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In brief

Beshear leads Fletcher by 20 points

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — A new poll shows Democratic gubernatorial nominee Steve Beshear leading Gov. Ernie Fletcher by double digits in the governor's race to be decided Nov. 6.

Beshear leads by a margin of 55 percent to 35 percent among 667 likely voters surveyed in The Courier-Journal Bluegrass Poll conducted Sept. 13 to 18 and published Friday. The newspaper said 10 percent were undecided.

The poll found Beshear leading among men and women, all age groups and all income levels and ahead in all of the state's six congressional districts. His lead is within the margin of error of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points in three of the congressional districts, however.

The results followed a Lexington Herald-Leader/Action News 36 Election Poll conducted Sept. 10 to 13 that found Beshear leading Fletcher 56 percent to 39 percent among 600 likely voters with 5 percent still undecided. That poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Beshear campaign manager Jim Cauley pointed out that so far, Fletcher's television ads have dealt only with his opposition to casino gambling in Kentucky.

"It might be that he's talking about one thing, and we're talking to Kentuckians about things we'd like to do for them,"

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Fiscal court approves new drug policy

by JENNIFER LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — In acknowledging the growing problem of substance abuse in society, the Floyd County Fiscal Court has introduced a new substance abuse program to ensure that all county employees have a work-

place free of drug and alcohol abuse.

Effective immediately, all employees will be subject to random and pre-employment drug testing, as decided in Friday morning's fiscal court meeting.

While the court acknowledges that drug and alcohol addiction is a complex, yet treatable problem, the intention is to prevent substance abuse and

promote its treatment.

"This is something that has been on my heart and mind since Jan. 1," said Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. "I feel this is an excellent addition to the county and it covers all bases."

Included in the resolution, which was agreed and signed by all members

of the fiscal court, an employee must notify his or her supervisor whenever he or she is using a prescription or over-the-counter drug that has the potential to affect safety or work performance. However, the supervisor or court has the right to act accordingly,

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GUILTY PLEA



photo by Jennifer Lawson

Through tears, Kerrie Hall pleaded guilty in circuit court Friday afternoon to charges of trafficking Oxycontin.

Second staff member at prison charged

by JENNIFER LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — A second staff member at Otter Creek Correctional Facility has been charged with promoting contraband as a result of providing cigarettes to inmates, in violation of a tobacco ban the facility implemented last October.

Whitney Bartlett, 23, of Wheelwright, has been charged with second-degree promoting contraband.

The tobacco ban, which banned tobacco use within the prison's walls and the surrounding grounds, has

since resulted in cartons of cigarettes being sold for as high as \$200 apiece, according to Otter Creek investigator Dwight Crowell.

As previously reported, after obtaining the cartons, either from visitors or staff, the inmates are making them last longer by removing the tobacco from one and rolling up four "pinners" with toilet paper instead of rolling papers.

However, to make extra cash from a carton, Crowell says the inmates can in turn sell them to each other for

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Judge gives suspect a break, and a warning

by JENNIFER LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Circuit Judge Danny Caudill chose to give Seth Wells a second chance during court Friday afternoon.

Wells has been incarcerated for 109 days on a felony charge of receiving stolen property, operating a motor vehicle under the influence and public intoxication, to which he was sentenced five years to be probated over five years with the highest level of restrictions possible.

"You're fortunate to be get-

ting probation," Caudill lectured. "I'm going to attribute your mistake to youthful arrogance."

Wells is to have no violations and is subject to random drug tests. He was also ordered to keep a job and any time that he's not employed he is to be doing community service at a minimum of 35 hours a week.

"I don't want you to think this is anything personal," said Caudill. "I don't like or dislike you. But if you come back, I will put you in jail for as long as the law will allow. That's not a threat or a promise — it's a fact."

Wells will be released and report immediately to probation sometime this week.

Other court cases included Tommy Collett who received five years probated over seven years and six months for flagrant nonsupport in the amount of \$47,506.04, which he is to repay in payments. He was credited with 191 days served.

Also charged with flagrant nonsupport was Frank Hamilton, whose case was rescheduled for Dec. 7. While Caudill acknowledged that if someone was in jail the child couldn't

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Local agencies benefit from \$10,000 grant

by JENNIFER LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — During its regular meeting Friday morning, the Floyd County Fiscal Court accepted a \$10,683.76 grant from the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services that will benefit a variety of emergency services throughout the county.

Left Beaver Fire and Rescue will receive \$3,561.26, while Transtar Ambulance will be receive \$3,561.25, and Respond Ambulance Service will receive \$3,561.25.

In other news, the court:
■ Hired three new employees at the Floyd County Jail. They are Michael Ousley, Josh Hubbard and Jeremy Johnson.

■ Approved raised for three jail employees, Marie Marcum, Nathan Hall and Joshua Hall, upon completion of training requirements and promotions. Also in jail raises, Dora Hicks has been promoted to kitchen captain and will also receive a pay increase.

■ Agreed to purchase general cleaning supplies

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PHS educator receives Teacher Achievement Award

by JENNIFER LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County high school teacher is one of 20 statewide to receive the one of the top education awards Kentucky offers.

Being anonymously nominated, Prestonsburg High School teacher Solomon Kilburn was chosen by the Kentucky Department of Education and Ashland Inc. as a recipient of the 2008 Ashland Inc. Teacher Achievement Award.

While he resides at Stephens Branch, Kilburn has been involved with the Floyd County School system for the past 16 years, though he has been an educator for

20 years.

"It's such an honor to get this award," said Solomon. "I could have never achieved such an honor without the support of my friends and colleagues here in the Floyd County school system."

Judging was based on application information, which included information on the nominee's teaching philosophies, teaching experience and community involvement, all of which was judged earlier this month by a group of educators.

Solomon, along with the other semifinalists, will receive a check for \$500. From those semifinalists, two finalists

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Prestonsburg High School teacher Solomon Kilburn was one of 20 chosen to compete for Kentucky Teacher of the Year.

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FLOYD COUNTY

■ William J. Compton, 74, of Santa Maria, California, a native of Prestonsburg, died Monday, September 10. He is survived by his wife, Anna (Ann) McComas Compton. A memorial service to celebrate his life, was held Friday, September 21, at the First Methodist Church, in Santa Maria.

■ James Braydon Garrett, 3 weeks old son of Jason Matthew and Jessica Lynn Ousley Garrett, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, September 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Ronald Gene Henson, 70, of Hi Hat, died Monday, September 17, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Charles Rodrick Hughes, 70, died Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Spencer Hughes. Funeral services were held Friday, September 21, under the direction of Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home.

■ Glenda McKinney, 46, of Harold, died Friday, September 14, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Darrell McKinney. Funeral services were held Monday, September 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Roger Dwayne Meade, 53, of McDowell, died Monday, September 17, at Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 20, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Alice Rose, 84, of Jackson, Ohio, a native of Prestonsburg, died Monday, September 17, at her daughter's residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 19, under the direction of Eisnaugle-Lewis Funeral Home.

■ Allie M. Salisbury, 94, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, September 18, at the Riverview

Healthcare, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Friday, September 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Cora Lee Tackett, 74, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, September 14, at the Southwest General Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Pollyanna Owens Wiley, 92, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, September 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, September 21, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Pina Williams, age 80, of Harold, died Tuesday, September 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, September 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Gathel Young Aaron, 76, of South Williamson, died Friday, September 14, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby, N.C. She is survived by her husband, Roland W. Aaron. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 18, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Ronald Branham, 69, of Sadieville, a Pike County native, died Wednesday, September 19, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Kiser Branham. Funeral services were held Friday, September 21, under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of Georgetown.

■ Lucille Hensley Broderick, 93, of Sidney, died Saturday, September 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 18, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Hazel A. Butler, 92, of Ransom, died Saturday, September 15, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 19, under the direction of Chambers Ferial Services of Matewan.

■ Janave Shortridge Conn, 76, of Mouthcard, died

Tuesday, September 18, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, September 21, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Odell Hall, 75, of Virgie, died Wednesday, September 19, at her residence. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ William "Billy Goebel" Huffman, 81, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., a native of Pikeville, died Friday, September 14, at Port St. Lucie Restorative Nursing Home. He is survived by his wife, Marcella Huffman. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 22, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Josephine Hurley, 69, of Stopover, died Friday, September 14, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 18, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Ival Justice, 83, of McAndrews, died Sunday, September 9, at Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 16, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Lowell Thomas Keathley, 74, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, September 19, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Charlene Isbell Keathley. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 22, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Dixie Cable Little, 80, of Lynch, a Pike County native, died Wednesday, September 12. She is survived by her husband, Wilburn Little. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 16, under the direction of Tri City Funeral Home.

■ David Trimble "Big Dave" McCarty, 64, of Ashcamp, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, September 18, at Norton Community Hospital, Norton, Va. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Baker McCarty. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 22, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Ernest "Red" McCown, 75, of Douglas Highway, died Saturday, September 15, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Addair McCown. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 19, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Thelma H. Moore, 91, of Ft. Pierce, Fla., formerly of Pike County, died Monday, September 17, in Ft. Pierce. Funeral services were held Friday, September 21, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Dicy Marie Newsome, 58, of Virgie, died Saturday, September 15, at the home of her mother. She is survived by her husband, Darlin Newsome. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 19, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ John Ramsey, 79, of Onaway, Mich., a Pikeville native, died Tuesday, September 11, at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Freida Ramsey. Chagnon Funeral Home, was in charge of arrangements.

■ Nathaniel John "Bubby Nat" Robinson, 26, of

Rockhouse Road, Caney, died Monday, September 17, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 20, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Paula Stewart, 51, of Raccoon, died Wednesday, September 19, at St. Joseph Hospice Care Center, Lexington. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Joseph Ronald Stone, 73, of Burlington, formerly of Pikeville, a Martin native, died Wednesday, September 12, at St. Elizabeth South Hospital, Edgewood. He is survived by his wife, Helen Wagner Stone. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 16, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Betty Lou Vaughan Swincy, 57, of Elkhorn City, a Floyd County native, died Monday, September 17, at her daughters residence in Big Rock, Virginia. Arrangements are under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Raymond Luther Taylor, 77, of Turkey Creek, died Monday, September 17, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mary Taylor. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 20, under direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ David Thacker Jr., 68, of Pikeville, died Saturday, September 15, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 18, under the direction of Pikeville Funeral Home.

■ Willie "Bill" Thacker, 71, of Steele, formerly of Red Creek, died Tuesday, September 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, September 21, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Betty Jean Bevins Wilson, 82, of Clayton, North Carolina, a native of Goody, died Sunday, September 16. Funeral services were held

Friday, September 21, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Alyce Elizabeth Conley, 83, of Van Lear, died Friday, September 14, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Monday, September 17, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ William Outway "Bill" Crider, 32, of Johns Creek Road, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, September 15, in Covington. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 18, under the direction of

Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Betty Louise Daniels, 62, of Thealka, died Sunday, September 16, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Charles "Tiny" Daniels. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 19, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Flora F. Davis, 89, of Flat Gap, died Friday, September 14, in Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville. Funeral services were held

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Obituaries

Mary Olga Goble

Mary Olga Goble, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, September 20, 2007, at her residence.

Born October 21, 1921, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late William Byrd and Nola May Walker. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Merlin Goble.

Survivors include a son, Bert Goble of Warsaw, Indiana; three daughters: Linda Rose and Mary Craft, both of Prestonsburg, and Christina Goble of Auxier; three brothers: John Edward Walker of Prestonsburg, and Darwin Walker and Charles Walker, both of Pikeville; three sisters: Anna Ruth Leslie of Florida, Edith Mae Meck of Paintsville, and Francis Branham of Prestonsburg; 14 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Marilyn Ann Osborne; a sister, Billie Wills; and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, September 23, at 10 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Van West and Chad Blair officiating.

Burial will be in the Goble-Crider Cemetery, at Auxier, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)

James Russell Gullett

James Russell Gullett, 71, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, September 20, 2007, at his residence.

Born July 9, 1936, in Paintsville, he was the son of the late Arthur and Dora Conley Gullett. He was parts manager for Ed Walters Cadillac. He was a member and past master of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, Prestonsburg, and was a member of the Tom Moore Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela Rudy Gullett.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: James Arthur and Lisa Gullett of Staffordsville; two daughters and sons-in-law: Delisa and Allen Black of Staffordsville, and Jamie and Norman Scott Howell of Prestonsburg; two brothers: Vencil Conley of Ohio, and Fred Conley of Paintsville; three grandchildren: Jesse Gullett, Ethan Van Dine, and Dalton Black.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Willie Gullett; and two sisters: Josie Gullett and Eunice Blewins.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, September 23, at 2 p.m., at the Tom Moore Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, with Clifford Austin and Jody Spencer officiating.

Burial will be in the Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church, where Masonic services were conducted Saturday evening.

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East Kentucky Power agrees to pay \$11.4 million penalty in clean air case

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — East Kentucky Power Cooperative has agreed to pay a fine of more than \$11 million to settle alleged violations of the Clean Air Act's acid rain program, the Environmental Protection Agency said.

Federal environmental regulators filed a proposed settlement, in which the power company agreed to pay \$11.4 million over six years. The EPA billed the proposal, filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Lexington, as the largest ever under the Clean Air Act's acid rain program.

"We hope that this settlement provides the appropriate deterrent value to others who might think about not meeting

their acid rain obligations," Adam Kushner, director of the EPA's Air Enforcement Division, said in a telephone call.

The agency claimed two of the power company's generating units at the company's William C. Dale coal-fired power plant in Clark County, near Lexington, did not comply with the federal acid rain program.

The company, based in Winchester, Ky., released a statement in which it agreed to the settlement but maintained that it had complied with the Clean Air Act.

"It is critical for East Kentucky Power Cooperative to put this costly, time-consuming litigation behind us so we can focus on the future and on serving our members," Bob

Marshall, the power company's president and CEO, said in the statement.

Federal officials filed the suit in June 2006 claiming, among other things, that between 2000 and 2005 the facility emitted tons of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide, or NOx, into the air without a proper permit. The government also claimed East Kentucky Power exceeded the yearly federal limits for nitrogen oxide emissions.

In July, the cooperative agreed to spend \$650 million on equipment aimed at reducing emissions, along with a \$750,000 fine. The company agreed to install high-tech anti-pollution equipment at three of its eastern Kentucky plants to resolve alleged Clean Air Act violations at the plants.

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which can include sending the employee home from work if the drug is impairing or is deemed likely to impair the employee's faculties or work performance.

Possessing, using, consuming, selling or transferring any alcoholic beverage or any prescription drug or any form of controlled substance is prohibited. Employees who are guilty of misconduct are subject to discipline, including discharge

or suspension without pay, even for the first offense.

"Drugs have devastated families in our area and it won't be tolerated from our employees," said Marshall, who vowed to be the first person tested.

While a company to conduct the testing has not yet been determined, the court said it would be decided upon sometime this week, and will be someone local.

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for the jail in the amount of \$2,972.78.

■ Voted to pay the Floyd County Clerk 15 cents for the calculation of any tax bill on any motor vehicle and/or boat, which totals \$6,485.70 as of Jan. 1.

■ Agreed to make a payment to Southern Water and Sewer District to complete the construction phase of a water project.

■ Made payment to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$4,310.84 for

the patrol of Dewey Lake for the month of August.

■ Agreed to repay a loan in the amount of \$500,000.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Oct. 19 at 10 a.m.



Court

get anything, if Hamilton wasn't going to pay anyway, he may as well be in jail.

Kerrie Hall, 33, of Pikeville, as arraigned on two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance to which she pleaded guilty. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor recommended

that Hall be sentenced to five years, two-and-a-half to serve and two-and-a-half probated. She is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 19.

Breanne and Kenzley Conley were both sentenced to begin pretrial diversion as well as probation that, if violated, will cost them five years in

jail. Breanne Conley was charged with two counts of theft of a controlled substance while Kenzley Conley was charged with complicity to theft of a controlled substance. They were also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,638.99 each.

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as high as \$100 a pack, which equates to \$1,000 a carton. The debts that can then occur from this often result in prison violence, according to Crowell.

In June, former corrections officer Carlton Conn, 30, of Prestonsburg, pleaded guilty to the same charges and was sentenced to 120 days of home incarceration and one year probation.

Bartlett is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges in Floyd County District Court on Oct. 24.

Teacher

will be chosen and receive a check for \$3,000, while one candidate chosen for Kentucky Teacher of the Year will be given a check for \$10,000 along with a \$25,000 professional development package from the Kentucky Department of Education or a six-month sabbatical, and trips to the National Teacher of the

Year conferences in Dallas, Texas, Washington D.C., and New Jersey.

"Solomon has a wonderful rapport with people of all ages, especially high school students," said PHS principal Ted George. "His ability to connect with his students and his talent at teaching concepts, as well as more advanced topics, are

both truly superior."

Kilburn, along with the other semifinalists, will be honored at a ceremony in Frankfort on Oct. 19 in the State Capitol, where representatives of the Kentucky Department of Education, the Governor's Office, and Ashland Inc. will be on hand to recognize the teachers.

Poll

Cauley said. "I think there is a lot more on the minds of Kentucky voters than gaming."

But Fletcher campaign spokesman Jason Keller said Beshear doesn't share the values of most Kentuckians. Keller said voters would turn to Fletcher after they learn more about Beshear and about his support for casinos.

Only 42 percent of all those the poll questioned, 812 Kentucky adults, said they approve of how Fletcher is handling his job. Forty-eight percent said they disapprove.

That is the second-lowest approval rating the Bluegrass Poll has found since Fletcher took office in 2003. Democrat Paul Patton is the only governor to record a lower approval rating. That followed Patton's acknowledgement of a sexual relationship with a woman he

had appointed to the Kentucky Lottery Board.

Fletcher's term has been marked by a 16-month investigation into whether his administration improperly hired state workers based on political connections.

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Fletcher and 14 named aides in the hiring probe. Fletcher pardoned others in his administration, and Attorney General Greg Stumbo dropped the charges against Fletcher in an August 2006 settlement in which Fletcher acknowledged that the probe was justified.

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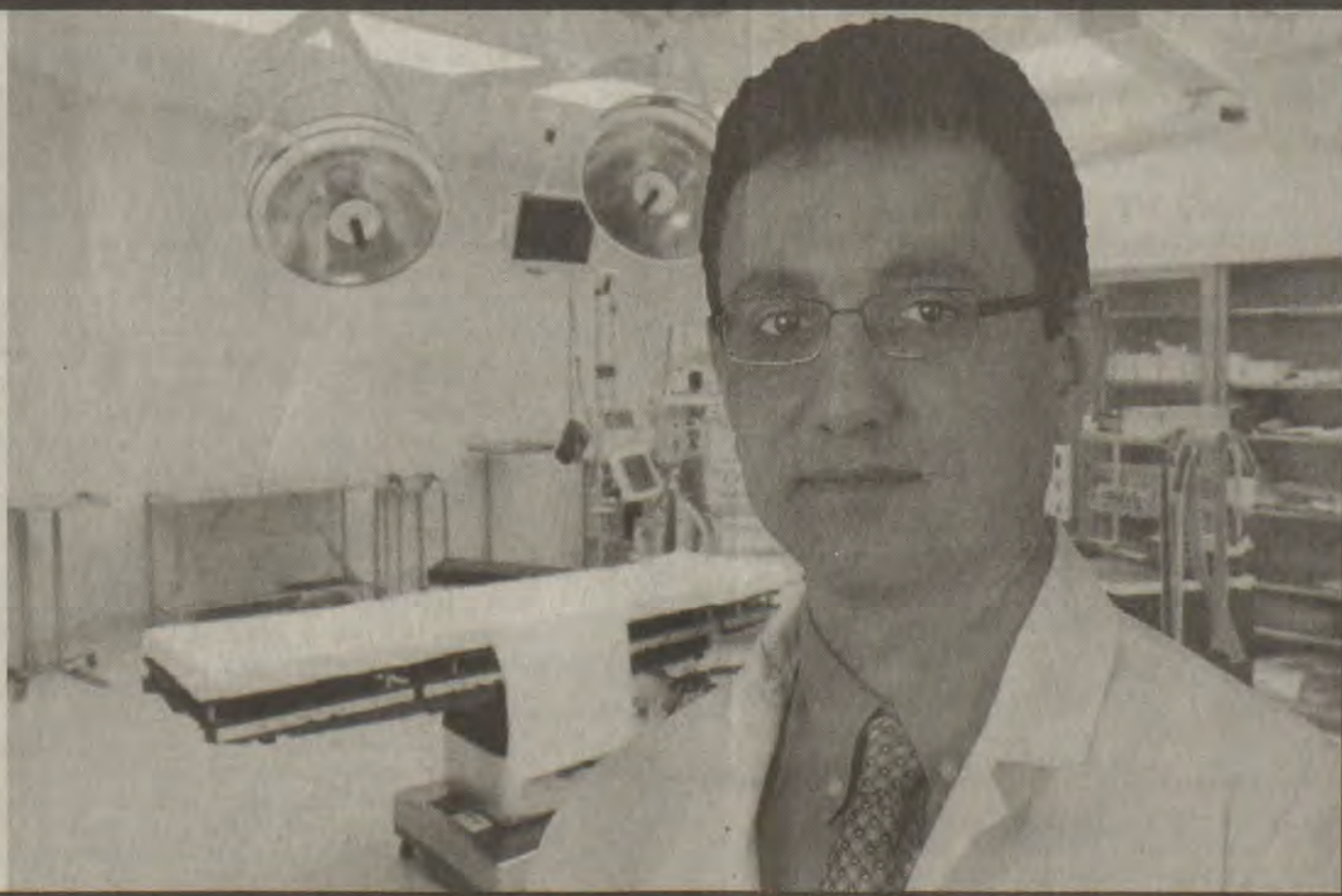
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Guest view

Undeserved miracle

Ralph Baze is celebrating his miracle. After the Kentucky Supreme Court issued a stay of execution on Sept. 12, the man convicted of killing two Powell County law enforcement officers in January 1992 said, "A miracle happened." And he spoke of being "wronged by the judicial system."

Oh, he admits killing Sheriff Steve Bennett and Deputy Arthur Briscoe. But he says it was in self-defense.

He shot Sheriff Bennett three times. In the back. He doesn't dispute that. He shot Deputy Briscoe. In the back. For good measure he also shot the deputy in the head. At close range. Execution style. He doesn't dispute that.

The officers had gone to Baze's cabin to serve an arrest warrant from Ohio on four charges, including felonious assault of a police officer. The details are sketchy. After officers arrived at his door, Baze escaped through a trapdoor in his floor, retrieved an SKS assault rifle and retreated into the woods. Shots were exchanged. Another officer near the scene said, "For about 45 seconds, it sounded like a war," with shots fired in both directions. A bullet struck Baze in the leg. The court determined the officers were killed in an ambush.

What isn't sketchy is the undisputed fact that Baze shot the sheriff three times. In the back. And he shot Deputy Briscoe. In the back. And in the head. At close range. Execution style.

Baze was set to die by lethal injection Sept. 25, more than 15 years after the murders. The case has already been through three appeals. The newest appeal hearing is scheduled for Nov. 15.

Over the years, Baze's attorneys have filed appeals on multiple grounds. In one appeal, Baze claimed the court interfered with his right to present evidence that he had acted under "extreme emotional disturbance" based on a family feud. He also appealed on the grounds that the drugs used in lethal injection can be administered only by a physician, and the Hippocratic Oath prohibits a physician from taking a life. In another he claims that lethal injection is inhumane and therefore unconstitutional.

The stay was based on Baze's claim that his trial in 1993 was illegally moved from Franklin County to Rowan County. It was the second change of venue in the case, and Baze contends only one venue change is allowed under Kentucky law.

But in none of the appeals does he contest the fact that he shot the sheriff three times. In the back. Or that he shot Deputy Briscoe. In the back. Then once more in the head. At close range. Execution style.

If he is executed, Baze said, the minister he calls his "spiritual counselor" will file a wrongful death suit against the warden and all prison staff involved in the execution. He said, "Department of Corrections personnel who carry it out will be guilty of intentional murder."

Intentional murder. Strange choice of words for the man who admits shooting a sheriff three times. In the back. Then shooting a deputy. In the back. And in the head. At close range. Execution style.

Baze said his imprisonment on Death Row at the Kentucky State Penitentiary has been hard on his family because they're poor and can't afford to visit him very often. Courtesy of Baze, the families of two law enforcement officers haven't seen them in 15 years. And will never see them again.

No one issued a stay of execution for Sheriff Steve Bennett. No miracle happened for Deputy Arthur Briscoe.

If the appeal is denied and Baze is executed, he will be only the third person put to death in Kentucky since the death penalty was reinstated three decades ago. With the number of capital murder convictions that have been overturned nationwide because of DNA evidence — some too late — the death penalty should be carried out only in rare circumstances.

But if anyone ever deserved it, it is Baze. He doesn't deny that he shot Sheriff Bennett three times. In the back. Or that he shot Deputy Briscoe. In the back. Then once more in the head. At close range. Execution style.

He says it was self-defense.

Some people deserve a miracle. Some people deserve to die.

— The Paducah Sun



Rich Lowry Column

Exit Karl Rove

Karl Rove loomed so large in our politics that no one could see him clearly. He was both underestimated and overestimated, and he leaves the White House with both significant political achievements and frustrated ambitions.

The underestimated Rove was never just a political consultant, but a keen policy mind. In baseball, he'd be called a five-tool player. He talked about Medicare Part B as fluidly and persuasively as he did voting trends in Indiana's 8th Congressional District. In terms of his importance to both governing and politicking, the only figure that comes close to him in recent memory is former Reagan and Bush I official James Baker.

The overestimated Rove saw his critics attribute practically anything they didn't like in American politics to him. For all his talent, he was one man. He didn't orchestrate every development harmful to liberalism throughout the past 6 1/2 years, nor did he stomp on puppies and kick children on the way to work every morning. His White House co-workers, almost to a person, say he was an honorable and kind colleague.

While Rove obviously had a profound influence in the Bush administration, Bush still would have signed the No Child Left Behind education law, cut taxes, nominated conserva-

tive judges, waged the war on terror and invaded Iraq without him. It has been a parlor game during the entire Bush presidency to identify the real driving force in the Bush administration — sometimes it's been Vice President Dick Cheney, sometimes Rove — when history will show that it was Bush himself all along.

Bush-haters focused their vitriol on Rove, and it became all the more venomous for its misdirection. The energy the left devoted to the Valerie Plame flap can't be understood outside of the imperative to "get Rove." All the supposed scandals congressional Democrats are now obsessing over will lose some of their "oomph" as Rove, their white whale, slips off into the distance under his own power.

For all the investigating, he was never plausibly accused of anything particularly out of bounds, let alone criminal. His besetting sin was winning elections.

It's in his ambition to realign American politics that he fell short. Big government "compassionate conservatism" degraded into the indefensible excesses of the late GOP congressional majority. The vision of

an "ownership society" founded with the failure of Social Security reform. Outreach to Hispanics backfired when it was based on a non-enforcement of immigration laws offensive to law-and-order conservatives.

On top of all this came the crushing charge of incompetence that threatens to overwhelm all else in the Bush legacy. Rove can't be blamed

for that. He didn't run the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and he wasn't in charge of Phase IV post-combat military operations in Iraq. But the issue of

competence alone ensures that there will be no Bush Republicans next year. The question for the GOP presidential candidates isn't whether to distance themselves from Bush, but how far and how soon.

If a Republican wins the presidency in 2008, it will have to be Rove-style — a masterful, but narrow victory won in parlous political circumstances.

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The Rich Lowry column

beyond the beltway

Simplifying the complexities of Iraq

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

You have questions about the war in Iraq? I have answers. These:

Q: Is the surge working or not?

A: Yes and no. When we flood an area with troops, things get a lot quieter. When we leave, those fun-loving Iraqis start: 1) Beheading each other and 2) Blowing each other up. There is no evidence that the surge has or will have a lasting effect.

Q: You don't think the national government will ever be able to get control of the country, then?

A: Before you have a national government, you need a nation. Iraq ain't.

Q: What about the documented successes in Anbar province, where tribal leaders have joined American forces in driving out elements of al Qaida?

A: That's been a good thing, but don't expect to repeat it elsewhere. Anbar is a largely Sunni area and tribal leaders made common cause with the United States because al Qaida was being positively beastly to them. That doesn't mean they love us or will ever be able to get a square deal from the Shia-dominated central (haha) government.

Q: Is the partitioning of Iraq into Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish sectors the answer then?

A: It's an answer; whether it's the right answer remains to be seen. A

partitioned Iraq doesn't address questions of equal access to oil revenues, areas like Baghdad that can't be neatly partitioned or the specter of a civil war that could draw in Syria, Iran and Turkey, among others. (Even Saudi Arabia has promised to come to the aid of Iraqi Sunnis if they are mistreated, although the next war Saudi Arabia shows up for will be the first). If you want a religious war to engulf the Middle East, partition might be the way to go.

Q: If things are as bad as you say, why did General David Petraeus, our commander in Iraq, agree to withdraw the 30,000 surge troops by next summer?

A: He had no choice. Our army is close to being broken. It cannot sustain the surge any longer than next summer, no matter what the situation. In addition, the public clamor for withdrawal is growing daily and Gen. Petraeus had to make it seem as though President Bush's Iraq strategy had a chance to succeed.

Q: Are you suggesting that Gen. Petraeus is a political general, one who craves his military advice to fit the president's wishes?

A: Heavens to Betsy, no. The man is a saint, a regular George Washington. He would never let politics influence his advice on the war. I would point out, however, that generals who give President Bush advice that contradicts his fantasy life — Shinseki, Abizaid, others — are soon colored gone.

Q: What about the Pottery Barn

theory — "If you break it, you own it?" Don't we have an obligation to the Iraqi people to bring some semblance of order and justice into their lives?

A: Yes, we do and in areas where we've gotten the cooperation of the population, we've done pretty well by them. But we haven't been able to

keep Iraqis from killing each other in much of the rest of the country. Nor do we know how to do it now. We have an obligation to the Iraqis but we also have one to the thousands of American troops we're sacrificing to this futile exercise and to their families.

Q: What's the best course of action, then?

A: The difficult truth is that there is no best course; all courses are bad. Certainly, an endless occupation doesn't seem to be the answer. Abandoning the Iraqis to genocidal warfare is hardly more appealing. The name of the game being played in Washington right now is a contest between Republicans and Democrats to avoid blame when we leave and things go to hell. And they will, no matter when we leave.

Q: What ever happened to the Coalition of the Willing?

A: It went Missing in Action as soon as they started using real bullets.

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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.

This fellow Schirra picked the wrong day to orbit the earth six times. The Giants and Yanks were playing, and most of us were in orbit, tagging right along with him.

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Is this Indian Summer, or just plain summer? If the legend that Indian Summer is hazy because of spirit campfires built along the warriors' way to the Happy Hunting Ground is to be preserved, we must decide either that the season is yet ahead, or the Big Chief has tired of rubbing sticks together.

LIFT UP YOUR EYES

These are troublous times, at home and abroad, we all must admit. Castro to the south, Khrushchev's hand casting shadows all around, trouble in Mississippi, and trouble at home—but dump the ravelled sleeve of care in the nearest waste basket and turn your thoughts in more pleasant things. A look at these hills around us and their kaleidoscope of color will help.

ANOTHER PASSENGER

I know that folks around this town have on occasion, wondered if I had nothing better to do than to haul a spotted dog around. The truth of the matter is, I hauled this mutt home to keep him from harm after he had caught up with me. Now I'm wondering what Roland Sealf was doing with a pet crow teetering on the back of his car-seat, the other morning. (This bird—not Roland—I must write up.)

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The boys are bringing the big fish around again. Sunday it was Elmer Music with a 34-pound yellow cat, caught on a trotline in Dewey Lake. This fish had a mouth on him which could be described only by one word—"maw."

AD ABSURDUM

Read, the other day one of the most amazing pieces I have seen in a long while. It had to do with bureaucracy as embodied by the Federal Trade Commission and the Southern manufacturer of Red Fox overalls. The Trade Commission contended the manufacturer was guilty of false advertising by calling the overalls Red Fox, inasmuch as they contained no fur or any other part of Sir Reynard. The embattled manufacturer called on his U.S. Senators, but they couldn't budge the Commission an inch from its position. The angust solons pointed out that a certain cigarette has no part of a camel about it, but is still being made, sold, and smoked, without federal interference.

But, said the federal boys, in effect, don't argue the facts with us—our mind (if any) is made up.

This is alarming, men. They may next adopt a rule making it illegal to nibble on Sun-Kist raisins in the dark of the moon!



The home of Mrs. Pauline Wells, located on Hager Street, was recognized as the winner of last year's residential fall decorating contest. David Crisp, of the city landscaping department, said that so many good entries were received last year that judges had a hard time determining a winner. He is hoping for a good number of participants this year, as well.

Celebrate Autumn

Enter the Fall Decorating Contest and win great prizes!

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Fall festivals, hilltops painted in glorious shades of reds, yellows, and oranges by Mother Nature's very hand, fields full of pumpkins, and beautiful chrysanthemums peeking out from every corner—what's not to like about the autumn season?

As children romp playfully in piles of leaves painstakingly gathered by hard working adults and young and old alike await the spooky fun of Halloween night, Floyd County residents are invited to participate in a Fall Decorating Contest, sponsored by the Prestonsburg Landscaping department.

"We have lots of good prizes to give away," said David Crisp, manager of the landscaping department. "We hope everyone will participate.

This is something we can all have a lot of fun with."

The contest will be judged in two categories: residential and commercial, with winners being named in both categories. Local judges will be out this coming October 6-12, during Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival week, searching for the best fall yard display and the best fall window display. Judging will end at 12 p.m., on Friday, October 12, at which time the winners will be announced at the city's Downtown Stage. Those wishing to participate in the contest need to sign-up by noon, on Friday, October 5.

All those entering should have their displays ready for judging no later than 8 a.m., October 12.

"Prize packages will vary," Crisp said, "but the winners should be really happy because some really nice things will be given away.

One of the nicest prizes we're going to be giving away, so far, is a large outdoor fireplace that's been donated by Wal-Mart. We've also got some really nice prizes that have been donated by Country at Heart, Ace Hardware, Billy Ray's, Down to Earth, and more that I can't think of right now, but everyone always donates really nice prizes. It's a real informal contest, we want people to have fun with it. They can decorate in a fall theme, Thanksgiving, or Halloween. The important part is to just have fun."

So gather up the leaves, pumpkins, hay stacks, ghosts, or pilgrims and help beautify our county for our upcoming Jenny Wiley and Red, White & Blue festivals. For more information on the contest, or to find out where to pick up an entry form, contact Brent Graden at Prestonsburg City Hall, at 886-2335.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Control'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

An experimental drug trial program (for a pill designed to inhibit criminal behavior) spares a convicted felon from lethal injection, but his troubles are far from over in this tight thriller from Tim Hunter ("River's Edge").

Direct-to-video films have always had a reputation for being second-rate. That trend is beginning to change as the price of making a film for theaters has skyrocketed to the extent that anything made for less than \$10 million is now considered low budget.

Though there are still plenty of direct-to-video dogs (witness the last four Steven Seagal movies), this thriller represents a growing trend of finer product and sports a fine story and topnotch cast and was made for less than half of what studios are willing to pay A-list stars.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

The movie opens with convicted killer Lee Ray Oliver (perhaps burdened by having three first names) strapped to a gurney and awaiting death by lethal injection. He can't help but think of how he got into this position and the audience is treated to a montage of his crimes, which include blasting away three drug dealers and stealing their money before making a run for it. His escape down a secluded stairwell gets interrupted when a neighbor, armed with a bag of groceries, crosses his path. Oliver blasts the man and obviously regrets it, but that doesn't stop him from trying to get away.

He gets his injection and wakes up to find himself in the prison's basement. Turns out the shot was mainly salt water and he has one option if he wants to stay alive. He is no fool and signs up for a drug trial that, if successful, will cure him of his criminal tendencies.

The program is being administered by a pharmacologist named Copeland (who is on a roll after creating an antidepressant). He has high hopes for his project, though Oliver doesn't make it any easier by trying to escape several times.

Eventually they start to see progress, which includes a lack of sleep for Oliver as he begins to feel tortured by the actions he has taken. At one point Oliver even cries about shooting the innocent man (who survived and is now functioning with a 5-year-old's mentality) and this prompts Copeland to punch the air in front of his crew and proclaim, "We have remorse," like a NASA scientist watching Apollo 13 break free of the atmosphere. This development leads to phase two of the operation and here is where the movie earns its stripes.

Oliver is given a second chance at life on the outside, though it is strictly monitored via a tracking collar and video surveillance. He does pretty well for himself and soon scores a job along with a potential girlfriend

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First night

by MARSHA ARONS

"A 6TH BOWL OF CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL"

The knock was so soft that I might not have heard it at all if I hadn't heard the footsteps on my wooden front porch immediately before. I wasn't asleep yet; I had been told that I might be needed this night, and I was waiting.

I'm one of the camp moms at a summer camp nestled deep in the northern Wisconsin pines. One of the campers who had just arrived this day

was having trouble falling asleep. The little boy who stood on my porch said softly as I opened the door: "I'm not homesick, you know. I just can't seem to fall asleep. My counselor said I should come talk to you."

He shuffled his feet a little, looking down at them, but made no move to come in as I held the door open.

"I don't want you to think I'm scared," he said. "I'm not ... it's just that this is ... different for me."

"I know," I said gently as I stepped out onto the porch and closed the door quietly behind me. "Why don't we just sit out here and talk for a while?" He took the chair I offered, and we both sat and looked up at the beautiful, star-filled sky. I caught my breath. Living in the city, I never appreciated

the magnificence of a night sky filled with a million twinkling lights. Maybe I was always too busy to notice, or the sky was never clear enough, but I didn't think summer nights back home in Chicago ever looked like this. I shared my thoughts with my young friend.

"My brother got a telescope for his bar mitzvah," he said. There was the smallest catch in his voice, but I couldn't see his face in the darkness. "He lets me look through it, and he knows the names of all the constellations. That one there is the Big Dipper, and that one is the Little Dipper. You can tell by the North Star—Polaris."

"You now a lot about astronomy," I said appreciatively.

There was a long pause. "My brother is leaving for Israel for a whole year after I get back from camp. I'm going to miss him ... a lot."

Ah, I thought. Now, when a child—any woman's child—is in pain, a mother—anybody's mother—responds. But I thought hard about exactly the right thing to say to this little boy. I didn't know him. I didn't know the things to say or do to comfort him as I would with one of my own children.

But I clearly saw that he needed comfort. And even though the night was dark, I saw something else. It was very important to him that I not baby him or intimate in any way that his feelings were childish or misplaced. He needed to hear that it was OK to feel as his did; he needed to feel respected. I could not let him think that being homesick his first night at camp was, in any way, abasing. After all, he was 9 years old.

So, I asked him questions about

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This reader might need nose plugs

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
How do you clean the air-conditioning ducts in your car? Thank you. — Deanne

TOM: The best way to do it is with a spray product, Deanne. The ducts are a nightmare to take apart, so you want to avoid that if at all possible.

RAY: I'm assuming you have a smell coming from the ducts. Otherwise, why would anybody ever think of cleaning their air-conditioning ducts? In any case, there are a number of products available at any auto-parts store that are designed to do just that.

TOM: You turn the key to the "run" position, crank up the fan full blast, and then you spray the stuff into the fresh-air intake, which is near the cowl — where the hood meets the windshield. If you're not sure where the cowl is, it's where all those leaves and twigs collect.

RAY: So you spray the stuff at the air intake, it gets sucked in, travels through the ducts, where it kills mold and mildew, and ends up in your passenger compartment, where it gives you brain lesions.

TOM: Actually, we have no idea

what's in the stuff, but I'm sure the instructions tell you to open the windows and let the car air out before closing it back up and driving in it.

RAY: But the fact that the stuff does end up in your passenger compartment is a good reason not to experiment with household cleaners, like bleach. Because anything that goes into those ducts will end up in your lungs — even if it is in small quantities.

TOM: If that doesn't work, Deanne, the smell might be coming from the AC evaporator, where water can collect if the drain is clogged. In that case, your mechanic can unclog the drain and then use a product that gets injected directly into the evaporator case.

RAY: If neither of those approaches kills the smell, it could be coming from a mouse or other small varmint that, unfortunately, happened to meet its maker in your AC vents. In which case, we suggest nose plugs for the next eight weeks, or a fire.

TOM: And by the way, Deanne, if your car has a cabin air filter, this would be a good time to change that, too. Good luck.

Diesel cars have come a long way

Dear Tom and Ray:

I commute 130 miles round trip and am thinking about buying a new diesel Volkswagen. I'm worried about maintenance costs. I read that diesels make up less than 1 percent of the U.S. market, so will it be hard to find diesel mechanics and diesel fuel at a reasonable price? Will it be more trouble than a gasoline engine? — Terry

TOM: Diesel passenger cars aren't really mainstream yet, but I don't think those concerns should hold you back these days, Terry. I think people, including us, are warming up to the idea of diesels.

RAY: For years we were vehemently opposed to them because they were noisy, smelly, smoky, shaky and slow. But a lot of that's changed.

TOM: The biggest change has been that federal law now requires diesel fuel sold in the U.S. to be very low in sulfur. That, in turn, is allowing carmakers to make cleaner diesel engines that meet the same emissions standards as gasoline engines. That's a HUGE change for the better.

RAY: So, as these new diesels hit the roads over the next few years, diesels will no longer be identifiable by that disgusting cloud of gray soot

that envelops them at every stoplight.

TOM: Plus, better manufacturing and insulation have also made them quieter and smoother. And improved fuel-delivery technology has made them quicker. So a new, clean diesel is a worthwhile consideration nowadays.

TOM: In terms of the costs, diesel fuel is currently more expensive than gasoline, but not by a lot. But since diesel fuel has more BTUs (more energy) per gallon than gasoline, you can expect 25 percent to 30 percent better mileage. Of course, you'll have to look around to make sure there are gas stations convenient to you that sell diesel. But on a per-mile basis, diesel fuel should cost you less.

RAY: Maintenance is probably a wash. While diesels don't need tune-ups, because they don't have things like spark plugs or spark-plug wires, they do require more frequent oil changes. Or, more expensive synthet-

ic oil. So let's call that even.

TOM: And in terms of more serious repairs, you might come out ahead with a diesel there, too. Well-manufactured diesel engines are known for their durability. And while everybody seems to be jumping into the diesel game all of a sudden, lots of carmakers, including VW, have been making and selling diesels in Europe for years.

RAY: We haven't driven the newest VWs yet, but we stood in front of a new diesel Jetta recently, and we were impressed by how quiet it was. Even AFTER they started the engine. And we weren't even asphyxiated by the exhaust.

TOM: While diesels make up only a small percentage of the passenger-car market right now, their share is probably going to grow over the next decade as gasoline stays expensive and mileage becomes more important to car buyers. So I'd say, go for it,



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Talk Cars

Soup

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his brother — what he was going to do in Israel, whether he would get to visit him there, whether he has any other brothers or sisters or any pets. He talked a lot — happily.

Finally, he asked me to

walk him back to his cabin. I did. But he stopped me at the door. He did not need me to walk him in, even though it was late and all the rest of the campers were asleep.

"I can put myself to sleep,"

he said. Then, looking up at the stars once more before he closed the cabin door, he said, "It's the same sky."

That was all.

And that was everything.

Lagoon

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named Teresa.

Meanwhile, his relationship with Copeland deepens allowing the audience to glimpse what sort of thinking went into developing the drug. Guilt figures into the equation, with Copeland suffering from the death of his son by a motorist who was consumed with road rage. His thinking is that the drug would have prevented the incident if either he or the other driver were taking it. It's a powerful moment that dramatizes the chilling effects of a violent outburst by someone who doesn't normally solve their problems with criminal behavior. The scene also sets up a later one in which Copeland and his ex-wife feel each other out to size up how each of them are coping.

Despite Oliver's progress, the program appears destined to fail. It's due to myriad factors, which include mobsters out for revenge against Oliver, as well as the brother of the

innocent bystander he wounded. The company sponsoring the research also seems to be up to something. Copeland's boss refuses to discuss rumors that other subjects are dying of liver failure and his lab assistant/lover appears more loyal to the company than Copeland.

Eventually Copeland himself must get between the company and his test subject when a murder is pinned on Oliver. It all leads to a double whammy ending that sees one main character dead and the other saved, but not the way you'd believe it to work out.

This one works because the cast and director deliver the goods so well that you start to believe in something as far-fetched as an anti-criminal tendency pill.

Credit goes to actor Ray Liotta who plays the dual role of criminal Ray and solid citizen Ray. He starts off so mean that redemption seems impos-

sible, but Liotta charts the change with subtlety and conviction.

Willem Dafoe offers solid support as Copeland and measures his performance with equal parts of scientific coldness and a wounded heart. He is so good in the role that his revelation about his son's death comes as no surprise.

Michelle Rodriguez does well as Teresa, though Polly Walker is even better as Copeland's ex-wife, who has turned a corner in her grief and is patiently waiting for him to catch up. Throw in Stephen Rea ("The Crying Game") as the blandly evil head of the pharmaceutical company and you have a great ensemble of capable actors who usually suffer low billing in bigger budgeted fare, though their work is always compelling.

Best line: "I shot you in the head. I shot you. I'm really sorry Gary."

2004, rated R.

Obituaries

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Monday, September 17, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Beverly Williams Dickerson, 64, of Morehead, formerly of Paintsville, died Wednesday, September 12, in Morehead. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 15, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Alvin Hill, 84, of Van Lear, died Monday, September 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 20, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Vencil Meadows, 85, of Wittensville, died Friday, September 14, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 18, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Margaret Helen Picklesimer, 73, of Carey, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, September 18, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Everett W. Picklesimer. Funeral services were held Friday, September 21, under the direction of Stombaugh-Batton Funeral Home.

■ Thomas Martin Ratliff Sr., 79, of Paintsville, died Thursday, September 13, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, September 17, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Ruth Jean Compton, 73, of Louisa, died Friday, September 14. Memorial services were held Saturday, September 22, at Shawnee Church of God in Flatwoods. Private graveside services were at Sugar Creek Cemetery.

■ Mary Jean Osborne, 65, of Blaine, died Tuesday, September 18. Funeral services were Friday, September 21, at Blaine Hill Baptist Church. Burial will be in Cordle Cemetery at Brushy. Young Funeral Home in Louisa is in charge of arrangements.

■ Cornell Salyer, 86, of Louisa, died Sunday, September 16, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mary Gussler Salyer. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 19, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Freddie Willard Thompson, 64, of Louisa, died Wednesday, September 19, in St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, W.Va. He is survived by his wife, Ruby King Thompson. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 22, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Charles T. Jacobs, 57, of Hindman, died Saturday, September 15, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Marcella A. Burgess, 86, of Punta Gorda, Florida, a native of Inez and formerly of Paintsville, died Friday September 7, at Cape Coral Hospital, in Cape Coral Florida. Funeral and memorial services were under the direction of Coral Ridge Cemetery and Funeral Home, Cape Coral, Florida.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Louise Arnett, 76, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, September 12, in Miamisburg, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 15, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Wendell Vaughn Pennington, 73, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, September 11, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 19, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Jack Salyer, 58, of Salyersville, died Saturday, September 15, at Cabell Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 21, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Sarah Watkins Shepherd, 73, of Royalton, died Friday, September 14, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 17, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

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Allen Central claims second straight 15th Region All 'A' title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Allen Central swept Betsy Layne 2-0 (25-15, 25-20) Thursday night to claim its second 15th Region All 'A' Invitational Tournament in as many years. The Rebels were led by Kimbo Blevins with six kills on .333 hitting. Brittany Hodge had five kills on .357 hitting, Tiffany Clark had four kills and Brittany Clark slammed in three kills and led the team with four aces. Blevins finished the night with five blocks and four digs while Brittany Clark blocked four. Koko Martin

had eight assists and three aces and dug up five. Hannah Howard landed two aces and earned seven digs. Brittany Smith led all defenders with nine digs while Tiffany Clark stopped six and Hodge dug up five. "Obviously, this was a great tournament win for the team and the program," said Allen Central Coach Larry Maynard. "I cannot say enough about the contributions we had from many different players. Each match somebody stepped up to help us get the win. All the teams were talented as four of the top 10 teams in the region

competed in the tournament. Betsy Layne is certainly no exception and they didn't give us anything, we had to earn the victory." After three early ties, Allen Central broke out with two kills from Blevins and a put-down by Hodge en route to a 10-8 lead. Howard landed an ace and Brittany Clark and Tiffany Clark slammed in a kill each to give Allen Central a 13-8 advantage. However, Betsy Layne battled back with two points before Brittany Clark landed two aces and Hodge smacked in a kill to give the Rebels a 16-10 advantage

that forced the Bobcats to burn a timeout. After the break, Allen Central put on a show, getting another ace and another Hodge kill. Those coupled with two Betsy Layne unforced errors gave Allen Central a seven-point run before a hitting error gave the ball back to the Bobcats with the Rebels leading 20-10. Unable to capitalize, Betsy Layne turned the ball back to the Rebels and Martin slapped in back-to-back aces. An overnet kill by Blevins put the Rebels up 23-12. A kill by

(See REGION, page two)



Allen Central claimed its second straight 15th Region All 'A' championship Thursday night on its home gymfloor.

Paintsville gets out in front early on, keeps Bobcats winless

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Paintsville made the most of its offensive opportunities Friday night on the road at Betsy Layne. The Tigers managed to build an early lead versus the host Bobcats. Paintsville led 27-0 before Betsy Layne struck for its first points. The Tigers rolled to their fourth straight district win in as many weeks, defeating Betsy Layne 54-18.

Betsy Layne finished with 133 yards on 58 plays. The Bobcats had more than one promising offensive drive stalled in the district matchup.

Paintsville won the coin toss but elected to take the opening kickoff in the second half. Betsy Layne stalled on its first offensive drive when a bad snap on a punt allowed the Tigers to set up shop at the Bobcat 36-yard line.

Paintsville only needed seven plays to hit paydirt. Cory Humphrey accounted for Paintsville's first touchdown on a six-yard scoring run with 6:41 remaining in the first quarter. After Ricky Hall connected on the PAT kick, Paintsville led 7-0.

Cody Reynolds put Paintsville out in front 13-0 with 3:43 left in the first quarter when he scored on a one-yard run.

Robert O'Bryan recovered a Betsy Layne fumble at the 26-yard line to set up Paintsville's third touchdown.

Each of Betsy Layne's first three drives started inside its own 30-yard line.

Paintsville senior quarterback J.D. VanHoose hit receiver Tyler Deaton on a seven-yard TD pass with :36 remaining in the first quarter. After Hall added a second point-after touchdown kick, Paintsville led 20-0.

With the 20-point cushion, Paintsville added two more touchdowns in the second quarter.

A pair of Bobcats combined to sack VanHoose early in the second quarter for host Betsy Layne. But Paintsville later regrouped as Hunter Preston recovered a Bobcat fumble in the endzone with 6:01 remaining in the second quarter.

Leading 27-0, Paintsville surrendered its first touchdown with 2:02 left in the opening half.

(See BOBCATS, page two)



Prestonsburg quarterback Bobby Hughes looked over the Morgan County defense during the first half of Friday night's Class 2A, District 7 matchup.

BLACKCATS ROLL TO 4-1

Prestonsburg Football Schedule/Results
Coach: John DeRossett
Class: 2A
District: 7

- Aug. 24 Betsy Layne, 68-14 (W)
- Aug. 31 at Breathitt County, 7-12 (L) (KRMC Honey Bowl)
- Sept. 7 Bath County, 38-7 (W)
- Sept. 14 Lawrence County, 42-12 (W)
- Sept. 21 at Morgan County, 51-7 (W)
- Sept. 28 at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6 Beechwood, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 12 at Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19 Open
- Oct. 26 Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 2 at Perry County Central, 7:30 p.m.



Morgan County had no answer for the stout Prestonsburg running game. A complete recap of the game will appear in Wednesday's edition.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Rebs roll past Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Megan Jones scored a game-high 19 points and Amber Shepherd added 16 Wednesday night as host Allen Central rolled past Betsy Layne, beating the Bobcats 66-10 in a Floyd County girls' basketball matchup.

Allen Central, which improved to 12-2, enjoyed a balanced scoring effort. Caitlin Kidd and Logan Cline each had seven points for the Lady Rebels. Brandi Johnson added six points for visiting Allen Central. Krista Parsons was another productive scorer for Allen Central, flipping in five points.

The Lady Rebels outscored Betsy Layne 22-3 in the first quarter and led 41-5 at halftime. Allen Central finished strong, outscoring Betsy Layne 11-0 in the final period.

Four different players scored for host Betsy Layne.

The Lady Rebels defeated Betsy Layne in A-, B- and C-Team games. More on the sweep follows.

B-Team: Allen Central 33, Betsy Layne 6: Allen Central outscored Betsy Layne 9-1 in the first quarter and coasted to the win over the home team.

Amber Shepherd claimed game-high scoring honors, netting 12 points for the Lady Rebels. Caitlin Kidd and Krista Parsons each had six points in Allen Central's B-team triumph. Deshea Elliott pushed in five points for the Allen Central B-Team, which improved to 10-0.

C-Team: Allen Central: Allen Central 26, Betsy Layne 4: Allen Central never allowed Betsy Layne to score after the first quarter on its way to winning in the C-Team game.

The Allen Central C-Team improved to 8-0 following the win.

Jayla Spurlock paced the Lady Rebels with seven points. Krista Parsons was Allen Central's second-leading scorer with six points. Brooklyn Martin pushed in five points and Deshea Elliott added four as Allen Central prevailed.

Katerina Poston also broke into the Allen Central C-Team scoring column, connecting on one of two free throw attempts.

TODAY'S NASCAR NEXTEL CUP RACE

Dodge Dealers 400
Site: Dover, Del.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying (ESPN2, 3:15 p.m.); Sunday, race (ABC, 1:30 p.m.).
Track: Dover Downs International Speedway (oval, 1 mile, 24 degrees banking in turns).
Race distance: 400 miles, 400 laps.
Last race: Clint Bowyer raced to his first Cup victory, starting from the pole and leading all 221 of the 300 laps to win at New Hampshire International Speedway. Bowyer entered the 12-driver Chase as the

only contender without a victory, and had never finished higher than third in his short Cup career.
Last year: Jeff Burton found his way back to Victory Lane at Dover International Speedway after a thrilling late battle with Matt Kenseth. The win parked Burton in the lead of NASCAR's Chase for the championship and ended his 175-race winless streak.
Fast facts: Chase drivers have won four straight races. ... Bowyer joined Martin Truex Jr., Casey Mears and rookie Juan Pablo Montoya as first-

time Cup winners in 2007. ... Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon are tied for the lead with 5,210 points, 10 ahead of Tony Stewart. Johnson owns the tie-breaking edge over Gordon because of his six race wins this season to four for Gordon. ... Truex, sixth in the point standings with 5,170, won the Autism Speaks 400 at Dover on June 4.
Next race: LifeLock 400, Sept. 30, Kansas City, Kan.
On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>
— The Associated Press

VH1 reality show star Hoopz visits East Kentucky Miners office

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Hoopz, the winning contestant in the first season of VH1's reality show, Flavor of Love, was in Pikeville on Thursday, Sept. 20 to visit the East Kentucky Miners basketball organization and support one of her friends who was having an individual workout session with Miners Coach Kevin Keathley. An individual who has been around basketball all of her life, Hoopz spent much of the afternoon getting a tour of Pikeville. Her stops included the East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville College and the East Kentucky Miners office.

East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "We had a good time talking basketball. She seemed to really enjoy her time here. Overall, the visit went really well. She received a Miners T-Shirt and had the opportunity to see the Miners organization up close."
Hoopz, whose real name is Nicole Alexander, earned her nickname due to her love of basketball as a fan and player. The Detroit native is a model and actress. She has appeared in music videos including Will Smith's Party Starter and Lil' Keke's Chunk Up Tha Deuce. Her official website is www.hoopzonline.com.
At the age of 23, Alexander

auditioned for Flavor of Love. She eventually won the competition hosted by legendary rapper Flavor Flav after almost two months of living in a mansion that included other aspiring actresses and models. Hoopz is currently pursuing various modeling and acting opportunities.
Keathley and the East Kentucky Miners front office continue to prepare for the upcoming CBA Draft. The Miners will host a CBA Draft Party at Applebee's in Pikeville on Tuesday, Sept. 25. The 22nd Annual CBA Draft is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. (EDT) Tuesday night.



Hoopz, winner of VH1's Flavor of Love Season One, visited the East Kentucky Miners office Thursday afternoon. She was in Pikeville accompanying a friend during a workout for the Miners. Hoopz is pictured with East Kentucky Miners Head Coach Kevin Keathley.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY NIGHT'S GAMES

Breathitt County	34	Cawood	20
Corbin	47	Knott County Central	8
Cumberland	35	Williamsburg	18
Greenup Co.	34	Rowan Co.	12
Hazard	65	Perry Central	26
Knox Central	15	Rockcastle Co.	0
Lawrence Co.	29	Boyd Co.	6
Letcher Central	27	N. Laurel	21
Montgomery Co.	30	Ashland	22 (OT)
Paintsville	54	Betsy Layne	18
Pike Central	24	East Ridge	8
Pikeville	52	Allen Central	6
Prestonsburg	51	Morgan Co.	7
Russell	28	East Carter	10
Shelby Valley	21	Bath County	13
Woodford Co.	43	Johnson Cent.	22

INSIDE THE NASCAR NEXTEL CUP CHASE

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A glance at the 12 drivers competing in NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup championship, in order of points standings:

DRIVER: Jimmie Johnson, TEAM: Hendrick Motorsports, CAR: No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet, CHASE POINTS: First, 5,210. POSITION CHANGE: None. WHAT HAPPENED: Johnson was disappointed with a sixth-place finish at New Hampshire International Speedway that left him tied with teammate Jeff Gordon in the standings. He gets the top spot based on the tiebreaker, his series-leading six wins on the season.

SPEAKING: "We set goals to finish in the top five, so we're a little disappointed to finish sixth," crew chief Chad Knaus said.

DRIVER: Jeff Gordon, TEAM: Hendrick Motorsports, CAR: No. 24 Dupont Chevrolet, CHASE POINTS: Second, 5,210. POSITION CHANGE: None. WHAT HAPPENED: Gordon had a great car to finish second at New Hampshire, but he was never close to catching winner Clint Bowyer. But Gordon said he was thrilled with his finish, which tied him in points with Johnson. **SPEAKING:** "We drove the brakes, the tires and just about everything off it. My congratula-

tions to Clint — he was the class of the field," Gordon said.

DRIVER: Tony Stewart, TEAM: Joe Gibbs Racing, CAR: No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet, CHASE POINTS: Third, -10. POSITION CHANGE: None. WHAT HAPPENED: Stewart led 39 laps but had to settle for third when he couldn't catch Bowyer or Gordon late in the race. **SPEAKING:** "If last week anybody asked me if running third was going to disappoint me, I doubt I would've said that it would. If we can finish third in all 10 races, I think we'll probably win a championship," Stewart said.

DRIVER: Clint Bowyer, TEAM: Richard Childress Racing, CAR: No. 07 Jack Daniels Chevrolet, CHASE POINTS: Fourth, -15. POSITION CHANGE: Plus 8 places. WHAT HAPPENED: Bowyer scored the first victory of his career, leading all but 88 of the 300 laps en route to a dominating performance that has legitimized his place in the Chase. **SPEAKING:** "That's what you've got to do. You've got to start off on the right foot. I knew this was going to be a good track and to be able to get out of here with a good finish is really great," Bowyer said.

DRIVER: Kyle Busch, TEAM: Hendrick Motorsports, CAR: No. 5 Kellogg's Chevrolet, CHASE

POINTS: Fifth, -35. POSITION CHANGE: Plus 4. WHAT HAPPENED: Busch used pit strategy to finish fourth despite struggling early in the Car of Tomorrow. He's never been a fan of the COT, but made the most out of it to move up in the standings. **SPEAKING:** "I guess (the COT) just doesn't fit my driving style or whatever. But I'm trying to get accustomed to it and we're trying to get it accustomed to me," Busch said.

DRIVER: Martin Truex Jr., TEAM: Dale Earnhardt Inc., CAR: No. 1 Bass Pro Shops Chevrolet, CHASE POINTS: Sixth, -40. POSITION CHANGE: Plus 1. WHAT HAPPENED: Truex finished fifth to open his first Chase admirably. Now he heads to Dover, where he won in June for his first Nextel Cup victory. **SPEAKING:** "We're looking forward to (Dover), we're hopefully taking the same car and hopefully have the same results. But I know everyone here is better than they were last time. We're going to need to get better, too," Truex said.

DRIVER: Matt Kenseth, TEAM: Roush Fenway Racing, CAR: No. 17 Dewalt Tools Ford, CHASE POINTS: Seventh, -54. POSITION CHANGE: Plus 1. WHAT HAPPENED: Kenseth started 30th but finished seventh, yet still wasn't thrilled with the result. **SPEAKING:** "We need

to run better than that, obviously, to contend for a championship," Kenseth said.

DRIVER: Carl Edwards, TEAM: Roush Fenway Racing, CAR: No. 99 Office Depot Ford, CHASE POINTS: Eighth, -63. POSITION CHANGE: Minus 4. WHAT HAPPENED: Edwards wrecked his primary car in Friday practice, had to go to a backup and finished 12th. **SPEAKING:** "We need to run better than that, but it's nobody's fault but my own for wrecking the primary. If this is as bad as it gets, we're going to be great," Edwards said.

DRIVER: Denny Hamlin, TEAM: Joe Gibbs Racing, CAR: No. 11 Fed Ex Chevrolet, CHASE POINTS: Ninth, -82. POSITION CHANGE: Minus 3. WHAT HAPPENED: Hamlin was off all day and struggled to make up much ground at the track where he won in July. He started 15th and finished 14th. **SPEAKING:** "It's easy to go back and think about what you could have done differently to change the outcome in New Hampshire, but I know it won't affect the way we prepare for the rest of the Chase. There are a lot of laps left in this Chase and ... opportunities to win races and challenge for the championship," Hamlin said.

DRIVER: Kevin Harvick, TEAM: Richard Childress Racing, CAR: No. 29

Shell/Pennzoil Chevrolet, CHASE POINTS: 10th, -88. POSITION CHANGE: Plus 1. WHAT HAPPENED: Harvick had two flat tires that had to be fixed under green and caused him to finish 17th. **SPEAKING:** "We really had a decent car. We just couldn't come back from two flat tires," Harvick said.

DRIVER: Jeff Burton, TEAM: Richard Childress Racing, CAR: No. 31 AT&T Chevrolet, CHASE POINTS: 11th, -91. POSITION CHANGE: Minus 1. WHAT HAPPENED: Burton's car struggled all race and he was mired in the middle of the pack. He finished 18th. **SPEAKING:** "We missed it. We have to get it better for next week and get back in this thing," Burton said.

DRIVER: Kurt Busch, TEAM: Penske Racing, CAR: No. 2 Miller Lite Dodge, CHASE POINTS: 12th, -102. POSITION CHANGE: Minus 7. WHAT HAPPENED: Busch lost a cylinder and struggled with carburetor problems while finishing 25th, worst of all the Chase drivers. **SPEAKING:** "It's kind of a bummer, but we worked hard to get in this Chase and we'll still work hard. This one is a big lump, but it didn't hurt us, so we'll see what happens," Busch said.

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP DRIVER STANDINGS
1. Jimmie Johnson, 5,210

- (tie) Jeff Gordon, 5,210
- 3. Tony Stewart, 5,200
- 4. Clint Bowyer, 5,195
- 5. Kyle Busch, 5,175
- 6. Martin Truex Jr., 5,170
- 7. Matt Kenseth, 5,156
- 8. Carl Edwards, 5,147
- 9. Denny Hamlin, 5,128
- 10. Kevin Harvick, 5,122
- 11. Jeff Burton, 5,119
- 12. Kurt Busch, 5,108
- 13. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3,074
- 14. Ryan Newman, 3,033
- 15. Casey Mears, 2,845
- 16. Greg Biffle, 2,844
- 17. Bobby Labonte, 2,753
- 18. Jamie McMurray, 2,665
- 19. J.J. Yeley, 2,640
- 20. Juan Montoya, 2,573

2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule Remaining Schedule

- Sept. 23 - Dodge Dealers 400, Dover, Del.
- Sept. 30 - Lifelock 400, Kansas City, Kan.
- Oct. 7 - UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
- Oct. 13 - Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
- Oct. 21 - Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
- Oct. 28 - Georgia 500, Hampton, Ga.
- Nov. 4 - Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Nov. 11 - Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
- Nov. 18 - Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.
- x-non-points race



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: The Diamond Girls Dance Team handed out T-Shirts during a visit to Prestonsburg's Blackcat Stadium Thursday evening. The East Kentucky Miners' dance team is made up of all Eastern Kentucky natives.

Crawford undergoes knee procedure

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON

University of Kentucky men's basketball senior Joe Crawford underwent arthroscopic surgery late last week on his left knee to clean out some cartilage that had been causing soreness and swelling. He is expected to return to full-speed workouts in four weeks, which would coincide with the beginning of practice.

Crawford, a Detroit native, is UK's leading returning scorer after averaging 14 points as a junior. He has started 54 games over the last two sea-

sons, including 32 last year. Crawford had been struggling with soreness in his knee since last spring.

Crawford is the third Wildcat this offseason to undergo a surgical procedure. Junior Jared Carter required surgery in early June after reinjuring his right shoulder, and sophomore Derrick Jasper underwent an arthroscopic procedure on his left knee in June. All three have been limited in their conditioning work, but are expected to return to full-speed drills some time in October.

"It's disappointing to me

and frustrating for Joe, Derrick and Jared to not be on the court at this point of the year," head coach Billy Gillispie said. "All three have worked hard to get in as good a shape as they can, but when you are injured, there is only so much you can do. They are missing out on valuable conditioning time, which is a major part of any team's success. We'll try to make up for lost time when they get healthy, but it puts us at a major disadvantage going into the season."

Kentucky begins full-squad practice for the 2007-08 season Oct. 12.

Bobcats

Brennan Case. Betsy Layne's senior quarterback, hooked up with freshman Dylan Maldonado on a 15-yard touchdown pass. Paintsville turned the Bobcats away on their two-point conversion pass, intercepting the aerial attempt.

Humphrey scored on a 20-yard touchdown with 1.7 seconds left to play in the first half. Paintsville entered half-time out in front 33-6.

The Tigers picked back up with their offensive onslaught in the second half as Patrick

Butcher returned the opening kickoff 81 yards for a touchdown.

Trailing 40-6, Betsy Layne had another offensive drive halted when VanHoose intercepted Case and returned it 30-yards for a touchdown at the 10:02 mark of the third quarter.

Andy Penix scored Paintsville's final touchdown on a 27-yard run with 6:38 left in the third quarter. The Tigers toted a commanding 54-6 lead out of the third period.

Betsy Layne added a pair of late touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Travis Slonc and Brandon Blair scored on rushing attempts for the Bobcats.

Paintsville (4-0 overall, 4-0 district) will step out of district competition this Friday night and host longtime rival Prestonsburg. Betsy Layne (0-4, 0-2) will have a pivotal district game on the road at Allen Central on the same night. Kickoff for both games is set for 7:30 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: Betsy Layne finished runner-up in the 15th Region All 'A' tournament.

UK women's basketball program announces schedule changes

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON

The University of Kentucky women's basketball team has two changes to its 2007-08 schedule previously released earlier this month, head coach Matthew Mitchell announced Wednesday. Two game times have been altered to accommodate television and scheduling conflicts, and the Old Dominion

game will now be televised on the Big Blue Sports Network.

Tip-off times have been changed on the following games:

Dec. 8, 2007 - 6 p.m. ET: UK will now face Michigan in Ann Arbor at 6 p.m. ET to accommodate the Big Ten Network. It was previously slated for 7 p.m. ET.

Dec. 28, 2007 - 7 p.m. ET: UK vs. Old Dominion in

Memorial Coliseum will now be televised on the Big Blue Sports Network and Fox Sports Net South. Game time remains at 7 p.m. ET.

March 2, 2008 - 3 p.m. ET: Kentucky's final regular season home game vs. South Carolina will now tip off at 3 p.m. ET in Rupp Arena. The game, previously slated for 1 p.m. on the Big Blue Sports TV Network, will not be televised.

Clayton nominated for Courage Award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON

University of Kentucky linebacker Terry Clayton has been nominated for the Courage Award given by the FedEx Orange Bowl and the Football Writers Association of America, as announced Wednesday by the FWAA.

A senior from Olmstead, Clayton went deaf at the age of five because of a severe case of chicken pox. Despite the limitation, he went on to earn All-Sky Conference hon-

ors at Logan County High School and joined the UK football team in 2003 and has seen action as a reserve linebacker and on special teams.

Since he has been at UK, advances in technology have enabled Clayton to use a device that gives him a limited amount of hearing. He cannot wear the hearing aid during practice or games, however.

"Never once has he used his disability as an excuse not to do something," said Chuck Smith, UK linebackers coach. "On the field he is a strong,

explosive player. He really pays attention and picks things up by watching."

Clayton has excelled in the classroom and is a two-year member of the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll. He received UK's Carol Adelstein Outstanding Student Award for overcoming disabilities in 2006.

"Battling school and football is tough, so I keep going," Clayton said. "I want to be successful and a role model to people who are like me."



SMALL SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: South Floyd was one of several area high school volleyball teams that competed in this year's 15th Region All 'A' tournament.

Region

Blevins and another put-down by Tiffany Clark gave the Rebels a game one victory.

In game two, Allen Central jumped to a 3-1 on a serving error and an unforced error by the Bobcats and followed by an ace by Brittany Clark. Howard tipped in a point and Tiffany Clark slammed in a kill to give the Allen Central squad a 7-3 advantage. Betsy Layne would not back down and came back to tie the game at 7-7 until the Rebels forced the visiting team to commit an

error. Excellent serving by Blevins and exceptional defense put the Rebs back on top 10-7. Both teams traded points until Martin pounded in an ace and Blevins smacked in a kill to give Allen Central a 15-11 lead. From that point on, Allen Central never really looked back. After powerful kills by Brittany Clark and Hodge and an ace by Howard, Allen Central took a 22-14 lead. Betsy Layne regained momentum on a 4-1 run, slicing the Allen Central lead to

four at 23-19. The run included two Rebel miscues. The Rebs gave the ball back to Betsy Layne on a hitting error. Betsy Layne, however, could not capitalize. The Rebels showed poise and a kill by Blevins sealed the game and the match 25-20.

Allen Central was in Louisville on Saturday, competing in the Small School Spectacular. The state small school tournament ended too late to make this edition.

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Ellison delivers pinch-hit home run, helps Reds double up Cubs 4-2

by JANIE McCAULEY
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SAN FRANCISCO — Jason Ellison has been starved for opportunities — with San Francisco, Seattle and now Cincinnati.

His first home run of 2007 took a little bit of the sting away.

Pinch-hitting in the seventh inning, Ellison hit a solo shot against his former team, and Homer Bailey shut down the San Francisco Giants in the Reds' 4-2 victory Thursday night.

"Obviously, there's a little more Adrenalin going when you're playing against your old team," Ellison said. "It was nice to be able to do something. I'm just happy I finally got a hit. I haven't had a hit for a month. I still love it here. I miss it here."

Ellison hit the first pitch he saw from Dan Giese into the left-field seats for his second career pinch-hit homer and his first home run since June 18, 2006, against Seattle while with the Giants.

The game was noticeably minus the power of two of the game's greatest sluggers — home run king Barry Bonds and his Reds pal, Ken Griffey Jr. Both are injured and Griffey won't play again this season.

Jorge Cantu added a pinch-hit RBI double in the eighth and Norris Hopper singled in his first three at-bats in the leadoff spot for Cincinnati, which scored two runs on Jeff Keppinger's fifth-inning single that followed a wild pitch by San Francisco starter Matt Cain.

Nate Schierholtz's RBI single in the first put the Giants ahead, but they couldn't manage much offense against Bailey (3-2).

"Homer pitched very well," Reds manager Pete Mackanin said. "It wasn't Bonds and (Omar) Vizquel and the rest of the boys but he showed pretty good command of his fastball and his breaking ball. He looked like he was confident, and we were very happy with what we saw coming out of his hand."

Cincinnati recalled the rookie right-hander from Class-A Sarasota to make his seventh major league start and first since a no-decision July 7 against Arizona. He was sent down following that outing.

After allowing the hit to Schierholtz, Bailey retired the next 15 batters in order before Randy Winn's two-out double in the sixth. The 21-year-old Bailey singled to start the second.

He allowed one run and three hits, struck out three and walked one in 5 2-3 innings. Marcus McBeth gave up Kevin Frandsen's RBI double in the seventh. David Weathers worked a perfect ninth for his 32nd save in 38 chances.

Cain (7-16) lost his third straight decision and saw his winless stretch reach four starts with his first career defeat to Cincinnati. The right-hander had won his previous two starts against the Reds, including on July 4 this year.

"This is the time of the year you're hoping to finish strong

and we're not doing it," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "Matt pitched well enough to win a game. It's embarrassing. There's no way in our home we should be getting beat like this."

Bonds, nursing a sprained big toe on his right foot, could play two of the next three games against the Reds if the injury improves and also against the San Diego Padres next week in the team's final home series.

"I feel good," the 43-year-old Bonds said after working out Thursday.

Griffey will miss the rest of the season after straining his groin Wednesday at Chicago.

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to be examined. On Thursday, the team said he was diagnosed with a high groin strain and will be examined again in four weeks.

Notes: Ellison was batting .050 and his last 13 appearances have been as a pinch-hitter, pinch-runner or defensive replacement. "If somebody's got 500 at-bats and they go 0-for-20, no one probably notices. But when you're 1-for-20 and that's all you've got, it sticks out a little bit more," Ellison said. ... San Francisco is shutting down hard-throwing rookie RHP Tim Lincecum as a precaution. The team's top draft pick in 2006 was scheduled to start Friday but will be replaced by LHP Pat Misch. ... The Giants reached the 3 million mark for the eighth straight year of their waterfront ballpark's existence Friday night.

Reds' protest against Cubs denied by MLB

NEW YORK — The Cincinnati Reds' protest of their 7-6 loss at the Chicago Cubs this week was denied Thursday by Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

Chicago rallied in the ninth inning to win Monday night, and the Reds claimed Chicago manager Lou Piniella made a double switch against the rules in the sixth inning because he did not inform the plate umpire before crossing the foul line.

Rick Reed, the plate umpire and crew chief, said Piniella wasn't required to announce a double switch before crossing the foul line because it was the team's first trip to the mound for that pitcher that inning. That meant the pitcher wasn't automatically out of the game when the foul line was crossed by Piniella.

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JUNIOR OUT: Griffey will miss rest of season with groin strain

by JANIE McCAULEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Ken Griffey Jr. will miss the rest of the season because of a strained groin, the latest in a string of injuries to Cincinnati's All-Star outfielder.

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ing himself while fielding a ball in right field. As he started to make a throw, Griffey stopped in pain and had to underhand the ball back to the infield before falling to the ground.

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and will be examined again in four weeks.

"He's done," manager Pete Mackanin said before the opener of a four-game series at San Francisco. "It's a season-ending injury, but it could have been worse. It's not the worst-case scenario, so we're happy about that."

Griffey hit .277 this year with 30 homers and 93 RBIs, playing 144 games — his highest total since 2000. He was an

All-Star for the first time since 2004 and the 13th time overall, and he moved up to sixth on the career home run list with 593.

Had this injury happened earlier in the season, Griffey could have come back, Mackanin said.

"But there's no reason to do it now," Mackanin said. "The outfield, it can be improved upon at Wrigley Field. I'm not blaming his injury on that, but

it's not one of the better surfaces in the league."

The 37-year-old Griffey has been on the disabled list eight times since 2000, missing nearly a month early in the 2006 season because of swelling behind his right knee and sitting out 22 of the last 24 games after dislocating a toe.

His playing time also has been limited by torn hamstrings, a torn knee tendon, a dislocated shoulder and a torn

ankle tendon. He broke his left hand in an accident at home last December.

Buck Coats drew the start in right field in place of Griffey on Thursday night, while Mackanin also planned to use utilityman Jeff Keppinger in the outfield along with little-used Jason Ellison.

Also Thursday, Cincinnati recalled RHP Homer Bailey from Class A Sarasota.

Bengals, Seahawks each getting defensive in search of win

by GREGG BELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Forget about Chad Johnson and his goofy, "Ocho Cinco" act.

That is, if you can ignore the Bengals' look-at-me receiver, who is promising to do something "classic" in his first NFL trip into Seattle.

Cincinnati's real circus right now is its defense. The Bengals looked like bumbling clowns last week while losing 51-45 to woeful Cleveland and its castoff quarterback, Derek Anderson. The debacle made an opening win over Baltimore seem more the product of the Ravens' six turnovers than of Cincinnati's skill.

"You know how I look at it? It's our fault," Johnson said of an offense that is third in the league scoring 36 points per game, entering Sunday's meeting of the Bengals (1-1) and Seahawks (1-1).

"Because they scored 51, that means we should've had 52," Johnson said. "I'm serious. Some of the defensive players try to say, 'Oh, it's our fault.' Man, don't worry about it. This is how our offensive mind-set has to be: We have to outscore our opponent, period."

The Seahawks aren't exactly thrilled with their remade defense, either. The unit that rebounds better will likely determine whether the Bengals or Seahawks become 2-1.

Johnson, the league's leader in receiving yards (304), has plenty of precedent for thinking his offense must carry the defense.

In Week 9 last season, Cincinnati allowed 42 points — in one half — while losing 49-41 to San Diego. The following week, at New Orleans, the Bengals got shredded for 595 total yards and 29 first downs.

This week, coach Marvin Lewis — a

former defensive coordinator at Baltimore and Washington — and his current defensive coordinator, Chuck Bresnahan, have emphasized tackling in search of a turnaround. In practice, the Bengals have been practicing tackling form on each other, without driving players to the ground.

"It goes right back to when you were in eighth grade," said Lewis, who is 36-30 in his fifth season leading Cincinnati.

The defense's captain, tackle John Thornton, promises "We're going to be Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Offensive tackle Willie Anderson said that'd be nice, because "I'm pretty sure you're not going to see a 45-point explosion against Seattle. It's going to be tough for us as an offense."

Maybe. Maybe not. The Seahawks would love to be excited over this apparent opportunity for their offense, which has been skittish since their Super Bowl loss 19 months ago. But they are too concerned with their own defense. It got manhandled by Arizona in a 23-20 loss last week.

After gloating about knocking runner Carnell "Cadillac" Williams and quarterback Jeff Garcia out of a win over the Buccaneers in Week 1, Seahawks defenders couldn't get within jab's reach of Edgerrin James and Matt Leinart. Even though the Cardinals started a rookie free-agent center and two other new blockers, James ran for 128 yards and Leinart threw for 299 yards, the second-highest total of his career.

Leinart has played in 14 NFL games. He has not been sacked in just two of them — both against the Seahawks.

"I was concerned after I saw the film, yeah. I didn't think we played very well, to be honest," coach Mike Holmgren said of a unit with new starters at defensive

end (Patrick Kerney, \$19.5 million guaranteed) and safety (Deon Grant, more than \$11 million guaranteed and Brian Russell, \$3 million guaranteed).

"Did I expect more? Absolutely. For all the reasons you mentioned, I expect improvement. We have good guys over there. We should be better ... I talked to the team about it. I've addressed certain players. I did what I had to do. But, yes, I expect more."

Yet Holmgren is well aware that Cincinnati has firepower that could make his team wish it was back in Arizona.

Carson Palmer leads the league with eight touchdown passes. Johnson is even more dangerous because T.J. Houshmandzadeh is leading the NFL with 17 catches opposite him.

"T.J. can do it all. Runs good routes, catches the ball in traffic," Seahawks cornerback Marcus Trufant said.

So Holmgren is turning his defensive thinking upside down this week, to guard against big plays.

"Most defensive coaches, I think, would tell you, 'Let's take care of the run first, and then we'll play defense.' We said it on many teams," Holmgren said. "This team, I think you almost have to flop it a little bit. They want to throw the ball — they're good at it, they're big-play guys — and then (you) rally to the run."

Problem with that is the last time Rudi Johnson ran against Seattle, in 2003, he had his first career 100-yard rushing day in a Bengals win. So Johnson could be right.

Another Cincinnati shootout could be brewing.

AP Sports Writer Joe Kay in Cincinnati contributed to this report.



ALL 'A' VOLLEYBALL: Host Allen Central won the All 'A' championship Thursday night, defeating Floyd County rival Betsy Layne. Allen Central's Koko Martin, Tiffany Clark, Brittany Hodge, Kimbo Blevins, Brittany Smith, Tiffany Clark and Hannah Howard are pictured below.



LADY RAIDER VOLLEYBALL



AT THE NET: South Floyd is scheduled to host Hazard in its next match Tuesday night at home inside Raider Arena. The Lady Raiders defeated Hazard 2-1 (25-27, 25-17, 26-24) in a road match Aug. 30. South Floyd defeated Paintsville, Betsy Layne and Pikeville in the All 'A' tournament. Allen Central and Betsy Layne dealt South Floyd losses in the regional small school tournament. Betsy Layne eliminated the Lady Raiders.

2007 CBA Draft to be webcast on Web Television Network

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALBANY, NY — The Continental Basketball Association earlier in the week announced that it has continued their partnership with Web Television Network to webcast the 2007 CBA Draft live on the internet.

The CBA Draft will take place on Tuesday, September 25 and be webcast live from the Holiday Inn Parkway East in Pittsburgh starting at 8:00 PM EST. Fans can log on to the CBA Website (www.cbahoopsonline.com) or Web Television Network (www.webtelevisionnetwork.com) to follow all of the Draft action. Every selection will be updated as it happens, and the final results will be posted when the draft has concluded.

The CBA Draft will consist of six rounds and a total of 60 players will be drafted. The expansion Oklahoma

Cavalry will make the first selection in the 22nd annual draft, and each pick thereafter will be shown live on Web Television Network. The CBA Draft is open to all players who have exhausted their college eligibility and were eligible for the NBA Draft this past June. Vice President of Basketball Operations Dennis Truax will serve as the moderator for the CBA Draft with CBA Director of Scouting Mark Argenziano and Director of Player Personnel Jeff Argenziano providing commentary on the Draft.

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"We are very pleased to partner again with Web Television Network to webcast the 2007 CBA Draft," said Vice President of Basketball Operations Dennis Truax. "WTN put on a great show with the CBA All-Star Classic in February and we are happy to be back with them to webcast the Draft."

The Holiday Inn will also be the site of the Pittsburgh Xplosion's draft day headquarters.

The following is the order of the 2007 CBA Draft: 1 — Oklahoma Cavalry; 2 — Rio Grande Valley Silverados; 3 — East Kentucky Miners; 4 — Atlanta Krunk; 5 — Pittsburgh Xplosion; 6 — Butte Daredavils; 7 — Great Falls Explorers; 8 — Minot Skyrockets; 9 — Albany Patroons; 10 — Yakama Sun Kings.

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Bring the Big Game Home!



World champion quarterback Joe Theismann and champion pitmaster Chris Lilly share tips for the ultimate backyard tailgate

FAMILY FEATURES

Just because you don't have tickets to this week's most talked about football match-up doesn't mean you can't enjoy yourself on game day. Why not use the opportunity to fire up the barbecue, gather friends and family, and bring the tailgating party home? Chris Lilly, champion pitmaster and owner of Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q in Decatur, Ala., says the key to a successful backyard tailgate is a winning game plan. "I like to do as much as I can prior to game day so that when my guests arrive, I am free to enjoy myself," said Lilly. "Easy steps such as marinating meat the night before, preparing a checklist of necessary items to avoid last minute trips

to the market, and choosing simple recipes make all the difference when you are trying to catch the first quarter."

World champion quarterback and restaurateur, Joe Theismann, says he has spent some of his favorite game days in his own backyard. "Tailgating at home gives you the ultimate home field advantage," said Theismann. "The grill is always going, the glasses are always topped off, and there is always room for a quick game of pickup football between family and friends."

For an even more authentic game day experience, create a menu featuring recipes that incorporate the flavors and ingredients of each

team's hometown. When the University of Notre Dame takes the field this year, Theismann will be firing up Luck O' the Irish Lamb Chops to honor his alma mater. Meanwhile, Alabama native Lilly will grill Smoked Chicken With Alabama White Sauce over a bed of Kingsford Charcoal while cheering on the University of Auburn.

For more ways to bring the tailgate home, including additional tips and game day recipe match-ups, visit www.MealsTogether.com. While there, share your go-to plays, including charcoal grilling recipe secrets and strategies, for a chance to win great prizes during college football season.

Winning Game Plan

For a successful backyard tailgate, execute the following key plays:

- **Score an Early First Down.** Marinate meat the night prior to game day, using a large Glad Storage Bag for even and easy coating.
- **Create a Burger Blitz.** For a better game day burger, poke a small hole in the center of the patty. This will stop the meat from rising in the center, allowing for a delicious, evenly-cooked burger. For extra flavor, try adding a bit of KC Masterpiece Barbecue Sauce.
- **Avoid Pass Interference.** Make sure there is a radio or small television by the grill and in the kitchen so you don't miss any of the action.
- **Pack the Stands.** To really draw a crowd, add a bit of Kingsford Charcoal with Mesquite to your grill — neighbors won't be able to resist the rich, earthy smell of the charcoal fire. Before you know it, your yard will feel a bit like a stadium parking lot.
- **Take It Into Overtime.** To really regulate cooking temperature, use two grills: on the larger grill, create hot and cool zones to rotate your meat from searing to indirect cooking; on the smaller grill, create a normal fire and cook hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Luck O' the Irish Lamb Chops With Minty Ranch Dipping Sauce

Created by football analyst, world championship quarterback and restaurateur Joe Theismann on behalf of Kingsford Charcoal

Lamb Chops are one of the easiest and quickest meats to grill and one of the tastiest. A quick spice rub and you are ready to grill. Pick up a second rack for a heftier serving.

Makes: 4 servings
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes

- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 rack of lamb, cut into 8 chops
- Juice of half a lime

Dipping Sauce

- 2 cups plain yogurt, drained
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint, chopped
- 1 package Hidden Valley The Original Ranch Dips mix
- Chopped fresh mint

Combine spices in small bowl and rub half over lamb chops. Turn over lamb chops and rub in other half of spice mix.

Prepare charcoal grill and place each chop directly over hot charcoal. Grill 4 minutes; turn each over and grill another 3 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to rest. Squeeze lime juice over chops and serve with dipping sauce.

To make dipping sauce, combine yogurt, mint and dip mix and keep in refrigerator until ready to serve. Place a dollop of dip on each plate of lamb chops. Garnish with chopped fresh mint.



Smoked Chicken With Alabama White Sauce

Created by champion pitmaster Chris Lilly on behalf of Kingsford Charcoal

Southerners like their food with a little (or a lot) of spice, and Alabama is no exception. Chicken breasts are brined, smoked and dunked into a tangy, peppery Alabama white sauce. This multi-step process insures moistness of the meat, and a complex, layered flavor.

Makes: 8 servings
Prep time: 15 minutes plus 1 hour for marinade
Cook time: 12 minutes

- 8 chicken breasts, boneless and skinless

Brine

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup apple juice
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/4 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1/2 tablespoon lemon juice

Alabama White Sauce

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup apple juice
- 1 teaspoon prepared horseradish
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

In medium bowl add brine ingredients and mix well. Place chicken breasts in brine and refrigerate 1 hour. Remove chicken breasts from brine and wipe off excess salt.

In small bowl add Alabama White Sauce ingredients and mix well.

Preheat charcoal grill to 400°F. Place chicken breasts on hot grate over direct heat 5 to 6 minutes on each side. Remove chicken breasts from grill when golden brown and firm to the touch. The internal temperature of chicken breasts should be 160°F.

Submerge each chicken breast into bowl of Alabama White Sauce. Remove from sauce and

