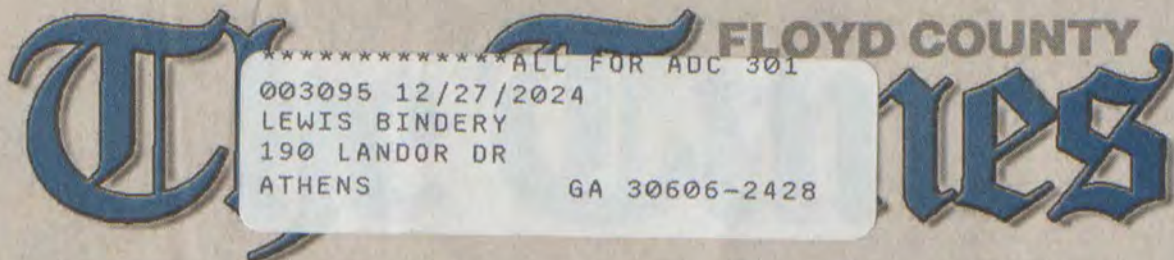




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briefs

Frequent defendant to settle all cases at once

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A busy three weeks in court began Friday for Robin Minix, when she had her sentencing hearing pushed back until Sept. 22 so she can resolve all of her pending cases at one time.

Minix, 20, of Prestonsburg, was charged last November with first-degree possession of cocaine, second-degree possession of an unspecified drug and misdemeanor charges not covered by these codes.

At her sentencing on Friday, she agreed to sign a waiver that will allow her lawyer to represent her and a co-defendant in the case, Brenda Jane Goble. The judge warned her that by signing the waiver she was risking the possibility that only one of them will get a favorable resolution while the other may not. Goble also signed the waiver.

Minix will be in district court next Wednesday for a preliminary hearing on a charge of theft by unlawful taking over \$300, a felony. This case stems from an incident that occurred Aug. 9, when Lon May filed a complaint alleging that Minix failed to return equipment belonging to East Kentucky Home Incarceration Inc. totaling \$4,940. Her bail was set on Aug. 21 at \$5,000 cash.

Minix will appear in circuit court on Sept. 14 for a pretrial conference on

(See **CASES**, page three)

Drug roundup targets 88 in five counties

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Twenty-seven people were arrested Friday, as Kentucky State Police Post 9 and Operation UNITE investigators turned up the heat on drug traffickers in a drug raid that spanned across five counties. According to KSP, the roundup

began at around 6 a.m. Friday morning as troopers, detectives, and canine handlers attempted to locate the 88 individuals who were suspected of trafficking illegal drugs and controlled substances.

The drug offenses involved marijuana, prescription pills and cocaine. Several other charges were filed against the suspects that included pos-

session of drug paraphernalia located on the subjects or in their residence.

KSP reported that the searches resulted in police confiscating cocaine, marijuana, prescription pills and over \$3,000 in cash.

KSP and UNITE were assisted in the execution of warrants by the Pike, Floyd, Magoffin, Martin and Johnson County Sheriff's offices along with

extra help from troopers from posts 8, 13 and 14. Two officers from the HIDTA Task force were also involved in the roundup.

As of press time, the following is list of the suspects arrested during the roundup:

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SEEKING ANSWERS



West Prestonsburg resident Steven Meadows looks out upon just one of the several illegal dump sites that litter the sides of old Route 114.

photo by Jessica Hale

W. P'burg residents worry about dumping along stretch of road

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

WEST PRESTONSBURG — Residents of West Prestonsburg are searching for answers concerning the illegal dumping taking place on old Route 114.

One need only drive on old Route 114 through West Prestonsburg to see the extent of the problem. A West Prestonsburg resident, Steven Meadows, says that the dumping

is worse now than it has ever been, even though it was cleaned up several years ago. He also says this has been going on for some time.

"It's getting to be a real danger to drivers," Meadows said. "I was passing through the other day and had to get out of my truck to move a couch out of the road that someone had dumped."

Meadows says that he has tried contacting every official that he thinks could help, but he

hasn't received any responses.

"I've contacted the county judge-executive's office, the state road department, environmental agencies, but I can't get anyone to tell me who responsible for cleaning it up," Meadows said.

Meadows says he used to walk up and down this stretch of road for exercise, but he can't anymore because of the smell of animal carcasses, the fear of

(See **DUMPING**, page three)

Suit alleges nonpayment by Southern

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky League of Cities filed a complaint in Floyd Circuit Court Aug. 18 in the hope of recovering over \$35,000 owed them from Southern Water and Sewer District.

The suit alleges a breach of contract with Southern Water and Sewer, in which KLC alleges the district has failed to complete payment on insurance policies the company had taken out during the period of July 1, 2003, until July 1, 2004. The compa-

ny also allegedly has an outstanding balance on two policies for the 2005-06 fiscal year. When combined together, the KLC is asking for a judgment of \$35,616.78, plus interest, court fees and any other relief deemed appropriate by the court.

Southern Water and Sewer took out a \$25,044 premium from KLC Insurance Services Assoc. for general liability, general automotive liability and public officials liability insurance coverage for the period of July 1, 2003, until July 1, 2004. They

(See **LAWSUIT**, page three)

Southern seeks PRIDE grant for sewer project

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — Southern Water and Sewer District is expected to apply for a PRIDE grant for a sewer project at Eastern.

During a special called meeting Wednesday, Director Bob Meyers said, "We have been given \$500,000 for the initial

phase of the project. These contributions have come from coal severance and the Board of Education, but we need \$177,000 more to start the initial phase to pick up all of residences and businesses we plan to."

The project will be supplying sewer service to several homes and busi-

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Police note growing problem with phony cops

by CRIS RITCHIE
HAZARD HERALD

VIPER — Deputies with the Perry County Sheriff's Office have detained two people in a robbery case involving suspects allegedly impersonating officers with Operation UNITE in Perry County, and police say many more such robberies may have taken place throughout Eastern Kentucky counties.

The arrests came August 18, after the Perry County 911 center received a call reporting a home robbery in Viper. The caller reported that the perpetrators were posing as police officers and gave a description of both the subjects and the vehicle.

Deputy Danny Miller was one of the deputies dispatched to the area, where he said he observed a white 1991 GMC

Jimmy matching the description of the vehicle reported to have been used during the robbery. Upon performing a traffic stop, Miller detained 43-year-old James Bowling and 30-year-old Jeremy Brashear, both of Leslie County.

Deputy Jay VanVranken is investigating the case, and said a bottle of prescription medication found in the vehicle and the vehicle itself were positively identified by the alleged victims through photos taken at the scene. "The victims positively identified the vehicle and the property," VanVranken said.

The robbery was the second such incident in Perry County in a week, police said, and there are most likely more that have happened in the same way.

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GETTING READY TO ROLL



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Dustin Robison, left, and Chad Jarrell worked on getting a temporary skate park built for Friday night's "SkateCore" as part of the Fridays Alive Concert.

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FLOYD COUNTY

■ Woodrow Wilson Allen, 89, of Grayson, a native of Northern, died Sunday, August 20, at the Wurland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Burial will be in the Allen Cemetery, in Floyd County. Sparks Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

■ Lee Edward Allen, 74, of Allen, died Saturday, August 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Mary Magaline (Maggie) Sweeney Allen. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Jennie (Dot) Martin Belcher, 87, of Drift, died Monday, August 21, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Asa Belcher. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Paul Douglas Crider Sr., 56, of Winter Haven, Florida, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, August 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Diana Lynn Wright Crider. Funeral services were held Monday, August 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Okie Elmer Garrett, 71, of Albion, Michigan, formerly of Emma, died Thursday, July 20. Arrangements, by J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, Michigan.

■ Clinis Hall, 48, of Drift, died Saturday, August 19, at the U.K. Medical Center, Markey Cancer Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Mollie Music Hall. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Willie G. Hamilton, 45, of Teaberry, died Monday, August 21, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Mullins Hamilton. Funeral services were held Friday, August 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

■ Gertrude Hughes Hurst, 80, of Spring Arbor, Mich., formerly of Drift, died Sunday,

August 20, at Arbor Manor Care Center, Spring Arbor. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Rhoda Belle King, 90, of Harold, died Wednesday, August 16, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Gary Denver Looney, 53, of Lick Creek, died Friday, August 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Looney. Funeral services were held Monday, August 21, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Lonzo Miller, 70, of Warsaw, Indiana, a native of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, August 3, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Christie Miller. Services were held Sunday, August 6, under the direction of Titus Funeral Home.

■ Ida Moore, 83, of McDowell, died Friday, August 18, in Frostproof, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Larry Dean Reed, 53, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 19, in the V.A. Medical Center, in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were conducted, Tuesday, August 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Grady A. Wallace, 72, of Columbia, South Carolina, a native of Mare Creek, died Thursday, August 17. He is survived by his wife, Janet Wallace. A graveside service was held Saturday, August 19, in the St. Peter's Cemetery, under the direction of the Dunbar Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Virginia Hubbard, 57, of Salyersville, died Monday, August 21, at Salyersville Healthcare Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Geraldine Anderson, 66, of Shelby Gap, a Floyd

County native, died Monday, August 21, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, August 25, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Estil Branham, 80, of Defiance, Ohio, a Pike County native, died Monday, August 21, at Laurels of Defiance. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 23, under direction of Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home of Defiance.

■ Florence Canada, 81, of Pikeville, died Thursday, August 17, at Life Path Hospice House, Sun City, Florida. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 24, under direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Paul Canterbury, 73, of South Williamson, died Saturday, August 19, at the Veterans Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Toni Canterbury. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 22, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Zella Ann Daniels Christian, 71, of McCarr, died Tuesday, August 22, at the South Williamson Regional Appalachian Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, August 25, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services, Inc.

■ Charles C. Compton, 69, of Clay City, formerly of Pike County, died Saturday, August 19, at Clark Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 22, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Gracie Davis, 88, of Virgie, died Tuesday, August 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, August 25, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Jink Fields, 71, of Ashville, Ohio, a Pike County native, died Saturday, August 19, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Fairborn, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Fields. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 24, under direction of Oliver-Cheek Funeral Home.

■ Kelvin Zane King, 28, of Lexington, North Carolina,

formerly of Pikeville, died Tuesday, August 15, in Northville Township, Ill. He is survived by his wife, Maren Kozooski. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 22, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Gary Denver Looney, 53, of Lick Creek, died Friday, August 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Looney. Funeral services were held Monday, August 21, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Leslie Nelson, 67, of Freeburn, formerly of Louisa, died Saturday, August 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Glendene Coleman Nelson. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 22, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Osie Adkins Spears, 88, of Pikeville, died Saturday, August 19, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 22, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Noble E. Tackett, 82, of Virgie, died Tuesday, August 22, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, August 25, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Bruce Thomas Vanhose, 72, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, August 22, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Lee Harmon Vanhose. Funeral services were held Friday, August 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Zora Mae Conley, 90, of Paintsville, died Monday, August 21, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 23, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Eldia E. Grim Daniel, 72, of Nippa, died Monday, August 14, at Highland Support Care Unit in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 17, under the direction of the

JONES-PRESTON FUNERAL HOME

■ Helen Joyce "Granny" Gullett, 73, of Clarksville, Tennessee, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, August 19, at Gateway Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Don Gullett. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 22, under the direction of the McReynolds-Nave & Larson Funeral Home.

■ Beulah VanHoose Ison, 78, died Saturday, August 19, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 22, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Dixie Howard Sartin, 71, of Pilgrim, died Wednesday, August 16, at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 19, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Flem Stacy, 68, of Inez, died Friday, August 18, at Community Hospice Home of Ashland. Funeral services were held Monday, August 21, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

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State-financed rehab center first in Eastern Kentucky

by SAMIRA JAFARI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EVARTS — Gov. Ernie Fletcher, lawmakers and anti-drug officials arrived in Appalachia Wednesday to break ground for a state-financed rehabilitation center in Harlan County — the first such drug facility established in eastern Kentucky.

The \$3.9 million Cumberland Community Hope Center is part of Fletcher's "Recovery Kentucky" initiative, which he announced in 2004. The center sits next to the new Harlan County jail in Evarts, a town known more for four-wheeling than rehabilitation.

He told the crowd of 100 that the center would release drug users "from the jaws of addiction."

For years, drug trafficking has spread from urban areas into small, secluded communities of eastern Kentucky, making methamphetamines, marijuana and prescription painkillers the drugs of choice, according to the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

"We've got to be tough on enforcement, but we have to

give these people treatment," said Fletcher, accompanied by Reps. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard, and Rick Nelson, D-Middlesboro. "Locking up a non-violent drug user is not the answer."

Construction has started this year on Recovery Kentucky facilities in Henderson and Hopkinsville in western Kentucky, and Morehead in eastern Kentucky.

"But not one of them is needed more than this one in Harlan County," Karen Engle,

executive director of Operation UNITE, a multi-county drug task force in eastern Kentucky, told Fletcher at the ceremony.

The mountainous land and considerable poverty in Harlan County and the rest of eastern Kentucky make the region vulnerable to drug trafficking and abuse, experts said.

"It's a relatively poor area and there's a long history culturally of illegal activity," Phil Tursic, a DEA intelligence

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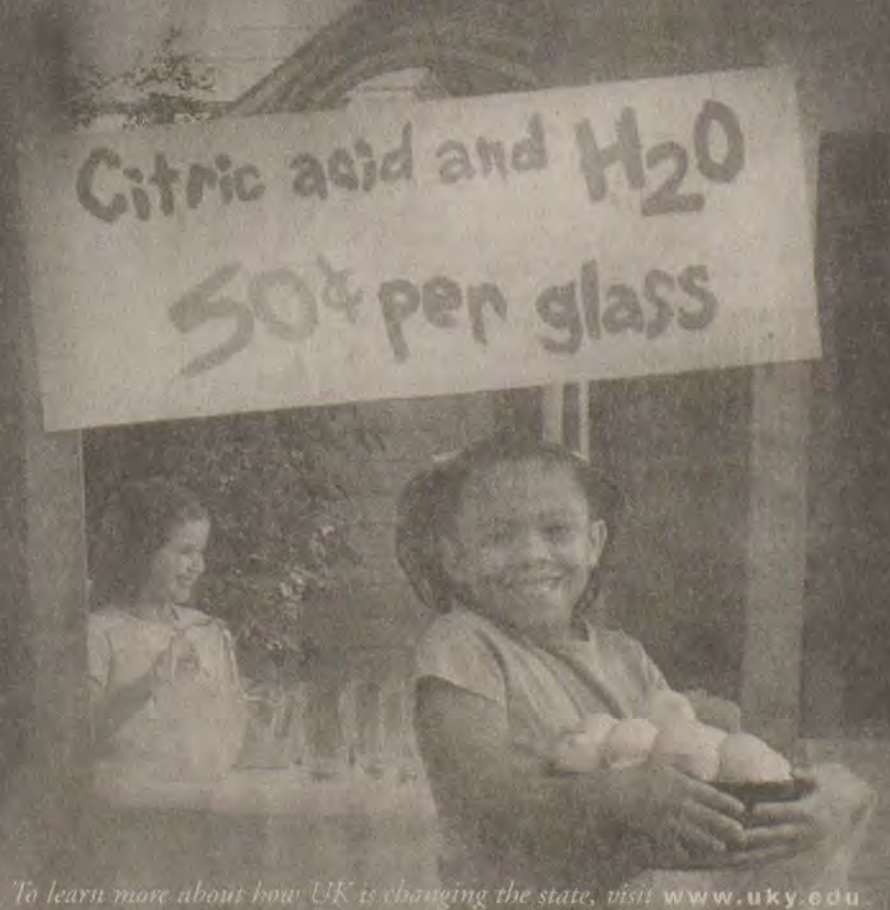
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Dumping

what chemicals may be lurking along the roadway and the disgusting sight of all of the garbage. Meadows also said that he couldn't even get anyone to tell him whether the state or county was responsible for the road. When The Floyd County Times contacted the county road department, they informed us that old Route 114 was indeed a state road. Officials with the state road department were unavailable for comment.

This stretch of old Route 114, runs

along side both a railroad and a creek. Meadows says he is concerned that someone may dump something over the road side onto the railroad that would have the possibility of causing a train accident. Looking down from the road at the tracks, you can see were things have been ran over by trains and things that have been thrown across the tracks.

"What's going to happen when somebody throws a refrigerator over the hill that lands on the tracks?" said Meadows.

This area is also known for frequent flooding which raises concern over what chemicals may be getting into the water. Gasoline tanks, insulation materials and dead animals can be seen alongside the road and the creek bank.

Meadows says he is going to start a petition to get the support of the residents in the area in order to open the eyes of state officials to the problems that the illegal dump is causing.

Grant

The application for the PRIDE grant must be submitted by Sept. 1. Authorization has been given to submit the application.

A recommendation was also made to hire another Class 3 plant operator. Board members said they have someone in mind who has worked

for the district previously and has expressed a desire to return.

Board member Hubert Halbert said, "I agree that we do need another qualified person to work at the plant." The motion to approve the hire of another plant operator was approved.

Phony

police said, and there are most likely more that have happened in the same way.

"We have no idea how many more robberies there have been," VanVranken said. "Undoubtedly, there have been more."

According to a press release from the Perry County Sheriff's Office, one of the suspects said the robberies have covered several Eastern Kentucky counties, while the other suspect said "his accom-

plishes were actually ridding the area of illegal drugs by conducting these home invasion robberies."

VanVranken said that when the perpetrators enter a residence, they are armed with firearms and dressed in black shirts and caps with the word "Police" inscribed on them, and that when the robberies are complete, the stolen items and firearms used are loaded into another vehicle. He further remarked that when the

subjects enter the home, they handcuff or tie the hands of the victims together, and that each robbery is conducted at gunpoint. He noted that "several other subjects are suspected of being involved" besides the two men arrested.

Dan Smoot, law enforcement director with Operation UNITE, said the robberies are targeting illicit drugs such as prescription medication. Several pills were allegedly taken during Friday's robbery.

Lawsuit

made a partial payment of \$5,630 on the policy, leaving them with an outstanding balance of \$19,414. Including a \$970.70 penalty for late payment, Southern Water and Sewer owes \$20,384.70 on the policy, the complaint alleges.

The defendant took out a real and personal property insurance coverage plan for July 1, 2003, until July 1, 2004, with KLC Insurance

Services Assoc. with a premium of \$9,830 and made a payment of \$2,090.80. KLC says it is still owed \$8,126.16 on the policy, which includes a \$386.96 fee for late payment.

Southern Water and Sewer also took out two insurance policies with KLC Premium Finance Company for the 2005 fiscal year to provide financing for real and personal property, general liability, general

automotive liability, and public officials liability. Southern allegedly owes \$7,105.92 on the policy, including a \$338.38 in late fee penalties.

Bobbie Bryant, director of communications for KLC, said she was not able to discuss the case because it is still in litigation. A phone call to Robert Meyers of Southern Water and Sewer was not returned.

Rehab

supervisor in Laurel County, said in an interview. "It started out with moonshine to marijuana to meth."

"The area is rugged," he added. "There's a lot of isolated areas that are not easily accessible to the general public or law enforcement, which makes it conducive to marijuana and meth."

He said more than 75 percent of the marijuana eradicated in the state each year is rooted in eastern Kentucky.

The Harlan County center

was among the first to be slated for construction, which is mainly funded by the Governor's Office for Local Development, the Department of Corrections, the Office of Drug Control Policy and the Kentucky Housing Corp.

The goal is for each of Kentucky's six congressional districts to have two centers that would either treat all male or all female populations. Harlan County's is expected to serve about 100 women at a time.

Treatment at all the Recovery Kentucky centers is paid for by the Department of Corrections, the Community Development Block Grant and UNITE vouchers and is free to addicts, Engle said.

She said it typically takes more than a month to get an addict in Eastern Kentucky placed in an adequate treatment program. Having a center in Harlan County would cut down on the wait time: "They need treatment right then."


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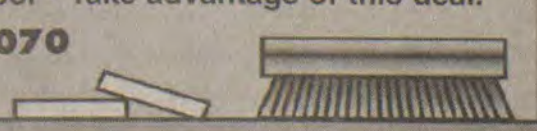
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Guest view

The power of Bigger Oil

Americans are quite familiar with what's called Big Oil — the towering private oil companies such as ExxonMobil, Chevron and BP.

But the global oil economy is affected by an additional group of oil firms — government-run oil enterprises known as national oil companies (NOCs). These sprawling operations, found in countries from Saudi Arabia to Venezuela to Nigeria, could be dubbed Bigger Oil.

Their collective clout on the oil market is so great that it rivals that of the big private oil firms — and in some ways exceeds it. More than 90 percent of the world's oil reserves is under the control of Bigger Oil. Of the 20 biggest oil firms as measured by oil and gas reserves, 16 are NOCs.

The world's largest state-run oil enterprise is operated by the Saudis. Its oil reserves are more than 10 times the size of Exxon's. In fact, Exxon's reserves are less than — and in some cases far less than — those of many individual NOCs, including those run by Iran, Iraq, Qatar, Venezuela, Kuwait, Nigeria and Libya. This fact has considerable long-term importance for the world in terms of economics as well as international relations. Why? Because new oil reserves are far more likely to be in territory controlled by the government-run NOCs.

The future, then, may be increasingly affected less by Big Oil and more by Bigger Oil.

To the extent that the U.S. economy remains tied to oil consumption, this country's economic and foreign policy interests will be affected by decisions taken by the government bureaucrats and greedy kleptocrats calling the shots at foreign state-run oil companies.

Some NOCs — including those in Norway, Malaysia and Brazil — are well-managed. But many are not. Mismanagement and corruption are major problems.

Iran's oil enterprise does such a poor job, for example, that Iran pumps less oil now than it did in 1979, when the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini toppled the shah. This, despite the fact that Iran's oil reserves exceed that of any other country except Saudi Arabia and Russia.

If Americans have a problem with Big Oil now, in the future they may have an even bigger problem with unpredictable Bigger Oil. Which is all the more reason to move forward with practical alternatives that further diversify America's energy choices.

— Omaha World-Herald



— Rich Lowry Column

Judges in check — for now

In courtrooms across the nation an extraordinary thing has happened: In a spate of decisions, judges have deferred to important policy judgments rendered by democratically elected legislatures or by the people themselves in referenda. It obviously hasn't been easy for judges to give up their self-appointed role as super legislators, fit to rewrite any laws based on the whimsy of the hour. They have done it only reluctantly and by narrow margins.

But, for now, the popular will on the issue at hand in these decisions — same-sex marriage — seems safe from arbitrary judicial override. At least until the next decision. In New York, Georgia, Nebraska, Connecticut and — just a few weeks ago — Washington state, state and federal courts have upheld bans on gay marriage. They have thus frustrated the strategy of supporters of gay marriage, who, in keeping with the thrust of liberal social policy during the past 40 years, had hoped to impose their policies through the courts.

The judges aren't going along — at least not enough of them, at least not yet.

The majority opinion in the 5-4 decision by the Washington state

Supreme Court gently chides the minority: "Perhaps because of the nature of the issue in this case and the strong feelings it brings to the front, some members of the court have uncharacteristically been led to depart significantly from the court's limited role when deciding constitutional challenges."

The Washington state decision, as well as the other important one in New York, rejects the argument that opposition to gay marriage is based only on rank prejudice. It says the Washington legislature was "entitled to believe" that preserving the current definition of marriage encourages a family structure that is best for children.

Well, thank you very much! It is a symptom of our era of judicial fiat that it plays as some sort of far-reaching concession when a court says lawmakers are entitled to believe something that has been a bedrock belief throughout recorded human history.

Supporters of gay marriage want the courts to declare their opponents irrational not just because it is a shortcut to victory, but because they really believe it. Democratic action is

based on persuasion. But if you believe that most of the country is made up of irrational bigots, you have no hope to persuade them by argument and have to resort to the coercion of

judicial overlords instead. When the would-be overlords refuse and say your opponents are rational, but perhaps misguided, you sputter with rage.

The push for an amendment to the U.S.

Constitution banning gay marriage was born in reaction to the Massachusetts Supreme Court imposing gay marriage on that state a few years ago. The new decisions might reduce the urgency of the amendment's supporters. That would be a mistake.

Surely one of the reasons for the newfound humility of finger-in-the-wind judges around the country is their knowledge that more overreaching will create a strong political reaction, giving the constitutional amendment momentum. Judges are in check at the moment. It's up to politicians and the public to try to keep them there.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



— beyond the beltway

Lebanon is looking a lot like Iraq

by CHRISTOPHER HELLMAN
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Editor's note: Donald Kaul is on leave due to family illness.

As Israel's army begins its withdrawal from Southern Lebanon, military analysts and politicians in Tel Aviv are already asking, what happened? The region's preeminent military force, and one of the most advanced in the world, failed to achieve its main objectives: the release of two captured soldiers, an end to rocket attacks against Israeli civilian targets and a crippling of Hezbollah as a fighting force. Instead, the Israelis sustained heavy casualties and fought to an unsatisfactory draw against a numerically inferior and outgunned enemy. Israeli analysts are beginning to debate how what they considered a two-bit militia was able to withstand such a high-tech onslaught.

The United States faces a parallel debate over our continued inability to quell the sectarian violence — a civil war to most — in Iraq. Almost three and a half years after the United States invaded Iraq, the violence shows no sign of abating. The grim statistics are startling. At least 44 U.S. troops were killed in July. While this is below the war's average U.S. monthly death toll of just under 64,

the numbers of Iraqi civilian casualties are spiraling upward. According to figures from the Iraq Health Ministry and the Baghdad morgue, civilian deaths in July totaled 3,438, 9 percent higher than in June and nearly twice the number in January. On average, more than 110 Iraqis are killed each day.

According to the Pentagon, along with the significant increase in violence against Iraqi civilians, the number of daily attacks against American and Iraqi security forces has doubled since January. Roadside bomb attacks made up much of that increase. In July, American troops encountered 2,625 explosive devices; 1,666 exploded and 959 were discovered before they went off. In January, 1,454 bombs exploded or were found.

There are a number of causes of our inability to quell the insurgency in Iraq, including the lack of a Pentagon plan for reconstruction after the end of major combat operations, the failure to provide security and basic services for a significant portion of the Iraqi people, and the death toll among the civilian population during military combat.

One of the most significant causes is the military's failure to adapt to the changing nature of warfare in the post-Cold War era.

The U.S. military has conducted two successful major military campaigns in Iraq, the first in the presidency of the first President Bush and the second in the current conflict. Where the military has failed, despite extensive experience in previous

decades, is in dealing with post-combat operations that are not easily solved by bullets or bombs.

The army's unfortunate experience in Somalia, where a number of American soldiers were killed in intense urban combat, helped make the military reluctant to take on additional peace making, peacekeeping and stability operations in other unstable areas such as Bosnia and Kosovo. The most advanced military machine in the world does not easily deal with civil conflict.

Yet it is these kinds of missions, which the military refers to as "Operations Other Than War," that it will increasingly be called on to perform rather than the traditional form of conventional war fighting that has dominated Pentagon thinking since World War II. As a practical matter in Iraq, the military's unwillingness to acknowledge the shortcomings of its methods and tactics has stymied its ability to develop an effective strategy against the growing insurgency.

The Israelis have discovered in Lebanon what the United States has learned in Iraq: a conventional military force, no matter how strong, cannot by itself defeat a guerilla army, quell an insurgency or rehabilitate a failed state. The security community in this country, and in fact around the world, must start thinking much more broadly about viable solutions to such problems if we are to avoid similar failures in the future.

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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

O, TEMPORA!

If you think times haven't changed, consider that:

On Labor (labor, to work) Day, most of us take it easy, and on what we call the Sabbath (Heb. Shabbath, to rest) all of us who aren't working, are busily engaged in running (golfing, swimming, skiing, et cetera) ourselves to death.

I'M STILL THINKING IT OVER

I don't know if this fellow who approached me with the idea is the optimum optimist, or if he was easing the needle into my off side. Anyway, he confided in the most conspiratorial manner.

"Tell you what—let's us go fishing at night. Then we can keep double limits—10 for each of us before midnight, and 10 after."

On further reflection, I'm about to decide I should feel insulted.

OH! OH!

It's amazing, the pains most of us go to just to be different. One of the worst offenders I've run across recently is The Publisher's Auxiliary, a trade paper published for newspaper people. The good, old Aux has gone batty on the matter of state abbreviations. For example:

Al for Alabama, Tn. for Tennessee, Tx. for Texas, Ca. for California, Mi. for Michigan, Fl. for Florida, and so on.

Those I could, after some years, be persuaded to accept, I suppose, but when the abbreviation for Ohio was changed from simple O., to Oh.—that did it, I've had it. I shall never accept!!

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HAPPY FELLA

Sometimes television is worth it. I have just now heard Henry Morgan reverently speak of the art of a Dover, Ohio, man who has for 70 years, lovingly carved trains out of ivory, fashioning them with his blade in such minute detail that all the parts work, and the bolts screw into place. This man, Morgan reported, was offered half a million dollars by Henry Ford for his trains.

But no deal. He doesn't carve for money. He is that happy mortal who gets his pay by getting to do the work that he loves!

This man is 81 now. His past is pretty well recorded there in his little museum, filled with these expressions of his creative soul. His declining years can't worry him overmuch, they're obviously so few. Here might be, in a world well off its rocker, an old guy who's dwelling smack in the eye of the storm.



Volunteer workers helped renovate the burned home of a single mother of three, allowing normalcy back into their lives just in time for the start of the new school year.

Volunteer workers have productive summer in county

Family's burned home restored due to efforts

St. Vincent Mission, located in David, has been hosting home repair volunteers in Eastern Kentucky since the late 1960s. The 2006 home repair season is nearly finished, with two more groups scheduled to come to the area in October. So far this year, 31 homes have had improvements and repairs made including 2 one-room additions and 1 four-room addition; numerous ramps have been constructed on several homes and several homes have had roofing repairs, flooring repairs and "everything in-between," according to Joyce Mitchell, social services coordinator for St. Vincent Mission.

Additionally, 11,497 hours of time have been given by 298 volunteers at a value of \$167,955 when calculated at \$15 per work hour - a calculation that is, in fact, under the national statistical average of volunteer labor, according to Mitchell.

Mitchell, along with Sr. Kathleen Weigand, director, St. Vincent Mission, share that their organization was able to accomplish so much work and to complete so many projects due to their partnering with Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, the Christian Appalachian Project, LINKS (Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky), and the Big Sandy Area Development District.

Most recently, home repairs were made for a single mother and her three children. The family's home had been ravaged by a fire that occurred on June 1, of this year. The interior of the house had been destroyed, according to Mitchell, and the woman and her brother had



This summer, three homes in the local area have been provided with needed additions due to the cooperation of several local service agencies.

made several attempts to repair the damage. Though the pair had done much sorting, cleaning and repair work, "it was very slow progress with just two workers," Mitchell said. "The woman had begun to lose hope of moving back in," she continued.

However, in cooperation with the Christian Appalachian Project, St. Vincent Mission volunteers from Morris, Illinois, Greenbay, Wisconsin, and DeWitt, Clinton and Oxford, Iowa, the extensive renovation of the family's home was finally completed.

In addition, St. Vincent Mission was able to provide linens, small appliances and other useful household items to the family as they moved back into their home just in time for the start of the new school year. The family, according to Mitchell and Weigand, have expressed their sincere appreciation and gratitude for all that was done for them.

"All was possible because of the generosity of volunteers and donors who care for the needs of others," Mitchell said.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Big Racket'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Crime thrillers don't get any grittier than this Italian effort from the glorious 1970s. This one tells a tale you think you've seen before and goes something like this:

Intense cop gets stymied by the rules and is forced off the big case due to his maverick methods. In the end he gets the job done even if he has to step over the line slightly.

Well, here they follow that formula to a point, but when tough cop Nico gets kicked off the force, he doesn't just tiptoe over the line, he doesn't move the line. Instead, this guy's all-out obliterates the line in a frenzy of violence that insures he will never be welcomed back onto the force.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

The action gets underway from the first frame when a team of thugs, in swinging 1970s Rome, break into a shop and bust it into a million pieces. Turns out that they are part of a protection racket and the proprietor didn't pony up. You then get a montage of these apes at work and some of their intimidation techniques are almost comical, such as when one thug intimidates a toy shop owner by beating on a doll and another scene where the group feigns food poisoning to scare the denizens of a local restaurant.

Things get decidedly nasty as the film progresses and the group moves onto more violent means of intimidation. These actions catch the eye of tough cop Nico, who decides to beat them at their own game and intimidates them with a series of beatings that appear to have come right out of the LAPD handbook.

His methods don't fly with his boss, who forces him to follow the book by finding a store owner brave enough (or is that gullible?) to sign a complaint. The poor sap who volunteers winds up losing his daughter when the gang retaliates and Nico is subsequently thrown off the case.

At this point your average American crime thriller would detail the hero taking down the gang and getting his badge back, but this is an Italian crime film so don't expect a Dirty Harry ending. The finale is dirty, all right, but even Harry Callahan wouldn't take the next step which involves breaking guys out of jail, who have a grudge against the gang, and forming a dirty "half-dozen" suicide squad which sets out to massacre each and every member of the Rome syndicate as they gather for their annual skull session.

These guys don't just attack the mob they annihilate them by holing up at the meeting spot a day early and creating a wicked crossfire which sees only one guy walk away in the end. It's a grim finale which doesn't offer much hope but it sure is visceral.

This material is well handled by Italian genre king Enzo Castellari, who mastered every kind of formula

(See LAGOON, page six)

The girl of my dreams

by KIRK MATTHEWS

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL OF HAWAII"

In 1981, I came to Hawaii to host a series of television shows for a station in Portland, Ore. From the moment I stepped off the airplane and smelled the plumeria, tuberose and pikake, I was enchanted. I had read about Hawaii since I was in seventh grade, and had always hoped to visit. It was November, and the sunny beach fronting the Sheraton-Waikiki that Sunday morning was a far cry from the cold, dark skies of the northwest's

Willamette Valley.

And then the guest for my show arrived. Her name was Pualani (flower of heaven). I was startled by her elegance and beauty. She wore a haku lei and a crown of flowers on her head. Her long, raven hair cascaded down her back. Pualani's smile blazed as brilliantly as the Waikiki sun on that bright November morning. My boyhood dream of a beautiful island goddess had become real and stood there before me. I was enchanted, spellbound and nearly speechless. Pualani was perfect ... and I'm sure she knew I was smitten.

Pualani kindly spent most of the morning teaching me the crafts of the islands — how to weave lauhala, how to pound poi from taro. "Aloha means love, hello and goodbye," she taught me. "Mahalo means thank you." In her elegant, lilting voice she then said, "Aloha pumehana no na kau a kau. May the blessings from this land of Hawaii always be with you."

During one of the breaks in the taping, Pualani excused herself and went over to where the local crewmembers were watching an NFL game on one of the TV monitors. She knew some of the young cameramen. I listened in surprise when she said in stylized Hawaiian pidgin: "Hey, brah. What's the spread on the Packer's game?" She turned just then to see the look of dis-

belief on my face. She realized an illusion had been shattered. Pualani reached out her hand toward me and made space for me in the group. She gave me a kolohe look, a rascal smile, and said, "It's OK, Kirk, ain't no big thing ... e komo mai" (come join us). She then proceeded to talk about football — with as much encyclopedic knowledge about the game: coaches, players, statistics — as any sportscaster I had ever known. We all watched the last quarter of the game together. Not long after that unique experi-



ence, I moved to Hawaii. How could I not?

I don't remember how the Green Bay Packers did that day, but I never forgot Pualani. She taught me much more than Hawaiian phrases or crafts. Pualani taught me to be ready to accept the surprise of the world as it is. And never to judge or limit someone no matter how simple or grand they may seem, for they may just surprise you in the most unexpected ways ... even an island goddess.

A five-star car is what mom needs

by TOM and RAY
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

My mother was in a single-car accident in a Buick Century that happened because she passed out. She had never been in an accident before and is not given to passing out. She hit the beginning of a guardrail. The rail hit the engine, proceeded through the glove compartment, passenger seat, back seat and out the trunk. She was blocked from exiting the driver-side door because of a large highway sign and was taken out of the car through the roof. She sustained only knee abrasions from hitting the dashboard. Needless to say, she was a very fortunate woman. She did not realize how fortunate she was until she saw pictures of the wreck. Now she needs a car. She has always loved the PT Cruiser. I am sure no car could have protected her from this kind of accident, but just how safe is the Cruiser? I would love to see her get her PT Cruiser, but I don't want to encourage her if it has a bad

record. Thanks. — Sheryl

TOM: Well, we looked up the government crash-test rating for the "Guardrail Piercing Through the Entire Car" test, and for some reason, there are no results listed. I guess even the crash-test dummies were unresponsive after that one.

RAY: You're right that no car is going to save you if a guardrail bisects it at 60 mph. And we certainly hope that your mom is looking into what caused her to pass out — that's more important than which car she gets.

TOM: But when considering her next car, you want to look at how a car performs in more common types of accidents — front-end, offset and side collisions.

RAY: The Chrysler PT Cruiser's ratings in those categories are good, but not great. Government crash tests (at safecar.gov) give the PT Cruiser with side air bags four out of five stars.

TOM: That might sound good, but there are a lot of cars that get five stars. And we recommend that people choose five-star performers whenever

possible.

RAY: If you want a vehicle that's similar to the PT Cruiser but gets five-star ratings, have your mom take a look at the Chevy HHR. It's in the same general class as the PT Cruiser — that is, an economy car with cool, retro styling and a very flexible interior. Chevy says the styling of the HHR was inspired by the 1949 Chevy Suburban. We'd say it was also inspired by the PT Cruiser's sales reports.

TOM: But your mom might love it. There's a lot to like. It's comfortable (it has a high roof and nice, upright seating position), economical (with a choice of four-cylinder engines and mileage in the mid-20s), reasonably safe (once you pay for the optional anti-lock brakes and side-curtain airbags) and stylish. We'd feel even better if we saw electronic stability control in this car, but I guess you can't have everything.

RAY: And interestingly, it's not that expensive. The HHR starts at around \$16,000 and goes out the door fairly loaded in the low \$20,000s. That's

important, because you don't want your mother to see the sticker price and pass out again, Sheryl.

Set sail with this roof fix

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a '92 GMC van that features a fiberglass roof. The problem is that the roof has two rather large holes in it due to a lower-than-perceived concrete support beam in my local shopping mall's parking garage. I need a cheap, relatively easy way to patch this up. Friends have recommended using sheet metal screwed into the fiberglass and sealed with caulk, but I'm a bit worried that I might end up cracking the fiberglass even more with a series of screws. Any recommendations? — Trent

TOM: I wouldn't mess around with sheet metal and screws, Trent. You can caulk it all you want, but by putting more holes in the fiberglass, you're exponentially increasing the potential for future leaks.

RAY: Fortunately, there are other ways to fix fiberglass. Lots of boats are made of the



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stuff, and it's a very repairable substance. There are patch kits on the market specifically made for repairing holes in fiberglass.

TOM: You can get them almost anywhere, from marinas to auto-parts stores to the automotive section of department stores.

RAY: They usually come with a piece of mesh that covers the hole. Then you spread epoxy over the mesh and let it dry. And voila! Half an hour later, no more hole. Then, if you care how it looks (I'm

guessing you don't, since you're considering sheet metal), you can sand it and paint it to match the original color.

TOM: If it's good enough to keep water from penetrating a boat hull, you know it's good enough to keep the rain off the shag carpet in your van.

RAY: You might need several of these kits or even a case of them, Trent, depending on how big your holes are. If you run into questions, try your local marina. They've probably got more experience fixing fiberglass than anyone else.

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Lagoon

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film in the 1970s and always delivered the goods. This guy could do it all and for less than half of what they spend on wardrobe for today's movies. He is revered by Quentin Tarantino, who plans to remake Enzo's war film "Inglorious Bastards."

Castellari's secret weapon is action sequences and here he stages some beauts. The final gundown is certainly something, but he also throws in some other bits that should have most viewers reaching for that replay button.

One high point is when the gang traps Nico in his car and rolls it off a steep cliff. Enzo does a bold take on this chestnut by filming the action from the interior of the car and it's a whopper of a sequence. Even better is a railyard shootout during which Nico avenges his fallen partner by pumping three bullets into his killer. This sequence works because Enzo films it so that you have both actors on camera. Every time Nico fires you see the gun flash while a corresponding exit wound appears on the bad

guy's back — all this and he stages the whole thing in slow motion. It's a killer shot and the type that Sam Pekinpah is often lauded for but Enzo did it first and he probably did it for a whole lot less.

The good news is that the folks at Blue Underground DVD plan to release a whole catalogue of Italian films and this is the best of their current batch. The only drawback is the dubbing mixes crude slang with things Americans haven't said since RKO went out of business, which include excessive use of the word "diddle," where most of us would expect the F-bomb. It's a small quibble as you don't watch these things for the dialogue and it actually adds a much needed, though unintentional, laugh.

Best line: "They made her drink two bottles of perfume and stuck a tube of hand cream up her you-know-what." 1976, unrated.

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Mayfield to drive No. 36 for Bill Davis Racing

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HIGH POINT, N.C. – Jeremy Mayfield's impending move to Bill Davis Racing was confirmed Thursday when the veteran was announced as driver of the No. 36 Toyota for 2007.

Mayfield, winner of five Cup races in 402 career starts, was released from his contract with Evernham Motorsports earlier this month. The Kentucky native once ranked as one of NASCAR's most promising drivers.

"I'm very, very excited about the

opportunity to be a part of Bill Davis Racing," Mayfield said. "I've always thought a lot of and had a lot of respect for Bill and Gail, and I'm thrilled to be a part of their organization."

"Obviously, I'm looking forward to working with Toyota, Todd Holbert [General Manager of Triad Racing Development, Inc.], Tommy Baldwin and everyone involved with the Toyota program."

"From what I've seen at Bill Davis Racing, they have the resources in place and the desire to do whatever it takes to be competitive, and those are

the kinds of people and the type of place that I want to be involved with."

In addition, the team said Dave Blaney will return as driver of the No. 22 next season. Blaney, currently 29th in the standings, has a best finish of 13th in 2006, although the car has been on the lead lap at the finish in seven of the last nine races.

"We're happy to have Dave back in the Caterpillar car next year, and we're just as excited that Jeremy has decided to join our team," Davis said. "Both of these men are very talented and capable drivers who are veterans

of the sport and yet still hungry to win. Both Jeremy and Dave are extremely knowledgeable and will play an important part in taking our race team to the next level."

Mayfield's car will be sponsored by 360 OTC, a brand of over-the-counter pain relief medications made by Rockford-Montgomery Labs of Athens, Ga.

"We feel like we've put together a winning combination," Davis said. "Rockford-Montgomery Labs, Inc. is a solid company which has learned in the short time they have been involved in the sport just how big a

marketing tool NASCAR can be.

"They were interested in finding a spokesperson that can get their No. 36 Toyota to victory lane as well as appeal to the people in their market. Everyone agrees that Jeremy is that guy. He's a proven winner and is obviously a talented and consistent driver, as well as a smart businessman. He brings with him Chase experience and a great deal of excitement, and we feel fortunate to welcome both he and 360 OTC to our family."

"We have done an incredible

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Volleyball: Rebs sweep Paintsville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Playing on the road Thursday evening didn't phase the Allen Central High varsity volleyball squad. Allen Central had 20 kills on .426 hitting and also tallied nine blocks and 15 aces in a 2-0 (25-23, 25-13) win over host Paintsville. The Rebel defense was stout as Allen Central stopped 73 Paintsville tries in 83 attempts with 41 confirmed digs.

"This was a great win for us against a good Paintsville team," said Allen Central Coach Larry Maynard. "The best part of this match is that we got better throughout the first game and played tougher in both games. We started really coming together as a team."

Senior Christina Blevins was one of the leaders for Allen Central, totaling six kills on .461 hitting. She also added 12 confirmed digs, one assist and three aces. Blevins, however, wasn't the only Rebel to provide a spark in the road match.

Brittany Hodge finished with

(See REBS, page eight)

P'burg girls suffer first loss

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The Prestonsburg High girls' soccer team lost its first match of the season Thursday evening. Prestonsburg, playing on its new homefield at the Sportspark at StoneCrest Mountain, couldn't control a high-scoring Pikeville squad. Pikeville posted its first win of the season, beating Prestonsburg 11-5.

Prestonsburg, which had defeated Letcher County Central twice, Perry County Central and Paintsville before facing Pikeville, did manage to set a new-high in the goals scored department.

Results from other area matches included Ashland Blazer 9, West Carter 0; Belfry 8, Paintsville 2; and Letcher County Central 4, Shelby Valley 4.

Prestonsburg is scheduled to host Menifee County Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

BOBCATS BACK IN WIN COLUMN



First-year Betsy Layne Coach Bobby Branham, Bobcat players and fans celebrated at the conclusion of Friday night's come-from-behind win over Powell County.

Betsy Layne shocks Powell Case leads 95-yard drive in last minute

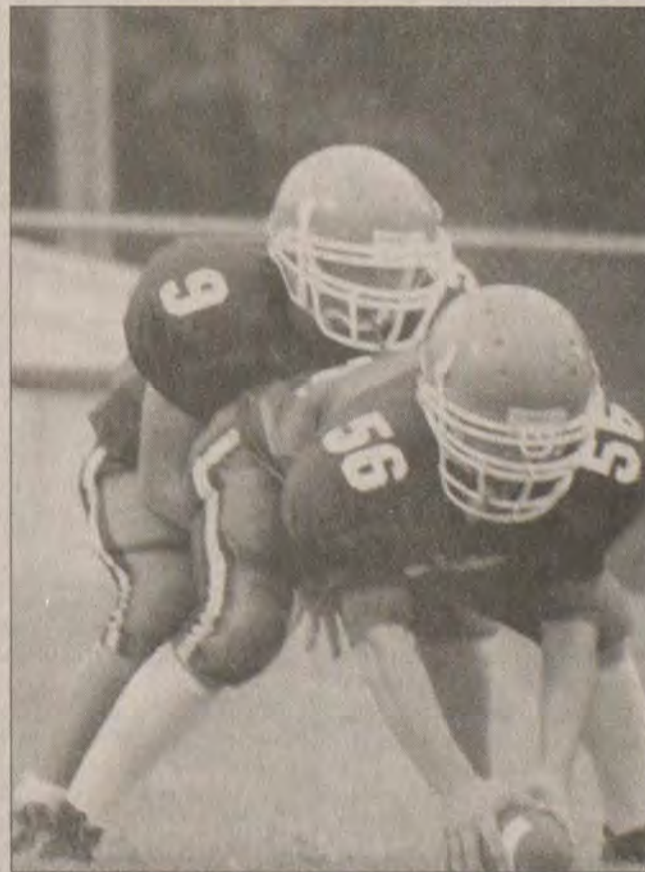
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BETSY LAYNE – Those in attendance could feel it in the air in Bobcat Country as early as Week One. Betsy Layne seemed to be on its way to opening the Bobby Branham Era with a win over rival Allen Central in Week One, but the visitors from Right Beaver snatched the win in triple overtime. Betsy Layne left the field last week unified and determined to right the ship this week. Powell County was the opponent this past Friday night as the Bobcats looked to break a losing streak and get Branham his first win as the Bobcat head man. Powell County won the coin toss but elected to defer to the second half. Betsy Layne wasted little time in getting the scoring underway. Junior quarterback Brennan Case rumbled 65 yards on the game's third play from scrimmage to give the Cats an early 6-0 lead. Powell County then evened the game at 6-6 on a two-yard plunge. The Pirates took an 8-6 lead on a two-point conversion run that capped the touchdown. Both teams would have their fair share of mistakes, as the visitors from Stanton turned the football over five times on the night while Betsy Layne coughed up the pigskin on two separate occasions. Bobcat tailback Brandon Blair played a pivotal role as Betsy Layne wound up pulling off a dramatic 26-22 win.

Blair rushed for 87 yards and was on the receiving end of the game-winning touchdown pass from Case in the final minute.

Powell County added a second score late in the first quarter on a 25-yard touchdown run as the Pirates built a

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Quarterback Brennan Case helped to engineer Betsy Layne's thrilling victory.

Elk tours available at two area state parks

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – Visitors to two Kentucky State Parks this fall and winter will have an opportunity to see the results of the elk reintroduction program with elk sighting tours.

The tours will be at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Floyd County and at Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park in Perry County.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will offer elk tours on the following dates: September 23, 24; October 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18; and December 2, 16. The tours will continue in 2007 on January 6, 13, 27, 28; February 10, 17, 24; and March 3, 10. The tours cost \$12 a person and include a van ride to the viewing area at a reclaimed surface mine. Reservations are required.

The tours at Jenny Wiley leave at 6 a.m. from the park recreation office and last four to six hours. A continental breakfast and coffee is included. Call Jenny Wiley State Resort Park for information and reservations at 1-800-325-0142.

Jenny Wiley is also hosting a special buffet with elk meat on Sept. 23, the first day of elk viewing tours.

Buckhorn Lake State Park is offering a weekend package that includes elk tours during the weekend of Oct. 13-14. The tours leave the park at 5:45 a.m. The package costs \$129 per couple and includes one night's lodging, breakfast, dinner Saturday night, transportation to and from the elk preserve and recreational activities. Stay Saturday night for another \$39 with the package. Call 1-800-325-0058 for information and to make reservations.

Participants should bring their cameras – there should be great photography opportunities on these tours. The largest elk herds are located on privately-owned lands that are normally closed to the public. This is one of the few opportunities available for the public to see the greatest number of elk.

The restoration of elk in Eastern Kentucky began in 1997 with just seven elk. Prior to the release, elk had been gone from Kentucky for nearly 150 years. Since then, about 1,500 elk have been transported to Kentucky and released on reclaimed surface mining land, leading to a population of about 5,700. The elk program is considered to be one of the most significant achievements in the history of Kentucky wildlife management.

For more information about the restoration effort, visit the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources website at: www.fw.ky.gov.

Pugh-powered Paintsville pounces Allen Central



Daniel Pugh

by STEVE LeMASTER
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PAINTSVILLE – On the gridiron, Paintsville continues to own Allen Central and new Tiger head coach Jim Tom Allen now has his first career win thanks to that dominance.

The host Tigers headed into Friday night's home game against visiting Allen

Central having never lost to the Rebels. Allen Central failed again in its quest to break into the win column versus Paintsville. The Tigers scored early and often Friday night en route to an easy 52-6 win over longtime Class A, District Eight counterpart Allen Central.

Paintsville, which dropped its season-opener 14-28 to Class A, Region

Three contender Fairview in Week One, exploded offensively in the victory over the Rebels.

Senior quarterback/defensive back/kick returner Daniel Pugh had a hand in on most of Paintsville's offense. Pugh saw limited playing time in the game's second half, managing to do the

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Allen Central Coach Jeremy Hall talked over a play with freshman quarterback Chris Stumbo.

photo by Steve LeMaster

A different kind of MBA up for sale at Fight Promoter University

by TIM DAHLBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The first thing students at the Fight Promoter University are told to do is check their egos at the door. They also might want to check and see if they still have their wallets and watches.

After all, this is boxing. Turns out, though, there are no classes on how to steal from fighters. No lessons on how to cheat at weigh-ins or sneak illegal substances into the corner, either.

OK, so that seminar on the proper way to escort a ring-card girl into the ring does sound interesting.

But isn't anyone teaching would-be promoters how to fix a fighter's record to make it look like he's 22-2 when he's actually 4-35 and has been knocked out in his last nine fights? Can't someone show them how to fleece the public out of \$44.95 to see washed-up heavyweights on pay-per-view?

It's enough to make the hair on Don King's head lay down.

"Those days are pretty much gone," insists university founder Roy Englebrecht. "The people who come here want to be legitimate promoters."

Boxing could use a few of those. So it was nice to see 38 people begin classes at a Southern California hotel Wednesday with the hope they might someday become the next King or Bob Arum.

They paid \$1,995 apiece for three days of instruction, which isn't all that bad considering they will leave with MBAs. That's MBA as in Master of Boxing Administration, a degree that ranks right up there with the one from the school of hard knocks.

It's not the degree, though, that drew a cross-section of promoter wannabes for a keynote address by HBO commentator Jim Lampley followed by sessions ranging from learning how to get publicity to the correct way to price tickets.

They include a banker, a restaurant operator, an air-traffic controller and others, all of whom see a way of

making a profit out of the sport they love.

"I don't know if I want to be a Don King in terms of his reputation," said Jim Feller, who got his MBA in February and already has promoted one show in Modesto, Calif. "But in terms of having his kind of dough, that would be all right."

Entry costs are low. In the states that do regulate boxing, all it takes is a fingerprint card and a few hundred bucks and you're a promoter. In the states that don't, all you need is enough money to rent a room and a ring.

"In essence, you're getting a sports franchise," Englebrecht says. "And it's a pretty cheap way to own your own franchise."

The players come cheap, too. Englebrecht is promoting a card of his own Thursday night at the same Marriott in Irvine, where the two most expensive fighters will be two women who will make \$1,200 apiece for a scheduled four-rounder.

Englebrecht isn't making that much money himself. He doesn't pre-

tend to be an Arum or a King, and his fight cards not only don't have pay-per-view, they don't have TV at all.

Englebrecht is king of the club fights, promoting his Battle in the Ballroom to mostly sold-out crowds who usually pay \$25 to \$40 for a ticket. His formula is to match fighters making their pro debuts or fighting for only the second or third time with similar fighters in four-round matches. Then make sure there are both plenty of cocktail waitresses and plenty of security guards on hand.

"Done right, it can be a very nice part-time business," he said. "I'll do six shows and make about 100 grand off of them this year."

King and Arum make that much off beer sales at some of their fights, but the club fight promoter fulfills a need. Shows in hotel ballrooms and in the back of nightclubs are a throwback to the days when there was boxing every weekend in most cities and the matches served as kind of a minor league.

Englebrecht and promoters like himself remain the core of a sport that

has seen better days but still has strong appeal to about 10 percent of the population. He worries there aren't enough others to follow him, threatening the future of boxing.

"One reason I started Fight Promoter University is so we wouldn't be the brunt of jokes," he said. "Being next to used-car salesmen and attorneys isn't fair, because some of us work extremely hard and try to do it right."

Englebrecht already has sold all 1,412 tickets to Thursday night's show. His students will be there to learn how to set up the room, walk in fighters, be ring card girl attendants and make sure the customers are happy.

In other words, they'll pay Englebrecht to do jobs he needs done anyway.

"Hey, no one ever said promoters are dumb," Englebrecht said.

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Elizabeth Mosley

PC volleyball team opens season with road win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ATHENS, W.Va. — Robert Staggs' third season as head volleyball coach at

Pikeville College began with a 3-1 win over Concord University Thursday night.

Pikeville split the first two games, winning the first and dropping the second, by identical 30-26 scores. The Lady Bears finished their host off with 30-22 and 30-26 wins.

"At times we looked like a pretty good team," said Staggs. "There were times we looked like a young club too. Overall I liked what I saw. I'm looking forward to a fun year."

Pikeville had a balanced offensive attack, with juniors Vicki Hall and Anna Bevins joining freshmen Elizabeth Mosley and Ellen Hogue with eight kills apiece. Freshman Kelly Christensen had seven as Pikeville finished with 46.

Defensively, sophomore Hillary Mussman had 26 receptions and 13 digs, leading three players in double figures in both categories. Bevins had 19 receptions and 11 digs, while junior Heather Robbins had 14 and 12. Junior setter Sarah Meyer, who had six kills, finished with 36 assists on the evening.

The Lady Bears will make their home debut on Tuesday night, hosting Virginia Intermont College. First serve is slated for 6:30 p.m.

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amount of research to find the perfect combination of ownership, team chemistry, driver performance and manufacturer support," said Michelle Shearer, CEO of Rockford-Montgomery Labs. "There is no question that we have found the best business partner in NASCAR to entrust the value of our brand.

"Having Bill and Gail Davis, Tommy Baldwin, Jeremy Mayfield and Toyota behind our brand on the track every week is a direct reflection of our commitment to NASCAR fans, our retailers and our shareholders. We need to get the 360 OTC No. 36 Toyota Camry in victory lane, and we are very fortunate to have this winning combination at BDR to accomplish that goal."

Bobcats

16-6 lead after one quarter. Powell County managed to rack up 102 yards of offense in the first quarter, compared to 83 yards for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne opened the second quarter with the football at their own 39 yard line. Blair ripped off runs of 25 and 16 yards to take the ball to the Powell County 20 yard line. Case carried nine yards on First and-10 to the Pirate 11. After a five-yard run from Blair and a five-yard loss, Case would bring the Bobcats within four points at 16-12 on an 11 yard run. The extra point attempt failed and Powell County led by four points with 9:28 left in the first half.

Powell County would take the ensuing kickoff to the Betsy Layne 49 yard line, and proceed to march to the Bobcat 16 before Zack Hall would come through with a big play to stop the Pirate drive. Betsy Layne could not move the ball against the Pirate defense and was forced to punt from their own end zone.

Powell County came up with a block and take over at the Bobcat 14 yard line. The Pirates needed only four plays to hit pay dirt and take a 22-12 lead into the half, but the Bobcats would not be denied on this night. Powell County

managed 176 yards of offense in the first half. Betsy Layne finished with 139 yards of offense in the opening half. Brennan Case picked up where he left off in the third quarter, scampering in from 47 yards out to cut the Pirate lead to 22-18 with 2:48 left in the third quarter. Case would tack on the two point conversion to make the score 22-20. The teams exchanged turnovers early in the final quarter, and the Bobcats found time as their enemy late in the game.

With Betsy Layne trailing 22-20 with less than two minutes remaining, the Bobcat defense would come through with a stop on fourth down to give the Bobcats one last shot. Case led the offense on to the field with 1:04 remaining, needing to go 95 yards to claim the win. Case would come through with a 35-yard pass completion to Blair on third-and-15 to keep the drive alive and move the ball out to the Betsy Layne 40 yard line.

Three straight runs from case followed with gains of 15, 15 and 17 yards to put the ball at the Powell County 17 yard line. Case rolled left on the next play and hit a wide open Blair in the end zone to give the Bobcats a 26-20 lead with only :30 remaining. The Betsy Layne defense put the



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Betsy Layne running back Brandon Blair looked for running room in Friday night's home game against Powell County.

photo by Jamie Howell

finishing touches on the win as Blair picked off a Pirate pass and sealed the victory.

Branham was elated to get his first win.

"I would go to battle with this group of young men anytime," said Branham. "We knew what we had to do and these guys executed perfect." Branham was also quick to

thank his staff. "I would not be here enjoying this moment right now without my staff, these guys have been great to work with," Branham added.

Case, Betsy Layne's signal-caller, explained what the win means for Bobcat Football.

"Betsy Layne is on the path to success, and we have the will to win," said Case. "We

knew we could still win the game and we did, it was a total team effort."

With the win, Betsy Layne improved to 1-1 on the season, while Powell County fell to 0-2.

Betsy Layne will hit the road for the first time this season this Friday evening when it travels to Cumberland.

Tigers

majority of his damage in the first two quarters. Pugh scored the game's first three touchdowns, leading Paintsville out to a commanding 19-0 advantage before Allen Central could put up its first score.

Pugh scored four touchdowns with the football in tow and passed for two more. He was seven-of-17 passing for 136 yards. The top-ranked player in Class A, Region Four, Pugh rushed 10 times for 69 yards. On the defensive side, Pugh recorded two interceptions.

Allen Central freshman quarterback Chris Stumbo showed his arm strength in the district matchup. Paintsville defenders, however, read Stumbo's passes quite well. The Tigers managed to pick off five of Stumbo's passes. In all, counting a lost fumble, Allen Central committed six turnovers.

Pugh got Paintsville going on the game's opening kickoff when he took Allen Central's kick back 77 yards for a touchdown. Paintsville, following a

missed PAT kick, led 6-0 with just 12 seconds gone off of a first-quarter scoreclock.

Pugh scored his second touchdown on a 31-yard run with 7:40 remaining in the first quarter, pushing Paintsville's lead out to a 12-0 advantage.

Paintsville's starting signal-caller added his third straight touchdown at the 4:30 mark of the first period.

Allen Central showed some life following Pugh's third touchdown when junior Alex Hammonds returned a Tiger kick 87 yards for a touchdown. Allen Central's two-point conversion run try was stopped short of capping Hammonds' touchdown.

Pugh hooked up with receiver Corey Humphrey on a 67-yard touchdown toss with 3:34 left in the first quarter. The Tigers took a 25-6 lead out of the first period and held Allen Central scoreless in each of the last three quarters.

Pugh found Humphrey again in the second quarter, this time on a 30-yard scoring pass.

Senior Shane Cantrell, another member of the Tiger defensive backfield, added Paintsville's final touchdown of the first half on a 47-yard interception return.

Pugh added his fourth and final rushing touchdown in the third quarter, finding the end-zone on an eight-yard score.

Paintsville finished with 177 yards rushing and 137 yards passing.

Humphrey was Pugh's most productive receiver, hauling in two passes for 97 yards and two touchdowns.

Freshman Nehemiah Doderor, who scored the

game's last touchdown on a 23-yard run, led Paintsville in rushing with 90 yards on five carries.

Penalties, which hurt Paintsville in its opener versus Fairview, didn't hold the Tigers back Friday night as the host team was given just one penalty for five yards.

The loss put Allen Central (1-1) down a game in the district standings. Friday night's matchup was the first Class A, Region 4 game of the young 2006 season.

For Allen Central, senior runningback Corey Click gained 37 yards rushing on 14

carries, ranking as the team's leading ground gainer. Stumbo was six-of-18 through the air for 64 yards.

Eric Crum, a player who was key in Allen Central's season-opening victory over Betsy Layne, gained just four yards on five carries versus a tough Tiger defense.

Both Allen Central and Paintsville are due back in action this Friday night. Allen Central will host Magoffin County as Paintsville welcomes in district rival Jenkins. Kickoff for both games is set for 7:30 p.m.

H.S. Football Scoreboard

Scores from Friday's games	Station 0	Rockcastle County 74
Ashland Blazer 28, Belfry 27 (OT)	Harlan 34, Hazard 0	Bourbon County 6
Bath County 21, Lewis County 0	Johnson Central 35, South Point, Ohio 7	(Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl)
Betsy Layne 26, Powell County 22	Madison Central 33, Paul Dunbar 7	Russell 33, Greenup County 6
Breathitt County 39, Madison Southern 12	Matewan, W.Va. 48, Shelby Valley 43	Sheldon Clark 35, Boyd County 14
Danville 54, Pulaski County 3 (Ray Correll Bowl at Somerset)	(Shorty Jamerson Bowl at South Floyd)	Tates Creek 27, Ballard 20
East Carter 13, Fairview 6	Middlesboro 48, Lynn Camp 14	Wayne County 26, Knox Central 14
George Rogers Clark 31, Bryan	Paintsville 52, Allen Central 6	West Carter 32, Nicholas County 26
	Raceland 45, Rowan County 3	Williamsburg 57, Jellico, Tenn. 0



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Haddix leads WKU offense in final scrimmage

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BOWLING GREEN — Western Kentucky University quarterback Justin Haddix (Jackson/Breathitt County HS) has pleased the coaching staff with his performance and the decisions he has made throughout preseason camp. Following Thursday's final scrimmage at L.T. Smith Stadium/Jimmy Feix Field, there should be no reason for that evaluation to change.

Haddix threw for 163 yards and two touchdowns — completing 13-of-20 pass attempts — as the offense

piled up 245 yards through the air en route to recording five scores.

K.J. Black was three-of-five passing for 44 yards and Brandon C. Smith added 38 yards while connecting on two-of-three attempts.

Haddix led the first-team offense on three scoring drives in the second quarter, beginning with a 24-yard touchdown pass to Jessie Quinn on the first play of the period to cap an 11-play, 70-yard march. He completed four-of-five passes on the possession for 58 yards, hitting Curtis Hamilton twice — that included a 28-yard gain down the right sideline with the offense facing third-and-11 from its own 40-yard line.

The first-team offense took over on the defense's 46-yard line to begin its next possession, which culminated with a Tyrell Hayden three-yard touchdown run on third-and-goal.

Hayden rushed for 15 yards on the drive, while Haddix completed an 18-yard pass to Jake Gaebler and also scrambled 13 yards for a first down.

With just over two minutes remaining in the second period, Haddix led the offense down the field until he found Gaebler for a 17-yard scoring completion 18 seconds before the break. He accounted for all 86 yards of the 10-play possession that began on the 14-yard line, hitting six-of-eight attempts for 82 yards while adding a four-yard carry. Gaebler accounted for half of the completions and 40 yards receiving on the drive.

Gaebler had five catches for 95 yards to pace the receiving corps as Hamilton caught four passes for 57 yards and Kareem Garibaldi added four receptions for 46 yards. Quinn collected 42 yards on a pair of catch-

es. The defense fared much better against the run, though, allowing 84 yards on 47 attempts. Darvis McBride and Clay Stephens posted six stops each to pace WKU, while Rashad Etheridge added five stops. Both Blake Boyd and Ross Dickens were credited with both a sack and a tackle for loss to help the defense record nine stops behind the line of scrimmage.

The unit also caused a pair of fumbles. Orlando Misaalefua's hit on Hayden knocked the ball loose as Brandon Mason picked it up and returned it 69 yards for a score in the second period. Jon Hedges also recovered a Garibaldi fumble in the second half.

The day ended with Black leading the third-team offense on a pair of touchdown marches that he ended

with runs from seven and three yards out. He moved the group 58 yards in 10 plays for the first score, hitting Garibaldi twice for 27 yards. The second possession — which was aided by a pair of personal foul calls — concluded with Black's three-yard bootleg to the left after Ronnie Letcher's 11-yard gain gave the offense first-and-goal from the eight-yard line.

Hayden's 50 yards on 15 carries led the Toppers' running backs, while Letcher gained 31 yards on nine attempts and Philip Bates rushed nine times for another 21 yards.

The Hilltoppers will open the regular season Saturday with an 11:30 p.m. (CDT) start at I-A Georgia, with the game televised regionally by Lincoln Financial Sports.

Okoye happy to be Louisville's young old man

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville senior defensive tackle Amobi Okoye says he didn't notice a big difference between high school and college football as a 16-year-old freshman three years ago.

"I think I was pretty strong or something," said Okoye, arms crossed, each one grabbing one of the massive biceps that flank his 6-foot-1, 305 pound frame. "I mean, I could tell the difference, but at the same time, it wasn't a drastic difference."

Don't get Okoye wrong, he's not bragging, that's just not his way. It's just that he's always been a little ahead of the curve. He went into the ninth grade after coming to the United States from Nigeria with his family at age 12 and signed with the Cardinals at 15 despite playing the game for all of three years.

"I was always around older guys, hanging with my brother's older crew," said Okoye, now 19. "I just learned everything quicker than most people my age did."

He still is. Okoye is planning to graduate with his psychology degree in December — one semester ahead of schedule. In an era when so many college football players redshirt during their freshman year to give their bodies a chance to grow — a dozen of Louisville's redshirt freshmen are older than Okoye — Okoye said sitting out a year never crossed his

mind. "There was a whole lot of talk if I was going to be able to do it at that age, but I came in with the mind frame of I didn't want to redshirt or grayshirt, nothing like that," he said. "During two-a-days that first year, that's what I wanted to do and I just kept going after it."

Three years later, Okoye finds himself one of the leaders on a unit that will have to replace Elvis Dumervil, who collected a school-record 20 sacks last season while winning the Bronko Nagurski Award as the nation's top defensive player.

"Initially, during spring ball it was hard without him," said Okoye, who had 23 tackles last season. "Elvis and Montavious (Stanley) were the guys I grew up with. But these (new) guys, I've really developed real strong relationships with them and I think we'll be up to the same level."

Being a leader isn't easy, Okoye said. It took awhile for the shy kid from Anambra, Nigeria by way of Huntsville, Ala., to come out of his shell. But Okoye knew one day he'd be one of the veterans and that it would be up to him to show the young guys — even if they're all older than he is — the way.

"Even if (leadership) isn't a trait of yours, it's something you have to develop," said Okoye, who was named one of the team's co-captains before the season. "It's a full-time job now."

A job defensive tackle Zach Anderson said Okoye treats like a coaching position.

"He knows more than I do, he's smarter than all of us," Anderson said. "He'd rather you learn what you got to do first and then you as a person have to show that you want to do

it. He thinks that if he can help show you the right way, then how bad you want to do it in games will come out."

Okoye said the transition from Nigeria to the U.S. wasn't as hard as he imagined it would be, there were some stereotypes he had to break.

"The misconception is about what they show on TV," Okoye said. "There definitely are negative parts of Africa. But there are also parts like (Louisville) in Africa. They don't attempt to show the brighter side I guess."

And while it bothers him, Okoye said he knows by doing what he can — playing hard, teaching, encouraging his teammates — he's breaking down the stereotypes bit by bit.

"I'm just a football player," he said.

Troy Smith: A quarterback matures at Ohio State

by RUSTY MILLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Two years ago, Troy Smith was a sub hoping to get into a game. A year ago, he was a starter held out of the lineup because he took money from a booster.

Now he's entering his final season, and the quarterback for top-ranked Ohio State is out to prove he's among the nation's best players.

"It wasn't so long ago that nobody wanted to talk to me," Smith said.

Smith's name pops up in the early Heisman Trophy buzz. And when talk turns to the Buckeyes' chances of capturing their second national championship in five seasons, his name is there again.

His 2005 stats speak for themselves: 16 touchdown passes with only four interceptions, 11 rushing TDs, a 10-2 record.

However, he's most proud of what can't be measured: With a game on the line, he wants to take charge.

"You have to be able to lead," he said. "You've got 10 other guys looking at you. The most family-oriented or team-oriented portion of a football game is when everybody's in the huddle. Everybody's attention is on one thing. There can be 105,000 screaming fans and everybody in the huddle

is all centered and focused on one thing. That's a beautiful thing."

It wasn't so long ago Smith was barely visible. Justin Zwick won the job when he and Smith were redshirt sophomores, and it was Zwick who took almost every snap in the first five games of the 2005 season.

Late in a loss at Iowa — which dropped the Buckeyes to 0-3 in the Big Ten — Smith entered the game and played well. With Zwick nursing a shoulder injury, Smith started the next game and the Buckeyes won. Then the next, another win.

He hasn't vacated the job since, except for an NCAA two-game suspension (the 2004 Alamo Bowl over Oklahoma State and last year's opener against Miami of Ohio). It was determined he accepted about \$500 from a team booster. He repaid the money to charity and apologized.

The Buckeyes lost two games early last season, to eventual No. 1 Texas when Smith was just coming back from his suspension, and a narrow loss at Penn State. They won their final seven games, with Smith's confidence and ability growing.

The highlight came when he rallied Ohio State on the road to beat Michigan 25-21. The key play was frenzied pass by Smith to a leaping Anthony Gonzalez that set up Antonio Pittman's last-minute touchdown run.

Ohio State opens Sept. 2 at home against Northern Illinois, then goes on the road against Texas. The Buckeyes have only two starters back on defense. But Smith, Ted Ginn Jr. and other stars return on offense, and coach Jim Tressel is reassured at having a leader at quarterback.

"You want that guy in the huddle," he said. "You want that guy ... to make sure that no one's talking but him and everyone wants to hear what he has to say. It's fun to watch Troy take charge."

Smith has matured from the sophomore who complained not getting a fair shot at starting. He graduated with a degree in communications this spring and is now attending graduate school.

Tressel likes the way his quarterback takes command — in the huddle, on the sideline and off the field.

"Troy cuts to the chase," Tressel said. "He tells (the players) sometimes the way us coaches would like to tell them, but maybe we're a little more sensitive. It's kind of neat to see the way he's grabbed a hold of this football team."

Union women's team drops season opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HARROGATE, Tenn. — The 2006 season got off to a rocky start for Union College as host Lincoln

Memorial (Tenn.) University posted a 5-0 victory on Thursday in women's soccer action.

The NCAA Division II Lady Railsplitters outshot the Lady Bulldogs 44-3 overall with a 19-0 advantage in shots on goal.

It remained scoreless until the 26th minute when Sarah Harvey put Lincoln Memorial up 1-0. Juliana Povia scored the first of her two goals in the 41st minute, giving LMU a 2-0 halftime edge.

Lincoln Memorial sealed the vic-

tory with a three-goal flurry during a two minute and 10 second span. Povia's second goal capped the outburst as LMU held a 5-0 lead in the 59th minute.

Despite giving up five goals, Union goalkeeper Danielle Fox (Owingsville,) recorded 14 saves in her collegiate debut.

Union (0-1 overall) will return to action on Tuesday when it visits Pikeville College. Game time is set for 2 p.m.

Louisville guard Andre McGee hospitalized following dehydration

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville sophomore guard Andre McGee was hospitalized for two days after becoming dehydrated during an individual workout.

McGee was participating in an individual workout on Tuesday when he passed out on the court, coach Rick Pitino said on his Web site. The Cardinals were practicing in preparation for a trip to Canada next month for three exhibition games against Canadian collegiate teams at the time of McGee's collapse.

"He was totally dehydrated before working out," Pitino wrote. "We kept him in the hospital to run every test known to man on him."

McGee was released from the hospital on Thursday and was expected to return to practice Thursday afternoon, Pitino said.

"He has a hydration problem we really need to stay on top of," Pitino wrote. "Even when he's not necessarily thirsty, we've got to keep him hydrated."

McGee averaged 5.5 points and 2.1 assists in 33 games for the Cardinals last season.



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central Middle School Coach Rick Hancock talked with his team during a timeout this week in the Right Beaver Classic. Results from the tournament weren't available at press time. More on the new girls' basketball season will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Marshall AD gets contract extension

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall athletic director Bob Marcum has received a two-year contract extension.

Marshall's Board of Governors on Wednesday extended Marcum's contract through 2009. Terms of the deal weren't disclosed.

Marcum, a Huntington native and 1959 Marshall graduate, was named interim athletic director in May 2002 after he retired as athletic director for the University of Massachusetts. He was appointed Marshall's athletic director in November 2002.

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Thursday's matches

- Allen Central 2, Paintsville 0
- Belfry 2, Shelby Valley 0
- Breathitt County 2, Owsley County 0
- Corbin 2, Oneida Baptist Institute 0
- Cumberland 2, Knox Central 0
- Fairview 2, Boyd County 1
- Harrison County 2, Powell County 0
- Hazard 2, South Floyd 1
- Lawrence County 2, Rose Hill Christian 0
- Letcher County Central 2, Leslie County 0
- Lewis County 2, Greenup County 1
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Palmer will play Monday night against Packers

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Carson Palmer is ready to play.

With his rebuilt knee holding up in practice, the Cincinnati Bengals quarterback said Thursday that he will play in the next preseason game, stepping on the field and taking a hit for the first time since his injury in the playoffs seven months ago.

Palmer is expected to start against the Green Bay Packers on Monday night, when his left knee will get its biggest test yet.

"I'm going to play," Palmer said. "Nothing's changed. We set out this date a while back, and everything's been on schedule and I've been fortunate enough to progress from day to day and week to week. So, I'll be out there for the first

time this year."

Palmer hasn't talked to coach Marvin Lewis and offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski about how much he will play.

When he jogs onto the field at Paul Brown Stadium on Monday night, he'll have come full circle. He was carted off the same field on Jan. 8 after Pittsburgh's Kimo von Oelhoffen hit the side of his knee on his first pass during a 31-17 playoff loss, tearing two ligaments and causing other damage.

He has practiced with the starting offense in minicamp and training camp, but sat out the first two preseason games

because he didn't feel ready to give the knee its most crucial test — seeing how it holds up when he's going full-speed and getting hit.

Now, he is.

"I'll get hit," Palmer said. "I'll get knocked around a little bit. It'll feel good because I haven't been doing that in training camp. I've been preparing for that."

Teammates are eager to see how he handles a test that will have a lot of bearing on whether he plays the season opener at Kansas City on Sept. 10. Only a setback in practice the next couple of days would keep him out.

"I know I would be nervous, so I'm assuming he's going to

be nervous," receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh said. "It'll be interesting. I'm anxious to see how he'll hold up. You don't want to see him get hit, but you do kind of want to see him get hit to see him get up."

Lewis has maintained that unless Palmer plays in two preseason games, he wouldn't be ready for the opener. Teams play their starters more in the third preseason game, then taper back in the last one to try to avoid significant injuries.

How Palmer feels after Monday's game would have an impact on whether he plays in the final preseason game four days later at Indianapolis.

"It's a short week, so we'll see how I recover after the game," Palmer said. "We'll decide that week, depending on the soreness and the swelling."

Palmer is still getting some

swelling in the knee, which is typical for that type of injury. Palmer tore two ligaments and dislocated his knee cap. Players typically need eight to 12 months to fully recover.

"I'm sure with him making the call to go out there, he's feeling pretty good about himself," running back Rudi Johnson said. "The thing we need to do is make sure we block people and protect him. We're going to be going a little extra harder to keep guys off him, to make sure he has a clean pocket and he can step up and throw the ball."

Even if the knee is fine, Palmer has a lot of work to do on his throwing. He got into some bad habits in the offseason because of the injury.

"It's going to be an ongoing process probably for a year," Bratkowski said. "Things are

getting fixed, and he's making strides."

During a passing drill Thursday, he perfectly led Houshmandzadeh on a down-and-out route, throwing the ball as the receiver made his cut 10 yards downfield. The tight spiral was right on target and right on time when Houshmandzadeh looked for the ball at the sideline.

There have been a lot of moments like that, when Palmer shows the form that made him one of the NFL's top passers last season.

"He's gotten more snaps (in practice) the last couple of weeks," Houshmandzadeh said. "Game speed is a lot different, but I think our timing is pretty good right now. He's throwing the ball pretty much like he did last year."

Nicklaus wants to spice up Valhalla for '08 Ryder Cup

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Jack Nicklaus wants to turn back the clock.

The golfing great spent several hours at Valhalla on Wednesday, home of the 2008 Ryder Cup, trying to find a way to counter the modifications in equipment that have allowed today's pros to turn some of golf's most revered courses into glorified pitch and putts.

"Times have changed," Nicklaus said. "In the 20 years since we did the

golf course, golf equipment has changed dramatically. The ability of the players has changed dramatically with the equipment. To challenge the players of today ... we need to add a little bit more spice to it."

That means adding approximately 300 yards to the 7,200-yard layout in time for the 2008 competition between the U.S. and European teams. It also means dotting the course with more bunkers and trying to design a par 4 that players won't be able to hit a wedge into, as he described the par 4 No. 6 at Valhalla. It could play around 500 yards after the redesign.

When Valhalla opened in 1986, Nicklaus didn't imagine it would become outdated in two decades. But Nicklaus said the course — which hosted the 1996 and 2000 PGA

Championships and the 2004 Senior PGA Championship — no longer has enough teeth to produce the kind of challenging golf a prestigious event like the Ryder Cup requires.

"It's a different era, it's a different game. I don't even relate to it," he said. "The golf that Tiger (Woods) has been playing lately has been phenomenal. I can't imagine beating all the players in the world hitting irons and leaving all the woods in the bag like he did at the British Open."

Nicklaus said courses can only be stretched so far, adding that golf's two governing bodies — the United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient — seem to understand it's time to do something.

"I think they realize that the game has gotten out of hand and they know they're going to have to do some

things," he said. "What those things are? They are the governing body and they're studying it. It took them a bit of time to get there and they're getting there. We'll just have to see. We may come back and shorten the course 500 yards next year."

Nicklaus said an obvious change would be placing restrictions on the equipment.

"It's devil of a lot cheaper to change a golf ball or a spec on a golf club than it is to change every golf course that you play a golf tournament on, and a darn site cheaper," he said. "But it is what it is."

Which is a game that Nicklaus doesn't recognize.

"I like the old game," he said. "I'm sure the guys today like the new game. Now the new game today is exciting, but we've got to take the

golf courses and make it fit today's game."

Nicklaus didn't see much of Woods' win at the PGA Championship at Medinah last week — his 12th career major — but joked that he doesn't think it'll take long for Woods to surpass his record of 18 major wins.

"He's going to blow by that in a week or two," Nicklaus said with a laugh. "I don't really think much about it. Obviously nobody wants their record to be broken, but every time you pick up a newspaper, every time you pick up a magazine, 'It was 11, only seven to go.' 'It was 12, only six to go.' It keeps me in the newspapers, too. It keeps you guys writing about me, too. The type of golf he's playing, nobody is able to stop him right now."

Lindley wins Food City 150

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — A little over a month ago, Mardy Lindley didn't even have a ride in the Hooters Pro Cup Series. But on Wednesday, every other Pro Cup driver wanted to be him.

Lindley, who was hired to drive the No. 22 BTS Tire & Wheel Distributors Ford on July 22, led the final 41 of the Food City 150 presented by Naturally Fresh en route to victory at Bristol Motor Speedway.

"I was just sitting on my couch when Ricky Benton [car owner] called," said Lindley. "The first two races we were just awful, but we've kept working on these cars. The car was really good tonight."

So was Lindley's fortune.

With 43 laps remaining, Trevor Bayne, driver of the No. 29 McDonald's Ford, was locked in a

fierce battle with Bobby Gill for the top spot. At the exit of Turn 2, Gill got into the back of Bayne and sent the 15-year-old rookie spinning into the inside wall. Gill missed Bayne's spinning car and continued on, but the veteran pilot received a rough-driving penalty and was forced to the rear of the field for the restart.

"I ain't blaming it on the kid," said Gill, driver of the No. 06 USG Sheetrock Brand Ford. "I just got a great run off of [Turn] 2 and got into him. I didn't mean to get him. He went up to the wall, and I tried to go under him and got into him. Everything just happens so fast here."

Bayne's car crunched the inside retaining wall, dropping him from the event on Lap 115.

"If he was that much faster than me, I was going to let him go," said Bayne, who led 20 laps. "You just don't race people that way with 30 laps to go. I was just riding around trying to save my stuff for the end, and he got into me."

With Bayne and Gill out of contention, Lindley moved to the point

But he had a formidable foe in his mirror of the final 40 laps.

Benny Gordon, the Northern Division champion, moved from his 12th-starting spot into second with less than 50 laps remaining. And when Lindley went high to put a lap on Billy Bigley Jr. with 25 laps to go, Gordon slid on the inside of the race leader and pulled even. Lindley fought back on the high side and finally cleared Gordon and Bigley to hold onto the top spot.

"Billy's a great racecar driver, but he should have let me go," said Lindley. "Luckily, I was able to get around him and get free, but he could have cost me the race."

It wasn't all clear sailing after Lindley pulled clear of Gordon. A late-race restart gave Gordon one more chance to try for the lead. On the final restart, Lindley beat Gordon to Turn 1 on Lap 145 and to the finish line by .381 seconds to take his second win of the season and his 11th career victory.

"It's a tremendous win for me, probably the biggest in my career," said Lindley. "I can't thank Ricky

Benton enough for this opportunity. I was on the couch, now I'm back racing."

While Gordon wanted to win, his second-place finish breaks a streak of three DNFs.

"I could've ran into Mardy and bumped him out of the way, but I didn't want to do that," said Lindley. "The guys running right behind me were in a tight point battle, and I respect that."

Clay Rogers, driver of the No. 44 Automotive Development Group Ford, was one of the drivers Gordon was referring to.

Rogers finished right behind Gordon at the finish and pretty much clinched the Southern Division title.

"My crew chief asked me if I wanted to win the race or point race," said Rogers, who pitted late in the going to correct an ill-handling car. "We took the chance. We just used our stuff up getting back to the front. I'm glad it was 150-lap race, because it was a handful. I don't know if I could've gone 250 laps."

Shane Wallace, driver of the No. 38

Termidor/Aaron's Ford, led a race-high 83 laps, but his late-race pit strategy didn't work in his favor. Wallace restarted 16th with 62 laps remaining and only made it back to fourth at the finish.

Shane Huffman, driver of the No. 88 Champion Spark Plugs Chevrolet, rounded out the top five.

Food City 150 Results: 1. Mardy Lindley; 2. Benny Gordon; 3. Clay Rogers; 4. Shane Wallace; 5. Shane Huffman; 6. Bobby Gill; 7. Shane Hall; 8. Jody Lavender; 9. Michael Ritch; 10. Ricky Turner; 11. A.J. Fike; 12. Billy Bigley Jr.; 13. Mike Hampton; 14. Daniel Johnson; 15. Kirk Leone; 16. Justin Hobgood; 17. Trevor Bayne; 18. Brett Butler; 19. Caleb Holman; 20. Joey Logan; 21. Matt Carter; 22. George Brunnhoelzl III; 23. Mike Herman; 24. Kertus Davis; 25. Wayne Willard; 26. Jeff Fultz; 27. Carl Long; 28. Jay Fogleman; 29. Michelle Theriault; 30. Brian Glaze; 31. Shelby Howard; 32. Jeff Agnew; 33. Dusty Williams; 34. Randy Gentry; 35. Dominick Casola; 36. Andrew Rogers.

NASCAR announces 2007 Cup schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The 2007 Nextel Cup Series schedule was announced Thursday. The latest schedule is a 36-race slate starting with the 49th annual Daytona 500 on Sunday, Feb. 18 at Daytona International Speedway. On Sunday, Nov. 18, Homestead-Miami Speedway will again host the season finale.

Other key dates:

■ On Sunday, July 1, New Hampshire International Speedway will host the first event in the Chase for the Nextel Cup.

■ On Sunday, July 29, the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard will be held at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

■ On the evening of Saturday, Sept. 8, Richmond International Raceway will be the final event in the Chase for the Nextel Cup.

■ The week after Richmond, on Sunday, Sept. 16, New Hampshire again will have the kickoff event in the Chase for the Nextel Cup, which covers the season's last 10 races and determines the series champion.

In addition to the 36-race regular schedule, the series' two traditional non-points events are again slated both for Saturday nights. The 29th annual Budweiser Shootout at Daytona will be held on Feb. 10, while the Nextel All-Star Challenge

is set for May 19 at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

There are no changes from the 2006 schedule, in terms of sites. There are, however, several adjustments to the schedule's order.

■ In July, the schedule will go from New Hampshire (July 1), to Daytona (July 7) and then Chicagoland Speedway (July 15). Previously, the order was Daytona-Chicago-New Hampshire.

■ Also, Indianapolis' event will close out July (July 29), followed the next week (Aug. 5) by Pocono Raceway. Previously, Pocono preceded Indianapolis. Those two races will follow the season's final open week.

Starting times and television information will be announced at a later date.

2007 Nextel Cup Schedule

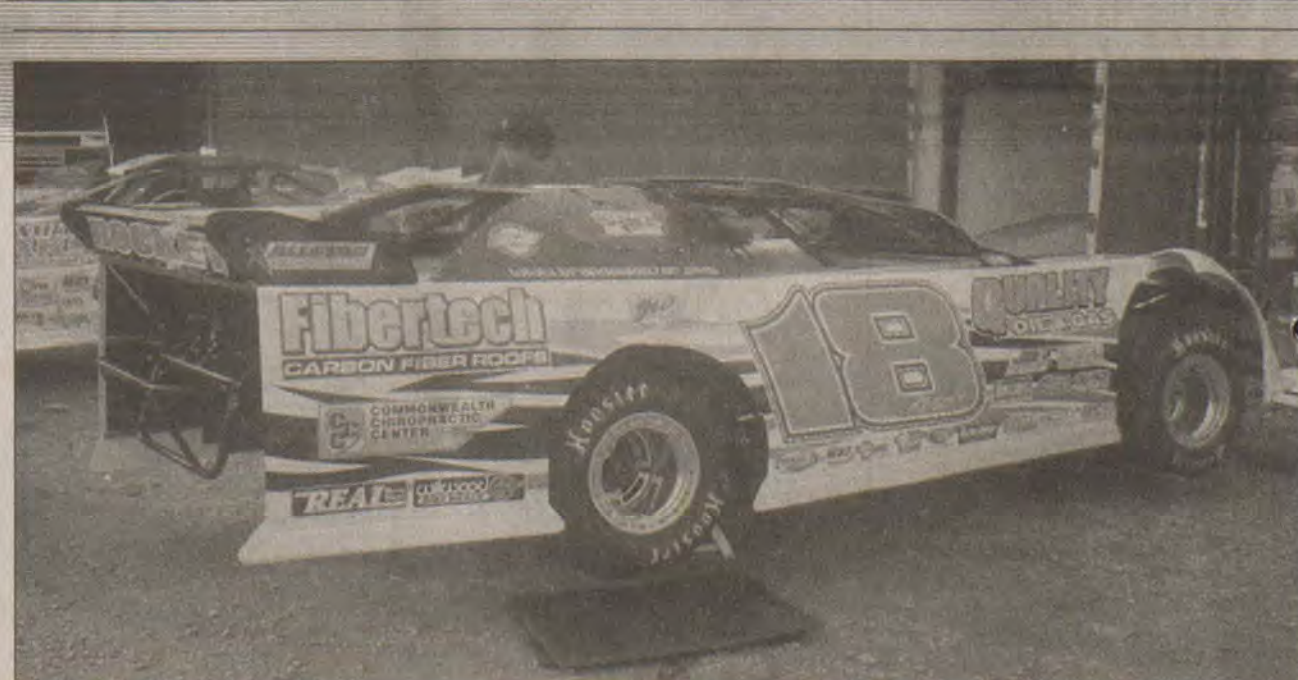
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Date	Site	TV
Feb. 10	Budweiser Shootout at Daytona*	FOX/FX
Feb. 18	Daytona International Speedway	FOX
Feb. 25	California Speedway	FOX/FX
Mar. 11	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	FOX/FX
Mar. 18	Atlanta Motor Speedway	FOX/FX
Mar. 25	Bristol Motor Speedway	FOX/FX
April 1	Martinsville Speedway	FOX/FX
April 15	Texas Motor Speedway	FOX/FX
April 21	Phoenix International Raceway	FOX/FX
April 29	Talladega Superspeedway	FOX/FX
May 5	Richmond International Raceway	FOX/FX
May 12	Darlington Raceway	FOX/FX
May 19	All-Star Challenge at LMS*	FOX/FX
May 27	Lowe's Motor Speedway	FOX/FX
June 3	Dover International Speedway	FOX/FX
June 10	Pocono Raceway	TNT
June 17	Michigan International Speedway	TNT

June 24	Infinion Raceway	TNT
July 1	New Hampshire Int. Speedway	TNT
July 7	Daytona International Speedway	TNT
July 15	Chicagoland Speedway	TNT
July 29	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	ABC/ESPN
Aug. 5	Pocono Raceway	ABC/ESPN
Aug. 12	Watkins Glen International	ABC/ESPN
Aug. 19	Michigan International Speedway	ABC/ESPN
Aug. 25	Bristol Motor Speedway	ABC/ESPN
Sept. 2	California Speedway	ABC/ESPN
Sept. 8	Richmond International Raceway	ABC/ESPN
Sept. 16	New Hampshire Int. Speedway	ABC/ESPN
Sept. 23	Dover International Speedway	ABC/ESPN
Sept. 30	Kansas Speedway	ABC/ESPN
Oct. 7	Talladega Superspeedway	ABC/ESPN
Oct. 13	Lowe's Motor Speedway	ABC/ESPN
Oct. 21	Martinsville Speedway	ABC/ESPN
Oct. 28	Atlanta Motor Speedway	ABC/ESPN
Nov. 4	Texas Motor Speedway	ABC/ESPN
Nov. 11	Phoenix International Raceway	ABC/ESPN
Nov. 18	Homestead-Miami Speedway	ABC/ESPN

* Denotes non-points event

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The Allen-based Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team has feature races scheduled into the month of November.

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TV Listings

Best

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gles an unconventional home life and the slings and arrows of high school in this 2004 sleeper-hit comedy. As that life takes a new turn when his grandmother (Sandy Martin) is hospitalized and his geeky uncle (Jon Gries) moves in, he takes on a new project at school: helping his friend (Ehren Ramirez) run for class president against a snooty girl (Haylie Duff). Tina Majorino and Aaron Ruell also star.

10 p.m. NATGEO

Final Report: Osama's Escape
As Michael Scheuer, former head of the CIA's Osama bin Laden unit, puts it: "The greatest power the world has ever seen can't find one 6-foot-4-inch Saudi in Afghanistan." This new special attempts to explain how the al-Qaida leader has managed to elude U.S. forces since 9/11 - focusing in particular on his narrow escape at Tora Bora in December 2001. Would more ground troops have made the difference? See what the experts have to say.

10 p.m. check local listings
PBS P.O.V.

It's sad but true: You can be earning twice the minimum wage and still be living in poverty. The heart-breaking new documentary "Waging a Living" profiles four people who work full time but still struggle to make ends meet. They include a single mom who makes \$11 an hour as a nursing assistant but is supporting a daughter with cancer and two grandchildren ... with no health insurance. If you don't feel your blood boiling, check for a pulse.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 6 p.m. TCM

Movie: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Interracial relationships have lost their shock value, making this 1967 classic a bit dated, but it's still worth watching for its historical significance and the brilliant performances of Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn as an upper middle-class couple and Sidney Poitier as their daughter's beau. The Academy thought so, too, nominating the film for 10 Oscars and awarding Hepburn her third.

10 p.m. FX

30 Days

Morgan Spurlock's series, in which people spend a month living an unfamiliar lifestyle, is always fascinating. But it's at its best when Spurlock himself is the designated fish out of water. In this episode, Spurlock spends a month as a jail inmate. His stay includes a stint in solitary and 15-hour kitchen shifts, and he only gets to exercise one hour a week. Good thing he took off all that "Super Size Me" weight already.

10 p.m. HISTORY

Modern Marvels

A year after Hurricane Katrina, there are still lots of questions to be answered, including: Why did the levees collapse, and how can we keep that from happening again? "Levees" goes into the past to explore early examples of low-lying civilizations walling out water and into the future to see what the Army Corps of Engineers is planning for New Orleans. In between, you'll visit a place that knows how to do levees right: the Netherlands.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 1 p.m. ESPN

MLB Baseball

After an exhausting 11-day road trip, the New York Yankees returned home Tuesday with little time to relax: They began a three-game series against the major league-best Detroit Tigers that concludes today. Ivan Rodriguez and the Tigers have been charmed all season, winning multiple times in dramatic fashion under never-say-die manager Jim Leyland. They avoided a four-game sweep in June against the Yanks by doing just that in a ninth-inning comeback.

8 p.m. ESPN

College Football

Are you ready for some football? This season, the Disney sports family headed by ABC and ESPN will televise more than 290 college games, and their Thursday night schedule begins tonight in SEC territory when South Carolina visits Mississippi State. The Gamecocks, 7-4 last season under first-year head coach Steve Spurrier, will look to junior QB Blake Mitchell to build on that, while the Bulldogs need a rushing attack to replace Atlanta Falcon Jerious Norwood.

8 p.m. MTV

2006 MTV Video Music Awards

Start spreading the news! MTV's signature music awards show returns to the Big Apple for the 13th time, originating from Radio City Music Hall - traditionally home to Rockettes, not rockers. Leading nominees Shakira and the Red Hot Chili Peppers needn't worry about

(See BEST, page thirteen)

TUESDAY EVENING TV listings for August 29, 2006. Includes channels like TBS, NBC, PBS, ABC, WGN, CBS, FOX, CBS, ESPN, DSC, TNT, A&E, TNN, NICK, USA, FAM, LIFE, ESPN2, AMC, HGTV, SCIFI, HIST, TOC, HBO, HBO2, HBO3, MAX, DISN, SHOW, TMC.

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TV Listings

FRIDAY EVENING TV listings for September 1, 2006. Includes channels like TBS, NBC, PBS, ABC, WGN, CBS, FOX, CBS, ESPN, DSC, TNT, A&E, TNN, NICK, USA, FAM, LIFE, ESPN2, AMC, HGTV, SCIFI, HIST, TOC, HBO, HBO2, HBO3, MAX, DISN, SHOW, TMC.

Best

Continued from p1... that unlucky number 13; after all, the number of awards they're each nominated for is a lucky seven.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 8 p.m. TCM

Movie: The Mouse That Roared The brilliant Peter Sellers tackles multiple roles in this delightful 1959 comedy set in the Duchy of Grand Fenwick, an impoverished European country. Its leaders decide to declare war on the United States.

9 p.m. CBS

Dan Rather: A Reporter Remembers

Dan Rather's own words and footage from the CBS News archives tell the veteran newsman's story in this special from March 2005, as he stepped down from the "CBS Evening News" anchor chair.

9:30 p.m. check local listings PBS Roadtrip Nation

Forty years ago, if you said "Road trip" to a college guy, he'd start thinking about motoring in the general direction of a girls school. Today it means cruising the country in search of career inspiration from folks who followed their own paths.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 8 p.m. ABC

College Football

A national title contender kicks off ABC's "Saturday Night Football," the first-ever weekly college football prime-time series on broadcast TV.

8 p.m. HBO

Movie: Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit British filmmaker Nick Park's clay-animation characters, who previously populated some Oscar-winning short subjects, receive full feature treatment in this comedy that's fun for all ages.

8 p.m. NBC

NBC Primetime Preview

As the Pokemon slogan says, "gotta catch 'em all!" The new fall series, that is. This special gives you a quick and easy way to do it.

8 p.m. TCM

Movie: The Hustler

Paul Newman gives an Oscar-worthy performance in this 1961 drama -- although he didn't win. He covers all the major emotions as Fast Eddie Felson, a pool hustler who loses to the great Minnesota Fats (Jackie Gleason) and teams up with an unscrupulous manager (George C. Scott) to raise the money for a rematch.

9:30 p.m. CBS

CBS Fall Preview

What's the Eye got up its sleeve this fall? Check out the new shows with a peek at this preview special. In the drama department, you have the post-apocalyptic "Jericho" and "two star vehicles -- "Shark" with James Woods as a lawyer who switches teams (no, not like that), and "Smith" with Ray Liotta as a slippery crook.

SATURDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON TV listings for September 2, 2006. Includes channels like TBS, NBC, PBS, ABC, WGN, CBS, FOX, CBS, ESPN, DSC, TNT, A&E, TNN, NICK, USA, FAM, LIFE, ESPN2, AMC, HGTV, SCIFI, HIST, TOC, HBO, HBO2, HBO3, MAX, DISN, SHOW, TMC.

SATURDAY EVENING TV listings for September 2, 2006. Includes channels like TBS, NBC, PBS, ABC, WGN, CBS, FOX, CBS, ESPN, DSC, TNT, A&E, TNN, NICK, USA, FAM, LIFE, ESPN2, AMC, HGTV, SCIFI, HIST, TOC, HBO, HBO2, HBO3, MAX, DISN, SHOW, TMC.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093 notice is hereby given that AEP KENTUCKY COAL, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase II release on Permit Number 836-5430, Increment #1 which was last issued on 8/26/03. The application covers an area of approximately 148.76 surface acres and 128.74 underground acres, with bonded acres of 20.02 and disturbed acres of 20.02. The operation is located .75 mile northeast of Hippo, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 1.0 mile south State Route 850's junction with Prater Fork Road and located .25 mile west of Prater Fork of Brush Creek. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The latitude is 37°32'30". The Longitude is 82°51'06". The bond now in effect for 836-5430, Increment #1 is \$4,500.00 approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$69,200 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed includes, grading and seeding completed on May 6, 2004. Written comments, objections and requests for public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services; #2 Hudson Hollow U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by September 18, 2006. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m., September 19, 2006. The Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Floyd County Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 18, 2006.

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5491 Transfer In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., 1876 Yellow Creek Road, Sassafras, Ky. 41759, intends to transfer permit number 836-5369 to Enterprise Mining Company LLC, 117 Madison Avenue, Suite B, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858, the new permit number will be 836-5491. The operation disturbs 2.18 surface acres and underlies 409.72 acres. No new acres are being affected by this transfer. The operation is located 1.80 miles east of Halo in Knott and Floyd Counties in Kentucky. The operation is approximately 2.4 miles northeast from KY Rt. 1498's junction with KY Rt. 7 and located 1.42 miles east of Jacks Creek. The operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2

minute quadrangle map at latitude is 37°19'05"N. The longitude is 82°44'28"W. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, or objections, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments, objections, must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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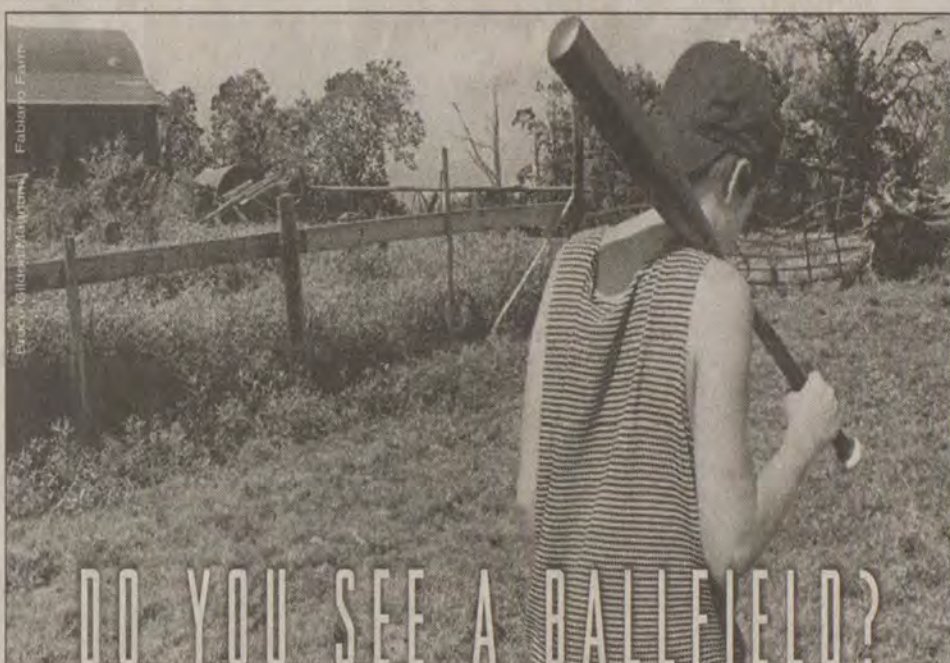
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Vegetable oil spray

- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts or turkey breast tenderloins, all visible fat removed
- 1 (12-ounce) bottle low-fat chicken or turkey gravy
- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen no-salt-added peas and carrots
- 2 cups reduced-fat buttermilk baking and pancake mix
- 2/3 cup skim milk
- Black pepper (optional)

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Spray large saucepan with vegetable oil. Place over medium heat. Cook onion and garlic in hot saucepan about 5 minutes or until tender.

Meanwhile, rinse chicken, pat dry and cut into bite-size pieces. Add to skillet with onion mixture. Cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until chicken is just tender. Stir in gravy and vegetables. Heat through, about 5 minutes.

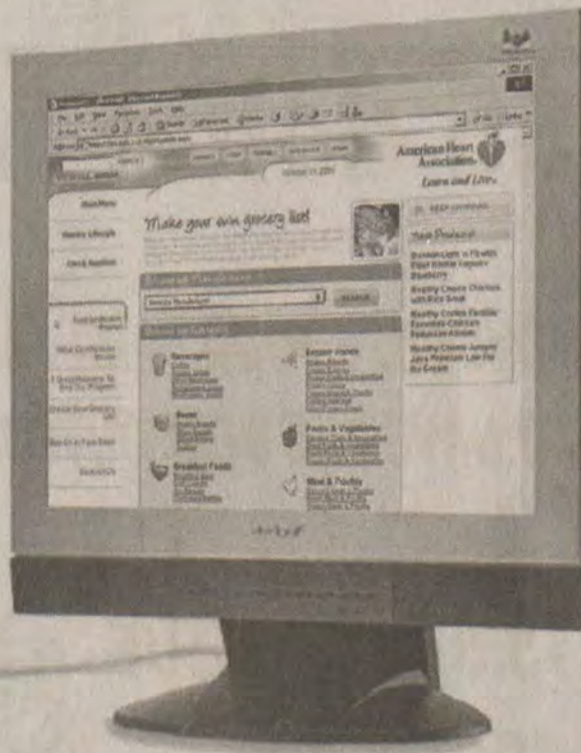
Meanwhile, in medium bowl, stir together baking and pancake mix and milk until soft dough forms. Set aside.

Transfer hot chicken or turkey filling to three 15-ounce casseroles or one 2-quart casserole. Drop dough by spoonfuls onto hot filling. Bake 15-ounce casseroles, uncovered, 10 to 15 minutes. Bake 2-quart casserole, uncovered, 15 to 20 minutes. Topping should be golden brown and filling should be hot. Let stand 5 minutes and season with pepper if desired.

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