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briefs

Johnson pleads guilty to conspiracy

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

WHITESBURG — A Drift woman who allegedly participated in the July 2003 killing of Michael Slone, 27, pleaded guilty Wednesday to charges of complicity to commit assault and kidnapping.

Mitzie Johnson, 50, entered the plea in Letcher County, where the special judge appointed to the case conducts court, for the case which is scheduled to be tried in Floyd County. Johnson entered the plea upon a sentencing recommendation of 12 years in prison if she will testify against Billy Joe Johnson, who is alleged to have killed Slone, when the matter comes to trial.

Two other defendants in the case were scheduled for pretrial conferences at the same time but have since had their dates continued.

Johnson admitted to her culpability in the case and was taped in a July 30, 2003, phone call to Kentucky State Police Post 13 in which she reported the whereabouts of Slone's 1993 Chevy, which was then discovered in Knott County.

Slone's body was found at an abandoned mine in Topmost on August 4, 2003. The discovery was soon followed by the arrest of Susan Moore, 34, of Langley, and Billy Joe Johnson, 47, of Bevinville. The arrests followed an investigation by Hazard authorities and the FBI. The two are accused of luring Slone to a location for the purpose of imprisoning, torturing and later killing him.

Tourism board going after late taxpayers

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Delinquent tourism taxpayers are getting a disgruntled nudge from the Convention and Visitor's Bureau — a tax lien against their business.

The decision came during a special meeting Thursday, in which commission

members discussed an approximate \$35,000 tax delinquency from 10 Prestonsburg businesses. Forty businesses pay the tax on a regular basis. The commission would not release the names of businesses who are not paying the tax.

The tourism tax is required of all restaurants and hotels in Prestonsburg. The businesses are expected to pay 3 percent of their monthly sales to the bureau.

The money is divided between the bureau (33 percent), Archer Park (33 percent), and the Mountain Arts Center (34 percent).

Commissioner Boyd Thompson, owner of Jerry's Restaurant, chided businesses who are delinquent in their tourism tax bills.

"What if the other 30 businesses said they were not going to pay?" Thompson

said. "What, by law, does it say for us to do? Let's enforce it. It has nothing to do with our money, it's money that goes back into the community ... Other people are paying up, we should not give slack to the 10 who aren't."

One business owes at least \$25,000 for last year's tourism tax. The business is

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Thirteen cats, three dogs and two pups were seized Friday morning by local animal control authorities from a home on McNally Lane, in Prestonsburg.

Officials remove animals; owner charged with cruelty

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — It was a scene much like those we've witnessed via "Animal Cops," malnourished and sick animals all living together under one roof, ostensibly being "cared for" by someone without the means to adequately take care of their needs.

"It's called animal hoarding," said Kathy Mullins, director of the Floyd County Animal Shelter. "And it's disgusting. Inside, this home is filled with animal feces

and urine. It's terrible, even the beds are nasty. There's just no excuse for this."

The home Mullins is referring to is located on McNally Lane, in Prestonsburg, and it is presently occupied by Tina Blevins and her preschool-age daughter. Blevins and her daughter had shared the home with over a dozen cats, three adult dogs and a litter of pups. But, following charges of animal cruelty and a seizure of the animals that could be located and caught early Friday morning, the animals are no longer in the picture.

Mullins, along with Floyd County animal control officer David Shepard, and Prestonsburg Police Officer Fred Mynhier, seized 13 cats, three dogs and two pups from Blevins' rented home Friday. One adult female, a pit bull, had apparently just weaned a litter of pups.

Blevins, though in tears and distraught over the loss of her pets, was unable to produce paperwork showing that the animals had been vaccinated and registered with county officials.

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Sex abuse plea put on hold

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Melvin resident charged with multiple counts of sexual abuse for allegedly engaging in sex acts with an 11-month-old child has been ordered to be held in the Floyd County Detention Center without bond after failing to answer questions about a guilty plea he had come to court to enter.

Judge John Caudill issued the order when Raymond Hall, 54, couldn't get past the first standard question that is asked when entering a plea. Hall could not state if he approved of his lawyer's performance and instead noted that he would wait and see how it went.

Judge Caudill did not accept the response and ordered Hall to spend the week in jail until his next hearing, which was scheduled for Wednesday at 9 a.m. Hall appeared confused about the time he has already

spent in jail which amounted to 350 days. Hall also made mention of being in ill health and stammered about not being fit to last 90 days in jail.

The plea deal that Hall had come in for would have netted him a five-year stay in jail on charges that could net him over 100 years in prison.

Hall was originally charged with three counts of sodomy, three counts of incest, one count of criminal abuse and one count of sexual abuse.

Last March his wife Sherri Hall, 33, of Hi Hat, entered a plea in the case and received a 10-year sentence, probated after five years, if she testified against Raymond Hall.

Raymond Hall was scheduled to go to trial on the charges Monday. On Wednesday, he will choose between taking a five-year sentencing recommendation or a new trial date will be ordered.

Judge criticizes delay in getting FEMA funds

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Friday's regularly scheduled meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court got off to a somber start when Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson spoke about area efforts to help Gulf Coast residents fleeing from the

destruction unleashed by Hurricane Katrina.

Thompson could not resist the opportunity to talk about FEMA, which has kept the county waiting for relief funds from last year's flood. At first he said, "I'm not going to get into several things I was going to say,"

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Floyd schools giving boost to technology

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County School system is beefing up technology.

The district has upgraded its communications infrastructure to an optical fiber network, connecting all schools from one central "hub" in the former computer lab at Prestonsburg High School. Information travels as light and is relayed through servers at various

schools. The new system replaces a less advanced system implemented at South Floyd High School in 1996. It increases the district's computer system speed from 1.44 megabytes to 1,000 megabytes, or one gigabyte. Officials say the change will improve efficiency in equipment, funding and education.

The central hub deters the need for the district to spend money on

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Network administrator Desmond Spencer explained the workings of the school district's new fiber-optic upgrade. This "hub" station at Prestonsburg High School connects all county schools with high-speed communications technologies. Also pictured are, standing front, Matt Wireman, standing back, Roy Harlow with Gearheart Communications, and Beverly Crisman.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Eugene Corder, 88, of Auxier, died Sunday, September 11, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Francis Harris Corder. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ William J. Hunter, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, September 12, at the Riverview Healthcare Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Willard Estill Goble, 32, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, September 12, in Endicott. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Flotine Howell Jones, 81, of McDowell, died Monday, September 12, at McDowell

Appalachian Regional Healthcare. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Maudie Turner Moore, 95, of Wayland, died Monday, September 13, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Cory Alexander Prater, 13, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, September 14, at the Johnson City Medical Center, in Johnson City, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Gregory Carl Slone, 44, of Blue River, died Monday, September 5, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 9, under the direction of Nelson-

Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Dolores Smith, 62, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, September 8, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Bill Smith. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Hattie Tackett, 92, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, September 10, at the Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Elizabeth Joyce Barnette, 63, Virgie, died Friday, September 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, September 12, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Anthony B. Francis, 39,

of McAndrews, died Thursday, September 8, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Monday, September 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Alta McKenzie Justice, 91, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, September 3, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were held Monday, September 5, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Amos Lowe, 90, of Hardy, died Friday, September 9, at Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, September 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ James R. Maynard, 77, of Ironton, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, September 8, in Ironton. He is survived by his wife, Avanelle Taylor Maynard. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 10, under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home.

■ Arlin McClanahan, 81, of Pikeville, died Sunday, September 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 15, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Janice Wolford Monroe, 73, of Burnwell, died Tuesday, September 13, at the Hubbard Hospice House, Charleston, W.Va. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 15, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Creed Ervin Ratliff, 63, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, September 9. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Rasnick. Funeral services were held Monday, September 12, under

the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ William Thompson, 65, a resident of the Good Shepherd Community Nursing Facility, Phelps, died Sunday, September 11, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Private graveside services were held Wednesday, September 14, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services.

■ Ilma Bailey Williamson, 76, of Ashcamp, formerly of Fishtrap, died Friday, September 9, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Arlon Williamson. Funeral services were held Monday, September 12, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Aley Brown Williamson, 92, of Williamson, W.Va., a native of Huddy, died Monday, September 12, in the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Unit. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 15, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry.

■ Edison Wright, 85, died Monday, September 12. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Elkhorn City.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Dorothy J. Martha Colvin, 82, of Delaware, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Monday, September 5, at Sunny Vee Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Friday, September 9, under the direction of the DeVore-Snyder Funeral Home of Delaware, Ohio.

■ Raymond Hannah, 92, of Swamp Branch, died Tuesday, September 6, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, September 9, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Netti Owens Pennington, 76 of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of Oil Springs, died Sunday, September 4, at Community Hospital in Springfield, Ohio. Funeral services were held Friday, September 9, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Jennifer Catherine Markel, 39, of Blaine, died Sunday, September 11, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

BSCTC sends two to leadership seminar

VERSAILLES — The sixth annual President's Leadership Seminar brought together 28 faculty and staff members from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) for a four-day mini-college in Lexington.

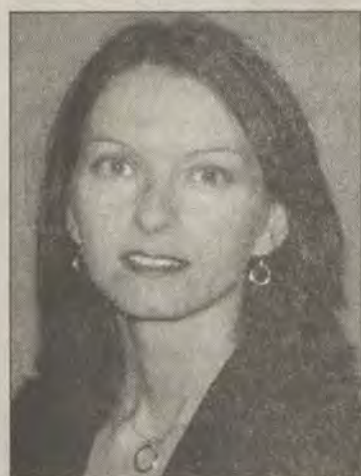
The September 13-16 seminar featured 15 nationally-renowned educators in a unique professional development experience that explores such broad-ranging issues as leadership traits, national issues and trends, professionalism, media relations, and customer service.

George Boggs, president of the American Association of Community Colleges; Jeff Hockaday of Hockaday-Hunter Associates, North Carolina; Mary Thornley, president of Trident Technical College, Charleston, SC; and Ken Atwater, president of South Mountain Community College, Phoenix, Az., were among the guest lecturers.

"The President's Leadership Seminar promotes and strengthens leadership among our faculty and staff," said Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president and sponsor of the seminar. "I am proud that over 150 people are



Michelle Meek



Patricia Goodman

graduates of this seminar. This not only helps advance KCTCS, but helps individuals achieve their personal and professional goals."

To be eligible for the seminar, faculty and staff members from the colleges and System Office must be nominated by their college presidents. System President McCall makes the final selection of the class.

Topics such as the mission of community colleges, ethical and legal issues, communication, and conflict resolution are discussed. The 2005/06 class also will meet in March 2006.

Attending from Big Sandy Community and Technical College:

■ Patricia A. Goodman, coordinator of institutional research, has been with the college since 1997. She currently is working on a doctorate in community college leadership at Walden University.

■ Michelle Meek, associate dean of business affairs, has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and a master's degree from Morehead State University. A graduate of the Kentucky School of Banking, she has been at the college for over six years.

PRIDE Committee Meeting

The Floyd County PRIDE committee meeting will be Thursday, September 29, at 10:00 a.m., at the Martin Senior Citizens' Center, located at Martin, Kentucky. Topics to be discussed include the fall cleanup, locations of dumpsites in the county, update on past activities, etc. The meeting is open to the public, and everyone is invited to attend.

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Trial date set for Miller

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Martin woman accused of drug possession and an unlawful transaction with a minor has asked for a trial date in the case and offered to cook up a treat for District Court Judge James Allen who honored the request.

Velma Miller, 45, is already housed in the Floyd County Detention Center on a murder charge for a case that finds her accused of shooting her boyfriend, Ronnie Curnette, in her Caney Fork home on Dec. 3, 2003.

Miller opted to go to trial on drug charges which stemmed from an arrest made by Prestonsburg Police officer George Tussey in May. Tussey responded to a call that someone was parked behind the Van Ark building and was planning to place drugs outside the detention center for an inmate.

Tussey responded to the call and located Miller, who was parked there and waiting with her granddaughter. Tussey searched her vehicle and recovered a plastic bag of marijuana and charged Miller with possession and unlawful transaction

involving a minor.

Miller had a son in jail at the time, Travis Banks, 25, of Dwale, who received a 10-year sentence on burglary charges in August.

Miller was incarcerated when she attended Banks' formal sentencing, which came one day after her sealed indictment was issued.

Miller was offered a six-month sentence on her possession charge but declined the offer. Her attorney, public defender Lance Daniels, noted that she was in jail under a heavy bond, \$100,000, and requested a jury trial date.

Judge James Allen set a trial date for early January but was asked by Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum to move it to later in the month, as he already had a trial on that date. Allen chose the next trial date on the calendar and was told it could be held on Jan. 24 which prompted Allen to observe that the trial would be held on his birthday.

Miller said, "I'll make you a cake."

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Rev. Chuck Lawrence is the Senior Pastor of Christ Temple Church in Huntington, WVA where he resides with his lovely wife, Jamie, and children, Arnelise and Chase. Christ Temple has flourished under the ministry of Rev. Lawrence and has grown from around 200 people to 2,500 people in attendance for Sunday Services. Before becoming a pastor, Rev. Lawrence served as Music Minister of the church for many years and a DJ at WEMM, a Christian Radio Station. During those years, he penned many songs such as "He Grew the Tree" and "Heartbeat" which won Song of the Year in 1988. In the last 3 years, Christ Temple acquired land and built a \$6.8 million facility completely debt free. Pastor Lawrence said, "The bank said we couldn't afford the monthly payments, but God said we didn't need the bank. He wants His church to be free of debt so it is free to minister." Today Pastor Chuck Lawrence thrives in knowing that he is in the center of God's will.

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MSU-P'burg board gets thanks from grad students

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The quarterly meeting of the board of advisors for Morehead State University's campus at Prestonsburg revealed that the school is continuing to meet the needs of area students and has successfully launched a master's program in adult higher education which has 15 students enrolled.

The meeting included a report on the annual poker run that was held in August and raised funds for the Dr. Margaret Lewis scholarship. This year over \$3,000 was raised, with the proceeds ear-

marked for three graduate students who normally wouldn't be eligible for anything other than more student loans.

One of the students, Ron Diddle, expects to complete the program a year early and thanked the fundraiser, saying that as a single father he has struggled to get through the program and been forced to maintain full-time employment while carrying a heavy class schedule. Another student, Georgia Lewis, shed a few tears of gratitude as she thanked the assembled guests for making education so friendly to working single parents.

There was also a report from the higher education program

coordinator, Jim Canipe, who remarked that the dedication of his 15 students was a large part of the program's success.

An increase in enrollment was also reported as well as a plan to begin a program which would recognize the academic achievements of KCTCS students and high schoolers in the region. The school will offer scholarships to students who maintain a 3.75 grade-point average in the program.

The report finished with an indication that Morehead continues to improve its standards of excellence with an announcement that the college was once again recognized as one of the top 25 universities in the south.

Judge

but he soon relented, saying, "They [FEMA] owe us \$200,000."

Thompson went on to relate how two FEMA representatives toured the county after the Memorial Day flood of 2004 and noted that they signed off on the need to build several bridges and do other work that would cost over \$200,000. He then expressed frustration at the Frankfort branch which later slashed the total by \$170,000 and noted that their attitude was "take it or leave it."

Thompson observed that victims of the storm may be in for a similar experience but held out hope that things would go better.

Thompson finished up his discourse saying, "I know we don't always move fast enough for you all, but if we moved as slow as them you'd throw us off the top of the courthouse."

The meeting also saw Thomas Hereford, who lost in his bid for mayor last election, challenge a motion to move graves from property he purchased at Cliff. Hereford noted that the mayor couldn't state that he discovered the graves there because "you don't discover something that's in your deed."

City Attorney Jimmy Webb spoke for the mayor and said that the graves had been abandoned because no one had looked after them for over 10 years. He also pointed out that the mayor doesn't plan to mine the land, which would violate a city ordinance, but noted that it was a technical term used in the filing with the fiscal court to indicate that they planned to remove brush and other materials from the site for a future business.

Magistrate Allen Williams

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objected to moving graves for a possible business venture and said that one should have a very important reason for doing such a thing.

Hereford could not recall if he had visited the site in the last 10 years. Webb said that circuit court would be the venue for pursuing the matter and said that the mayor is willing to move the graves to a perpetual care cemetery where they would be looked after more consistently.

In other business the court resolved that real property tax would be assessed at 12.7 cents per \$100 of assessed value and personal property tax would be 14 cents, with the real property tax being at its lowest rate since 1988.

The court also resolved to give \$2,500 to the Red Cross for relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Animals

That occurrence, along with the obvious malnourishment and ill health of the majority of the animals and the absence of food and water, warranted the seizure of the animals by county authorities.

"It's awful in there," said Mynhier. "You can't even breathe. I can't wait to get home and take a shower. I feel like it's all over me."

Each of the three authorities on the scene expressed concern for Blevins' child, commenting

that the deplorable conditions could easily lead to the child becoming ill.

"The place needs to be condemned," Mynhier said.

"I see this sort of thing all the time," Shepard said. "I'm all over the county, doing my best, trying to work with the shelters. You'd be surprised what all can be found out there."

When asked if he had ever before seen anything of the nature to rival Friday's scene on McNally Lane, Mynhier quickly

replied, "Yeah, I have. I've seen kids living like this."

The seized animals were taken to the Floyd County Animal Shelter where they will receive veterinary care, food, water and medication.

Whether or not any will be returned to Blevins will be decided when she appears in court to answer to the animal cruelty charges.

Blevins refused to comment for this story.

Schools

equipment that would otherwise need to be purchased, in replication, for each individual school.

The two-year project, planned for several years, is the groundwork for a much larger scope of concern in the educational arena.

"It's giving students the opportunity to look beyond the classroom," said Brett Higgins, the district's lead network technician. "It's a great, excellent tool for our teachers."

The technology provides a video streaming, or "video-on-demand" feature, where students will be able to view KET or Discovery documentaries, or segments of them, customized to their specific classes.

The video conferencing feature also entails distance learning opportunities. Once the system is fully operational, teachers can teach a class to students in vari-

ous schools simultaneously.

According to Matt Wireman, finance director and chief information officer of the Floyd County Schools, the district paid approximately \$15,000 monthly for the previous system. The new frame relay upgrade will cost about \$20,000 monthly, he said. The bulk of the cost, however, is picked up by a sales tax on telephone services in the region.

The Universal Service Fund, a tax on monthly phone bills, is forwarding an 87 percent discount to Floyd County schools for the technology. The discount amount was based on the level of "at-risk" students in the district.

Roy Harlow, outside plant supervisor for Gearheart Communications, said his company laid approximately 150 miles of fiber optic line for this project. Two lines run to and

from each Floyd County school.

Higgins said the improvement would not have been accomplished without Gearheart Communications' flexibility and willingness to develop a system that wraps around the district's needs.

Higgins said the server relay equipment at the high school is the first implementation of Scientific Atlanta Media Converters in the U.S.

The entire system has been "future-proofed," Higgins said, creating a "state-of-the-art" infrastructure that can be updated as technologies change.

The only pitfall lies with additional funding that is needed to install components or equipment for the system in each school.

"We've built the Autobahn," Wireman said. "We just ain't got a whole lot of cars on the lot yet."

Tourism

current with its tax bills this year, but is only paying \$500 monthly toward the delinquent amount, which accrued between June and December 2004. Commission members said the business should pay more.

Only a few of the 10 delinquent businesses are chronically late, secretary Misha Curnette said, and a couple of them have gone out of business.

Commissioners spent several minutes discussing the problem, resolving to use the city's tax delinquency system to warn and take legal action against the delinquent taxpayers.

Since businesses self-report their tax amounts each month, the commission decided to include an audit of their accounts in their next official audit of the bureau. Commissioner Mark Miller suggested that delinquent businesses would be targeted first for the audit.

"Okay, that's fair," Director Freddie James said.

The Bureau mails monthly delinquent tax notices, but they aren't getting noticed.

"I put on there that legal action will be taken, but we never get to that point," Curnette said.

Now, the bureau's going there.

Miller, who noted that this isn't the first time the bureau has dealt with delinquent taxes (they asked for help from the city in January and the city asked them to collect their own taxes, chairman David Tackett said), suggested that copies of all delinquent notices be sent to city attorney Jimmy Webb. He also suggested that the bureau place a lien against each delinquent taxpayer's business. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

The discussion then turned to the 2002-03, 2003-04 audit performed on the bureau this year. Members were upset because the audit is not yet complete. Their feelings turned to misunderstanding as the discussion continued.

Curnette said the audit is complete, but the auditors are waiting for some information from the bureau, a management analysis letter that was submitted by James.

"We sent them a letter, but they don't like it," James said. "I'm revising it. I called him the day before yesterday ... He didn't call me back. There's some issue as to what has to be said in the letter and I'm not wanting to say it. I want someone else to say it first."

James would not discuss the issue further. No further information was given about the matter.

Commissioners also expressed confusion and misunderstanding about another issue

discussed at Thursday's meeting — a "substantially higher" amount of matching funds paid by the government to the bureau for advertising costs. (The funds are collected through a 1 percent transient room tax paid by local hotel/motel customers.) James discussed the matter in vague terms because he said the financial details weren't finalized yet.

"We won't know until we get it in January," James said. "So, I'm spending it now, and if we don't get it, we stop spending it ... If we don't get it, we'll be broke in January, not in the budget, but in our marketing budget."

James said the government will match half of what the bureau spends on advertising, which means that grants for the Jenny Wiley Theatre, Mountain Arts Center and the East Kentucky Science Center will be higher. They'll be getting money "at a rate we never had before," James said.

"I've never been more excited about Prestonsburg," James said.

When Secretary Trey Grayson toured the area, James said he promised to give tourism money "back where it came from."

Last year, he said, nine tourist regions in Eastern Kentucky split \$800,000, leaving this region — divided between 15 counties — \$80,000. Next year's allotment will be substantially higher, he said, being careful not to discuss specific financial amounts.

The bureau is undergoing an extensive electronic and media campaign, targeting all areas along major highways that are within 100 miles of the county.

James said Floyd County's total budget for tourism advertising is \$250,000, and after they "tack all that together, we ought to have a pretty good impact."

Miller then asked why the MAC was given \$7,775 during the last fiscal year when only \$5,000 was budgeted for advertising.

Curnette said that she sent checks, totaling \$12,775 to the MAC for the 2004 fiscal year.

James said that the bureau must pay for advertising through "their budgets" because the bureau doesn't have enough money to pay the matching fund costs. "We have to do it to get reimbursed,"

James said.

"I don't understand," Curnette said. "We've already sent them \$20 in grant money."

"It's a 1 percent leap of faith, I guess," said Commissioner Scott Ringum.

James said that other cities and counties in Kentucky are "crying and crying all over the place."

"They say, 'We don't have that much money [to pay the matching funds].'" James said. "I say, go borrow it."

Commissioners around the table shook their heads.

Tackett told James that the organization's tourism tax money is kept in a separate account than that of the bureau's. The bureau can't touch it, he said.

"I understand what they're [the commissioners] saying, too," Tackett said, pointing at James, "and this is going to be a budget nightmare."

James said more information about the issue would be presented at the next regular meeting.

Commissioners passed a motion Thursday to amend the budget to pay the Kentucky Opry \$15,000, money they didn't receive from last year's budget.

James explained that the bureau "synonymously removed" \$30,000 from budgets for the Kentucky Opry and the MAC last year for StoneCrest. StoneCrest only used \$20,000, James said, leaving a \$10,000 balance. The Opry asked for \$5,000, he said.

In other news, commissioners also discussed a proposal made by Paul P. Hughes to construct a campsite for golfers on StoneCrest. Questions were raised about the availability of reserved camp sites at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Ringum, the park manager, informed the group that Jenny Wiley would be able to accept camping reservations by December. Bid proposals are in the works, he said. The proposed site on StoneCrest is already hooked up to water and sewage lines, James reported.

Commissioners tabled a request from James to change seasonal employee Cherish Shepherd to a full-time employee until the end of the year. Tackett asked James to submit detailed information as to how the appointment would affect the bureau's budget.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Job just begins with accepting blame

The blame for the catastrophe that was the Katrina aftermath does not lie solely with the president. But in accepting responsibility Tuesday for the inadequate federal response, President Bush took a commendable step toward accountability. A bigger step, however, will be reassuring an understandably skeptical public that he will take the painful — and costly — steps necessary to ensure the nation is as ready as is possible for a future disaster, natural or otherwise. Otherwise, the president's contrition will be without meaningful consequence. And this sense that accountability and consequence are linked, more than apology, is likely what the country wants to hear from the president when he addresses the nation tonight (Sept. 15).

Yes, people will want to hear also that their federal government will help house, shelter and feed Katrina's victims and make it possible for them to do all this for themselves in relatively short order. They will want to hear that Gulf Coast communities will be rebuilt.

But we will also want to hear that the president gets that Katrina has exposed weaknesses that will need to be shored up, not the least of which the president touched on Tuesday. That would be ensuring that communications are open with local and state governments when disaster strikes. But we also want some inkling that he understands that disaster relief is too important a task to be left in the hands of ineffectual political appointees, friends of friends of W.

"Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job," will likely go down in history as one of Bush's most nonsensical statements, rivaling those made in his "Mission Accomplished" speech. Both show a disturbing detachment from available facts. In his speech tonight in Louisiana, we would like to hear that the president understands the serious misstep in appointing Michael Brown to head the Federal Emergency Management Agency. But more important, we will want to hear how the president aims to make FEMA up to the task the next time.

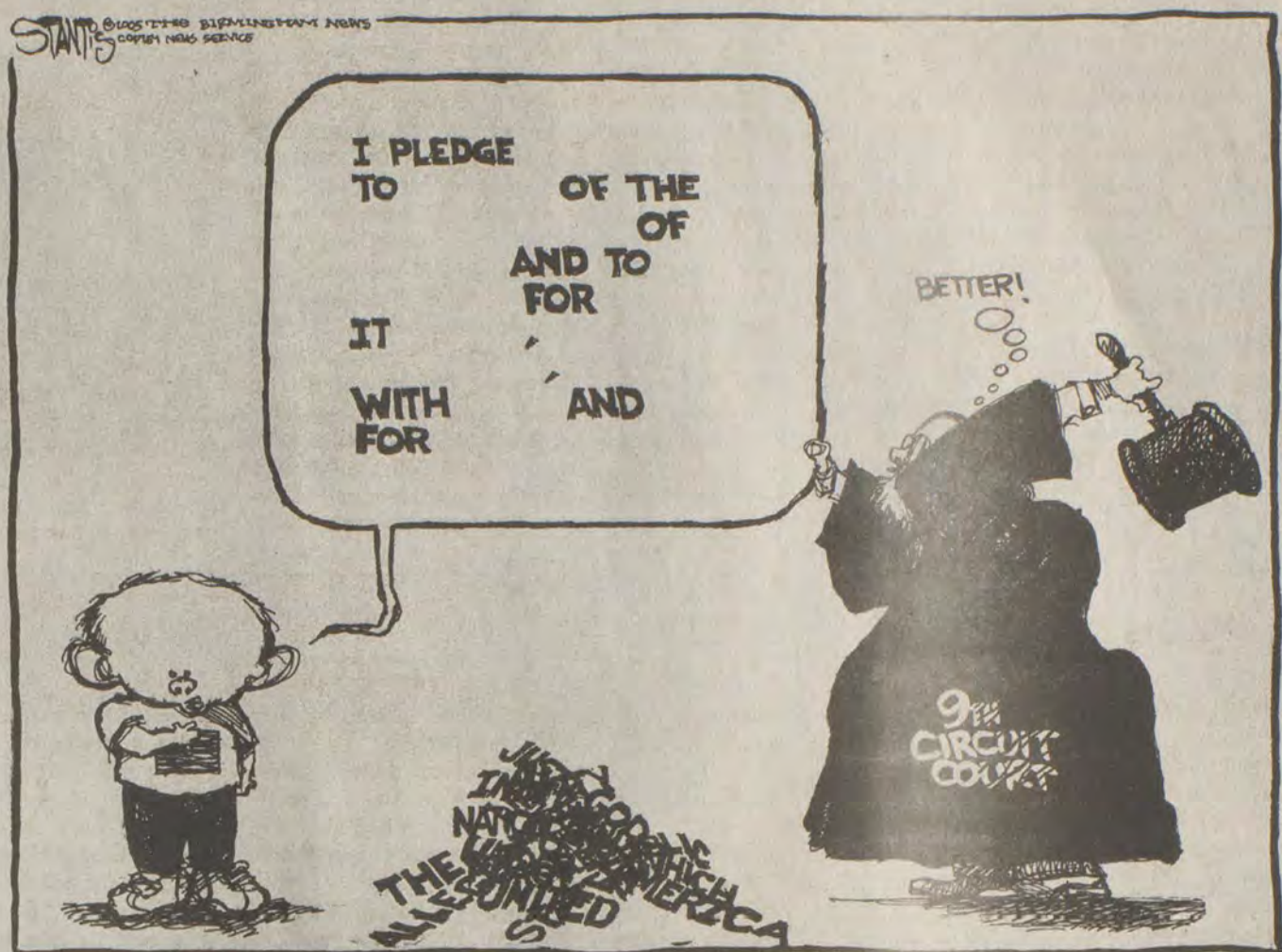
Aside from FEMA, Katrina has exposed many national weaknesses. Among them is the continuing vulnerability of the nation's poverty class. In his speech, the president should tell us how he intends to address this.

More tax cuts for the wealthy? Please, no. Many in the GOP-controlled Congress are still considering cuts in Medicaid and food stamps.

It's quite possible that the president's acceptance of responsibility was mostly a political act in the face of plummeting approval ratings. He could reveal it as something more genuine by telling us tonight that he knows that acting responsibly means decreasing a nation's vulnerabilities, committing to helping those who need help the most — though not just when disaster strikes — and nurturing a national commitment toward shared sacrifice when necessary and empathy at all other times.

But it would be good if he also acknowledged that sometimes compassion can be best expressed in competence.

— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



Rich Lowry Column

The new politics of immigration

In 2003, Gov. Bill Richardson welcomed a bus caravan of "undocumented workers" — i.e., illegal aliens — traveling through his state on its way to Washington, D.C. He enthused: "Thank you for coming to Santa Fe. Know that New Mexico is your home."

Turns out that they aren't so welcome after all. Last month Richardson became the first of two border-state governors — Arizona Democrat Janet Napolitano quickly joined him — to declare disaster areas on the border, exactly because so many undocumented workers are coming across it. When two savvy Democratic governors spectacularly change their posture on immigration, it's a sign of a significant political shift — perhaps, finally, public outrage over the out-of-control border is making an impression on the political establishment.

Richardson has been a conventional Democrat on immigration. He signed a bill giving illegal immigrants living in

New Mexico in-state tuition at its public colleges. New Mexico is one of the few states in the country that gives driver's licenses to illegals. Napolitano has been similarly hostile to the enforcement of immigration laws.

There is little sign yet that these newly border-conscious Democrats will actually get tough on illegals. They appear to be trying the Hillary Clinton tack on immigration, which is to sound pro-enforcement while not doing much.

By rights, Democrats should be the most anti-illegal immigration of the two parties. The benefits of illegal immigration go disproportionately to employers and people rich enough to hire nannies, pool cleaners, etc. They get to hire low-paid workers with very few rights. The costs fall on minorities and low-skill workers, whose wages are undercut.

Richardson and Napolitano's looming 2006 re-elections surely prompted their border moves. But bad faith has its uses. When Bill Clinton said, during the 1992 presidential campaign, that we should "end welfare as we know it," he didn't mean it, but it changed the politics

of welfare forever.

Richardson and Napolitano have taken a step toward giving pro-enforcement immigration reformers the whip hand in the debate over the border. In Congress, the debate is divided between those advocating tougher laws and those who want an amnesty and a new temporary-worker program. Even those favoring the latter approach are now calling for a grand bargain including tougher laws.

The counteroffer from the pro-enforcement side should be that since there is only a consensus that we need better laws, enforced more thoroughly, that should be the starting point for any reform. Only after serious enforcement has been tried — for the first time in decades — should any amnesty or guest-worker program be considered.

The leader of the pro-enforcement forces should be President Bush. After a brutal year defending an unpopular war and a less popular Social Security initiative, favoring something the public wants — an immigration crackdown — might be what he needs.

Of course, that would require Bush, who has been pushing for a quasi-amnesty and a temporary-worker program, to change his tune. But if Richardson and Napolitano can, why can't he?

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The Rich Lowry column

— beyond the beltway

Maybe Bush is worse than Warren Harding after all

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

There are those who say that George W. Bush did a good job responding to Hurricane Katrina and that the foul-ups weren't his fault. These are the same people who, if Mr. Bush were to nominate his dog Barney to the Supreme Court, would praise the president for attempting to bring real diversity to the Court.

I don't say that the New Orleans fiasco was all Mr. Bush's fault — there's plenty of blame to go around — or that he should have been down there before the storm helping people onto buses. But he is, hard as it is for some of us to accept, the President of the United States and if the buck doesn't stop with him, where does it go?

To the governor of Louisiana, the White House would have us believe, or perhaps to the desk of the mayor of New Orleans. If those officials had acted more quickly and with greater foresight, much of the nastiness could have been avoided, we are told.

Perhaps, but we do have something called the Homeland Security Department and in the past four years we have provided it with tens of billions of dollars to set a hair trigger on our response to terrorist attack or natural disaster. The Federal Emergency

Management Agency, our chief disaster-response organization, was folded into the Department of Homeland Security to "improve communications."

Yet we were treated to the spectacle of Michael Brown, the head of FEMA, telling us that things were under control, even as the other half of the split screen was filled with pictures of desperate people literally crying out for help.

Brown and Homeland Security chief Michael Chertoff spent the early days of the disaster telling us, and each other, what a great job they were doing.

The reality of the situation was better expressed in a remarkable appearance on "Meet the Press" by Aaron Broussard, president of one of the New Orleans political districts. He recounted the story of a Louisiana emergency-planning official who kept getting calls from his aged mother, who was in a nursing home in the flooded city.

"Every day she called him and said, 'Are you coming, son? Is somebody coming?'" Mr. Broussard said. "And he said, 'Yeah, Mama, somebody's coming to get you. Somebody's coming to get you on Tuesday. Somebody's coming to get you on Wednesday. Somebody's coming to get you on Thursday. Somebody's coming to get you on Friday.' And she drowned Friday night. She drowned Friday night."

Then he broke down and sobbed. And if the performance of the president's men was inept, that of the president himself was altogether pathetic.

After the storm hit he made a perfunctory speech on television itemizing the number of meals and bottles of water

that were on the way. It wasn't a speech; it was a grocery list.

After another day or so at his Texas ranch he decided to cut short his month-long vacation by a couple of days and visit Washington, flying first over the flooded area at 15,000 feet. This produced a heroic shot of him looking out of the window of the plane, but he could have been looking at Pittsburgh for all we know.

A couple of days later he actually went to New Orleans, stood on a levee and recalled the frat boy fun he'd had there when he was young. He took time to praise his FEMA director saying: "You're doing a heck of a job, Brownie."

He did not treat the crisis with any real sense of urgency until it had become a political crisis, with even reliable administration apologists showing outrage at the administration's utter cluelessness.

That's when the relief efforts got into high gear, the better part of a week after the storm.

I used to think that George Bush was the worst president we've had since Warren Harding. I no longer think that. He's lapped Harding in the Incompetence Derby and is now in James Buchanan country.

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Breaks willing to pay to keep drillers off property

by ROGER ALFORD
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ELKHORN CITY — Fallen leaves crunch underfoot. Birds sing. A squirrel chatters in the distance. And water babbles along in the rock-strewn stream that carved out what is billed as the largest canyon east of the Mississippi River.

Breaks Interstate Park is a place of quiet solitude, except for the music of nature, and the commission that operates the remote getaway on the Kentucky-Virginia border is willing to pay to keep it that way.

In a move intended to keep drill rigs out of what some call the Grand Canyon of the South, caretakers want to buy "disturbance rights" so people who own underground deposits of natural gas and oil can't dig through park property to get to it.

The issue arose four years ago when a drilling company proposed digging wells in the park and a public outcry thwarted the proposal. Now, caretakers are moving to head off future attempts by essentially paying for the right to keep drillers out.

Park Manager Carl Mullins said the money will be well spent because it would ensure the drone of drill rigs never interrupt the quietness or scar the surface of what he calls the most beautiful place in the world.

Negotiations are under way,

and Mullins said he expects officials to close the deal within the next month at a price between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

"People come from all over the world to see the beauty that God created here," Mullins said. "We don't want that beauty spoiled."

Purchasing disturbance rights is a new idea, said Gerald Gray, a Clintwood, Va., attorney who represents the park. He said such a deal would not prevent drillers from digging wells diagonally from locations outside the park to get to gas and oil reserves, but it would prevent them from scarring the surface. "It's an excellent idea," he said.

Steve Sanders, an attorney who heads the Appalachian Citizens Law Center in Prestonsburg, said he doesn't know of any other instances where such an arrangement has been made.

"It sounds like it could be workable," he said. "It could be a very good idea."

Others aren't sold on the arrangement.

Nina Aragon, vice president of the Elkhorn City Heritage Council, said the issues of drilling or mining for natural resources in the Breaks will not go away permanently until the park owns the natural gas, oil and coal reserves.

State and local governments in Kentucky appropriated \$1 million after the issue first arose in 2001 for the park to purchase the underground natural

resources, said Sue Ratliff, a deputy to Pike County's top elected leader. She said she was surprised to learn of the new proposal.

"We were told that sum of money could resolve the issue," Ratliff said.

However, Gray said paying for the untapped natural gas, oil and coal would be "prohibitively expensive." He said \$1 million wasn't enough.

Mullins said the Breaks can be protected by paying for the right to deny drillers permission to dig wells on park property.

Ken Hall, manager of Blue Flame Energy in Pikeville, the oil and natural gas exploration company that proposed drilling in the park, did not return telephone calls to his office seeking comment. Charles Baird, a Pikeville attorney representing the owners of the underground deposits, also did not return telephone calls.

In the early 1900s, mining companies purchased the underground natural resources beneath large tracts in Kentucky without buying the surface property. At the Breaks, the opposite happened. The park purchased the surface without the buying the underground natural resources. In hindsight, Gray said, that was a terrible decision.

Sanders said Kentucky law gives the owners of underground natural resources the right to extract them, but only using methods that were in use

or contemplated at the time deeds were drawn up severing ownership of surface and underground. While that would bar a surface coal mining operation in most instances, it wouldn't prevent drilling for natural gas and oil.

When drilling was first proposed in the Breaks, park officials took a strong stand against it, searching for every option to stop it. They went so far as requesting a search for endangered species in the park so that federal regulations could be used to restrict or prohibit drilling.

Drillers proposed digging wells around the rim of the canyon on a 497-acre tract that was added to the park in 1973. The former property owners, now deceased, held on to rights to natural gas and oil deposits beneath the surface. Heirs sought to tap the deposits.

The park, funded equally by the states of Kentucky and Virginia, encompasses 4,600 acres, about 1,500 on the Kentucky side.

The remote park, accessible

only by twisting Appalachian roads, gets about 400,000 visitors a year. Most come simply to enjoy the views of the canyon, which is 5 miles long and 1,600 feet deep. However, it is most noted for kayaking and white-water rafting along the Russell Fork of the Big Sandy River.

Each weekend in October, the John W. Flanagan Reservoir in Virginia sends torrents down the normally shallow stream, and whitewater enthusiasts come from across the nation to ride the tide.

Aragon said the last thing the park needs is for drillers to cut a network of dirt roads across the

mountains and to dig ditches for natural gas lines. She said both would lead to erosion that would foul the stream.

"There's so little of what we've got left that is natural and untouched," Aragon said. "I don't want to stand at an overlook and see scars. And I don't want to see gas wells all over the place."

Aragon said the public outcry over drilling shows that she's not alone in feeling that way. Nobody wants to see drilling in the park.

"It's breathtaking," she said. "It's just too pretty to be destroyed."

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Horse industry wants casinos to itself

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Kentucky's horse interests are again promoting the idea of casinos in Kentucky, so long as existing race tracks get to own and operate them.

The proposal released Friday is short on details, but focuses on the longstanding position of the tracks that casinos should operate for the financial benefit the horse industry.

Gambling advocates have long touted casinos as a cure for the state's financial ills without the necessity of a broad-based tax increase. Jim Navolio, head of the Kentucky Equine Education Project, tossed around numbers of perhaps \$400 million to \$450 million a year for the state from eight casinos assigned to the existing race tracks.

The proposal would also include money from casinos directed to the areas without the new gambling halls, a bone to the many rural opponents of expanded gambling in the Kentucky General Assembly.

Like a casino proposal by Sen. David Boswell, D-Owensboro, the horse industry would place the matter on the ballot by way of a proposed constitutional amendment for a voter referendum.

From there, the two proposals part company. Boswell would create nine casino licenses, with five for tracks, but four others earmarked for other areas of the state.

FYI

The location of existing licensed race tracks and off-track betting facilities. A proposal by a horse industry group would place casinos in the same location as race tracks and perhaps off-track facilities. A competing proposal would allow casinos at four other areas that do not have horse racing facilities.

Race tracks

- Florence: Turfway Park
- Henderson: Ellis Park
- Lexington: Keeneland, Red Mile
- Louisville: Churchill Downs
- Paducah: Bluegrass Downs
- Prestonsburg: Thunder Ridge
- Simpsonville: Kentucky Downs

Off-track betting

- Corbin
- Jamestown
- Maysville
- Pineville

Others

- Ashland
- Hopkinsville
- Middlesboro

"I just don't think they ought to have a monopoly on the casino licenses," Boswell said earlier this week.

At their press conference Friday, horse interests invoked a

term reminiscent of nuclear weapons — nonproliferation — to support the idea that gambling should be restrained to places where it now exists, apparently overlooking the hundreds of bingo parlors and lottery stands around the state.

"We do not want to see Kentucky become another Las Vegas," said Navolio. "Keep gambling where it is presently conducted."

A list of questions remain unanswered about the horse industry's proposal, from a legislative sponsor to whether casinos might be located at off-track betting parlors, which are also state-licensed betting facilities.

The horse industry proposal comes the same year that it got a \$15 million annual tax break from the legislature in the form of a rebate on the sales tax on stud fees that will create a new fund to provide incentives to breeders and others.

Opponents of expanded gambling have long worried about a united front in favor of casinos.

"What they propose is a huge network to bilk Kentucky citizens out of their wealth," said Ken Ostrander of the Family Foundation.

Ostrander, who said he supports the horse industry generally, differentiated between race tracks and casinos, which he called "Trojan horses" that will actually let gambling companies eventually run horse racing out of the state.

Big Sandy ADD applies for federal grants

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The board of directors for the Big Sandy Area Development District, which includes judge-executives from surrounding counties, indicated at a bimonthly meeting Thursday that the East Kentucky State Fair was a success.

Though all bills for the event have not come due, the board agreed that the project did not lose money and that it will serve to help make next year's planned event an even bigger success.

The meeting was preceded by an executive session which approved applications by the surrounding counties for federal dollars. Though only \$10 million will be awarded by the state, there are already applications approved in the Big Sandy region which are looking for half of the federal dollars available to

be completed.

Projects include:

■ The Magoffin County school board is seeking \$269,039 to completely fund a sewer line to a new school.

■ Prestonsburg City Utilities is hoping for \$900,000 to complete a sewer line project running through U.S. 23 into Pike County.

■ The Housing Authority of Paintsville is looking for \$439,751 to cover the construction of a community facility to provide after-school activities for children.

■ The Pike County Fiscal Court would like \$400,000 to offset the costs of increasing bed capacity at the jail to 299 inmates. The full cost of the project is expected to exceed \$5 million.

■ The Floyd County Fiscal Court is seeking \$625,000 to cover the cost of replacing three water tanks in the county.



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OFF LIMITS

Lenna Moore has made this office "off limits" on Thursdays. He did this after paying us a visit on a Thursday morning. It was "press day," as usual, and the only replies he received to his several observations were mere grunts.

After several minutes of this, the visitor rose, stretched himself and gave with another observation, to wit: "Well, if this is the best you fellows can do, I'll just take my business elsewhere."



Norman Allen

MISSING

Roland Allen, one of our regular visitors, has not been around much, these last few days. Our operative reports that he has enrolled in "Dommer" Goodman's whittling class. Last day for registration is the first frost.

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TWO WHO WILL BE MISSED

Two women touched by greatness died in this county this week. "Aunt" Laura Belle Wells at the age of 98; "Mam-Ma" Hager at 75. Great souls such as this will be more greatly missed than most of us.

Mrs. Wells had the spirit of the pioneer woman: she never grew really old. Her energy and vitality were amazing, and she was sustained by a faith that never failed.

"Mam-Ma" Hager was one of those rare souls who made of her own suffering a blessing to others. It was said of her, that as she sat, pinned in suffering over the years, to a wheel-chair; her bright spirit never surrendered to self-pity or to forgetfulness of others. In fact, people did not visit "Mam-Ma" Hager to brighten her life. Many went, instead to her with their troubles, drawing on the strength she so freely

(See ALLEN, page seven)



photo by Adam Caldwell

Ray Shubinski, left, a major driving force behind the vision that brought the East Kentucky Science Center to the Big Sandy Community and Technical College campus, is bidding farewell to the region. He has accepted a position as director of Science City/Union Station Attractions in Kansas City, Kan. Eric Thomas, right, will serve as acting director of EKSC during the upcoming transitional phase.

Science center director leaving for Kansas

PRESTONSBURG — East Kentucky Science Center Director Raymond Shubinski is heading west after accepting a position as director of Science City/Union Station Attractions in Kansas City, Kan.

Shubinski became director of the East Kentucky Science Center in 1999 during the initial phase of planning a new science center and planetarium that opened last year on the campus of the Big Sandy Community & Technical College in Prestonsburg. His expertise in science education, history and museum studies was utilized in the design and the function of the new Science Center.

His museum/planetarium experience includes serving as director of two of the nation's largest planetariums in Tucson, Ariz., and in Memphis, Tenn. In Illinois, he directed a natural history museum and in El Paso, Texas, the Insights Science Museum. He is an author and a frequent contributor to Astronomy Magazine.

John Rosenberg, chairman of the East Kentucky Science Center's Board of Directors, praised Shubinski's role as director of the East Kentucky Science Center.

"We have been so fortunate to have Ray lead us in the early stages of our development. Ray was intimately involved in all phases of the design and construction of the wonderful facility we have today. It bears his imprint in every respect.

"Visitors from other states and other countries have praised the Center's building and facilities. Its

state-of-the-art Japanese GOTO Planetarium projector is one of only five such installations in the United States. Ray wrote and produced the Center's first original planetarium production, its popular Christmas program, which will be shown again this year.

"More than 30,000 children have visited the Center to see a planetarium program, view its traveling exhibits, or take advantage of its classroom programs since the Center doors opened in February 2004. School groups from throughout the region continue to fill the Center's schedule during the week.

"We will miss Ray very much, and we wish him the best of success in his new endeavor," Rosenberg added.

Shubinski said he did not actively seek the new position and had actually turned down the job opportunity three times. The fourth time, though, was "too generous to refuse."

As director of Science City/Union Station Attractions, he will oversee an IMAX Theatre, live stage productions, a Challenger Learning Center, a planetarium, and 100,000 square feet of exhibit space. Shubinski begins his new job in October.

EKSC's Board of Directors has selected Eric Thomas, currently the Center's Assistant Director, to serve as acting director of the Science Center during this transitional phase, Rosenberg said. Thomas has been assistant director at EKSC for three-and-one-half years. He has been closely involved in the development of the Center's programs.

Prior to his position with EKSC, Thomas was a Regional Science Consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education's Region 7 Service Center. He has also served as an instructor in the Department of Physical Sciences at Morehead State University and as Director of Educational Outreach for the Morehead State University Space Science Center. He has served as Solar System Educator of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory for four years.

Thomas is a graduate of Pikeville High School and has earned bachelor's degrees in Law Enforcement and in Secondary Science Education with an area of concentration in Earth Science, a masters' degree in Education, a Physics-teaching minor, and a Rank I in Education.

"We are grateful that we have a person of Eric's caliber at hand to take over the reins of the Center when Ray leaves," Rosenberg said.

"School groups from throughout the region continue to fill the Center's schedule during the week. Public (laser light) programs are shown in the planetarium on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons and evenings. Currently, the public can follow the Cassini spacecraft in its mission to explore Saturn and its mysterious moon Titan Tuesdays through Saturdays in the planetarium," the board chair added.

For additional information about the East Kentucky Science Center, visit the Center's website at www.wedoscience.org or call (606) 889-0303.

**MOVIES FROM
THE BLACK LAGOON**

'The Glove'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

John Saxon ("Enter the Dragon") squares off with football legend Rosy Grier in this action flick that has more on its mind than your standard slugfest.

Saxon stars as an ex-shortstop/cop who now works as a bounty hunter. He also narrates the action with tired baseball metaphors, but the script defies conventions and actually develops his character. The same goes for Grier and garnering sympathy for him is the film's greatest challenge.

When the movie begins we meet Grier first as he is strapping on riot gear while a boogie woogie

theme song talks about a man on a mission. The song ends as Grier straps on the last of his gear, which turns out to be an imposing leather glove that is studded with steel plates. One thinks he must be a cop so it's a surprise when the scene shifts to a prison guard having a rendezvous with a married woman in a junk yard. Just as these two start steaming up the windows, Grier pops out from behind a wrecked car and proceeds to use his glove to lay a beat down on their car. He then extracts the guard and pounds him into raw chuck while the girlfriend screams like she's paying current gas prices.

Saxon gets the job to look for Grier and is tempted by a big payday. Instead of going right to a series of showdowns the film takes a break and begins exploring Saxon's world. Turns out he is late on his alimony and feels that he never made it to the top of anything he's ever tried. He also turns out to be a dedicated dad who will do anything to keep visitation rights for his daughter. This helps his nerve when Grier starts stalking him and warning him to back off. It doesn't help matters that a rival hunter is after Grier and it is a total thorn in his side when he starts to get the idea that Grier may not be the thug that the prison guard association is saying he is.

It all leads to a rooftop finale that pits Saxon, and the glove, against the imposing Grier. Here director Ross Hagen totally delivers on the kind of ending that Francis Ford Coppola was struggling with when he made "Apocalypse Now" (released the same year). Grier greets Saxon with a blues guitar serenade and offers him an easy exit with dignity. Saxon opts for a big dukeroo which offers the audience some choice fight choreography. All this and a 1970s ending which is downbeat, realistic and even tremendously sad. Suffice to say the guards don't want this guy back alive and have stacked the deck to ensure that Saxon's big heart doesn't deprive

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Who called the sheriff?

by NANCY B. GIBBS

CHICKEN SOUP TO INSPIRE A WOMAN'S SOUL

When my twin sons, Chad and Brad, were born, I was concerned about everything. Was the formula too hot or too cold? Was I doing everything right? Could I actually be the mother that two little boys needed? I wanted the world to be perfect for them.

Five years later, our little girl, Becky, completed our family. Would she get enough of my undivided attention? Would the boys feel neglected by

the amount of time a new baby required? I wanted everybody to be healthy and happy. I worked hard to see that they were.

As the kids grew older, I worried about tonsils, earaches, throat infections and many other common childhood illnesses. I worried about their future heartaches. I didn't want anybody to make them sad. I wanted to protect them with all the strength I had.

I didn't like it when the boys spent time "warming the bench" during Little League and midget-football games. I wondered if they felt inferior because

of their smaller size. I worried about Becky when she missed the ball when she played softball. I was afraid she wouldn't make it during flag tryouts.

Many times the kids told me not to worry. "Everything will be fine," they constantly reminded me. But like most moms, I worried anyway.

Before long, the teen years were upon us. I sat up late at night waiting for the boys to return home. I worried about drunk drivers on the road. I worried about how the boys would react if one of their friends did something wrong. If they were five minutes late, I

panicked. Many times the thought crossed my mind that I would call the sheriff if they weren't home on time. Luckily, they always arrived home safe and sound before I had to resort to such measures.

"Please don't ever call the sheriff," one of the boys said when I threatened him after a late arrival.

The day the boys moved away to college was a sad day indeed. I worried about the kinds of professors they would have. Would they make good grades? I worried about their being able

to take care of themselves and actually cook their own meals. Would they starve?

A few months after the boys left college, our doorbell rang in the middle of the night. It startled us when we looked at the clock and saw that it was 3 o'clock in the morning. "Something must be wrong," I shouted to my husband, Roy, as we both jumped up. We ran to the door, opened it, and there stood a deputy sheriff.

(See SOUP, page three)



Jim Davidson

The true spirit of 'giving back'

When it comes to giving gifts to others, the old Roman philosopher Annaeus Lucius Seneca once said, "A gift consists not in what is done or given, but in the intention of the giver or doer."

As you ponder this thought, I want to tell you about a lady here in my community who has really been a blessing to me. One of the reasons she has been such a blessing is because she has the true spirit of "giving back," something I have been advocating almost from the time I started writing this column. What many people have never come to realize is that by giving something of value away, with the right motive or attitude, the more they will receive in return. The only requirement is that we must give first, and the blessings will follow, though



sometimes much later. Sometime back, Marie Richardson and her husband Miles, or "Bug," as he was affectionately called, began to attend the Sunday school class where Viola and I attend church. In 1970 Bug had a heart attack and then a continuing series of heart problems that became so severe that about 10 years ago the doctors said he would not live for more than a year. Well, he beat the odds considerably but passed away on July 27, 2004. For months before his death he was in and out of the hospital so many times that I lost count. He would have fluid build up around his heart, Marie would take him in, stay a few days, and then she would take him back home.

Quite often, Bug would get home from the hospital on Friday and they

would show up for Sunday school on Sunday. But that's only part of the story. Several years before, Bug had also developed a severe case of macular degeneration and had almost lost his eyesight. Couple this with a case of severe hearing loss and you will understand why I was so inspired by this couple, especially Marie, as she would have him hold her arm and then lead him almost every step of wherever they went. The night before the funeral I was in their home and Marie asked me to come back to the bedroom.

When I got there, she showed me a Reading Magnifier that Bug had used to read for the last several years of his life. This Reading Magnifier costs a lot of money, was paid for by the Veterans Administration, but came from the Lions World Services for the Blind in Little Rock. Marie said she and Bug had talked about it before his death and they wanted someone to have it that could benefit by being able to read. In case you don't know, a Reading

Magnifier consists of a large TV unit that is hooked up to another unit with a flat surface where you can place words or articles with small type and magnify them up to big bold letters that can be read by the visually impaired.

Marie told me that she knew I was a member of the Lions Club and I might be able to find a good use for it. At this point I sprung into action and put the word out on our group e-mail list to all members of our club about this opportunity. Within a few minutes I heard from our president at the time, who is also vice president of one of our three local colleges. He told me their library did not have a Reading Magnifier and they would like to have it. Our club had already purchased two other units at a cost of about \$2,600 each and presented them to one of the other college libraries and the county library.

A few weeks later, there was a presentation made to the head librarian at the college, and Marie was there to be a part of it. The next day there was a big, above-the-fold story with a picture in our local paper, the Log Cabin Democrat. It was so well written by Rachel Parker, one of the paper's staff writers and also a member of our club.

We also had Marie as our guest at one of our weekly meetings where we presented her a framed certificate to thank her for her generosity. At my invitation, she also joined our club and has already worked in one of our projects.

What is so ironic is that Marie didn't know any of this was coming, or that I would be doing a column about her and her sweet spirit of wanting to help others. She also loaned one of Bug's power chairs to another member of our church who has cancer, and this will help him to get around during the remaining weeks or months of his life.

One of the reasons I wanted to do this column is because there is so much negative news that has to be printed each day but there are so many good things happening in every community too. We need to read about the positive things as well. While I don't know about you, stories like this inspire me to want to do better and to help others. If you know of true stories of people helping others in the spirit of "giving back" in your community, send them to me. I would like to share some of them in future columns.



Hicks-Gill

Craig and Della F. Hicks, of Hueysville, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kari Elaine Hicks, to Cpl. Matthew L. Gill, Jr., the son of Matthew and Ruth Gill, of Jamestown, PA. Kari is the granddaughter of Wanda Hicks and the late Elzie Hicks, of Hueysville, Ernest and Lon Jean Gibson, of Martin, and the late Arthur Miller. Cpl. Gill is the grandson of Grace Moats, the late Gene Moats and the grandson of Wesley Gill, all of Jamestown, PA. The marriage will take place on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at 5:00 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. An open ceremony will be observed. The couple will reside at Fort Knox, where Cpl. Gill is assigned to the Corrections Company.

Soup

"You need to call your sons," he sternly announced. I picked up the telephone, but unfortunately, it was dead. A line outside had been accidentally cut. Roy and I jumped into the car and took off to the nearest telephone. My stomach ached with middle-age worry. My husband was shaking so badly that he could barely dial the number.

On the first ring, Chad answered the telephone. "What's wrong?" Roy shouted into the receiver.

"We were worried about you,"

Chad told him. "We've been trying to call you all night, and you didn't answer. We called the sheriff's office and asked them to go check on you."

Chad then asked to speak to me. "I was so worried, Mama," he confessed.

"Don't worry, son," I said. "Everything will be fine." For the first time in their lives, the table was turned, and the boys were worried about us. And to top it off, they were the ones who actually resorted to calling the sheriff.

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3 Doors Down to play in Pikeville

PIKEVILLE — Aran Rush, SMG General Manager of the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center announced Friday that 3 Doors Down is coming to Pikeville.

3 Doors Down along with very special guests, Silvertide and Shinedown are scheduled to perform Sunday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. Mississippi-based 3

Doors Down will donate a portion of the proceeds to The Better Life Foundation.

3 Doors Down's latest album, "Seventeen Days," debuted at No. 1 this summer. Its top 10 single, "Let Me Go," has been heard continuously on radio stations across the country. They have had six No. 1 singles, including "The Better Life," "Kryptonite," "Loser," "Be

Like That," "Away From the Sun," "When I'm Gone" and "Here Without You."

Tickets go on sale Saturday, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m. To purchase tickets go to ticketmaster.com, charge by phone at (606) 433-1793 or the box office. Reserved and general admission tickets are \$38.50 plus usual fees.

Lagoon

them of their revenge.

This one really works and it's a bit of a surprise since most of the people involved got their start making dreck like "Sidehackers" (which if you haven't seen, then good for you). The performances are surprisingly good with Grier showing that he can emote with best of them.

Saxon proves, once again, that he's happy in any genre. During this period he also did Italian horror films, kung-fu flicks, television and serious drama like "The Electric Horseman."

The film also benefits from being offered on a disc which includes "High Risk." Here you get four down-

sized blue collar workers who probably watched one too many episodes of "Mission: Impossible" before they hit upon the idea to travel south and rip off a powerful Colombian druglord. Hijinks ensue with a capable cast that includes James Brolin, Bruce Davison, Anthony Quinn, James Coburn and even the Bionic Woman, Lindsay Wagner. All this plus classic commercials and vintage cartoons make for a great day at the movies here and it's all on one disc.

Best line: "For \$20,000, I'm gonna be sniffing and licking for as long as it takes."

1978, rated R.

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Allen

gave.

OPEN LETTER TO ED SULLIVAN

Dear Ed Sullivan:

I am writing this letter to you because you have become my god. Instead of going to church on Sunday night. I have stayed away and listened to you. It took so little effort to relax on Sunday evenings and listen to you.

Now understand, I am not lazy, for I always go to work on Monday mornings. Then, too, I don't get convicted listening to you, like I would if I were at church.

Ed, I am in the hospital now, and I need your help. I can't go to the pastor, for in substance, I have slapped him in the teeth every Sunday night when he preached, and I said in effect: "What you have to say doesn't interest me one bit." Why should I

lower myself to allow him to pray for me now?

Then I can't go to God, for I have put Him "second fiddle" to you so many times, that surely, He wouldn't help me now. Then He knows that whenever I get well, that I will do Him as I have always done Him, and keep listening to you on Sunday nights. Surely, He wouldn't expect me to give up my favorite program just to worship Him.

Please, Ed, will you help me get well? Also, the bills are piling up; will you help me meet my obligations? And, if perchance I should die, will you see that I get home to heaven? If I do get well, you can count on me to be in my place on Sunday nights, supporting your program. I will be a faithful listener. So, please, Ed, don't let me down.

A Devoted Supporter

(The foregoing, we might add, is not original with us, although we wish it were—Editor.)

WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

We would like to be around on that fine day when telephone and power companies begin running their lines underground.

We would like to see the day when a property-owner could plant a tree and see it grow into the beauty intended for it, without annual mutilation by "tree surgeons." With power and telephone lines running above-ground, as in Prestonsburg, tree-trimming becomes a necessity, even if the results are dismaying.

Did we say, "tree surgeons?" If these guys are tree surgeons, then I'm the Drs. Mayo, Will and Charlie, at one and the same time, even if they both are dead!

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Garage should disclose storage fee upfront

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

Last winter, my dad got an itemized bill from a garage repair shop that included charges for storage and for moving his vehicle when it snowed. The truck was outside, in the garage's parking lot, because they were waiting for a part. Also, when his pickup truck needed to be moved, the battery had gone dead, so the garage charged him for testing the battery (it was dead) and putting in a new one. My father didn't mind the battery bill, but wondered if the storage charge was a fair charge, and frankly, I would like to know, too. — Christine

RAY: Well, Christine, our policy is that if you don't pick up your car within 24 hours after being notified that it's ready, then we initiate an exorbitant storage charge, to "encourage" you to get it out of our way.

TOM: The reason we do this is because, in urban areas, it's a burden for garages to have to

store extra cars. It usually involves constantly moving them around to get access to other cars, and it sometimes involves getting them in and out of the garage at the beginning and end of each day to prevent theft, vandalism or parking tickets.

RAY: And things are even worse when it snows. Then we have to constantly move the cars around to allow the snowplows to work. And once the snowplows have been by, we have to dig the cars out because the snowplows have buried them. Then after we do this every day for a week, the owner comes back with a beautiful, dark-bronze, Puerto Vallarta suntan. That really ticks us off!

TOM: So, in general, storage fees are not for making money. They're there to discourage people from leaving their cars at a shop long-term.

RAY: And that's why I don't really understand why your father was charged while they were waiting for a part. It sounds

like he would have been happy to pick up the car as soon as it was ready.

TOM: If the garage had a space problem, they should have disclosed that at the outset. If they knew the part was going to take a week — or whatever — to arrive, and they didn't have room for the car, they should have said: "Look, Fred, you'd be better off just keeping the truck, and we'll call you when the part comes in. Otherwise, we'll have to charge you a storage fee."

RAY: Or if the truck didn't run, they could have asked him if he wanted it towed somewhere else until the part came in to avoid the storage fee. If he belongs to a roadside-assistance program, he might have been able to do that for free.

TOM: So it sounds, at worst, unfair. At best, it's a case of poor communication. Since they're meant to encourage or discourage certain behaviors, storage-fee policies should be clearly posted. And in special cases — like your father's — they should

be discussed in advance so that no one's surprised when the bill comes.

There's a hole in my gas tank, dear car guys

Dear Tom and Ray:

My friends and I drove my Honda Civic to a hike in the Sierra Mountains last weekend. Unfortunately, the dirt road turned out to be quite a rocky road, and at the trailhead, I smelled gas, checked, and found that gas was spewing out of the bottom of my car. We drove the car back down the mountain to a local gas station, where a very nice guy named James plugged up the hole with a screw and an O-ring, and emphasized that this was a temporary fix. Should I go ahead and get the tank replaced or patched up? One of your previous columns suggested an epoxy patch. Does that work for 1/4-inch holes within a dent? Thanks for any advice. — Carole

TOM: I'm amazed that the screw and O-ring worked at all,

Carole. It's a testament to James' skills that it stopped the leak, even temporarily. If I were you, just to be safe, I wouldn't smoke any cigars in or around the car until you get a permanent fix.

RAY: You definitely need a more permanent fix, Carole. The gas-tank epoxy is worth a try. You have to plug the tank temporarily, or drain it out, because the epoxy won't work in the presence of liquid gasoline. Then you sand and dry the area to be repaired, mix up the epoxy and spread it over a net mesh, which you use to cover the hole. If it does "take," that can be considered a permanent fix, because it'll be as strong as the metal tank itself.

TOM: But if your mechanic can't get the epoxy to stop the leak completely, then you've got to replace the tank. And that's many hundreds of dollars. If that makes you wince, Carole, just be grateful that you didn't tear open your oil pan instead of your gas tank. If you had, you'd still



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Odds and Ends

■ **UNION SPRINGS, N.Y.** — Some may have called it monkeying around, but school officials didn't find the stunt amusing.

A 17-year-old student was arrested Monday after streaking through his high school wearing only a gorilla mask and outrunning the school principal.

Union Springs High School Principal Kimberle Ward — who said she runs three to five miles a day — couldn't catch the fleeing student, but she was able to help police identify the teen after watching a hallway surveillance camera video and interviewing students.

"There's no way anyone in the district would consider this a prank," said District Superintendent Linda Rice. "We're here to teach children, and we do have high standards."

The student, whose name was withheld by police and school officials, was charged with exposure, a violation punishable by up to 15 days in jail and a \$250 fine. He also faces up to five days' suspension and possibly more severe punishment if the case goes to a hearing before the superintendent.

The student said he had been dared by friends to streak through the school, according to police.

■ **SYDNEY, Australia** — In a case of hot fashion, a man released so much static electricity from his jacket, he left burn marks in the carpet of a business.

Fire officials in Victoria state said Frank Clewer had built up at least 30,000 volts of static electricity in his jacket simply by walking around the city of Warrnambool, according to the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

He received his first shock when he walked into a local business Thursday afternoon. "It sounded almost like a fire-cracker or something like that," Clewer said.

Burns less than an inch in diameter were left on the carpet

where he had been standing, the report said. It did not say if Clewer was injured.

Fire officials evacuated the building, fearing the incident might trigger electrical problems, but let Clewer go, the report said.

When he got in his car, Clewer's problems continued.

"I actually scorched a piece of plastic I had on the floor of the car," he said.

Fire officials took Clewer's jacket and said it continued to give off voltage.

■ **NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.** — Jerry Dunlap spent more than a year fixing up his 1910 dream sailboat. But a gaggle of about 15 hefty sea lions managed to sink the 50-foot craft in just one weekend.

Dunlap paid \$3,500 to have the boat dragged up from the bottom of Newport Harbor. The radios, radar and electrical system were ruined, and he doesn't know how much it will cost to repair the boat.

"I really don't know what I'm going to do with it," said Dunlap, a contractor. "This is a major setback. I'm 63, I don't know if I feel like working another two years to get a boat to work."

The scuttling of Dunlap's \$24,000 boat may be the most striking example of mayhem that sea lions have caused since they started showing up in the harbor in May.

Residents complain that they bark all night long, and the city received a report that a rogue sea lion tipped over a mother and her child in their kayak.

City officials are considering asking the City Council to make it illegal to feed the sea lions.

Some boat owners have also strung barricades made of wire and milk carton around their crafts, while others place upside-down lawn chairs on their swim steps, said Harbor Patrol Lt. Erin Giudice. The Harbor Patrol sprays the sea lions with fire hoses but they

reboard the boats within minutes, she said.

■ **TOKYO** — With smokers being increasingly shunned in public places, Japan's largest cigarette maker is offering a rare treat — tickets to a film preview where they can smoke all they want.

Japan Tobacco, which sells nearly two-thirds of the nation's cigarette products, will invite 150 lucky smokers who won a lottery to a private showing of the film-noir thriller "Sin City" next Monday, said company spokesman Tsuyoshi Miyashita.

Anyone over 20 years old could apply, but there was one condition attached — they had to pledge that they smoke.

"The event is to provide a rare opportunity for smokers to light up freely while watching the movie, so they can enjoy the film without suppressing their urge to smoke," Miyashita said.

Though Japan's smoking rate remains one of the highest in the developed world, smoking has been banned in movie theaters, train stations and other public facilities.

■ **POOLE, Neb.** — It took more than 60 years, but the final letter of a soldier killed in World War II finally made it home.

Gary Mathis bought a box of old newspapers at a yard sale in Kansas, and discovered the letter inside a newspaper from 1915. The letter's envelope has military post office markings dated March 6, 1944.

It was addressed to W.J. Krotz of nearby Poole, about 120 miles west of Lincoln.

Mathis placed an announcement and picture of the letter in the Ravenna News, hoping someone might know the family.

Louise Kisling said she heard about her brother's letter

through word of mouth. Clinton Krotz, an infantry soldier in Italy during the war, was killed in action on May 8, 1944. The letter was the last one he sent home.

In the letter, her brother thanked his parents for a wrist-watch they had sent as a birthday gift, as well as some candy and nuts.

Kisling said her only disappointment was that her parents never got the chance to see the letter. An envelope within the letter was postmarked by the Poole post office, Kisling said. She was not sure how it ended up in Kansas.

Mystery aside, Kisling is grateful.

"We sure appreciate the man that saved it," she said. "It's amazing a letter can come back after all these years."

■ **JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — A sword-swinging robber fright-

ened the lunchtime crowd at a local eatery, sending condiments flying across tables before he got away with \$32.

Patrons of the Mudville Grille told police the man burst into the restaurant Monday, waving a samurai sword and yelling that he was holding up the place.

Several people emptied their pockets and the man grabbed the cash, then fled in a minivan. The vehicle was later found abandoned with the sword inside.

According to police, the van and sword were taken in a previous robbery.

Authorities said a man broke into a house, took the sword from the top of a television, and threatened the residents into giving him keys to the van and \$85.

A suspect has been identified in that robbery, but he has not been arrested.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Sept. 18, the 261st day of 2005. There are 104 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Sept. 18, 1905, actress Greta Garbo was born in Stockholm, Sweden, while actor Eddie "Rochester" Anderson was born in Oakland, Calif.

On this date:

■ In 1793, President Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

■ In 1810, Chile declared its independence from Spain.

■ In 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which allowed slaveowners to reclaim slaves who had escaped to other states.

■ In 1851, the first edition of The New York Times was published.

■ In 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) made its debut with a basic network of 16 radio stations.

■ In 1947, the National Security Act, which unified the Army, Navy and newly formed Air Force into a National Military Establishment, went into effect.

■ In 1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia.

■ In 1965, the situation comedies "I Dream of Jeannie" and "Get Smart" premiered on NBC.

■ In 1970, rock star Jimi Hendrix died in London at age 27.

■ In 1975, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

Ten years ago: President Clinton began a five-day reelection campaign fund-raising tour that got off to a rocky start after a deal to convert the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard to civilian use collapsed at the last minute.

Five years ago: The first

working day of a transit strike that had begun over the weekend forced nearly half a million Southern California commuters to scrounge for rides or get behind the wheel themselves. Workers began rebuilding a railway line between the capitals of North and South Korea.

One year ago: A divided U.N. Security Council approved a resolution threatening oil sanctions against Sudan unless the government reined in Arab militias blamed for a killing rampage in Darfur. Hollywood divorce lawyer Marvin Mitchelson died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 76. Pioneer adult filmmaker Russ Meyer died in Los Angeles at age 82. Miss Alabama Deidre Downs was crowned Miss America. Pop singer Britney Spears married her fiance, dancer Kevin Federline, in a surprise ceremony.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Warden is 85. Actor Robert Blake is 72. Singer Jimmie Rodgers is 72. Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, is 72. Actor Fred Willard is 66. Singer Frankie Avalon is 65. Rock musician Kerry Livgren is 56. Actress Anna Deavere Smith is 55. Actor James Gandolfini is 44. Singer Joanne Catherall (Human League) is 43. Actress Holly Robinson Peete is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ricky Bell (Bell Biv DeVoe and New Edition) is 38. Actress Jada Pinkett Smith is 34. Actor James Marsden is 32. Actress Alison Lohman is 26. Actors Brandon Porter and Taylor Porter are 12. Actor C.J. Sanders ("Ray") is 9.

Thought for Today: "Your joys and sorrows. You can never tell them. You cheapen the inside of yourself if you do tell them." — Greta Garbo, Swedish-born actress (1905-1990).

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Ashland picks up win over P'burg

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND – In the weeks leading up to the Prestonsburg and Ashland matchup, much had been made of how Ashland had supposedly been cheated out of last seasons game at Prestonsburg. The Blackcats pulled out the “snake in the grass” play to help pick up a win over Ashland in 2004 and the Tomcat faithful had spent the last 364 days talking about how bad they would beat Prestonsburg at home this season. Prestonsburg traveled to

Ashland on Friday to take on the Tomcats at less than 100-percent with the loss of both Brenton Hamilton and Wes Hall to injury.

Ashland came out of the gate scoring early and often and came away with a 55-9 win.

The Tomcats got on the board first on a five-yard run from senior Tyler Reliford at the 5:59 mark of the first quarter and added another on a 10-yard run from Matt Thomas to take a 14-0 lead.

Prestonsburg struggled to produce

much offense and Ashland was determined to score as many points as possible.

After scoring three more times in the first half to take a 41-3 lead, Ashland Coach Leon Hart then decided it was necessary to take a time-out with :21 left in the first half in order to take another shot at the end zone before the half.

On the ensuing punt, an Ashland player landed a crushing block on a Prestonsburg defender and the young man was feared to be injured.

Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett

came to the aid of his player and was visibly upset over the circumstances.

It was obvious that the Tomcats were looking to score again. Ashland set out to make-up last season's loss to the Blackcats.

Ashland wold score again early in the second half to take a 48-3 lead and the running clock rule took effect at that point and for the remainder of the game.

Prestonsburg got a 21-yard field goal from Seth Moore and added a late touchdown on a 20-yard pass from

David Shaffer to Moore.

Ashland added a late touchdown to set the final score.

Prestonsburg will travel to Sheldon Clark on Friday for the first district game of the year, looking to break into the win column. Ashland will host Ironton (Ohio) at Putnam Stadium. Ashland coach Leon Hart was still interested in talking about last season's game during his post game interview.

“That play last season was an illegal

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photos by Steve LeMaster

Pikeville starting quarterback Chase Huffman (7) looked over the South Floyd defense during the first half of Friday's District 8 game. Below: South Floyd junior Ethan Johnson returned to competition after being out of action with an injury. Johnson had an interception and a brilliant first-half pass reception South Floyd, however, dropped the district game.

ACHS volleyball team wins third straight match

Rebels beat Betsy Layne, move to 4-0 in conference/district

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN – Chalk up another important district/conference victory for the Allen Central High School varsity volleyball team.

Allen Central came out focused on a victory and swept Betsy Layne, 2-0 (25-15,25-18). The match was a

team effort on the Rebels' side as they combined for nine kills on .265 hitting.

However, the Bobcat defense could not handle the serves from Allen Central as the Rebel girls recorded 18 aces on 49 attempts while committing only six service errors and causing Betsy Layne to commit 18 unforced errors.

The Rebels were led by Christina Blevins with two kills on the night with .667 hitting. Brittany Hodge and Yumekia Hunter pounded in two kills each on .400 and .333 hitting, respectively. Elizabeth Mosley and Courtney Martin each slammed in a kill and Amanda Mills slapped in a tip for a kill.

Mills directed the offense 16 sets and earned four assists and Hodge set up the attack nine times getting one assist.

The fireworks came from the Allen Central side-out offense. The Rebels were relentless with their serves and stingy with their defense.

The Rebels got 88-percent of their serves in play. Mosley paced the Allen Central squad with five aces and no service errors in 12 attempts. Mills blasted in four aces in 12 attempts without error. Hodge also scorched in four aces, while Blevins landed three stingers. Hunter and Martin also scored an ace each.

Defensively, Allen Central returned 91 percent of the Bobcat attempts making only six errors in 65 tries. Mosley dug up 12 tries without error and Alesia Hall stopped 11 Bobcat point attempts. Hunter knocked down a Betsy Layne attack at the net for a Rebel point and tipped up two other Bobcat attacks. Mosley also deflected two attacks at the net.

Rebel JV team earn seventh victory

The Allen Central junior varsity team swept Betsy Layne 2-0, winning the first game 21-18 and the second game 21-13. Kimbo Blevins paced the Rebels with four kills, Tiffany Clark smacked in two, and Hannah

(See VOLLEYBALL, page two)



Panthers blank South Floyd

Pikeville gets up early, wins 30-0

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – South Floyd went into Friday night's home game against Pikeville looking to rebound from a heartbreaking loss to Phelps suffered one week earlier. The Raiders led for a lot of their game against Phelps, but couldn't come away with the victory. Phelps held on and beat the Raiders 48-46, claiming the all-important district win. Pikeville came to Floyd County looking to beat district rival South Floyd exactly one week before its annual game against top nemesis. The Panthers got off to a quick start against South Floyd, scoring two touchdowns within 15 seconds of one another early on in the opening quarter. The Panthers scored just nine points in the second half, but held on to shut out South Floyd, 30-0.

Visiting Pikeville beat its second Floyd County in as many weeks Friday. The Panthers beat Allen Central Sept. 9

for their first district win of the season.

Senior halfback Weston Robinson led Pikeville in the victory over South Floyd. Robinson led a diverse, effective Panther offense, taking 10 carries for 112 yards.

“We knew coming in that Pikeville was a very good football team,” South Floyd Coach Donnie Daniels admitted. “Our kids played hard the entire game.”

South Floyd (1-4 overall, 0-2 district) won the opening toss and elected to receive the football. The Raiders got the football into Pikeville territory on their opening possession and stalled, failing to get any points.

After a short South Floyd punt, Pikeville set up offensive shop on their own 40-yard line. Pikeville quarterback Chase Huffman kept possession of the football and scooted for a 62-yard touchdown with 9:15 remaining in the first quarter to give the Panthers their first points. Max Pafunda came on and added the extra-point kick and Pikeville led 7-0.

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H.S. FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

- Hazard 49, Knott County Central 0 (at Perry County Central, Black Gold Bowl)
- Scores from Friday, Sept. 16
- Ashland Blazer 55, Prestonsburg 9
- Belfry 48, Magoffin County 15
- Bell County 41, Corbin 13
- Cloudland, Tenn. 24, Williamsburg 10
- Fairview 50, Bath County 0
- Fleming County 46, Lewis County 6
- Lexington Christian 49, Raceland 20
- Madison Central 47, Montgomery County 0
- Madison Southern 51, Rowan County 3
- Morgan County 41, West Carter 40
- Nicholas County 44, Berea 22
- Owensboro 17, Ohio County 0
- Paintsville 49, Betsy Layne 0
- Paul Dunbar 28, Woodford County 7
- Perry County Central 41, East Ridge 14 (Black Gold Bowl)
- Pikeville 30, South Floyd 0
- Russell 42, Powell County 12
- Shelby Valley 36, Pike County Central 22
- South Laurel 27, North Laurel 19



Players in the South Floyd flag football league sat anxiously during halftime of Friday night's South Floyd-Pikeville game. Teams from the Raider flag football league played games during halftime of Friday night's South Floyd-Pikeville game.

photo by Steve LeMaster

M C A announces first annual golf tournament

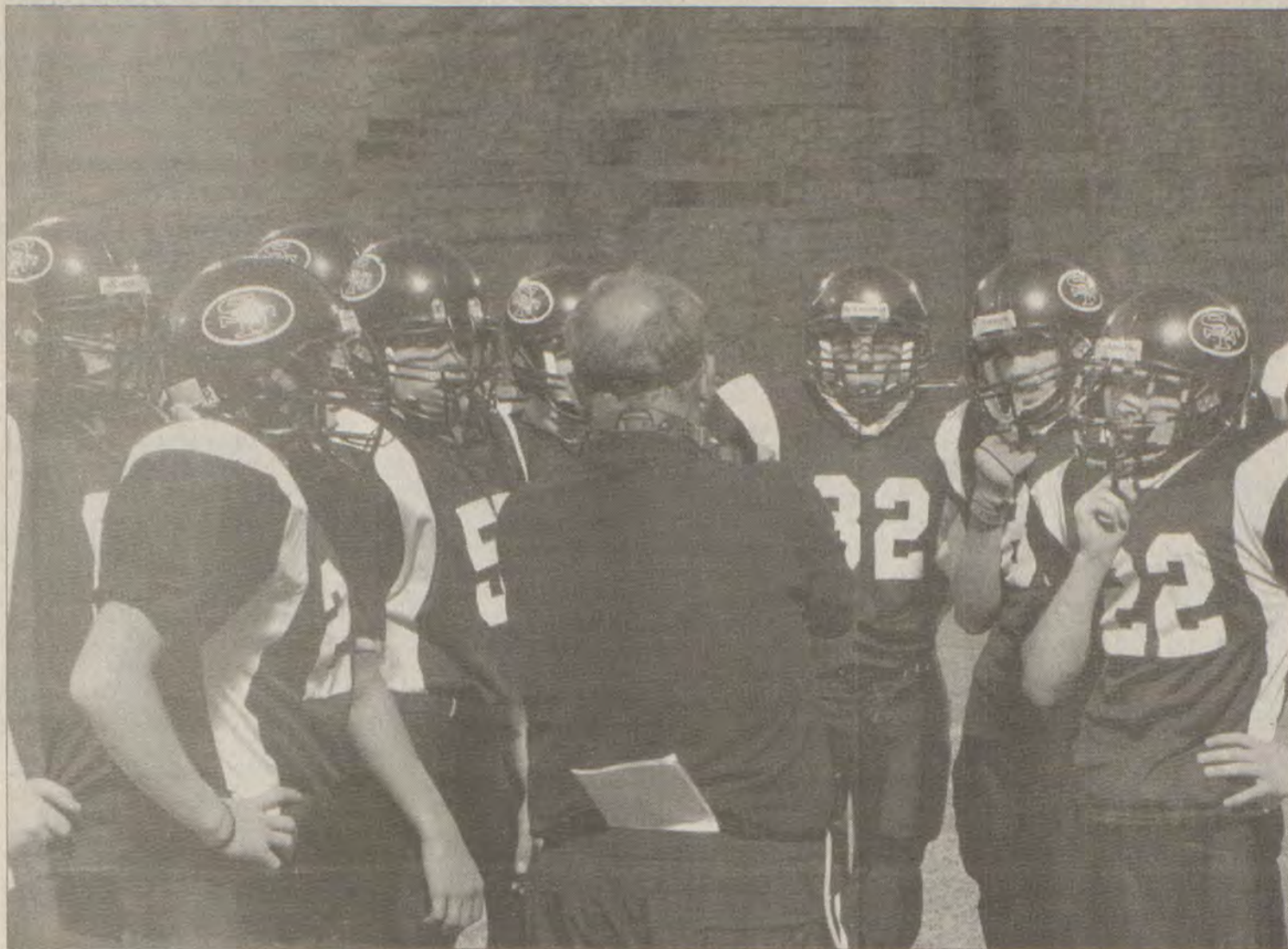
TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN – Mountain Christian Academy has released information on its first annual golf tournament. The First Annual Mountain Christian Academy Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22 at Allen Golf Course. Entry fee for the scramble is \$250 prior to Oct. 15. After Oct. 15, entry fee for the tournament will be \$250.

First-place will pay \$750, second-place \$400 and third-place \$250. The prize payment is based on 18 entered teams.

For more information on the MCA golf event, call Rick Hughes at 886-2232.





South Floyd head coach Donnie Daniels talked with members of his football team following a Pikeville score.

photo by Steve LeMaster

STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: TIFFANY BISHOP



Tiffany Bishop (Betsy Layne HS) and Channing Thacker (Pike County Central HS) each play soccer at Pikeville College. Both the Pikeville College men's and women's soccer programs are in their first year of existence.

Panthers

On the ensuing kickoff after its initial touchdown score, Pikeville recovered a South Floyd fumbled kick. Pikeville (4-1, 2-0) took over on offense with 9:10 remaining in the first period and scored again when Huffman made good on a 25-yard touchdown pass. Pafunda added the extra-point kick and the Panthers led 14-0.

South Floyd had possession of the football in Pikeville territory on more than one occasion in the first half. The Raiders, however, couldn't make the most of their opportunities.

South Floyd took to the air in the first half.

The Raiders were driving

when a fourth-and-four situation from the Pikeville 49-yard line rolled up with 6:16 remaining in the first quarter. Daniels had his offensive unit try to convert on the fourth down. The attempt fell just short when speedy junior running back Anthony Barker was stopped just short of the first down.

Robinson broke free and put Pikeville ahead 24-0 when he scored on a 24-yard rushing effort with 3:39 remaining in the opening quarter.

Pikeville took a 21-0 lead out of the first quarter. The Panthers went on to lead by the same three-touchdown margin at the intermission.

The first half – and the entire game – wasn't without its bright spots for host South Floyd.

Junior back Ethan Johnson returned to action for South Floyd right away in the opening half of Friday's district tilt against Pikeville. The South Floyd junior made his presence known both offensively and defensively. On offense, Johnson hauled in a pass thanks to an acrobatic catch. He also managed to pick off Huffman, the Pikeville starting signal-caller.

"We were glad to have Ethan back," said Daniels. "He does a lot for our football team."

In the second half, Pafunda extended the Pikeville lead

when he connected on a 38-yard field goal, pushing the Panther advantage out to a 24-0 cushion.

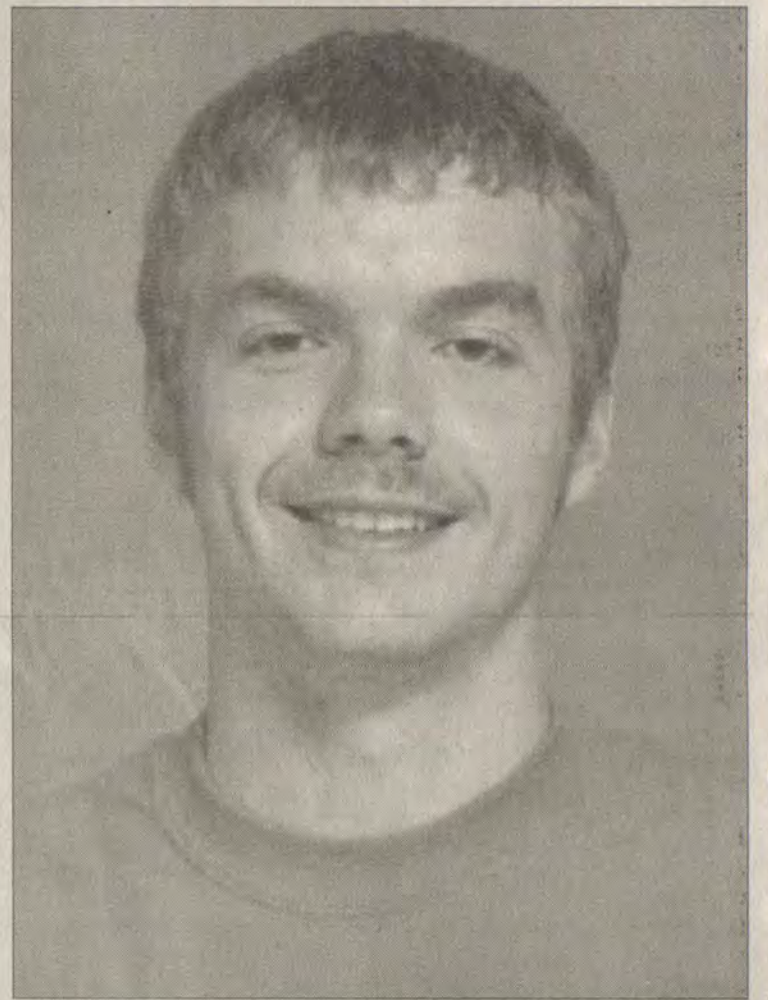
Pafunda missed on a similar attempt with just two-seconds remaining in the first half.

Jerry Holloway put Pikeville's final touchdown on the scoreboard when he found paydirt on a six-yard pass from backup quarterback John Michael Mayo. Pafunda missed the extra-point kick following the final Panther touchdown.

Pikeville is scheduled to continue play on the road this next Friday, playing Belfry. South Floyd is due to hit the road and travel to Betsy Layne for a non-district game versus the Bobcats.

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STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: CHANNING THACKER



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Volleyball

Howard killed one. Koko Martin set up the offense 11 times earning one assist. The serving game was precise, committing only four errors in 39 attempts and landing 23 aces.

Tiffany Owens skidded in four aces, Howard also pounded in four, Koko Martin smacked in two, but it was Blevins who was untouchable as she broke through the Bobcat reception defense for 13 aces. Owens and

Howard committed no service errors. Allen Central stopped 57 Bobcat point attempts. Martin stopped 17 tries; Howard returned 15, Owens had eight, Clark and Blevins each prevented six and Brittany Waugh stopped five.

AC freshmen get seventh win

The Allen Central freshman squad swept the Bobcats also, winning game one 18-14 and game two 18-16. Sasha Jones

had one kill in nine attempts and Brittany Johnson earned one kill in three attempts. Chelsie Cordial ran the offense 12 times earning two assists. Brittany Clark set up the offense seven times without error. Jones set up two attacks getting one assist. Clark had error free service on eight attempts with three aces. Her sister, Tiffany Clark, dropped in two aces, as did Cordial.

Brittany Smith and Jones also landed an ace each. The Clark girls returned 26 Bobcat point attempts, Tiffany getting 16 and Brittany earning 10 digs. Smith and Cordial each returned seven, Johnson dug up five and Jones stopped three.

Allen Central is scheduled to return to action Tuesday, playing on the road at Paintsville. Start time for the junior varsity match is set for 6 p.m.



Prestonsburg senior quarterback David Shaffer gathered his offensive teammates during Friday night's game on the road at Ashland.

photo by Jamie Howell

Ashland

play and it was proven on the game film" said Hart. "They brought a player off the sidelines who was not in on the pre-

vious play and that is illegal."

The Ashland head coach said all that after his team had just hung 55 points on the board.

The Ashland squad kept many of its starters in the ballgame when ahead several touchdowns.

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Hornets hold on, beat Jenkins

by J.L. BALL
WILLIAMSON (W.VA.) DAILY NEWS

PHELPS – Charlie Hunt came out for football a little over three weeks ago.

He played like a seasoned veteran Friday night.

The sophomore returned an interception 101 yards for a touchdown with 1:15 left in the game to ice a 19-8 homecoming victory over Jenkins in front of a capacity crowd at Hornet Stadium.

"Those were the longest 101 yards," Hunt said after the game. "When I caught the ball, I thought about just taking a knee, but I saw some open field and just kept running."

Hunt, who played football in middle school, decided not to come out for the team during his freshman year. He said some of his basketball teammates encouraged him to give football a whirl again.

"I'm happy I decided to come out," he added. "I've had a great time."

Hunt had 96 yards receiving, including an 83-yard grab in the third quarter that put the Hornets ahead 7-0.

Junior quarterback Robert Gannon finished with 178 yards on 9-of-20 attempts.

Phelps, which lost its first two games of the season, won for the second straight week and is currently posting an unblemished 2-0 mark in district play.

The win, however, didn't come easy, it was a defensive struggle throughout most of the game.

"We made the plays when we had to," first-year Phelps

coach Chris Haggerman said. "I mean no disrespect to Jenkins when I say this, but if we want to compete against the top teams in our district, we are going to have to improve a lot more."

Jenkins (0-5) took its only lead of the game (8-7) with :39 left in the third quarter when Jonathan Taylor plowed his way in from two yards out.

Quarterback Chris Tackett hit Josh Belcher for the PAT.

Phelps running back Russell Johnson, who finished with 72 yards on 11 carries, broke loose on a 28-yard sprint to set up a 1-yard keeper by Gannon to make it 13-8 with 4:19 remaining in the game.

"This is an exciting time for Phelps football," Haggerman continued, "but we can't be satisfied with this."

The Hornets had 304 yards of total offense. Jenkins, which had 367 yards of total offense,

was led by running back Jake Johnson who rolled up 142 yards on 20 carries. Phelps returns to action Friday at Paintsville. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. at Phelps.

Shelby Valley 36, Pike Central 22

BUCKLEY'S CREEK — Shelby Valley's playoff hopes got a bit more promising Friday night.

The Wildcats rolled to a 36-22 win over home-standing Pike County Central.

No further statistics were made available to the Daily News.

Pike Central (1-3) lost for the third straight time. They will travel to Magoffin County next Friday.

Shelby Valley (3-1) travels to Breathitt County next Friday. Each game is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Drought is latest blow to small game

by STEVE VANTRESE
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — The dry summer that's winding down apparently has taken a toll on Kentucky's small game species of rabbits and bobwhite quail.

"Both rabbits and quail are looking down this year, probably down quite a bit from the last couple of years," said Brian Grossman, small game program biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

"It's probably a direct result of drought as well as part of the normal cycle of populations," Grossman said.

The state wildlife agency monitors populations of small game animals through a volunteer mail carriers' survey — postal delivery personnel on the same routes each day and each year report sightings of various wildlife species.

A collection of these sightings reflects trends, showing numbers up, down or generally steady.

"The numbers of rabbits and quail seen by our mail carriers were way down, similar to what was seen back in 1999 when there was a drought," Grossman said.

Excessively dry conditions tend to hurt both important small game species by reducing the availability of preferred

foods. "When you get drought, you don't have as much tender green growth for rabbits and quail," Grossman said. "And dry conditions also affect the reproductive success on quail, so you get fewer young birds. Drought seems to affect the eggs in the nests."

The moderating factor in the observed decline of the game species is that it may not be greatly noticed by rabbit and quail hunters this year.

"When we saw the numbers drop back in '99, it did show up in hunters' harvests, but not as much as what you'd think," Grossman said. "I expect there will be some decline in harvest this year, but I at least hope it

won't be substantial." Over a longer term, rabbits have done fairly well after a major decline from the middle 1900s. Quail, on the other hand, have had it particularly tough in a bid to rebound from decades of habitat loss.

"Rabbits have been fairly stable in the last 10 to 15 years," Grossman said. "Quail numbers, though, have been continuing to drop some. We haven't seen them bounce back like we had hoped."

Grossman said difficulties for the small game species over the long haul chiefly have been that of reduced or degraded habitat. The ongoing clearing of land, elimination of fence rows

and other small patches of brushy, weedy acreage have left quail and rabbits fewer places to live, he said.

The KDFWR is participating in a wider initiative to reverse the trend in quail populations. A major focus of some habitat programs that work toward the quail revival is eradication of fescue, a green cover crop that has proven to be a virtual wildlife desert, replacing it with native warm season grasses that create friendly cover and food sources for rabbits and quail, Grossman said.

While the immediate decline in small game species hinges on drought, the long-term difficulties of rabbits and quail are "all

land use related," he said.

Atop the drought-triggered decline in bunnies and birds this year is a low swing in the cycle of squirrels that further dampens small game prospects this fall and winter.

Squirrel populations swung from great abundance early last fall to greatly reduced numbers this season as a result of a widespread failure of the 2004 mast crop. There were few acorns and hickory nuts, upon which squirrels depend as a major food source.

Early reports indicate a much improved nut crop this year, but for the immediate season ahead, squirrel numbers remain rather modest.

Buyers impressed with improvements to Keeneland

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Jo Pollock couldn't believe what she was seeing at Keeneland's Sales Pavilion.

"I'm walking around with my mouth open," said Pollock, owner of Ivywood Farm on Tates Creek Pike. She flew in from Naples, Fla., for the sale with husband, Sam.

Pollock was impressed with the viewing room's 11 screens tuned to racetracks around the world.

"You can come in here and watch your horses race," Pollock said. "Before it was crowded, noisy. They've made it into a first-class facility."

The expanded dining room was crowded with buyers, sellers, bloodstock agents and veterinarians having breakfast on Monday, the opening day of Keeneland's September sale.

California horsewoman Samantha Siegel praised the renovations as a "first-class" job.

"After a long day, it's nice to have a place where you can sit down, relax and do some business," Siegel said.

Nick Nicholson, president and CEO of Keeneland, said

business is what they had in mind with the renovations.

The original Sales Pavilion opened in 1969 when the summer yearling sale was the premiere sale and lasted four short days and most attendees were from the area. Now, people fly in from around the world and the September sale stretches over 15 days.

Improvements from better food to more than a dozen private conference rooms outfitted with telephones and fax machines are designed to keep customers in the building "a few more hours buying horses," Nicholson said.

"If people don't take care of their body, if they're hungry, tired, they might go back to their hotel, or fly back home because many of them come in on their own planes," Nicholson said.

Last year Keeneland's September sales set a world record of \$324.9 million. Keeneland's five sales in 2004 grossed \$677.9 million, up from \$562.8 million in 2003.

"The sales produce virtually all of our net," Nicholson said. The spring and fall race meets attract thousands of race fans, but "we just try to break even

on the races."

Keeneland declined to disclose the price tag for the work.

Tracy Farmer, owner of 2005 Kentucky Derby contender Sun King, breezed through the dining room Monday morning in high spirits, headed for the barns.

"Oh, it's fabulous. But I'm waiting for them to find a program where we don't have to pay for the horses," he said and laughed. "That would be great."

Mr. Greeley colt brings \$1 million at Keeneland sale

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A chestnut colt by Mr. Greeley brought the top price of \$1 million at the third session of Keeneland's September Yearling Sale on Wednesday.

Mr. Greeley has sired graded stakes winners Nonsuch Bay, El Corredor, Fan Club's Mister and Greeley's Galaxy. Irish bloodstock agent Demi O'Byrne bought the colt out of Dreams of Success, by Dixieland Band, from Craig

and Holly Bandoroff's Denali Stud consignment, as agent.

Stonestreet Stables LLC paid the second highest price of the day, \$950,000, for a gray colt by Unbridled's Song out of Thiscatsforacryl, by Storm Cat. Taylor Made Sales Agency, as agent, sold the colt, a brother to stakes winner Be Like Mike.

On Tuesday, one Storm Cat colt brought \$9.7 million, the highest price ever paid in the September sale's 62 years, and another brought \$6.3 million.

Gross sales and average price Wednesday remained above last year's figures.

The day's sales totaled 282 horses for \$50,257,000, an average of \$178,216 and a median of \$130,000. During the corresponding session last year, 276 horses brought \$43,920,000, an average of \$159,130 and a median of \$130,000.

Through three days, 654 horses have been sold for \$237,471,000, an average of \$363,106 and a median of \$200,000. At this point in the sale last year, 625 horses had been sold for \$194,568,000, an average of \$311,309 and a median of \$180,000.

The sale continues through Sept. 26.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE SCHEDULES

MEN'S GOLF

Sept. 22 Kentucky Invitational (Prestonsburg, StoneCrest)
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Sept. 29 Georgetown College (Georgetown, Cherry Blossom)
Sept. 30 Georgetown College (Georgetown, Cherry Blossom)
Oct. 3 at Don Bishop Invitational (Campbellsville)
Oct. 4 at Don Bishop Invitational (Campbellsville)
Oct. 10-11 at Mid-South Conference (Barron River Co. Club)

WOMEN'S GOLF

Sept. 22 Kentucky Invitational (Prestonsburg, StoneCrest)
Sept. 23 Kentucky Invitational (Prestonsburg, StoneCrest)
Oct. 10-11 at Mid-South Conference (Barron River Co. Club)

CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 24 at University of Louisville, 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 1 at University of Rio Grande, TBA
Oct. 22 at Berry College, TBA
Oct. 29 at Kentucky Christian University, 10 a.m.
Nov. 5 at Mid-South Conference, 10 a.m.

H.S. VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD

Matches from Thursday, Sept. 15

Allen Central 2, Betsy Layne 0	(25-18, 25-18)
Belfry 2, Johnson Central 1	(24-26, 25-13, 25-18)
Corbin 2, Clay County 0	(27-25, 25-21)
Fairview 2, Boyd County 1	(31-29, 23-25, 25-20)
Greenup County 2, Fleming County 0	(25-18, 25-16)
Lawrence County 2, Tolsia, W.Va. 1	(19-25, 25-19, 25-90)
Leslie Co. 2, Letcher Co. Central 1	(25-22, 19-25, 25-20)
Magoffin County 2, Paintsville 1	(18-25, 25-18, 25-12)
Middlesboro 2, Cumberland 1	(12-25, 25-23, 25-20)
Middlesboro 2, Cumberland 0	(25-22, 25-22)
Morgan County 2, East Carter 1	(25-20, 23-25, 26-24)
North Laurel 2, Bell County 0	(25-21, 25-19)
Owsley County 2, Buckhorn 1	(17-25, 25-13, 25-14)
Pike County Central 2, East Ridge 0	(25-20, 25-15)
Pikeville 2, Shelby Valley 0	(25-15, 25-22)
Powell County 2, Lee County 0	(30-28, 25-15)
Rowan County 2, Montgomery County 0	(25-14, 25-22)
Russell 2, Raceland 0	(25-14, 25-13)
Sheldon Clark 2, Phelps 0	(25-15, 25-15)
Somerset 2, Clinton County 0	(25-8, 25-16)
South Laurel 2, McCreary Central 0	(25-16, 25-18)
Southwestern 2, Harrodsburg 0	(25-17, 25-16)
Whitley County 2, Knox Central 0	(25-14, 25-20)

KHSAA addresses Hurricane Katrina transfers

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shares the concern of the entire nation for the victims of Hurricane Katrina in the wake of the storm that devastated the Gulf Coast Area and an unparalleled disruption of family life. The KHSAA is on board with its other educational partners in the state of Kentucky and the nation in facilitating and accommodating the needs of students who have been displaced due to the Hurricane.

Many of the KHSAA member schools are already receiving stu-

dents and are adapting their admittance policies under the guidance of the Kentucky Department of Education and other governing agencies. The Association, along with everyone else, wants to do its part to facilitate the students' return to a normal life if at all possible. Therefore, in the spirit of cooperation, the KHSAA is attempting to adapt the Domestic Student Eligibility or "Transfer Process" due to the difficulty in obtaining student records from schools in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana.

The KHSAA is not however summarily waiving all regulations particularly age, (Bylaw

3) academic or grade (Bylaw 5), or recruitment rules (Bylaw 10). In addition, the Association cannot waive the physical exam or insurance requirements (Bylaw 2) required for participation in athletics.

"Obviously this has been a catastrophic situation these students and their families have been through the last couple of weeks," KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries said. "While ensuring the basic rules of the Association, we hope to expedite the transfer process to help get a form of normalcy back into their daily lives."

"Congratulations are in order

to KHSAA member school personnel who have indicated that they are planning a variety of activities and designating a portion of the proceeds to support relief efforts," DeVries concluded.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL:

Morehead falls to Kentucky

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — After falling quickly 30-15 in game one Tuesday night, the Morehead State volleyball proceeded to give host University of Kentucky all it could handle for the next two games before falling 3-0 to the Wildcats at Memorial Coliseum.

The Eagles hit .067 and saw the Wildcats record 15 kills in sweeping to a 15-point win in game one, but the Eagles battled back to almost take game two. MSU led 28-22 at one point, but saw the hosts claw back to tie the match at 28 thanks to three aces. The teams battled back and forth before the Wildcats secured the game, 35-33, on an Eagle attacking error. In game three, Morehead again held several leads, but settled for a tough 30-27 defeat.

The Eagles fell to 4-7 on the year, while UK improved to 5-2.

"We did a really good job of being aggressive on our attacks tonight," said head coach Jaime Gordon, who served as UK's top assistant from 1999-2002. "I also thought we did a nice job of implementing some of the things we've been working on in prac-

tice this week. We put ourselves in position to win several times tonight, but Kentucky just did a great job of fighting back, especially there in game two."

The Eagles were led by freshman outside hitter Ashley Doscher (Frisco, Texas) with a career high 14 kills. Junior middle hitter Diana Zipp (Jeffersonville, Ind.) registered seven kills, while freshman setter Katelyn Barbour (Florence.) posted 34 assists. Gordon was especially impressed with his team's play at the net, where Morehead had 7 total blocks. Freshman Erin Peak (Georgetown, Ind.), Doscher and Barbour all had three rejections. Sophomore Kelsey Cronin (Fairfield, Ohio) paced the Eagles with nine digs.

"I saw some great things in our blocking tonight. We really showed an improvement and a willingness to be aggressive at the net tonight," he said. "I thought Ashley and Diana really had strong games tonight as well."

Danielle Wallace tallied a match-high 19 kills to lead the Wildcats, while Jenni Casper had 11 digs.



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GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Below: John M. Stumbo players celebrated at the conclusion of the Right Beaver Classic championship game. Stumbo beat rival Betsy Layne in the title contest.



Former assistant says UK provided cash to football players

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Former Kentucky assistant coach Claude Bassett claims in his federal lawsuit that the school provided cash and other perks to football players and encouraged cheating in the program.

Bassett, who was Kentucky's recruiting coordinator and a key figure in an NCAA investigation that uncovered more than three dozen rule violations, is suing the school and the NCAA.

In an affidavit filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court, Bassett reiterated his claims that UK fostered a "culture of cheating" before and during his tenure, including cash payments to "one of the most celebrated players in state history."

The affidavit also says that former athletic director Larry Ivy and others let Bassett know he was "expected to violate NCAA rules" as part of his job.

The affidavit came in response

to UK's motion last month to dismiss the \$50 million lawsuit.

Ivy referred calls to his attorney, Fox DeMoisey of Louisville. DeMoisey said Wednesday that neither he nor Ivy had read the affidavit. He said Ivy expected to be deposed soon in the case.

"I know Mr. Ivy is anxious to set the record straight," DeMoisey said. "He hasn't had that chance yet."

The NCAA investigation landed the Wildcats on three years' probation in 2002. The NCAA essentially banned Bassett from the college coaching ranks for eight years; his lawsuit claims that UK conspired to make him the program's scapegoat.

Bassett declined comment Wednesday when reached at Robstown (Texas) High School, where he is head football coach and athletic director. His attorney, Robert Furnier of Cincinnati, also declined comment.

The most explosive allega-

tions in Tuesday's affidavit involve a star athlete who was recruited to UK before Bassett arrived in 1997. The player is not named in the document.

Bassett said a former assistant coach under Bill Curry told him that Ivy "became personally involved with recruiting (the star player), with help from certain wealthy boosters."

"Ivy and his boosters made frequent trips to visit with the athlete's family," the affidavit reads. "They hosted family members at parties, golf outings and sporting events, including home and away UK football game and outings at Keeneland. ... The former coach also pointed out that the athlete himself enjoyed an uncommonly nice off-campus apartment, drove a premium vehicle and sported large amounts of cash."

The affidavit also alleges that a wealthy booster, who was not named, was close to Ivy and often bragged of having

"bought" UK players. Bassett also said he heard that several UK football players "frequented Lexington strip clubs as guests of another Ivy associate."

Eastern Kentucky to open 2007 UK schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky has completed its 2007 football schedule with the addition of in-state foe Eastern Kentucky as the season opener. UK Director of Athletics Mitch Barnhart has announced.

The Wildcats will kick off the 2007 slate by playing host to the Colonels on Sept. 1. It will be the second time that the schools have met on the gridiron, as UK defeated ECU during the 1998 season.

The Eastern Kentucky matchup is the first of four non-conference games that will open the 12-game schedule. UK will play at Temple on Sept. 8 and will return home to face another in-state rival, Louisville, on Sept. 15. The Wildcats will host Florida Atlantic, coached by UK alumnus Howard Schnellenberger on Sept. 22.

Southeastern Conference action begins at Arkansas on Sept. 29. In addition to the Razorbacks, UK will visit South Carolina, Vanderbilt and Georgia. SEC teams coming to Commonwealth Stadium include Louisiana State, Florida, Mississippi State, and Tennessee. All totaled, UK will have seven home games and five away games in the 2007 campaign.

Here is a look at Kentucky's completed football schedules for the next two seasons. The 12-game regular-season schedule begins permanently in 2006.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY 2006 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 2	at Louisville
Sat., Sept. 9	Texas State
Sat., Sept. 16	Ole Miss
Sat., Sept. 23	at Florida
Sat., Sept. 30	Cent. Michigan
Sat., Oct. 7	South Carolina
Sat., Oct. 14	at LSU
Sat., Oct. 21	Open
Sat., Oct. 28	at Mississippi S.
Sat., Nov. 4	Georgia
Sat., Nov. 11	Vanderbilt
Sat., Nov. 18	at Louisiana-M.
Sat., Nov. 25	at Tennessee

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY 2007 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 1	Eastern Ky
Sat., Sept. 8	at Temple
Sat., Sept. 15	Louisville
Sat., Sept. 22	Florida Atlantic
Sat., Sept. 29	at Arkansas
Sat., Oct. 6	at S. Carolina
Sat., Oct. 13	LSU
Sat., Oct. 20	Florida
Sat., Oct. 27	Mississippi S.
Sat., Nov. 3	Open
Sat., Nov. 10	at Vanderbilt
Sat., Nov. 17	at Georgia
Sat., Nov. 24	Tennessee

Hilltoppers confirmed for Bracket Buster game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN — Western Kentucky University will participate in ESPN's Bracket Buster Saturday series for the fourth time in as many years, it was announced Thursday.

The Hilltoppers have been designated a home team, and will play host to an opponent to be determined on Saturday, Feb. 18, at E.A. Diddle Arena.

"We are happy to be a part of Bracket Buster Saturday for the fourth year in a row," WKU head coach Darrin Horn said. "For us, taking part in this event only enhances what is already an outstanding non-conference schedule."

This year's event includes 100 teams, with 11 contests broadcast live on ESPN's family of networks — six games will be on either ESPN or ESPN2, with the remaining five aired on ESPNU. Staff members at ESPN will work in

conjunction with the commissioners of conferences that are participating in the series, which includes only the 11 televised games, to set the pairings on Sunday, Jan. 29. Other contests that will not be televised will be announced Thursday, Feb. 2.

Consideration will be given to avoid match-ups of conference teams as well as games between schools that faced each other during the season.

"We are honored to participate once again in ESPN's Bracket Buster event," Hilltopper Director of Athletics Dr. Wood Selig said. "This concept has worked well for WKU as it has allowed us additional national TV exposure late in the year and served as a means to truly enhance our non-conference schedule. Western remains appreciative of ESPN for their support of this innovative scheduling concept."

All participating teams in

the Bracket Buster Saturday agree to enter into a home-and-home agreement with its opponents, returning the trip in either November or December of the 2007-08 campaign.

WKU has won all three games as part of the event, defeating Ball State (84-79 in 2003), Marshall (87-66 in '04) and Bradley (75-60 last year).

Eighteen schools from 2005's 64-team field qualified for the NCAA Tournament last year, with those squads combining to record seven victories. This season's pool features teams with a combined 31 NCAA Tournament appearances over the last two years, including a pair of Sweet 16 entries.

The Hilltoppers are one of four Sun Belt Conference schools competing in the event. Louisiana-Lafayette has also been designated a home team, while Arkansas State and New Orleans have been selected as visitors.



photo courtesy of Union College

Floyd County native Corey Castle is a member of the Union County men's soccer team. Castle a freshman, played at Pikeville High School.

UC Bulldogs blank NCAA III Hanover, 3-0

Floyd County native Castle adds assist in winning effort

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HANOVER, Ind. — Union College ended its three-game winless streak on Thursday with a 3-0 blanking of host NCAA Division III Hanover (Ind.) College in men's soccer action.

"It wasn't pretty, but it's a win and we'll take it," said Union coach Tyler Brock. "The first half was ugly, but we played much better in the second half. We just came out slow

but eventually picked things up as the game went along.

Bubacarr Jallow (Haiti) came off the bench and looked good as did Dustin Monks (Glencoe)."

Junior Wade Johnson (Barnwell, S.C.) set up sophomore Tyler Stallons (Hopkinsville) for the game's first goal as Union took a 1-0 lead at the half.

In the second half, sophomore Dustin Isom (Hopkinsville, Ky.) scored twice as UC sealed the 3-

0 victory. Junior Thomas Trammell (Palm Bay, Fla.) and freshman Corey Castle (Harold) each had an assist.

Castle, a Floyd County native who graduated from Pikeville High School, currently plays in his first collegiate soccer season.

Senior Ben Patin (Knoxville, Tenn.) had six saves in the win, playing 65 minutes of the game. Sophomore Eric Ashcraft (Ashland) had three saves in 25 minutes of action.

Union (3-2-1 overall) was slated to return home on Saturday to face Covenant (Ga.) College in an Appalachian Athletic Conference meeting.

MSU men's basketball finalizes schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University's 2005-06 men's basketball schedule includes the school's first-ever appearance on Bracket Buster Saturday, trips to national powers Connecticut, Texas Tech and Dayton and a 20-game Ohio Valley Conference slate.

A total of 50 games with teams representing 18 conferences will be played on Bracket Buster Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006. While the wild-card pairings will not be announced until three weeks prior to the games and based on regular season play, MSU has been told that it will be playing on the road this season.

After a regular season-opening home game against Kentucky Christian (Nov. 18),

the Eagles will travel to Dayton (Nov. 23) and Texas Tech (Nov. 26). MSU will also play host to Maryland-Eastern Shore (Dec. 3) and all 10 OVC rivals and will travel to East Tennessee and all the conference schools.

"We obviously have a very challenging schedule," said Eagle Head Coach Kyle Macy. "We're excited about being selected for Bracket Buster Saturday. Connecticut, Texas Tech and Dayton are top 30 programs and will certainly present a challenge for our young team."

2005-06 Morehead State University

Men's Basketball Schedule
Nov. 18 Kentucky Christian 7 p.m.
Nov. 23 at Dayton, TBA

Nov. 26 at Texas Tech, TBA
Dec. 3 Maryland-Eastern Shore, 7:45 p.m.
Dec. 8 at Austin Peay, 8:30 p.m.
Dec. at Murray State, TBA
Dec. 19 UT Martin, 7 p.m.
Dec. 21 Eastern Illinois, 7 p.m.
Dec. 23 at Connecticut, TBA
Dec. 29 at East Tennessee, TBA
Jan. 2 at Tennessee State, TBA
Jan. 7 at Tennessee Tech, 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 12 Eastern Kentucky, 7:45 p.m.
Jan. 14 at UT Martin, 7 p.m.
Jan. 19 Samford, 7:45 p.m.
Jan. 21 Jacksonville State, 7:45 p.m.
Jan. 26 at Southeast Missouri, 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 28 at Eastern Illinois, 8:05 p.m.
Jan. Tennessee Tech, 7:45 p.m.
Feb. 6 at Eastern Kentucky, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9 Southeast Missouri, 7:45 p.m.
Feb. 11 Murray State, 7:45 p.m.
Feb. 14 at Jacksonville State, TBA
Feb. 16 at Samford, 8 p.m.
Feb. 18 Bracket Buster Saturday,

Opponent TBA
Feb. 23 Tennessee State, 7:45 p.m.
Feb. 25 Austin Peay, 7:45 p.m.
Feb. 28- at OVC Tournament
March 4 (Nashville, Tenn.)

Marshall to honor Frank 'Gunner' Gatski

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University Director of Athletics Bob Marcum has announced that Pro Football Hall of Fame member and Marshall Football legend Frank "Gunner" Gatski will be honored with the retirement of his number (72) during Marshall's homecoming football game with UAB on Oct. 15 in Huntington.

Gatski, who played center at Marshall from 1940 to 1942, will be the first player in school history to have his number retired.

"I am very honored to have my jersey number retired and being the only one makes it all the more special," Gatski said. "It all started at Marshall and the school has always treated me first-class whenever I have visited. I thoroughly enjoyed my career at Marshall and had so much fun there. I am thrilled and looking forward to coming back and being honored."

Gatski, a Farmington, W.Va. native, came to Marshall in 1940 thanks to an invitation from head coach Cam Henderson and the promise that if he earned it, he would get a scholarship. In 20 seasons as a high school player at Farmington High, to a college career at Marshall and Auburn (Following World War II), to a professional career that lasted 12 seasons with the Cleveland Browns and Detroit Lions, Gatski never missed a single game.

"We are looking forward to

honoring Frank at homecoming," Marcum said. "His accomplishments are remarkable and a major part of the history and tradition of Thundering Herd football."

In over two seasons on the varsity squad at Marshall, Gatski, started 17 straight games at center, while also playing some at linebacker. It was during this time he picked up the nickname "Gunner" because of his hard-hitting style of play.

Marshall enjoyed great success during Gatski's time in Huntington. The Thundering Herd went 8-2 in 1940 and outscored its opponents 334-76 thanks in no small part to Gatski and his teammate College Football Hall of Famer Jackie Hunt. The following season, Marshall posted a 7-1 mark that included a win over Wake Forest. The 1942 season saw a different result due to the outbreak of World War II. With many Marshall players already called into military service the Herd managed just a 1-7-1 record.

Gatski answered America's call in late 1942 and became part of the U.S. Army's infantry division where he spent three years in Europe serving his country. When he returned from the front in 1945 he enrolled at Auburn University where he played for part of the 1945 season.

In the spring of 1946 Gatski impressed the Cleveland Browns enough in a tryout to earn a contract. During his 11 seasons in Cleveland, the

Browns posted a 110-23-5 record, won the AAFC title in each of the league's four years of operation, and then won three National Football League titles (1950, 1954, and 1955). His Browns teams played for the NFL title every year from 1950 to 1956 and Gatski was the anchor of the Brown's innovative "pocket protection" scheme for the quarterback that was the prototype for the modern center.

After failing to reach the title game in 1956, the only time in his career that ever happened, Gatski signed with the Detroit Lions and in 1957 helped the Lions to a 59-14 win over Cleveland in the NFL Championship.

Gatski retired following the 1957 season after starting 132 consecutive games. In his career, his teams won eight championships (four in the AAFC and four in the NFL) and played for the championship in 11 of his 12 professional seasons.

In 1985 Gatski was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame and is the only former Marshall Player ever to achieve that honor. His star-laden class included NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, Joe Namath, Roger Staubach and O.J. Simpson.

In addition to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Gatski is a member of the West Virginia Sports Writers Hall of Fame, and is a charter member of the Marshall University Athletics Hall of Fame.

EKU men's basketball to host Bracket Buster game in February

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — The Eastern Kentucky men's basketball team learned today that it will host a Bracket Buster game at McBrayer Arena on Saturday, February 18, 2006. This fourth annual ESPN event pits potential NCAA Tournament hopefuls against each other in a one-day, made-for-television event.

Bracket Buster Saturday, named because of the success of the teams in the NCAA Tournament play over the past few years, provides 22 teams (selected from a pool of 100 teams, including all 11 Ohio Valley Conference programs) an opportunity to play other top non-conference opponents on television three weeks before Selection Sunday. The 78 teams not selected for the televised games will also compete against each other on the same

day. The televised match-ups, to be shown on ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU, will be announced on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006. As part of the agreement, all 11 of the Bracket Buster Saturday home teams, as well as the remaining 39 home squads, will play a return game at the home facility of their opponent

in November or December of the following season.

The Colonels return three starters from the squad that captured the 2005 OVC Championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1979. ECU kicks off the 2005-06 campaign on a scrimmage against Ottawa on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m.



NASCAR, ISC seek dismissal of Kentucky Speedway lawsuit

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — NASCAR has asked a federal judge to dismiss a \$400 million lawsuit filed by Kentucky Speedway, calling the suit "a study in contradictions and irony."

The lawsuit seeks to force NASCAR to award the track a Nextel Cup race.

In a separate filing, another defendant, International Speedway Corp., asked U.S. District Judge William Bertelman to dismiss the case, move it to a federal court in Florida and to schedule a hearing in which oral arguments can be presented.

The filings were made Monday in Covington.

Kentucky Speedway filed suit July 13 against NASCAR and ISC, which are both controlled by the France family, alleging the companies have violated federal antitrust laws by illegally restricting the awarding of Nextel Cup races.

The speedway, located in Sparta in Gallatin County, currently has NASCAR Busch and Craftsman Truck series races on its schedule. It's one of several tracks that have unsuccessfully sought a race in the elite Cup series.

The suit also alleges antitrust violations relating to various restraints of trade involving the Busch and Craftsman Truck series races.

NASCAR sanctions and oversees its racing series, while ISC owns or controls 12 of the 22 tracks at which the Cup cars currently race. NASCAR did not include a date at Kentucky Speedway on its recently released Cup schedule for 2006.

In their filings, NASCAR and ISC deny the antitrust allegations and use pointed language to criticize the speedway. ISC's filing calls the speed-

way's allegations "thinly concealed expressions of bitterness against a more successful promoter." ISC contrasted its 52 years of experience in promoting races to that of the 5-year-old speedway, which ISC says "is led by a group with no experience" promoting top NASCAR races.

ISC also emphasized its claim that it is a separate company from NASCAR.

NASCAR said "that Kentucky Speedway's real complaint is that it has not been awarded a Nextel Cup race so as to participate further in the success of NASCAR." It compared

the speedway's complaint to a horse racing track trying to bid to host one of the three legs of that sport's Triple Crown.

NASCAR contends that 11 contracts that the speedway signed between October 1999 and July 2005, for the running of Busch and Craftsman Truck series races, contained a clause that specified that any lawsuit regarding the speedway's NASCAR-sanctioned races would be brought in Florida.

Stan Chesley of Cincinnati, Kentucky Speedway's lawyer, said Tuesday he was "dismayed" that NASCAR and ISC "believe that a federal district

court in ... Kentucky would not be qualified to be fair and independent and render justice."

Chesley said that the contract clauses mentioned in the NASCAR filings don't apply in this case because it is an antitrust lawsuit.

NASCAR said the speedway did have a chance to reject the contracts offered by NASCAR, because the speedway "obviously was not required to host" the Busch and Craftsman Truck series races. "And to the extent it had strong economic incentives to (host), its situation was one completely of its own making," according to the filing.

Bill Sawyer happy in return to racing roots

by HANK KURZ JR.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALUDA, Va. — The warmup laps are under way at Virginia Motor Speedway, and the burly man in the shorts with the bushy white ponytail seems to be everywhere.

One minute he's chatting with a driver and his family, the next he's directing traffic as cars head to the garage to make way for others coming onto the track. He also spends time standing along the backstretch, watching the cars go by, then inspecting the moist clay racing surface, making sure the track is ready for racing.

Bill Sawyer, son of NASCAR pioneer and track owner Paul Sawyer, is content as the owner of this half-mile dirt track, where the racers mostly do it as a hobby and their dented cars have been prepared in a backyard or someone's garage.

"It goes back to when life was a little simpler," he said as he watched the first of four races on a Saturday night. "It makes you want to throw rocks at asphalt."

Sawyer drinks it all in, from the aroma of tailgaters grilling up their specialties to the anxious eyes of competitors and the excited faces of children and families.

"A lot of people thought this was just going to be a whim — 'Old Sawyer, he's just wants something to do,'" he said, without a hint of a smile. "Uh-uh. I couldn't be more serious."

And after years when the tension of being involved in stock car racing's top series wore on him, the small, rural track he rebuilt has made Sawyer love racing again.

Racing and the Sawyer name have been linked for more than a half-century.

Paul Sawyer bought three race tracks in the mid-1950s and eventually settled on the half-mile dirt circuit he had in Richmond as the place to make a lasting mark.

In the years and decades that followed, Bill and Wayne Sawyer joined their father's business, learning the sport from one of its pioneers and being groomed to someday take over the gem he built: Richmond International Raceway.

But in 1999, after more than 50 years in racing and 44 years as a track owner, Paul Sawyer sold RIR to International Speedway Corp., yielding to the constant pressure to offer bigger purses and to keep a step ahead of the exploding popularity of NASCAR.

"I knew at some point the way of doing business was going to get us," Bill Sawyer said.

NASCAR's rapid growth had turned a family business into big business. The price tag was \$215 million, and Paul Sawyer shared the bounty with his boys, handing them the means to buy what they want, do what they want and retire young.

Wayne Sawyer, 62, moved to Virginia Beach, bought a huge sport fishing boat, hired a crew and set off in search of sailfish and tuna.

Bill Sawyer, 56, bought a rundown track in the middle of nowhere, tore down the rotting bleachers, dug up and rebuilt the racing surface, ran off the riffraff all too common on weekends and created a family track.

"It was basically a place for people to get drunk, party and watch some cars wreck," said John Marshall, an attorney who repre-

sented Sawyer in the purchase.

Besides a choppy surface that produced a bumpy ride, the track had safe seating for only about 500 fans, a dilapidated all-purpose building and a bathroom with a septic system that routinely overflowed.

Sawyer and nephew Clarke Sawyer, the track's general manager, gave themselves five years to complete the turnaround, but finished in half that time.

Paul Sawyer was skeptical at first, but became a key part of the team, too, offering his son advice and lending his connections to help make it happen.

Before long, the makeshift light posts were replaced by real lighting, the wooden bleachers were replaced by 5,000 aluminum seats and the track began to look like one.

"I wasn't bashful about talking to him about it, or asking him, and he came down here a bunch of times when we were rebuilding it, him and Wayne both," Sawyer said.

Now, there's a building for the track offices, another to store all the earth-moving equipment used to resurface the track and clear most of 1,200 acres surrounding it, and luxurious suites where Sawyer welcomes sponsors, family friends and others.

Sawyer smiles warmly, knowing that somewhere his father is smiling, too.

"Now that he's gone, I don't think I could think of a better remembrance of what he did for 50-some-odd years being involved in motorsports," he said. "Really, it's all a reflection on him."

Paul Sawyer died in February at 88 of complications from pneumonia, and was

remembered as one of the reasons for NASCAR's steady rise in popularity.

On the day he died, NASCAR president Mike Helton told drivers at a Nextel Cup race to watch the papers and read about why they should thank Paul Sawyer.

Shrewd and fair, the elder Sawyer was known to make sure drivers in the early days had enough cash to get home, and to spend time in the garage and among fans on race weekends, figuring that treating everyone right would make them more likely to come back.

Bill Sawyer has adopted the same policy, which is why he spends time making the rounds before a race, giving others a chance to let him know what they're thinking. He welcomes feedback, good and bad, with the confidence of a man who learned from the best how to run a race track, and who knows he's doing it the right way.

It is 10:15 p.m. when the final checkered flag flies for the night, and Bill and Clarke Sawyer are pleased to once again have finished before 10:30 p.m., the goal they set to ensure that neighbors won't have to listen to the roar of racers too late.

There's still cleaning up and other work to do, but it has been a good night. The racing was clean, the schedule was followed and fans filing out seemed happy.

"It's the field of dreams. That's what I call it," said Mike Hubbard, who brings his 14-year-old son, Austin, to the track every Saturday from their home in Bethel, Del. "If Mr. Bill stays the course, there's no way he won't succeed."

Emrick to lead DTWC race officials team

by DOC LEHMAN

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio — The 25th Annual Dirt Track World Championship presented by Arizona Sport Shirts is coming up soon and co-promoters Carl Short and Dean Nardi have announced who the officials will be to run the on-track racing action in the \$50,000 to win unsanctioned mega-event that will be held October 13-15 at KC Raceway in Chillicothe, OH. Leading the team of race officials will be longtime and highly respected dirt Late Model official Bret Emrick in the role of DTWC Race Director.

"There are many factors that go into putting together a race of the magnitude of the DTWC, and one of the more important ones is hiring a high-quality staff," stated Dean Nardi. "From everything I've been told by people who should know, the track staff at K-C Raceway is top notch. We will use all their people at the DTWC and augment them with a few respected individuals from outside."

"Bret Emrick earned a reputation for fairness and being level-headed while acting as race director for the old Renegade and STARS series. I don't believe we could have made a better choice than Bret for this job at the DTWC. He will have total authority over the running of the event."

Emrick, who has worked in the industry for over 20 years, looks at the new assignment with excitement. "I'm humbled that Dean and Carl would ask me to be the race director for the DTWC," commented Emrick. "It's something I haven't done on a regular basis for the past two years but I guess it's just like riding a bicycle. You never forget. I don't look at it as me being in control. It will take

everyone that is working that weekend to put on a good show. I'm just a part of it."

Another factor in Emrick's favor is the fact that dirt Late Model drivers from coast to coast have the utmost respect for his abilities and those behind the DTWC feel that with so many drivers having worked with Emrick in the past it will help make the weekend run even smoother. "I'm hoping it will," said Emrick. "The race teams just need to realize that they do their job, then all of us on the administrative side will have it somewhat easy. I hate to penalize drivers but if they do what they're supposed to then we should get along fine."

Emrick is no stranger to the DTWC having been the race director for the former STARS and Renegade series when it carried the sanctioning of the race for many years. "The DTWC is one of the crown jewels of dirt Late Model racing," declared Emrick. "To be involved with it again is pretty neat. Maybe I don't have much 'fan' in me anymore but I will approach the weekend as a 'working' weekend. Yeah, you want to have fun with it but there is a job to do."

"I'm just hoping that everyone from the race teams to the staff realize we are there to put on a show. Not have an 'old home' week. We can do that after the activities are over. I just want to have a smooth weekend for all involved."

Also joining the DTWC team of officials will be three additional people who have experience and the respect of the teams and industry. Walter Burson will head up the pits as Technical Inspector with Chuck Phillips assisting Burson while Dixie Phillips will serve as the race's lead scorer.

"Walter Burson has a similar background as Bret in working with Renegades/STARS and is presently the technical inspector for the World of Outlaws Late Model Series," commented Nardi. "I feel very comfortable in giving Walt the authority to handle all matters pertaining to teching the cars. He will be ably assisted by Chuck Phillips."

"Dixie Phillips is a very experienced and respected scorer, now working on the Lucas Oil series. She will be the lead scorer (of three) at the DTWC. Having three scorers should be sufficient to ensure the accuracy everyone expects."

The 25th Annual Dirt Track World Championship presented by Arizona Sport Shirts kicks off on Thursday evening Oct. 13 with an open practice session. Qualifying and heat races will be held on Friday evening Oct. 14 with the consolation race, a non-qualifiers race and the 100-lap Dirt Track World Championship presented by Arizona Sport Shirts to be held on Saturday, Oct. 15. Sunday, Oct. 16 will serve as the rain date.

Advance sale tickets, especially reserved seating, is going swiftly and race fans are encouraged to order early. Presale prices for individual tickets are \$40 for adult general admission, \$10 for children general admission ages 6-11 with children under age six admitted free for general admission. The deadline for ordering presale tickets is Oct. 1. All tickets pre-ordered began mailing Thursday. A presale three-day pit pass will be offered for \$50.

After the Oct. 1 presale deadline expires tickets prices will be \$50 for adult general admission, \$15 children general admission ages 6-11 with children under age six admitted free

for general admission. Three-day pit passes will be \$60.

Special reserved seating is also being made available for the 25th Anniversary Dirt Track World Championship presented by Arizona Sport Shirts. The top five rows of the grandstands, including the main grandstands and the soon-to-be-constructed new grandstands in turn four, will be mandated reserved seating. Presale tickets for reserved seating are \$45 per ticket. After October 1 reserved seating will be \$55. Reserved seating ticket prices for children age 11 and under will be \$15 per ticket presale and \$20 per ticket after Oct. 1. A seating chart is available on the KC Raceway website (www.kc-raceway.com) and race fans may pick their preferred seats on a first-come, first-served basis.

To purchase presale tickets and pit passes and/or to pre-enter a driver, money orders, cashier's checks and credit cards may be used. The DTWC will accept presale credit card orders with Mastercard, Visa, Discover and American Express. To place your credit card order telephone the DTWC office toll free: 800.536.5277. The website address is: www.dtwc.net

Tickets are also available via mail order by sending a money order or cashier's check to: DTWC, P.O. Box 349, Powell, Tenn. 37849.

Heat race, B Main & promotional sponsors include Mark Richards Racing/Rocket Chassis, Scott Racing Wire, Cropper Racing Engines, Woodward Steering, Oval Craft, Coca-Cola, Design 500, Dirt Late Model Magazine, Impact Racing, On The Edge, Arizona Sport Shirts and Dirt Nation™ presented by Lucas Oil. Additional sponsors will be announced soon.

BK Motorsports competes at World 100

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — Brandon Kinzer Motorsports once again attended the World 100 last week, in hopes of making the starting field of 28. In all, 216 cars entered.

Kinzer posted a time of 16.463 — good enough for 64th fast time.

The Floyd County driver started 11th in the 4th heat race and consistently made his way up to the 8th place by the end of the event. His 8th place fin-

ish started him 14th in the 2nd B-Main. A hard to pass, and inconsistent racetrack hampered the race team and caused a 17th place finish.

Event though the team didn't make the field, Kinzer still enjoyed his weekend.

"We might not of made the cut for the A-Main, but this is always an enjoyable time coming up here for the World 100," said Kinzer. "Fans come up that may not get to see you on a regular basis and you get to visit with them, it's a really unique event."

IRL drops three races, cuts season by eight weeks

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indy Racing League will cut eight weeks and three events from its schedule in 2006, move its race at Watkins Glen, N.Y., to the week after the Indianapolis 500 and finish the season for the first time at Chicagoland Speedway.

The league is dropping races at California Speedway, Phoenix International Raceway and Pikes Peak International Raceway, leaving a 14-race schedule from late March through early September.

"The primary reasons for the compacted schedule are momentum and consistency," IRL president Brian Barnhart said Tuesday. "Scheduling our races on a consistent basis in a compacted time frame will give us momentum from the drop of the green flag in Miami into the month of May, right through the heart of our season and into the championship

point battle."

For the fifth straight year, the season opener will be at Homestead-Miami Speedway, on March 26 — one of 11 races on oval tracks.

The second race, on April 2, will be on a temporary street course in St. Petersburg, Fla. Two other races will be on permanent road courses, at Watkins Glen on June 4, a change from the previous September date, and at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif., on Aug. 27.

The final IRL race of the year will be Sept. 10 at Chicago, the fourth venue to host the season wrap-up.

The Indianapolis 500 will be on May 28, and the race at Watkins Glen will be the first time the IRL has completed the weekend immediately following Indianapolis.

All of the 2006 races will be televised nationally, seven on ABC, six on ESPN and one on ESPN2.

BRISTOL MOTOR SPEEDWAY

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SUPER PRO POINTS

1. Charles Patterson (413) 2. Jeff Smith (365) 3. Bobby McKinney (348) 4. Mike Eads (343) 5. Clifford Davidson (330) 6. Tim Griffith (323) 7. Allen Byrd (310) 8. Todd Whited (290) 9. Todd McKinney (285) 10. Junior Houston (275).

PRO POINTS

1. Neal Church (501) 2. Brandon Bailey (440) 3. Tim Griffith (398) 4. John Nelson, Jr. (325) 5. (tie) Alan Nelson (315), Steve Taylor (315) 7. Michael Buckles (308) 8. Larry Price II (305) 9. Scott Vestal (300) 10. Jonathan Griffith (293).

SPORTSMAN POINTS

1. Tim Smith (360) 2. Jason Nelson (345) 3. Jonathan Hutchison (335) 4. C.J. Elsea (298) 5. Danny Trivett (294) 6. Jessie O'Neal (268) 7. Anthony Campbell (248) 8. Carl Widner (245) 9. Jim Stutzer (230) 10. Mack McMillan (220).

PRO BIKE POINTS

1. Mike Gill (426) 2. John Swafford (340) 3. (tie) Jerry Turner (133), Michael Leonard (133) 5. Allan Elder (118) 6. Tommy Lane (70) 7. Donald Wilson (50).

JUNIOR DRASTER DIVISION 1 POINTS

1. Avery Denton (340), Denver Malba (328) 3. Dylan Davis (312) 4. Austin Roberts (308) 5. Austin Olinger (283) 6. Ben Denton (230) 7. (tie) Kaitlin Dye (210), Jesse Ray (210) 9. Victor Vanover (205) 10. Autumn Barnett (200).

JUNIOR DRAGSTER DIVISION 2 POINTS

1. Kendra Hall (411) 2. Mishelle Black (396) 3. Andy Bayless (370) 4. Lauren Freer (298) 5. Seth Street (295) 6. Christi Johnson (280) 7. Clinton Snead (275) 8. Jacob Boling (265) 9. Aaron Roberts (255) 10. Brooke Anderson (235).

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Makes 4 servings

- 1 pound pork tenderloin
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup (5 fluid-ounce can) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Fat Free Milk
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 green onions, sliced

CUT pork into 1-inch-thick slices. Place pork between 2 pieces of plastic wrap. Flatten to 1/4-inch thickness using meat mallet or rolling pin. Season with salt and pepper. HEAT oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add half the

pork; cook on each side 2 minutes or until browned and cooked through. Remove from skillet; set aside and keep warm. Repeat with remaining pork. REDUCE heat to low. Add evaporated milk; stir to loosen brown bits from bottom of skillet. Stir in mustard and green onions. Return pork to skillet. Cook 1 to 2 minutes (do not boil) or until sauce is lightly thickened, turning pork to coat with sauce.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 200 calories, 26g protein, 7g fat (70 calories from fat), 4g carbohydrate, 75mg cholesterol, 0g fiber, 280mg sodium, 10% Daily Value calcium

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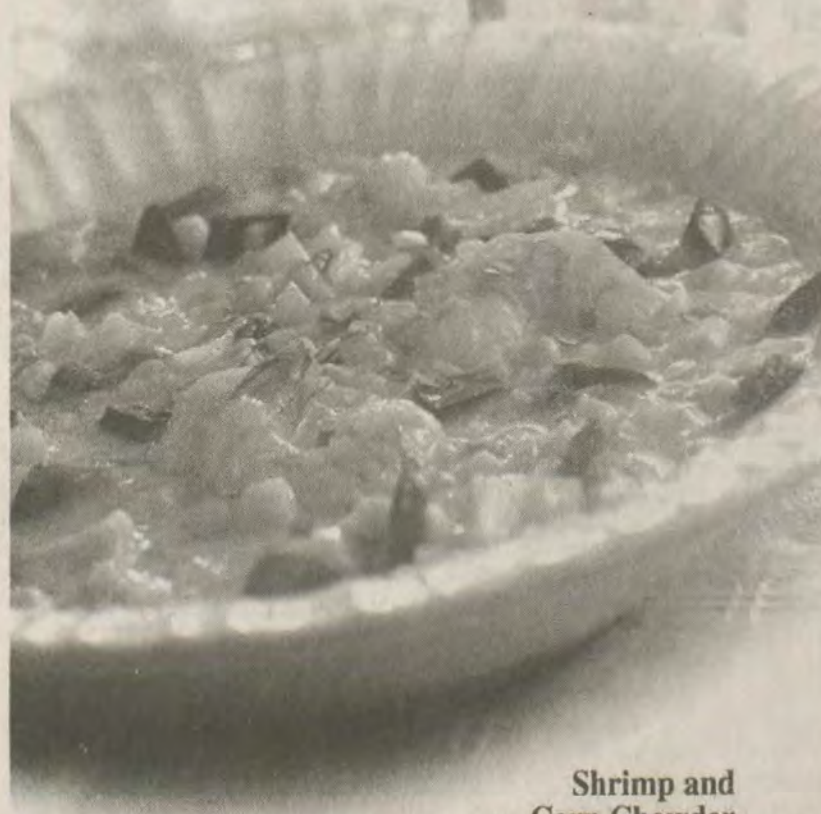
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FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

What qualities turn a good dish into a great dish? If a recipe has family-pleasing flavor and appearance, offers sound nutrition and lower fat, and is easy to make, it should go to the head of the class. If not, that recipe could benefit from a little "family dinners" homework.

But relax, this is easy. Simply switching to evaporated fat-free milk is great way to increase nutritional benefits and flavor! If your soup, bread, casserole, main dish or dessert recipes call for refrigerated milk, using evaporated fat-free in place of low-fat or fat-free refrigerated milk means getting twice the calcium and protein, zero fat and a richer taste. One-half cup of evaporated fat-free milk has only 100 calories, yet 35% of the Daily Value of calcium and 25% of the Daily Value of vitamin D.

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Shrimp and Corn Chowder

Makes 4 servings

- 3/4 cup water, divided
- 1 small chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 can (15 to 17 ounces) cream-style corn
- 1 package (16 ounces) loose-pack frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed
- 1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Fat Free Milk
- 3 low sodium chicken bouillon cubes
- 1 package (8 ounces) frozen shrimp, thawed, cooked and peeled
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

BRING 1/4 cup water to boil in large saucepan. Add onion and bell pepper; cook over medium heat 5 minutes or until tender. Add remaining water, corn, evaporated milk and bouillon. Bring to boil; reduce heat to low. Cook, stirring frequently, 15 minutes or until heated through. Stir in shrimp; cook 3 minutes. Sprinkle with basil.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 330 calories, 25g protein, 2.5g fat (25 calories from fat), 60g carbohydrate, 115mg cholesterol, 5g fiber, 600mg sodium, 30% Daily Value calcium

Individual Chocolate Espresso Soufflés

Makes 8 servings

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup Nestlé Toll House Baking Cocoa
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 3 tablespoons instant coffee granules
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup (5 fluid-ounce can) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Fat Free Milk
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar, divided
- 4 large egg whites
- Pinch of salt
- Powdered sugar

PREHEAT oven to 375°F. Spray eight 6-ounce custard cups with nonstick cooking spray; sprinkle evenly with 2 tablespoons granulated sugar.

COMBINE cocoa, water and coffee granules in medium bowl; stir until smooth. Melt butter in small saucepan over medium heat. Stir in flour; cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Stir in evaporated milk and 1/2 cup granulated sugar. Cook, whisking frequently, 2 to 3 minutes or until mixture is slightly thickened. Remove from heat. Add to cocoa mixture; stir until smooth. BEAT egg whites and salt in small mixer bowl until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in remaining granulated sugar until stiff peaks form. Fold 1/4 of egg whites into chocolate mixture to lighten. Fold in remaining egg whites gently but thoroughly. Pour mixture into prepared cups, filling 3/4 full. Place on baking sheet.

BAKE 18 to 20 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out moist but not wet. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve immediately.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 180 calories, 5g protein, 3.5g fat (30 calories from fat), 34g carbohydrate, 10mg cholesterol, 1g fiber, 110mg sodium, 6% Daily Value calcium



Apple-Cranberry Cobbler

Makes 12 servings

- 1 cup Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Fat Free or Lowfat 2% Milk
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups (21-ounce can) apple pie filling
- 1 cup sweetened dried cranberries
- 3/4 cup hot water
- Nondairy fat-free whipped topping (optional)

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Grease 13 x 9-inch baking dish. COMBINE milk, flour, sugar, butter, baking powder, cinnamon and salt in medium bowl; stir until just blended. Spread into prepared baking dish. Combine apple pie filling and cranberries in medium bowl; spread evenly over batter. Carefully pour hot water over fruit. BAKE 45 to 50 minutes. Serve warm with whipped topping.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 230 calories, 4g protein, 3.5g fat (30 calories from fat), 49g carbohydrate, 10mg cholesterol, 2g fiber, 230mg sodium, 10% Daily Value calcium

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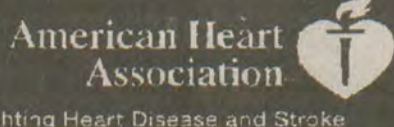
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