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### In brief

## Pikeville smoke ban in effect

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A smoking ban took effect in Pikeville restaurants Thursday, making it the latest city in Kentucky to bar smokers in some public places.

Danita Bartley, Octavia Dales, Paula Compton, Suetta Clevinger and Patrece Beverly traveled to area restaurants Thursday to "Celebrate Smoke Free Dining," an activity sponsored by the Partnership for a Fit Pike County coalition.

The women pitched stakes, posted signs and distributed smoke-free literature aimed at promoting the smoking ban and remind the public of its enforcement.

They were met with a mix of indifference and resignation at many places.

Rodney Campbell, a customer at Jerry's, a restaurant in town, referred to it as "just another government infringement."

"I think the ones who smoke ought to be allowed," Clyde Robinson, a Dairy Cheer patron and self-described nonsmoker.

Three Kentucky cities have smoking bans — Lexington, Louisville and Georgetown. In January,

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# Statewide races on ballot Tuesday

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

With only a couple of days left to make your final decision, the county clerk's office spent much of the day Friday setting up polling booths in advance of Tuesday's general election.

According to the clerk's office, all polling booths will remain the same as last year and will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Candidates for this year's election

include:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor  
Republicans Ernie Fletcher and  
Robbie Rudolph  
Democrats Steven Beshear and  
Daniel Mongiardo

Secretary of State

Republican C.M. "Trey" Grayson  
Democrat S. Bruce Hendrickson

Attorney General

Republican Stan Lee

Democrat Jack Conway

Auditor of Public Accounts

Republican Linda Greenwell  
Democrat Crit Luallen

State Treasurer

Republican Melinda Wheeler  
Democrat L.J. "Todd" Hollenback

Commissioner of Agriculture

Republican Richie Farmer  
Democrat David Lynn Williams



## DRUG ROUNDUP



Though she was hesistant about opening the door, Deena Thomas was finally arrested without incident Friday morning on a charge of drug trafficking.

photo by Jennifer Lawson

# Prestonsburg Police arrest three for drugs

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — On Friday Prestonsburg Police Officers along with the Attorney General's Office spent most of their day serving arrest warrants to Floyd County residents on drug-related charges.

Two persons were arrested as the result of drug buys in May 2006 which were discovered due to the work of undercover drug enforcement offi-

cers with the PPD. As a grand jury returned indictment warrants on Rono Hamilton, 28, of Teaberry, and Deena Thomas, 27, of Conn Branch in Prestonsburg, they were both arrested and charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

The third arrest stemmed from an investigation by Det. Sgt. Steve Little on June 18. After a grand jury returned an indictment on Michael Blocker, of Harold, he was arrested and charged with two counts each

of criminal possession of a forged prescription and attempting to obtain a controlled substance by false title. He is also charged with being a persistent felony offender.

All three persons were arrested and are being lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center. Officers conducting the arrested included Dept. Mike Omerod, Gerald Clark, Bryan Hall and Steve Little while the Attorney General's office was represented by Emmitt Thompson.

# 'Career criminal' gets 10-year prison sentence

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With a variety of criminal cases in his past, Donald Bentley was labeled as a "career criminal" by Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, after Bentley was sentenced to 10 years in jail during circuit court Friday afternoon.

Bentley was arrested after he was stopped in a

car and officers proceeded to find that he had cocaine and pills in the forms of Lorcet, Lortab and Xanax in his pockets, along with marijuana. In his other pocket, Bentley carried a pistol.

He was charged with being a convicted felon and possessing a handgun, first- and second-degree of trafficking in a controlled sub-

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# Daughter pleads for father's release

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It is not yet determined whether a daughter's plea will be enough to convince Circuit Court Judge Danny Caudill to place George Kidd on shock probation.

Kidd, who admits to abusing prescription drugs since the late-1970s, attributes most of his drug habits to being in several accidents that required him to need the drugs for medical purposes. However, he also admits that taking Oxycontin was his own personal choice.

While he could have

faced up to 20 years for the drug charges, he was only sentenced to five and has served just a mere six months of the sentence.

However, in hopes of regaining a father figure in her life and also a male influence to her 4-year-old son, Kidd's daughter, Patricia Kidd, asked the judge through tears to allow her father to come back into her and her son's life.

"I really feel like this experience has changed him," Patricia Kidd told the judge after telling a story of experiencing her son's first touchdown at a football

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# Valentine's fight results in no jail time

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After a rather eventful Valentine's Day, one man was sentenced Friday as a result of being involved in a fight outside Reno's Roadhouse on Feb. 14.

Timothy Crum, who claims to suffer from bipolar disorder, was charged with three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, third-degree terroristic threatening, disorderly conduct and second-degree criminal mischief, after being involved in the fight and also waving a gun around during the fight,

according to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner.

According to Crum, who pleaded guilty to the charges, he has been going to Mountain Comprehensive Care and receiving medication for his mental condition and is also going to apply for Social Security benefits for the disorder.

While he was sentenced to four years jail time, the sentence will be probated over four years instead.

Crum was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,350 to Gary Shortridge whose vehicle was allegedly damaged during the fight.



photo by Ralph B. Davis

A trip home was cut short Friday for three young men who found themselves on an unexpected detour to the Middle Creek Battlefield. Pike County resident Matthew Childers was driving east on Route 114 shortly after 2 p.m., when a westbound black Chevrolet pickup truck pulled into his path when attempting to turn onto Route 404. Childers veered away from the pickup, passed between a stop sign and lamppost, then hit an embankment and flipped downhill before coming to a rest on the battlefield 300 feet away. Childers was unhurt, but a passenger in his car, Brennan Hackney, was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries.

### 3 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 61 • Low: 37

Tomorrow



High: 69 • Low: 37

Tuesday



High: 47 • Low: 28

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Danny Joe Anderson, 66, of McDowell, died Sunday, October 28, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Michael Keith Bailey, 54, of Richmond, formerly of Langley, died in Richmond, on Thursday, October 25. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Estill B. Branham, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, October 29, at his place of business in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Sallye M. Branham. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Keith Campbell, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, October 24, at King's Daughters Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Eileen Campbell. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 28, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Luna J. Hopkins Combs, 99, of Topmost, a native of Dema, died Tuesday, October 30, at the Riverview Health Care Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted, Friday, November 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Raymond Ross Goble, 83, of Hippo, died Thursday, October 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Reed Goble. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Irene (Bobst) Hay, 77, Beaver, Ohio, a McDowell native, died Monday, October 29, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 1, under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home, Waverly, Ohio.

■ Charles Wayne Hicks, 56, of Garrett, died Monday, October 29, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Exilee Stamper Hill, 86, of Morehead, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, October 27, at the Life Care Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 30, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Hazel Marie Jesse, 93, of Weeksbury, died Friday, October 26, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Casey Jones, 77, of Connersville, Indiana, a McDowell native, died at his residence on Saturday, October 27. He is survived by his wife, Lavodis Ann Lewis Jones. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 30, under the direction of Urban Winkler Funeral Home.

■ Jess Junior Kazee, 79, a native of Betsy Layne, the son of William and Charlene Kazee, died Thursday, October 25. Arrangements were under the direction of W.R. Milward Mortuary-Southland, Lexington.

■ Leo Lewis, 42, of Sydney, a native of Martin, died Tuesday, October 30, in Ivel. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Alafa Nelson Mullins, 66, of Banner, died Thursday, October 25, in the Hospice Care Center of St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Nora Lee "Doll" Murrell, 78, of Hindman, died Sunday, October 28, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Johnny Murrell. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Alice Mae Ousley, 71, of Pierceton, Indiana, a Floyd County native, died Wednesday, October 31, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Curtis Ousley. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 3, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Indiana.

■ Timothy Ray Rowland, 19, of Flat Gap, a Prestonsburg native, died Monday, October 29, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Friday, November 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Frank Branham, 47, of Pikeville, died Sunday, October 28, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 1, under the direc-

tion of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Denver R. Hackney, 68, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, October 29, at Elkhorn City, the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 1, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Kelly Hamilton, 95, of Pikeville, died Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lauchie Stratton Hamilton. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 28, under the direction of the Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Burtis Artrip Jones, 91, of Rockhouse, died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 26, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Peggy Shannon Maynard, 63, of Pikeville, died Thursday, Oct. 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, William Harold Maynard. Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 28, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

■ James T. Rowe, 47, of Fishtrap, died Tuesday, October 30, at Fishtrap. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 3, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Donna Miller Spencer, 50, of Phyllis, died Saturday, Oct. 20, at her home. Arrangements were under direction of he Bailey Funeral Home.

■ George Edward Stanley, 78, of Burnwell died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson. Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 29, under the direction of the R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Ruby G. Varney, 81, of Pikeville died Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 28, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

■ Kimberly Vickery, 33, of Ashcamp, died Monday, October 29, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 31, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Mary E. Wells of Pikeville died Tuesday, October 30. Funeral services

were held Saturday, November 3, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ John "J.C." White Jr., 53, of Science Hill, a native of South Williamson, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, in Somerset. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Clevinger White. Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 28, under direction of the Hatfield Funeral Chapel of Toler.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Willis Eugene Blair, 60, of Tutor Key, died Tuesday, October 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Ramey Blair. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 18, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Wanda Gail Blanton, 56, of Paintsville, died Monday, October 15, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 18, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Clifford "Don" Daniel, a Paintsville native, died Sunday, October 7. He is survived by his wife, Charlene Daniel. Memorial services were held Saturday, October 13, under the direction of Grace Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, Hudson Florida.

■ Adolf Ludwig Doderer, 77, of River, died Wednesday, October 24, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Selvace Doderer. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Debbie Lynn Morrison Johnson, 48, of Wayne, W.Va., formerly of West Van Lear, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Hospice of Huntington Care Center in Huntington. She is survived by her husband, Charles "Chuck" Johnson. Memorial services were conducted Saturday, November 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Tony Johnson, 82, of Stambaugh, died Saturday, October 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Fannie Dickerson Johnson. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 30, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Cecil King, 55, of Nippa, died Thursday, October 25, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 28, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Frances L. Wilson, 72, of Paintsville, died Thursday, October 25, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 28, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ Randy Judc, 44, of

Debord, died Friday, October 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Gretta Hinkle Jude. Funeral services were held Monday, October 29, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Edgar (Ed) Moore, 73, of

Debord, died Friday, October 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Louise Crum Moore. Funeral services were held Monday, October 29, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

## Poll shows Grayson with slim lead in Secretary of State race

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Republican incumbent Trey Grayson holds a slim lead over Democratic challenger Bruce Hendrickson in the race for secretary of state, according to a new poll.

Grayson was in front with 40 percent of the vote, while Hendrickson took 36 percent in The Courier-Journal Bluegrass Poll released Friday.

The poll, conducted Oct. 26-29, questioned 710 likely voters and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points.

The poll showed 24 percent of people likely to vote in the race as undecided, compared to 10 percent who said they were undecided in a governor's race poll taken at the same time.

Grayson, 35, a lawyer from northern Kentucky, is seeking a second term as the state's top election official. Hendrickson, 56, a teacher from eastern Kentucky, has not previously

held statewide office.

Grayson said the problems experienced by Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who is behind Beshear by 23 points, according to the Bluegrass Poll, could hurt his re-election chances. But, Grayson said his lead can be stretched by attracting more

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## Obituaries

### Onda L. "Okie" Baker

Onda L. "Okie" Baker, 63, of 206 W. Tulip St., Pierceton, Indiana, died Wednesday, October 31, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Born August 24, 1944, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Bureda (Clark) Stephens. She was a former employee of Tenneco Automotive, in Ligonier, also Gatke Corp., in Warsaw, Indiana. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, in Pierceton.

She married Bill Baker Jr., on January 2, 1963, and he preceded her in death on May 15, 1994.

She is survived by her stepmother, Lexie Stephens of Pierceton, Indiana.

Other survivors include two daughters: Sherri Jarrell and Rhonda Bakcr, both of Pierceton, Indiana; a son, Gordon Baker of Pierceton, Indiana; two brothers: Ray Stephens of Sidney, Indiana, and Ronnie Stephens of Warsaw, Indiana; two half brothers: Joe Stephens of Pierceton, Indiana, and Robert Stephens Jr., of Warsaw, Indiana; four stepbrothers: Dean Adkins and Don Adkins, both of Pierceton, Indiana; Danny Adkins of Warsaw, Indiana and Gary Adkins of Milford, Indiana; a sister, Cookie Bryant of Warsaw, Indiana; five half sisters:

Debbie Thompson of N. Webster, Indiana, Rita Elder and Tina Huffer, both of Warsaw, Indiana; Lena Ball of Burket, Indiana, and Belva Stephens of Pierceton, Indiana; a stepsister, Fayc Campbell of Warsaw, Indiana; six grandchildren: Scott Jarrell of Columbia City, Indiana, Ryan Jarrell, Tony Yagel, Jill Yagel, Meghan Stacy, and Olivia Stacy, all of Pierceton, Indiana; and a special cousin, Amma Moody of Louisville.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, November 5, at 1 p.m., at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home Chapel, in Warsaw, Indiana, with Pastor Ron Konkle officiating.

Burial will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton, Indiana.

Calling Hours will be Sunday, November 4, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the funeral chapel.

Memorials may be made to the Pierceton Fire Department First Responder program, P.O. Box 526, Pierceton, IN 46562.

To sign the guestbook or send condolences electronically, go to:

[mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com](http://mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com)  
(Paid obituary)

### Columbus Quillen

Columbus Quillen, 65, of Dwale, died Wednesday, November 1, 2007, at King's Daughters Medical Center.

Born October 8, 1942, in

Floyd County, he was the son of the late Rueben Quillen and Cora Caudill. He was a retired maintenance worker at Holiday Inn.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Johnson Quillen.

Other survivors include four sons: Michael Collins of Chillicothe, Ohio, Burnett Little of Allen, Ernest Little and Donald Quillen, both of Dwale; six daughters: Brenda Little of Allen, Linda Blackburn of Prestonsburg, Zelma Watson of David, Terressa Jackson of Hager Hill, and Alicia Feltner and Tina Dooley, both of Lexington; a brother, Earl Reynolds of Mt. Sterling; 20 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Chester Dee Osborne and Donald Caudill.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 3, at 2 p.m., at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, in Hi Hat, with Old Regular ministries officiating.

Military services were conducted by the DAV Chapter 129, at Garrett.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

[www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com](http://www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com)  
(Paid obituary)



# Odds & Ends

■ **LEWISBURG, W.Va.** — Using a video camera and raw chicken, state officials hope to learn whether the king of the jungle is prowling the woods of West Virginia.

Bow hunter Jim Shortridge believes he saw a full-grown, male African lion weighing between 250 and 300 pounds at the foot of Cold Knob Mountain earlier this month. The state Division of Natural Resources confirmed that at least one other person has reported seeing the lion.

Using a camera normally employed to catch people dumping trash illegally, the state Department of Environmental Protection has joined with Greenbrier County Animal Control Officer Robert McClung and exotic animal expert Jim Forga to see if they can substantiate the sightings.

Twenty pounds of raw chicken left on the site last week were devoured, but McClung said that doesn't prove the lion's existence.

"Anything could have eaten that," he said.

If officials do spot the lion on videotape, they may set a bear trap for the animal. If caught, it would be turned over to Forga, who runs Tiger Mountain Refuge in Rainelle, a shelter for exotic animals.

■ **YPSILANTI, Mich.** — A married couple — first the husband, then his wife — were arrested within hours, each on suspicion of drunken driving.

Ypsilanti police told The Ann Arbor News they stopped the man and gave him a preliminary breath test after watching him allegedly run a red light Saturday night.

Police said it registered above the 0.08 percent blood-alcohol limit. He had his 12-year-old son in the car with him.

Police told the boy to call his mother to pick him up.

After she arrived, with her 9-year-old daughter in the car, the woman was tested and found to be above the legal limit, police said.

Both children were turned over to a relative until the parents were determined to be sober.

■ **CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** — A competitive eater who has already triumphed at a famous hot dog eating contest swallowed 103 small hamburgers in 8 minutes Sunday to take home \$10,000.

Joey Chestnut, 23, of San Jose, Calif., surpassed the previous record of 97 Krystal burgers — 2-1/2 inches square — held by Japan's Takeru Kobayashi, set at last year's

Krystal Square Off. "We never thought we'd see someone anywhere near, let alone past, the century mark when we started the Krystal Square Off in 2004," said Brad Wahl, vice president of marketing for The Krystal Co.

Chestnut beat 12 other contestants. Kobayashi, who won all previous Krystal Hamburger Eating Championships, didn't compete this year because of lingering jaw pain from having a wisdom tooth extracted in June.

The 29-year-old Kobayashi received chiropractic treatment before losing his hot-dog-eating belt in the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July tussle in New York.

■ **WEXFORD, Pa.** — It's the deal of a lifetime.

Bob and Ricki Husick of Pittsburgh are offering anyone who buys their home a full refund when they die.

The Husicks have been trying to sell their suburban home for almost a year, but have failed to do so in the current shaky market.

Some area homeowners have lowered prices, offered free trips and tried a variety of other gimmicks, but the Husicks came up with their own unique incentive.

The couple have no heirs and built the house in 1993. They want \$399,900 for the four-bedroom, 3 1/2-bath home, which is located about 20 miles north of Pittsburgh.

Under the Husicks' offer, the buyer would get the sale price back when they die.

Wait, there's more: If the buyer agrees to care for the couple in old age, he could also inherit their retirement home in Arizona.

"Why not go for the works? So if we're worth \$2.5 million, you get it all," said Husick, 55.

■ **AUSTIN, Texas** — State agencies issue too many reports, a new 668-page report says.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission spent 18 months and canvassed more than 170 agencies and public colleges and universities, checking on all the reports they are assigned to do.

The commission found more than 1,600, and state records administrator Michael Heskett is pretty sure his team hasn't found them all.

Heskett's initial findings indicate more than 400 report requirements are obsolete, duplicative or not needed as frequently as currently required.

"At first, we were overwhelmed by the sheer number

of reporting requirements," Heskett said. "We haven't begun our evaluation yet. But I think we can reach our goal of eliminating the deadwood without compromising the need for accountability in our state agencies."

Agencies stand to save thousands of staff hours and tons of paper, although the commission hasn't estimated yet exactly how much of either, Heskett said.

The Library and Archives Commission has only just begun assessing the report requirements one by one, which Heskett expects will take at least another year.

As for the commission's massive report on reports, Heskett predicts it won't go away.

"For the report to be effective, it must be ongoing," he said.

■ **CHICAGO** — It was 1947 when newlyweds Larry and Mariam Orenstein honeymooned in Chicago, paying just under \$10 a night for a room at The Palmer House.

Six decades later, the couple stayed in the hotel's penthouse suite for the same price — part of an offer for long-ago patrons.

The Palmer House allows one-time guests who visited more than 50 years ago to stay at the historic hotel for the price of their original stay — provided guests can submit an original receipt. The Orenstein's room goes for \$1,600 today.

The Milwaukee-area residents, both 81, saved their hotel bill, along with other items from their wedding.

"I feel wonderful," Larry Orenstein told the Chicago Sun-Times at the ornate, downtown hotel. "I feel 2 years old."

The long-running deal at the 136-year-old hotel has been offered to guests since 1925. But customers have taken advantage of the offer fewer than 10 times over the last 25 years, said hotel spokesman Ken Price.

In the end, the Orensteins did not even have to pay the \$10-a-night bill. As a gift, their 12-year-old grandson, Ze Orenstein, footed the bill.

■ **BOSTON** — To honor the Red Sox four-game World Series sweep of the Colorado Rockies, staff at the Franklin Park Zoo on Monday named a baby giraffe "Sox."

In a statement, Zoo New England President and Chief Executive Officer John Linehan said the staff chose the name because of the female calf's long, lanky legs.

Other names considered

were "Red," "Fenway," "Champion," and "Boston."

"Sox" weighed 154 pounds at birth, standing 6 feet 2 inches tall.

The calf was born after Boston's Game 1 victory, but staff held off naming it because they didn't want to jinx the team's chances, according to the statement.

"Sox" is a member of the Maasai Giraffe subspecies, also known as Kilimanjaro Giraffe.

They are the tallest land animals, using their unique long necks and tongues to reach vegetation inaccessible to other herbivores.

Members of the subspecies survive in the wild only in the sprawling plains Tanzania and Kenya, in East Africa.

■ **CUMBERLAND, Ohio** — Now that he's back home

from Iraq, an Ohio Marine is learning all about the busy social life his tiny two-dimensional twin led during his absence.

"Flat Brett" is a small cardboard cutout doll of Lance Cpl. Brett Davis, made by one of his mother's co-workers at Basic Systems Inc., an engineering and automation firm.

Carman Friday said she got the idea after learning that local schools were participating in the "Flat Stanley" project in which students mail around a paper doll and keep a journal of its travels.

The project was sparked by a children's book with the same name.

In a similar vein, Flat Brett was photographed as he went around to family functions and was taken along on a business trip to Texas.

The little guy with a round, smiling face and wearing construction paper camouflage and black boots even got to meet country singers Josh Turner and Josh Gracin when they performed at county fairs this summer near the Davis family's home in this village about 70 miles east of Columbus.

The real Brett Davis, 23, who left for boot camp in October 2003, returned to town Saturday after completing his Marine enlistment following a seven-month deployment to Iraq earlier this year.

His mother, Connie Davis, said Monday that Flat Brett is resting now, inside a photo album of his adventures that's now complete with a final picture of both Bretts together.

## Sentence

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stance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and being a persistent felony offender.

Bentley was sentenced to 10 years for possessing the handgun and being a persistent felony offender, five years for first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, and 12 months for the remainder of the charges. However, the sen-

tences will run concurrently.

And while Circuit Judge Danny Caudill says he hopes that Bentley will get his life together, he says there's not much hope. For Turner, however, he's just happy that Bentley is going to serve some time.

"We just wanted him off the streets and finally had a case with enough evidence that he couldn't deny," said Turner.

## Ban

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Daviess County banned smoking in all public buildings open to children under 18. The University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University also ban smoking in the dorms.

Huddle House Manager Roger Dunn said the move will likely help his business. The restaurant chain did a study and found going smoke free increased business at Huddle House by 3 percent,

Dunn said.

Dales, the health department's tobacco coordinator, is pleased with the smoking ban and remains optimistic that it will overturn criticism with time.

"People will see that this is not going to be so bad. And, when people see this is going to work, then maybe the county will step up," she said.

## Shock

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game she attended while on the phone with her father, who was incarcerated. "I could just hear in his voice that he wanted to be there."

Though George Kidd says he wants more than anything to be released from jail, he wants to be able to say that he is and will remain totally drug-free. In the past Kidd claims to

have traveled to Virginia several times and paid nearly \$450 to get non-narcotic implants designed to counteract drug withdrawal. However, he now wants to do something more local.

"I want to be in a program that I will be held accountable for," said Kidd, who claims that since being in jail he has

been transferred to different facilities so many times that it has been near impossible to become and stay involved in a stable program.

Though the Commonwealth's Attorney's office objected to the idea of shock probation, Judge Caudill said he will consider all factors and make a decision within 10 days.

## Poll

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undecided voters in the final days before the election.

"I feel confident we're going to get enough votes to win this race," said Grayson, who plans to spend the last of nearly \$1 million he raised on a television-ad blitz of the state over the next several days.

Hendrickson has raised about \$18,000, according to his last spending report. Hendrickson, a former mayor of Pineville where he teaches in the city's school system, did not respond to several requests for comment.

His campaign manager, Jack Walker, said the poll results are encouraging. Hendrickson has relied mostly on personal appearances and isn't letting up, Walker said.

"We're going to keep campaigning as long as we can," Walker said, adding that Hendrickson began running a radio ad Thursday.



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# expression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.

— Felix Frankfurter

## Guest View

### Eschew obfuscation

There used to be a bumper sticker that read, "Eschew obfuscation," popular among ironist English majors and baffling to anyone else who didn't have a dictionary at hand. In essence, it means, "avoid murky communication."

But in Washington, where obfuscation is a way of life, you can't get far by eschewing it. Consider two stories at the top of today's national news budget:

— President George W. Bush's nomination of Judge Michael B. Mukasey to be attorney general is in trouble because the nominee refuses to say whether he regards the interrogation technique known as waterboarding to be torture. During confirmation hearings two weeks ago, he said, "If waterboarding is torture ... torture is not constitutional." This week, he said that while he personally finds waterboarding to be "over the line" and "repugnant," he could not say whether it is torture and, thus, illegal, until he gets further briefings.

— Meanwhile, Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York, the frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination, has become a walking Waffle House. In debates this week, she obfuscated on issues ranging from her support for a resolution classifying the Iranian Republican Guard as a terrorist organization to Social Security reform to whether she supports New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer's plan to allow illegal immigrants to obtain drivers licenses.

Certainly there are different orders of magnitude here. Clinton should be willing to give straight answers, but her political career has been based on trying to make as many people as possible believe that she agrees with them. This is business as usual, except that she's so transparent about it.

But he who would be the nation's top law enforcement officer should be willing to say clearly whether he is convinced that waterboarding, used as an interrogation method as far back as the Spanish Inquisition, meets the definition of torture. Before Bush redefined torture down to treatment that "shocks the conscience," waterboarding certainly met the existing standards set out in U.S. and international law.

(Try this experiment at home: Stand in the shower with a wet washcloth over your eyes, nose and mouth. Let the water pound your face continuously and try to breathe. See how long it takes you to panic. Now imagine a similar situation, except that you're lashed to a board — your feet higher than your head, your arms bound — and surrounded by thugs in a dank cell in a foreign country.)

Mukasey has a much better reason to obfuscate than most politicians. If he answers "yes" to the waterboarding-as-torture question, it could expose CIA interrogators who used it and the government officials who authorized it to prosecution under international law. On Monday, for example, former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld fled a meeting in Paris after becoming alarmed that French officials might seek to detain him for possible questioning about his role in "war crimes."

"The facts are that an expression of opinion by Judge Mukasey prior to becoming attorney general would put a lot of people at risk for what has happened," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said Wednesday. That's a false argument. It doesn't matter whether he expresses such an opinion before or after becoming attorney general; it's the opinion that could be problematic.

We hold no brief for waterboarding, or for Rumsfeld, Bush or any of the other U.S. officials who, in an excess of zeal and with an arrogance born of ideology, trampled international law. Our concern is for front-line CIA or military interrogators who, believing they were operating under legitimate legal authority, may have gone over the line. As we saw in the investigation into abuses at Abu Ghraib prison, it is people at the bottom who get hung out to dry.

Mukasey is not our idea of the perfect candidate for attorney general, but he is a man of demonstrated intellect and integrity. Whatever his tortured language, he deserves the benefit of the doubt.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



"I need your help to be prepared psychologically for \$100-a-barrel oil."

## Rich Lowry Column

### The lonely war

BAGHDAD — A war has probably never been so debated and so little understood as the one in Iraq. "The domestic political debate has nothing to do with what we're doing here," says one U.S. officer, in a representative comment offered not in a spirit of bitterness, but of cold fact.

This is the lonely war. No one cares about it as much or understands it as well as the men and women here on the ground, who feel — understandably — that they are the only ones even remotely engaged in the fight.

The U.S. government has never brought to bear its resources in a truly national effort to win; the State Department has left almost the entire nonmilitary aspect of the war to the military; the Pentagon's slow-moving procurement program has an internal clock still set to peacetime; the top brass worry more about relieving the strain on the ground forces than achieving success on the ground; and the Bush administration hasn't been willing — until too late — to begin to provide a bigger force that would relieve that strain.

On top of this are the members of Congress and senators who show up for visits that seem more about saying they have been to Iraq than truly grappling with the war; the journalists whose reports tend to reflect

whatever is the conventional wisdom about the war back in their newsrooms; and supporters and opponents of the war who support their clashing narratives of victory and defeat with the gross simplifications.

The word that one hears again and again here, but is so rare in the domestic political debate, is "complex." The war is changing at least every six months, and every area of the country — even every neighborhood in Baghdad — has a different dynamic.

Sometimes our supposed allies in the Iraqi National Police work against us, and sometimes our enemies can be leveraged against our even-more-lethal enemies. Navigating this multidimensional, ever-shifting chessboard are the leaders of U.S. combat brigades who have to run local governments, train Iraqi forces, manage relations with Baghdad and engage in graduate-level anthropology — all while fighting a war.

South of here in the rural Sunni area known as the "Triangle of Death," there are 137 tribes and sub-tribes — what an officer of the 2nd Brigade of the Army's 10th Mountain Division calls "an archipelago of complex societal islands." We have

begun to master them. The tribes have produced thousands of volunteers to police the area, and violence has plummeted. But the story hasn't gotten out. Troops laugh about a reporter who refused to get off an aircraft upon learning it had alighted in the dreaded Triangle of Death.

That kind of disconnect with press coverage and the debate back home is a constant theme. The Senate recently passed a resolution sponsored by

Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., calling for splitting Iraq in three. A colonel here scoffs that the Senate managed to agree on the one step that basically no one in Iraq wants to take.

Americans here don't talk so much of victory, but of achieving an acceptable outcome and forestalling the catastrophe that failure would bring. The burden for doing that falls, of course, on our troops, who have managed for now to reverse Iraq's downward slide. They might be lonely, but they are brilliant and unbelievably brave.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

### The Rich Lowry column



## beyond the beltway

### The dreary candidates for president

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

The Republican presidential candidates held yet another "debate" the other night and for once, they got after each other. Sort of.

Fred Thompson, whose campaign up to now has been indistinguishable from sleepwalking, said: "Mayor Giuliani believes in federal funding for abortion. He believes in sanctuary cities. He's for gun control. He supported Mario Cuomo, a liberal Democrat, against a Republican who was running for governor, then opposed the governor's tax cuts when he was there."

Rudy Giuliani, never one to defend when he can attack, came back with "You know, Fred has his problems too." He said that Thompson, a recovering senator/lobbyist/actor, was "the single biggest obstacle to tort reform in the United States Senate." A real zinger, that.

Mitt Romney, the non-smoker's Marlboro Man, got into the act by questioning his rivals' conservative credentials: "We're not going to keep Hillary Clinton out of the White House by acting like Hillary Clinton," he said, sounding like Churchill warning against the Nazi menace.

John McCain (looking in the direction of Romney and Giuliani all the while) chimed in with "I wasn't a governor for a short period of time. For 20 some years, including leading

the largest squadron in the United States Navy, I led. I didn't manage for profit. I led for patriotism."

That got a roar of approval from the assembled Republicans but it was a roar that has often proved hollow at election time. In one contest after another in recent years, American voters have chosen the draft dodger (Clinton) or chocolate soldier (Reagan) or neo-deserter (Bush II) over a real veteran.

All in all, the fight resembled a fight between a pack of old, toothless bulldogs. A lot of barking, not much real damage done.

Wait a minute. It was worse than that. It was pathetic. As a matter of fact, the entire Republican slate of candidates is pathetic; pathetic, worn-out and bereft of ideas.

McCain looks old and tired. Thompson looks tired and old. Giuliani looks more or less crazy. (How would you like to be stuck in an elevator with someone who looked like that?) Romney...Romney, I don't know what to say about Romney. He's not old or tired and he doesn't seem crazy. One suspects, however, that way down deep inside he is shallow. Do we really want a president who looks as though we picked him out of a Brooks Brothers catalogue?

In many ways, the most attractive Republican candidates are the throw-ins, the Ron Pauls, Mike Huckabee and Duncan Hunters, good-looking serious men of some charm who espouse serious ideas. Their only flaw is that, taken together, they represent the lunatic fringe of the party.

The Republicans wouldn't have a

chance in this election were it not for the fact they're running against Democrats. Democrats have perfected the art of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory to museum standards. Already you can see evidences of it.

The three major candidates have agreed not to campaign in Florida and Michigan because those states have moved up their primaries against the wishes of national party leaders. The party wants to protect the early-bird status of Iowa and New Hampshire, while Florida and Michigan want a cut of the early attention.

You can argue the rights and wrongs of that on either side but why would a serious candidate for president risk kicking off voters in two states that he or she absolutely has to carry in the fall?

But that's the Democrats. It looks as though they'll nominate Hillary Clinton, easily the candidate who inspires the most negative passions.

She is also the most cautious candidate (always excepting Romney, who takes a poll on what side of the bed to get out of in the morning).

And what have the timid candidates of Al Gore and John Kerry taught us? That trying to be on both sides of every issue is not only impossible, it is politically unwise.

Some parties never learn. The Whigs, for example.

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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.

The fortune-tellers were in operation, this Hallowe'en week. But a few pretty well-known gentlemen, won't be told theirs till next Tuesday.

### IT'S NEVER THE SAME AGAIN

An idol went and got itself smashed, the other day.

Some who waste their time with this column may recall that for some years now I have expressed a yearning for a copy of Mrs. Southworth's "Ishmael" and its sequel, "Self-Raised." These were the first works of fiction ("love stories," they called them) that I read. And the trials, tribulations and final victory of the hero shook me to the tips of my copper-toed boots.

I have offered as much as \$20 for copies of the two. I have searched bookshops, second-hand stores, and a variety of unlikely places for years, hoping to add these books to my collection, to re-read them, and perhaps again shed a tear or so over Ishmael and the girl who seemed so unattainable.

But the bears have raided the market. I take down all bids.

It happened like this. I was brought a copy of "Ishmael." Memory stumbled back down the years to the unforgettable day I made this book's acquaintance. I saw the room where I read, recalled the time of year, saw the girl who gave me the precious volume.

And then, almost hurrying to do so, I sat down to read, to revel in scenes conjured up by the author who one day held me as no other has ever succeeded in doing.

But the bubble went burst, a cloud rubbed out the rainbow. I waded drearily through a few pages, paused, plodded on, looking for the lost magic. Never found it. Finally laid dear "Ishmael" aside.

Never mind about the books now. They belong back there, somewhere. And I can't go back.

The magic that once lay in those pages was lost in a welter of archaisms, banalities and sentimentality, with cliches almost as frequent as commas. Perhaps it is I who is at fault, but I couldn't follow the story line for looking for the next syrup-slick...lashes that swept her cheeks...eyes of cerulean blue...alabaster brows...an assortment of faints and swoons, illness and vapors.

It's often disappointing to go back and look again. The cave with all its mystery, may be a plain, old hole a few feet back into the hill. The hill itself may not be the Matterhorn it once was. And the one who goes back, may not be as alive and tingling with the fullness of life and the spirit of adventure and wonder, as once he was.

Perhaps you can go back, but

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Prestonsburg native Loretta Hyden manned a booth at the recent Jenny Wiley Festival where she displayed some of her art work and offered face painting to visitors.

## 'Reflections & Inspirations' glimpse into artist's soul

### Work on display now in BSCTC art gallery

A collection of art works by Prestonsburg native Loretta Hyden are currently being showcased in the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg campus, Art Gallery. The works will be on display through November 15. The varied and intriguing works are a myriad of landscapes, still lifes, foliage and flowers, and other works depicting people and wildlife.

Hyden, who holds an associate's degree from BSCTC, and a bachelor's degree from Sullivan University, is also a former employee of the BSCTC Library. She has already held numerous art shows throughout the area and regularly mans booths at local festivals, marketing both her art works and face painting skills. Hyden credits her interest in art to Tom Whitaker, former BSCTC art professor. She

shares that her love of creating art began in 1998 when she was a student in one of Whitaker's painting classes.

"I love to capture the beauty of our area, and the things I hold in reverence," she said.

BSCTC Art Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 am until 4 pm. For more information contact the gallery at (606)886-3863, ext. 64746.



"Love at First Sight"

## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'Hustle'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

This month the Lagoon celebrates crime thrillers. Hopefully readers will appreciate these often overlooked gems that are on the menu, as most of these films were not big money makers.

Next month we will try and give your wallet a boost by only screening dollar DVDs, since that's about all the average person will have for an entertainment budget what with the holidays, gas prices and the rising cost of heating your home.

This week's effort focuses on two weary detectives who find their lives upended when they investigate the death of a young woman. This modern film noir was also the second collaboration between actor Burt Reynolds and director Robert Aldrich ("The Dirty Dozen")



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

who made the classic "The Longest Yard" the previous year.

The film begins with a bus load of day campers setting out for a trip to the beach. Their excursion comes to an abrupt end when several of the boys stumble upon the body of a young woman played out on the surf.

We next meet Det. Gaines, who isn't happy to lose his Sunday. Neither is his girlfriend, a high-end hooker played by Parisian actress Catherine Deneuve. Gaines heads off to the crime scene and determines that the victim, Gloria Hollinger, was most likely a suicide or accidental overdose. His suspicions are confirmed by a coroner's report, but it is no small comfort to the parents. Dad Hollinger refuses to accept the outcome and argues that his daughter was murdered. Gaines' partner, Belgrave, concurs and wants to open an investigation but is outvoted by his partner and their boss Santuro.

Meanwhile other cases crop up, but the young lady's death is never far from anyone's mind. Things get ratcheted up when Mr. Hollinger launches his own investigation, which leads to a strip club where his daughter danced. He heads out there but has his head handed to him by the mobsters who run the joint.

Gaines takes pity on the beaten down Hollinger and decides to look into the death further. He doesn't find any evidence to suggest murder, but he does learn that Hollinger had worked as a prostitute and had roles in several stag films.

The biggest revelation comes when he learns that she spent the night before her death at a sex party with a prominent defense attorney, Sellars, who has cropped up in a department investigation. Turns out that a union he represents in Akron, Ohio, has a rather unique method of dealing with dissenting opinion and opts to blow up members who disagree with policy. Unfortunately, the guy's bullet proof and knows his rights better than a three-time offend-

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## Shadow

by T.C. WADSWORTH  
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE HORSE  
LOVER'S SOUL"

It started to snow outside. More snow, I thought. We already had a foot or so on the ground. It looked nice glistening in the sun. Well, it's winter and it is Minnesota. What do you expect?

There was a horse sale in town, and with nothing else to do, we went. The fancy horses came parading in all shiny, their coats getting long, predicting the long, cold winter ahead. Some horses had glitter on their hips

or festive red and green ribbons in their manes, since it was just before Christmas. There were horses of all colors, shapes and sizes, and everyone was in a bidding frenzy.

Lots of people were going to get expensive horses for Christmas this year. Horses with cow pedigrees, some with show pedigrees, others that could pull a sleigh. People bidding hundreds of dollars, up to thousands of dollars for a horse.

Here's a 4-year-old Sorrel mare, 15.3 hands high, with 42 halter points, blood lines include Sonny Dee Bar, Tender Six and Zanzabar Joe. The auctioneer bellowed, "Do I hear five thousand, five thousand one, five two!" Every magnificent horse that came through had a story

and bloodline that the auctioneer read off before the bidding started. The crowd would "ohh" and "ahh" at each beautiful horse.

Hours passed quickly as horses came and went. The crowd was silent as the pedigree was read, then the bidding started. The bidding war would begin, a couple over here, then a man over there and a lady in front of me all bidding on the same horse, until all but one would retreat and no longer bid. Then the next horse, and it would start all over again. All taking at the most 10 to 15 minutes per horse. Fifty to 60 horses were sold that day.

Eventually they got to the last horse, a little black pony. The crowd roared with laughter. The pony obviously had to hunt for food, you could

see her ribs. The pony was led in by a 15-year-old boy who sat on her and jumped up and down on her back, proclaiming, "She's broke to ride." She had big brown eyes under all that long hair full of dried manure and weed seeds.

"She's going to take some time to clean up," the auctioneer stated.

"Needs a few groceries also, to fatten her up."

Looking around, he asked, "Anybody know the story on this

one?" One of the helpers whispered something into his ear, and he announced: "The owner forgot about this one out in the pasture, and now he wants to get rid of her. She is not registered. No pedigree that we know of; in fact, is it a 'she'?"

As the auctioneer turned his head to look under her, he said: "Kind of hard to tell under all that long hair. OK, who will give me three hundred for the old mare?"

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# Husband might be a knucklehead, but these guys aren't saying it

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

My husband Tom and I disagree on something, and he suggested I write to you for your opinion, as he reads your column faithfully. He likes to put empty soda cans under the tires of our vehicles, and then he drives over them to crush them. He thinks it's harmless and won't hurt the tires. I, on the other hand, think it's bad for the tires and could cause them to wear out sooner. What's your opinion? Is he harming or hurting the tires? He promises to abide by your decision, but will probably be "crushed" if you two take my side on this! — Carol

RAY: Well, even though we think he's being a knucklehead and risking unnecessary damage to his \$100 tires, we can't take your side on this, Carol. He reads our column. And we can't alienate him, because our editor told us we need all the readers we can get.

TOM: So, here's what we're going to suggest. Soda's not really good for you anyway. It's basically high fructose corn syrup and water. It makes you fat and gives you diabetes. So stop buying cans of soda.

RAY: Right. Instead, switch to unsweetened juice, which comes in, what? Cardboard juice boxes! And then let him run over those to his

heart's content, Carol. At least until he finds a less wacky hobby.

## Surviving a car-in-the-water experience

Dear Tom and Ray:

Recently, my Sunday ladies poker group was talking about last summer's bridge-collapse tragedy in Minneapolis. We were glad — and amazed — that so many people survived, especially the people who were in cars in the water. We wondered if there are certain steps that you take when you are in a car about to enter water. Since we live in Philadelphia, a city that has identified many deficient bridges — especially the bridges we take to vacation at the Jersey shore — we were wondering about the physics and engineering of escaping a car that seems destined to enter water.

Can you give us any advice? Thanks from all of us, and if you ever find yourself in the Philadelphia area on the first Sunday of the month, join us for the game. — Ellen

TOM: Thanks, Ellen. We would love to join you for poker. But I should warn you that my brother is a horrible cheat — especially if removing clothing is involved.

RAY: Neither of us has actually driven a car into deep water, so we don't have any personal experience

from which to draw.

TOM: Which is surprising, since we've driven cars into pretty much everything else.

RAY: Those who actually know something about escaping from a car in deep water suggest that there are certain things you should do.

TOM: You probably won't have time to do anything as you're heading into the water. I mean, if you DID have time, you'd spend it trying to steer the car away from the water, right?

RAY: You certainly don't want to remove the seat belt in anticipation of an escape. Hitting water is not that far off from hitting a wall, so the car will decelerate suddenly, just like it would in an accident, and you'll need that seat belt.

TOM: Once you're in the water, your car will not sink immediately. You'll have at least a minute or two before you're actually under water. So the first thing to do is open your window, and the windows of any passengers.

RAY: Even IN the water, your electric windows will continue to work for a few minutes. So get them open.

TOM: Next, unbuckle your seat belt. If you have kids in the back, unbuckle their seat belts, too. And

keep in mind that some rear windows don't go down all the way, so rear passengers might have to exit through the front, too. And then when you're ready, go out the window and swim to safety.

RAY: If you did not or cannot open the window for any reason, you can try to break it. But that's not easy. Nor is pushing out the windshield with your feet.

TOM: If you are in a car that's sinking and you can't open or break a window, try not to panic. At that point, you'll have to wait until the car is pretty much underwater before trying the door. You can see why this is the less appealing scenario!

RAY: Once you're in the water, the pressure pushing against the door from all that water on the outside will make it nearly impossible for you to open the door. Your only choice is to wait until the car is full of water, and the pressure is equalized. While you're waiting, you'll find an air bubble at the top of the passenger com-

partment, near the roof.

TOM: Once the car is full of water, take a deep breath, brace yourself and use your feet to try to push the door open. It still won't be easy. Expect it to move slowly.

RAY: And by that point, the car might be heading down, nose first, since the engine makes the front end the heavy end.

TOM: So your best bet is to get that window open as quickly as possible. That's your surest escape route.

RAY: If there are readers out there who have survived a car-in-the-water experience, we'd be interested in hearing your stories and whether this advice worked for you. If we get some stories that are instructive, we'll share them with you in future columns.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at [www.cartalk.com](http://www.cartalk.com).



## Fall fun

Duff Elementary Head Start/Preschool students recently had the opportunity to visit Holliday Farms, located in Rowdy, in Perry County. The children enjoyed a wonderful day of feeding goats, and getting to see cows and pigs up-close. They were also treated to a hay ride, worked their way through a corn maze, picked their own pumpkins, and enjoyed lemonade and pumpkin cookies at the end of the day on the farm house front porch! Tristan Parsons is the Head Start/Preschool teacher at Duff Elementary.



## Lagoon

er, which leaves Gaines with no other option than to drop the matter.

Papa Hollinger stays on the case and his wife begs Gaines to stop him before he gets hurt. Gaines proves to be a poor judge of psychology and opts to show Hollinger an adult film that featured his daughter. It has the opposite effect and sends Hollinger hurtling towards a confrontation with Sellars, which is as brutal as it is deserved.

Gaines decides to pursue a radical conclusion that will include obscuring the truth and putting himself at great risk. The end result is he finds the courage to walk away from a job that is eating him alive but a random encounter with a cheap thug (Robert Englund of Freddy Kruger fame) gives this one a coda that is grim, disheartening and all too realistic.

This one rates as one of Reynolds' best performances alongside his serious work in "Deliverance" and "Boogie Nights." Unfortunately Reynolds fell into a black hole of goofy comedic roles after this film that included more misses ("W.W. and the Dixie Dance Kings") than hits ("Smokey and the Bandit"). He succeeds here by playing Gaines as an emotionally drained guy who has seen more hurt on his job than his mind can process.

One of his best moments comes when he finally explains to his partner that he is helping Hollinger because the man served his country in Korea and deserved to come back to a world where he could expect the same protections as a high priced lawyer like Sellars, but was beat down by a society that only embraces the fortunate.

This film also owes a debt to Ben Johnson and Eileen Brennan as the Hollingers. They come off as less than perfect parents in a world that demands perfection and their guilt is palpable as well as understandable.

A big nod should also go to Sharon Kelley, who is only glimpsed at in flashbacks, as Gloria Hollinger. Her real story is as compelling as the film. She got her start in soft core drive-in comedies and soon advanced to roles in horror films ("Invasion of the Bee Girls") before securing small roles in "Shampoo" and this film. The bottom fell out after this effort and she drifted into adult films (just like her character), where she went under the name Colleen Brennan. In the mid-1980s she left the business after the AIDS scare and used her savings to open a recording studio that catered to

phone sex lines and has since retired while many of her contemporaries fared less well. What a shame that Hollywood never took notice, as she is a vibrant screen presence with natural talent who never got the recognition she deserved.

All in all this is a dark drama which offers little hope for a better tomorrow. That said, it states its case very well and relies more on solid characters to tell its story rather than action set pieces. A worthy addition to Robert Aldrich's eclectic career which also action greats like "The Dirty Dozen" and more somber character driven pieces such as "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane."

Best line: "He was just one of those middle class Americans who thinks you get 40,000 miles on a new set of tires."  
1975, rated R.

## Allen

both you, and what you return to, aren't ever the same. So why go?

### TOLD YOU SO!

If you will recall, I predicted a nor'easter or some sort of a blow for last week-end, basing said forecast on the sound basis that I was off for a bit of fishing. Well, we got where we were going, around Thursday midnight. Skies almost clear, stars and moon doing their usual stint. We were awakened, an hour or so after retiring by ominous sounds—rain on the roof, wind kicking up his heels in the trees. Friday—cold, cloudy, windy; Saturday, cold, sunny, windy...It was great to get home!

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### WATCHFUL WAITING

The story is told of the old fellow who had been warned of the dangers of rabies, and of the need to take proper precautions. One day, he got himself rather severely bitten by a rattlesnake. He fought the venom back with home remedies, finally regained his feet and hobbled into town, there to tell all and sundry the story of his encounter with the serpent.

"Did you kill the snake?" asked a listener.

"Nope—got him in a cage."

"Why are you keeping him!"

"Gonna keep him 10 days to see if he goes mad."

## Soup

The crowd was still laughing.

"How about two? OK, one! Will anybody give me 50 bucks for her?"

The crowd was still snickering at the lonely forgotten little pony.

"OK, get her out of here!" he told the boy who led her in.

So she turned her head to say goodbye and hung her head and walked out. The boy put her back in her stall and proceeded to help the new owners with their horses. One by one the horses went clip-clop by her stall to meet their new owners. The lonely little black mare just hung her head, knowing she was not going to a home where she would have kids climbing over her or taking them exploring through the woods. She knew she would never have someone to love her again.

As every human walked by, her ears would perk up and she would raise her head in anticipation that maybe, just maybe, someone wanted her, only to be snickered at and passed by. She would drop her head and

finally turn around so she didn't have to watch the other horses parade by.

It broke our heart to watch this. We just looked at each other and nodded. Randy went one way and I the other. We found the auctioneer and said, "Will you take 10 dollars?"

He looked at us puzzled.

"For what?"

"The little black mare," we said excitedly.

"SOLD!" he said with a half smirk.

We loaded her into the bed of my Toyota pickup, people now laughing at us, and headed for home. For the last two years of her life, Shadow had the neighborhood kids begging to ride her, brush her or just be by her side dreaming of the adventures tomorrow would bring for the both of them.

We laugh when we remember the faces of those folks and the sight of this dirty old pony in the bed of our pickup, but the joy and the laughter we had sharing life with Shadow far exceeds the laughter at the sale barn that night.

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## Miners join area chambers

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The East Kentucky Miners professional basketball organization will be recognized as a new member in a pair of area chambers of commerce during the month of November. East Kentucky's pro basketball team will be recognized as a new member in the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce and the Paintsville/Johnson County Chamber of Commerce during the same week.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce has its

next meeting set for Monday, Nov. 12 at noon at May Lodge in Prestonsburg.

The Paintsville/Johnson County Chamber of Commerce has its next meeting slated for Thursday, Nov. 15 at noon at Ramada Inn in Paintsville.

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce welcomed the East Kentucky Miners as a member earlier in the year.

Miner Madness is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 7-9 p.m. at the East Kentucky Expo Center. The event will allow fans an oppor-

tunity to interact with the team and serve as a pep rally of sorts prior to the team's season-opener. Miner Madness will also include a "Name the Mascot" contest.

East Kentucky will open its debut season on Friday, Nov. 16 in a road game versus the Pittsburgh Xplosion. In a return game, East Kentucky will host Pittsburgh on Sunday, Nov. 18 in its first home game. Tickets for all Miner home games remain on sale. For more information on tickets, call 606-437-9715.



TO MEET PIKEVILLE: Alex Hammonds and the Allen Central Rebels will venture to Pikeville Friday night for a first-round playoff game versus the Panthers. Kickoff for the Allen Central-Pikeville game is set for 7:30 p.m.

## 4-time NASCAR champion Gordon feels good about title chances

by MIKE HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — A victory Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway would be something special for Jeff Gordon, and not just because the track is one of only two on the current NASCAR Nextel Cup schedule where he has yet to win.

The four-time series champion heads into the Dickies 500 — the eighth of 10 races in the Chase for the championship — holding just a nine-point lead over Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson.

Moreover, Johnson, the reigning Cup champion, is on a roll, arriving at the Fort Worth track with two straight wins and a ton of momentum.

"We've been trying extremely hard to get our first win here, and we've been so close the last three or four races that we've been here," said Gordon, who has five top-five finishes, including a runner-up finish in the fall of 2005 and a fourth-place run last spring, in 13 starts on the 1.5-mile Texas oval.

"We've been strong enough to pull off wins and we've had little glitches here and there that have cost us the win.

"Your ultimate goal is to come out of here with a strong finish, a top-five, and not have that bad day. But it would be awesome to start up front with how tough it is to pass here and track position being so important. To pull off that first win would be incredible, especially at this point in the Chase with everything on the line."

Gordon acknowledged Friday there is plenty of pressure when you're racing for a championship — even for a four-time winner.

"Any time you're in a points battle, it's intense, every single moment you're on the track," Gordon explained. "The way the car is handling, the position that you're in, everything that is happening is going through your mind.

"There's just no points lead that's comfortable enough. It's almost better that it's close because, when it's a wider gap, sometimes you take an extra breath and think you've got room to relax and you really don't. That's when it reaches out and bites you."

Gordon even took the unusual

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POSTSEASON BOUND: Prestonsburg, South Floyd and Allen Central will represent Floyd County in the first round of the KHSAA State Football Playoffs. The playoffs will get underway on Friday, Nov. 9.

## HEADED TO THE PLAYOFFS



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Trinity (Louisville) 56, Lafayette 6  
West Carter 24, Raceland 22  
Williamsburg 43, Pineville 37

## ACMS rolls past MCA in A-Team county tournament

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Allen Central cruised to a 50-point win over Mountain Christian Academy Wednesday night in the Floyd County A-team girls' basketball tournament at Prestonsburg High School. Eleven different players broke into the scoring column as Allen Central won 66-16.

The Lady Rebels outscored MCA 19-4 in the opening quarter and took a commanding 35-6 lead into halftime. Allen Central led 53-14 at the end of the third quarter.

Amber Shepherd scored a game-high 21 points for the Lady Rebels. Shepherd scored all of her points — including a three-point field goal in the first half.

Megan Jones, Logan Cline, Brandi Johnson and Krista Parsons added eight points each in a balanced Allen Central scoring effort.

Shonda Bailey paced MCA with nine points. Kelli Akers scored five points and Chelsea Austin added two for the Lady Falcons.

In other tournament games Wednesday night, Osborne defeated Allen 24-5 in a C-team matchup and Stumbo topped the Allen 33-2 in a B-team contest. More on each game follows.

C-TEAM — Osborne 24, Allen 5: Joslyn Issac fired in a game-high 14 points as Osborne cruised past Allen in the C-team tournament. Megan Bates scored eight points and Chloe Jones added two for Osborne.

Osborne outscored Allen 14-0 in the first half.

Tiffany Meadows and Allison Hall accounted for the Allen scoring with three and two points, respectively.

B-TEAM — Stumbo 33, Allen 2: T.J. Tackett tossed in a game-high 15 points to lead Stumbo past Allen in the Floyd County B-team girls' basketball tournament game.

Timera Thacker followed with six points for the Lady Mustangs. Eddi Akers and Brandy Marrow each had four points in Stumbo's win.

Stumbo outscored Allen 21-0 in the opening half. The Lady Mustangs led 27-2 at the end of the third quarter.

Allison Hall had Allen's two points.

## Lady Eagles hold off Betsy Layne

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — In a low-scoring game, Allen managed to defeat Betsy Layne 22-17 Thursday night in the Floyd County A-Team Girls' Basketball Tournament at Prestonsburg High School. The Lady Eagles outscored Betsy Layne 4-0 in the opening quarter and owned a 12-7 lead at halftime.

Betsy Layne fell, despite leading 15-14 at the conclusion of the third quarter.

Brittany Hurd led Allen with a game-high nine points. Kristian Waugh followed with seven points for the Lady Eagles. Cassie Burchett and Catie Burchett rounded out the Allen scoring with four and two points, respectively.

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## Brittany Hodge named All-State Honorable Mention

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association has released its KVCA All-State teams for 2007. There are 12 players comprising the first team, 12 players on the second team, 17 honored as Honorable Mention, and one KVCA Player of the Year. Belfry High School standout Paige Thacker earned All-State Second Team recognition. Allen Central High School junior Brittany Hodge was named All-State Honorable Mention.

Thacker and Hodge ranked as two of the 15th Region's top volleyball players throughout the 2007 season.

A breakdown of the KVCA honorees follows.

**KVCA All-State First Team:** Annalee Abell (Henry Clay), Sloane Donhoff (Assumption), Kaela Jo Freppon (Newport Central Catholic), Liz Goodwin (Mercy), Lauren Hagan (Owensboro Catholic), Kaitlyn James (Assumption), Emily Juhl (Sacred Heart), Alli O'Connor (Mercy), Gwen

Rucker (Henry Clay), Natalie Schonfield (Sacred



BRITTANY HODGE

Heart), Liz Schular (Holy Cross (Louisville)), Nicole Staverman (Notre Dame).

**KVCA All-State Second Team:** Nicole Allgood (South Oldham), Casey Garvey (Mercy), Lauren Harkins (Assumption), Sam James (Presentation),

Jessica Kramer (Holy Cross (Covington)), Emily Lechleiter (Sacred Heart), Stephanie Riley (Assumption), Katie Rose (Paul Dunbar), Alyx Schulte (Newport Central Catholic), Paige Thacker (Belfry), Kristen Thomas (Notre Dame), Lauren Wombles (South Laurel).

**KVCA All-State Honorable Mention:** Jane Adams (Letcher County Central), Morgan Bale (Green County), Lizzy Beal (Greenwood), Kelsey Blackburn (St. Henry), Paula Byrns (St. Henry), Lauren Gill (Russell), Mandy Gray (Caldwell County), Erin Grupe (Henry Clay), Alyson Harmeling (Ryle), Brittany Harris (Butler), Brittany Hodges (Allen Central), April Lubrecht (Notre Dame), Deja McClendon (DuPont Manual), Allison McElveen (Campbell County), Jenna Schreiber (Notre Dame), Shea Sheppard (Marshall County), Jessi Witten (Rockcastle County).

**KVCA Player of the Year:** Sloane Donhoff, Assumption



# North Carolina is No. 1 in preseason Top 25, Cats are 19th

by JIM O'CONNELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina is back in its familiar preseason spot — No. 1. Kansas State is making a rare appearance in the Top 25 rankings.

For the sixth time since The Associated Press started a preseason college basketball poll in 1961, the Tar Heels were ranked No. 1 Friday. They beat out UCLA and Memphis in a three-way race for the top spot.

The Tar Heels ended last season with a 96-84 overtime loss to Georgetown in the regional final. They lost an 11-point lead in the second half and missed 22 of 23 shots during a 15-minute stretch.

Three starters, including junior center Tyler Hansbrough, are among eight contributors back from that team.

"In the game today a veteran team is sophomores and juniors instead of juniors and seniors like in the old days," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said Friday. "We had a great run last year and the Georgetown game set us back

in that we were a jump shot away from the Final Four."

"The players have used that as motivation in some ways but even more was the realization of how quickly it can be over," he added. "In some ways that made the team work harder. We are not talking about Georgetown by any means right now, but over the offseason, yes, because the suddenness of what happened stuns you."

North Carolina received 29 first-place votes and 1,728 points from the 72-member national media panel. UCLA, which has four starters back from its Final Four team, was No. 1 on 24 ballots and had 1,710 points. Memphis, which has all five starters back from its regional final team, got 18 first-place votes and 1,680 points.

Kansas was fourth and Georgetown, which drew the only other first-place vote, was fifth, followed by Louisville, Tennessee, Michigan State, Indiana and Washington State.

Marquette was 11th followed by Oregon, Duke, Gonzaga, Texas, Texas A&M, Arizona, Southern California,

Arkansas and Kentucky.

The last five ranked teams were North Carolina State, Pittsburgh, Stanford, Southern Illinois and Kansas State.

The Pac-10 led the way with six teams in the preseason poll (UCLA, Washington State, Oregon, USC, Arizona and Stanford). The Big 12 and Big East both had four teams, while the Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference had three each.

The last time Kansas State was ranked was No. 23 for one week in February 1993. This version of the Wildcats features a strong frontcourt in sophomore Bill Walker and highly recruited freshman Michael Beasley. It will be the first head coaching job for Frank Martin, who was promoted to replace Bob Huggins, who left after one season for West Virginia.

"For a program like us, with incredible tradition and success, being ranked again is always a great thing and it reflects the hard work of the players and that they are getting noticed by people out there," Martin said Friday. "Will it have an influence on

how we play or how good we are? Probably not. But it is an honor to have a program not ranked for 14 years to all of sudden by there again."

Martin doesn't seem concerned that the attention will hurt his inexperienced team.

"With technology these days, when you're a good player you can't hide. There's no such thing as hiding under the radar anymore," he said. "The days of people being unknown goes out the window because of how much attention kids get these days. These kids are exposed to the public early and they embrace it and don't run away from it."

Florida was the preseason No. 1 last year and the Gators went on to repeat as national champions. The players who started on the two title teams are gone as are most of the starters from the team Florida beat last season. Ohio State, which was ranked No. 1 in last season's final poll, was also wiped out by star players leaving early for the NBA. Ten teams in last season's final poll are not in the preseason Top 25.

North Carolina was No. 1

in the preseason poll in 1981-82, the only time they went on to win the national championship after starting on top. UCLA has been the preseason No. 1 eight times and North Carolina and Duke are tied for second with six.

UCLA and Memphis have the longest current streaks of consecutive poll appearances at 39, runs that started with the preseason Top 25 in 2005-06.

## Women's Basketball: Elliott, Mahoney named All-SEC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky seniors Sarah Elliott (McKee) and Samantha Mahoney (Detroit) were named to the preseason All-SEC team as selected by league coaches and announced by the conference office Thursday. The league coaches also picked Kentucky to finish sixth in the standings.

Elliott is Kentucky's leading

returning scorer from last season. The 6-6 center averaged 13.5 points per game, including 14.0 ppg in league play. She also led the team in blocks with 50 and was second in rebounds with 7.0 rpg. She needs just 18 more blocks to break the school record for blocks in a career held by Valerie Still with 156.

Mahoney was second on the team and 16th in the SEC in scoring last season, averaging 12.4 ppg. The 5-10 guard scored in double-figures in each of the team's WNIT games, averaging a squad-best 14.0 ppg mark during postseason play. This marks the third consecutive year Mahoney has been named to the All-SEC preseason squad.

Points were compiled on a 11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis for order of prediction, while each player received two points for a first-team vote and one point for a second-team vote. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team or players. This is the fourth annual preseason All-SEC team for women's basketball. The Wildcats have placed a member on a preseason all-SEC team in each of the four years.

# MSU MEN: Inexperienced Eagles hoping to take next step

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOREHEAD — In Donnie Tyndall's first season at Morehead State, the over-achieving Eagles tripled their win total from the previous year and advanced to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament for the first time in three seasons.

After being picked to finish 11th in the league, the Eagles went 12-18 overall and 8-12 in the OVC to tie for seventh place.

The second-year head coach won't make any bold predictions about what he expects of this year's team that loses its top three scorers and rebounders. But Tyndall believes that the Eagles have enough improved returners and talented newcomers to

once again be competitive.

"I think our talent level is up, but every team in the league has improved so I would like to think we could be right there in the middle of the pack," Tyndall said. "Anytime you take over a program, we understand it's going to be a long haul so we're looking at a four or five-year rebuilding plan. We're just into year two, but I feel like the program is headed in the right direction."

Tyndall's optimism starts with a nucleus of returning players anchored by senior point guard Nikola Stojakovic, who ranked fourth in the OVC with 4.2 assists per game.

Tyndall considers Stojakovic an extension of himself on the court and one

of the best floor generals in the OVC. He will need the Serbian to be the catalyst for a revamped team that has only five returning players.

Sophomore forward Maze Stallworth is the team's leading returning scorer after averaging 7.2 points per game and top returning rebounder with 3.7 per game last season.

The improved play of senior guard Jamyron Steward, a scorer who averaged 6.0 ppg last season, should also be a boost to the Eagles.

But the most noticeable progress figures to take place with the addition of several post players.

Despite not having a starter taller than 6-foot-6, the Eagles out-worked opponents and led the OVC in rebound-

ing margin at plus-3.3 per game.

Junior college transfer Leon Buchanan is expected to make an immediate impact after averaging 17.1 ppg and 5.8 rpg his sophomore year at Abraham Baldwin (Ga.) Agricultural College, where he was a third team All-American.

Buchanan will be joined by 6-7 Les Simmons, who averaged 15.3 ppg and 9.0 rpg at Cecil (Md.) College last season, and developing freshman Kenneth Fariad, a talented 6-8 project who averaged 23.2 points and 15.8 rebounds at Technology High School in Newark, N.J.

"I really like our frontline because Leon Buchanan is a very good athlete," Tyndall said. "He's going to give us

toughness and toughness around the goal. Even though we're not a team with a bunch of 6-9, 6-10 guys I think in our league, as long as you've got good enough players, they don't have to be 6-9 or 6-10."

Last season Morehead State ranked third in the OVC in scoring defense by holding opponents to 65.4 points per game. They also shared the ball on offense, ranking first in assists with 15.2 per game.

The Eagles were the only league team to have defeated eventual league champion Austin Peay twice during the regular season and raced out to a 6-2 start in league play before stumbling through a nine-game losing streak.

"Our identity again is going to have to be toughness, defending and rebounding,"

Tyndall said. "I think our kids have a mindset the way we condition in the fall and practice. You've got to be tough and hard-nosed to get through what we put them through."

**Morehead State At A Glance:** 2006-07 Record — 12-18 overall, 6-14 Ohio Valley Conference. Coach — Donnie Tyndall (12-18 second season, overall). Returning starters — G-Nikola Stojakovic (4.0 ppg, 4.0 apg), G-Cecil Brown (4.0 ppg, 1.6 rpg). Other returning lettermen — F-Maze Stallworth, G-Jamyrion Steward.

Key newcomers — F-Les Simmons, G/F-Royce Gaye, F-Leon Buchanan.

# Morehead St. 76, Mountain St. 72

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State University men's basketball team overcame sloppy floor play with balanced scoring and dominance on the backboards and defeated Mountain State, 76-72, in a college basketball exhibition game Thursday evening in Johnson Arena.

Jamyrion Steward led the Eagles with 20 points, John Lamb had 12 points, and Maze Stallworth and Leon Buchanan scored 11 points each. Buchanan had a game-high 11 rebounds, and Nikola Stojakovic handed out a game-high 13 assists.

Mountain State was led by James Spencer who scored 28 points. Ralph Legg scored 14 points, and Adron Marshall added

10 points.

Morehead State committed 21 turnovers to 13 for the Cougars. But, the Eagles pulled down 47 rebounds to Mountain State's 29. The Eagles led by six points at halftime and by as many as 17 points in the second half. The Cougars cut the lead to two-points on one occasion late in the game but could never catch up.

"Obviously, we made too many turnovers," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "I thought our offense was pretty good in the first half, then got a little stagnant in the second. Some of that was probably because we were turning it over. Mountain State is a very talented team who is nationally ranked in the NAIA preseason polls."

"Jamyrion (Steward) is playing

with more confidence this season. That's something you always expect from a player who is in his second year in your program. As usual, Nikola (Stojakovic) did a good job distributing the basketball. John Lamb has earned a spot in our lineup as a freshman and played well tonight. Leon (Buchanan) ran the floor well and did a great job on the backboards."

The Eagles hit 45.8 percent (27-of-59) from the field to 38.3 percent (23-of-60) for Mountain State.

Morehead State will play its second exhibition game of the preseason when Berea visits Johnson Arena on Monday for a 7 p.m. contest.

## Hold

Paige Watkins had a team-high eight points for Betsy Layne. Savannah Meade followed with five points for the Ladycats. Christi Lykens and Katie Bush aided the Betsy Layne offensive attack with two points apiece.

Adams and Allen prevailed in other tournament games played Thursday night.

More on the other two games follows.

**B-TEAM** — Adams 23, South Floyd 13; Tiffany Wertz scored a game-high 13 points

and Allyson DeRossett netted six as Adams defeated longtime rival South Floyd in the Floyd County B-Team Girls' Basketball Tournament.

Catherine Calhoun and Kaitlin Campbell scored two points apiece for Adams, which led 9-2 at the break.

Maranda Johnson led South Floyd with 11 points. Janeal Brown had the other two points for the Lady Raiders.

**C-TEAM** — Betsy Layne 14, Stumbo 13; The Ladycats

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managed to edge Stumbo in a very competitive Floyd County C-Team Girls' Basketball Tournament game.

Cecelia Ray was the go-to player for Betsy Layne, scoring a team-best 10 points. Emily Kidd added four points for the Ladycats.

Timera Thacker grabbed game-high scoring honors, pushing in 11 points for the Lady Mustangs. Brandy Marrow finished with two points for the Stumbo C-Team.

# Defending OVC champ Colonels back for repeat bid

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND — There will be no sneaking up on opponents this season for Eastern Kentucky.

The Colonels are projected to finish second in the Ohio Valley Conference behind defending champion Austin Peay, a year after playing well enough to morph from underdog to top dog.

Eastern Kentucky returns four of their top five scorers and eight lettermen from the squad that finished 21-12 overall and 13-7 to tie for second in the OVC after being picked to finish eighth in the preseason.

The Colonels went on to win the league tournament, earning its second berth into the NCAA Tournament in three years.

Success hasn't changed the Colonels' attitude according to junior guard Mike Rose, who is the team's leading returning scorer with 15.1 points per game last season.

"Even though we have a little more respect, we still feel like we have to prove stuff to ourselves and everyone else," Rose said. "We can't play at a lower level and start losing games."

"We want to get back to that point where we were before again. We know it's going to be tough just because we got a bulls-eye on our back now."

Last season the Colonels led the OVC in field goal percentage (46.2 percent), ranked second in steals (8.0 per game) and assists

(14.4 per game), and were third in 3-point field goal percentage (34.8).

Rose was sixth in the league in scoring and sharp-shooting sophomore Adam Leonard was 12th after averaging 12.5 ppg. Leonard, who was named the OVC co-freshman of the year, made a league-high and tied a school record with 104 3-pointers.

Under third-year head coach Jeff Neubauer, having plenty of good shooters will always be paramount to run his offense predicated on spacing and cutting.

"We really do try to spread the floor, try to get bigger defenders to guard smaller guys away from the hoop," Neubauer said. "Our goal this year is to shoot the ball well from five positions. That will help us overcome bigger, stronger teams."

Eastern Kentucky's tallest player is 6-8 Darnell Dials, who averaged 8.1 ppg and was second on the team with 4.1 rpg last season.

Dials, one of two seniors along with 6-7 Jamaal Douglas, will both be counted on to help replace the production of forward Michael Brock, who led the team with 5.3 rebounds per game and was the Colonels' best defender.

Harrison Brown, Robin Mestdagh, Justin Stommes and Josh Daniel are still competing to fill the role that guard Julian Leonard had last season as Leonard's backcourt mate.

As a senior, Mascoll started

every game and led the team with 4.8 assists per game and was third in points with 11.1 per game.

Scoring shouldn't be a problem for the Colonels, who ended last year winning 11 of their last 13 games.

It's the team's ability to stop people that Neubauer is concerned with.

Although Eastern Kentucky ranked second in the OVC in scoring defense by holding teams to 63.3 ppg, it was seventh in field goal percentage defense (45.6 percent) and eighth in 3-point field goal percentage defense (35.8 percent).

"Last year we were good defensively, that's what allowed us to hang around games," Neubauer said. "If we're going to be any good this year, we've got to be a very good man-to-man defensive team."

**Eastern Kentucky At A Glance:** 2006-07 Record — 21-12, 13-7 Ohio Valley Conference; Coach — Jeff Neubauer (35-28 third season, overall). Returning starters — G-Adam Leonard (12.5 ppg, 2.6 apg), G-Mike Rose (15.1 ppg, 3.8 rpg), Darnell Dials (8.7 ppg, 4.1 rpg). Other returning lettermen — F-Jamaal Douglas, F-Josh Daniel, F-Josh Taylor, G-Harrison Brown, G-Robin Mestdagh. Key newcomers — F-Deveyon Hunter, G-Drew McCool, G/F-Justin Stommes.

## Hold

step of avoiding media coverage of the championship battle during the past week.

"To me, it's almost tougher to go through the week of thinking about it than it is once the engine starts and you get in it and go," he said. "That's more the comfort zone."

"I didn't watch any racing shows during the week, I didn't read anything in the papers this week. I just wanted to enjoy a little bit of Halloween, but also be able to just take my mind off of everything and come here and be ready."

Johnson laughed when asked if he thinks Gordon is feeling extra pressure after going six years without a title.

"If he is, he's not showing it," Johnson said. "He's such a seasoned veteran. He wants his fifth one bad and I've seen him driving more aggressively, more intense. He wants this more than I've ever seen."

"I find it hard to believe that he's under any more pressure. I would take those extra three championships under my belt and use them as confidence."

The Chase format began in 2004, dividing the season into two parts.

Under the old points system, Gordon would be leading Johnson by an insurmountable 439 points heading into Sunday's race. Instead, a big points spread for Gordon was wiped away at the end of the 26-race "regular season" when NASCAR adjusted the points and seeded the 12 Chase drivers by wins during the season.

That made Johnson, who had six wins to Gordon's four at the time, the leader by 20 points heading into the Chase. Gordon surged back into the lead with consistency, but Johnson — known for strong finishes in the Chase — has put the heat on the leader with the

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wins at Martinsville and Atlanta.

"I like that it's close," Gordon said. "We just go out there and do our jobs and get the best finish that we can."

"Sure the pressure's on. With the points system the way it is now, with the Chase and the 10-race shootout, it starts out extremely tense because you want to see if you've got what it takes to separate yourself from the rest of the field. But then, when it starts to wind down to two or three or four guys, then that intensity starts ramping up again."

"With three races to go, especially with Jimmie winning the last two races, the pressure's really intense," Gordon said.

Oh yes, the other track where Gordon is winless? Homestead-Miami Speedway, home of the season finale.

# Tiny Trotters to visit BLHS for game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE — The Betsy Layne High School Class of 2008 will present a basketball game Monday night at 7 p.m. when the nationally-

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# A turnaround? 2-5 Bengals look for hope of making playoffs

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Marvin Lewis put the discouraging numbers on the board.

Trying to instill a little more hope in his last-place team, the Cincinnati Bengals coach showed the AFC standings during their morning meeting on Wednesday. The list was daunting.

There they were at the bottom of the AFC North, three games out of first place. Their 2-5 record was tied with Oakland for third-worst in the conference,

ahead of only the New York Jets (1-7) and the Miami Dolphins (0-8).

That's inspiring?

Apparently so.

Lewis' point was not to show where they are, but where they could be if they got on a winning streak starting Sunday at Buffalo (3-4), one of the 13 teams that have a better record than them.

He pointed out that teams ahead of them will lose games because they have to play each other, providing a chance for the Bengals to save their season — provided that they start to win, of course.

"Oh, yeah, there's definitely a chance," said running back Rudi Johnson, who returned to practice Wednesday recovered from a hamstring injury and expects to play against the Bills. "We've got plenty of hope, man. We saw the standings this morning of where exactly we stand in the AFC.

"You've got some teams that have great records, but those teams are going to play each other sometime throughout the year. So we've got to worry about ourselves and what we have to do, and that's go out and win every game on our schedule."

That's where they stand. Approaching the halfway point of the season, the Bengals are already in a win-or-lose mode.

That's not good. A 24-13 loss to first-place Pittsburgh on Sunday left them with no margin for error the rest of the season. The schedule gets a little easier from here on out — winless Miami and St. Louis are yet ahead — but they've probably got too much ground to make up and too many teams to climb over.

Lewis' message for the week: Don't give up yet. "The playoffs are possible,"

Lewis said. "The playoffs are there. The playoffs are not out of reach. But we don't need to worry about them. We need to worry about win No. 3 in Buffalo this week. That's what's important. We don't need to look ahead.

"If we take care of ourselves, we'll be fine. And at this point, we can still do that."

A loss on Sunday would leave them 2-6, their worst midpoint record since they were 1-7 under coach Dick LeBeau in 2002. They finished 2-14 that season, LeBeau got fired and Lewis was brought in to turn things around. The Bengals are having a

throwback season. Those standings on Wednesday made it clear that this one is headed in the direction of all the other bad ones — only one winning record since 1990 — unless there are major changes right away.

"It puts it out there and it's no sugarcoating it," guard Bobbie Williams said. "That's where we're at to this point. Ain't no getting around it. We've got to take that, look at that and do something about it.

"It was real good for us. It was an eye opener. Now it's up to us to take it and do what we want with it."

# RB Rudi Johnson back from hamstring injury, gives Bengals options

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Rudi Johnson and Kenny Watson participated in a full practice Thursday, giving the Cincinnati Bengals another option at running back heading into a game they can't afford to lose.

The question is how to use them.

Johnson missed most of the last four games with a pulled hamstring, but returned to practice this week and reported no problems. Watson, who filled in as the starter and had a 130-yard game against the New York Jets, returned to practice Thursday after recovering from a concussion.

Coach Marvin Lewis won't say which one will start Sunday when the Bengals (2-5) play at Buffalo

(3-4). The intrigue involves which one carries the ball more.

"They're both too good of players not to (use)," quarterback Carson Palmer said. "It's always a good thing when you're not sure which running back you want to play. Kenny does so many good things, and Rudi does so many good things, and they're so different that it gives us a great change of pace."

The Bengals struggled to run the ball with Johnson early this season, although it wasn't all the running back's fault. The offensive line was in flux each game because of injuries, and Johnson was having to make moves in the backfield to avoid tackles.

Johnson has carried 62 times for 185 yards — a 3-yard average — without a touchdown. Watson is a little quicker in his cuts, helping

him avoid tackles. He has 401 yards on 85 carries — a 4.7-yard average — and four touchdowns.

"He did a great job," Johnson said. "Kenny filled in well. He did a lot of great things. We were able to get some wins with him in there. So all we've got to do now is continue to build on that and continue to move forward."

At least for this week, Watson is likely to take the lead.

He suffered a mild concussion late in a 24-13 loss to Pittsburgh on Sunday, when he had an impressive 88 yards and 4.6-yard average against one of the league's toughest run defenses. No one has run for 100 yards against the Steelers in their last 32 games.

Even if Johnson is fully recovered from the hamstring injury, Lewis is reluctant to push him too much in his first game back.

"A healthy Rudi hasn't played in five weeks, basically, or four weeks, so we want to make sure we're not going to overload Rudi at this point," Lewis said. "So we have to use both guys — actually use all three players. We'll use DeDe (Dorsey) as well. We'll use all three backs and try to give everybody a little piece of the pie."

Johnson won the starting job under similar circumstances in 2003, sharing the spot with Corey Dillon until he got hurt. Johnson got the job full-time the next season and had kept it until he got hurt against Seattle on Sept. 23.

He tried to play three weeks later, but was limited to four carries in a 27-20 loss to Kansas City that convinced him he needed more time off.

"I tried to come back one time and I wasn't quite myself,"

Johnson said. "So I wanted to take some time off and make sure once I got back on the field, it's the same Rudi J that everybody's been used to. So I'm looking forward to going out against Buffalo and having a great game."

The Bengals are trying to get some balance in their out-of-whack offense. They're fifth in the league in yards passing, but in the bottom third when it comes to rushing. Unable to run consistently, they've stalled on short-yardage plays. Lewis decided to kick a field goal on fourth-and-1 near the goal line last Sunday, showing his lack of confidence.

With Johnson back, the running game will be at full strength.

"Love it," guard Bobbie Williams said. "It's going to be fun. I think it will good to have him and Kenny back there — double-

dose, two-headed monster. The offensive line seems to have things going good in the run game, so it's going to be fun."

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# LenDale White finally comfortable as Titans' RB

by TERESA M. WALKER  
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — LenDale White had just finished with his best day yet in the NFL when Titans coach Jeff Fisher walked up to the running back with a new challenge.

"As soon as the game was over, he said, 'That's two. We need three.' Each time he tells me, I keep getting a 100. As long as he keeps telling me, we're going to pop another 100 out there," White said.

The running back better known as Reggie Bush's other half at Southern California finally is showing why Tennessee drafted him in April 2006. He's had consecutive 100-yard rushing performances, including a career-best 133 yards in last week's 13-9 win over Oakland.

Carolina coach John Fox, who has to defend White on Sunday, called White a big back who pounds a line, hitting holes decisively.

"That's what he brought to the table when he was in college, and I think that's what he's doing in the National Football League," Fox said. "Personally, I didn't have any doubts that he could be able to do that as I watched him, and we spent a lot of time looking at him and evaluating him."

It seems a long time coming for the running back perhaps best known since college as the player whose weight troubles and questions over his commitment to football dropped him from a top-15 pick down to No. 45 overall.

White, who has started every game this season for the Titans (5-2), said he isn't worried about proving anything to critics because of Fisher's faith in his ability.

"He knew what I could do. I finally got the opportunity," White said Wednesday. "A lot of people, they say things, but they don't have an idea of what's going on."

"I don't know if he's giving me the confidence or he wants to see me go out and do it. He's challenging me, and he's put me in a situation where all I can do is go out and perform. As long as he continues to have faith in me, I'm going to go out and perform like that every week."

This is what Fisher and the Titans wanted out of White when they drafted him. Fisher even said they hoped they had drafted a new Steve McNair in Vince Young with White serving as their new Eddie George, the team's all-time rusher.

Based on what White had done at Southern California, Fisher's own alma mater, that made sense. White set the

school record in three seasons with 52 touchdowns rushing. He ranked eighth all-time in Trojans history with 3,159 yards.

He declared for the NFL draft after the Rose Bowl loss to Texas in the national championship game with his mother caring for his ill grandmother.

Once in Tennessee, White struggled with some injuries and was a backup to Travis Henry, who rushed for 1,211 yards. White played in 13 games and finished with 61 carries for 244 yards with 14 catches for 60 yards receiving.

Henry was cut in March and signed with Denver. White started the offseason program overweight, so the Titans drafted Chris Henry out of Arizona in the second round, then brought back veteran Chris Brown for insurance.

White, now around 240 pounds, has started each game this season but had been sharing the carries until Brown sprained his left ankle Oct. 14 in Tampa Bay.

Center Kevin Mawae said he thinks White realized he had to step up and carry the load.

"LenDale's done a great job. He's stepped up. He's started running the ball hard, and he's made some tough yardages ... Now he's got two consecutive weeks of 100-yard games. Hopefully we can con-

tinue that trend," Mawae said.

White said he feels more comfortable and loves wearing out defenses in the second half. He credited the offensive line with opening big holes.

"They make it a lot easier when you run through the hole, and you've got 5 yards before the first guy gets contact on you," White said.

White has been at his best the past two games. He had a career-high 27 carries for 104 yards in a 38-36 victory at Houston on Oct. 21. He had a career-long 28-yard carry in the fourth quarter and also had a career-high four catches for 22 yards.

Against Oakland, he had 25 carries for 133 yards, ripping off consecutive runs of 27 and 14 yards in the third quarter with the Titans trailing 9-3. Chris Henry came in and scored on the next play, putting the Titans ahead to stay.

This is what Fisher expected from White, and it's coming at a time when defenses are loading up with seven and eight close to the line to stop the run.

"They said, 'You can't run it.' We said, 'We can,' and we did," Fisher said. "Now you're only as good as the next week, so we have to try to re-establish that again."

Just in case someone listening needs added motivation.

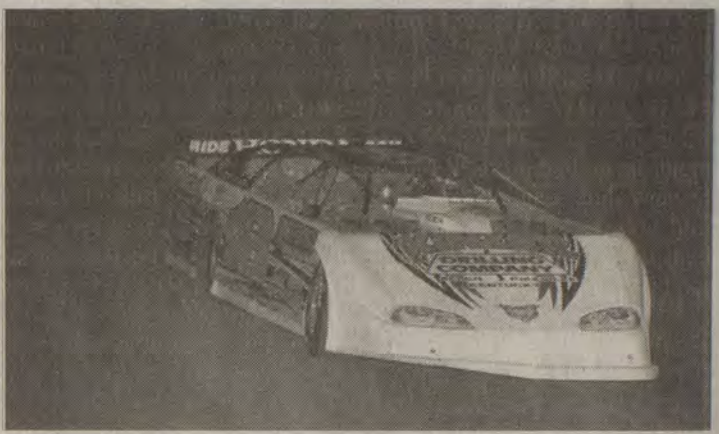


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ALLEN NATIVE Brandon Kinzer and Kinzer Motorsports are already preparing for the 2007 season.

# Sprague to join Hornaday at KHI, will drive 2 in 2008

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

Team owner Kevin Harvick announced prior to Friday's Silverado 350K at Texas Motor Speedway that Jack Sprague will drive the No. 2 Chevrolet next year. He'll join Ron Hornaday, driver of KHI's No. 33, as former NCTS champions on the same team.

Sprague has three Truck Series titles, winning the championship in 1997, 1999 and 2001. Hornaday won titles in 1996 and 1998 and is battling Mike Skinner for this year's championship.

Sprague, a 28-race winner in the NCTS, is in his second season driving the No. 60 Toyota for Wyler Racing. Sprague has one

win this season, with six top-fives and eight top-10s in 22 starts.

KHI's No. 2 truck has made 14 starts this season — split between Harvick, Clint Bowyer and Cale Gale — and has two top-fives and five top-10s. Harvick has driven the truck to one top-five and three top-10s.

WGR will field the No. 77 Toyota Tundra with driver Brendan Gaughan and the No. 60 Toyota Tundra. The driver of the No. 60 Toyota Tundra and sponsors for both teams will be announced at a later date.

Sprague is the second-winningest driver in the Craftsman Truck Series. Hornaday is first with 33 victories.

# INSIDE THE CHASE FOR THE NEXTEL CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DRIVER: Jeff Gordon; TEAM: Hendrick Motorsports; CAR: No. 24 Dupont Chevrolet; CHASE POINTS: First, 6,201; POSITION CHANGE: None; WHAT HAPPENED: Gordon didn't lead a lap for the first time in five races and fell back as far as 20th after his team overadjusted his Chevrolet. He rallied to finish a quiet seventh at Atlanta, and saw his lead in the standings hacked into after teammate Jimmie Johnson won. SPEAKING: "I'm just happy to have a points lead now after the day we had. I knew coming in, and every weekend you know you've got to fight hard every single lap, every position and I'm a little disappointed," Gordon said.

DRIVER: Jimmie Johnson; TEAM: Hendrick Motorsports

CAR: No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet; CHASE POINTS: Second, -9; POSITION CHANGE: None; WHAT HAPPENED: Johnson scored his series-best eighth win of the season, and second in a row, to pull onto Gordon's bumper in the race for the Nextel Cup title. SPEAKING: "I can't believe we took such a big bite out of the points, but I always thought we could. I knew it was going to be tough, because it's so hard to get a seven or eight spot spread over him. You can have a good day and have him run 12th, and not gain that many points," Johnson said.

DRIVER: Clint Bowyer; TEAM: Richard Childress Racing; CAR: No. 07 Jack Daniels Chevrolet; CHASE POINTS: Third, -111; POSITION CHANGE: None; WHAT HAPPENED: Bowyer matched his career-best finish at Atlanta by crossing the line in sixth to continue a trend

he's set in the Chase. Bowyer has now matched or bettered his career-best finish in six of the first seven Chase races. SPEAKING: "What we have to do is keep digging. We can't give up, we didn't give up and we won't give up," Bowyer said.

DRIVER: Carl Edwards; TEAM: Roush Fenway Racing; CAR: No. 99 Office Depot Ford; CHASE POINTS: Fourth, -261; POSITION CHANGE: Plus 1; WHAT HAPPENED: Edwards weathered the fallout from his confrontation with teammate Matt Kenseth by finishing second and moving up a spot in the standings. SPEAKING: "We were very lucky. Overall, it was just a good day of for us, but, I am grateful. In a lot of ways we didn't deserve to run second with the way we performed," Edwards said.

DRIVER: Tony Stewart; TEAM: Joe Gibbs Racing; CAR: No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet; CHASE POINTS: Fifth, -322; POSITION CHANGE: Minus 1. WHAT HAPPENED: Stewart had an unusually poor race in Atlanta, coming in 30th for his lowest finish since 2000.

He had finished in the top 10 in 11 of his past 12 races at the track. SPEAKING: Stewart did not comment after the race.

DRIVER: Kyle Busch; TEAM: Hendrick Motorsports; CAR: No. 5 Kellogg's Chevrolet; CHASE POINTS: Sixth, -328; POSITION CHANGE: None. WHAT HAPPENED: Busch was in position to win until a late caution set up a final round of pit stops. His crew struggled on the stop and he fell from first to 15th, then spun on the restart. He wound up 20th, but his spirits were lifted the next day when he tested his new Joe Gibbs Racing ride and was consistently the fastest car on the track. SPEAKING: "Last week-

end was a heartbreaker and I really feel bad about the end of the race. We had a car to win in Atlanta, finally, and it just didn't happen. It was tough," Busch said.

DRIVER: Kevin Harvick; TEAM: Richard Childress Racing; CAR: No. 29 Shell/Pennzoil Chevrolet; CHASE POINTS: Seventh, -392; POSITION CHANGE: Plus 1; WHAT HAPPENED: Harvick finished 15th, and said his car was the best it had been in Atlanta in years. SPEAKING: "This is the best we have been at Atlanta in four years so it was a step in the right direction for us. We are going to take this car to Texas because it ran so well here for us," Harvick said.

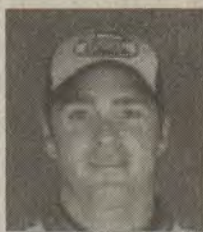
DRIVER: Jeff Burton; TEAM: Richard Childress Racing; CAR: No. 31 AT&T Chevrolet; CHASE POINTS: Eighth, -400; POSITION CHANGE: Plus 1; WHAT HAPPENED: Jeff Burton struggled early, but a slew of adjustments and late-race two-tire pit call earned him a fifth-place finish, his third top-10 finish in the Chase. SPEAKING: "We were terrible in the beginning of the race — I think we were as running in the 30s early on. But what a crazy finish — we'll take it and go to Texas from here," Burton said.

DRIVER: Kurt Busch; TEAM: Penske Racing; CAR: No. 2 Miller Lite Dodge; CHASE POINTS: Ninth, -419; POSITION CHANGE: Minus 2; WHAT HAPPENED: Busch led 98 laps, but his team took four tires on the final pit stop when most everyone else only took two and he finished eighth. SPEAKING: "We had an excellent chance at winning, and then the last stop, everybody took two tires and we took four. We just didn't make the right decisions on pit calls," Busch said.

DRIVER: Denny Hamlin; TEAM: Joe Gibbs Racing; CAR: No. 11 Fed Ex Chevrolet; CHASE POINTS: 10th, -424; POSITION CHANGE: Minus 1. WHAT HAPPENED: Hamlin didn't pit on the final stops to take over the lead. But his car wouldn't go on the restart, leading to a wreck and a 24th-place finish. His team later found water in his fuel, and NASCAR discovered the problem spread beyond Hamlin. SPEAKING: "When I hit the gas, it took off, then it stopped. It took off again, then it stopped. I was just waiting for the hit from behind," Hamlin said.

DRIVER: Matt Kenseth; TEAM: Roush Fenway Racing; CAR: No. 17 Dewalt Tools Ford; CHASE POINTS: 11th, -448; POSITION CHANGE: Plus 1; WHAT HAPPENED: Kenseth scored his best finish of the Chase — fourth — but could have been done better if not for a late caution. He was chasing down Kyle Busch for the win when the yellow came on, and took four tires on the final stop. SPEAKING: "We've put together back-to-back solid finishes, which is something, it seems like, that we haven't done in a long time. I thought we had a car capable of winning at the end, and we haven't been able to say that in while, because, basically, we haven't been able to get to the end," Kenseth said.

DRIVER: Martin Truex Jr.; TEAM: Dale Earnhardt Inc.; CAR: No. 1 Bass Pro Shops Chevrolet; CHASE POINTS: 12th, -448; POSITION CHANGE: Minus 1; WHAT HAPPENED: Truex led 135 laps and was poised for an excellent finish until Hamlin had his problem on the restart. As cars dodged and weaved Hamlin's sputtering car, Truex never saw him and ran straight into the back of him. He finished a disappointing 31st; SPEAKING: Truex did not comment after the race.



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for positions, mail or fax or email resumes to Karen Cogdill, Donated Goods Manager Goodwill Industries at 370 S Hwy 27 Suite 9-A Somerset, KY 42501. Fax # 606-678-4185 or email kcogdill@gwik.org Closing date when positions are filled. Goodwill Industries of Kentucky EOE

**100 Workers needed.** Assemble crafts, wood items. To \$480/wk. Materials provided. Free information Pkg. 24 Hr. 801-428-4649.

**Heavy Equipment Steam Cleaning Company** needs employees. Must have valid drivers license and up to date surface mining papers. Mine Emergency Tech. is a plus. Call Mon. Thru Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (606) 886-1759 If no answer leave message.

**JOB OPENING**  
 Renos Roadhouse in Prestonsburg is now hiring for all positions. Shifts- Day and Night. Apply in person only.

**Merchandise**

### BOOK FOR SALE

Korners of inspiration (A collaboration of Kim's Korner). Priority mail \$13.30, shipping UPS \$20.00, allow 2-4 weeks for delivery. To order

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Please send resume with references to:  
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**HOUSE FOR SALE**

Nice 3 bedroom / bath. Carport, total electric, nice fenced in yard, location at Right Fork of Bull Creek, Hatfield Estate, Prestonsburg, Ky. By appointment only, 889-0036 \$99,000

**Big Sandy Health Care, Inc.**  
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**REGISTERED NURSE**  
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Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Inc., has an opening for a full-time Registered Nurse on the Med-Surg Unit, 7 p.m.-7 a.m. **Qualifications:** Current Kentucky licensure; ACLS certification required within one year of employment. Qualified candidates should apply at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 910, Martin, Kentucky 41649; fax: (606) 285-6409; call (606) 285-6420; or email dbentley@olwh.org

**Deadline for applications: November 9, 2007.**

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Caring Individuals to work with people with developmental disabilities in the Floyd County area

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Interested parties should call  
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**DRIVER**

We are seeking a full-time Driver at our Manton, KY location, to operate company vehicles to transport products to and from specified destinations. This position is responsible for operating company equipment at the job-site under the direction of the Location Manager, performing duties of load/plant crew or shot service crew and/or assisting the Location Manager.

Must possess a current class A CDL with Hazmat endorsement, high school diploma or GED, and 2+ years' driving experience. Tanker endorsement is a plus.

Please forward your response information to Austin Powder Company, FAX: (606) 285-5171, Call: (606) 285-5166, or email: humanresources@austinpowder.com



**For Sale: Beautiful Maggie SoHero** wedding gown size 12 original cost \$1600, selling \$500. Call 606-886-9626. If interested please leave message and number.

**3 Carat diamond bracelet for sale.** \$250. Call 791-0107.

**BOOK FOR SALE**  
A book by Donald Crisp "Growing up on Bucks Branch". In Floyd county, on sale now!!!! \$12.50 plus shipping and handling. Contact Donald at 285-3385.

**Animals**

**Full Sale:** 9 wks old, male, chihuahua. 8 wks old, male, pomerian. Both has been wormed and 1st shots. Each \$150. Call 587-1574

**For Sale: Full stock Chihuahua.** 8 weeks old. Have had shots and been wormed. Call 889-0779

**Yard Sale**

**Big Moving Sale: Nov. 5, 6, 7, & 8.** 9:00am-4:30pm. Lots of furniture, living room, washer, bedroom, etc. Tools and too many things to mention. 460 Monument Drive, Dwale, Ky

**Misc.**

**Wanted:** Land to develop for house seats or commercial use. You furnished the land. I develop the site. Profits shared. According to pre-agreement. Call 874-4307.

**For Sale:** Avon Collectible from 1987. Porcelain Christmas figurines set 21 pieces in original boxes. Dinner Set: 7 piece place setting, service for 12, 8 serving pieces \$ 450. Old Hobnail milk glass 14 pieces \$85. 30 volume set Charles Dickens-Excellent condition \$300. Hand crocheted bedspread double/queen \$250. Wine decanter & 6 goblets \$40. Olean-Baldwin cabaret fun machine \$300. Crystal-meadow rose pattern 24 pieces \$120. Call 886-6619

**Would like to buy 20 or more acres** in Floyd or Johnson Co. Prefer small hollow or land near old strip job. Call (606) 478-8139 or (606) 791-6571.

**FOR SALE:** Prom & Pageant Gowns. Brand-Exclusives, color-royal blue halter with split on the side, beaded size6. Brand-Femmes-paris, color Aqua, size1 straps with pearls beaded at the top and bottom. Also brand-xcite color-royal blue size6 one shoulder strap. Beaded from top to bottom. For more info call 886-2692 or 791-2692.

**REAL ESTATE**

**Homes For Sale**

**Farm for sale:** 70 acres, large modern home with barn. 6 acres of level land. Call 886-8366

**For sale:** 3 br house with 5 acres of land. Call 1-574-834-2216 or 1-606-886-6648.

**Land for sale** located on Rt 979 Teaberry, Ky. Land has coal on it but not leased out.

Asking 20,000. If interested please call Marybelle Bradley 440-288-2689.

**Brick & Stone House for Sale.** Four bedrooms, two and a half baths. 2900 square feet. Desirable location in Trimble Branch. Reasonably priced. Call 886-2020

**For Sale:** 4Br house. 2 acres of land on 979 between the old and new post office at Teaberry. With large living room. Also has a barn and carport. A very nice location. Call 587-3141.

**House For Sale 1/4 mile on Abbott Creek Rd.** 3Br 2 bath swimming pool. 8 acres of flat land for more information call 886-3508 or 791-4433. Asking \$130,000.

**House for sale by owner:** 3 BR but could be made into 4. 1 1/2 bath, oak flooring, full basement, nice paved driveway. Big lot. Interested inquires only. Call 358-3469.

**HOUSE FOR SALE** Located on Front Street at Wayland. Third house above Castels store on right on Front Street. Central heat and air. 5 BR 2 bath LR 30X18 and dining room & sunroom. Huge cobble stone chimney carport. 2 lots, fenced in. Asking \$65,000 call 606-358-4137 for appointment

**For Sale 1981 Schultz Mobile Home.** 2 Br 1 bath new laminate flooring in kitchen. Almost new berber carpet in living room and hallway. Electric box and pole included. Window air conditioner included. Must be moved. If interested call 285-3907 or 285-4814.

**For Sale: 35 acres** of land, one story house with 1,600 sq.ft of living space, partial basement located at Hi Hat, Ky. Two acres of flat land with house, space for garden or two more residences. The home place of the late Cecil and Edna "Sweetie" Meade. Appraised value \$65,000. Price non-negotiable. Contact Mike Mullins at 606-785-5475 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays) or 606-251-3414.

**HOUSE FOR SALE** Newly constructed house for sale located at Abbott Creek. Vaulted living room ceiling, 3 BR, bonus room, fireplace, with cherry hardwood floors and cabinets with spacious attached garage. Located 4 miles from us 23. Panoramic view located in new subdivisions. \$210,00 asking price Seller willing to help with closing costs! Call 606-285-0054 606-791-0719, evenings 606-377-6042

**Sale or Lease**

**Established business** with 240 ft. road frontage, 2 adjoining lots available on main road through town, close to courthouse. 606-791-3663.

**Prestonsburg business for lease.** Great location on the main road, close to downtown and the courthouse. lease as is or change, many possibilities, ie restaurant, sports bar, office complex, ample parking. May consider selling. Call 791-3663.

2 mobile homes for sale with land. Can be sold sperate with land. Call 791-3727.

**Beauty Shop for rent.** Equipped with 3 stations and tanning bed. Would consider renting for commercial use other than beauty shop. Rt. 122 1 mile South of Martin across from Garth Technical School. Must have references. 285-9112.

**Commercial property 12 acres next to Walmart & McDonald's** in Prestonsburg. 886-3023 after 5pm.

**FOR SALE** Property for sale between Prestonsburg and Paintsville. Also, double wide for rent. \$500 plus deposit. Call 606-789-6721 or 792-792-6721. No pets.

**FARM FOR SALE** Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Little Paint. Lum Derosssett Branch. Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber. HUNTERS PARADISE!! Could be made into a subdivision.

**Rentals**

**APARTMENT**

**Apartment for rent** 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Located above Unisign at lvel on U.S. 23. \$350.00 per month rent, \$350.00 security deposit, 1 year lease and no pets. Call (606) 478-8100

**For Rent: 1 br apt.** Utilities pd. W/d provided. No pets Call 226-0999

**2br duplex for rent.** Central heat and air. In excellent condition. 3 miles north of prestonsburg. Call 886-9007 or 889-9747.

**1 Br apt for rent** in Prestonsburg. NO PETS. Call 886-8991.

**Apt for rent 1, 2, or 3 BR.** furnished. Some utilities included. References required. Call 886-8366.

**Apt. For rent: 1 and 2 BR apartments** on Rt. 321 near Porter school, Central heat and air, washer and dryer hookup. \$375 per month plus references and deposit. Seniors welcomed! Call 789-5973.

**Furnished 1 bedroom Apt.** Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

**Houses**

**House For Rent - 3 BR,** at Allen, Ky. \$800.00 per month + security deposit. Call 794-0249

**House for rent:** Harold area. Partially furnished. Suitable for 2 working people. 2 br, 1 car garage. Call 886-9158 or 226-9472.

**2 BR HOME AT COW CREEK FOR RENT!** Call 874-9132.

**HOUSE FOR RENT** EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD 1600 Sq ft house 3 BR 2 bath, kitchen, utility room, heat pump, built in vacuum. Gated community, references and deposit

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**Nice 2 br mobile home** for rent. Call 874-0875 or 226-3207.

**2br Total electric mobile home** for rent. Martin area. Call 285-3980

**2Br mobile home** for rent. HUD approved. Near Garrett. Call 432-9110.

**3 BR 2 bath MH for rent with large deck..** Located at 315 Adams Cemetery Road. Call 791-8617 or 791-4471. \$450 per month.

**LEGALS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Frank Fitzpatrick has filed an application with the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet to stabilize and enhance 662 linear feet of stream along the Right Fork of Middle Creek, near the intersection of US 114 and KY 404. The reach of Right Fork of Middle Creek that is proposed to be stabilized is located in a rural area of Floyd County, near Prestonsburg, with a watershed size of 26 square miles. Currently, the targeted reach of the Right Fork of Middle Creek has tall eroded bank sections and is adding large amounts of sediment to the stream. Right Fork of Middle Creek is proposed to be improved with a combination of flood plain excavation, stability and habitat structures, and vegetative stabilization methods. Any comments concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5524, Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 intends to transfer permit number 836-5423 to Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560. The new permit number will be 836-5524. The operation disturbs 397.72 surface acres and will underlie 3,241.47 acres. No new acreage is affected by this transfer. The operation is located approxi-

mately 3.6 miles southeast of McDowell in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 miles southeast from KY Route 1929's junction with Ned Fork County Road and is located along Poplarlick Fork and Neds Fork of Frasure Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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Please apply in person at The Ramada Inn, James Trimble Blvd., Paintsville, during the following times:

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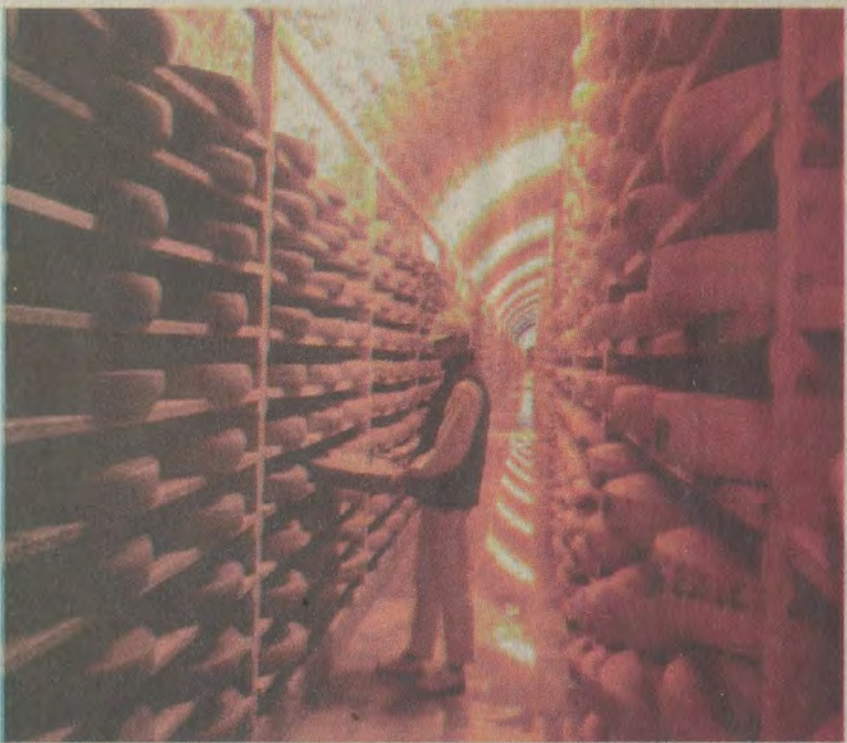
FAMILY LIFESTYLES

The language of cheese has a decidedly French accent — *Brie, Camembert, Roquefort, chèvre.*

That's only natural, considering the French have created more kinds of cheese, or fromage, than any other country in the world. Right for any occasion, specialty cheeses make a beautiful presentation and offer a delectable tasting experience. Bring a sliver of the French countryside to your table with The Cheeses of France.



Cheeses pictured from left to right: Pavé d'Affinois — cow's milk cheese; Bûchette de chèvre — goat cheese log; Le Drouan — cow's milk cheese; and Boule de Quercy — goat's milk cheese.



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## Parlez-Vous Fromage?

Put a French twist on your next gathering with a cheese tasting. Transport your guests to France with The Fromage Plate™, an easy and expressive way to bring the ambiance of fromage to the table. Savor the experience of serving The Cheeses of France by following these simple steps.

**The Selection** For peak freshness and flavor, buy cheese a day or two before your event. Ask the experts for help. Your local fromager will be happy to make suggestions on complementary flavors and textures.

**Presentation** — Bring the cheeses to room temperature before serving. Offer diverse flavors by varying the type of milk content in the cheese, from cow's milk to goat's milk to sheep's milk. Also mix the textures from soft to hard and experiment with different shapes for a stunning visual presentation. Remember, it's about quality not quantity. A delicious cheese board should showcase three to five cheeses. For the best sampling experience, start with the mildest cheese arranged at 12 o'clock and continue clockwise around the cheeseboard finishing with the most pungent and complex product.

**Pairings** Keep in mind, the cheese is the star. Choose pairings that will complement your cheese selections. Try thinly sliced apples or pears, freshly cut figs, blackberries, golden raisins or other fresh or dried fruits. Nuts complete the healthy offering and add a little crunchiness to the sampling experience. Go gourmet with quince paste, plum butter or chutney on the side. Drizzle a little honey on robust cheeses for a dash of sweetness. Toast points, fruit and nut crostini or thin slices from a baguette can be offered as well. When choosing breads and crackers, select mild styles that won't compete with the cheese's flavor. And, when you think of serving wine, be creative with whites or reds.

For more information about The Cheeses of France visit [CheesesofFrance.com](http://CheesesofFrance.com).

### Classic Cheese Fondue

Easy to prepare, perfect for parties or a special, romantic dinner.

Serves 6

- 1 garlic clove, halved crosswise
- 2 cups dry white wine
- 1/3 pound Emmental cheese (cubed)
- 1/3 pound Gruyère cheese (cubed)
- 1/3 pound Comté cheese (cubed)
- Nutmeg and/or paprika to taste

Rub the inside of fondue pot with cut sides of garlic; add clove to pot or discard. Add wine and bring to simmer over moderate heat. Reduce heat to low and slowly add cheese while stirring until thickened, about 5 to 8 minutes. If fondue is too loose add more cheese. If fondue is too stiff add more wine.

**For Dipping:** French Bread, cut into bite-sized cubes; raw, roasted or blanched vegetables including green beans, broccoli, cauliflower and bell peppers.

### Endive, Walnut, Pear and Roquefort Salad

A sheep's milk cheese from France, Roquefort makes the perfect topping for this beautiful salad.

Serves 4 to 6

#### Salad

- 1/2 cup walnut halves, toasted
- 4 to 6 heads Belgian endive, quartered and cored
- 2 ripe Bartlett pears, halved, cored and sliced
- 2 ounces Roquefort cheese, crumbled (about 1/2 cup)

#### Dressing

- 1 small garlic clove
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons walnut oil (if not readily available substitute other nut oils or olive oil)
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

- 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped fresh tarragon leaves or pinch dried tarragon, crumbled

#### Make roasted walnuts:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place walnut halves on baking pan and toast in oven until golden and fragrant, about 5 to 10 minutes.

#### Make dressing:

In medium bowl, mince and mash garlic to a paste with salt and whisk with mustard and lemon juice. Slowly whisk in oils in slow stream until emulsified and whisk in tarragon and salt and pepper to taste. Lightly toss pears with some dressing and place on endive leaves. Drizzle remaining dressing over salad to moisten. Top with Roquefort cheese and walnuts and serve.

### Baked Brie in Puff Pastry

The creamy Brie cheese melts inside the pastry for an elegant appetizer. Serve with slices of French bread, crackers, raw vegetables or fruit.

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 sheet puff pastry, thawed
- 1 round Brie cheese (about 1 pound)
- 1 egg yolk mixed with 1 teaspoon water

Preheat oven to 400°F. Let frozen puff pastry come to room temperature, about 20 minutes; lightly flour and roll out to 1/8-inch thickness. Wrap pastry around brie; trim away excess and set aside to use as decoration. Seal edges by pressing with fingers.

Place puff pastry enclosed Brie seam-side down on non-stick or parchment-lined baking sheet. Attach any decorative pieces of puff pastry in design of your choice. (At this point, you may cover it with plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 24 hours.) When ready to bake, brush with egg wash. Bake 15 to 20 minutes until golden. Remove from oven and let rest 15 to 20 minutes before serving.

**Options:** Either spread raspberry, apricot or other fruit preserves or chutneys on top of cheese, or slice brie wheel horizontally across center and place preserves inside the two halves before wrapping with dough and baking.