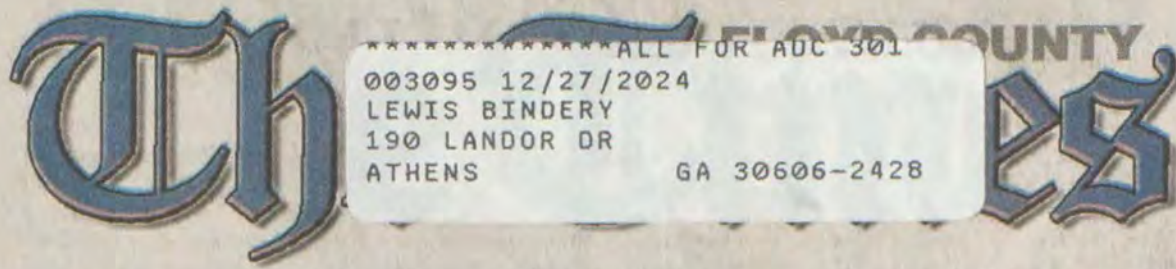


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Tests show more trouble with air packs

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The brand of air pack used by miners during the Sago Mine disaster is prone to have damaged air hoses and can make it difficult for miners to breathe, according to a federal report obtained by The Associated Press.

The air packs made by Pennsylvania-based CSE Corp. have been under scrutiny since the January explosion, because miners who carried the packs died of carbon monoxide poisoning and the lone survivor has said some of his crew's packs failed.

The report by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health suggests problems with the air packs are getting worse, not better. It is the most recent data about air packs' performance since a series of tests conducted between 1998 and 2000.

The report covers two rounds of testing between 2000 and 2004. The earlier tests involved 90 CSE air packs removed from mines. Those tests found 10 percent of the air packs with breathing hoses stuck together and 9 percent with torn hoses.

NIOSH said the company addressed the problems by adding a test that can detect damage and indicators that show whether air packs have been exposed to extremely high temperatures, which can damage them. Despite the fixes, the government found more

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APPLE DAY BUSINESS



Gordon Womack, of Rush, has been attending the Apple Festival in Paintsville for over 10 years. He owns his own business called "Womack's Mill — Stone Ground Corn Meal" in his hometown, but says he really loves taking his business on the road to nearby festivals in Kentucky.

photo by Jessica Hale

Hearings set for men charged in theft cases

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two Floyd County men charged with theft twice in a span of a week had both cases sent to a Floyd County grand jury last week.

Jason Wade Hall, 26, of Clay City, and Joey Slone, 30, of Mallie, were arrested Sept. 25 around 4:30 a.m. on Cliff Road by John Dale III of Prestonsburg Police Department after he received a call that two men were loading some steel by some railroad tracks into the back end of a white pickup truck.

Dale pulled the truck over as it was leaving the area and described the vehicle as being almost completely loaded down

with metal rail plates. Dale contacted Chris Gownes of CSX Railroad and was told that no one was allowed to possess anything from the railroad, and both men were subsequently arrested and taken to Floyd County Detention Center.

An additional case arose against the men while they were in jail stemming from an incident that occurred Sept. 16. Trooper John Collins of Kentucky State Police received a call from a woman who said she had seen two men in white pickup truck taking items from a building on the property of Davis Construction & Welding in Floyd County.

Kentucky State Police located the vehicle and ran the plates on it while they followed it on

Route 80 and discovered that it belonged to one of the men's girlfriends. The complaint against the men was filed 10 days later and alleged that the men took construction parts valued over \$1,500. Collins said he was told that several parts from a bulldozer were stolen.

Hall was charged with operating on a suspended or revoked driver's license as well as theft and receiving stolen property in the first case, both felonies. Slone was a passenger in the vehicle and was charged with the same two felonies.

Both men have been ordered to stay off of CSX property.

In the second case they have both been charged with theft and first-degree criminal mischief, both felonies.

Drug raid cases sent to grand jury

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man who was arrested Aug. 25 during a large drug raid in five Eastern Kentucky counties had a pretrial conference set for Jan. 11 in Floyd Circuit court Friday.

Billy R. Thompson, 51, of Betsy Layne, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of first-degree trafficking cocaine.

In a criminal complaint filed against Thompson Aug. 24 alleged that he sold and distributed a quarter-ounce of cocaine for \$200 to a cooperating witness working under the direction of Kentucky State Police in February.

Thompson has been released from jail after posting his bond and is scheduled to be court Jan. 11.

Two other men who were arrested in the same drug raid were arraigned

in circuit court Wednesday and had their pretrial conferences set for Jan. 4. The two men were Ricky D. Rowe, 37, of Hi Hat, and John R. Hall, 44, of Pikeville.

Hall has been charged with trafficking in a controlled substance after he allegedly sold 22 Oxycontin tablets to an undercover officer in Floyd County. Rowe has been charged for trafficking in marijuana for allegedly selling one pound of marijuana in September 2004 to a cooperating witness working for KSP.

Both men posted their bail in August and were released.

All three men were placed under normal bond conditions, including random drug and alcohol tests, no driving without proper identification and registration, and they cannot leave the state without written consent.

Miner killed in underground rock fall

The Associated Press

Mike Johnson.

BARBOURVILLE — An Eastern Kentucky miner was killed Friday in an underground rock fall, bringing this year's number of mine fatalities in the state to 14.

Joe "Pete" Seay, 56, of London, was operating a roof bolter when a 5-foot long slab of rock fell on him about 12:30 p.m. EDT at the D&R Coal Inc. Mine No. 2, said Chuck Wolfe, spokesman for the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing.

Seay died instantly of head trauma, said Knox County Deputy Coroner

The mine, established in June 2000, was a small operation with about 15 employees.

Friday's fatality was the first reported at the mine, though the operation had been cited 14 times since 2005 by state inspectors for various safety violations, ranging from machinery maintenance to roof cracks.

Federal inspectors cited the mine 30 times for similar violations, according to the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration.

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Floyd County roots part of author's success

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

Growing up in Huntington, W.Va., hasn't deterred Terri Robinson from digging to find her Kentucky roots and preserving her past and the legacy of her ancestors for future generations to come.

Over the past several years, Robinson has successfully established herself as a true Appalachian author by delving deep into her genealogy and telling stories of her ancestors by recreating past events into historical fiction.

Robinson spent much of her life pursuing another career in teaching high school literature

in North Carolina. Following the loss of her mother to Alzheimer's disease in 2000, she came to realize that not only had she lost her mother, whose family traces back to the Big Branch of Abbott Creek as early as the 1850s, but she had lost a link to her past. Robinson worried that if she didn't take it upon herself to find out more about her ancestors, she would never be able to pass along stories of her heritage to others.

Robinson has already been recognized as an Appalachian author by the Kentucky Book Fair Board of Directors for her past books titled, "Kentucky Tapestry-Field Gap" and "Haunted Hunting Ground."

The Kentucky Book Fair is one of the nation's oldest and largest of its kind. Authors that are selected must have a connection to Kentucky either by residence, family history or book theme.

Robinson has spent years looking into her genealogy, tracing family members back hundreds of years in her search to turn names, dates and places into a historical look into the past. With the completion of her third historical novel, scheduled to be introduced on Nov. 11 at the Kentucky Book Fair, Robinson feels she is continuing a journey that means so much to her.

"If I don't write these stories, who's going to?" said Robinson.

Her latest book "A Kentucky Tapestry's Legacy," expands on many of the characters and their descendants from her previous books. This book has been described as providing the reader a look into the innermost thoughts, feelings, emotions and fears experienced by the pilgrim and pioneer women in Robinson's lineage.

In her quest to stay connected with her roots in Kentucky, Robinson has made her books available at local book stores throughout eastern Kentucky. Robinson says there is much more to discover about her ancestors and the lives they lived so many years ago, therefore her work is far from over.



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FLOYD COUNTY

■ James D. Burchett, 71, of Cow Creek, Prestonsburg, died Saturday, September 30, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Maxzenia Blackburn Burchett. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Rachel Irick Clark, 82, of Harold, died Saturday, September 30, in the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Minnie Conley, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, October 3, at the Riverview Health Care. Funeral services were held Friday, October 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Noma Jean Osborne Crisp, 76, of Martin, died Wednesday, October 4, at Mountain Manor of Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, Ethier Eugene Crisp. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Chattie Martin Dingus, 91, of Printer, died Sunday, October 1, at the Riverview Healthcare Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Jeanette Stella Gardner Fitzpatrick, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, September 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 3, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Clyde Joseph Greer, 89, of Printer, died Thursday, September 28, in the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Clarence Ray Kidd, 40, of Dana, died Monday, October 2, at his residence. Funeral services were held

Wednesday, October 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Fannie Mae McKinney, 86, of Harold, died Friday, September 29, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, October 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Mary Ellen Newsome, 51, of McDowell, died Wednesday, October 4, at the McDowell ARH emergency room. She is survived by her husband, Bert Newsome. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Joseph Osborne, 82, of Bevinville, died Sunday, October 1, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Maxine Conley Osborne. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Goldie Frasure Ousley, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, September 29, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Rhodes Prater, 67, of Martin, died Tuesday, October 3, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ina Mae Bradley Prater. Funeral services were held Friday, October 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Laura Clark Robinette, 57, of Harold, died Wednesday, September 27, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, David Robinette. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Maurine Scutchfield, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, September 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, October 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Elmer Stone, 62, of Ligon, died Wednesday, October 4, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Hamilton Stone. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Ida Mae Gibson Younce, 78, of Weeksbury, died

September 27. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 30, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Andria Blaire Adkins, 24, of Pikeville, died Monday, October 2, in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Funeral services were held Friday, October 6, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Annie Lara White Bond, of Turkey Creek, died Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Unit. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 4, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Carl Hobert Childress, 83, of Mouthcard, died Tuesday, October 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Audrey Blackburn Childress. Funeral services were held Friday, October 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Jackie Lee Clifton, 49, of Ratliff's Creek, died Wednesday, October 4, at Harrison-Newsome Road, Virgie. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 7, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Ethel Bessie Cochran, 83, of Williamson, W.Va., died Monday, Oct. 2, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 5, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Bradley Allen Coleman, 52, of Shelbiana, died Friday, September 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Tammy Lynn Spears Coleman. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 24, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Larry K. Coleman, 52, of Granville, Ohio, a Pike County native, died Sunday, October 1, in Ohio. He is survived by his wife Amy Coleman. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 5, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Alice Rowe Eagle, 95, of Maryville, Tenn., formerly of Pikeville, died Saturday, Sept. 30, at Blount Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 1, under the direction of West Chapel of Smith Mortuary, Maryville.

■ Anna Elizabeth Norris Marcum, 78, of Point Pleasant, W.Va., formerly of Nolan, W.Va., a native of Hatfield, died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at

the Holzer Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 4, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Franklin Martin "F.M." Merritt, 69, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, Sept. 30, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lonetta Rowe Merritt. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 3, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Susan Hatfield Owens, 39, of Chattoe, W.Va., formerly of Sidney, died Saturday, Sept. 30. Arrangements, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Russell Owens, 91, of Greensboro, North Carolina, formerly of Pike County, died Monday, September 18, in Greensboro. He is survived by his wife, Eula Gray Owens. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 20, under the direction of Hanes Line Berry Funeral Home.

■ Elon O. Smith, 79, of Pikeville, died Friday, September 29, in Hilton Head, South Carolina, at the Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 4, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Trixie Coleman Spradlin, 96, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, Sept. 30, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 3, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Charles (Pudy) Stewart, 83, of Regina, died Monday, October 2, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 4, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ George Allen Wallace, 24, of Sarasota, Florida, a native of South Williamson, died Wednesday, September 20, at the residence. Funeral services were held Monday, October 2, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son, Phelps.

■ Nellie "Mam Maw" Hager Whitt, 86, a lifelong resident of Ransom, died Saturday, September 30, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 3, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Bennie Williams, 65, of McAndrews, died Saturday, September 30, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 3, under the direction of R.E. Rogers

Funeral Home.

■ Garnett Williamson, 82, of Feds Creek, died Monday, October 2, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 5, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Mitchell Duncan, 42, of Inez, died Tuesday, September 26, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He is survived by his wife, Paula Hamlin Duncan. Funeral services were held Friday, September 29, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Josephine Peterson Williamson, 94, of Tomahawk, died at her residence on Friday, September 29. Memorial services were held Wednesday, October 4, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Virginia Rae Lemaster Lushbaugh, 78, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, September 30, at St. Joseph East Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 3, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Willie E. Rice, 79, of Oil Springs, died Friday, September 29, at St. Joseph East Hospital, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Opal Castle Rice. Funeral services were held Monday, October 2, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Betty Jo Stafford, 79, of Oil Springs, died Friday, September 29, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Frankie Carolyn Sturgill, 52, of Martha, died Saturday, September 30, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Howard Donnie Sturgill. Arrangements, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

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Obituaries



Ida Mae Gibson Younce

Ida Mae Gibson Younce, 78, of Weeksbury, was born March 20, 1928, the daughter of the late Sally Ann and Hillard Gibson. She left this life on September 27, 2006, to go home.

Ida married Earl Younce on July 12, 1956, at Wheelwright, Kentucky, and to this marriage came 13 children.

Ida was preceded in death by two sons: Melvin Younce and Garry Younce; four brothers: Luther Gibson, Dewey Gibson, Ballard Gibson, and Ellis Gibson, and seven sisters: Draxie Collins, Hattie Cole, Zettie Johnson, Ethel Calhoun, Lettie Hall, Maggie Campbell and Mary Liz Caudill.

Ida is survived by 11 beloved children and their spouses: Janet (Paul Dean) Hall, Sherry (Buford) Thomas, Johnny (Sharon) Younce, Glenda (Olin Gene) Amburgey, Kenny Younce, Ricky (Mary Jane) Younce, Paul (Cathy) Younce, Peggy (Jeff) Edwards, Terry (Patricia) Younce, Sammy (Lori) Younce, and Brenda (Tommy) Hall; 29 grandchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 14 step-great-grandchildren.

Ida came to Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church many years ago, and became a member in September, 1976. She was laid to rest at the Harris Cemetery, on Abner, Saturday, the 30th day of September, 2006.

(Paid obituary)

Fall forest fire season now in effect

FRANKFORT — The fall forest fire hazard season began Oct. 1 in Kentucky. Until it ends Dec. 15, burning within 150 feet of a woodland or brush land is illegal from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

"The last five fire seasons have been light, and that has created a very heavy accumulation of fuel in our forests," said Leah MacSwords, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry, an agency of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet (EPPC).

MacSwords said, "Citizens who live in and around our state's woodlands should take extra precautions to ensure their property is safe from wildfire."

The national Firewise Communities Program recommends a 30-foot mowed buffer area around homes, hoses long enough to reach around houses, decks enclosed to keep out dried leaves, and firewood stacked away from houses. Visit www.firewise.ky.gov and www.firewise.org for more information about measures property owners can take to reduce the wildland fire risk to their property.

Most Kentucky forest fires are set by arsonists. Suspected arsonists should be reported to the Target Arson Hotline at 1-800-27-ARSON, local law enforcement or the division. Hotline callers may remain anonymous and can qualify for

a cash reward if information leads to an arrest and indictment.

Precautions should be taken and weather conditions considered before conducting outdoor burning. Also check with two other EPPC agencies — the Division for Air Quality and Division of Waste Management — to ensure compliance with other outdoor burning regulations.

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Odds & Ends

■ **LEVANT, Maine** — The bad news is that James Lee demolished his sport utility vehicle in a crash. The good news: It wasn't the SUV he'd just won in a contest.

Lee told police he wrecked his 2003 Lincoln Navigator on Wednesday when he lost control of it after being startled by a spider. The vehicle slammed into a tree.

Lee, 28, walked away with a bloody nose caused by the air bag.

It could've been worse. He wasn't driving his new Volvo XC90 because he hasn't yet taken delivery, according to Darling's Volvo in Bangor.

Last month, Lee was one of 11 people nationwide to win a new vehicle from McDonald's, the Bangor Daily News reported. After finishing a Big Mac extra value meal, he got the winning piece for the "Pirates of the Caribbean" game.

■ **MILWAUKEE** — Communicating with hand gestures and facial expressions, two police detectives and a crime scene photographer helped deliver a baby to a woman who cannot speak English.

Detectives Vincent Lopez and Dolores Beaver said they were investigating an armed

robbery early Thursday when a passer-by told them there was a woman who might be in labor three blocks away.

The partners found the woman, a Hmong, on the steps of a daycare center.

The baby was breach and the woman, 27, was in pain, Beaver said. So she, Lopez and their photographer, John Heim, called the medical unit and got to work. The passer-by who first noticed the woman also stayed to help, they said.

"We told her 'You need to push' and made facial expressions and before you knew it, the baby was coming out," Beaver said.

By the time the medical unit came, all but the baby's head had made it out.

The baby, a boy, was fully born in the ambulance on the way to the hospital, Beaver said.

When the trio visited the new mother and son at the hospital, she smiled at them, they said.

A Hmong interpreter at the hospital told them the woman lived on the street. She was trying to get to her sister-in-law's to call for help but she was in such pain she had to stop, Beaver said.

The police department would not comment on the condition of the mother or the

baby. It also would not release her name.

All three said the mother and her baby's life may have been in jeopardy if the passer-by hadn't gotten their attention. The trio, who spoke at a news conference Thursday morning, also said it was nice to be able to help.

"We see so much out there that's bad," Beaver said. "This was our chance to help and bring a life into this world."

■ **KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** — Malaysia plans to levy fines for incorrect use of its national language and will set up a specialized division to weed out offenders who mix Malay with English.

Culture, Arts and Heritage Minister Rais Yatim said fines of up to \$271 can be imposed on displays with any wrong or mutated form of Malay, the Star newspaper reported Thursday.

Fines will be imposed after a first warning, according to a report in the national news agency Bernama.

Most Malaysians speak Malay, also known as Bahasa Malaysia. English is widely spoken but a mutated form, known as "Manglish" — a mishmash of English, Malay and other local dialects — is commonly used in the

Southeast Asian nation.

Critics have said Malaysia's decision to sideline English in favor of Malay is hurting its global competitiveness.

■ **TUCSON, Ariz.** — A Southwest Airlines employee gave birth behind a ticket counter at Tucson International Airport, authorities said.

Victoria Betancourt, 34, commutes from Tucson to Phoenix for her job as a customer-service representative. She was on her way back home Tuesday when she went into labor before her U.S. Airways flight landed.

City firefighters, police officers, skycaps and an emergency-room nurse who was on the same flight as Betancourt rushed to a ticket counter screaming for a private room. Betancourt's water burst while she waited for the ambulance.

U.S. Airways employees then cleared the way to a manager's office where Betancourt gave birth.

Bill Swecker, a firefighter for the Tucson Airport Authority, delivered a healthy, 5-pound, 6-ounce girl as police officers and the nurse assisted.

Betancourt said her second daughter was not due to be born until Oct. 20. The baby was named Iris Alondra Betancourt.

■ **HONOLULU** — A boat refinisher wanted for a series of bank robberies dating back to last October said he was driven by "Robin Hood syndrome," or taking from the rich to give to the poor.

Following his arrest, a handcuffed but talkative Michael Rosario, 40, spoke Wednesday with news crews shortly after arriving at police department headquarters.

"I was going to turn myself in today after I see my face in the paper," Rosario said. "I was just checking in with my bosses first."

The arrest was made at Pacific Diversified Finishers Inc. after his boss, Jim Maynard, tipped police that Rosario was coming in to pick up his last paycheck.

Rosario neither confessed nor denied he was responsible for nine bank heists he is accused of committing, but he did say he thought he would get away with the robberies "cause I had good disguises."

The serial robber was known from donning wigs and dressing up as a woman, an injured soldier and a hospital employee.

When asked how many banks he had robbed, Rosario replied, "I'm not going to say that."

Miner

The mine's registered operators, Lloyd Cole and Larry Hubbard, could not be reached for comment Friday. An employee at D&R Coal hung up on calls from the Associated Press.

This year's 14 fatalities are nine more than happened in

2005, according to Mine Safety and Licensing. It's the highest number of Kentucky mining deaths since 1993, when the toll was 18.

The largest disaster this year occurred at the Kentucky Darby Mine No. 1 in Harlan County, where five men were

killed in an underground explosion in May.

Seay's death will be counted as Kentucky's 15th by MSHA, which lists all fatalities at mines, not just those of miners. The state did not count the July 7 death of a construction worker at a Hopkins County mine.

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Packs

problems in later tests — 19 percent of 98 air packs had stuck hoses, while 9 percent had torn hoses.

The tests also found the packs produce high breathing pressure, and when combined with high levels of carbon dioxide, they can make it more difficult to breathe.

The chief mining regulatory body, the Mine Safety and Health Administration, was still examining the report, a spokesman said.

"MSHA experts are reviewing the NIOSH studies and it is premature to comment at this time on NIOSH's results," said MSHA spokesman Dirk

Fillpot. The test results are significant because CSE has approximately 60 percent of the U.S. market for air packs. The company's air packs are popular because their small size and light weight make them easy to carry on a miner's belt.

Randal McCloy Jr., the lone survivor of the Sago disaster, said four members of his crew couldn't get their CSE air packs to work in the January disaster. Eleven of the 12 miners who died in the Jan. 2 accident succumbed to carbon monoxide poisoning, CSE has since been sued by McCloy and the families of two other

victims.

The company has maintained that its air packs work properly, so long as miners inspect them and care for them according to its criteria. Messages seeking comment were left with an attorney for CSE on Thursday.

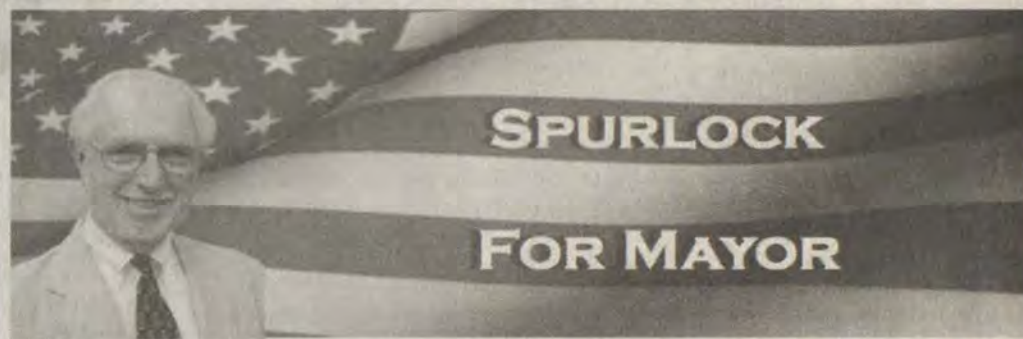
NIOSH also tested air packs made by three other manufacturers: Pleasant Prairie, Wis.-based Ocenco, Pittsburgh-based Draeger Safety and Pittsburgh-based Mine Safety Appliances Co. The agency found some problems, but they were not as numerous as with CSE's units.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Fix problems in the system

For middle-class families struggling more each year to make a living, news recently from Frankfort detailing widespread abuses in Kentucky's welfare system is especially troublesome.

A special grand jury reported that the state's welfare system is plagued by widespread fraud that has cost the state millions of dollars.

Ten people have been indicted on 136 felony charges related to welfare fraud this year, according to an Associated Press report. Eight of those indicted were employees or former employees of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the agency that administered the state welfare program, or its contractors.

The grand jury said a broad range of criminal behavior was uncovered. In some instances, people continued collecting welfare benefits after the true recipients died. In others, caseworkers directed benefits to themselves.

"This shows the cabinet's fundamental failure to prevent the theft of funds by its own employees, and it's an outrageous waste of taxpayer dollars," said Assistant Attorney General Pierce Whites. "Citizens expect welfare funds to be delivered to needy children and desperate families who cannot get by any other way."

Attorney General Greg Stumbo's call for an independent investigation into the abuses should become a reality quickly. Those guilty of fraud must be prosecuted, and the system should be overhauled to make certain the illegal activities don't continue.

Money spent now to update technology to monitor the program should help Kentuckians avoid losing much more in the future to fraud and poor management.

Kentuckians can't afford to continue funding a welfare system that can't keep up with where its money is going.

— The Harlan Daily Enterprise



Rich Lowry Column

The Democrats' middle-class problem

All things considered, Democrats would rather be talking about the economy. They think it is favorable ground for them, but Democrats are often undone by talking about the economy — more precisely, by how they talk about the economy.

That is the argument of a persuasive paper by Anne Kim and Jim Kessler for the moderate Democrat outfit Third Way. They note that for a self-styled "party of the middle class," the Democrats don't win many middle-class voters. Democrats tell themselves bedtime stories about why this is so, including the thesis of "What's Wrong With Kansas?" author Thomas Frank that middle-class voters get lured into voting against their own economic interests by the GOP cultural message.

The evidence suggests, to the contrary, that what's "wrong" with Kansas is that it doesn't buy the Democrats' economic message. Kim and Kessler define the middle class as voters with household incomes between \$30,000 and \$75,000. Kerry lost it by 6 points, and by an astonishing 22 points among the white voters who "represent one-third of the voting population and three-fourths of the middle class."

In 2000, national security didn't loom large, but Al Gore still lost the middle class by 2 points and the white middle class by 15 points. In 1996, when Bill Clinton had muted hot-button issues by signing welfare-reform and tough-on-crime initiatives, congressional Democrats still lost middle-class and white-middle-class voters by 3 points and 12 points, respectively. Clinton had the best Democratic performance among middle-class voters in three decades that year, winning them by a mere 1 point.

How does the Democratic message fall flat? Kim and Kessler count the ways. The public doesn't buy heedless pessimism; 80 percent believe it is "still possible to start out poor in this country, work hard and become rich." It prefers opportunity over economic security; only about a quarter of Americans say that they prefer a low-income, high-security job. It doesn't like corporation-bashing; only 27 percent say big business is the biggest threat to America's future, while 61 percent say big government is.

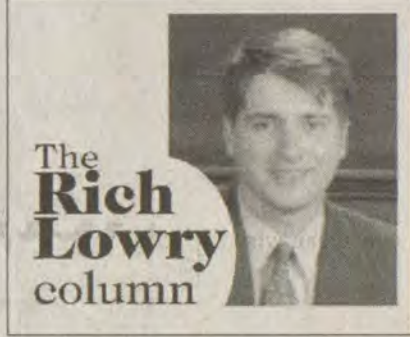
Democrats essentially offer the middle class a nullity. Kim and Kessler run through the greatest hits

of Democratic policy. The average family income for Pell Grant recipients is \$19,460. Head Start is for poor children. A married family of four can make a maximum of only \$37,263 to still be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (to the tune of \$1). Only 2.7 percent of American workers make the minimum wage, and half of them are under age 25.

Kim and Kessler recommend a Clinton-style, hopeful message focused on promoting middle-class aspiration through making college more affordable, helping working families, and encouraging savings and investment. Democrats are indeed calling for a college-tuition tax break, but otherwise are advocating their usual farrago of corporate-hating, minimum-wage-boosting doom-and-gloom.

It might work, given the anti-Republican political climate. Over the long term, however, pessimistic, anti-corporate Democrats will continue to be alienated from middle-class voters, and will need still more excuses as to why they can't reach them.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

beyond the beltway

Protection for the rich, competition for the poor

by MARK WEISBROT
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Editor's note: Donald Kaul is recovering from two deaths in his family. He is expected to return.

"Globalization" is one of the major challenges facing American workers - which include not only factory and office workers but more than 80 percent of our 144 million-person labor force. But it is widely misunderstood. Most of the people writing and talking about globalization for the major media know little about economics, and of the few who know something, most are dodging the most important issues.

The central one for Americans facing the global economy is income distribution. Whether it's international trade or investment, or immigration, the main impact on most Americans' lives has been the distribution of income. And that distribution has gotten dramatically worse over the last 30 years: the rich have gotten a lot richer, the poor have languished, and the middle class has shrunk.

From 1972 to 2001, the bottom 20 percent of wage and salary earners got only 1.6 percent of the increase in this income over the

three decades. The majority got less than 11 percent. But the richest 1 percent received 18.4 percent of the increased income - vastly more than went to the majority of Americans.

The "managed globalization" designed by our political leaders has contributed very much to this upward redistribution of income. The key word here is "managed." It is not, as the pundits argue, simply the result of market forces combined with technological changes in communication and transportation.

The architects of the global economy have not thrown their friends and neighbors - the doctors, lawyers, executives and other professionals - into brutal international competition with the tens of millions of highly educated, English-speaking people who would be willing to do their jobs at half the salary. That is why, for example, our doctors earn twice as much as their counterparts do in the rich countries of Europe.

Instead, our political leaders have devoted decades of careful and often protracted negotiations to rewriting the rules of international commerce so that the nearly three-quarters of Americans that do not have a college degree would face lots of global competition. Partly as a result of these changes, the real wage for most workers in the United States has barely grown over the last 30 years - about 9 percent - while productivity, or the amount that is produced by an hour of labor, has grown more than 80 percent.

Immigration policy follows the same rationale - foreign citizens who want to work here in restaurants or

as construction laborers can do so by the millions, but the same is not true for foreign dentists or engineers.

The result of this "protectionism for the few, international trade and competition for the many" has been exactly what economists would expect: The gains from a growing economy have gone increasingly to the protected and privileged few.

Of course, managed globalization is only part of the story. Political and legal changes have undermined the bargaining power of organized labor and its membership has steadily fallen. Health care costs have been allowed to spiral - the United States now spends about twice as much per person as other developed countries and has worse health outcomes - and these burdens are increasingly shifted to employees. And the tax code has been rewritten to favor the upper classes.

The federal minimum wage, in terms of purchasing power, is now at its lowest point in half a century. The majority of Americans have so little influence in our political system that despite the overwhelming support for an increase, the party that controls Congress believes it can get re-elected in November while refusing even to allow a vote on the issue. We shall see.

Reform in all of these areas will be necessary if this country is ever to return to an economy in which most Americans share in the gains from economic growth.

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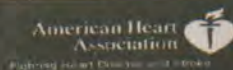
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**This Town,
That World**

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.

About the easiest Biblical example I have to follow, this season of the year, is the matter of lifting up my eyes unto the hills. Fact is, they're so beautiful I would be the worst sinner in the lot, if we were told not to look.

IN JENNY WILEY'S WOODS

Somebody in the Department of Public Information, at Frankfort, has painted a pretty picture of the state parks. I especially liked this paragraph:

"In Jenny Wiley's woods, near Prestonsburg, one hiking path blooms patriotically in red. Box Elder, White Top and Bluebells."

And he (or she) plays the words to a pretty tune with:

"Yarrow, Queen Anne's Lace cupping into pale-gold baskets. Farewell Summer, Queen of the Meadow and Milkweed fluff scatter beauty-bounty in these gold-dust days, when the larch-string remains out at Kentucky's state parks."

And I look and wonder and wind up, poor pessimist, with the thought, If autumn come, can winter be far ahead?

NOT THAT CHARLES

This similarity of names causes all kinds of trouble. Last week, we published in our "courthouse news" the fact that one Charles Clark had sued Wanda Clark. Guess who was identified by some folks as the plaintiff—right, the superintendent of schools. We are reminded that the superintendent's full name is Charles F. Clark, that his wife's name is not Wanda, but Annis, and that, as in the case of Mark Twain's comment on his reported death, his divorce "is greatly exaggerated."

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Some of the fishermen are wondering why Dewey Lake keeps "turning." I wouldn't know, unless its waters, pounded and pummeled all summer long by power boats, is just having trouble getting out of the habit.

AN OLDER VERSION

The story Joe Creason tells of the fellow under the ministrations of the nervous barber was told me, 15 years or so ago, by the late Ham Wallen, under whose razor I lay. Said Ham:

I was shaving this fellow and trying to be friendly, but he did not have much to say. Finally, when I finished shaving him, and had him all powdered up, almost ready to leave, just to make conversation, I ran my hand down his face and asked, "My friend did I ever shave you before?"

And this fellow spoke up right brisk for the first time. "No, siree—I got them scars in a sawmill accident."

(See ALLEN, page six)



Ronnie and Kim Frasure, left, were "pleased as punch" as most Eastern Kentuckians might say, to welcome Hans Wolters, right, a visitor from the Netherlands, into he, and wife Kim's, home atop Abbott Mountain for a lengthy visit to bluegrass country. Wolters, atypical of most from his homeland, is an avid fan of bluegrass music.

**Far from native country,
Netherlander feels at home
in Eastern Kentucky**

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER
and KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

If you actually heard him speak, it would never cross your mind to think that Hans Wolters was actually a Bluegrass music fanatic. Living in the Netherlands definitely puts a damper on hoping to meet with other bluegrass lovers, seeing how this particular flavor of music is not quite as popular there as it is in eastern Kentucky.

Growing up in the Netherlands, Hans began playing bluegrass music at the age of twelve. While his older brother was away in the army, Hans would use his banjo to practice. He would often surprise his brother with his picking skills when he would come back after a couple of weeks away with the army.

"Pretty soon I was better than him," he said.

Although it's hard to find many bluegrass music players in the Netherlands, Wolters has actually made his way into four bands: Whistling Dixie, Spruce Pine, Blue Roses and Bells and Whistles.

The Dutch visitor actually speaks very good English through his European accent, most likely because he has immersed himself in bluegrass for most of his life. When he was in high school, he was once given a "B" in an

American English class because his English was what some would perhaps call a little "too hillbilly-ish."

Wolters dreamed for many years of visiting the area of Bluegrass' origin and would wistfully read about the Appalachia's on the backs of album covers. Going online to a bluegrass lovers message center and chat room, Wolters met Floyd County native, Ron Frasure Jr., of Abbott Frasure, the husband of Floyd County Times advertising manager, Kimberly Frasure, soon extended the cordial nature that eastern Kentuckians are so well known for and invited his new-found friend to visit our beautiful region as a guest in their home.

Delighted, Wolters took him up on the offer and before long, the two internet friends were meeting face-to-face.

"When it comes to Bluegrass, Hans knows his music," Frasure was quick to comment about his Dutch acquaintance. "I get tickled at his accent, but he speaks 'our' English pretty darn good," Frasure went on to say.

Wolters shares that the eastern Kentucky scenery is among the "most beautiful" he has ever witnessed and that he has thoroughly enjoyed traveling among the region to surrounding counties, towns and, just prior to his departure this past Thursday, to Breaks Interstate State Park.

Along with the breathtaking natural beauty of the area,

Wolters was quick to comment on the friendly nature of the local people that he has encountered during his visit to the area. "You can smile at people walking by and they actually smile back," he said. "That doesn't happen where I live."

Although his trip to bluegrass country has been very satisfying, Wolters said that he has felt "sort of lost" on his trip to the states because he was afraid to bring along his trusted banjo on the trip. Due to recent heightened security checks, he feared that the banjo may have gotten lost in one of the airports he was required to travel through on his way here. That would have been a loss that he simply would have had too much trouble bearing, thus the decision "to play it safe."

With or without his banjo, Frasure shares that "the wife and I have enjoyed having Hans, or 'John' as I call him, visit with us. Hopefully, one day we can make the trip to Europe and visit his neck of the woods."

Thousands of miles from home, Wolters shares that he didn't have the opportunity to feel too homesick while away from friends and family in the Netherlands because he felt so very welcomed by all those he met here. He hopes to one day return. "I now love it here," he said, "This is a really nice area with friendly people and beautiful scenery and I can't wait to return."

**MOVIES FROM
THE BLACK LAGOON**

**'Day of the
Animals'**

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Underarm deodorant spray and a venomous performance by funny man Leslie Nielsen add up for some good chills in this all-star nature-run-amok effort from Kentucky's William Girdler, who managed to hatch nine films in a brief career that was cut short when he died in a helicopter crash.

Girdler was on his way up to his highest budgeted feature to date (an adaptation of Graham Masterson's "The Manitou") when he lensed this nature-strikes-back flick hot on the heels of his previous film, "Grizzly," which featured the titular creature scarfing up backpackers like tater tots in a national park setting.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Girdler decided that he had to top his single-bear-on-the-loose scenario with a host of forest creatures hunting humans after they have had their brains fried by ultraviolet rays due to the depletion of the ozone layer. The film opens with a recounting of the 1974 announcement that we all had to put down our aerosol products so that we could save the ozone layer. Rather than stinking like apes, this led to a boost in roll-on products, though as Al Gore will tell you we haven't licked the ozone thing just yet.

It all starts with a group of campers getting set for a two-week excursion into a deep forest. The cast of stereotypes includes a couple whose marriage is on the rocks, a football pro retired by an injury, a divorcee who follows her son everywhere though he wishes she wouldn't, a glamorous TV anchorwoman, an obnoxious ad-exec (is there any other kind?) and a professor who everyone calls the professor. While the group assembles, a hawk watches carefully from a nearby tree and actually appears to be sizing up this motley assortment of folks. In fact it is doing just that and acts as a tactician throughout the film, directing attacks on this group like General Patton with a wingspan.

The group is airlifted to the middle of the wilderness and soon find that nature's critters are working in concert against them. A radio broadcast clues them into the ozone layer factor, but that's small comfort when the group is attacked by wolves.

One member is injured and this prompts the group's leader to violate his own safety standards by splitting the group up. The party splits up yet again when the blowhard salesman character convinces several people to follow him to safety and ignore their seasoned guide's warning that such a move is a big mistake. Is it ever, because it turns out that the sour salesman has the same condition as the lower ordered animals (hmmm ... a comment on commercialism?).

Soon the group is cowering from

(See LAGOON, page six)

The 'sleeping room'

One finger

by LINDA OSMUNDSON
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE
GRANDPARENT'S SOUL"

"Mom, you should put some of your things away. Babyproof this house," stated our oldest son, Mark, as he lumbered up the stairs followed by his wife, Kim, and 15-month-old Hannah.

Visiting for the Thanksgiving holiday, he finished unloading the luggage and took it to the guest room downstairs. After driving all day from

Salt Lake to Fort Collins, his temper showed.

"That one-finger rule may work with the twins, but it'll never work with Hannah," he insisted.

When my three granddaughters were born four months apart and the twins moved into our house at 8 months, my close friend offered me her secret to entertaining grandchildren with few mishaps.

"Teach them the 'one-finger rule.'" All of her five grandchildren learned it at a young age. The success of the method surprised me.

I picked up my granddaughter and

said, "Well, Mark, you just watch." I hugged her and walked all around the great room.

"Hannah, you may touch anything in this room you want. But, you can only use one finger."

I demonstrated the technique by touching my forefinger to the African sculpture on the mantel. Hannah followed my example.

"Good girl. Now what else would you like to touch?"

She stretched her finger toward another object on the mantel. I allowed her to touch everything in sight — plants, glass objects, TV, VCR, lamps, speakers, candles and artificial flowers. If she started to grab, I gently reminded her to use one finger. She always obeyed.

But Hannah, an only child, possessed a more adventurous personality. Her father predicted it would prevent her from accepting the one-finger rule.

During their four-day stay, we aided Hannah in remembering the one-finger rule. She learned quickly.

I only put away the things that might prove to be a danger to a child. Otherwise, we watched her closely, and nothing appeared to suffer any damage. Besides, "things" can be replaced.

A few fingerprints on glass doors, windows and tables remained after Hannah and her family returned home. I couldn't bring myself to clean them for days. Each one reminded me of some wonderful experience with Hannah.

Months later, my husband and I drove to Salt Lake, and I watched Mark and

Kim continue to practice the one-finger rule. But I refrained from saying, "I told you so." Yet, I smiled

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Bad knock sensor isn't emergency but should be fixed

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I have a 1999 Subaru Outback that I love very dearly. Last week, the engine light came on, so I took it to my very reputable mechanic. He referred me to the dealer, because my "knock sensor" was off. He warned me that this would be expensive to fix. Since I am quite poor, I am wondering if this is a critical repair. What is a knock sensor? Thanks. — Edith

RAY: The knock sensor, as the name strongly implies, senses when there's a knock occurring in your engine.

TOM: And it signals the computer to yell, "Come in!"

RAY: That's awful. Engine knock is also known as pre-ignition. It's when the gasoline in a cylinder detonates before it's supposed to. It can happen if you have fuel with too low an octane rating, if the engine is running hot or the outside temperature is very high, or if the engine is traveling under a heavy load — like climbing a hill or accelerating hard with a couple of mothers-in-law in the back.

TOM: Pre-ignition is bad for the engine. If those extra explosions are allowed to continue over time, they can do damage. The knock sensor

alerts the engine-management computer that knock is occurring, and the computer then retards the ignition timing to correct for it.

RAY: So the answer is that you should fix this, especially since you love the car and presumably plan to keep it for the long haul. It's not an emergency. It's not something you need to rush out and do today, Edith, but it's something you should fix as soon as you can.

TOM: The other reason to fix it is that, until you do fix it, your "check engine" light will stay on. You might say: "Big deal. I don't care if that little light stays on." But here's the problem: If the engine develops ANOTHER malfunction, you'll never know, because your engine warning light is already on. You'll assume it's on because of the knock sensor, and you might miss something important.

RAY: So I'd get it fixed, Edith. It should cost you about \$200. That's not cheap, but these sorts of repairs are the cost of owning a car, and you have to expect them occasionally.

Try cheap fix for fuel system before shelling out big bucks
Dear Tom and Ray:

My son has been in Iraq for almost

a year. He left his car with us, and it has been sitting in the driveway the whole time. My plan is to sell the car and send the money to my son. I put in a new battery a couple of days ago and was able to start it. It would idle, but when I tried to drive it, there was a problem. I really had to rev the engine, and it seemed to be starved for gas. I had it towed to the local mechanic, and he said the fuel lines and carburetor had a buildup, and that it would cost about \$500 to clean out. Any chance a gas additive in the tank and/or some spray cleaner will clean it out? — Gary

RAY: Before you do anything dramatic — like spend \$500 — start by trying some simpler things, Gary.

TOM: First, you probably have old gas in there. Gasoline breaks down over time, not only becoming less effective as a fuel, but also releasing gums and varnishes into the fuel system. Carburetors in particular are vulnerable to having their small passageways gummed up by these varnishes. And the longer the gasoline sits, the more varnish is created.

RAY: So, I'd start by getting that old gasoline out of there. Siphon out whatever you can, and fill the tank with fresh gas. Or, if there's less than a quarter of a tank in there, you can

just fill the rest of the tank with new stuff and dilute the old stuff.

TOM: And at the same time, dump in a couple of cans of good fuel-line cleaner. We've had particularly good luck with something called 44K from B&G Industries. But that can be hard to find. So you can also use Chevron Techron, or Gunk Fuel System Cleaner.

RAY: Then take the thing out on the highway. I wouldn't be surprised if after 25 miles, the thing is fixed. The new gas will combust better, and the fuel-system cleaner might clean out enough gums and varnishes to make the carburetor happy.

TOM: If those steps don't work, then you will have to get the carburetor rebuilt. That involves taking it apart, cleaning it and replacing some key parts, like the jets, gaskets, needle and seat. That'll definitely fix it. But then you're into hundreds of dollars.

RAY: And by the way, Gary, if



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your kid is unlucky enough to get sent back for another tour of duty, try this: Put some gasoline stabilizer, like Sta-Bil, in the tank before parking the car for a year. That'll keep the gasoline from going bad. Or better yet, have him sell the car before he goes. Not only will it be in salable, good running condition, but he'll get a better price for it, because the average car's value declines over time. Our best wishes to you both.

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Monsters and kids

by MELISSA RAYWORTH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not since Van Helsing stalked Dracula and those villagers with torches rushed toward Frankenstein's castle has the monster-battling industry been so busy.

Whether a child fears ghosts or witches or other creatures that go bump in the night, there's a growing list of products designed to banish them: Need a "Go Away Monster" board game or a book on the subject? Plenty are available. You'll also find "anti-monster" spray and under-bed lights designed to scare away the meanest of imaginary beasts.

If that doesn't do the trick, a company in Dallas promises that its Magical Monster Trap will reduce fears of closet-dwelling bogeymen to puddles of harmless liquid.

With so many kids apparently lying awake fearing what lurks in the shadows, Halloween traditions that celebrate monsters may seem somewhat counterintuitive. And it's hard to hide from monster season: These are the weeks when homes, daycare centers and schools across the country are festooned with images of monsters, witches, werewolves and graveyards.

The popular retailer Lillian Vernon offers devil and skeleton costumes for children as young as 18 months.

But therapists say monster tales can have their place, giving children a constructive landscape on which to work through their fears and helping them to develop tools to cope with the real-world dangers.

"Kids naturally, around the ages of 4 and 5, develop these fears of the dark and other fears," says Dr. Stephen Garber, a behavioral psychologist and co-author of "Monsters Under the Bed and Other Childhood Fears."

"The culture intentionally is exposing them to this to help inoculate them," he says. "They're overcoming it, and for the vast majority of kids, they're not so traumatized."

The key, says Garber, is teaching children to handle the presence of the scary things — real and imagined. "Our role as parents is to support our kids and help them face fears, not avoid them," Garber says. "By learning that I can have a fear, and I can get used to it and get over it, that builds a confidence that I can deal with anxiety."

He's not a fan of the anti-monster sprays or traps, which can convince children that parents share the belief that there are monsters in the closet. Instead, he suggests helping children use their imaginations positively. "If they've got this fear of a monster chasing them, have them imagine turning around and shrinking it with a ray gun," he says, "and having the monster run away."

But while Garber doesn't suggest we shield kids from fear, he does advise that we protect small children from disturbing real-world images. "If there's anything we need to protect our kids from, it's the evening news," he says. Without realizing it, children may make a connection between real and imagined monsters.

In "The Monster Show: A Cultural History of Horror," author David J. Skal points out that by 1962, tens of thousands of American children "had become devoted readers of magazine with titles like 'Famous Monsters of Filmland' and 'Castle of Frankenstein.'" Skal notes that this surge in fascination with monsters coincided with the growing fear of atomic annihilation that pervaded the era.

"Very little about the underlying structure of horror images really changes," he writes, "though our cultural uses for them are as shape-changing as Dracula himself." In the years since Sept. 11, when children may be sensing fear in America, some may turn to stories of monsters in order to cope.

Bill Adler, author of "Tell Me a Fairy Tale: A Parent's Guide to Telling Magical and Mythical Stories," reshaped

traditional bedtime stories when his children were younger to help them combat fears of ghosts and also quell worries that might have been engendered by events like the Oklahoma City bombing.

Adler's book supplies outlines of familiar fairy tales and reminds parents that they can modify these stories by altering scenes that could keep their children (and, thus, themselves) awake at night. He also suggests deliberately incorporating something your child dreads, then showing a character in the story overcoming that fear.

"One of our daughters was scared of sirens at night, so we introduced sirens into a fairy tale," he says. "We used it to show her that the sirens were not so scary."

For more than three decades, Sesame Street has been a practical tool to help with this. "There's Cookie Monster, Telly Monster, Grover Monster, Elmo Monster," says Dr. Rosemarie Truglio, vice president of education and research at Sesame Workshop, which produces the show Sesame Street. "The reason they were created as monsters is that we know kids have this fear. And it helps them to overcome that fear, because

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Lagoon

the pitchman whose brain has become so fried that he attempts to out bear hug a grizzly. Things don't get any better for the other group, who find themselves at the mercy of a pack of German shepherds in a fast-paced sequence that sees most of their numbers decimated by man's best friend.

This one gets it right and ranks right up there with 1972's "Frogs," which featured a similar scenario played out in the Florida Everglades. Besides sturdy direction by Girdler this one also features a seasoned cast of acting veterans who chose this project over a return trip on TV's "The Love Boat."

Leslie Nielsen gets top billing as the ad exec character and has a field day with the part. Paul Mantee also scores as the football-pro and Richard Jaeckel is well cast as the congenial professor.

The best acting nod goes to the animals, who were trained by, among others, Susan Backlinie, who also costars as a camper who has a fatal run-in with a buzzard. Audiences should remember her as the nude swimmer who runs afoul of a great white shark in the opening scene of "Jaws." Here she gets a few lines of dialogue before her demise and acquits herself well.

All in all this is a fine yarn

from a homegrown director who died way before his time — he was 30 when he perished in a helicopter crash while scouting locations for his sci-fi opus "The Overlords." Girdler only made one more film before his death but this guy got better with every movie

and one can only guess how many ways he would have come up with to scare audiences.

Best line: "I use my head all of the time. A lot of people use their butts."
1977, rated PG.

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2006 Apple Baby



Mya Alison Danielle Burgess was crowned the 2006 Apple Baby on Oct. 1, 2006. Mya is the 18-month-old daughter of Mark and Mary Burgess of Prestonsburg. She is the granddaughter of Harold and Alice Burgess of Staffordville, and Henderson and Mary Jane Bays of Prestonsburg.

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Allen

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I know what it is to arise in sections, so to speak, but this dog of mine, has gone me one better. He not only can't get up—for a while, the other morning, he couldn't get down.

Those astronauts of ours, in high, good humor, flashed before their camera for our TV screens, the message: "Keep those cards and letters coming." Could it be all three are higher than a kite?

Soup

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inwardly each time they prodded Hannah to touch with "one finger."

Hannah helped. Then she picked up one gift, held it in her hand as if it were a fragile bird, and walked toward me. At my knee, her beautiful blue eyes looked into mine. She stretched her prize to me and said, "One finger, Nana!"

Mark, a salesman, always gave a packet of gifts to his potential clients. The night before we returned home, Mark sat on the floor stuffing gifts into their packets.

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photo by Steve LeMaster

South Floyd senior Anthony Barker looked for running room Friday night against visiting Hazard.

Hazard routs Raiders, 61-0

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - For a second straight week on the high school gridiron, Hazard dominated a Floyd County opponent. In its latest dismantling of a Floyd County team, Hazard rolled past host South Floyd on Friday night. The visiting Bulldogs jumped on South Floyd early on in the district game and never looked back. Hazard, which defeated Allen Central 61-0 on Sept. 28, just one week earlier, didn't allow South Floyd much in the way of offense. Ironically, Hazard put up the same number of points Friday night against another district foe from Floyd County. The Bulldogs scored early and often Friday night en route to a very con-

vincing 61-0 victory over the host Raiders.

Hazard (5-2, 3-0 in the district) showed a very versatile offensive attack in the key district win. The Bulldogs took to the ground and the air with efficiency in Friday night's win.

The Mark Dixon-coached Bulldogs shared the football during possessions, resulting in several different Hazard players scoring touchdowns. Seven different Hazard players scored touchdowns in the rout.

South Floyd took the opening kickoff up to the Hazard 45-yard line. The Raiders managed to move the football against the Hazard defense. South Floyd gained a first down in its opening drive. But the Raiders came away with no

points. Hazard also had to punt on its opening offensive possession. Once the Bulldogs got going, however, they got going.

South Floyd fumbled the football away to Hazard on its second drive. Hazard took over possession on the South Floyd 27-yard line and needed just a couple of plays to get into the endzone. Austin Blanton put Hazard ahead when he scored the game's first touchdown on a two-yard run. Hazard extended its lead later in the first quarter when Michael Campbell scored on a six-yard run. The Bulldogs exited the first quarter ahead 14-0.

South Floyd lost both its starting and backup quarterbacks during the first quar-

(See HAZARD, page eight)

AC falls short against Pike Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BUCKLEYS CREEK - Host Pike County Central held off Allen Central Thursday evening in a regular-season volleyball finale for both teams, beating the Rebels 2-0 (25-19, 25-21).

Allen Central struggled at times during the match, committing eight service errors and 17 hitting errors. After playing its home finale earlier in the week and defeating Perry County Central, Allen Central found Pike County Central to be quite the challenger.

Christina Blevins led visiting Allen Central with five kills on 455 hitting.

Kimbo Blevins and Brittany Hodge added four kills apiece for the Rebels. Christina Blevins and Alesia Hall had six digs apiece, leading the AC back row.

Hodge and Hannah Howard each had four digs in the Allen Central setback. Blevins added three digs while Tiffany Owens contributed two in the Rebels' loss.

Allen Central setter Koko Martin finished the match with six assists and a kill. Howard had one of Allen Central's better all-around efforts with four assists, four service aces and two kills.

Kimbo Blevins was Allen Central's top blocker as she recorded three stops.

"I have to give credit to Pike Central's middles (blockers) - if you can hold three of our starters under .300 hitting; you should come out on top," Allen Central Coach Larry Maynard commented. "Allen Central wasn't tough enough tonight."

Allen Central ended the regular-season with a 22-6 mark - the 15th Region's best record. Maynard ended the regular-season with 163 career victories.

"We had not lost a match since Aug. 29, so I feel we had a great run," Maynard commented. "This is an extremely good team and an outstanding group of young women, highly capable of achieving its last two objectives. All things happen for a reason and I think tonight's loss will make this a more determined team ready to do battle the post-season."

(See AC, page eight)

DISTRICT DOWNER



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg quarterback Bobby Hughes looked to escape a defender in Friday night's road game at Belfry.

Belfry ground attack too much for P'burg

Pirates rush for 320 yards in 42-10 victory

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BELFRY - With the new alignment set to take over in 2007, the Belfry Pirates and Prestonsburg Blackcats met up for what appears to be the final time on Friday evening with the top spot in Class 2A district 8 on the line. Both teams entered the game unbeaten in district play, but host Belfry came into the matchup riding a

long winning streak over Prestonsburg. The Pirates, after getting off to a slow start, eventually warmed up and defeated the visiting Blackcats 42-10.

The Blackcats would win the toss and elect to defer to the second half. Belfry's Cory Chapman returned the opening kickoff to the Prestonsburg 30 yard-line, but the Blackcat defense would come up with an early stop. Belfry would take the football to the Blackcat seven-yard line and have a first and goal before the Blackcats would come up with a stop on fourth-and-goal from the one yard-line. Nathaniel Stephens stopped Dustin May just short of the endzone to give Prestonsburg the ball at its

(See BLACKCATS, page eight)

HS FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Thursday's Games

Allen Central 22, Phelps 20
Pike County Central 44, Magoffin Co. 8

Friday's Games

Ashland Blazer 20, Mason County 13
Belfry 42, Prestonsburg 10
Boyd County 36, Lawrence County 14
Boyle County 57, Pulaski County 0
Breathitt County 20, Leslie County 6
Clay County 81, Perry County Central 2
Cumberland 40, Pineville 20
Estill County 22, Morgan County 12
Fleming County 61, Powell County 2
Harlan 38, Williamsburg 20
Hazard 61, South Floyd 0
Highlands 49, Madison Central 3
Knox Central 33, Letcher Co. Central 18
Montgomery County 25, North Laurel 7
Paris 52, Berea 0
Raceland 54, Bath County 12
Rockcastle County 18, Bell County 14
Sheldon Clark 40, Shelby Valley 6
Somerset 56, Evarts 6
Southwestern 27, Marion County 14
West Carter 20, East Carter 19

South Floyd posts third straight 20-win season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - For a third straight high school volleyball season, South Floyd has put together a 20-win record. Under the tutelage of head coach Keith Smallwood and his staff, South Floyd has become one of the 15th Region's better programs. After winning just 17 matches in the first two seasons at the helm, Smallwood has coached South Floyd to 61 volleyball victories over the last three years.

The Raiders are 20-9 heading into district tournament competi-

(See SOUTH FLOYD, page eight)

Raiders beat Knott in regular-season finale

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - South Floyd ended regular-season high school volleyball play on a winning note Thursday evening, blanking Knott County Central 2-0 (25-18, 25-17) at Raider Arena for its 20th win of the season.

Amber Tackett paced South Floyd in the win over Knott County Central, finishing with eight kills and 16 digs while landing all nine of her serves.

Junior libero Steph Slone continued her stellar play for South Floyd, finishing with 18 digs. Billie Stumbo also played well, providing a match-high nine assists for the Raiders. Seventh-grader Ashley Castle added seven assists and 11 digs for the victorious South Floyd team.

Stumbo, one of Floyd County's most consistent prep volleyball players, also had five kills and nine digs for the Raiders.

Danielle Tackett added five digs and make good on four-of-

(See RAIDERS, page eight)



photo by Jamie Howell

SENIOR LEADERS: Elizabeth Chaffin (7), Pam Slone (32), Jessica Fraley (10) and Amber Whitaker (6) were recognized recently during Prestonsburg High School Volleyball Senior Night ceremonies.

Festival goers can view Ranier Racing video

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - This year's Jenny Wiley Festival will have an added entertainment option for area auto racing fans.

Those who visit Prestonsburg this week for the annual Jenny Wiley Festival will have an opportunity to step inside the Ranier Racing Museum located in the Prestonsburg Tourism Building. Those festival goers will also have an opportunity to view a Ranier Racing tribute video that chronicles the Ranier family and its rise through NASCAR.

The Ranier Racing video, produced by SPEED Channel's Steve Byrnes, includes a vast amount of footage centered around Ranier

Racing. The video also includes an interview with Ranier family member Loren Ranier, former crew chief Waddell Wilson and current NASCAR driver Tony Stewart, who drove for the Ranier raceteam.

The Ranier Racing video is not available for sale.

The Ranier Racing Museum will be open the following hours during the Jenny Wiley Festival: Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free popcorn will be available for the Ranier Racing video viewers.

The museum is stocked full of Ranier memorabilia, including championship race trophies and photos.

The Ranier Racing Museum currently offers for sale such souvenirs as T-shirts and hats. T-shirts in kids' sizes will be available this week during the Jenny Wiley Festival.

Other drivers to pilot cars for Ranier Racing included Lennie Pond, Buddy Baker, Bobby Allison, Cale Yarborough and Davey Allison. Ranier Racing won three Daytona 500s.



South Floyd running back Bobby Meade (32) and teammate Anthony Barker (not pictured) shared the offensive load Friday night for the Raiders.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Hazard

ter. Freshman Tommy Joe Hall, South Floyd's starting signal-caller, left the game when he was sacked following a hit from a Hazard defense. Senior Chris Caudill, a defensive standout that plays end on the offensive side and also serves as the Raiders' backup signal-caller, departed the game after he was injured on a separate first quarter play. Minus its first- and second-string quarterbacks, South Floyd was limited in what it was able to do offensively.

For South Floyd, running backs Anthony Barker and Bobby Meade enjoyed the most success running the football.

South Floyd linebacker Derek Triplett provided a bright spot for the South Floyd defense on the first play of the

second quarter when he sacked Hazard quarterback Tyler Olinger. But the Bulldogs remained strong offensively in the second quarter. Colby Hoskins scored a pair of touchdowns in the second period while Blanton, Olinger and Greg Adams also visited the end zone for individual scoring efforts. Hazard toted a 47-0 lead into halftime.

Hoskins and Blanton each had long scoring runs for the Bulldogs. Hoskins found the endzone from 47 yards out while Blanton scored on a 45-yard scamper. Each player scored two touchdowns.

In the second half, Mickael Campbell stretched Hazard's lead when he returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown. T.J. Searcy rounded out the Bulldog scoring when he

hit paydirt later in the second half on a 10-yard run.

The loss was South Floyd's fifth setback in six games. South Floyd remains winless against Class A, District 8 competition. The Raiders have only posted wins over non-district opponents Magoffin County, Jackson County and Betsy Layne.

Hazard has suffered non-district losses to Harlan and Danville and remains in the hunt for this season's District 8 title.

Hazard and South Floyd are both due back in action this Friday night. Hazard will entertain Paintsville in a pivotal Class A, District 8 game. In another district game, South Floyd will host Floyd County rival Allen Central. Kickoff for both games is set for 7:30 p.m.

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AC

During the regular-season, Allen Central won both the 15th Region Small School Spectacular and Southeastern Kentucky Small School Spectacular.

The Rebels will begin play

in the 55th District Tournament on Tuesday at South Floyd High School. Allen Central, reigning Floyd County Conference champion, will face Betsy Layne at 6 p.m. in the tournament's opening

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match. Host South Floyd will take the floor in a tournament match against Prestonsburg at 7:30 p.m. The 55th District Tournament championship match is set for Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Raiders

five serves in the versatile South Floyd team effort.

Freshmen Brittany Little landed seven-of-eight serves, recorded 15 digs and an ace for the host Raiders. Bailey Hamilton, another South Floyd freshman, added 11 digs, three

blocks, a kill and connected on 11-of-14 serving attempts.

Junior Samantha Isaac chipped in with five digs, three blocks and two kills for the winning squad.

The Raiders won two of their final regular-season

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matches, also beating Pikeville this past week in a game played Monday, Oct. 2.

South Floyd (20-9) will begin play at home in the 55th District Tournament Tuesday evening when it takes on Prestonsburg.

South Floyd

tion.

"We have lost a lot of young ladies that gave their hearts to this program over the years, but look for good things from the players we have now," Smallwood said.

During the recently-completed regular-season, four South Floyd High volleyball records fell.

Amber Tackett registered 111 kills and passed Sabrina Reid (Union College) on South Floyd's all-time list. In another record-breaking effort, Bailey Hamilton passed Katie Cook for the all-time solo blocks lead. Cook ended regular-season play with a record 40 blocks.

Billie Stumbo moved into first in assists in a season with

231, passing former record-holder Leslie Holbrook (Pikeville College). South Floyd libero Steph Slone, one of top players at her position in Eastern Kentucky, collected 389 digs during the regular-season and vaulted past Megan Castle for first-place on the school's all-time list.

A breakdown of season statistics for the South Floyd volleyball program follows.

Billie Stumbo: four kills, 200-of-216 serves, 22 aces, one block, 231 assists, 134 digs.

Trista Damron: 49 kills, one-of-one serve, four blocks, one assists, 156 digs.

Sam Isaac: 34 kills, 105-of-139 serve, 22 aces, 26 blocks, three assists, 97 digs.

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Amber Tackett: 111 kills, 160-of-185 serves, 46 aces, three blocks, four assists, 321 digs.

Brittany Little: 82 kills, 231-of-242 serves, 32 aces, four blocks, 26 assists, 232 digs.

Steph Slone (libero): 389 digs, four assists.

Danielle Tackett: one kill, 201-of-247 serve, 43 aces, 120 digs.

Ashley Castle: 23-of-24 serves, four aces, 10 assists, 63 digs.

Laken Hall: one kill, four-of-four serves, five digs.

Allison Daniels: one-of-one serve, six digs.

Meshana Ray: two digs.

Frankie Branham: two digs.

Branda Hamby: one dig.

ON BASEBALL: Rose goes from Hit King to Marketing King

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Frozen pizzas with pepperoni, sausage or extra cheese. Picante sauce, corn dog sauce and cheese dip, all for \$2.99 a jar. Hit King apparel. Hit King bats and baseballs. Hit King bobbleheads.

Pete Rose has hawked them all.

Since he was banned from baseball for betting on Cincinnati Reds games, the career hits leader has found creative and lucrative ways to make money off his tarnished name. The latest breaks new ground, even for him.

Contrition is now a collectible.

For \$299, Rose will sign a baseball inscribed with the very thing he so adamantly denied for 14 years: "I'm sorry I bet on baseball." For an extra \$50, Rose will personalize it. The new line of Hit King products doesn't stop there.

"And now, you can even make Pete's apology a part of your wardrobe, with a new screen printed T-shirt," Rose's Web site says.

Cost: \$19.99. Shipping is an additional \$4.99. There's a 30-day, money-back guarantee.

Order now!

Putting a price tag on an apology won't help Rose's case for reinstatement to baseball, but it will make money. Memorabilia collectors crave the unusual, and Rose's latest marketing venture — buy his apology, literally — is unique.

It also makes him a hot commodity again. Rose was scheduled to appear on the "Late Show with David Letterman" on Monday night, the first time in 15 years he visited the talk show host.

While Rose rings up sales, his supporters wince and wonder why he just doesn't seem to get it. He was criticized for selling his confession in an autobiography, a move that came across as crass and probably ended his chances for reinstatement. Now, this.

Truth is, Rose does get it. Better than most. He's always been unsurpassed at getting a hit and making a buck.

The Hits King is also the

Marketing King.

During his first spring training with the Reds as player/manager, Rose was sitting in the dugout answering questions when his eyes locked onto an AP reporter's media credential.

"Great name for signing autographs," he told me.

Huh?

"Six letters," he explained.

The fewer the letters, the quicker the autograph, the more you can do.

In the 20 years since, his eight-letter name has been scrawled on just about everything — baseballs, bats, uniforms, even a copy of the Dowd Report containing evidence he bet on baseball.

Some of his best marketing involves his ever-changing image.

When the gambling scandal broke in 1989, he marketed himself as the unwitting innocent, unfairly tarnished by harmless associations with folks who turned out to be drug dealers and bookmakers.

"The only thing I'm guilty of," he suggested at the time, "is being a bad picker of friends."

Dowd and federal investigators found he was guilty of a whole lot more. He cut deals with baseball and federal prosecutors, accepting a lifetime ban from the game and serving five months in a federal prison for failing to pay taxes on his gambling and memorabilia sales.

Then, the marketing changed. Rose tried to portray himself as a sympathetic figure dealing with a clinically diagnosed addiction.

"It took me some time to find out that I had a gambling disorder," he said in 1991. "I think if I'm looking for anything from people, it's understanding."

Rose never appeared comfortable with that image, and dramatically changed it three years later. He was back in

business as the Hit King, hawking those frozen pizzas, sauces and apparel as if nothing had happened. He still denied betting on baseball, and now insisted he never had a gambling problem.

"The worst thing I ever did was admit I had a gambling problem," he said in 1994.

This unrepentant Pete sold well. Trouble was, it didn't help his case for reinstatement.

As the years went on, he adopted the roles of renegade and martyr. He belittled baseball's leaders and suggested there was a conspiracy to keep him out of the game. Fans bought into it — and bought his products.

Realizing that time was running out for reinstatement, Rose repackaged himself one more time. He acknowledged two years ago that he had bet on baseball, but showed little remorse during interviews and a book tour to sell his story.

Didn't matter. It sold anyway.

Hundreds of Rose fans lined up in a suburban Cincinnati bookstore — many wearing his jersey — to get his eight-letter autograph on copies of the book that showed he had lied to them for 14 years.

They couldn't get enough.

The "I'm-sorry" baseballs and shirts will sell as well. When the first batch of apology balls was uncovered, a gaming products company in Canada paid \$1,000 for each of the 30 balls, even though they could be bought cheaper off the Web site.

What's next?

The possibilities are limitless in a culture where being famous — or infamous — means never having to say you're sorry.

Not for free, anyway.

On the Net:
Pete Rose's official site:
<http://www.peterose.com>



Prestonsburg encountered a big challenge on the road Friday night against longtime rival Belfry.

photo by Jamie Howell

Blackcats

own one yard—line. After moving the ball out to the four-yard line, P'burg would be forced to punt. Bobby Hughes punt would sail out of bounds at the P'burg 30 and give the Pirates good field position, once again.

Sophomore quarterback Andrew Elkins needed only one play to put the Pirates on the scoreboard. The Belfry signal-caller found Gerald Epling with a 30-yard touchdown pass as the scoring got underway. After a Glen Earnest extra point, the Pirates led 7-0 with 4:56 left in the first quarter.

Belfry led 7-0 after one quarter. The Pirates outgained Prestonsburg 75-18 in total offense in the first quarter.

After a 60-yard punt from Bobby Hughes pinned Belfry deep in their own territory, John Blair came up with a Cory Chapman fumble at the

Pirate 24-yard line. P'burg could manage only four yards on the ground and the Blackcats had to settle for a Seth Moore 27-yard field goal that cut the lead to 7-3 with 6:56 left in the first half.

Belfry would need only 1:55 seconds to march 69 yards. The drive was capped off with a 27-yard touchdown run by Epling as the Pirates took a 14-3 lead with 5:01 left in the first half.

Prestonsburg could not muster any offense and the Blackcats were forced to punt away the football with 3:21 still left in the first half. Belfry proceeded to march 60 yards in five plays to take a 21-3 lead on a six-yard touchdown strike from Elkins to Chapman.

The Pirates led 28-3 after three quarters and added to their lead at the 6:29 mark of the fourth quarter, scoring on

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an 18-yard scamper from Chapman. The 18-yard run gave the Pirates a 35-3 lead.

Belfry added one last touchdown late. Heath Varney scampered in on a three-yard run late in the game and gave the Pirates a 42-3 lead.

Hughes hit Lincoln Slone with a 70-yard touchdown pass with only :10 left in the game to set the final score.

Belfry finished the night with 394 yards of offense, while Prestonsburg totaled 212 yards, 70 of which came on the long pass from Hughes to Slone in the final minute. Belfry improved to 7-1 overall while Prestonsburg fell to 3-4.

Prestonsburg will host Pike Central this Friday night. Kickoff for the Prestonsburg-Pike County Central district tilt is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Pikeville College Homecoming Week set for Oct. 9-14

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PIKEVILLE — Spend time with friends. Rekindle old acquaintances. Make this the year you come home ... for the love of the game, to honor your alma mater, or just for the fun of it. The longstanding tradition continues Oct. 9-14 as the students, alumni, and friends of Pikeville College celebrate Homecoming 2006.

The Bears' soccer team will kick off the week of events with a match against Kentucky Christian University at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, at the Hambley Athletic Complex. Later in the evening, Pikeville College's best and brightest will take center stage during the annual talent showcase which features a night of music, comedy and dance. This year's Homecoming candidates will also make their debut during the showcase. The event, which is free to the community, begins at 7 p.m. and will be

held in Booth Auditorium, Record Memorial Building, level five. After the performance, the campus will be glowing with hundreds of luminaries for the traditional lighting of the campus, followed by a Bears' pep rally and reception. Sycamore Street will be closed to thru-traffic from 7-11 p.m.

On Tuesday, Oct. 10, the College will present An Evening with Author Denise Giardina. A native of McDowell County, W.Va., with family ties to Pike County, Giardina has written five novels: Good King Harry, Storming Heaven, The Unquiet Earth, Saints and Villains, and Fallam's Secret. She will read from one or both of her Appalachian novels, Storming Heaven or The Unquiet Earth. The community is invited to the reading, which will be held at 7 p.m. in Chrisman Auditorium, located on level two of Armington Learning Center.

The countdown to Basketball

Blast-Off begins with a get-together for fans Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the College gymnasium. Refreshments will be served. The season preview of the Bears' and Lady Bears' basketball teams will follow. The event is free; the community is invited.

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, Pikeville College will host an original community play — Higher Ground, based on oral histories and interviews with Harlan County residents. The project evolved through a local coalition working to engage residents in art as a way to examine community challenges. The performance features bluegrass and gospel music and is an abbreviated version of the original play. Higher Ground is part of the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) annual conference, which is being held in Pikeville this year. The community is invited to the free event, which will be held at 8 p.m. in Booth Auditorium. For more informa-

tion about the ARC conference, visit www.arc.gov.

The fun continues on Thursday, Oct. 12, with the traditional Founders' Day picnic in the Allara Courtyard at 11 a.m. The cost for lunch is \$4.50. At 6:30 p.m., it's Lady Bears' Volleyball vs. University of Rio Grande. The volleyball match will be held at the gymnasium. Admission is free.

The Alumni Reunion Banquet, a centerpiece of the Homecoming celebration, will be held Friday, Oct. 13, beginning at 5 p.m., in the East Kentucky Exposition Center Ballroom. The Classes of 1956, 1981, 1996 and all former students of the Pikeville College Academy and Junior College will be honored. Please RSVP for tickets by calling (606) 218-5270 or e-mail alumni@pc.edu by Friday, Oct. 6.

Saturday will be an action-packed day as the Bears take the field against Cumberland University (Tenn.) at the

Hambley Athletic Complex in Pikeville. Admission to the game includes an invitation to the Pikeville College Alumni Association's spirit rally and free tailgate party, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Homecoming tailgate activities are sponsored by CHA Health and Humana, Utilities Management Group, the alumni association, Food City, Pepsi Bottling Group, Thacker Memorial and Aramark. Kick-off is at 1:30 p.m. Admission to the football game is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. Students are admitted free with Pikeville College ID Faculty and staff, and their immediate family (spouse and children) are also admitted free with ID.

For more information about Homecoming Week events, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at Pikeville College at 218-5270 or visit www.pc.edu.

MSU baseball coaching staff boasts experience, energy

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOREHEAD — A coaching staff that is impressive in its numbers and in its experience is leading the Morehead State University Baseball Eagles in fall workouts that began last week. The five-man staff has both collegiate and professional experience.

Head Coach John Jarnagin is in his 12th season at MSU and his 26th season in collegiate baseball. Rob Taylor is back for his fifth season as assistant coach. Former Eagle pitcher Scott Hacker is the team's pitching coach. Jason Neal, who has spent the past two seasons as the bullpen catch-

er for the Cincinnati Reds AAA affiliate Louisville Bats, is in his first season on the staff. Paul Rhodes, who ended his MSU career last season, will serve as a student assistant.

"We're very fortunate to have a staff that is both large in experience and in numbers," Jarnagin said. "It's certainly the biggest and best overall staff we've had since I've been here and maybe in the program's history."

Taylor, who played at Pikeville College and has been a high school head coach, will coach third base, serve as recruiting coordinator and offer special attention to the hitters and catchers.

"Rob is so energetic and orga-

nized," Jarnagin said. "We have increased his responsibilities, especially in the area of recruiting, and we're already reaping dividends."

Hacker, who pitched professionally after a standout career at MSU, has already made an impact with the pitching staff.

"A pitching staff is almost like a team in itself," said Jarnagin. "Our guys view Scott as one of them. He is the opposite of me in that he is soft-spoken, and I'm loud, and he's very observant and communicates well. We've seen great progress during our fall conditioning and regular practices."

Neal, who played at Oakland City

College, was recommended by former Eagle great and professional player and coach Jay Sorg, who works with the Bats. Neal will work with hitters and serve as a bullpen and bench coach.

Rhodes will assist in all on-field areas and will coach first base during the spring campaign.

In addition to the round-robin Ohio Valley Conference slate, the 2007 spring schedule includes trips to Arizona, Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisville and Cincinnati. Non-conference opponents making the trip to Allen Field include Wright State, Marshall, Canisius, Butler and Youngstown State.

Little League focuses on sharing new pitch count rule info

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Little League International is gathering information from the hundreds of local Little Leagues that participated in the Pitch Count Pilot Program in 2006, to ease the transition to a

mandatory pitch count by all Little Leagues in 2007.

"We know that the volunteers in our local leagues are the ones who will be charged with making the regulation work, so we contacted those volunteers who were successful in implementing a mandatory pitch count this past season," Nick Carangi, director of regional operations for Little League Baseball and Softball, said. "The response has been excellent because they knew this was the right program for Little League, and we are grateful for their cooperation. The information we are gathering will be shared in the coming months with all volunteers worldwide."

On Aug. 25, Little League Baseball announced it was changing its decades-old pitching rules, making the actual number of pitches

delivered the deciding factor in determining eligibility in the baseball division. Starting with the 2007 season, pitchers in all divisions of Little League, from ages seven to 18, will have specific limits for each game, based on their age. The number of pitches delivered in a game will determine the amount of rest the player must have before pitching again.

There are about 2.3 million players in the baseball divisions of Little League worldwide. There are nearly 400,000 girls softball players, but the new regulations will not apply to softball.

The pitch count information blitz will include a Frequently Asked Questions folder in the charter mailing. Little League International will follow up with a brochure detailing the best ways to implement the pro-

gram will follow later this fall. More than 150,000 of these brochures will be distributed free of charge to local leagues, and they will be downloadable at no charge at www.littleleague.org when published.

Included in the information will be sample forms that leagues can use to easily track the number of pitches delivered by each pitcher. Little League also is expanding its education of scorekeepers so that pitches can be counted without difficulty. Most leagues will use the official scorekeeper as the "pitch counter," but the final decision on this responsibility will be up to each local league.

A detailed explanation of the new pitch count rule can be found online at: http://www.littleleague.org/media/pitch_count_08-25-06.asp.

New class headed into Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The 2007 Class

of the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame will be inducted on Wednesday at the Galt House East Grand Ballroom.

A reception and silent auction will begin at 6 p.m. with the dinner and program to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The year's class includes University of Louisville Vice President and Directory of Athletics Tom Jurich; Doug Flynn, a member of the Cincinnati Reds' 1975-76 world championship teams who

played 10 years as an infielder in the major leagues; Jenny Hansen, a 13-time All-America gymnast at the University of Kentucky; Clemette Haskins, a three-time All-America basketball player at Western Kentucky; Hillerich & Bradbsy, the company that made the city of Louisville synonymous with excellence in sporting equipment through its production of "Louisville Sluggers"; Allan Houston, who led Ballard to a state basketball champi-

onship and went on to become an NBA All-Star; Pat Riley, a former University of Kentucky basketball star who is a current successful coach in the NBA; and Bob Schneider, the winningest coach in Kentucky high school football history from Newport Central Catholic.

Tickets are \$75 per person or \$600 for a table of eight and may be obtained by calling 502/637-7696. Proceeds benefit Kosair Charities.

High school football player's family sues KHSAA

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — The family of an Eastern Kentucky student is suing the state athletics association for ruling him ineligible to play football.

Richard Gilliam has not played since the Kentucky High School Athletic Association on Sept. 15 denied his privileges on the field, citing his recent transfer from Belfry High School in Pike County to Pike County Central High School.

The association's bylaws state that students who change high school are ineligible for a year, unless they meet one of several exceptions, including a "bona fide" change in resi-

dence. The Gilliams contend that their move from Lower John's Creek to Ratliff's Creek is a bona fide change in residence. The suit, filed Tuesday in circuit court, seeks an order that would suspend the association's ruling and also for an emergency hearing.

A hearing was not scheduled as of Thursday afternoon, keeping Gilliam from playing in Thursday night's game against Magoffin County High School.

onship and went on to become an



Betsy Layne junior quarterback Brennan Case got the play from head coach Bobby Branham during a game earlier this season. Betsy Layne has this week as its open date. The Bobcats have games remaining versus Phelps and Jenkins.

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Johnson Central tailback Shawn Grimm (20) and quarterback J.K. Ratliff lead the Golden Eagles offense. The Golden Eagles entered Friday night's game against Greenup County ranked third in the state in Class 3A.

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Outdoor woman workshop set for Jenny Wiley Park

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, along with the Kentucky Network of Outdoor Women and Kentucky State Parks, will host a Beyond Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) Workshop Weekend November 3-5 at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

This workshop is for women 18 and older interested in learning outdoor skills, and will feature an elk viewing tour Friday afternoon, Nov. 3. On Saturday evening, biologists with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will also provide an update about the ongoing elk research work that is part of the management of what is now the largest elk herd east of the Mississippi River.

Preregistration for this special workshop is required and now underway through Oct. 27. The workshop fee is \$150. Late registrations postmarked from Oct. 28-31 will cost an additional \$25. The workshop fee includes all meals from Friday night dinner through Sunday morning breakfast, lodging for two nights at the park, all session materials and transportation to and from class sites and during the elk viewing tour.

Registration forms are available by calling toll free 1-800-858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time. The workshop begins with check-in at 1 p.m. Eastern on Friday, Nov. 3 and concludes after the wrap-up session and breakfast Sunday, Nov. 5.

There will be two instructional

sessions on Saturday. Participants may choose from classes including firearms use and safety, first aid and survival, basic fishing, fly tying, hunting white-tailed deer in Kentucky, predator hunting, nature crafts and basic car repair.

"This is a special opportunity for women to learn more about outdoor skills, and have a chance to see a species they may have never encountered in the wild before," said Beth Spivey-Minch, volunteer BOW program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

"Elk numbers are growing in southeastern Kentucky, but they're still not an everyday thing to see for most people," she continued. "Those interested in wildlife will thoroughly enjoy observing these animals, and perhaps hear a bull elk bugle as the

end of their mating season nears."

Sometimes women are reluctant to engage in activities related to the outdoors because fishing, archery, target shooting or hunting is often thought of as male-oriented recreation, or they simply don't get a chance to do so in an environment that assists them in learning how. According to Spivey-Minch, women find these things equally as enjoyable as men do, once they learn a little more about it and have the chance to do it. BOW workshops are about hands-on doing, asking questions and being with others with like interests there to try new things, too.

"There's no better way to learn basic fishing skills, firearms safety and operation and other handy tips that help us enjoy the world around us," said Spivey-Minch.

"You make a lot of new friends and by the end of the workshop it's amazing how comfortable our participants become with things they never thought they'd be able to accomplish," she added. "You'll be ready to be part of the next family fishing, camping or hunting outing and it will be much more fun because you'll know more about how to do it."

A January BOW workshop is also scheduled at Kenlake State Resort Park that will feature bald eagle viewing, as well as more outdoor skills learning opportunities. For more information, call the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 1-800-858-1549 or visit the agency's website at fw.ky.gov for details.

Smaller farms making headway in crowded horse breeding market

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Gary Knapp stood quietly behind the stage at the Keeneland Sales Pavilion and watched as two of the horse industry's biggest players changed his life.

The owner of Monticule Farms — a longtime professor with a doctorate in marketing and a minor in applied statistics who established the small Lexington farm in 1989 — knew the yearling he'd bred from Danzig out of Sharp Minister was valuable. Knapp studied long and hard before matching up Danzig — one of the most successful sires of all-time — and Sharp Minister, taking everything from pedigree to body shape into consideration in hopes of getting the best of both thoroughbreds into one promising colt.

But even the even-keeled Knapp could only look on in quiet disbelief as the bidding between Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, the crown prince of Dubai, and John Magnier, the owner of Ireland-based Coolmore Stud, quickly passed \$4 million.

With the crowd in the back abuzz

as two of the sport's heavyweights battled for 10 minutes, Knapp knew his farm, whose motto is "Making Our Mark," had done just that.

When Magnier finally bowed out at \$9.2 million, Knapp's farm suddenly wasn't so small anymore.

"I expected it to sell for seven figures, but I never expected things like that," Knapp said. "When you see a number like that for one horse, people unfamiliar with the industry will go, 'Wow, this guy just hit the lottery.'"

It's that "jackpot" mentality that is changing the horse breeding business. While race tracks struggle to retain customers, things have never been better in the breeding market, where better technology and eager investors have broken the industry wide open.

For years, the business has been dominated by consignors like Taylor Made Sales Agency, Lane's End and Eaton-Williams, large farms with a solid stallion base and acres and acres of land to use.

But these days large consignors — who oversee the horse's upbringing, everything from its diet to how it composes itself — are being joined at

the sales by a growing number of smaller farms like Monticule.

The proof is in the number of horses made available at places like Keeneland. Ten years ago, 2,949 horses were sold during the two-week sale. This year, 3,556 horses found buyers. And while Taylor Made, Eaton and Lane's End did most of the selling, the consignors with the highest average purchase price were Monticule and Burleson Farms.

Led by the \$9.2 million yearling, Monticule's eight horses sold for an average of \$1.2 million. Burleson Farms, established just this year by Lyn Burleson, a former farm manager at Lakeland Farms, sold 27 horses for an average of \$473,044.

The market — fueled by sales of horses fetching enormous sums — is growing. More horses than ever are being sold, according to Keeneland sales director Geoffrey Russell. And encouraged by small farms like Monticule that have made big splashes at sales, more consignors are sure to join.

"Some people think, 'If they can do it, I can do it too,' so rather than give them to agents, they sell it them-

selves," Russell said. "When you see a small to midsize operation have so much success, it gives a boost to everybody."

Which makes the job of buyers like Mike Ryan only more difficult. Ryan, who bought 61 horses during this year's Keeneland sale for an average of \$279,180, said the wider marketplace is producing higher quality horses, but it also makes the good ones harder to find.

"You've got smaller farms like Monticule with a small broodmare base, a superb facility where it's very personalized and it's great to see them rewarded," he said. "I think it's good for the market. It would get boring if the same few people breed the same good horses. It certainly is an incentive for other small breeders to participate. You may be fortunate and breed horses and be rewarded handsomely."

The sale isn't the end of the story for Monticule, just the end of the beginning.

"It's a high point in developing a broodmare band and a farm that is terribly, terribly unusual," Knapp said. "This is where we were headed when we started the farm. It's unusu-

al, but it's just a milestone along the way."

But, as Knapp said, it's not "hitting the lottery." Other than a dinner at a local Mexican restaurant for farm employees the weekend after the sale, Knapp has used the windfall to reinvest in the farm. He hopes to start building a stallion base. But to be fair, Knapp knows he can't buy the kind of publicity that comes with selling a horse for a small fortune.

"I believe that the horses we sold later in the sale got more people to come and look at them," Knapp said. "They were saying, 'I know those people, they sold that expensive horse.'"

Knapp knows selling the Danzig yearling for such a phenomenal price was an anomaly. He's not sure if it'll encourage more people to get into horse breeding. That's why he's not going to take the money and run.

"It's a formidable task to compete in this business," Knapp said. "To turn in a Lane's End, I don't think that's where we're headed, although Lane's End does many things very, very well. ... I just try to breed the best racehorse I can."

Is Roush team a good buy for Red Sox owner?

by CHRIS JENKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A group of investors led by Boston Red Sox owner John Henry is negotiating to buy a significant stake in Roush Racing, and it wouldn't come as a surprise in the garage area if other outside investors begin taking a serious look at NASCAR teams.

But is a racing team really a good buy?

"Yeah," Kyle Petty said. "That's why Warren Buffett's here."

Wait ... the second-richest man in America is buying a NASCAR team?

"No. That's my point," said Petty, driver and CEO of the Petty Enterprises team. "It's not a good investment."

Henry evidently disagrees.

An avid racing fan, Henry has been talking to Roush for the past three years about forming some sort of partnership. Now, Roush Racing president Geoff Smith says the team is negotiating to sell a stake of up to 50 percent to Henry and the Fenway Sports Group.

"Every week goes by, more things discussed, more things resolved," Smith said. "But it's really an elaborate process. This is not imminent."

The Boston Globe recently reported the deal was potentially worth more than \$50 million — a figure Smith said wasn't correct but is "not outlandish."

If true, it would represent a windfall for Jack Roush, who started as a small drag racing team owner in the 1960s. But it also would mean that, despite NASCAR's recent popularity gains, one of its top teams isn't worth anywhere near what a top NFL or major league baseball team is worth.

Why not? It's partly because of the nature of people who start racing teams. They want to go faster, and speed costs money. Although team owners certainly get caught up in buying private jets and mansions, they also tend to invest a lot of their profits back into research and development.

But the main reason NASCAR teams aren't as profitable as other major professional teams is because being a NASCAR team owner isn't an exclusive club.

Unlike other major pro sports leagues, which selectively award franchises to a limited number of teams, just about anybody with enough money can put together a NASCAR team and go racing. And there is less revenue sharing in NASCAR, where teams get a rela-

tively small chunk of money from network television contracts.

So while teams such as Roush have a track record of championships and profitability, and long-term contracts with top drivers and corporate sponsors, they are worth only a fraction of a team such as the Washington Redskins — whose worth recently was estimated at \$1.1 billion by Forbes magazine.

"The reason that the NASCAR teams can't be valued like that is because we don't share in the income," Smith said. "There's no revenue sharing. Prize money is our revenue share, but it's 43 teams into a small percentage of that revenue."

Smith concedes there are better dollar-for-dollar investments than a NASCAR team, but a multi-car team such as Roush still turns a significant profit. And Smith said there are other benefits Henry's group can get from a deal with Roush.

Being affiliated with Roush, for example, could boost Red Sox popularity among NASCAR fans and expose Fenway Sports Group to a trove of corporate sponsors willing to strike deals.

This wouldn't be the first time an outside investor bought into a NASCAR team. After the death of Dale Earnhardt in 2001, team owner

Richard Childress sold a stake in his team to a group of investors who helped him restructure Richard Childress Racing.

Today, RCR driver Jeff Burton is leading the championship.

"At the time, after we'd lost Dale, I was just looking for something different," Childress said.

Smith said there have been "several groups" of investors, including other football and basketball franchise owners, exploring the possibility of buying into a NASCAR team.

"There's more going on right now, and probably more to come," Smith said.

Petty figures those who are willing to invest in a NASCAR team are speculating that NASCAR eventually will grant its teams franchise rights that would significantly boost their value — an idea that comes up from time to time, but hasn't happened yet.

Otherwise, Petty says, there's only one other reason someone like Henry would buy Roush.

"If you're not going that angle, then your second prong is it's an ego buy," Petty said.

Henry hasn't commented publicly on the negotiations, but is said to be a NASCAR nut — even to the point of playing sophisticated online racing simulation video games in his free

time. But Smith said Henry isn't just looking for a fancy toy.

"Oh, no," Smith said. "It has to make total business sense. The investments have to be recovered over finite periods of time. There has to be a yield on the return."

So why would Roush sell? Smith said a deal that affiliates Roush Racing with the Red Sox could help Roush attract more casual sports fans to NASCAR. And it would ally Roush with a group of well-heeled investors with a wealth of financial experience, just in case NASCAR ends up awarding franchise rights — which would, no doubt, cost each team millions of dollars.

"If this turned into a franchise environment, it would take a lot of capital and people who understood how to get that kind of capital in," Smith said.

And who could blame Jack Roush for cashing in on something he's spent his life building?

"I wouldn't blame him," Smith said. "But he's covered. That wouldn't have been enough. There isn't a circumstance where that would have been enough. Not a way. In fact, I think money was about the last thing discussed internally."

BoB Series to crown '06 champ at Lake Cumberland Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts will visit Burnside's Lake Cumberland Speedway on Saturday, Oct. 14 to close out the 2006 racing season and crown the series champion. In the series' three previous visits to Lake Cumberland this season, side-by-side racing and wild finishes have been the norm as David Webb won the last two events while Johnny Wheeler claimed victory in the first feature.

A complete racing program is planned for the season finale with Racing Optics Time Trials, Mason Racin/Arizona Sport Shirts Heats, Design 500 B-Mains, and a 40-lap O'Reilly Auto Parts A-Main paying \$3,000-to-win. Past BoB winners at Lake Cumberland also include Jesse Lay, Darrell Lanigan, Timmy Yeager and John Gill.

The purse shapes up like this: 1. \$3,000; 2. 1,500; 3. 1,000; 4. 800; 5. 750; 6. 700; 7. 650; 8. 600; 9. 550; 10.

500; 11. 450; 12. 400; 13. 350; 14. 350; 15. 325; 16. 325; 17. 300; 18. 300; 19. 300; 20. 300; 21. 300; 22. 300.

Heading into the final race of the season, Mike Jewell simply has to make an appearance to clinch the 2006 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series championship. Isom driver Chris Combs clings to second spot in the standings, just 80 points ahead of Campbellsville youngster Justin Rattliff. Rattliff also leads Dan Deaton in the Cruise With The Champions Rookie of the Year standings. Defending series co-champion Tim Tungate and 2004 series champion Aaron Hatton round out the top five. Well over 200 different drivers have competed in the series during the 2006 campaign.

Lake Cumberland Speedway is a 3/8-mile clay oval located just south of Burnside, on the east side of US 27 on Racetrack Road (1/2-mile south of Burnside Island State Park). Since the start of the racing season, two- and three-wide racing has been the norm

this season at Lake Cumberland with close finishes in practically every O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass event held there. For more information on Lake Cumberland, visit the track's website at www.lcspeedway.net or call the track at 606/561-8994.

For more information on the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts, log on to www.battleofthebluegrass.com or call the series office at 859/433-5707.

Current O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Points Standings: 1. 9 Mike Jewell — 4,170; 2. 47 Chris Combs — 3,955; 3. 16 Justin Rattliff — 3,875; 4. 18 Tim Tungate — 3,790; 5. 33 Aaron Hatton — 3,495; 6. 11 Bobby Wolter, Jr. — 3,140; 7. 10 Bryan Barber — 3,115; 8. D2 Dan Deaton — 2,420; 9. 41 Brad Neat — 2,260; 10. 4 Greg Johnson — 2,130.



photo by Rick Schwallie
Isom driver Chris Combs won a Battle of the Bluegrass Series race at 201 Speedway in July.

TV Listings

Best

Continued from p11
UFC: The Final Chapter
What do you get when you watch "The Huntington Beach Bad Boy" against "The World's Most Dangerous Man"?

10:30 p.m.
TCM
Movie: Gaslight
You're not paranoid, dear, he is out to get you. Director George Cukor brings a classy patina to this 1944 big-screen adaptation of the creaky stage melodrama about a woman who begins to fear her husband is trying to drive her mad.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11
8:30 p.m.
NBC
Twenty Good Years
The writing is on the weak side, but with two very funny leads, this new sitcom could transcend that. John Lithgow ("3rd Rock From the Sun") stars as a 60-ish semiretired doctor who realizes he's still got lots of living to do and enlists his friend, a widowed judge (Jeffrey Tambor, "Arrested Development"), in going for the gusto.

9 p.m.
DISCOVERY
MythBusters
You didn't need your head attached to your body, did you? Ever hear the rumor that if a high-tension cable snaps and hits you, something's getting sliced -- and it isn't bread? Jamie and Adam decide to test that theory in this new episode, but here's betting they're not going to use a real person to experiment on (insert crossed fingers here).

10 p.m.
TV LAND
I Pity the Fool
This show may be named after his signature catch phrase, but Mr. T doesn't waste time on pity here. He's all about showing folks the way out of difficult situations with his own brand of tough love; think Dr. Phil with attitude. He may not be a doctor or play one on TV, but this wrestler, actor and pop-culture icon grew up on Chicago's tough South Side and knows a thing or two about rising above adversity, so he's got something to work with.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12
8 p.m.
AMC
Movie: Deliverance
A canoe trip through the Georgia backwoods turns into a nightmare for four city fellows when they fall into the clutches of a group of sadistic "mountain men." Burt Reynolds, Jon Voight, Ronny Cox and Ned Beatty star in this 1972 adventure drama, which gave the world its most memorable banjo tune and Beatty a scene he's still trying to live down. James Dickey, who wrote the story, also makes an appearance.

9 p.m.
HBO
Movie: Ransom
If something can't be done right... When his son (Brawley Nolte) is kidnapped and the FBI blows a chance to rescue him, a self-made airline tycoon (Mel Gibson) takes matters into his own hands by putting the ransom money to a different use. Gary Sinise plays the rogue cop leading the gang of kidnapers. Rene Russo, Lily Taylor and Donnie Wahlberg also star in this 1996 thriller directed by Ron Howard.

10 p.m.
CINEMAX
Movie: Domino
Director Tony Scott's technique here is so rapid and jerky, some viewers might feel a need for aspirin. But this 2005 action drama based on the true story of medioturned-bounty hunter Domino Harvey -- actor Laurence Harvey's daughter, who died shortly before the film's release -- features solid work by Keira Knightley in the central role. She and several comrades (Mickey Rourke, Edgar Ramirez, Delroy Lindo) pursue fugitives while being followed by a reality TV crew.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
8 p.m.
HISTORY
Into the Fire
You may find yourself saluting the next time you pass a firehouse after seeing this excellent documentary about the lives of firefighters, produced by Oscar-winning

(See BEST, page thirteen)

Table with columns for TV channels (TBS, NBC, PBS, ABC, WGN, CBS, FOX, CBS, ESPN, DSC, TNT, A&E, TNN, NICK, USA, FAM, LIFE, ESPN2, AMC, HGTV, SCFI, HIST, TOC) and times (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30). Includes program titles like 'The King of Queens', 'Seinfeld', 'Jeopardy!', 'Law & Order', etc.

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FOR RENT
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 3 BR 2 Bath Log Home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. Central H/A low utility bills. Large covered-deck, Large storage barn. Acres of privacy. Open Oct 31. \$1090.00 month or best offer. 850-222-2226. Leave message.

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850-Personals

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5314 Renewal No. 3

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.5 miles south of Osborn in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 10.63 surface acres and will underlie 195.67 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 206.3 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 4.5 miles southeast

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5492 Renewal

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Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.90 mile east of Big Mud Creek in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 4.61 surface acres, and underlies 905.84 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary is 910.45 acres.

McDowell and Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area disturbed is owned by Ray and Kelly Slone. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elkhorn Coal Corporation.

Reclamation and Enforcement'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, KY 40601.

4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining

2) The operation is approximately 0.90 mile east from State Route 979's junction with Tinker Fork Road, and located 0.90 mile east of Big Mud Creek. The latitude is 37°24'41". The longitude is 82°38'05".

3) The operation is located on the

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Prestonsburg is accepting bids on interest rates for financing in the amount of \$25,000.00. Please submit rate bids for both 24-month and 36-month terms. Submit sealed bids no later than 12:00 p.m., Friday, October 13, 2006. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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Monsters

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these monsters are not scary."

In 1971, Sesame Street published "The Monster at the End of This Book," which shows Grover tackling his own fear of monsters. It remains popular, and an updated version incorporating the Elmo character was added in 2000. More recently, Sesame Street addressed the subject in a Halloween-themed video in 2004, which features many of the show's monster characters exploring the same fear.

Christine Cameron DiLillo, a mother of three who lives in Cornwall, N.Y., has found these types of stories useful in helping her daughter manage a fear of monsters. But DiLillo sees these fears as a normal phase of childhood, one that parents can't do much to avoid.

"Children are naturally afraid of these things," she says. "My daughter talks about a rainbow monster. I have no idea where she got that. I think they dream about this stuff. I don't know if society creates it as much as they do. It's being small and a little helpless, and the world being so big."

Along with books, DiLillo has used a "dream catcher" to empower her daughter to control her scarier dreams. And although she doesn't tell her daughter that monsters are real, DiLillo doesn't discount her daughter's fears as groundless. After all, what if there really is a rainbow monster?

"I do believe that some children pick up things," she says. "I don't totally dismiss her beliefs, but I don't really tell her that either."



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