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briefs

Court weighs parole violation

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Daniel Hatfield, 27, of Allen, had a hearing Friday in circuit court to explore whether he violated the terms of his parole.

Hatfield was serving his parole after an April 2003 incident when he ran from Allen Police Officer James Burke. Burke had come upon Hatfield as he was stopped outside the Dollar General store to make repairs on his car. The officer headed towards him thinking he needed help and was surprised when Hatfield, clutching an open alcoholic beverage, bolted. Burke caught up with him but Hatfield pushed him off and fled into a private residence.

Hatfield was charged with alcohol intoxication, possession of an open beverage in his vehicle, disorderly conduct, giving a false name and fleeing a police officer.

Hatfield admitted to an alcohol abuse problem when he pleaded guilty to the charges and was ordered into treatment. However, he left the state last month and never reported that fact or that he'd been arrested in

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Today Mostly sunny High: 83 • Low: 57

Tomorrow Partly cloudy High: 83 • Low: 59

UNITE responds to spending charges

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

SOMERSET — Operation UNITE came under fire last week when a report on salary increases for the drug fighting unit were made public in an article published in The Mountain Eagle.

Blackey residents Dean and Nina Cornett petitioned several offices for

financial records for UNITE and were shocked when the results finally arrived. More than half of the budget granted to UNITE by the federal government will go to salaries of UNITE officers.

UNITE first came to be when U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers was looking for answers to the rising levels of prescription drug abuse in Kentucky. The agency, which stands for "Unlawful Narcotics Investigation,

Treatment and Education," is given the charge of tackling the problem through multi-pronged approach.

UNITE responded to the allegations by publishing a breakdown of its salaries compiled by the accounting firm of Wilson and Company and challenged the information published in The Mountain Eagle.

According to that record, the top salary at UNITE goes to Executive Director

Karen Engle, who receives \$105,000. The lowest salary is \$30,000, which goes to detectives in the organization. The response also challenged allegations that no funds were awarded to drug prevention and treatment programs and claims that the agency has administered a \$1.2 million contract to establish drug

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9/11 MEMORIAL



photo by Tom Doty

Members of the military and law enforcement community looked on solemnly Friday as the flag was lowered following a memorial service for the victims of Sept. 11 at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Fallen remembered, everyday heroes praised

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Overcast skies did little to dispel the gloom over a small gathering of people Friday on the grounds of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The group came together to commemorate the tragic deaths

of over 3,000 Americans in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The college's president, Dr. George Edwards, led off the ceremony. He pointed out the vast changes inflicted on Americans' everyday lives since the tragedy by saying, "It has changed our economy and our world. Over 3,000 individuals lost their lives that

day." Edwards went to say that Americans must "show our support for those who protect us and keep us safe all year long."

Many of those professionals were in the crowd, with state troopers, firemen, deputies and

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VOTE FRAUD TRIAL

Witness says checks distributed strategically

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — A political scientist testified Friday that campaign workers for former state Sen. John Doug Hays distributed checks strategically to pay drivers to take voters to polls in a 2002 election.

University of Kentucky Professor Phillip Roeder, testifying as an expert witness in the trial of two Eastern Kentucky businessmen charged with illegally channeling money into local political campaigns, said the Hays campaign hired drivers in precincts where he had a strong political base.

Roeder was hired by defense attorneys to show that the Hays campaign had a legitimate purpose for distributing \$50 checks to more than 600 people in his bid for Pike County district judge.

In Kentucky, paying drivers to take voters to the polls is both legal and commonplace.

"Voter transportation is very important," Roeder said. "You have to get the voters to the polls."

None of Roeder's testimony dealt specifically with the two men on trial, Pikeville coal operator Ross Harris and one of his company executives, Glen Turner of Drift. However, it could help a jury of 10 women and five men decide whether the pair was involved in an overall election fraud conspiracy in eastern Kentucky.

Prosecutors allege Harris is the kingpin in a scheme to buy votes from impoverished mountain residents. They allege that Harris illegally funneled money into two campaigns in 2002. Prosecutors claim Harris illegally contributed some \$40,000 to the unsuccessful Hays campaign and that Harris and Turner gave an additional \$25,000 to the re-election campaign of Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome.

The FBI alleged that the contributions were used in a vote-buying scheme disguised as a "get out the vote"

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Floyd Countians gather to remember Kennedy visit

by SIDNEY JANE BAILEY CORRESPONDENT

PRESTONSBURG — It has been 36 years since the War on Poverty began and it has been a hard-fought battle that continues. With that in mind, Floyd Countians gathered at the courthouse Friday to remember and discuss the effects of Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 tour of Eastern Kentucky.

The fiscal courtroom was the scene of

the last stop of a tour devoted to Kennedy's visit. Past stops have included reenactments of Senate hearings Kennedy led which exposed Appalachian poverty to the rest of the world. The stop in Prestonsburg, however, featured historical records of the event and recollections from speakers, as well as a group discussion with the audience.

Many of the participants were on hand

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Historian Loyal Jones fascinated the audience with insights into how what is going on in Appalachia is affecting the current issues in the United States today.

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# Odds and Ends

■ **AIKEN, S.C.** — A robber who used a rusty pitchfork to stick up a bank got away — and so far, finding him has been like looking for a needle in a haystack.

The man, wearing sunglasses and a mask, entered Security Federal Bank Tuesday morning and threatened employees with the 4-foot-long pitchfork. The man took an undisclosed amount of money.

The robber dropped the farm tool as he ran from the bank through a wooded area to a golf course behind the bank, police said.

Bloodhounds tracked the robber to a fast food restaurant parking lot, where police say the man got into a white van driven by a woman.

No customers were in the bank dur-

ing the holdup, and no one was injured.

■ **GREEN BAY, Wis.** — Deputies didn't have to go far to find this marijuana: It was growing right outside their Green Bay headquarters.

Green Bay television station WLUK-TV reported Tuesday that it received a tip and alerted the Brown County Sheriff's Department about the pot in a planter on the south side of the courthouse.

Chief Deputy John Gossage wasn't sure of the plants' identity, but a drug officer confirmed the presence of marijuana.

"Obviously, as a prank, somebody planted this or dropped some seeds into the plants," Gossage said.

The drug officer pulled the six small

plants, which were to be destroyed.

"It's a good thing it was brought to our attention because someone may have realized what it was and could've taken it and used it," Gossage said.

■ **WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)** — New Zealand Finance Minister Michael Cullen seemed to suffer a slip of the tongue in Parliament Wednesday, announcing an interest rate hike by the nation's Reserve Bank a day early.

The Reserve Bank, which is independent of the government, was due to announce a review of its 6 percent benchmark official cash rate Thursday.

Cullen stunned lawmakers in parliament when he referred to why the bank had raised interest rates "today."

Responding to a prepared question from a government lawmaker about reports on the state of the economy, Cullen noted that a National Bank article had observed good news seemed to be everywhere.

He then added, "Although the Reserve Bank raised interest rates today, it did so because growth is so strong."

Cullen immediately backtracked by claiming he was referring to predictions from market economists — all of whom expect the interest rate to rise 25 points to 6.25 percent.

Cullen immediately denied that Reserve Bank governor Allan Bollard had told him of a rate rise.

shop owner is on the spot with city officials who say her dots are a don't.

The officials don't approve of the polka dots she's painted on an oak tree outside her store.

Elle Puritz said she was just trying to protect the tree, as well as spread some good cheer, when she repainted the plain white trunk red, then added dots.

City officials say the splashy paint job violates sign ordinances.

The trunk of the roadside tree had been painted white years ago to make it more visible to cars. When Puritz bought the property in January, she decided to spruce it up.

She chose red paint close to the color of her building, and an arborist gave her

■ WILMINGTON, N.C. — A print

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## Minister's Moment: Prayer times at the schools

by **PASTOR STEVE PESCOSOLIDO**  
COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The gospel writer Matthew records a powerful lesson on

prayer taught by the Son of God. The Lord Jesus says "if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew

17:20 NKJV) Faith is genuine trust in the power of God to bring good into this world. God, the Father, created us. He loves us. Through His Son He saves us. Each day He provides for us. The three keys about prayer are essential though. First, we must ask God for the right things. Secondly, we must believe that He hears us and will help. Thirdly, we must receive the good that He gives. God knows the best ways to do things - like a father or mother who knows much more than a child.

The people of God have a protection and a power in heaven that makes a profound difference here on earth. Our job as Christians is to pray together so that God's power can be revealed here on earth. "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10 NKJV) To this end we are gathering at our schools on two separate

occasions this week to pray for our faculty and students.

Tonight, (Sunday) believers from the First Baptist Church (Irene Cole) will be coordinating Prayer Walks at 8:00 P.M. at these three schools: Prestonsburg High School, Adams Middle School, and Prestonsburg Elementary School. A prayer walk is a time of prayer for the purpose, the people, and the property of a specific location. Prayers inviting the Spirit of God to bless are offered as participants walk around or through the facility. Prayers against the works of darkness are also prayed. This is where faith comes in. As we pray in agreement, we must believe that God is blessing and that the armies of God will confront and overcome the planned works of evil. This basic spiritual warfare is very effective to cleanse and protect places.

The second prayer opportunity will be in conjunction with the national "See You at the Pole" ministry. This Wednesday, September 15th, there will be prayer gatherings coordinated by the Floyd County Ministerial Association at the flagpoles of the same three schools listed above. At 7:30 A.M. groups will gather at these schools to pray again that God would bless and protect the school. If you need more information about each school's meeting, please contact these people:

- For Prestonsburg Elementary: Rev. Steve Williams, 886-1440
- For Adams Middle School: Youth Minister Joey Hawkins, 886-8681
- For Prestonsburg High School: Youth Minister Clayton Case, 454-5301

Clark Elementary School. If you would be willing to coordinate a prayer walk at Clark, please call Dr. Floyd Price at 886-8681. If you would be willing to coordinate the See You at the Pole prayer time at Clark, please contact Rev. Tom Biddle at 886-3335.

Although we don't need to move mountains of rock from our schools, there are obstacles that can trip and trap our students. Thanks be to God, the Spirit of Jesus works to help all who ask for help through these valleys of fear and temptation and these hills of pride and selfishness. The power of true Christian prayer is unmatched by any other power on earth. Jesus said that nothing would be impossible. He makes it possible for us to learn and grow into wise and caring adults. Please consider participating in these events this week.

## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Sept. 12, the 256th day of 2004. There are 110 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Sept. 12, 1609, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into the river that now bears his name.

■ **On this date:** In 1880, author and journalist H.L. Mencken was born in Baltimore.

■ In 1938, Adolf Hitler demanded self-determination for the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia.

■ In 1943, German paratroopers took Benito Mussolini from the hotel where he was being held by the Italian government.

■ In 1944, during World War II, U.S. Army troops entered Germany for the first time, near Trier.

■ In 1953, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier in Newport, R.I.

■ In 1954, "Lassie" made its television debut on CBS.

■ In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy addressed the issue of his Roman Catholicism, telling a Protestant group in Houston, "I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me."

■ In 1974, Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed by Ethiopia's military after ruling for 58 years.

■ In 1977, South African black student leader Steven Biko died while in police custody, triggering an international outcry.

■ In 1988, Hurricane Gilbert slammed into Jamaica, killing 45 people and causing damage estimated at up to \$1 billion.

**Ten years ago:** A stolen, single-engine Cessna crashed into the South Lawn of the White House, coming to rest against the executive mansion; the pilot, Frank Corder, was killed.

**Five years ago:** Under

intense international pressure, Indonesia announced it would allow an international peace-keeping force to restore order to the devastated territory of East Timor. Andre Agassi captured his second U.S. Open title, dominating Todd Martin 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-7 (2-7), 6-3, 6-2. "The Practice" and "Ally McBeal," both created by writer-producer David E. Kelley, were named best drama series and best comedy series at the 51st Emmy Awards.

**One year ago:** In the Iraqi city of Fallujah, U.S. forces mistakenly opened fire on vehicles carrying police, killing eight of them. The U.N. Security Council ended 11 years of sanctions against Libya. Typhoon Maemi slammed into South Korea, killing at least 117 people. Music legend Johnny Cash died in Nashville, Tenn., at age 71.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Irene Dailey is 84. Actor Dickie Moore ("Our Gang") is 79. Actor Freddie Jones is 77. Country singer George Jones is 73. Actor Ian Holm is 73. Actress Linda Gray is 64. Singer Maria Muldaur is 61. Actor Joe Pantoliano is 53. Singer-musician Gerry Beckley (America) is 52. Rock musician Neil Peart (Rush) is 52. Actor Peter Scolari is 50. Actress Rachel Ward is 47. Rock musician Norwood Fisher (Fishbone) is 39. Actor Darren E. Burrows is 38. Rock singer-musician Ben Folds (Ben Folds Five) is 38. Rock musician Larry LaLonde (Primus) is 36. Rock singer Liam Gallagher (Oasis) is 32. Actor Paul Walker is 31. Actor Benjamin McKenzie is 26. Singer Ruben Studdard ("American Idol") is 26. Singer Jennifer Hudson ("American Idol") is 23. Actress Emmy Rossum is 18.

**Thought for Today:** "Nothing strengthens the judgment and quickens the conscience like individual responsibility." — Elizabeth Cady Stanton, American feminist (1815-1902).

## With Love on Grandparents' Day



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# Administration revises state employee insurance premiums

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Many of the new health insurance premiums announced this week for state employees and teachers have been reduced.

Revised totals of what workers and retirees would pay for coverage in 2005 were posted on the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet's Web site Friday morning.

Personnel Secretary Robert Ramsey said changes were made after the governor's budget office took "one final stab" at projections on Thursday.

"We were right on target for what the total program cost was going to be," Ramsey said in a telephone interview. But when the budget office "walked back through the numbers," it was decided that some premium levels for employees were too high.

Cost figures released by Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Tuesday showed most public employees

would pay more through higher deductibles and, in many cases, higher premiums.

Reaction was swift. The Jefferson County Teachers Association called for a statewide teacher strike. Opposition Democrats in the Kentucky House positioned themselves to use health insurance as an issue in legislative elections in November.

Premiums were reduced in two of the plans — the lowest-priced "commonwealth essential" and the benchmark "commonwealth preferred" — taking effect in January for school district and state government employees, retirees and dependents.

Reductions range from \$6 per month for lowest-paid workers to \$47 per month for those in the highest of 10 salary brackets under the "preferred" plan. Cuts in "essential" premiums ranged from \$5 to \$25 in the top five salary brackets.

"I still don't think it's going

to be enough" to change anyone's opinion about striking, said Frances Steenbergen, president of the Kentucky Education Association, of which the Jefferson County teachers are a part.

Reductions were restricted to coverage for couples, families and single parents with children. Single coverage was not affected. Nor was the highest-priced plan, "commonwealth premium."

The state health plan covers 229,000 workers, retirees and dependents.

With reductions, a worker making the state government average salary of just more than \$36,000 — the fifth of 10 salary bands — would pay \$521 per month for family coverage under the benchmark "preferred" plan. The original premium was \$543.

A worker in the top salary band — over \$76,000 — would pay \$546 for the same coverage, down from \$593.

"We appreciate the additional money toward the rates," said Charles Wells, executive director of the Kentucky Association of State Employees. "Unfortunately, the increasing contribution does not cover the cost" of added deductibles and co-insurance fees.

Steenbergen agreed. "Our stance is still that many people are going to be paying increased premiums in 2005 even if they never see a doctor, visit a medical facility or purchase a drug," she said.



With the help of Christian Appalachian Project, Floyd County native Alice Baldrige recently took a trip to Tennessee, where she has wanted to go for some time. Baldrige was able to go fishing and enjoy the scenery on her trip. Baldrige was happy she was able to go and experience a time she thought she might never have.

## RFK

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to talk about the struggles that Kennedy's tour through Appalachia revealed in 1968. Tales of resolute poverty, children going hungry at night, no jobs, homes with no running water or septic systems, education at a minimum, food stamps for a cost and terrible roads were documented by these Senate hearings.

The Floyd County courthouse was the last site to be visited by the performance. Ron Dee Blair, actor, opened the meeting with tales of his encounter with Sen. Kennedy as a young student at what was then Prestonsburg Community College.

"1960-70 was a time that America grew up and it's child-

hood ended" Blair said.

Historian Loyal Jones proceeded to outline all the different programs that had come out of the hearings. He also compared percentages for different counties about the number in 1960 who had an eighth-grade education to the percentages who have a high school education now.

When asked about how this reenactment had impacted the area, Jones replied, "It sure has energized the people today, inspired us. I do think it is worthwhile and parallels what's going on in the United States."

Hearing Congressman Carl D. Perkins voice brought back many memories of a bygone era — a time fraught with hardship

and mental agony for the residents of Appalachia all because of the lack of money and jobs.

John Rosenberg attended three of the performances at Lexington, Fleming-Neon and Prestonsburg and said that he was really impressed with the hearings. He noted that the problems that were addressed then are still around today, but improvements have been made.

Sen. Kennedy's taped voice delivered a resolute, "I'm gonna pledge to you that I am going to work in the Senate to stop hunger in America" and thus the War on Poverty programs began throughout the United States. Four months later Kennedy was killed by an assassin's bullet.

## Memorial

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police officers in attendance.

Former Prestonsburg Fire Chief Larry Adams took over afterwards and spoke of using faith to try to better understand and forgive an enemy who could strike with such brutality. He noted that only through faith could we ever hope to

understand and learn from what our country experienced that day.

"We lost something three years ago, we lost our safety," Adams said. "Move on we must, remember we will."

The solemn event was sparsely attended but several teachers,

students and members of the military were there to play part in the ceremony.

One student standing in the crowd wryly observed that 1,000 Americans have now died in Iraq, with twice that many wounded, and followed by saying, "When will it end?"

## Trial

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effort.

Roeder, who was paid \$7,000 by the defense team to analyzing spending trends in the Pike County election, said he expected to find that Hays worked to get a high voter turnout in areas where his political base is strong. He produced maps to show that was indeed the case.

The largest number of drivers paid to take voters to the polls were in precincts where Hays had gotten the most votes in a previous election, Roeder said.

Roeder said nearly half of the

checks went to precincts in eastern Pike County, where Hays had his strongest base of support. Roeder said he theorized that was an effort to get his supporters to the polls.

"You have to identify the people who are your known supporters, and figure out how to get them out to vote," he said.

Defense attorneys began calling a string of witnesses on Thursday who said they received \$50 checks from the Hays campaign to haul voters to the polls. All said they accepted that money in exchange for their services, not in exchange for

their votes.

Bonnie June Casey of Phelps testified that she would never have accepted a check if was payment for her vote.

"I would have said 'nobody buys my vote,'" she said.

Prosecutors wrapped up their case Thursday after nearly three weeks of testimony.

The trial is expected to take at least another week.

The charges against Harris and Turner are the latest in a string of federal election fraud cases from the region. Hays and seven others are scheduled for trial in October.

## Court

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Pikeville to his parole officer. Both actions violated the terms of his parole and have landed him back into the Floyd County Detention Center.

Judge John Caudill ordered Hatfield back into treatment and

has put off sentencing him until another hearing can be held after completion of the program.

"We have given you a fair amount of breaks. Mr. Hatfield," Caudill said. "I hope you use them."

## UNITE

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courts. \$600,000 is said to be going to other treatment programs but UNITE is limited since its mandate does not give it the authority to engage in construction projects.

The agency also refuted any suspicions that seized drugs and currency are kept by the organization and pointed out that UNITE has infused area law enforcement with \$58,000 in seized funds.

The UNITE response was drafted by Tom Handy, chairman of the board at UNITE, who is a former Laurel County prosecutor and Republican candidate for lieutenant governor.

Handy deplored the original article, as no one from UNITE was contacted before publication. He stressed that point in his response, saying, "[It] shows

there was no regard for the truth."

The accounting firm that handled crunching UNITE's num-

bers failed to include the federal benefits that raise the level of employees earnings by approximately 25 percent.

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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

## Guest View

### 'Do your part when times are tough'

A nurse from Louisville used a little common sense to cut through the sound and fury over the Fletcher administration's plan to rein in the cost of providing health insurance for state employees.

Asked by a reporter to comment on the changes the governor is making in the state's health insurance package, Sandra Houchen said, "Costs are going up and everyone's having to cut back. It's still good insurance. You have to do your part when times are tough."

Health insurance costs definitely are going up; it would be more accurate to say that they are spiraling out of control. Workers in the private sector have been feeling the pinch of rising insurance premiums and higher out-of-pocket medical costs for the past five years.

Government workers cannot realistically expect to be insulated from an economic trend that is affecting millions of American families. However, that seems to be what many state workers do expect, if the strident rhetoric of the leaders of the major state employee unions is any indication.

Charles Wells, the head of the Kentucky Association of State Employees, lashed out at the governor's plan to clean up the insurance mess he inherited from previous administrations. Wells told The Courier-Journal of Louisville, "What we need is a governor that cares about his employees, and we don't have that right now and that's obvious by these devastating benefit reductions and these health-care cost increases."

The president of the Jefferson County Teachers Association went as far as threatening a teachers strike over the health insurance issue.

These comments give no indication of how far Gov. Fletcher went to soften the impact on state employees of a 39 percent increase in state health insurance costs. The governor is using money from an unanticipated boost in state revenues to pick up most of the increased cost of providing insurance for state employees.

Fletcher also gave teachers and state workers a 1 percent pay increase on top of the 2 percent pay hike that went into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year.

The downside for state employees is that many will pay higher premiums and deductibles in a restructured health plan. Fletcher administration officials estimate that about 80 percent of state employees will pay the same or less for health care next year as they paid this year.

But it appears that out-of-pocket costs will be higher for most workers. This is entirely appropriate given that health care costs nationally have risen by more than 45 percent in the past four years.

National surveys show that health insurance premiums for workers at large companies increased by almost 40 percent from 2000 to 2003. Premiums for workers employed by small businesses soared by almost 70 percent.

Against this background, it's difficult to argue with Sandra Houchen's point that state employees still have "good insurance," despite the revamping ordered by the governor.

The typical state worker will pay significantly less for an individual health insurance plan than the typical worker pays in the private sector in Kentucky.

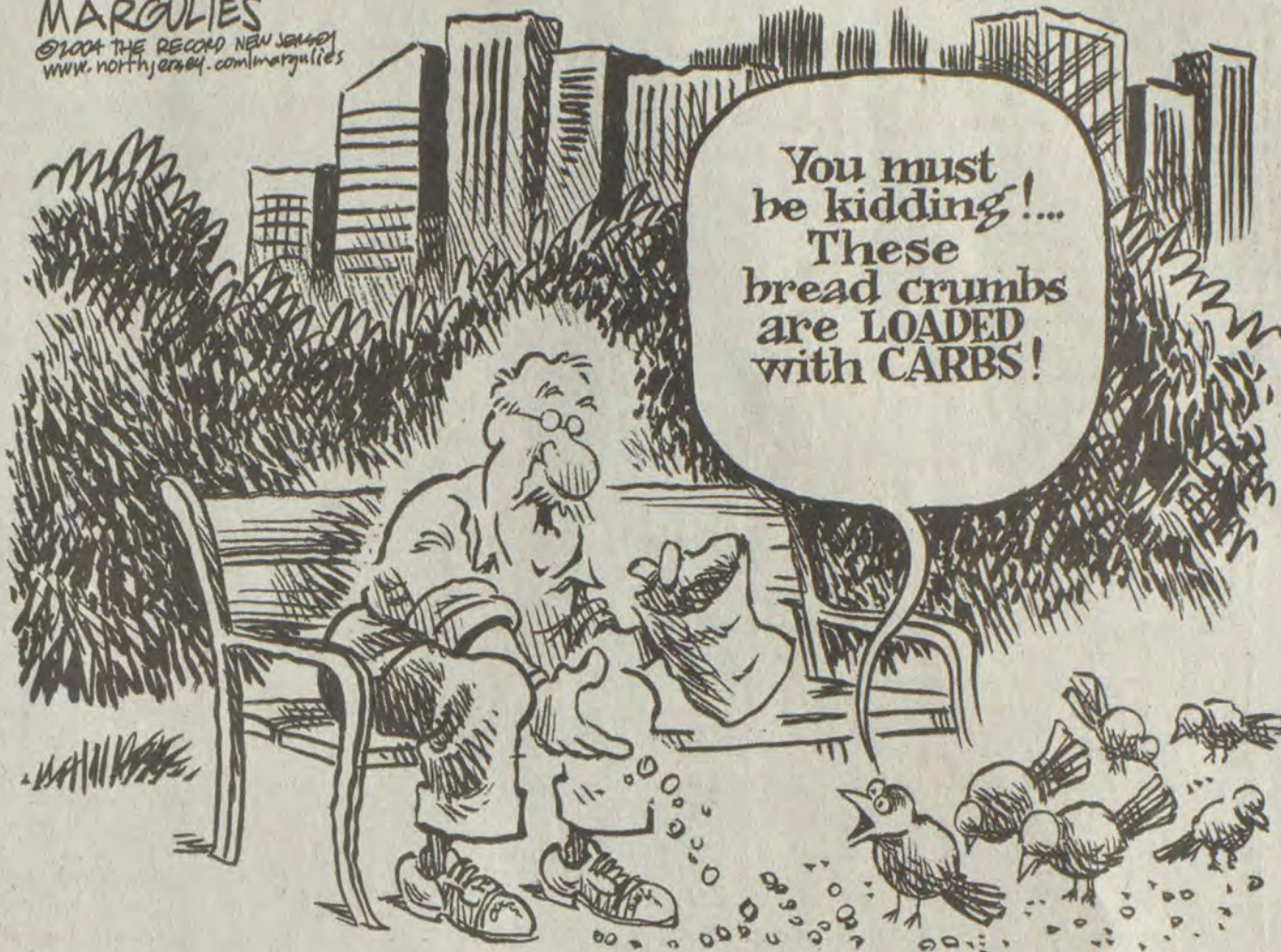
No one likes paying more for health care, but, under the circumstances, state employees are getting a good deal from the governor — and from the taxpayers who pay for the state benefits.

The fact the leaders of the state employee unions are up in arms over relatively modest increases in the cost of health insurance proves that some state workers have an unhealthy sense of entitlement to taxpayer-funded benefits.

Gov. Fletcher should remind these unhappy employees that he represents all the people of Kentucky, not just those on the government payroll.

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### Franks lied?

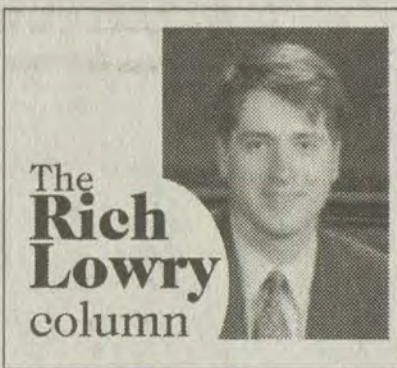
"Bush lied" is still gospel for Bush critics, even though it has become such a tattered article of faith that it is near total disintegration. The faithful want to believe that President Bush made up his charges about Saddam Hussein's WMD capabilities in order to "mislead" the country into war. The latest shredding of this argument comes courtesy of Gen. Tommy Franks' new book, "American Soldier."

Perhaps the true believers should amplify their charge to "Franks lied," since he believed exactly the same thing about Saddam as the president. Actually, to be consistent, the charge would also have to be "important Arab leaders lied" — indeed, "most everyone with some knowledge of Saddam's regime lied," in a conspiracy so vast it included war skeptics and everyone up and down the chain of command of the U.S. military.

Franks recounts a meeting with King Abdullah II of Jordan in January 2003.

Abdullah told Franks, "General, from reliable intelligence sources, I believe the Iraqis are hiding chemical and biological weapons." Perhaps Abdullah, an opponent of Saddam, wanted to bait us into invading Iraq — and so presumably "Abdullah lied."

Franks, however, heard the same thing from skeptics about the U.S. policy of toppling Saddam. Days later, Franks



met with Hosni Mubarak, president of Egypt. Mubarak said: "Gen. Franks, you must be very, very careful. We have spoken with Saddam Hussein. He is a madman. He has WMD —

biologicals, actually — and he will use them on your troops."

Franks worried that the initial U.S. strike against what was thought to be the compound where Saddam and his sons were staying would precipitate a retaliatory WMD strike. This fear of WMD influenced Franks' military planning. It prompted him to emphasize speed: Intelligence said Saddam's "troops

arrayed around Baghdad were holding WMD, and we could expect them to use those weapons as we closed the noose on the capital — unless we got there before the Iraqis were ready."

In their march into Iraq, U.S. Marines discovered Iraqi chemical-biological protection suits and field-syringe injectors filled with a nerve-gas antidote. The "Marines lied?" Brig. Gen. Jeff Kimmons, Franks' intelligence director, told him that one communications intercept from a Republican Guard commander "may be the authorization order to begin using WMD." "Kimmons lied?"

If Franks distorted his military plan around a lie — as the "Bush lied" true believers must think — he shouldn't have retired with high praise, but been court-martialed.

The real liar in all this, of course, is Saddam Hussein, who didn't come clean about his weapons programs in what was likely an effort at strategic deception to cow his opponents at home and deter his enemies abroad. Any moral opprobrium about the Iraq War should attach to him, not the men who tried their best to deal responsibly with him and his regime — even if one of those men happens to be a Republican president of the United States.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

## — beyond the beltway

### The Olympics needs a reality check

by DONALD KAUL

Ladies and gentlemen, it's time to face the fact that the Olympic Games have gotten entirely out of hand.

In the recently completed Games in Athens, the Olympic judges handed out more than 800 medals in 37 different sport categories, 51 in shooting alone. They gave medals for volleyball played in a gym and volleyball played on sand; they gave medals to synchronized swimming and synchronized diving; they gave them for ping-pong and for Tae Kwon Do (which I thought was an entrée in the second column of the menu in my neighborhood Korean restaurant). They gave medals for something called "Rhythmic Gymnastics" and for trampoline — TRAMPOLINE — for crying out loud.

If this keeps up, we're soon going to have an Olympic competition in jumping rope (singles, doubles and team; both men and women).

Enough already. It's time to say that there are certain activities that are fun to do but really don't rise to the level of Olympic competition, which should be reserved for real sports. For openers I would rule out anything you can do in your basement recreation room (ping-pong), in your backyard (trampoline) or that can be significantly improved by the drinking of beer (beach volleyball).

NBC and its many subsidiaries broadcast no less than 1,210 hours of Olympic coverage during the 17 days of the Games. I think we could get by with — oh — 500 or 600, don't you? After all, the major networks only broadcast about an hour-and-a-half of our political conventions. Why is choosing a leader who will fight a war and set the tone of the economy so much less important than making sure we're up to speed on the wonderful world of badminton?

I would also cast a harsh eye on the sports where the competition is a matter of subjective judgment by a panel of judges — gymnastics, diving and, in winter, figure skating. There is never an Olympics where some howler by a judge doesn't rob some deserving soul of what is rightfully his or hers.

This year was no exception. The judges in the men's all-round gymnastics competition apparently forgot how to count and short-changed a South Korean of his gold medal and instead gave it to an American who had fallen clumsily during one of his routines.

I know you can't do away with the judging sports (they get the highest television ratings) but they should explore ways to take them out of the hands of the judges. Maybe putting two guys up on the balance beam at once and seeing who can knock off whom — something like that.

mile mark. What was that about?

By the time the poor runner recovered, he was in third place and he stayed there, winning a bronze medal. I was kind of hoping that they'd tie the guy in kilts to the back of a chariot and drag him around the stadium a few times during the closing ceremonies, it being Greece and all, but it didn't happen.

My proudest moment as an American came when the U.S. basketball team won a bronze medal. I know, everybody was disappointed it didn't take gold like it always does, but the team lost with a lot of class. After its loss to Argentina, the U.S. team's bad-boy star, Alan Iverson, said: "We just couldn't get it done. They were a better team than us."

And later he said: "You need to understand that first and foremost, it's an honor to be selected to this team ... And honestly, it's something that I will cherish, even without winning the gold medal. I feel good about being part of something like this."

And if that isn't the Olympic spirit, it'll pass for it in twilight. The Games are enjoyable, but they could do with some editing.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email him at donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

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## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Pearl Jane Marsillett, 81, of David, died Sunday, September 5, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Mary Dealie Bentley, 89, of Banner, died Sunday, September 5, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

■ Josephine DeRossett Robinson, 85, of Martin, died Thursday, September 2, at St. Joseph Hospice Care Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Patty Lynn Combs Curry, 39, of Martin, died Tuesday, September 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Robert Curry. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Juanita Hall, 58, of Galveston, died on Wednesday, September 8, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Edgar Cantrell, 72, of West Liberty, formerly of Johnson County, died Tuesday, August 31, at St. Clair Medical Center, in Morehead. He is survived by his wife, Charlene King Cantrell. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 4, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Lottie Short Conley, 81, of Thelma, died Tuesday, August 31, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 2, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Vera Helen Jasper Nelson, 83, of Lexington, formerly of Van Lear, died Saturday, September 4, at St. Joseph Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 11, at 10 a.m., under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home.

■ Evelyn Callihan, 51, of Flat Gap, died Tuesday, September 7, at U. K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 10, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Clifford Ray Ward, 60, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, September 7, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Margie Vanhoose Ward. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Elzie Kestner, 87, of Hager Hill, died Sunday, September 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Alliene Beatrice Blair Kestner. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Myrtle Carter Maynard, 87, of McCarr, died Friday, September 3, at the home of her daughter, Edna Slone. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 6, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Madison Paige Meade, two-month old infant daughter of Brandi L. Williamson and Brad D. Meade, of Cardington, Ohio, died Wednesday, September 1, at Children's Hospital, in Cardington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 5, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Billy Sullivan, 74, of Good Shepherd Community Nursing

Center, a native of McAndrews, died Wednesday, September 1, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 4, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services.

■ Dallas Keith Thacker, 37, of Dry Fork of Red Creek, died Friday, September 3, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Kelly Lynn Salyers Thacker. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 6, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Johnny Jeff Thacker, 57, of Joes Creek Road, died Friday, September 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Vivian Thacker. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 6, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Elsie Harper Ashcraft, 74, of Ypsilanti Township, Michigan, formerly of Pikeville, died Saturday, September 4, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Frank Ashcraft. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 8, under the direction of Janowiak Funeral Home.

■ John St. Clair Cline III, 68, of Pikeville, died Monday, September 6, at Pikeville Medical Center. Private burial services were conducted under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Mary Sue Dotson, 65, of Sidney, died Saturday, September 4, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Don Dotson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 8, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

■ Nadine King Kimberlain, 78, of Ratliffs Creek, died Sunday, September 5, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 8, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Edgar Little, 69, of Otisville, Michigan, formerly of Virgie, died Sunday, September 5, at his home. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, September 11, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Mae May Maynard, 85, of McAndrews, died Tuesday, September 7, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 9, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Tracy Slone, 37, of Road Creek, died Monday, September 6, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 9, under the direction of J. W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Margie Adkins Spears, 71, of Canada, died Monday, September 6, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Homer Spears. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 9, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Mary Lou Tilley, 61, of Swords Creek, Virginia, formerly of Pike County, died Sunday, September 5, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Tom Tilley. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 6, under the direction of Honaker Funeral Home. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, September 7, at the Bent Ridge Cemetery, in Zebulon. Burial was under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Jimmy Lee "Poke Root" Swiney, 57, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, September 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 10, under the direction of Bailey

Funeral Home.

■ Freddy Hylton, 53, of Rockhouse, died Thursday, September 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 12, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Easter Allen, 62, of Williamson, West Virginia, formerly of Pike County, died Tuesday, September 7, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Lacy Ralph Allen. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 10, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Patty Sue Collins, 62, of Belcher, died Tuesday, September 7, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Carrol

Dean Collins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 10, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ John C. Greer, 72, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, September 7, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Patty Hurley Greer. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 11, under the direction of J. W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Lakie Marie Jones, 87, of Shelbiana, died Wednesday, September 8, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 11, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Freddie Sword Jr., 52, of Island Creek, died Tuesday,

September 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Darie Lynn Ratliff Sword. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 11, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Landon Blackburn Sr., 60, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, September 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 11, under the direction of J. W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

## KNOTT COUNTY

■ Norma Gibson Breeding, 69, of Pinetop, died Wednesday, September 8, in Calhoun, Georgia. She is survived by her husband, James Breeding. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 12, under the

direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Big Ed Combs, 86, of Isom, died Friday, September 3, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 6, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Hager Chadward "Chigger" Johnson, 26, of Kite, died Sunday, August 29, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 1, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Elsie Jean Adams Sumner, 37, of Sassafras, died Thursday, September 2, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Ricky Sumner. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 6, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

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## Odds

sealant to put in the paint to stop it from oozing.

But, Puritz said, she realized the red wasn't very visible, so she added reflective polka dots. It wasn't meant to be a draw for her new business, she said.

Puritz was notified last week that the decor violates the city's sign rules, which define a sign as

anything designed to draw attention to a business, zoning administrator John Fullerton said.

Puritz said she was given until the end of this week to get rid of the polka dots and until Sept. 24 to paint the trunk white — an acceptable color because of its utilitarian purpose, Fullerton said.

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## Slone begins making strong contribution in sophomore season

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — During his freshman season, Lincoln Slone didn't have much of a chance to contribute to the Prestonsburg High School football program. But it wasn't because he didn't want to. A season-ending injury set the first-year varsity Blackcat back and ended his freshman grid season

prematurely. Now, in a new season, a sophomore campaign, Slone is back. He's back and stronger than ever. Back and helping a Prestonsburg football team that annually contends for top honors in Class 2A.

A season-ending shoulder injury in 2003 forced Slone to have surgery. The surgery knocked the then-Prestonsburg High freshman, by way of Mountain Christian Academy

(MCA), out of the majority of his freshman football season and an entire first season of high school basketball. Before entering Prestonsburg High, Slone played football at Adams Middle School and basketball at MCA. Making his way back into the game through rehab and various off-season workouts kept Slone working

(See SOPHOMORE, page three)



Prestonsburg High sophomore Lincoln Slone (26), back from an injury, has earned playing time on the Blackcat varsity football team.



Prestonsburg senior running back Joe Blackburn twisted and turned for yardage against visiting Lawrence County. Also pictured for Prestonsburg is center Cody Crider (61).

photos by Jamie Howell

## BULLDOGGED

## Blackburn rushes for 231 yards as P'burg rolls past Lawrence

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Blackcat Express continued to roll along on Friday evening as Prestonsburg handed the Lawrence County Bulldogs a 29-6 defeat.

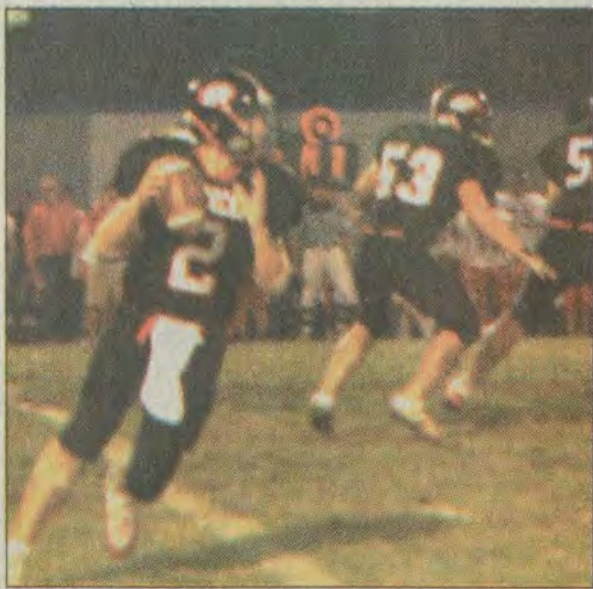
After a slow start to the 2004 season, the Blackcats have rebounded with wins over 3A powers Bell County and Lawrence County in back to back weeks.

Prestonsburg opened Friday's game by taking the opening kickoff and marching 55 yards in six plays to take a 7-0 lead.

Trevor Compton got the Blackcats on the board with a 24-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Ousley with 9:23 remaining in the first quarter. Seth Moore tacked on the extra point and the Blackcats led early in the contest.

Lawrence County failed to produce any offense thanks in part to the play of the Prestonsburg defensive line.

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Going from the quarterback position, Prestonsburg senior Trevor Compton drifted back to pass during Friday's home game against Lawrence County.

## MSU cross country, track program to host triathlon

MOREHEAD — For the third straight year, the Morehead State University men's and women's cross country and track and field teams will host the MSU Eagle Triathlon as a fundraiser for the program. This year's event will take place on Sunday, and will consist of a 500-yard swim, a 13-mile bicycle race and a three-mile run, held at Twin Knobs at Cave Run Lake in Rowan County.

The race is open to men and women of all age groups and ability levels. The United States Triathlon Association (USTA) rules will govern the event.

Registration runs from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m., on the morning of the competition. The race is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Registration and medical release forms can be obtained from the Cave Run Bike Shop, www.caverunbikeshop.com or by calling (606) 783-2653. Those who wish to enter a

relay team of three individuals are asked to send in all of the forms together.

The entry fee is \$45 per individual and \$120 for a relay team, if registration is paid in advance. On the day of the race, the fees are \$50 per individual and \$135 for a relay team. With a valid ID card, the charge for MSU students is \$20.

Proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment for the MSU track and field program.

Plaques will be given to the top three overall male and female finishers, and the top relay team in each division. The number of participants entered will determine age-group winners. T-shirts also will be given to the first 100 entrants.

For additional information, please contact the MSU Cross Country and Track and Field office at 606/783-2653, or by email at dkclindsey@yesconnect.net.

## UK finalizes men's basketball schedule

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky announced men's basketball game times and television assignments for its upcoming Southeastern Conference schedule Friday. Once again this year, all 16 of the Wildcats' league contests will be televised as part of the SEC's men's basketball package. Kentucky previously announced game dates for its entire schedule and times for its non-conference slate.

UK is slated to appear on national television 12 times (seven CBS, five ESPN) overall, including eight times (four CBS, four ESPN) during conference play. Wildcat games against SEC foes on CBS are Jan. 22 hosting LSU, Jan. 29 at Arkansas, Feb. 26 at Alabama

and Mar. 6 at Florida.

ESPN will carry UK's SEC games on Jan. 25 at Tennessee, Feb. 8 hosting Florida, Feb. 15 at South Carolina and Feb. 19 hosting Mississippi State.

The Wildcats will open SEC play by hosting South Carolina on Jan. 5, in the first of a league-high seven appearances on Jefferson-Pilot Sports. Other JP games featuring UK include Jan. 15 at Georgia, Jan. 19 at Ole Miss, Feb. 5 at Vanderbilt, Feb. 12 hosting Georgia, Feb. 23 hosting Auburn and Mar. 2 hosting Tennessee.

Fox Sports Net South will televise the Jan. 12 home game with Vanderbilt.

The only Kentucky game without a definitive start time is the Jan. 9 non-conference home game against Kansas. CBS will

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## Walter Frasure Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament gives back

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — For a good cause — Tee time was Friday at 9 a.m. for a lively group of golfers at the Stumbo Golf Course. The Walter Frasure Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament kicked off as players loaded up their carts and clubs to raise money for scholarships for students of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

The Walter Frasure Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament is an annual event that provides funds for BSCTC college scholarships. It was established in the name of a local educator named Walter Frasure and continues to be sponsored by his son Jim and other members of the scholarship

fund group. Walter Frasure was a popular teacher in Eastern Kentucky and later was a member of the counseling staff of the community college. The students of eastern Kentucky were dear to his heart and his commitment to education lives on through the scholarship established in his name. He gave a gift that goes on giving today, even beyond his lifetime.

Anyone who is interested in giving a scholarship or participating in a scholarship fund as a donor should contact Judy Bocook at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 606/886-3863, ext. 67369. A gift of scholarship will make a difference in the life of the scholarship recipient. It changes lives for the better.



Brad Worrix, Walter Frasure Scholarship treasurer, and Clyde Woods, Stumbo Golf Course superintendent, presented a check for the Walter Frasure Memorial Scholarship to Dr. George D. Edwards, president of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

## Dirt Track World Championship set for Bluegrass Speedway

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARDSTOWN — The 24th Annual Dirt Track World Championship will take place at Bluegrass Speedway Oct. 14-16. Several local drivers are expected to compete in the DTWC. For the first time in the storied history of the race, all events will be scheduled to take place "under the lights" at night for the very first time. The Super Late Models will race 100 laps for \$60,000 to win on Saturday night, October 16, with the Modifieds also on the racing program for the weekend, with their main event on Saturday evening, paying

(See CHAMPIONSHIP, page three)

## FOOTBALL

# No longer laughingstock, Bengals look to move up

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Their games are nearly sold out. Their distinctive new jerseys are trendy. Their name is no longer a punch line.

Things haven't been this good for the Cincinnati Bengals in a long, long time.

Coach Marvin Lewis has made it fashionable to root for the forlorn franchise. There's a Monday night game on the schedule, fans elbowing their way back onto the bandwagon and expectations of a first winning season in 14 years.

Why, they're even saying nice things about owner Mike Brown, the city's most despised sports figure for more than a decade.

Too bad he's not enjoying it. When the fretful owner thinks about how far his team

has come in one year, he starts to worry: What happens if the Bengals don't follow their breakthrough 8-8 season with something good? What if they go right back to losing?

"We're getting positive stories all over the country," Brown said. "All of this is good. It's what we want. But when I focus on it, that little caution sign pops up in the back of my brain."

This time, his football instincts are probably right.

The Bengals will be hard-pressed to win half of their games once again this season, let alone break that streak of no winning record or playoff appearance since 1990. The schedule is nasty, the quarterback has yet to take a meaningful snap and the roster is a work in progress.

However, that's not what fans shelling out for the gaudy

new jerseys want to hear.

"There are high expectations," Brown acknowledged.

That alone is significant in a town that has learned to expect the worst.

The Bengals' tiger-striped helmet became a symbol of futility after franchise founder Paul Brown died before the 1991 season, leaving the team in the hands of his family. In the next 13 years, no other team was ridiculed as badly or beaten as often.

Their 13-year "slump" — overlapping two decades and two centuries — is tied for third-longest since 1950, when the All-America Football Conference merged with the NFL. The New Orleans Saints are the undisputed champs of long-term futility, failing to post a winning record in their first 20 seasons.

With one giddy season, Lewis changed their image — no longer the Bungles. The next job is to get them to cross that elusive threshold and turn them into winners.

At least they believe it can happen.

"It's been a while since we've had something to build on," said offensive tackle Willie Anderson, entering his ninth season with the Bengals. "We aren't starting over; we're building on. We have a design. We have a blueprint, not just a sense of playing."

By the looks of it, Lewis' blueprint needs at least one more year for completion.

He overhauled the roster in his first season, getting rid of veterans who were part of the legacy of losing. Disgruntled running back Corey Dillon was traded to New England in the

past offseason, completing the housecleaning.

Only 16 players are left from the team Lewis inherited. Rookies and second-year players make up more than a third of the roster.

Growing pains are expected, but won't be accepted as an excuse.

"There is no such thing as too young," Lewis said. "I bet we are not as young as Baltimore was last year, and they won our AFC North. You need athletic people to win. These guys all come from good college programs. It's going to be a long season for them, but they should be able to handle it."

No one will be under more scrutiny than Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer, who spent his rookie year on the sideline watching Jon Kitna take every snap. All young quarter-

backs learn by trial and error; it's time for Palmer to start getting his mistakes out of the way.

"That's how you learn," Palmer said. "Sometimes when you're young, more bad things happen than good."

Young quarterbacks can still be successful if they have first-rate defenses behind them, erasing their mistakes. Palmer isn't so lucky.

The Bengals' defense finished near the bottom of the league last year, collapsing in December. Lewis has retooled the secondary and the linebacking corps, but the defense still gave up big plays in a disappointing preseason.

"C-minus," Lewis said, grading his team overall. "Right now, we're less than average. We've got a lot of work to do."

Give them one more year to get it done.

## Palmer set for first regular-season start

by ANDREA ADELSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — He stood on the sideline with a baseball cap and clipboard all last season, learning and watching. Now, it's his turn to take the field for the Cincinnati Bengals, facing the heaps of expectations and pressure that come as the No. 1 overall pick in the draft.

Carson Palmer makes his regular-season NFL debut Sunday when the Bengals visit the New York Jets, for whom quarterback Chad Pennington also starts a season opener for the first time in his five-year career.

Palmer, the 2002 Heisman Trophy winner out of Southern California, never took a snap in his rookie season behind Jon Kitna. But coach Marvin Lewis made Palmer the starter in March. Since then, the anticipation has grown to see what Palmer can do for a franchise that went from laughingstock to respectability in 2003.

He had a decent preseason, with a 55 percent completion rate, four touchdown passes, two interceptions and a respectable passer rating of 88.5. But now that the regular season is starting, teams will show more fronts and try to pressure the young quarterback into making mistakes.

"For every team we play, they're going to have a little something extra for me just because it's my first time playing," Palmer said. "I'm definitely going into every game expecting that."

The Jets will try to get after Palmer under first-year defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson, who worked with Lewis in Baltimore. Henderson has infused a new energy in the defense, one of the worst against the run last season.

They are playing more aggressively and sometimes will feature a 3-4 alignment, using John Abraham as a defensive end and linebacker to take advantage of his rushing ability.

"He's very demanding, and that's how you have to play this game," Lewis said of Henderson. "He is going to coach them very hard, very aggressively. He is going to pat them on their backs and he is going to kick them in their butts."

The Jets already have experience this year with a new quarterback.

Against the New York Giants in the preseason, they flustered No. 1 overall pick Eli Manning with a variety of pressure defenses and blitzes, forc-

ing him into two interceptions and a fumble. Two days later, coach Tom Coughlin chose Kurt Warner as the starter.

The decision did not come as a big shock, because it is very rare for a rookie quarterback to start immediately. That is why the Bengals groomed Palmer for a year. But now that he is a starter, his teammates have noticed a changed Palmer.

"He's maturing as far as his command of the offense. Guys are responding to him. That's what you want from a quarterback," tackle Willie Anderson said. "You want to see guys respond to him and submit to his leadership in the huddle. Guys are doing that."

Last season, the Bengals became one of the darlings of the NFL, going 8-8 after years of futility. But they still have gone 13 straight years without a winning record, the longest current slump in the league.

This will be the seventh consecutive season they have opened with a different quarterback from the previous season. Lewis wants to break those patterns, but also has said if Palmer struggles he might turn back to Kitna.

It is not such a stretch to anticipate the Bengals having trouble soon. Since 1991, the Bengals have gone 10-39 in August and September.

That sounds familiar to the Jets, who are 2-8 in September under coach Herman Edwards. Last year they began 0-4, but were without Pennington because of a broken left wrist, and finished 6-10.

"Getting off to a fast start will be a boost," running back Curtis Martin said. "I think it will be a step in the right direction. This team, when we get momentum, I think that brings the best out of us."

Pennington is back, with a new contract and new receiver Justin McCareins. Martin goes for his 10th straight 1,000-yard season and could end up fifth on the career rushing list by the time it ends. The big question is the defense and how well it adjusts to a new system and new coordinator.

Shutting down Palmer is a first step. Safety Erik Coleman, a rookie out of Washington State, has plenty of experience in that department.

"When we played him our junior year, Palmer rolled out of the pocket. He must have launched one about 70 yards," Coleman said. "I remember thinking, 'There's no way he can throw it this far.' Sure enough it went over my head. He has a big arm, he's very accurate. It's going to be a big challenge for us."

## Bengals trying to kick slow-start habit

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — In a short time, coach Marvin Lewis has changed nearly everything about the Cincinnati Bengals — their roster, their reputation, even their uniforms.

Next on the things-to-do list is that infuriating pokiness.

During their run as the NFL's worst team, the Bengals became masters of the sluggish start that dooms the season. It was one of the few things that Lewis failed to fix his first time around.

The Bengals opened 1-4 last season, essentially costing them a shot at the playoffs. A late surge got them into contention and tortured them with thoughts of where they might have gone if they'd gotten started sooner.

Lewis can't let it happen again. "Every time you lose it costs you, but that cost us," he said. "We have to play better earlier this year than we did last year. We can't have the mistakes and the errors that we had — where we line up, how we line up and what we do."

"It cost us the first three ballgames. We've got to do a much better job of that. We're on a fine line."

They've been on the wrong side of it for 13 years because they can't seem to get off the starting line.

The last time they had a winning record at a season's midpoint was 1990. Not coin-

cidentially, that was the last time they had a winning record overall and made the playoffs.

They've opened the season 0-3 seven times in the last 13 years. Over that span, they've gone 10-39 in the opening month, doomed even before the first leaves have fallen from the trees.

Lewis has harped on a fast start as much as anything, giving the opener in New York against the Jets on Sunday much more significance than most first games.

"This is important," linebacker Brian Simmons said. "What better way to set a tempo for the season than this first game? It's on a big stage — New York. It's against a good team. All of those things you've got to take into consideration."

Before the Bengals could conquer their slowpoke tendencies, they had to figure out how they developed them.

Throughout the 1990s, the finger pointed at the front office. Rather than pay players market value to stick around, ownership got rid of veterans at the end of each season, forcing the Bengals to start over every summer.

They'd finally get their act together in November and December, then repeat their mistake and start all over again.

Another key thread was their mishandling of the quarterback position. They haven't opened consecutive seasons with the same quarterback since 1996-97, when Jeff Blake ran the offense.

Since then, they've opened with Neil

O'Donnell (1998), Blake (1999), Akili Smith (2000), Jon Kitna (2001), Gus Frerotte (2002), Kitna (2003) and now Carson Palmer as the first-game starter.

Lewis is fixing that part of the problem. Palmer is expected to be the starter for years to come. He also has taken a bigger role in managing the roster.

The biggest issue in his first season was unfamiliarity.

Lewis did a major overhaul after he was hired in January 2003, changing everything from the paint in the weight room to the menu in the cafeteria. Players were still learning his ways when the season started, and it showed in their performance.

They don't have that problem this time. Everyone knows exactly how Lewis wants everything done.

"They know what they can expect from me," Lewis said. "Standing here a year ago, I don't think anybody knew."

He also paid more attention to detail during training camp, hoping the team would be up and running by the opener instead of October.

Despite Lewis' confidence that things will be better, there's no telling until the season starts on Sunday. He expected a better start last season and watched his team implode instead.

Will it be different this time? "There's anxiousness all around this building, including in this room," Lewis said, standing just outside the locker room. "Everybody wants to know."

## Season opener: Patriots 27, Colts 24

by DAVE GOLDBERG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBORO, Mass. — As usual, Tom Brady was uncannily accurate as the New England Patriots moved within three wins of setting the NFL record for consecutive victories.

Still, New England's 27-24 win over Indianapolis on Thursday night wouldn't have happened if its defense hadn't awakened in the second half after being shredded for 255 yards by Peyton Manning and Edgerrin James before intermission.

Brady threw for 335 yards and three touchdowns — one each to Deion Branch, David Patten and Daniel Graham. Corey Dillon, obtained from Cincinnati to revive the Super Bowl champions' running game, carried 16 times for 86 yards.

But the Patriots' defense bailed them out after a horrible first half, although the 446 yards they allowed were more than they gave up in any game last year.

Three times they stopped the Colts after turnovers, the second time after Branch fumbled a punt and Asante Samuel was called for pass interference to put the ball at the 1. But Eugene Wilson knocked the ball loose from James and rookie Vince Wilfork recovered with 3 minutes, 43 seconds left, avoiding

what looked like a sure touchdown.

Then Willie McGinest sacked Manning with the Colts at the Patriots 18, forcing Mike Vanderjagt to try a 48-yard field goal instead of a chip shot. Vanderjagt, who had made 42 in a row, kicked it wide right with 24 seconds left.

"It seems all of our games with them come down to a late play, but our defense made just enough plays to win," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said.

This game was a repeat of last season's AFC championship, a toughly played 24-14 New England win that spurred the NFL to tighten up on holding and bumping by defensive backs.

But the first flag on a defensive back didn't come until four minutes into the third quarter, when the Colts' David Thornton was called for holding one play before Brady hit Patten for a 25-yard TD to give New England a 20-17 lead.

The win was the 16th straight for New England, including the last 12 regular-season games plus two playoff games and the Super Bowl last season.

That puts the Patriots two short of the NFL record of 18 set by five teams, most recently Denver in 1997-98 with games at Arizona, at Buffalo after a bye and Miami at home coming up.

The Colts led 17-13 at half-

time and it could have been more if not for another big play by the New England defense, Tedy Bruschi's interception of Manning's pass with the Colts at the New England 6 on their first possession.

That was eerily like last season's title game, when Rodney Harrison did that to Manning from the 1 on the first series.

The Patriots, who had only two running backs dressed, came out with four wide receivers and drove 48 yards in nine plays to set up a 32-yard field goal by Adam Vinatieri. All nine plays were passes from a no-huddle offense as Dillon sat out his first series as a Patriot.

Vanderjagt's 32-yard field goal made it 3-3 1:20 into the second quarter.

The next Indy drive was a stunner — 66 yards in nine plays, all of them runs and most of them up the middle. The score came on a 3-yard run by Dominic Rhodes.

Back came the Patriots, scoring on Brady's 16-yard pass to Branch.

But Manning hit Dallas Clark for 64 yards on the Colts' first play from scrimmage and Manning's 3-yard TD pass to Marvin Harrison with 42 seconds left gave Indy a 17-10 lead. Vinatieri's 43-yard field goal on the final play of the half cut it to 17-13.

The New England defense

finally stopped the Colts, who went three and out on the first possession of the second half. The Colts' defense couldn't reciprocate, Brady connecting with Patten to give them the lead.

Brady's 8-yarder to Graham late in the period stretched it to 27-17.

Manning came back with an 8-yarder to Brandon Stokley to cut it to three points 3:55 into the final period.

Then Branch fumbled a punt, giving the Colts the ball at the New England 33. But Wilson came up with one big play, the forced fumble. When the Colts got the ball back again, Manning found Stokley for 45 yards, putting Indy within chip-shot range for Vanderjagt.

But McGinest blitzed unblocked on Manning and Vanderjagt, perfect all of last season, missed this one. A 19 mph breeze didn't help for a kicker who plays half his games indoors.

"It seems that Willie always seems to be there when we need him," Belichick said.

James finished with 132 yards rushing on 30 carries and Manning was 16-for-29 for 256 yards. Manning went over 25,000 yards passing for his career in his 95th game, the second fastest to that mark. The only one quicker was Dan Marino, who got there in 92 games.

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# Edwards among winners in Charleston Distance Run

by ARIANA KINCAID

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — America's 15 Mile and 5K Race, The Charleston Distance Run offered a challenging scenic course taking racers through downtown, through beautiful hillside neighborhoods, around the West Virginia Capitol, and along the city's riverfront.

The 32nd Annual Charleston Distance Run on Sunday, Sept. 4, was marked by several firsts: the first year for a new race director, David Fenwick; the first year for the Relay Event (in which three runners divide the 15 mile course into 6-, 5-, and 4-mile legs); and both the overall winner and first West Virginia finishers were first-time Distance Run competitors. The morning started off perfect for a run, but soon turned hot and sunny along the flat streets of downtown Charleston, as runners broiled their way to Laidley Field.

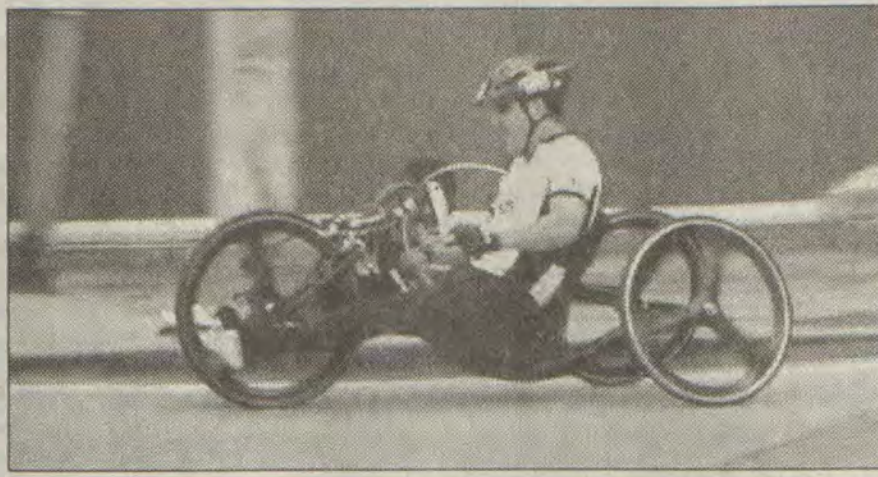
Douglas Momanyi, 23, of Kenya by way of West Chester, Pa., finished the Distance Run five minutes off the record with a time of 1:17:08, which works out to a 5:08 pace. Joseah Matui, 27, a Kenyan who also trains in West Chester, Pa., finished second with a

time of 1:17:28, which works out to less than 2 seconds per mile behind the winner. And in third place with a time of 1:17:53 was Joseph Kamau, 34, of Hamilton, Ontario.

Eighth overall was 25-year-old David McCollam, a Charleston, W.Va. native, and the first West Virginia finisher. He pulled into Laidley with the very respectable time of 1:22:15.

Then the women came pouring in 20th, 22nd, and 24th places for the top three women. The first female finisher was 19-year-old Maria Buseinei, a Kenyan who trains in West Chester, Pa., with a time of 1:33:59. And less than two minutes behind Maria was Tammy Slusser, 39, of Monroeville, Pa., with a time of 1:35:58. Wrapping up third place was Susan Graham-Gray, 36, with a time of 1:37:16. Her hometown is Greencastle, Pa., which makes it a "Yankee Sweep" of the top three spots for both the men and the women.

In the wheelchair competition, Marshall Edwards, 53, of Prestonsburg, brought home a first-place finish with a time of 1:14:05, a 4:56 pace. Edwards' wife, Terrie, took part in the 5K run. Second place went to Marc Van Rafelghem, 48, of West Chester, Ohio. He propelled his chair



Prestonsburg racer Marshall Edwards raced his way to a first place finish last week, winning a race in Charleston, W.Va.

photo by Ariana Kincaid

across the finish line in just under two hours—1:58:45.

In the first-ever Charleston Distance Run Relay, the mixed relay was won by CAMC, with a time of 1:52:22; the men's relay was won by Warner for Governor with a time of 2:03:56; and the women's relay was won by the Red Hots, at 2:16:07.

In the 5k, Jason Pyles of Huntington, W.Va. finished with a time of 16:23, followed by Brooks Crislip of

Charleston with a time of 16:55. Daniel Campbell of Mount Gilead, Ohio finished third. His time was 17:30. The women were led by Spencer, W.Va. native Stephanie Eastman, 21, who came in with a time of 19:20. Locally-known Connie Young, of Hurricane, came in 37th overall with a time of 21:12. And all the way from New Windsor, New York, Kathi Workman finished 41st overall with a time of 21:19.

## Month of October shaping up to be busy for Edwards

PRESTONSBURG — When he's not working as a pharmacist, Marshall Edwards can often be found training at various locations throughout Floyd County, logging several miles on his three-wheeled racing chair. Edwards is fresh off a win in Charleston, W.Va. The month of October will take the Prestonsburg resident back to West Virginia and the neighboring state of Maryland. Edwards is scheduled to race in a 13-mile event in Beckley, W.Va. on Saturday, Oct. 2. Exactly two weeks later, Edwards is slated to take part in the Baltimore Marathon in Baltimore, Md. Edwards, who before a horrific accident ran in several distance races, sees the win in Charleston, W.Va. one week ago as a building block to even more success in the future.

"I try to take something from each race," said Edwards. "The Charleston race taught me how to go fast."  
— Steve LeMaster

## Adams 36, Allen 0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — Host Allen didn't have an answer for visiting Adams Thursday night. Adams raced out to a 30-0 lead and went on to beat Allen in rather convincing fashion, 36-0.

Early on, it was all Adams. In particular, it was a lot Adams eighth-grader Seth Setser. On the first play of the game, Setser raced 60 yards for a touchdown. On the second series, Setser took a fumble recovery in for a score from 35 yards out.

On the third series, still in

the first quarter, Setser found paydirt when he scored on a 55-yard punt return. Setser added a 68-yard touchdown run in the second quarter as the Blackcats led 30-0 at halftime. Allen Craynon found paydirt for Adams in the third quarter when he rushed for a 40-yard touchdown to set the final score at 36-0.

Adams began its season with a 36-14 win over Johnson County Middle Seventh. Last week, in the Floyd County Grid, Adams beat Betsy Layne 12-8.

## Sophomore

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with the goal of returning to the gridiron in mind.

"Lincoln had to work his way back and through rehab," said DeRossett. "He has gotten to where he is now — playing varsity high school football — through that hard work and determination. Any injury is unfortunate, but one like Lincoln endured was especially bad because it did set him back."

During the summer, the second-year PHS football player took part in passing games and once again got reacquainted with the gridiron sport. Although he was limited to what he could do physically during the winter months, Slone soon got back into workouts. He played a huge role in Prestonsburg's 27-24 win over Bell County in the inaugural Action Petroleum Bowl. On defense, the Prestonsburg sophomore plays from an outside linebacker position. On offense, he takes a direct role, taking carries out of the Blackcat backfield.

"Right now, Lincoln is playing a lot on defense, starting on all special teams and he's also getting work at a tailback position," added DeRossett. "Before

the end of the season, you could see him in the offensive backfield a lot."

With his sophomore status, Slone still gets a tremendous amount of work at the beginning of a typical game week, playing for the Prestonsburg High junior varsity team.

"It's typical for Lincoln to get 20 or more carries in a JV game," DeRossett noted.

The Blackcats' home game Friday night against Lawrence County found Lincoln Slone back on the gridiron and back helping lead the Prestonsburg High football team.

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televise that matchup of the two winningest programs in college basketball history at either 1:30 or 4 p.m. Which time will be determined by the network's NFL Playoff schedule and won't be known until one week prior.

The Wildcats, who return two starters and boast the nation's top recruiting class, will open practice with Big Blue Madness on Friday, Oct. 15.

## Championship

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\$2,000 to win.

The STARS and NARA Dirt Late Model sanctioning groups will be the co-governing bodies for the event that will also be the World of Outlaws Late Model Series "Dirty Dozen" in competition that weekend. Activities get underway on Thursday, October 14, with all gates opening at 2 p.m., with time trials set for the Modifieds for 7 p.m., along with a practice session for the Super Late Models, plus the qualifying heat races for the Modified division.

Activities for Friday, October 15, will see gates open at 2, with Late Model time trials set to begin at 7, along with the Modified B-main events, and the Late Model qualifying heat races.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, activities will again see gates open at 2, with Late Model B-Mains set for the green flag at 7:00, along with the \$2,000 to win Modified main event, and the 100 lap, \$60,000 to win 24th Annual Dirt Track World Championship event. All times listed are EDT.

If predicted night temperatures are forecast to be below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, all events will start two hours earlier on Saturday. The Dirt Track World Championship continues to be one of the biggest bargains in short-track racing. Adult advance general admission tickets can be purchased for \$40, children ages six to 12 are \$10, children under age six are free, and advance pit passes are \$50 each. The deadline to order advance tickets and pit passes is Oct. 4. Ticket prices after October 4 or at the gate are \$50 for adults, children ages 6-12 are \$15, children under age 6 free, and pit passes will be \$60. Ticket prices are good for

all three days of the event. Ticket order must have a self addressed stamped envelope included for your tickets to be mailed back to you. Ticket payments may be made in the form of a certified check, cashiers check, or money order made payable to the DTWC, and please allow ample time for mailing. No personal checks will be accepted.

Race teams can also file a pre-entry for the event in both the Super Late Model and Modified divisions. The pre-entry fee for the Super Late Models is \$100 and the pre-entry fee for the Modifieds is \$25. The deadline for pre-entry for the DTWC is Oct. 4. Any entry fees after the Oct. 4 deadline or at the gate will be \$200 for Late Models and \$50 for Modifieds.

Race fans can send for their advance tickets or race teams can send their pre-entry for the 24th Annual Dirt Track World Championship to the following address: DTWC, 266 East Grubbs Lane, Danville, Ky. 40422-9503

The Dirt Track World Championship was the brainchild of Carl Short back in 1981 and paid original winner Jim Dunn an unheard of \$30,000 to win at that first DTWC in 1981 from what was also a record purse for the time of over \$80,000. At the time, it was double what had been paid out anywhere on dirt before. And now 23 years later, that amount has been doubled, with the Late Model portion of the race paying \$60,000 to win, with the event having an overall purse of over \$175,000. For more information about Bluegrass Speedway and the 24th Annual Dirt Track World Championship, visit the track's website at [www.bluegrass-speedway.com](http://www.bluegrass-speedway.com).

## RIGHT BEAVER CLASSIC



Stumbo (pictured above) eliminated Adams in the semifinals of the Right Beaver Classic. Stumbo, en route to the win, led throughout most of the game. The head coaches for both respective teams are pictured giving instructions during a timeout.

photos by Jamie Howell



## Stumbo beats Adams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — The Right Beaver Classic resumed Thursday night with Stumbo downing Adams 33-27. Stumbo enjoyed a lead at the end of every quarter as Adams had to play from behind. The Lady Mustangs led 11-4 at the end of the first quarter and 17-12 at halftime. The Lady Mustangs led 22-18 at the end of the third quarter.

Lindsey Martin led Stumbo in scoring with 15 points, including two three-point field goals. Amby Tackett scored nine points and Jordan Hamilton finished with four. Stephanie McKinney pushed in three points and Keturah Tackett flipped in two.

Adams 28, South Floyd 27: In an opening round game in the Right Beaver Classic Tuesday night, Adams held on to beat South Floyd, downing the Lady Raiders 28-27. South Floyd led 8-7 at the end of the first quarter and 15-11 at halftime. Adams led 24-22 at the end of the third quarter before going on for the win.

Three players scored for Adams. Tosha Wallen and Alexis DeRossett each had 10 points. Linsey Fields netted eight.

Danielle Tackett paced Adams with 10 points. Kayla Hall scored seven and Trista Damron pushed in four. Jessica Tackett, Laken Hall and Ericka Moore all had two apiece.

Danielle Tackett hit the game's only three-point field goal.

## H.S. VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD

### Friday's matches

Allen Central 2	Knott County Central 0	(25-13, 25-10)
Belfry 3	Logan, W.Va. 1	(25-9, 17-25, 20-10, 25-23)
Betsy Layne 2	Pike County Central 0	(25-10, 25-10)
Bracken County 2	Fleming County 0	(25-10, 25-12)
Corbin 2	Harlan 1	(22-25, 25-19, 25-14)
East Carter 2	Raceland 1	(25-12, 15-25, 25-14)
East Ridge 2	Johnson Central 0	(25-19, 25-15)
Evarts 2	Knox Central 0	(25-17, 25-19)
Fleming-Neon 2	Buckhorn 0	(25-12, 25-15)
Greenup County 2	Fairview 0	(25-18, 25-15)
Lee County 2	Jackson County 0	(25-13, 25-20)
Lincoln County 2	Somerset 0	(25-21, 25-20)
Lynn Camp 2	Bell County 0	(26-24, 25-12)
Montgomery County 2	George Rogers Clark 0	(25-5, 25-7)
Morgan County 2	Magoffin County 1	(25-21, 25-27, 26-24)
Phelps 2	Paintsville 0	(25-19, 25-19)
Rockcastle County 2	Pulaski Southwestern 0	(25-20, 25-12)
Russell 2	Lawrence County 0	(25-9, 25-16)
South Floyd 2	Prestonsburg 0	(25-12, 25-20)
West Carter 2	Lewis County 1	(25-15, 14-25, 25-23)

NCAA

# Six to be inducted to UofL Athletic Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — Six outstanding individuals will be inducted into the University of Louisville Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 1 at the Brown and Williamson Club in Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

The list includes Brendan Burke, U of L's first NCAA qualifier in men's tennis; Lee Corso, who coached the U of L football team to two conference championships and is currently an analyst for ESPN; Joe Jacoby, an standout offensive tackle for the Cards who earned three Super Bowl rings in his 13 NFL seasons with the Washington Redskins; Marilyn Reckelhoff, the ninth-leading career scorer in women's basketball at U of L; Milt Wagner, starting guard on U of L's 1986 NCAA Championship team and the Cards' No. 5 all-time scorer; and Mary Wessell Schmeng, a field hockey standout who is second in career goals.

The event will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and the induction ceremony to follow. Tickets are \$35 per person and may be obtained by calling U of L Athletics at 502/852-2473.

The inductees will also be recognized at the Cardinals' Oct. 2 home football game against East Carolina. Previously organized by the U of L Alumni Association, this is the second year that the Athletic Hall of Fame has come under the auspices of the Cardinals' athletic department with revamped criteria for inclusion.

"This is an exceptional group of individuals who each made outstanding contributions to Cardinal Athletics," said U of L Director of Athletics Tom Jurich. "We're proud of the new direction we have taken with our Athletic Hall of Fame and the strict criteria we've established to honor our truly exceptional athletes and coaches who have made impressive contributions during their careers at U of L."

Brendan Burke (1984-87) was Louisville's first NCAA Singles Tournament qualifier, reaching the Region III event in 1985 by defeating three players in the top 10 and six others in the top 100. Burke played No. 1 singles and doubles all four years at U of L and currently holds the career record for doubles wins (95) and is second in career singles wins (105). The four-time MVP and three-time captain was nationally ranked three of four years, rising as high as No. 43 in singles and No. 22 in doubles. Before arriving at U of L, he was a finalist in singles and won the doubles in the prestigious Australian National Junior Championships. He remains the Cardinals' only alum to play in a profes-

sional Grand Slam event maindraw — the Australian Open.

Lee Corso guided the Cardinals to two Missouri Valley Conference Championships in his four seasons at U of L (1969-72), his first head coaching assignment. The colorful and energetic Corso had a 28-11-3 record at U of L, leading the Cards to a 9-1 record in 1972 while ranking among the nation's top 20 teams (No. 16 UPI, No. 18 AP). His 1972 defensive unit, led by Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year Tom Jackson, gave up just 91 points. Under his direction, the 1970 Cardinals reached only the second bowl game in U of L history, winning the Pasadena Bowl 27-24 over Long Beach State to cap an 8-3-1 season. Corso currently serves as a college football analyst for ESPN.

A native of Louisville, Joe Jacoby was a three-year letterman at offensive tackle for the Cardinals (1978-80), serving as a co-captain his senior year. Undrafted after college, he played 13 NFL seasons on the Washington Redskins offensive line, earning four consecutive Pro Bowl selections (1983-96) before his retirement in 1993. Jacoby was a founding member of the famed "Hogs" offensive line that helped the Redskins to four Super Bowls (1983, 1984, 1988, 1992), winning three titles — the most of any former U of L player. He is honored as one of the 70 greatest Redskins of all time and he is one of 12 former U of L players to have their jerseys honored in Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Marilyn Reckelhoff was a proven scorer for the Cardinals. She finished her four-year career at U of L (1984-88) ranked ninth on the all-time scoring list with 1,198 points. She earned second team All-Metro Conference honors as a senior when she averaged 13.3 points per game and 5.1 rebounds, leading the Cardinals in scoring as a junior and senior. She was also led the team in field goal percentage her sophomore (48.3 percent) and senior (48 percent) seasons. She was accurate at the free throw line, connecting on 73.7 percent for her career while leading the team in free throw percentage her final three seasons.

One of the most prolific scorers in U of L history, Milt Wagner ranks fifth in all-time scoring with 1,834 career points. A starter on the Cards' 1986 NCAA Championship team, Wagner helped U of L to a 113-32 combined record and three NCAA Final Four appearances over his career. He played in 144 career games — the second most in U of L history — and started the last 111 games in which he played. One of the most clutch performers in U of L basketball history, the three-

time All-Metro Conference selection ranks sixth in career assists (432) and seventh in career free throw percentage (.808, 336-of-413). He was a second-round NBA draft pick (35th overall) who played 13 years of professional basketball in the USA and Europe. He currently serves as Director of Basketball Operations at the University of Memphis.

Mary Wessel Schmeng was an outstanding player for the U of L field hockey team, helping the Cardinals to 28 victories in her four-year career (1981-84). As a link, she scored a record 26 goals in the 1984 season while earning team most valuable player honors as a senior. She still holds the U of L record for single season goals and points with 52. She is currently third on the Cardinals' list for career goals with 30.

## Louisville releases 2004 basketball schedule

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville's 2004-2005 men's basketball schedule includes 14 nationally televised games, the university announced Wednesday.

The schedule includes televised games against Kentucky and Florida.

The Cardinals open the season on Nov. 22 in Hawaii against Iowa in the EA Sports Maui Invitational tournament. Perennial powers North Carolina and Stanford are also playing in that tournament, which will be televised on ESPN2.

After Hawaii, the Cardinals play nine of their next 10 games at Freedom Hall, starting with a Dec. 4 matchup with Lafayette.

Louisville visits Florida on Dec. 11 and then hosts intrastate rival Kentucky a week later on Dec. 18 in Freedom Hall. The game will be televised on ESPN.

"This is a schedule that is typical for UofL," said head coach Rick Pitino. "We will compete early on against several top 20-caliber teams, have a lot of home games early on to help us get off to a good start, and will then move into a very difficult Conference USA schedule."

Nine teams on Louisville's new schedule played in the NCAA tournament last season.

Louisville also plays Kentucky Wesleyan for the first time since 1983, in a Nov. 3 exhibition game at Freedom Hall.

BASEBALL

# Helms hits grand slam against old team

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Wes Helms' swing is starting to come around after knee surgery two months ago.

Helms hit a grand slam and Brady Clark had four hits against his former team, leading the Brewers over the Cincinnati Reds 7-2.

"My timing was off," said Helms, who didn't play in Milwaukee's last four games. "That's why I work so hard before the game with (hitting coach) Butch (Wynegar). We're wearing him out. All the hard work is paying off, especially in my situation. I'm pulling the ball with authority now and not getting sawed off on inside pitches."

Doug Davis (11-10) tied his career high for wins with his first victory in seven starts since July 30. He allowed six hits and two runs with no walks in six innings. He was 0-1 with a 2.81 ERA and five no-decisions since his last win. Davis also had 11 wins for Texas in 2001.

"It was frustrating, but I didn't feel any pressure," Davis said. "I thought I was pitching well, and the team was playing well behind me. We just weren't scoring any runs."

Wily Mo Pena homered for the Reds, who have lost four straight and nine of 10.

The score was 2-all when Bill Hall drew a leadoff walk from Gabe White (1-2) in the fifth. Hall stole second and scored on Clark's double to left.

"I like Brady hitting behind our big hitters," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said. "If the big hitters get on, I know he's going to put his bat on the ball."

Clark went 4-for-4 with two doubles, two singles and a walk to match his career high for hits and help the Brewers come back from a 2-0 deficit. Helms, who suffered a displaced meniscus in his right knee on May 19 in Puerto Rico and had arthroscopic surgery on May 24, broke the game open with his fourth homer of the season and third career slam in the seventh inning off Juan Padilla.

The Brewers scored all of their runs

with two outs.

"That was probably the key to the ballgame," Reds manager Dave Miley said.

Mike Adams worked a scoreless seventh for Milwaukee before Brooks Kieschnick finished with two shutout innings.

Cincinnati starter Brandon Claussen set a career high with eight strikeouts despite lasting just four innings. He allowed six hits and two runs with two walks on 95 pitches.

"I only threw 10 pitches in the first inning," Claussen said. "I thought, after the first two innings, I was going to be able to go deep into the ballgame, but it was a situation where I was just missing and ran deep into counts and they fouled off a lot of tough pitches, and that ran my pitch count up."

The Reds are being careful with Claussen, who had elbow surgery in 2002.

"Every time he goes out there, I think he learns stuff," Miley said. "We've talked about it before. We're not going to send them out there and take chances. He's got to learn how to minimize his pitches."

Pena, in his first at-bat since Aug. 31, gave the Reds a 1-0 lead in the second inning with his 23rd homer of the season. Pena hadn't played since bruising his left chest crashing into the outfield wall while making a catch.

Felipe Lopez made it 2-0 when he led off the third with his first triple of the season and scored on Sean Casey's fielder's choice grounder.

Milwaukee tied it at 2 in the fourth when Clark scored from third on Jason LaRue's passed ball with the bases loaded and Scott Podsednik drove in Helms with a single.

Notes: Podsednik set a Brewers record with his major league-leading 55th stolen base in the eighth. He had been tied with Pat Listach, who set the mark in 1992. The franchise high is 73, set by Tommy Harper with the Seattle Pilots in 1969. ... Davis' strikeout of Juan Castro in the third gave him 141 for the season, a

Milwaukee club record for left-handers. He went into the game tied with Glendon Rusch, who set the mark in 2002. ... Milwaukee's Lyle Overbay broke a tie with San Diego's Mark Loretta for the NL lead in doubles with his 45th. ... Clark set a career high with his 14th stolen base.

## Reds call up infielder, pitcher

CINCINNATI — The Reds called up shortstop Anderson Machado and right-handed reliever Aaron Myette from Triple-A Louisville on Tuesday.

The Reds got Machado from Philadelphia on July 31 as part of the deal for reliever Todd Jones. Machado became the latest candidate to succeed 40-year-old shortstop Barry Larkin as the starter.

In 31 games at Louisville, Machado hit .229 and committed nine errors.

Myette signed a minor league deal with the Reds last January. He was 3-3 with a 2.89 earned run average in one start and 40 relief appearances, leading Louisville with 19 saves.

## Larson stays with Reds for now

CINCINNATI — Third baseman Brandon Larson decided not to cut his ties with the Cincinnati Reds, accepting a demotion to the minor leagues on Wednesday.

Larson had the option of refusing the assignment to Triple-A Louisville and becoming a free agent, but went along with the move. It's probably only a matter of time before the Reds cut him loose. Cincinnati designated him for assignment on Monday to open a roster spot, an indication the Reds had given up on the injury-prone infielder.

Larson, 28, has been on the disabled list three times this season, missing 80 games. He hit only .212 in 40 games, including 33 starts.

He was the Reds' first-round draft pick in 1997. His career has been repeatedly sidetracked by a series of injuries, and he failed to take advantage of opportunities to win the job at third base in each of the last two seasons.

# SEC announces men's basketball TV schedule

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The 2004-05 Southeastern Conference Men's Basketball television schedule features 95 games with 26 slated for national telecast, according to an announcement by SEC Commissioner Mike Slive.

Among those are 11 games on CBS and 15 games on ESPN/ESPN2. In addition, 41 games will be shown regionally on Jefferson-Pilot Sports and 28 games on FSN/Sunshine, the league's regional cable package. Programming on FSN/Sunshine includes FSN South, FSN Southwest and the Sunshine

Network. Several games will also be broadcast through local networks affiliated with the member institutions.

The 2005 SEC Men's Basketball Tournament will once again enjoy live television coverage. All eight first and second round games will all be featured on Jefferson-Pilot Sports. The championship game will once again be televised on CBS at 1 p.m. (ET).

The complete 2004-05 SEC Men's Basketball TV schedule and release is below. Additional games may be included at a later date.

## SCHEDULE

DATE	GAME	NETWORK	TIME (ET)
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Fri., Nov. 26	Nevada @ Georgia	FSN/SUN	8:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 27	West Virginia @ LSU	FSN/SUN	1 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 30	Tulsa @ Ark.	FSN/SUN	8 p.m.
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Wed., Dec. 1	East Tenn. St. @ Ala.	FSN/SUN	8 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 2	S. Alabama @ Miss. St.	FSN/SUN	8 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 4	Ky. @ North Carolina	CBS	Noon
	Ill. vs. Ark. (Little Rock)	ESPN	2 p.m.
	Florida State @ Ole Miss	FSN/SUN	2 p.m.
	Clemson @ S.C.	FSN/SUN	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 11	Louisville @ Florida	ESPN	Noon
	Oregon St. vs. Georgia	FSN/SUN	Noon
	Indiana @ Ky.	CBS	2:00 p.m.
	Xavier @ Tenn.	FSN/SUN	4:30 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 12	UNLV @ Auburn	FSN/SUN	3 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 18	Ky. @ Louisville	ESPN	Noon
	Miss. State @ Xavier	ESPN	8:00 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 20	Cent. Mich. @ Vandy	FSN/SUN	8 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 29	Dayton @ Vandy	FSN/SUN	9 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 30	Va. Tech vs. Miss. State	FSN/SUN	7:30 p.m.
	Florida State vs. LSU	FSN/SUN	10 p.m.
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Wed., Jan. 5	S.C. @ Ky.	JP	8 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 8	Ark. @ Florida	JP	Noon
	Miss. State @ Ole Miss	JP	2 p.m.
	Vandy @ Tenn.	CBS	4 p.m.
	LSU @ Alabama	FSN/SUN	6 p.m.
	Georgia @ S.C.	FSN/SUN	8 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 9	Kansas @ Ky.	CBS	1:30 or 4:30 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 11	Alabama @ Ark.	ESPN	9 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 12	Vandy @ Ky.	FSN/SUN	7 p.m.
	Miss. State @ Tenn.	JP	8 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 15	Ky. @ Georgia	JP	1 p.m.
	Florida @ Vandy	JP	3 p.m.
	Ole Miss @ Auburn	FSN/SUN	5:00 p.m.
	Tenn. @ S.C.	FSN/SUN	7 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 18	Miss. State @ Alabama	ESPN	9 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 19	Ky. @ Ole Miss	JP	8 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 22	LSU @ Ky.	CBS	1:30 p.m.
	Auburn @ Ark.	JP	2 p.m.
	Alabama @ Ole Miss	JP	4 p.m.
	Tenn. @ Louisville	ESPN	4 p.m.
	S.C. @ Miss. State	FSN/SUN	6 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 25	Georgia @ Florida	ESPN2	7 p.m.
	Ky. @ Tenn.	ESPN	9 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 26	Vandy @ S.C.	JP	8 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 29	S.C. @ Florida	JP	1 p.m.
	Miss. State @ LSU	JP	3 p.m.
	Ky. @ Ark.	CBS	3:30 p.m.
	Tenn. @ Auburn	FSN/SUN	6 p.m.
	Georgia @ Alabama	FSN/SUN	8 p.m.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Tues., Feb. 1	Florida @ Miss. State	ESPN2	8 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 2	Tenn. @ Vandy	JP	8 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 5	Alabama @ Florida	JP (Split)	3 p.m.
	Ky. @ Vandy	JP (Split)	3 p.m.
	Ark. @ Ole Miss	FSN/SUN	5 p.m.
	LSU @ Tenn.	FSN/SUN	7 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 8	Florida @ Ky.	ESPN	9 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 9	Alabama @ Tenn.	JP (Split)	8 p.m.
	Georgia @ Ark.	JP (Split)	8:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 12	Georgia @ Ky.	JP (Split)	3 p.m.
	LSU @ Ark.	JP (Split)	3:00 p.m.
	Florida @ Tenn.	FSN/SUN	5:00 p.m.
	Vandy @ Miss. State	FSN/SUN	7 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 15	Ky. @ S.C.	ESPN	9 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 16	Ark. @ Alabama	JP (Split)	8 p.m.
	LSU @ Miss. State	JP (Split)	8 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 19	Florida @ LSU	JP (Split)	3 p.m.
	S.C. @ Alabama	JP (Split)	3 p.m.
	Ark. @ Vandy	FSN/SUN	7 p.m.
	Miss. State @ Ky.	ESPN	9 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 22	Alabama @ LSU	ESPN	9 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 23	Auburn @ Ky.	JP (Split)	8 p.m.
	Vandy @ Florida	JP (Split)	8:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 26	Ky. @ Alabama	CBS	1:30 p.m.
	Tenn. @ Ark.	JP (Split)	4 p.m.
	LSU @ Auburn	JP (Split)	4 p.m.
	Ole Miss @ Miss. State	FSN/SUN	7 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 27	Florida @ S.C.	CBS	2 p.m.
<b>MARCH</b>			
Tues., Mar. 1	Miss. State @ Ark.	ESPN	7 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 2	Tenn. @ Ky.	JP (Split)	8 p.m.
	Florida @ Georgia	JP (Split)	8 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 5	Alabama @ Miss. State	CBS	2 p.m.
	Wild Card Game	JP	2 p.m.
	Wild Card Game	JP	4 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 6	Ky. @ Florida	CBS	Noon
Thurs., Mar. 10	SEC Tournament Game No. 1	JP	1 p.m.
	SEC Tournament Game No. 2	JP	3:15 p.m.
	SEC Tournament Game No. 3	JP	7:30 p.m.
	SEC Tournament Game No. 4	JP	9:45 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 11	SEC Tournament Game No. 5	JP	1 p.m.
	SEC Tournament Game No. 6	JP	3:15 p.m.
	SEC Tournament Game No. 7	JP	7:30 p.m.
	SEC Tournament Game No. 8	JP	9:45 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 12	SEC Tournament Game No. 9	JP	1 p.m.
	SEC Tournament Game No. 10	JP	3:15 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 13	SEC Tournament Championship	CBS	1 p.m.

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## AUTO RACING

## Drivers without championship hopes still racing hard

by MIKE HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't feel sorry for the drivers who won't make it into NASCAR's new 10-man, 10-race championship shootout. They don't.

Going into Saturday night's Nextel Cup race at Richmond, the drivers 11th through 15th in the points standings still have at least a mathematical chance to be among those who compete for the season title — and the big payoffs — beginning the following week at Loudon, N.H.

But that doesn't mean the rest of the field lacks incentive.

"Those of us who aren't in it are really going to be able to take advantage of the situation" said Scott Riggs, 29th in the

standings after a seventh-place finish last Sunday night at California Speedway. "A lot of the teams in the top 10 are going to have to tiptoe around there. They want to stay out of trouble and not get caught in someone else's mess.

"Then there are teams like ours, who can go out, be aggressive and drive as hard as we need to in order to improve and learn from that week and try to build momentum for next year."

Veteran racer Jeff Burton, who recently switched teams — moving to Richard Childress Racing from Roush Racing — is in much the same situation as Riggs.

Burton is 18th in points, mathematically eliminated from the top 10 but trying hard to

build momentum with his new team before the end of the season.

So how does Burton approach Richmond?

"Just like a normal race," Burton said. "We try to race the people that are in the championship hunt with respect — which we would do anyway. We try not to cause any wrecks — which we would do anyway."

"So we really just go to Richmond to race, do the best we can and pay attention to what we are doing, not what everyone else is doing."

Matt Kenseth's runaway championship last year was the last straw for NASCAR, which has seen a number of ho-hum title battles in recent years. That has hurt both attendance and TV

ratings late in the season, particularly when it came time to go up against pro football and baseball's postseason.

Once the top 10 is locked in Saturday night, NASCAR's new format calls for those drivers to be given additional points, putting them out of reach of the rest of the field. Those 10 will be separated by increments of five points, with the leader going into New Hampshire just 45 points ahead of the 10th place.

Even being on the outside looking in, Burton is impressed with NASCAR's new way of determining a champion.

"When it first came out a lot of people were thinking it wasn't good, it won't work, why change things," Burton said.

"Now everyone is wondering how long it will take before the Busch cars and the trucks will switch over to the new points system.

"It has created such a level of excitement, I don't understand how there is a loser in the deal. If you were 12th in points going into the final 10 races of the season, you weren't going to win the championship under the old points system anyhow."

Burton does have one gripe, though.

"The only thing I don't like about it is that the guy who is 11th could be out of the chase for the championship," Burton said. "But he is also out of the chase for fifth in points. I wish there was a way to not lock you out and let you improve your

standings."

Former series champion Rusty Wallace, who recently announced he will retire after next season, is another outsider in the points chase, going to Richmond in 20th place. But the longtime NASCAR star's goal is to steal the spotlight from the championship contenders.

"While everybody else it seems is going nuts about the points — making the cut and all — it's our perfect opportunity to sneak in there and steal some of the thunder," said Wallace, a six-time Richmond race winner. "We know we're paying the price for our season of missed opportunity, so we're hoping to come in there and grab the Sunday headlines when the smoke has cleared."

## 24th DTWC feature payoffs announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARDSTOWN — The following are the feature race payoffs for the 24th Annual Dirt Track World Championship that will be contested at Bluegrass Speedway on Oct. 14-16. A complete list of the payoffs follows.

LATE MODELS: 1. \$60,000; 2. \$10,000; 3. \$6,000; 4. \$4,000; 5. \$3,000; 6. \$2,500; 7. \$2,400; 8. \$2,350; 9. \$2,300; 10. \$2,250; 11. \$2,200; 12. \$2,150; 13. \$2,100; 14. \$2,050; 15. \$2,000; 16. \$1,950; 17. \$1,900; 18. \$1,850; 19. \$1,800; 20. \$1,750; 21. \$1,700; 22. \$1,650; 23.

\$1,600; 24. \$1,550; 25. \$1,500; 26. \$1,500.

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## Truex Jr. to make first career Nextel Cup start

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Dale Earnhardt Incorporated and Enterprise Rent-A-Car have joined forces to enter Martin Truex Jr. in the Sylvania 300 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series race next weekend at New Hampshire International Speedway, the team announced Thursday.

The Sylvania 300 will be Truex Jr.'s first start in NASCAR's premier series. The current Busch Series point leader will drive DEI's No. 1 Enterprise Rent-A-Car Chevrolet at New Hampshire, where he is a Busch North Series winner.

Truex, competing in his first full season in the Busch Series, leads Kyle Busch by 95 points heading into Friday night's Emerson Radio 250 at Richmond International Raceway, with nine races remaining this season.

"It's still sinking in that I'm running my first Cup race," Truex Jr. said. "Enterprise Rent-A-Car and DEI have made strong efforts to give me this opportunity. Everyone at DEI rents cars from Enterprise on the weekends we race, so I'm

looking forward to representing them on the track in New Hampshire."

Enterprise Rent-A-Car is also making its debut as a primary sponsor in Nextel Cup racing.

"We saw this as an opportunity to strengthen our great relationship with DEI and Dale Earnhardt, Jr.," said Pete Wyatt, director of sponsorship marketing for Enterprise. "NASCAR fans are extremely supportive of our relationship with DEI and wanted to support them. In addition, we think it is fitting that the number one rental car company is sponsoring DEI's number one car and Truex Jr.'s first Cup start."

Truex already has Cup experience at New Hampshire, having relieved Earnhardt Jr. last July, when injuries kept Earnhardt from finishing the event. Truex handled most of the driving duties that weekend, practicing, qualifying and climbing in the DEI Chevrolet on lap 61 to complete the 300-lap race. Truex has compiled four NASCAR Busch Series victories, six Bud Pole Awards, 12 top-5 and 18 top-10 finishes in the 2004 Busch Series.

## Kentucky LLBWS team named Grand Marshal of Tripleheader Fall Classic

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — After experiencing once in a lifetime memories during the Little League Baseball World Series (LLBWS) last month in Williamsport, Pa., the Owensboro, Southern All Stars will be honored as grand marshals of the Kentucky Speedway Triple Header Fall Classic on Saturday, Sept. 18.

The team hails from the NASCAR capital of the Commonwealth that has produced three-time NEXTEL Cup Series Champion Darrell Waltrip as well as other well-known drivers such as two-time Daytona 500 winner Michael Waltrip, Jeremy Mayfield and the Green brothers — David, Jeff and Mark. The third-largest city in the state also is home to many NASCAR crew members and their families.

Head Coach Vic Evans, Jr., and his players will deliver the command for drivers to start their engines.

The Southern All-Stars advanced to the LLBWS on Aug. 9 when pitcher Cole Sturgeon propelled the team to the Great Lakes Region Championship with a one-hit, 3-0 win over Highland, Ind. The 11- and 12-year-old All Stars entered the tournament undefeated in 18 games and finished fifth nationally. The team was one of eight representing the United States and one of 16 from around the world to qualify for the season-ending tournament. The Southern All-Stars posted a 1-2 record in LLBWS play.

"We are honored to host these All-American athletes and proud of their accomplishments. The all-stars represented the state of Kentucky and the region very well in what is truly the pinnacle of youth baseball," Kentucky Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager Mark F. Cassis said. "Racing is at the fabric of their Owensboro community and we hope the experience will be a thrill for the team."

## With father back in NFL, J.D. Gibbs at helm of family racing team

by MIKE HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Building a NASCAR team was his father's dream, but J.D. Gibbs is now the man leading Joe Gibbs Racing into the future.

While the elder Gibbs is preparing the Washington Redskins for Sunday's opener at home against Tampa Bay — his first game as an NFL coach in 12 years — J.D. is overseeing preparations by the race team for Saturday night's crucial race at Richmond.

Tony Stewart has locked up a spot in the Chase for the Nextel Cup, while Bobby Labonte still has work to do this weekend at Richmond. Credit: Autostock

Tony Stewart already has locked up a spot in NASCAR's new 10-race championship playoff, but Bobby Labonte needs to make up two places to get into the top 10. Only the top 10 drivers after Saturday's race will be eligible to compete for the championship.

The race team has hardly missed a beat since J.D.'s dad made the surprising decision to return to the sport where he already has three Super Bowl titles and a niche in the Hall of Fame.

"Obviously, there was a lot of concern when he did leave, even though he wasn't doing a lot of the day-to-day operations," said J.D., who already was the team's president. "What he did a really good job at was keeping in contact with the sponsors."

Now, keeping the sponsors happy — and just about everything else — is the 35-year-old J.D.'s responsibility.

That is something of a surprise to the younger Gibbs, who simply followed his father into the sport when Joe decided to retire from coaching and started organizing his NASCAR team in 1991.

"My brother and I grew up with stick and ball sports and went to some races," J.D. said. "When we started the team, I figured I'd do it for a couple of years and then I'd go coach. We had 15 employees and one car when we started."

Now, his father and younger brother Coy have gone back to coaching and J.D. is running the racing business, which has grown to more than 200 people and will add a third Nextel Cup team in 2005.

"We just happened to get in right when the sport was taking off and TV was really starting to really appreciate it, and the fan base really started to grow," he said.

While his father was actively involved with JGR, the team won 40 races and two Cup championships — Labonte in 2000 and Stewart in 2002. J.D. chalks up much of that success to his father's organizational skills — the same talent that brought Joe so much success in football.

"I think it was kind of neat to watch the way my dad handled issues," J.D. said. "He was just a good leader, putting teams together. That's all it is, just like football. Most of the guys have all the equipment and the cars. It's the people and how you put them together that's the biggest thing. You want to make sure that people want to come to work. That's his philosophy."

J.D. has inherited his father's people

skills — and he's enjoying running the race team far more than he would ever have thought.

"What I truly enjoy is you're always doing something different day in and day out," he said. "Sometimes, you're working with corporate partners and sponsors, sometimes you're going to hospitality, sometimes you're working on personnel in the shop or working on budget issues. It's kind of nice to always have something different to do."

Stewart says the team is in good hands.

"J.D. is in his seventh year as president of Joe Gibbs Racing and I think he's a little nervous about his new role," Stewart said. "But I think he underestimates his ability as the team leader."

"J.D. is a really smart guy — a lot smarter than he lets people know. He's been with Joe Gibbs Racing since the day it opened its doors and he's been through every situation that can happen with the race team."

Even though he has had to totally immerse himself in football again this summer, Joe has made it to several races and had weekly telephone conversations with his eldest son.

"We still have a close connection," J.D. said. "We have a suite up there at FedEx Field and we can bring people up there to entertain. What we found out is when you're able to share the NFL and NASCAR and combine those two things, it really makes a nice package."

"As dad says, 'If you don't like one of them, you're probably on life support.' He's still a big part of this team."

## Blackcats

Prestonsburg did not allow Lawrence County inside the 25-yard line throughout the game.

Tyler Hamilton and Jesse Chaffin anchored a solid Blackcat defensive unit as the two combined for 20 tackles on the night. John Mark Stephens and Billy Joe Hicks both finished the night with eight tackles for the Blackcat defense. Hicks also came up with an interception late in the game to help seal the win for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg scored twice early via the air with the second coming on a 30-yard strike from David Shaffer to Chaffin with :07 left in the first quarter. Prestonsburg led 14-0 and added to the lead midway through the second quarter on a 15-yard run from senior Trevor Compton.

The Blackcats added a two-point conversion and lead 22-0 with 5:34 left in the first half.

Lawrence County answered the Prestonsburg touchdown with a 91-yard kickoff return for a touchdown just after the Blackcats had taken control of the game. However, that would be one of the few bright spots on the night for Lawrence County as the Blackcat defense stood tall throughout the contest. Prestonsburg led 22-6 at the half as the passing game led to early scores. But the second half was all Prestonsburg with a punishing ground game. Joe Blackburn rolled up 231 yards on 21 carries in the rout as the Prestonsburg offense was clicking on all cylinders.

The Prestonsburg offensive line opened holes for Blackburn and pushed around the Bulldog defensive front throughout the game. Zach Lafferty, Cody Crider, Darrick Williams, Zach Ousley, Tyler Layne and Wes Woods were among the Prestonsburg O-linemen that dominated the game from start to finish.

Brandon Peters, Kyle Ousley, Blackburn and Compton continued to anchor the Blackcat defensive backfield.

Prestonsburg put its final score on the board early in the fourth quarter on a



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg sophomore David Shaffer looked for an open receiver.

Blackburn 67-yard run. An extra point kick from Moore gave the Blackcats a 29-6 win.

Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett was happy with his team after the win.

"This was the best defensive effort that I can recall since we have been at Prestonsburg," stated DeRossett. "I am so proud of this team after the way we

started the season, but they have stayed the course and it is paying off."

Prestonsburg will have little time to celebrate the victory as a strong Ashland Tomcat team will travel to Prestonsburg Friday evening for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

Friday will be Homecoming for Prestonsburg as the Blackcats host the Tomcats.

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JIM DAVIDSON

## A one-man think tank

Our nation's 40th President, Ronald Reagan, will go down in history as one of the foremost thinkers of our time. This is not common knowledge, because most people during the time he was in office thought he was an



amicable man, not too bright and the captive of his aides.

Nothing could be further from the truth. In the past few years, a completely unbiased person

who never knew Ronald Reagan and was never involved in his administration or any of his activities has made a remarkable discovery.

What I'm going to share will cast President Reagan in a completely different light, and millions of Americans will come to appreciate the contributions this great man made to our nation.

Dr. Kiron K. Skinner, a research fellow at the Hoover Institution on the campus of Stanford University, made this discovery while doing research on the end of the Cold War, from an American perspective. In the process of conducting her research, President Reagan's wife, Nancy, gave Kiron access to some of the President's private papers at the Reagan Library.

What she discovered was hundreds of audiotapes and thousands of radio transcripts written by the President on yellow legal pads, in his own handwriting. As she began to read through these hand written transcripts, she was amazed to see the amount of reading, research and knowledge that had gone into them.

Near the end of his second term as governor of California, he had instructed his aides to put together a plan for his activities after he left office. A man by the name of Harry O'Connor, who was a radio producer, had suggested to one of the governor's friends that a conservative voice was needed on radio and he thought Ronald Reagan was the right person for the job.

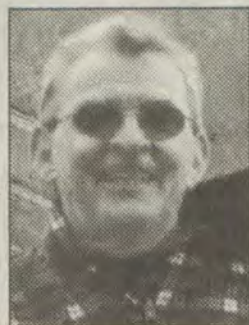
Ronald Reagan liked the idea and along with speaking engagements all across the nation and writing a syndicated newspaper column, he launched his three-minute radio commentary, titled "Viewpoints" in January 1975. In the coming months it grew to over 350 stations and was heard by approximately 20 million people each week.

His wife, Nancy, was one of the few people who knew that he wrote practically all of these commentaries himself. She said he

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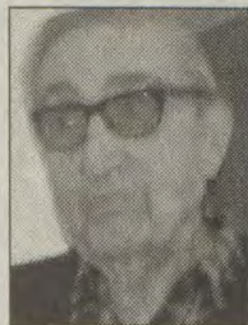
**Robin & Stacy Scudder**  
"Where ever you go, that's where you are."



**Bob Webb**  
"The smile is universal."



**Diane Hall**  
"To leave the world a bit better...to know that even one life has breathed easier because you lived is to have achieved success."



**Herman Porter**  
"I've learned that I know very little."



**Tommy Reed**  
"The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance."



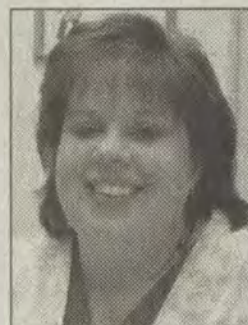
**Lindsay Webb**  
"No matter what happens, you can always pull yourself through it. Treat everybody in life the way you want to be treated and your endeavor will be much better."



**Wetzel Queen, Nana Fannin, Denise Porter & Randy Porter**  
"God's ministry, God's way."



**Matthew Skeans**  
"If you've got no one to care about, then you have no reason to do all this stuff."



**Shaw Reynolds**  
"Be the change you wish to see."



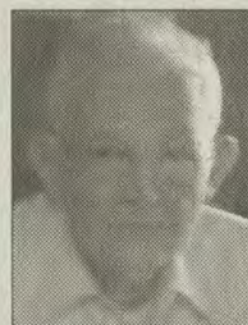
**Meredith Slone**  
"You're only as good as the words that come out of your mouth."



**Johnnie Ross**  
"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8



**Randy Lawson**  
"The eyes are the window of the soul."



**Frank Gilliam**  
"If you work, you can make it. I don't like nobody that don't work."



**Lydia Hackworth**  
"Live every moment like it's your last. Savor every moment."



**Daniel & Grace Curry**  
"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Gal. 6:1

## MEET APPALACHIA

# Another chapter

I have learned oodles from the people who shared a slice of time with me. I am thankful and humbled to have had the opportunity. May God and life keep you moving toward the things that mean the most to you.

— Mary Music

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

I began this section seven months ago with the express intent of learning something. Looking back on 31 completed interviews, I am overwhelmed with what I've learned.

World travelers. Preachers. The mathematically inclined. Artists — young and old. Craftsmen. Historians. Comedians. Those who laughed. Those who cried. Those who sang a song for me.

Every single person I interviewed taught me a special lesson about life. I learned these things through their weaknesses and their strengths. (That's one thing we all should remember.)

I find it interesting—and downright fun—to sit back and listen to people tell their stories. Amazingly, though, what they don't say—or don't want me to print—says so much more about who they are than what they said at all.

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## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

# 'Silent Rage'

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

You know that a formula film is getting tired when the ingredients start getting outrageous. A film series is surely on the way out when it gets daring, but sometimes this pays off.

Universal Pictures found this out when they put all of their top monsters into "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein" and you get a similar result from this film which mixes horror with kung fu. It was a smart move since horror movies were in ascension in the early-1980s, while interest in kung-fu flicks was waning. The result here is a Chuck Norris knucklefest wherein he gets to drop kick a super-human, and mute, killer zombie. Think Bruce Lee vs. Jason and you get the picture.



Tom Doty  
Staff Writer

The film opens with a well-paced scene where a guy loses control while on the phone with his therapist, and makes a hash out of the denizens of a boarding house. He uses an axe to do his chopping until Sheriff Norris shows up and introduces this psycho to his patented karate chop. By the time backup arrives, old Chuck has the killer cuffed in his unit. But the guy breaks free and is soon handed a lead transfusion by the deputies. The guy is shipped to the morgue, but now is when things get interesting.

Turns out the local hospital/morgue also has some mad scientists in residence. These are your basic mad doctor types who engage in a little harmless gene splicing when they aren't treating tennis elbow. They decide to try out a new drug on the corpse and it not only revives his bullet ridden corpse but makes him invincible.

Instead of telling anybody about their whoops, they decide to hide him in the bowels of the hospital so they can run some tests on him. This move ranks right up there with putting ketchup on a hot dog and soon gets both scientists dead.

The last doctor to die figures out what went wrong but dies before sharing it with the audience (note to the director: that's cheating, buddy). Cleanup duty falls to Chuck, who is happy to pound the snot out of the killer cadaver while juggling a romance with a comely lass and breaking in his cowardly deputy.

Chuck pounds on Mr. Invincible for awhile before he figures out that the guy is impervious to harm. Chuck finally snatches a clue about the killer's invincibility and drops him into a mining shaft that will hold him till the eventual sequel that never materialized.

The good news is that this film tries hard to please fans of both types of films and succeeds on the horror front, though the fight scenes aren't

(See LAGOON, page seven)

# If you think you can, you can

by CHRISTINE VAN LOO

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE BODY & SOUL"

"Tumbling time!" I called out. My group of giggling children lined up before the sea of blue mats. Megan trailed behind and stepped quietly into the back of the line. She was 8 years old, the same age I was when I began sports acrobatics.

I started the class with forward and backward rolls, cartwheels and handstand forward rolls. The children had mastered this series months ago. Two girls and a boy had even achieved back handspings on their own. But Megan was still working on handstand forward rolls. It simply took her a little longer to learn the tumbling moves.

I caught her ankles as she kicked into a handstand. While checking her body alignment, I reminded her to straighten her legs, to push against the floor and to tuck in her chin. I guided her as she rolled over, then we started the process again. Each time she stood up I made a special effort to find something to compliment. "What beautiful pointed toes you have," or "Your legs were much straighter than last time," or "That was the strongest handstand I've seen you do yet."

One day before class, Megan's father asked to talk to me. By his somber expression I didn't know what to expect.

"I'm thinking of taking Megan out of class," he said.

"Why?" I asked. Had I done something wrong? I wondered.

His arm draped protectively over Megan's shoulders, he said: "She isn't catching on like the other kids are. I don't want her to hold them back." I could see his pained expression as he said this. Megan's eyes were downcast as if she wanted to disappear.

"I think you're making a mistake."

I said, "Megan needs this class, possibly more than the other children need it. I didn't start out as a seven-time national champion. I started out as an 8-year-old girl, just like Megan.

My coach, Igor, used to say: 'There are children with talent, then there is Christine. She just works hard.' When I look at Megan, I see myself. She works hard.

"Sir, your daughter may never win a competition. She may never even compete, but I promise you that if she keeps trying and believing in herself, her self-esteem will be more important than any gold medal ever won. I believe in Megan. I believe that she can accomplish anything she sets out to do, in her own time."

As I said these words, Megan looked up at me. Her eyes were filled with tears, and she was smiling like a bud flowering into bloom.

Her father hugged me and whispered:

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**Gwyen Meade**  
"Don't sweat the small stuff."



**Rhonda Ousley**  
"Whatever is meant to be is going to be. Things happen for a reason."



**Robert Davis**  
"Human dignity is something each one of us has to generate to oneself and we have to recognize it in each other."



**Earnest Brewer**  
"I don't want to look back on my life when I'm 95 years old and say, 'Boy, I should have done this or I should have done that.' I want to be able to say, 'Man, wasn't that great!'"



**Ed Caudill**  
"Love is the greatest word. When there's 2 dogs going at it and fighting, you pick up a hose and spray them so that they go down the road licking one another."



**Betty Cavins**  
"You never know where life might lead you."



**Southern Baptist Convention volunteers**  
"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."  
—Dr. Seuss



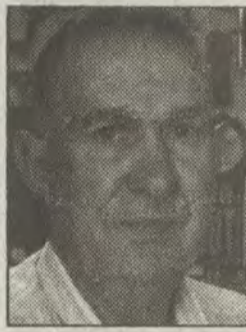
**Truman Messer**  
"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."



**Janet Faubert**  
"You never really leave a place you love. Part of it you take with you, leaving a part of you behind."



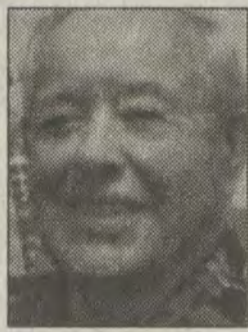
**Bettina Hutchings**  
"You only learn your limits by going beyond them."



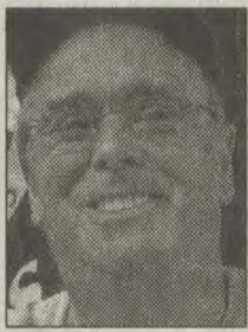
**B. Ward Coleman**  
"I treat people with respect and I expect them to respect me. I found out that's more important than anything I've done in my life."



**Chris Bailey**  
"The best doctor is one that doesn't act like a doctor. You don't have to feel like you're better or smarter than your patients. You should be on their level."



**Russell Rice**  
"An idle mind is the devil's workshop and I don't want that kind of shop."



**Melvin Ray Hall**  
"If you want it bad enough, you can get it. It's out there."



**Linda Salisbury**  
"Treat others the way you like to be treated. If People lived by that day by day, wouldn't it be a better world?"

**Appalachia**

The most rewarding interviews were with those people who didn't get all wound up about the print. And, of course, outstandingly humorous people always caught my attention. I've enjoyed it tremendously.

We have some very remarkably talented people here in our midst. Some people give so much with their lives, yet there are some who are afraid to give—even to themselves. I saw that in how they told their stories—the look in their eyes, a fumble on their lips. They believed their weaknesses make them weak. I believe weaknesses make people strong, as long as they see their way past them.

People have their quirky little habits, and I'm not secluded from that category. Those quirky little habits are the things that make us remarkable.

The biggest lesson I've learned as the author of this section is one I should have known—and probably did—years ago.

Life happens to everyone and everything.

The days of our lives zip by and we're left with the moments that remain. The happiest people—or those who seemed the happiest—were those who somehow captured those moments and turned them into something true for themselves. Their art, their hopes, their dreams, their love—these are the things that define them. Their contentment glows from within them and filters into the world around them. The truth of happiness is so much a part of them, it actually becomes them. They live and breathe it everyday, every moment, and they strive to find it whenever adversity darkens their path.

The strongest people I met were those who've tasted pain and kept on walking, those who aren't afraid to put

their heart on the line. These are the people who say what they mean because they mean it, and do what they say because they said it. They step outside their boundaries to create or be the people they need to be. (I admire you tremendously.)

Not all of the lessons I learned through Meet Appalachia were positive ones. The true, underlying qualities of some people become clearer only after they stepped out of the fog they use to present themselves to others.

I found this to be true after the Times got several calls from readers—many from church circles—who voiced disturbing opposition to a story written about a married couple—a preacher and his wife, a former member of his church choir. I sat with this man and woman for nearly three hours, during which time they told me about the same type of opposition they faced from the community when they fell in love 10 years (10 YEARS!) ago. Some said—and still do—that their love and commitment to each other is wrong, that they shouldn't participate in church activities.

I say some people are so stubbornly judgmental it blinds them. They're missing out on some of the best parts of this world.

The biggest lesson my readers didn't learn from this section are those found in the stories of the people who were afraid to be interviewed.

The 80 year old woman who walks almost daily from her house at the head of a Paintsville holler to Prestonsburg, where she visits her husband in the nursing home and does yard work for a resident here—she has a story to tell, but she couldn't tell it because it hurt too much.

The man I met at Wendy's while eat-

ing a chicken sandwich—he wrapped his arms around the world in five minutes before he turned me down for the interview.

A biologist who has ol' time country cures for every ailment under the sun—she didn't want you to know her secrets.

A veteran who canceled his interview because he drank too much the night before and was hospitalized—we'll never know his story.

The grandmother of a store clerk who passed on the interview because she was worn out after making apple butter all day—her recipe remains unpublished.

An inmate whose lawyer refused consent. A kayaking enthusiast who didn't return my calls.

And, let's not forget my very first Meet Appalachia interview—with the man I am currently dating. His story was so interesting, I kept it for myself....

For years, Eastern Kentucky has been plagued with stereotypes. Of course, it isn't as bad as it used to be, but it's still here. I've learned the only stereotypes that really matter are those we place on ourselves, those that limit us from being who and what we need to be. We should live strong lives and be true to ourselves, if we do nothing else in this world. Life's too short and important to do otherwise.

On Sept. 3, I embarked on a new adventure. Thanks to the Private College Consortium for International Studies and the International Enrichment organization, I am one of two very fortunate Pikeville College students who has the opportunity to study in London, England. I'm taking what I learned with me, and, yes, I'll be sharing what I learn there with you.

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**Lagoon**

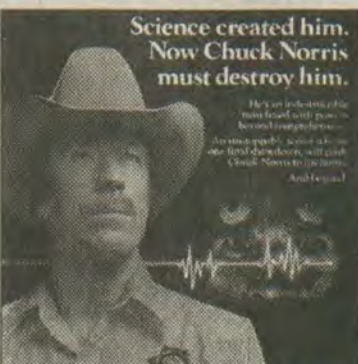
Chuck's best work.

The direction by Michael Miller is assured, though "Jackson County Jail" remains his best work. The supporting cast is pretty good and almost makes up for the wooden acting chops of Norris. Chuck is well aware of his limited acting range and once said after Lone Wolf McQuade, "that he is about as good an actor as David Carradine is a martial artist."

The cast includes Ron Silver, who lends his New York method acting skills

as the only scientist who isn't morally challenged. Toni Kalem is called on to look cute and scream and does a fine job of both as Norris' love interest. Steven Keats and William Finley are both fine as morally bankrupt doctors and Stephen Furst (Flounder in "Animal House") steals all of his scenes as a portly, whimpering deputy.

Best Line: "He's got the internal organs of a 20-year-old boy." 1982, rated R.



Science created him. Now Chuck Norris must destroy him.

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**Cody is 5!**

Cody Stone celebrated his fifth birthday on August 28, 2004, with friends and family at Archer Park Skating Rink with a "Spiderman" theme party. Cody is the son of Brian and Rachel Stone, of Eastern. He is the grandson of Dennis and Susie Bradford, of Blue River, and Patricia Bailey, of Hippo, and Terry Stone, of Eastern.



**Publishers Weekly Best Sellers**

**HARDCOVER FICTION**

1. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
2. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
3. "Murder List" by Julie Garwood (Ballantine)
4. "Tanequil" by Terry Brooks (Del Rey)
5. "The Rule of Four" by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason (Dial)
6. "Skinny Dip" by Carl Hiaasen (Knopf)
7. "White Hot" by Sandra Brown (Simon & Schuster)
8. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Atria)
9. "Dune: The Battle of Corrin" by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson (Tor)
10. "Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell" by Susanna Clarke (Bloomsbury)

**NONFICTION/GENERAL**

1. "Unfit for Command: Swift Boat Veterans Speak Out Against John Kerry" by John E. O'Neill, Jerome R. Corsi (Regnery)
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3. "American Soldier" by Gen. Tommy Franks with Malcolm McConnell (ReganBooks)
4. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
5. "Skywriting: A Life Out of the Blue" by Jane Pauley (Random House)
6. "My Life" by Bill Clinton (Knopf)
7. "Bushworld: Enter at Your Own Risk" by Maureen Dowd (Putnam)
8. "Eats, Shoots & Leaves" by Lynne Truss (Gotham)
9. "How to Make Love Like a Porn Star" by Jenna Jameson with Neil Strauss (ReganBooks)
10. "Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap... and

Others Don't" by Jim Collins (HarperBusiness)

**MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS**

1. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
2. "Split Second" by David Baldacci (Warner Vision)
3. "Charmed & Enchanted" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
4. "The Rocky Road to Romance" by Janet Evanovich (HarperTorch)
5. "Deception Point" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
6. "The Notebook" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
7. "Divided in Death" by J.D. Robb (Berkley)
8. "Digital Fortress" by Dan Brown (St. Martin's Press)
9. "The Bourne Ultimatum" by Robert Ludlum (Bantam)
10. "Hot Blooded" by Christine Feehan, Maggie Shayne, Emma Holly & Angela Knight (Jove)

**TRADE PAPERBACKS**

1. "The 9/11 Commission Report" (Norton)
2. "The Wedding" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
3. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon (Vintage)
4. "The South Beach Diet Good Fats/Good Carbs Guide" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (Rodale)
5. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
6. "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger (Harcourt/Harvest)
7. "The Devil Wears Prada" by Lauren Weisberger (Broadway Books)
8. "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri (Houghton/Mariner)
9. "Reading Lolita in Tehran" by Azar Nafisi (Random House)
10. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)

**Davidson**

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liked to take long showers, because this is when he got some of his best thoughts. After he got out of the shower, he would sit down at his desk in the bedroom and write them down.

Something else she said that I thought was interesting is that she could never remember him watching television. In most cases, we would all be better off if we took this approach in how we use our time.

Over the next four years he would write over 1,000 of these commentaries, where he had researched and thought through practically every topic and issue that he would face as president of the United States.

As a side note, I was privileged to meet Ronald Reagan in 1976 when he came to Little Rock to speak to the Arkansas Chapter of the International Society of Professional Engineers.

A friend of mine, the late Ed Riddick, an engineer and also a pilot, flew up to Illinois to pick up Ronald Reagan for this speaking engagement. A private reception for him was held before the meeting, at the Little Rock Country Club, and Ed Riddick invited me to be his guest. That same year he would lose his party's nomination to Gerald Ford, but that did not dampen his spirits, as he continued to make speeches, write his column and produce his radio commentaries.

If you have wondered where I am getting this information, it has been gleaned from a series of compact disks produced by Simon & Schuster

Audio titled, "Reagan In His Own Voice." It features a number of prominent people in his administration, who confirmed this man's remarkable ability and also his love for the American people. In my mind, I can still hear him giving those inspiring speeches and how glad he made me feel to be an American. One speech in particular is when he said to Mikhail Gorbachev, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

One of those who gave affirmation was George Shultz, long time advisor to President Reagan and his secretary of state for almost seven years. Secretary Shultz told of countless times when he would be with the president for meetings with other world leaders and discuss critical major issues. He said, "The president, without the benefit of notes or someone whispering in his ear, would speak extemporaneously with deep passion and spell out our national policy in very clear and vivid detail."

Many people have wondered how Ronald Reagan could have been twice elected governor of our most populous state and twice elected president of the United States of America. Here the truth is simple and clear. He was a much smarter man than many people gave him credit for being.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

**Soup**

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"Thank you. Thank you so much." He turned to Megan and said: "Honey, go and put on your leotard. It's time for your class."

Megan eventually did learn handstand forward rolls as well as many other skills — in her own time. More importantly, she never again stood at the back of the line. From that day forward, whenever I asked the chil-

dren to line up for tumbling, Megan ran to stand in the front.

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# Sunday Comics

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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## R.F.D. by Mike Marland



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Apricot Coffee etc. Grape Nut Rum Raisin  
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Blueberry Festivus Oh Pear Wavy Gravy  
Capecodder Ginger Snap Pecan Pie

### HOCUS-FOCUS

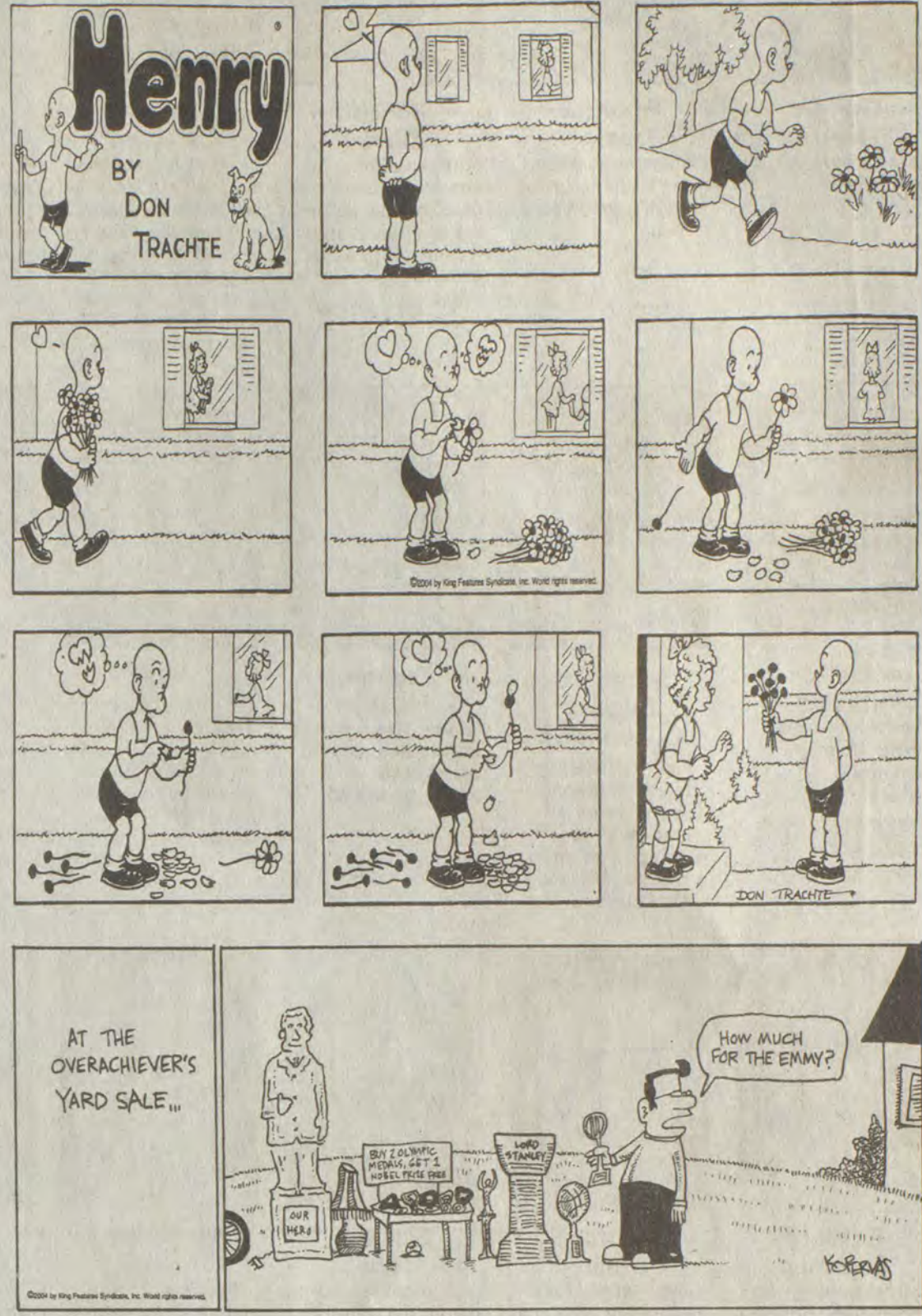
BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Light is missing; 2. Mail slot is missing; 3. Plug is different; 4. Vase is different; 5. Hair is different; 6. Dress is shorter.

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2



## Super Crossword

### MEN OF LETTERS

**ACROSS**

1 Pay to play  
5 "Forever —" ('47 film)  
10 "Go, team!"  
13 Window parts  
18 German river  
19 "The Gong Show" guy  
21 Fit — fiddle  
22 Jergens or Astaire  
23 "The Shadow over Innsmouth" author  
25 "In a Free State" author  
27 "Big Three" site  
28 Most loathsome  
30 Ring official  
31 Po land  
35 Word form for "environment"  
36 '62 Tornadoes smash  
39 "The Nibelungenlied," e.g.  
42 Golfer Trevino  
43 Omit  
45 Wooden strip  
46 — Aviv  
47 Adventure stories

49 — Dawn  
51 Singer Vaughan  
54 "Perelandra" author  
56 "The Time Machine" author  
60 Writer Erich  
62 Game fellow?  
63 Actress Alicia  
64 "Cara —" ('65 song)  
65 Hard to lift  
66 Lesage's "Gil —"  
69 Zhivago's love  
71 CT hours  
73 Charged atom  
74 "The Catcher in the Rye" author  
78 "Women in Love" author  
82 Southern constellation  
83 Cal. page  
84 Tibetan monk  
86 Do Europe  
87 gymnastics  
90 Scoundrel  
92 Columnist Smith  
93 Lamb and pork  
97 Shining

98 "Charlotte's Web" author  
100 "Winnie-the-Pooh" author  
102 Broadcast  
104 — Tome  
105 Jitterbug dance  
107 Mink's coat  
108 Spruce  
110 Use a  
113 Fairway accessory  
114 "Cheerio!"  
115 Earphones  
118 Maestro de Waart  
119 Proprietor  
121 Chum  
122 Fraught with danger  
125 Fall birthstone  
129 "A Passage to India" author  
132 "The Code of the Woosters" author  
136 Post or Bronte  
137 Zsa Zsa's sister  
138 Explanatory phrase  
139 Corporate VIP  
140 Panelist Paul  
141 — Tin Tin  
142 Steakhouse order

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**DOWN**

1 Pale  
2 Wine valley  
3 Hard to believe  
4 Amatory  
5 Vigoda or Burrows  
6 Rock's Fleetwood —  
7 "I'm freezing!"  
8 Ages  
9 "100 —" ('69 film)  
10 Sitarist Shankar  
11 Selling point  
12 Crummy kid?  
13 With  
14 Business dept.  
15 Anne of "The Daytrippers"  
16 More morose  
17 Egotist's darling  
20 — shift  
24 Tub  
26 Hold-up man?  
29 Fancy fabric  
32 See  
13 Down  
33 Triangle parts  
34 Indeed  
37 Squirrel away

38 Stooze count  
39 Emulate Rembrandt  
40 Chihuahua dough  
41 Poorly  
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47 Bulge  
48 Sedimentary rock  
50 Architect Saarin  
52 Once more  
53 Devastation  
55 Isle near Corsica  
57 Knot  
58 Combat  
59 Egyptian Nobelist  
61 Director Adrian  
67 Objective  
68 — drum  
70 Come clean  
72 Terrible age?  
74 Part of Indonesia  
75 Races a jalopy  
76 — Sainte Marie, MI  
77 Up for — (available)  
79 Eye color  
80 Card game  
81 " — saw Elba"  
85 Mohammed — Jinnah  
88 Actress Luft  
89 Jacket material  
91 — brillig...  
94 — Romeo  
95 Hardware item  
96 Blood components  
99 "Heartbreak —" ('56 hit)  
100 From the top  
101 Mideastern gulf  
103 Hornets  
106 Skater Midori  
109 Wobble  
111 Take on  
112 Purchased  
114 Girl Scout units  
115 Overdramatic  
116 Puckish  
117 Roman fountain  
120 Numerical suffix  
121 Role for Rigg  
123 Persia, today  
124 Medicine cabinet item  
126 Immaculate  
127 On a whale watch, perhaps  
128 Gusto  
130 Time-honored  
131 Dell loaf  
133 Oklahoma native  
134 Uproar  
135 Nationality suffix

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**Airater Septic System,** It has 3 compassator Brand New, installed but never used call 606-297-1454 asking \$1,800. firm...

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**For Sale Mobile Home 1998,16x 80 3 bed room 2 bath** includes land, lots of extras asking 45,000 serious calls only call 606-672-7783

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

**Office/Retail Space** available Great Location near downtown, in the PHS, BSCTC, and the new Food City area of Prestonsburg. up to 4,200 square feet for lease call Today 886-0111 x16 or 226-2266

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**630 - Houses for rent**  
**For rent Lovely 2 bed room home on Central Ave.** 550.00 /mo. 550.00 call 606-886-1416 or 606-788-1461

**For Sale Ford Contour** 77,000 miles Maroon, 4 door, A/C, Cruise control. \$2,800 firm, interested buyers call 606-886-8494 after 5pm, leave message if no answer.

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

**All Drywall, Dutch with 2x6 walls,**and 5/12 roof pitch, ultimate kitchen package, glass block window, and many more extras. Set up for viewing. For details call 606-353-6444 or toll free 577-353-6444

**First month's Free rent** with paid Security deposit! Park place Apartments in Prestonsburg, Elderly, Handicapped & Disabled Available for immediate occupancy. Rent 1 bed room \$309, 2 bed room \$345 call 606-886-0039

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

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 404 David Road  
 2002 Jeep Laredo V8, 40,000 miles \$13,500 1998 Camry LE, Black 90,000 miles \$6,500 call Hicks Auto Sales at 606-791-2845 after hours 886-3451

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**THE LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER** has a morning newspaper route available in the Allen to Martin to Wheelwright area. Route takes 3-4 hours daily with an approximate profit potential of \$1000 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to be bonded required. Call 1-800-274-7355 (Ext. 3368)

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**For Sale 3 bed room brick, 2 bath** fenced yard, new A/C, carport reduced 68,000, 2 minutes from High lands call 606-884-7212

**For Rent 1 bed room Apt.** furnished, located next to Waffle House \$450.00 including water bill call 606-339-2702 or 606-874-1772

**For rent 2 bed room Apt.** on 321 between Highland Hospital and Porter Elem. Central heat and air conditioner ,office, utility room ,walk in closets \$425 per month \$200.00 deposit, call 606-789-5973

**For Rent 3 bed room 1 1/2 bath** with appliances located on 4764 Rt. 1426, Dana, Ky. Prater creek 1miles south of Little Salem Church contact 740-379-2842 \$600.00 month plus 500.00 deposit

**For Sale 1990 Mustang Gt. 5.0** White good condition, needs transmission,1,600.00 please call after 6pm 606-886-9890

**Would like to do office cleaning** in the Prestonsburg area, have references over 15 years in the cleaning business had raining in OSHA Hepatitis shots, can run a buffer, and strip and wax floors, and shampoo carpet honest and dependable married Christian women call 606-789-9172

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**For Sale Building** (currently used as church), features sermon area, Pastor's study, full kitchen, class rooms, activities room asking \$90,000 call Chris or Laurie @Remax 888-535-2624

**House for Sale on North Arnold Ave.** 3-4 bed room land contract call 606-889-0507

**RENTALS**  
**610-Apartments**

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 636-5032, RENEWAL #4**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Hall & Jones Coal Company, General Delivery, Route 122, Bevinville, KY

41606, has filed for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2.5 miles south of McDowell in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 0.93 surface acres and will underlie 382.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 382.93 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile east from KY 1929's junction with Ned Fork Road and located 0.01 mile southwest of Ned Fork. The latitude is 37 degrees 25 minutes 28 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 41 minutes 52 seconds. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Andy Mitchell. The operation will underlie land owned by Andy Mitchell, Della Vance, James Jones, Richard Moore, Ira Lee Jones, Charles Page, Levi Blankenship, Carl Bentley, Orbin Moore, Orville Hamilton, Hazard Collins, Opal Moore, Barzell Brown, Sam Hamilton, Arizona Martin, and Jeff Henson. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601-4321.

Bevinville, KY 41606, has filed for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2.2 miles east of East McDowell in Floyd county. The proposed operation will disturb 1.08 surface acres and will underlie 582.30 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 583.38 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.1 mile south from KY 1929's junction with Ned Fork Road and located 0.1 mile south of Fransure Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 42 minutes 24 seconds. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Della Vance. The operation will underlie land owned by Della Vance, Wade Frasure, Rex Frasure, Boone Frasure, Hazard Collins, Helen Gayheart, Otis Frazier, Wade Frazier, Eugene Frazier, Edd Mosley, Mike Kinney, Ray Hall, Bobby Holson, Moses Frazier, Jeff Henson, Sam Hamilton, Barrell Brown, Opal Moore, Orville Hamilton, Orbin Moore, Carl Bentley, Levi Blankenship, Charles Page, Ira Lee Jones, Kilhard Moore, and James Jones. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of Ned Fork Road. The operation will not involve the relocation of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601-4321.

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