA Preseason Player of the Year selection Francisco Garcia, Louisville is the men's basketball



Francisco Garcia

coach's preseason favorite for the second straight year to win the 2004-05 C-USA

regular-season crown.

Garcia, a 2003-04 C-USA All-Conference First Team selection and the 2002-03 C-USA Freshman of the Year, is Louisville's top returning scorer (16.4 ppg) and assist man (4.68 apg). Garcia became only the 15th player in the Cardinals' storied history to score at least 800 points in their first two years.

Garcia makes his second consecutive appearance on the preseason squad, along with senior guard Travis Diener of Marquette. Diener was a First Team All-Conference pick last season after averaging a Conference-best 18.8 points and 6.03 assists per game, while shooting 88 percent from the charity stripe and 45 percent from three-point range.

Two other 2003-04 All-Conference First Team selections, Memphis sophomore Sean Banks and Charlotte junior Curtis Withers, also received a nod on the preseason team. Banks was the 2003-04 C-USA Freshman of the Year, ranking second in the league with 17.4 points per game and first in Conference games with a 20.3 ppg average. Withers is the Conference's top returning rebounder, averaging 9.5 per game, and posted 16 double-doubles (the NCAA's fourth-best total).

Rounding out the 2004-05 Conference USA Preseason All-Conference Team is Cincinnati's Jason

Maxiell, who led the Bearcats in scoring (13.6) and rebounding (6.9) last season, while shooting 50 percent from the field. This is the 6-7 forward's third consecutive selection to the preseason all-conference team. All five members of the C-USA Preseason All-Conference team are also on the preseason watch list for the 2005 John R. Wooden Award.

Memphis and Cincinnati ranked second and third, respectively, in the coaches poll. Charlotte came in fourth, followed by UAB and DePaul. Marquette and Saint Louis, who both earned postseason bids to the NIT, rated seventh and eighth. TCU is hoping to get over the .500 mark and was selected ninth by the coaches. Southern Miss was picked 10th, followed by East Carolina, Tulane, Houston and USF.

Last season, Conference USA produced a league-record six NCAA Tournament teams, with UAB advancing to the Sweet Sixteen. Additionally, two teams participated in the National Invitation Tournament.

Memphis will serve as host city for the 2005 Conference USA Tournament, March 9-12 at the new state-of-the-art FedEx Forum. The first round and quarterfinal games will be carried on ESPN2 and ESPN Plus, while the semifinals will be carried on ESPN. The championship game is slated for Saturday, March 12 at 11:45 a.m. EST on CBS.

2004-05 CONFERENCE USA COACHES PRESEASON POLL

1. Louisville (11)	192
2. Memphis (2)	172
3. Cincinnati (1)	171
4. Charlotte	148
5. UAB	136
6. DePaul	122
7. Marquette	120
8. Saint Louis	93
9. TCU	88
10. Southern Miss	65
11. East Carolina	55
12. Tulane	41
13. Houston	29
14. USF	25

(#) designates first place votes

Prestonsburg Junior Basketball to hold meeting

Another season of junior basketball has arrived and Sunday afternoon, an organizational meeting will be held at Adams Middle School at 2 p.m. Any coaches that wish to return this season need to be in attendance at the meeting. Signups are scheduled to take place the week of Nov. 1-6. Contact Jamie Howell at 886-

9797 for further information. Any parent that is interested in coaching or helping with concessions work should attend the meeting.

Note: A complete recap of the Floyd County C-Team Girls' Basketball Tournament and a look at next week's A-Team Tournament will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Robby Gordon won't return for RCR

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WELCOME, N.C. — Robby Gordon said Tuesday he will leave Richard Childress Racing at the end of the season with the intention of racing for his own Nextel Cup team in 2005.

RCR will name Gordon's replacement today.

"Now is the time for me to start my future as an owner at NASCAR's highest level," said Gordon, who was co-owner of a short-lived Cup team in 2000 with John Menard and Mike Held. Gordon then drove for several teams in 2001 before winding up with Childress and winning the season-ending race at New Hampshire. That victory earned Gordon a full-time ride with RCR.

Gordon, who has run a part-time Busch Series schedule this year with his own team, said he has been putting the pieces in place for a Cup team for most of 2004.

"We don't have anything to announce yet for next season," he said. "We hope to make some announcements soon."

Gordon and Childress both said the parting is amicable, although the owner put the former open-wheel racing star on probation after he started an accident at New

Hampshire in September that seriously damaged the championship hopes of title contenders Tony Stewart and Jeremy Mayfield.



Robbins

"He has won three points races, a qualifying race at Daytona and has had a lot of good runs for RCR since 2001, but sometimes change is good," Childress said. "Robby is a true racer and I will always be grateful to him for what we've been able to accomplish together and for the positive things he brought to our organization."

Going into Sunday's race at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Gordon is 23rd in the season standings.

Tennessee picked to repeat as SEC champions

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Defending national champion Tennessee was picked to win the Southeastern Conference title again by league media.

The Lady Vols drew nine first-place votes while LSU received the other two in voting by media covering SEC basketball media days Thursday.

LSU's Seimone Augustus (five votes) edged Mississippi State's Tan White (four) as the preseason favorite for player of the year honors. Tennessee's Shyra Ely received two votes, and all three were unanimous selections as All-SEC first-teamers among the 11 voters.

Vanderbilt's Carla Thomas and LSU's Temeka Johnson rounded out the first team, receiving seven and six votes, respectively.

No second-team was selected. Here's the predicted finish for SEC teams with first-place votes in parentheses and total points:

1. Tennessee (9), 13
 2. LSU (2), 23
 3. Vanderbilt, 47
 4. Georgia, 42
 5. Auburn, 66
 6. Florida, 70
 7. Mississippi, 80
 8. Mississippi St., 80
 - * 9. Alabama, 101
 - * 9. Arkansas, 101
 11. Kentucky, 112
 12. South Carolina, 123
- * Denotes tie

Bengals save their pride and season in one night

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Now that they've won their first Monday night game in a dozen years, are the Cincinnati Bengals capable of something even more unexpected?

Chad Johnson is convinced of it.

Shortly after the Bengals saved face and their season with a 23-10 victory over Denver, the receiver who made it happen was asked if his last-place team is capable of another playoff run.

"Yes," he said, without hesitation or elaboration.

There is a precedent, though it may not apply.

The Bengals were 1-4 — the same as last season — when they pulled themselves together for their first "Monday Night Football" appearance since 1992. Johnson led the way with seven catches for 149 yards, repeatedly beating Pro Bowl corner-back Champ Bailey.

The Bengals are still languishing at the bottom of the AFC North, but they're no longer a lost cause.

Same as last season.

Cincinnati crawled out of an identical start in coach Marvin Lewis' first season by winning six of its next seven games, moving up to 7-5 and a first-place tie with Baltimore. The Bengals stayed in contention until the final week, finishing two games behind the Ravens at 8-8.

"We were 1-4 last year and we bounced back," Johnson said. "We were 1-4 this year and we bounced back."

They did it once, why not again?

Well, the schedule is much more daunting. The final three road games are in Baltimore, New England and Philadelphia.

And the Bengals (2-4) have yet to prove they're anything more than a creation of prime time television. Their two victories are 16-13 over Miami at home on Sunday night, and the upset over Denver at home on Monday night. In their four day games out of the national spotlight, they've looked half-asleep.

Maybe they're just nocturnal.

"We're pretty good at night," quarterback Carson Palmer said. "The atmosphere is just unbelievable. You could tell that Cincinnati wanted a Monday night game for a long time. We really fed off of them. It was crazy all night long. The intensity they brought really kind of propelled us through this game, especially defensively."

Palmer's 50-yard touchdown pass to Johnson got the Bengals ahead, but it was the defense that kept them there. One of the league's lowest-ranked units had two interceptions, forced a fumble, got three sacks and kept the Broncos (5-2) in check for most of the night.

For the first time since that Sunday night win, the defense played like something important was at stake.

It was.

"We had our backs to the wall, we're playing on national television, it's early in the sea-

son and we're 1-4," linebacker Brian Simmons summed up. "It feels good, but keep in mind we're only 2-4. There's no reason we can't play this way every week."

There's a chance to get back to respectability before they hit the roughest part of their schedule. The next three games are against teams currently faring no better: at Tennessee (2-5), at home against Dallas (2-4) and at Washington (2-4).

They'll need to take advantage of that opening. Unlike last season, the Bengals have a lot of ground to make up. They trail first-place Pittsburgh by three games and are 0-3 in division play, so the tiebreakers are working against them.

However it turns out, they'll take solace in knowing they didn't let down a city that was worried about another national embarrassment. Cincinnati hadn't hosted a Monday night game since 1989, when the Bengals were coming off a Super Bowl season. They hadn't even appeared in one since 1992 because they've been so bad.

The pregame dread was palpable. So was the postgame relief.

When Lewis walked into the interview room and didn't get a question immediately, he smiled and said, "I thought you guys were speechless."

He knew what everyone was thinking, including his players.

"It's a big, much-needed victory for our football team and the city of Cincinnati," Lewis said. "I am very proud of our guys."

Bengals just as desperate for victory as Titans

by TERESA M. WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Marvin Lewis stood on the sideline in August 2003 watching Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher and thinking that one day his Cincinnati Bengals would look just like the Titans.

Lewis' wish has come true — just not how he imagined.

His Bengals (2-4) visit Tennessee (2-5) on Sunday with the winner keeping hope alive that an injury-plagued season can be salvaged.

Cincinnati hopes to carry momentum from a victory in its first Monday night game since 1992, but the Bengals must prove they can survive an emotional game in a short week.

"I hope our guys realize now what we need to do to play winning football week in and week out," Lewis said.

Bengals cornerback Deltha O'Neal expects nothing less from his teammates after their 23-10 upset of the Broncos.

"We're at the bottom of our division, we're at the bottom of the list in the NFL and we've just got to keep fighting and not think about next week (or) we're going to trip and fall again," O'Neal said.

A similar sense of desperation hangs over the Titans, who didn't expect to be looking for their first home victory this season on the final day of October. After all, this team has won 56 games over the past five seasons, with four playoff berths.

"It's kind of a state of emergency around here," Titans All-Pro linebacker Keith Bulluck said. "We have to go into this game like it's our last one."

Tennessee hasn't lost as many players for the season as Cincinnati has (11), but the Titans have 14 players on the injury list and they have lost five of their past six games.

The last time they played Cincinnati, they held Corey Dillon out of the end zone in the final minute for a key victory in their rebound from a 1-4 start in 2002 to the AFC championship game.

Fisher insists a similar run remains possible — if they start Sunday.

"We have to win a game, and we have to win a game at home, which

we haven't done this year," he said.

Beating the Bengals would be a nice way for Tennessee to slide into the bye week, when it can heal up a handful of players for the stretch run.

That includes Titans quarterback Steve McNair, who is listed as questionable after bruising his sternum for the third time in five weeks. The Bengals have been McNair's favorite target, and his 20 touchdown passes are the most against any team.

Backup Billy Volek could make his second start this season if McNair decides to rest and heal up this nagging injury. The Bengals will believe the NFL's co-MVP of 2003 sits only when they see him on the bench Sunday.

"It's two teams that are

extremely hungry for a win," Cincinnati quarterback Carson Palmer said. "Steve realizes that, and the coaches realize that, so we're expecting him to be in there."

The Titans might have the edge if Chris Brown can run with a sore left big toe that had him in a walking boot this week. He is third in the NFL with 663 yards rushing, and the Bengals allow a league-worst 152.4 yards per game.

Tennessee has to prove it can hold onto the ball after seven interceptions in the past two games, with three by Volek in last week-end's 20-3 loss at Minnesota.

Bulluck said the Titans can help themselves by giving their patient fans something to cheer

early, providing some much-needed emotional energy.

"Honestly, it's not fair to them. We know we can play better football. We don't go out and do it, especially at home. We have to give one of those stellar performances. If it's not now, I don't know when it's going to be," he said.

Pro Bowl receiver Chad Johnson, who had one of the best games of his career to beat Denver, knows what a victory would mean for Cincinnati, which has lost eight of the past nine in this series.

"It would be big," he said. "Every game from this point on would be big. Everyone sets goals to get to Jacksonville, and this is where it starts."

Palmer looks good when he gets a little help

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Carson Palmer stared right at John Lynch, freezing the Denver safety in the middle of the field, then turned to his left and let it fly to a wide-open target.

Chad Johnson caught the ball in stride and went into the end zone untouched, putting the Cincinnati Bengals ahead to stay in their most eagerly awaited game of the season.

Finally!

Palmer had a breakout game on the NFL's biggest stage Monday night, leading the Bengals to a 23-10 victory that got him and his team back on track.

"Going into it, there was a lot of pressure on us to win that game because it was the first Monday night game in Cincinnati (in 15 years) and the fans had been waiting so long," Palmer said. "So to get a win, it was kind of like getting a monkey off your back and relieving a lot of stress and pressure."

Much of it was on Palmer, though the novice quarterback never showed it.

After an impressive debut in New York against the Jets — 18-of-27 for 248 yards and two touchdowns — his first year as a starter took a pronounced downturn.

The Bengals are 2-4 with Palmer near the bottom of the league in passing. Most of it isn't his fault — a lousy defense has forced him to throw too often to try to catch up, and a balky running game has put too much pressure on the kid quarterback.

Worse, some fans were starting to wonder about him because of what rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was doing in Pittsburgh — leading the Steelers to a 5-1 record and first place in the AFC North.

The difference is that Roethlisberger — who attended nearby Miami University — has gotten a lot of help from a solid defense and running game. Instead of having to win games by himself, he only had to play a part.

It hadn't been that way in Cincinnati until Monday night, when a national audience saw what he could do with a little help. Palmer was 12-of-21 for

198 yards with one interception and two 50-yard completions to Johnson, one of them for that tone-setting touchdown.

"He really has done well," coach Marvin Lewis said. "We haven't done enough around him to help him."

The biggest assist came from the defense, which was one of the league's worst heading into the game. For the first time all season, Palmer had the luxury of a halftime lead.

It was so much easier than playing catch-up.

"You don't have to press, you don't feel like you have to make certain plays in certain situations," Palmer said. "You know when your defense is playing that way, you can take a sack once in a while. You don't have to force it in there."

The biggest change on offense was that Palmer's receivers got a lot of man-to-man coverage for the first time all season. Whenever the Broncos blitzed, Palmer let it fly.

Johnson beat cornerback Champ Bailey for seven catches, including the two 50-yard plays in the first half.

"We haven't had the long game happen like that because of the way teams have played us," Palmer said. "That's the first time Chad has had one-on-one coverage for the majority of the game, and that's when you take your shots downfield."

Given the results, it's probably the last time Johnson gets single coverage. He hopes that Palmer continues to throw deep when he gets pressure.

"I think after Monday night it was a sign to him and to my coaches that we can be aggressive as far as the play calling, no matter who is out there," Johnson said. "It is all about building trust, and I'm sure I built trust Monday night."

Palmer got excellent reviews for the way he handled himself, but was much harder in his self-assessment. The Bengals had five trips inside the Denver 20-yard line but managed only three field goals.

"I didn't feel that I played very well," he said. "As far as it being my coming-out game, I definitely hope it's not because I can play much better."

Clark scores regional doubles win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — University of Louisville sophomore Damar Johnson advanced to the round of 16 in the main draw, but was edged by Western Michigan's Jose Orozco 6-3, 6-7(6), 6-4 Sunday in the Wilson/Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Regional Championship.

The doubles team of junior Johnny Berrido and senior Mark Kennedy defeated D.J. Geatz and Brian Lipinski of Minnesota, but lost to Iowa's Kyle Markham and Brett Taylor 8-6 in the round of 16.

Junior Jeremy Clark, a Stanville native, and sophomore Slavko Radman teamed to beat Western Michigan's R.K. Bacalla and Alex Mirchmeier 8-

2 in the second round, but were edged by Ohio State's Scott Green and Dennis Mertens 9-8(6) in the round of 16.

Johnson and Octavian Nicodim fell to Indiana's Ryan Recht and John Stone 9-7.

"Having a singles player and two doubles teams qualify for the round of 16 of the Midwest Regional is a good indication of future success," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarma. "We hope to build on these individual results in the spring season. Both of our doubles teams were brand new and performed well in their first event."

Damar Johnson almost had a breakout type of tournament. We felt he had the potential to make it to at least the quarterfinals, but to reach the round of 16 is a great accomplishment."

Red Sox just another team now with deep pockets and a shiny new trophy

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — So what if there was a lunar eclipse.

And so what if Johnny Damon, looking as if he just walked off the set of "The Passion of the Christ," sent the fourth pitch of the night rocketing through the dark blue sky and out of the park as an omen of things to come.

And so what if they came back from where no other team had ever come back before, against the "Evil Empire" no less, and they scored so often with two outs in an inning against the mighty Cardinals that it seemed as if the word "clutch" was invented for such an occasion.

The Boston Red Sox are just another baseball franchise now, backed by deep-pocketed owners willing to do whatever it takes to win a World Series. They are like the Florida Marlins the first time they won a title, or the New York Yankees — except the Red Sox have won 20 fewer of those.

But at least there's this much to be said for Boston finally exorcising a century's worth of demons:

Now, nobody will be waving those photos of Babe Ruth and his Mona Lisa-like smile in the faces of fans from that fine town, and the rest of us can quit worrying whether his piano really rests at the bottom of a lake in Sudbury, Mass.

Now, Bill Buckner, Johnny Pesky, Grady Little, Bob Stanley, Bill Lee, Calvin Schiraldi and who knows how many other mostly blameless souls stuck with a bad rap can go back to answering the phone at home without cringing first.

And now, we can go back to talking about teams whose fans really are cursed, namely the Chicago Cubs and White Sox. Unlike fans of the Red Sox, their teams rarely have been close enough during the decades-long droughts to break anybody's hearts.

For all the things that hap-

pened in Boston this season, there was actually very little mystery about it.

Statisticians can explain any championship away in the cold light of probability, and psychologists will tell you the repeated inability to deliver in the clutch is simply a very human failure to deal with pressure and the burden of heightened expectations.

Of course, the longer such droughts continue, the easier it becomes to forget a very basic fact: Success in any endeavor, no matter how often or how little it graces a particular athlete or team, is the exception rather than the norm. Winning is, and always will be, a happy confluence of talent, timing, resources and luck.

And the Red Sox had all those in abundance. Maybe luck most of all.

The one deal that whiz-kid general manager Theo Epstein couldn't seal, bringing Alex Rodriguez to Boston in the off-season, would have cost the team Manny Ramirez and blown up the roster.

The one deal Epstein did pull off against the advice of all New England, shipping local hero Nomar Garciaparra to the Cubs, shored up the defense and started the Red Sox on a roll that didn't end until their stunning sweep of the Cardinals, the team with the best regular-season record in baseball.

Surprising? Hardly. Much closer to a miracle, given the economic reality of modern baseball, was when the Marlins won it all on a shoestring budget last year, or when a team like the Tampa Bay Devil Rays or Milwaukee Brewers wins it next year.

That won't happen, at least not if Epstein has anything to say about it. Moments after the last pitch was thrown and commissioner Bud Selig handed the shiny trophy over to owners John Henry & Co., Epstein stood on a podium in the Red Sox taking a champagne shower.

"To all the Red Sox fans," he said. "We'll do it again next year."

And so they might.

Epstein could be the sharpest GM in the business, and he's backed by a checkbook every bit as fat as George Steinbrenner's. Now all he has to do is figure out which of Boston's 18 free agents he can't afford to lose, sign them and find replacements for the ones who wind up walking.

It's the same high-wire act that has caused his Yankees counterpart, Brian Cashman, to tear out his hair over the past 10 years or so. Still just 30, Epstein has plenty to spare.

The funny thing about it, however, is this: For all the railing they've done against the pinstriped Death Star just down the Eastern seaboard, the plucky Red Sox suddenly look an awful lot like the Evil Empire North.

What remains to be seen is whether their long-suffering fans will settle for anything less. Enduring heartbreak was the biggest chunk of the legacy passed on from one generation of Red Sox Nation to the next, and that's been cut out of the equation.

Loving a loser is a lot easier on the nerves than expecting a winner year in and year out. But that's the deal the devil just made with the Red Sox.

"I think it will be different," Epstein said. "I don't think it will be any worse. I think it will still be fun to be a Red Sox fan."

It certainly was on the greatest night in Boston's long and tortured baseball history. It ended with the players gathered at home plate in Busch Stadium passing the trophy around and a few thousand fans who made the trip to St. Louis lingering in the stands chanting, "Thank you, Red Sox!"

And if this thought didn't sink in at the moment, it will soon enough: Hearing those same chants at the end of next season is going to require some serious work.

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WALKER ON FOOTBALL: Titans' plan to avoid rebuilding is unraveling

by TERESA M. WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Six hours before kickoff, doctors removed Shad Meier's appendix, leaving the Tennessee Titans with only one healthy tight end: rookie Ben Troupe.

That forced coaches to scrap all plays with two tight ends, a staple of the offense, and drop plays specially designed for Troupe to use his physical skills and minimize his inexperience.

After the last-minute changes, the Titans lost for the first time to the team that replaced them in Houston, the Texans.

"Every week, there's something wrong injury-wise, and it's very frustrating," Steve McNair said.

The Titans thought they could sneak under the salary cap this year, rely on the draft to restock the roster and avoid the rebuilding other teams in similar situations faced.

So much for those plans. Now the franchise that entered 2004 tied for most wins since 1999 is trying to salvage a season that started with Super Bowl dreams and is being undermined by injuries and inexperience.

"It's kind of a new situation for us," coach Jeff Fisher admitted.

General manager Floyd Reese took over this franchise in 1994, forced to rebuild a playoff team torn apart by the NFL's new salary cap. He watched his Houston Oilers go 2-14 that season.

Since 1995, Reese and Fisher have worked with a simple philosophy: build through the draft, identify a core of top players each season, let pricey veterans leave and rely on the coaching staff to teach the youngsters.

The strategy led to a 56-24 record from 1999 to 2003, with an AFC championship and

playoff berths in four of the five seasons.

But the Titans, crunched by the cap, made too many wrong moves this offseason, and they are paying for it.

They let Jevon Kearse and Robaire Smith leave for big money in Philadelphia and Houston, respectively, and tried to replace them by drafting five defensive linemen.

Kearse now has four sacks in Philadelphia and has been a defensive catalyst in the Eagles' 6-0 start. His Tennessee replacements have been so ineffective Fisher had to switch Kevin Carter back from tackle to end.

The Titans also traded receiver Justin McCareins to the New York Jets for a second-round draft pick. But that pick, defensive end Travis LaBoy, sat out the first three games with injuries before getting two sacks last weekend in a 20-3 loss at Minnesota.

Reese did replace retiring tight end Frank Wycheck by resigning Erron Kinney and Meier. But the Titans released their all-time leading rusher, Eddie George, leaving a leadership vacuum that has yet to be filled.

George's replacement, Chris Brown, has been the only bright spot on offense, but now opponents are game-planning to stop him.

And there's all the injuries. Outside linebacker Peter Sirmon tore left knee ligaments on the third day of training camp, becoming one of four Titans lost for the season. Four others have missed at least one start. They had 14 players on the injury report last week, forcing them to play two rookies on the offensive line — with McNair already banged up.

They also can't stop hurting themselves. The Titans have the second most penalties in the NFL, 53, and only Oakland has more

yards in penalties (462-432). Pro Bowl receiver Derrick Mason yanked off his helmet in anger after a late incompletion in the Oct. 17 loss to Houston. Right tackle Fred Miller wiped out a key fourth-down conversion at the Minnesota 2 by pushing Kenechi Udezue for what he thought was a late hit last Sunday.

But even then, Tennessee might not be 2-5 for the first time since Fisher's first full season in 1995 if McNair was healthy enough to carry the offense.

Hobbled by a bruised chest that put him in the hospital last month and has forced him out of three games, McNair has only shown flashes of the quarterback who was the NFL's most accurate passer in 2003. McCareins has been missed, and McNair hasn't been able to stretch the field with 6-foot-4 speedster Tyrone Calico out for the year (left knee). That leaves defenses double-teaming Mason and the remaining receivers either running the wrong route or dropping the ball.

McNair just wants to rest and heal up, and the Titans should let him do just that with their bye sandwiched between home games with Cincinnati (2-4) and Chicago (1-5).

When the Titans started 1-4 in 2002, Fisher ordered some veterans to answer questions from the media during his weekly news conference. That team rebounded and played in the AFC championship game.

This year, Fisher hasn't publicly criticized anyone, staying busy keeping players from pointing fingers. He is the picture of optimism.

"I don't think you can do them justice by having a different expectation," he said.

Well, maybe. But the team's scouts might want to get ready for the Titans' highest draft pick in a decade.

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850-Personal

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Prestonsburg Housing Authority has developed its Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review on November 1,

2004, at the Authority's office located at 12 Blaine Hall Street, Prestonsburg, KY. The Authority's office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In addition, a public hearing will be held on December 15, 2004, at 6 p.m., at the Authority's office. If special accommodations are needed, call Prestonsburg Housing Authority at least 72 hours in advance at 606-886-2717.

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Notice to Customers of Kentucky Power Company
Proposed changes to the System Sales Tariff

Please take notice that on October 25, 2004, Kentucky Power Company (KPCo) filed with the Public Service Commission in Case No. 2004-00420 an Application pursuant to Chapter 278 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes for approval of a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement dated October 20, 2004 between KPCo, Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc. and the Office of the Attorney General, Office of Rate Intervention. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement resolves outstanding state regulatory issues, including the allocation of environmental costs associated with sales to non-associated companies, the filing by KPCo of its next Integrated Resources Plan and the extension until December 7, 2022 of the Unit Power Supply Agreement between KPCo and AEP Generating Company for 195 MW of Rockport Unit No. 1 and 195 MW of Rockport Unit No. 2. The application also seeks authorization for KPCo to amend its System Sales Clause Tariff (Tariff SSC) for customer bills rendered on and after November 29, 2004. KPCo is requesting the Commission to approve the proposed changes to the Tariff S.S.C. to reflect the provisions of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement dated October 20, 2004. Tariff SSC governs the allocation of the net revenues from off system sales and the changes, if approved, will allow KPCo to apply the provisions of the tariff as amended to all customer bills rendered on and after November 29, 2004. The full terms and conditions and the ratemaking formula of Tariff S.S.C. are set out below.

Tariff S. S. C.
(System Sales Clause)

APPLICABLE
To Tariffs R.S., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D., S.G.S., M.G.S., Experimental M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., O.P., C.I.P.-T.O.D., C.S.-I.R.P., M.W., O.L., and S.L.

RATE
1. When the monthly net revenues from system sales are above or below the monthly base net revenues from system sales, as provided in paragraph 3 below, an additional credit or charge equal to the product of the Kwhrs and system sales adjustment factor (A) shall be made, where "A", calculated to the nearest 0.0001 mill per kilowatt-hour, is defined as set forth below.
System Sales Adjustment Factor (A) = (.5(Tm - Tb)/Sm) + RF + B A F
In the above formula "T" is Kentucky Power Company's (KPCo) monthly net revenues from system sales in the current (m) and base (b) periods, "R" is the additional revenues associated with the Settlement Agreement in the current (m) period and "S" is the Kwh sales in the current (m) period, all defined below.
2. The net revenue from American Electric Power (AEP) System deliveries to non-associated companies that are shared by AEP Member Companies, including KPCo, in proportion to their Member Load Ratio and as reported in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts under Account 447, Sales for Resale, shall consist of and be derived as follows:
a. KPCo's Member Load Ratio share of total revenues from system sales as recorded in Account 447, less b. and c. below
b. KPCo's Member Load Ratio share of total out-of-pocket costs incurred in supplying the power and energy for the deliveries in a. above.
The out-of-pocket costs include all operating, maintenance, tax, transmission losses and other expenses that would not have been incurred if the power and energy had not been supplied for such deliveries, including demand and energy charges for power and energy supplied by Third Parties.
c. KPCo's environmental costs allocated to non-associated utilities in the Company's Environmental Surcharge Report.
3. The base monthly net revenue from system sales are as follows:

Billing Month	Base Net Revenues from System Sales (Total Company Basis)
January	\$ 895,960
February	767,802
March	893,126
April	1,036,738
May	1,085,852
June	1,324,166
July	1,027,403
August	1,154,184
September	912,736
October	731,014
November	624,320
December	862,035

4. The Revenue Factor (RF) will be determined in accordance with the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement dated October 20, 2004 in Case No. 2004-00420. The Revenue Factor will be based upon KPCo's additional annual revenues of \$5.1 million per year (for the first five years) and \$6.2 million per year starting January 1, 2010, until the effective date of the Company's next base rate change, where these amounts will be removed from the system sales clause schedule and included in a new KPCo tariff separate from base rate calculations.
5. A Balancing Adjustment Factor (B A F) will be calculated on a per KWH basis for the second through the twelfth months of the current recovery year, which reconciles any over- or under-collection of additional revenues from prior periods. The B A F will be determined by dividing the difference between amounts which were expected to be collected and the amounts actually collected from the application of paragraph 4 of this tariff from the previous year by the expected Kentucky retail jurisdictional KWH. The final B A F will be applied to customer billings in the second month following the effective date of a Commission's order establishing new base rates.
6. Sales (S) shall be equated to the sum of (a) generation (including energy produced by generating plant during the construction period), (b) purchase, and (c) interchange-in-less (d) energy associated with pumped storage operations, less (e) inter-system sales and less (f) total system losses.
7. The system sales adjustment factor shall be based upon estimated monthly revenues and costs for system sales, subject to subsequent adjustment upon final determination of actual revenues and costs.
8. The monthly System Sales Clause shall be filed with the Commission ten (10) days before it is scheduled to go into effect, along with all the necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments which shall include data and information as may be required by the Commission.
9. Copies of all documents required to be filed with the Commission under this regulation shall be open and made available for public inspection at the office of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

The changes to Tariff S.S.C. contained in this notice are proposed by KPCo. The estimated effect of the proposed changes to Tariff S.S.C. for a residential customer using an average 1,000 kWh per month would increase a customer's bill by \$1.40 or approximately 2.7 percent. However, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may order changes to Tariff S.S.C. to be different from the proposed changes. Such action may result in a change in the system sales clause amount for customers to be different than the system sales clause amounts in this notice.
Any corporation, association, body politic or person by motion filed on or before December 3, 2004 with Public Service Commission may request leave to intervene in Case No. 2004-00420. That motion shall be submitted to the Kentucky Public Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.
Intervenors may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Power Company at 101 A Enterprise Drive, P.O. Box 5190, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-5190, attention Errol K. Wagner. A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection at KPCo's district service buildings located at Ashland, Hazard and Pikeville.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase II release on Permit Number 836-5432, Increment 1, Increment 2 and Increment 3, which was last issued on 2/18/02. The approximate acres for increment 1 is 17.00, Increment 2, is 16.00 and Increment 3 is 44.4.

The operation is located 2.0 miles northeast of Hippo in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 miles northeast from Prater Fork Road and

KY 850 and located 0.25 miles south of Turner Branch. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The bond now in effect for 836-5432, Increments 1 is \$12,600, Increment 2 is \$18,600 and Increment 3 is \$17,400. Remainder of the bond is being requested. Reclamation work performed includes, grading and seeding completed on Increment 1 11/10/94, Increment 2 is 11/10/94 and Increment 3 is 11/10/94. Written comments, objections and requests for public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow,

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by December 20, 2004. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on December 21, 2004. The Department for Natural Resources, Floyd County Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by December 20, 2004.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Darryl G. Hamilton and Brenda K. Hamilton, 310 Rt. 680, P.O. Box 100, McDowell, KY 41647, hereby declares intentions to apply for a Retail Beer license no later than

November 1, 2004. The business to be licensed will be located at 9707 Ky. Rt. 122, McDowell, Kentucky 41647, doing business as Hamilton's McDowell Stop and Shop. The owners; principal officers and directors; limited partners; or members are as follows: Darryl G. Hamilton of 310 Rt. 680, P.O. Box 100, McDowell, Ky. 41647, and Brenda K. Hamilton of 310 Rt. 680, P.O. Box 100, McDowell, Ky. 41647. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of

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Senate candidates continue tours around state

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Daniel Mongiardo called on eastern Kentucky's Democratic Party faithful on Wednesday to help defeat Republican U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning, while the incumbent also worked to rally supporters.

"We have an opportunity to elect the first senator from eastern Kentucky," Mongiardo said during a campaign stop in Pike County, a Democratic stronghold and home of former Gov. Paul Patton. "We have got to have a big vote out of eastern Kentucky."

On Thursday, Bunning was in Madisonville, joined by U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, and U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield. He tried to capitalize on support for President Bush, who has strong support in western Kentucky.

"If you're going push Bush-Whitfield, you might as well push Bunning, so I can help George W. Bush lead the free world and help him keep this country on course — we don't want to veer to the left and

that's exactly what John Kerry would do to this country if he were elected president," Bunning said.

Some 75 Mongiardo supporters, including former first lady Judi Patton, crowded into a courtroom in the Pike County Courthouse for a rally Wednesday afternoon. Paul Patton, who hasn't been publicly active in politics since leaving office, did not attend.

The former governor, who had planned to run for the Senate before an extramarital affair ended his political career, has helped with campaign fundraisers.

"I'm glad to have his support," Mongiardo said.

Also Wednesday, ads by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee began running in Kentucky, attacking Bunning as being "out of touch."

The ad shows video from last week when Bunning told reporters: "Let me explain something: I don't watch the national news, and I don't read the paper."

The ad is part of the

\$800,000 worth of television time the committee purchased recently to help Mongiardo.

"Maybe Jim Bunning missed the news about 79,000 kids with no health coverage when he voted against children's health care," a voiceover on the ad says.

Meanwhile, Dan Allen, a spokesman for the Republican National Senatorial Committee, said his committee has put in about \$450,000 to help pay for two pro-Bunning television ads running in Kentucky.

"The Senate Democrats talk about Kentucky being a sleeper race but ultimately this is going to be another nightmare for them, because ultimately the team of Senator Bunning and President Bush are going to prevail and the Democrats are going to come up empty," Allen said.

Two of Mongiardo's state-house colleagues traveling with Bunning on Wednesday kept up personal comments about Mongiardo, who closed a double-digit lead by Bunning to six points in a poll published Sunday.

"I served with Dr. Dan — let me tell you he is not a gentleman," said state Sen. Elizabeth Tori, R-Elizabethtown. "I'm not even sure the word 'man' applies to him."

Those attending the Bunning rally laughed and applauded the remark.

State Senate President David Williams referred to McConnell and Bunning as a "one-two punch" in Washington.

"We don't want to trade that one-two punch for a limp wrist," Williams said, repeating comments he made earlier in the week on the Bunning tour. Asked to explain the remark, he has said he meant no sexual connotation.

"It's apparent that the Jim Bunning campaign in the final week is a gutter campaign, a campaign of sleaze and smear,"

said Mongiardo campaign manager Kim Geveden. "These are just more outrageous smear attacks by a candidate and a campaign that is desperate and on the ropes."

On Thursday, Bunning noted for a Hopkins County crowd of about 50 that he narrowly lost that county and the 1st District in the 1998 election when he defeated Scotty Baesler.

"We're going to win next Tuesday but we can't take it for granted," Bunning said.

Mongiardo was in eastern Kentucky on Wednesday and was bringing his campaign to Lexington and Louisville on Thursday. In Pikeville, he touted coal as an alternative that would help the United States rid itself of dependence on foreign oil. He also promoted a plan to help small businesses insure

their employees.

"There are over 600,000 Kentuckians without health insurance, and it's time to do something about it," Mongiardo said.

Mongiardo said he wants to provide tax relief that will allow small businesses to recover up to half of the cost of employee health insurance. He said he also wants to help small businesses leverage lower costs for health insurance by allowing them to participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

Associated Press writers Kimberly Hefling in Madisonville, Brett Barrouquere in Elizabethtown and Nancy Zuckerbrod in Washington contributed to this report.

Governor has reinstated voting rights to 214 convicted felons

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Since Gov. Ernie Fletcher changed requirements for felons to have their voting rights restored, 214 applications have been approved, the governor's general counsel said.

However, a group opposing Fletcher's changes said Wednesday that the administration was effectively suppressing votes with its new rules.

Heather Roe Mahoney, of the Democracy Resource Center in Lexington, claimed the administration's new policy was preventing more than 700 felons from voting in next week's election.

"This is an injustice," Mahoney said. "It is an assault on our democracy."

Under the new requirements, implemented in June, Fletcher's administration requires felons to supply three character references and an explanation why their voting rights should be

reinstated.

Fletcher's general counsel, John Roach, said the new policy was not overly burdensome and ensures that only people who have fulfilled their sentences and paid restitution are allowed to vote.

"This is a process that allows the people that truly deserve to have their civil rights restored restored," Roach said. "But it also allows us to actually make sure that they're worthy of having their civil rights restored."

The state constitution leaves it up to the governor to reinstate people's voting rights after they are convicted of felonies.

Former Gov. Paul Patton's policy was to approve applications, provided that applicants completed their sentences and made full restitution. Felons had to apply for reinstatement, then parole officers would verify the sentences were completed. Local prosecutors also were given an opportunity to object.

Now, applicants have to submit references and the written

explanation after their initial applications. That information is forwarded to prosecutors for their opinion.

Since Fletcher took office, 1,082 people have filed initial applications for voting reinstatement, Roach said. Of those, 319 have submitted explanations and references, and Fletcher has reinstated voting rights for 214 people, Roach said.

So far, the administration has not heard back from 747 people after receiving an initial application, Roach said. Meanwhile, 28 requests have been held in abeyance for various reasons, including some where felons had not paid full restitution or where local prosecutors raised concerns, Roach said.

Mahoney, however, estimated 705 felons were not being allowed to vote because of the administration's policy. While some were reinstated by Oct. 4, the cutoff to register to vote for next week's election, others weren't reinstated weren't until after that date, Mahoney said.

Letters

protection (And, KEA would not protect me!) from the daily taping of the hidden cameras, the hidden recordings that were made at the unscheduled conferencing, the harassment of volunteers or staff who were sent to the library, and the sabotage of my equipment as I tried to set up

lessons and teach the children. But, thank goodness, by contacting Mickey McGuire, I finally managed, at least, to protect the children and me from the cold!

In closing, I wish to state that I believe Jody Mullins, Mike Vanderpool, and Mike Harris

will show the same commitment, devotion and concern for the students' personal welfare and educational needs in the Floyd County Schools that Mickey McGuire has already shown.

Sharon Allen Firebaugh
Royalton

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Kerry good for U.S.

As a citizen of Missouri (another "battleground state") I am appealing to each of you to stand up and vote for John Kerry on Nov. 2 for the good of the entire country.

President Bush seems more concerned about the profits of pharmaceutical corporations and insurance companies than the health of average Americans.

Millions of hardworking Americans are either unprotected

or covered by substandard health-care plans because of rising insurance and prescription costs.

I have seen this first hand when my daughter has called to tell me she cannot afford the cost of her antibiotic prescription and when my own emergency room co-pay has doubled in 2004 rising to \$100.

The prescription drug plan so widely hailed by the Bush administration has had little effect on the plight of the elderly. Many older people tell me that in reality the plan is of no assistance to them. Others say they see little real savings.

Innocent children and our retired citizens are denied

healthcare because the cost is too high!

We need an administration that truly cares about the health care needs of Americans.

John Kerry and John Edwards have a plan to address soaring health insurance premiums for Americans. Their plan will lower family premiums, cut waste from the system and lower the cost of prescription drugs. They will work to ensure that healthcare is not just a privilege for the wealthy, but affordable for all Americans.

Please join me in supporting John Kerry for president.
Marilyn Hughes
Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Kerry would destroy conservative Christianity

Dear France and all the other countries who would not support America in this Gulf War,

It is without question that you have blatantly forgotten that it was the U.S. that was attacked without warning on Sept. 11, 2001. It was our people, who had never engaged Osama bin Laden or Saddam Hussein, who died in the Pentagon and the Twin Towers. It was our people who worked side by side with people from your country (who also died in the attacks of 9-11), but somehow you do not care or else you have forgotten.

Many of you hate America and our president because of the presence of conservative Christianity in America, a practice that is less in power than

you believe. In truth, many Americans hate conservative Christianity, too. I write this letter to tell you we are changing as fast as we can and if John Kerry gets in office we will move even faster.

Let me explain. I believe that you will not have to wait much longer because it is a very likely possibility that President Bush represents that last vestiges of a Christian leader we will ever have in our executive branch. I tell you truthfully that if John Kerry is elected next week, in time we will become more like you.

Just give him four years and we will let down all guards against the sanctity of marriage and allow homosexuality to spread rapidly through America, because it will become a required subject taught in our schools.

Just give him four years and we will reinstate the practice of teaching the "benefits" of abortion in our schools and soon we will kill more children in the name of "women's rights" than China will kill in forced popula-

tion control.

Just give him four years and morals will no longer be the fighting force of America's conservative Christians because they will pass hate legislation that will keep Christians from preaching publicly at all. And, you will like this best of all, after awhile many who call themselves Christian will turn the conservative Christians in.

Just give him four years and we will create millions of babies in laboratories and kill them all in the name of research.

But people of France please be consoled, if President Bush is reelected, then wait just four more years and one you can really get behind will get into the office. Hillary Clinton is waiting in the wings and the best and brightest liar that has ever held the office of president is waiting behind her so he can get into power again. Just wait a little while and America will become the pansy you have always hoped for us to be. We will be just like you.

Randell Reno
Prestonsburg

Replacing Stumbo would be a mistake

I am writing to respond to two political ads for Mike Vanderpool who opposes incumbent Carol Stumbo in District 4. One of the ads was a plea from Shirley Vanderpool, Mike's mother. Mrs. Vanderpool was my favorite teacher at McDowell. I respect her tremendously and I admire her for supporting her son. But I strongly disagree with her.

Mike Vanderpool said he

would be a candidate that is accessible and willing to work with parents, teachers, students and the community. Carol Stumbo has done this for five years.

Carol Stumbo taught at McDowell High School, Alice Lloyd College and Wheelwright High School. She has served as the director of Region Eight Education Center and was available to assist teachers in any way possible. She has always spoken out for teachers and was a leader of the Floyd County Education Association.

Carol has never faltered in her support of Floyd County children. She is interested in raising test scores as well as the quality of education our children receive. Now that she has retired, she volunteers in the

county schools and attends many of the extracurricular activities in her district.

She has received both state and national honors for her teaching skills. She has been appointed or elected leader of various organizations because of her administrative skills. She has spent 38 years as an educator.

If the people of District 4 choose to unseat Carol Stumbo, they will be making a grave mistake. She has the education, the experience, the ethics and the passion needed in a board member. She encourages parents and students to speak out about their needs. She has welcomed comments and suggestions from them. What more can we ask of a board member?

Christine Stumbo
McDowell

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