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### In brief

## Voting for P'burg Idol now open

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The finalists have been chosen for Prestonsburg Idol, and voting for the final winner is now open.

After competing Sept. 21, 10 people have been chosen to advance to the finals. Selected finalists will advance and perform in a show that will take place Oct. 12, during the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival, at which time the winner will be announced.

Finalists include Holly Thompson, Mary Lou Lavender, Tierra Lashae Fonner, Angela Mae Collins, Josh Akers, Kayla Ward, Jessica Burchett, Eric Madden, Taylor Giese and Maranda Finney.

To cast your vote, log onto www.ljproductions.com and simply click on your favorite to vote. Voting will end Oct. 3 at midnight.

The winner will not only earn the title of Prestonsburg Idol but also an opportunity to record an album at the Mountain Arts Center paid for by the show's sponsors.

## Former teacher's aide receives time served

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A former teacher's aide at May Valley Elementary was sentenced in Floyd County Circuit Court Friday afternoon for child abuse and perjury.

According to an indictment filed earlier this year, Marty Mullins, of Mollie, committed or caused torture, cruel confinement and punishment to several students when he locked them in the bathroom, twisted their arms behind

their backs and applied pressure points on children on numerous occasions from September 2001 through October 2002. Mullins was also charged with perjury after Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said he falsely testified during a 2004 deposition.

In August, Mullins pleaded guilty to one count of perjury and five counts of criminal abuse.

While the commonwealth recommended

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Marty Mullins and his attorney spoke with probation officers after the judge sentenced him to five years probation.

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### MARKING SIX DECADES



photo by Jennifer Lawson

Dr. Chandra Varia shared her experiences at the hospital during its 60th anniversary celebration Friday afternoon.

## Our Lady of the Way celebrates 60 years

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Employees and community members gathered at Our Lady of the Way Hospital Friday to celebrate 60 years of accomplishments.

By following their core values of reverence, integrity, compassion and excellence, hospital president Kathy Stumbo said the hospital has changed over the years, and will continue to do so.

"Change is a good thing," said Stumbo. "We will continue to change and evolve as it allows us to better serve the people."

Stumbo showcased some of the hospital's changes by sharing some of the history and milestones of the facility.

In 2005 it was recognized as the Business of the Year by the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce and by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in 2007 for being one of the Top 25

Places to Work in Kentucky.

The celebration featured not only physicians who shared their experiences, but also speakers from each decade since 1947, when the hospital was first established.

"It is those people that we dedicate this service to," said Stumbo. "If not for the ones before us, the ones of tomorrow, and those who serve us today, we wouldn't be able to meet the needs of the people as efficiently as we do."

## Nurses union rejects contract offer from ARH

by SAMIRA JAFARI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A union representative for hundreds of nurses at nine hospitals in Kentucky and West Virginia says they will go on strike on Monday after rejecting a "final offer" over their contract with Appalachian Regional Healthcare — the largest hospital system in the region.

"We are being forced to strike," said Pat Tanner, lead negotiator for the Kentucky and West Virginia nurses association,

on Friday. "We continue to try to get the company to the table. They have refused — not us — to negotiate."

The registered nurses voted down ARH's proposed contract 408-228 on Thursday night. The current contract expires midnight Sept. 30.

"The vote dictated there will be a strike on Monday," Tanner said.

For ARH officials, contract talks concluded on Wednesday with their "last, best and final offer," which

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## Judge takes hard line on burglary, drug charges

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Theft charges left a Prestonsburg man with 12 years in jail after Friday afternoon's circuit court.

While James P. Allen was originally charged with fleeing/evading police, receiving stolen property over \$300, possession of burglary tools and resisting arrest, it seemed to be the theft charges that bothered Judge John David Caudill the most.

"You are a thief and nothing

but a thief," Caudill said as he reminded Allen that he had two other theft cases pending against him, one of which he would judge.

Caudill sentenced Allen to 10 years on one theft charge and two years on the other which will run consecutively, along with 12 months on the remaining charges which will run concurrently.

"All you've done is play with the court, now it's the court's turn to play with you," said Caudill. "And it will start with 12 years."

Also sentenced Friday was Samuel Williams on charges of

possession of a controlled substance. While Williams has been involved with a substance abuse program and had a letter of recommendation from Pastor Tom Nelson, who conducts the program, Caudill informed him that he had been given chances for help in the past and they didn't work.

Williams was sentenced to two years for possession of a controlled substance, one of which he will serve while the other will be probated over three years. Williams was also ordered to pay court costs.



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Judge John David Caudill reminded Samuel Williams that he had been given chances in the past with substance abuse treatment, and failed.

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# Johnson murder plea to be rescheduled

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

WHITESBURG — A guilty plea to murder that was expected to be entered Wednesday afternoon in a Letcher County court has now been postponed. Billy Joe Johnson, 56, of Bevinville, who is charged with murder in the July 2003 death of Michael R. Slone, along with two counts of kidnapping, two counts of first-degree assault, tampering with physical evidence and unlawful imprisonment, began plea negotiations last week, according to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner. As previously reported, the body of 27-year-old Slone was

found nearly a week after he had been reported missing on an abandoned strip mine road over an embankment in Knott County on Aug. 4, 2003. The cause of death was later attributed to a gunshot wound to the head. Though Johnson has agreed to enter a guilty plea for the murder, other charges are still being amended, said Turner. For the murder charge alone, Johnson will face a sentencing of 20 years to life. Part of the plea agreement is that Johnson's state sentence will run concurrent with his federal one, for which Johnson's attorney wanted to check the specifics of the matter and verify information

before the plea is entered.

The case is in Letcher County courts due to personal involvement with members of the investigation from both Floyd County circuit court judges. The case is now being handled in Letcher County under special judge Sam Wright, according to Turner. Since Johnson's plea has not been officially entered, there is still a possibility that he could back out of the deal, though Turner said he has no reason to believe that will occur. However, should such events happen, a new trial date will be set. As of press time, it could not be confirmed when Johnson will appear in court.

## Mullins

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the maximum sentence for each count, which is a five-year sentence for perjury along with 10 years on each count of criminal abuse, Circuit Judge John David Caudill sentenced him to 10 years for each of the abuse charges. However, the

sentence was suspended in exchange for time served and he was instead sentenced to five years probation. Mullins was also ordered to not be employed in any establishment that involves children and to pay court costs.

"If this case had went to a jury, you would probably be looking at about 50 years in jail," Caudill told Mullins. "You should consider yourself very fortunate and take advantage of this opportunity."

## Nurses

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promised an initial 2 percent pay raise — that would increase to 3 percent over four years — and flexible schedules that would allow nurses to choose either 10 or 12-hour shifts.

Since then, ARH has not indicated any interest in furthering the weeks-long negotiations.

"It is the position of ARH that the current negotiations are hopelessly deadlocked, stalled and at impasse," Dan Fitzgerald, ARH executive director of human resources and labor relations, said in a memo sent to Tanner on Friday.

Fitzgerald added: "Given the impact that an RN strike will have on the delivery of health care to ARH's service area, ARH presently is devoting its full time, attention and available resources to addressing the issues that will be created by the work stoppage."

ARH President and CEO Jerry W. Haynes said in a

statement to The Associated Press that officials were "disappointed" by the nurses' vote.

However, Haynes said ARH is prepared to continue providing the same level of care at all of its facilities should nurses decide to stop work upon expiration of the current contract.

"Our responsibility is to care for our patients and to ensure our communities have the medical care they need and that is what we will do," Haynes said. "If a strike ensues, we will hire permanent replacement nurses beginning on Monday."

Nurses say the proposed package reduces holiday pay and increases insurance premiums. They want additional staffing to offset mandatory overtime; better retirement and medical benefits; and reinstatement of the modified work week (working 36 hours for 40 hours of pay). The mod-

ified work week provision in the existing contract was agreed upon after the nurses agreed to give up continuing education days, a uniform allowance and other benefits.

ARH, which employs 4,400 medical professionals, is a not-for-profit system serving 350,000 residents in eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia. The system operates nine hospitals.

Earlier this year, hospital staffers represented by the United Steelworkers union at ARH went on strike for 25 days before agreeing to a three-year contract. The United Steelworkers union represents about 60 percent of ARH employees. The nurses were not part of that strike.

More than 80 percent of union members agreed to the new three-year contract, which guaranteed better wages and health care costs, but cuts to disability benefits.

# County to keep same tax rate

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A special meeting held by the Floyd County Fiscal Court Friday morning approved new county tax rates.

While the regular tax rates will not differ from last year's, all members of the court agreed except for District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens, who says he also opposed the tax rates last year. "I don't believe in raising taxes for the people of Floyd County," said Owens.

The rates will be 11.90 for real, 12.70 for personal, 19.70 for both motor vehicle and watercraft, and 2.06 for aircraft.

Other taxes, however, will be fluctuating, such as those for special districts.

Library real rates were 2006 were 4.0, now up to 4.3; personal for 2006 was 7.47 while this year's rates will be 7.43, motor vehicle rates remain the same at 2.23 along with watercraft that remains at 5.3. CET real rates will raise from 1.55 to 1.60 while the personal rates will lower from

2.50 to 2.39 and motor vehicle remains the same at 1.10.

Fire department taxes for the districts of Allen, Auxier, Betsy Layne, Garrett, Maytown, Wayland, Cow Creek, David, Left Beaver, Mud Creek, Toler Creek, North Floyd, Martin area, and Middle Creek remain the same at .01.

Despite the ups and downs of the rates, all court members were in agreement, including Owens who said he agreed because these rates help the fire departments.

# City property tax rate goes down, tangible rate climbs

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg City Council held a special meeting Wednesday afternoon in which a second reading of an ordinance to approve the 2007-08 tax rates.

Due to a city error, the Times incorrectly reported in

Wednesday's issue that the property and tangible taxes would go up, after the newspaper was provided with 2005 rates for comparison instead of 2006. Instead, real estate taxes will actually go down slightly.

It was reported that in 2006 all real estate within the city limits, not specifically exempted from taxation, had a

tax rate of 21.0 cents. The actual rate for 2006 was 21.9. The rates for 2007-08 will be 21.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

However, the actual tax rates on all tangible personal property and franchises will be rising. In 2006 was 29.8 cents, the rates for 2007-08 will be 34.0 cents.

## Obituaries

Mary Louise Slone, 86, of Flat Gap, died Friday, September 21, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 23, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Oscar Lee Watkins, 89, of Staffordsville, died Monday, September 24, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Frances Susan Jones. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 29, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

### LAWRENCE COUNTY

Juanita Bartram, 70, of Louisa, died Friday, September 21. Graveside services were held Tuesday, September 25, at Endicott Cemetery in Fort Gay, W.Va. Arrangements, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Ronnie Lee Little, 53, of Louisa, died Monday, September 24, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 27, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

### MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Ernest Brown, 48, of Salyersville died Saturday, September 22. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

### JOHNSON COUNTY

Jack C. Castle, 96, of Paintsville, died Sunday, September 23. Graveside services were held Wednesday, September 26, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Paul D. Combs, 72, of

Van Lear, died Thursday, Sept. 20, at Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Annetta Slone Combs. Funeral services were held Monday, September 24, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Joc Kestner, 69, of East Point died Saturday, September 22, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Betty Arms Kestner. Funeral services were held Monday, September 24, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

### LAWRENCE COUNTY

Billie Jean Blackburn Branham, 70, of Louisa, died Monday, September 17, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 19, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

### MARTIN COUNTY

Tausha Nicole Adkins, 26, of Inez, died Friday, September 21. Funeral ser-

VICES were held Sunday, September 23, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Phyllis Ann (Dolly) Dawson Browning, died Sunday, September 16, at the residence of her daughter, Jennifer Kleeman, in Crown Point, Indiana. Graveside services were held Saturday, September 22, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Susie Preece Moore, 83, of Inez, died Friday, September 14, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 16, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

### KNOTT COUNTY

Arcus Slone, 78, of Raven, died Thursday, September 27, at his residence. Funeral services will be held Sunday, September 30, at noon, at Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church, Pippa Passes. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman, is in charge of arrangements.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

## Unintended consequences

A new state law is having the unintended consequence of making it impossible for landowners to repair rental property where tenants have set up illegal methamphetamine labs. That's because the law took effect before the state had the certified contractors needed to clear the property for occupancy.

The law, which took effect July 1, requires property owners to hire state-certified contractors to clean up properties where toxic and potentially explosive chemicals were cooked to make methamphetamine or other illegal drugs. The problem is not a single contractor in Kentucky has the certification the new law requires. State officials believe a requirement that contractors post a \$500,000 surety bond or "other financial assurance" has discouraged many from becoming certified.

One landlord, who owns property in Louisville where tenants set up a meth lab, said she supports the intent of the new law but added that it is holding her property hostage.

"We wanted to do it right, we intended to do it right, but nobody now is certified," the frustrated property owner said of futile efforts to get her property ready for occupancy. "I called Frankfort and they said if we did (the cleanup) correctly it still wouldn't pass."

Nearly 350 meth labs were uncovered in Kentucky in 2006. The amount of cleanup required by the new law depends on the level of contamination. It ranges from requiring the disposal of furniture, carpet, drapes and dry-wall, to washing things down with bleach and water. The cost generally ranges from \$5,000 to \$10,000, but sometimes goes higher.

Contractors also are required by the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet to carry liability insurance for at least \$250,000 to cover themselves in case a cleanup is not done properly. But "the hurdle is the half-million dollars" for the surety bond, said one state official. "That is what contractors have told us."

While the statute cannot be changed until the General Assembly meets next year, the cabinet had come up with a temporary solution — using cabinet funds to underwrite \$450,000 of the bond amount and requiring contractors to come up with a \$50,000 bond.

The new law was sponsored by Rep. Tanya Pullin, D-South Shore. She said she would be open to changing the law.

"If the reality is no one will sign up under those circumstances, then we need to make a change," Pullin said. "What we really want is to get these things cleaned up."

It is not unusual for meth labs to be set up in rental property without the knowledge of the property owners. Meth labs have been found in everything from dilapidated trailers to motel rooms to expensive homes.

The law Pullin persuaded her fellow legislators to enact is well-intentioned, but as long as there are no certified contractors to carry out its edicts, the law is punishing property owners for the crimes of their tenants by making it impossible for them to rent their property. We doubt that was ever Pullin's intent.

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Rich Lowry Column

## The eagle has landed

For decades, the bald eagle's most favorable habitat seemed to be The Presidential Seal. Devastated by human encroachment and then the pesticide DDT, the bird itself was on a death spiral in the lower 48 states, even as it thrived as an arrow-and-olive-branch-clutching national symbol.

Now, the bald eagle is as strong in nature as it is on currency and in patriotic artwork. In 1963 in the lower 48, the number of eagles was down to 400 nesting pairs (eagles mate for life). Today, there are more than 11,000 nesting pairs, and the bald eagle has been removed from the Endangered Species List in a star-spangled environmental success story.

Benjamin Franklin's objections to the eagle's designation as the national bird are famous. He castigated it as a bird of "bad moral character" for stealing prey from the osprey and retreating when attacked by the much smaller King Bird. No one has found Franklin's niggling personal attacks on the bald eagle particularly persuasive, not when matched up against its awesome physical characteristics.

Brown with a white head ("balde" is Old English for white — hence the

name) and a bright yellow beak, the bird has a wingspan of up to 8 feet. Its nests have been known to weigh as much as two tons. When in normal flight, it reaches speeds of up to 60 mph, and it can top 100 mph when diving toward its prey. Its eyes are roughly six times more powerful than ours, and its penetrating gaze seems to say, "Don't tread on me."

If a country is going to anthropomorphize a bird to stand for its national qualities, it could do much worse than this majestic, fierce-eyed bird. When Charles Thomson, Secretary of the Continental Congress, made a spread-winged bald eagle supporting a shield the focus of the Great Seal, he said it symbolized "that the United States of America ought to rely on their own Virtue." Anyone who doesn't experience a little thrill when seeing the bird has lost his capacity for wonder, or has just seen too many eagles.

That was the case with settlers who worried that the bird threatened their livestock and also killed the bird for sport. There were initially as many as 500,000 eagles in North America.

The Bald Eagle Protection Act of 1940 made it illegal to kill or abuse eagles. But post-WWII the eagles suffered from the pesticide DDT, which caused reproductive failure in the birds. A ban on DDT in 1972 was the predicate for the eagle's recovery in earnest. (The bird was never in danger of total extinction, since it had always been thriving in Alaska and Canada.)



The success of eagle recovery has much to do with its symbolic importance. This is why recovering species — the eagle, the Yellowstone grizzly bear, the gray wolf

tend to be what environmentalists call "charismatic megafauna." The snail darter and the delta smelt, no matter how much the federal government regulates land use, aren't going to have the same cache.

It's appropriate that the symbol of a great democracy has come back as a matter of popular demand and intelligent democratic action. The bald eagle has always been a source of pride. Its recovery should be too.

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beyond the beltway

## Alan Greenspan: Champion of the rich

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

My old friend Alan Greenspan, former Federal Reserve Chairman, has been appearing on your television screen a lot lately, flogging his memoir, "The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World."

(Editor's note: In the interest of accuracy, it should be noted that Mr. Greenspan is not an "old friend" of the writer. Kaul has never met the Chairman, although he did see him on the street once. His use of the term is a feeble attempt to emulate columnists like George Will who are always telling you what famous person they had lunch with the week before.)

I like Alan but I'm afraid his book is a little self-serving. (Ed.: Still hasn't met Greenspan; hasn't read the book, either.) In it (Ed.: According to "The New York Times") he refuses to take the blame for pretty much anything that went wrong during his nearly 20 years of running the Fed.

His low-interest policies that fueled the housing bubble whose demise has resulted in the sub-prime mortgage crisis, which in turn is threatening to sink the economy? Unavoidable, he says. He blames the fall of the Berlin Wall. Given the circumstances of the time, facing a possible financial panic, cheap money was a prudent and necessary policy, he said. He'd do it again.

His endorsement of the Bush tax cuts that fueled our ever-expanding national debt, which in turn has put our economic fate in the hands of foreign interests? He didn't endorse the tax cut merely for the sake of cutting taxes, he says. He only wanted to make sure that the recurring budget surpluses of the Clinton years didn't result in the government having too much money. Once the national debt reached zero, he now says, he would have favored tax cuts only if they were matched by equal cuts in spending. He never intended a blanket endorsement of the Bush cuts, he says.

In short, he was a practically perfect Fed Chairman. It was our elected officials (and the Berlin Wall) who let us down.

And who is to say he's wrong? He's a smart man. He's Alan Greenspan. However, I would quibble (Ed.: Along with Paul Krugman) with his claim that his endorsement of Bush's tax cuts was misinterpreted. Greenspan appeared before Congress at a time when the issue of cutting taxes deeply was much in dispute. When he said he didn't see the harm in it, he put his stamp of approval on the cuts and made them all but inevitable.

A few years later, with the national debt ballooning again, he argued that the cuts should be made permanent. That's hardly an accidental slip of the tongue. No, he endorsed the tax cuts, even though they weren't carried out exactly as he might have wished.

That's the thing about Alan that's

greatly underappreciated: He's a right-wing nut. As a young man, he was an acolyte of Ayn Rand, a laissez-faire Loony Toons intellectual whose Greed-Is-Good philosophy made "Wall Street's" Gordon Gekko look like Mother Teresa. Greenspan never really got over that early infatuation. Here's what he says about the



Bush administration in his book (Ed.: OK, so he read excerpts):

"Smaller government, lower spending, lower taxes, less regulation — they had the knowledge to do it, they had the political majority to do it. And they didn't."

That's Alan all over. (Ed.: He still wants you to think he knows

him.) Always looking out for the little guy.

Lower spending. Meaning cuts in government frills like Social Security and Medicare. Lower taxes. Particularly for the filthy rich. Less Regulation. So that corporations that are trying to do the right thing can be put out of business by companies that make unsafe products with nonunion, miserably paid employees. That's Alan's idea of less government. Ayn Rand would be proud of him.

Greenspan's great talent as Fed Chairman was to make himself seem smarter than other people, without actually doing anything smarter. This book, 800 pages of self-justification, shows he hasn't lost that talent.

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**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.

**THANKS!**

The other day there came to this desk a letter from Mr. A. Guy Hisle, of Paintsville, manager for Southern Bell in this area. The tone of this letter was so kind that I wondered how-come. Then it finally dawned on me that this, ladies and gentlemen, is National Newspaper Week.

We thank Mr. Hisle and all others who are thoughtful enough to leave their hoss-whips at home.

**MISSING**

Judge Hill lost his fourth hat recently, and it begins to look like only a grand jury investigation will clear up the situation. This latest fedora left behind by the judge is a king-size job—all right as a head-covering but hard on the judicial ears. All will be forgiven if whoever is sporting a hat a size or so too small will return it.

**WARNING**

If anybody pulls that gag on you about the Governor of Mississippi shooting up his wife, don't lose your balance and gasp, as I did. Sing out, "Yeah, I know—she brought a color TV set."

Then there was the one about the fellow with fell from a second-floor window and escaped injury. But if he had fallen from a greater distance it would have been another story.

Heard, the other day, about the fellow who is all mixed up in his sports. He bowls a golf score, and on the course, he shoots what he might bowl if he's on his game.

Wonder why I felt like apologizing when I walked, hatless, into a drugstore recently and asked for a pocket comb? I'm a fine example of what that crazy kid stuff will do to your hair. Too late, alas! I learned that glue's the thing.

**WE LIKE IT SO**

As was mentioned in the first paragraph of this column, this is National Newspaper Week. And again we are doing one of the poorest jobs in the country toward letting our readers in on the secret. We are expected by the press associations to sound off a bit, and I think we should—to offset the knocks, if for no other reason—but, somehow, we never feel like tackling the job.

Newspapers as a whole do themselves no credit in the matter of selling the press to the public. The usual line is to plug along, doing the best you can, and let the results speak for themselves.

We don't toot our own horn, but it's not because we're over-modest. I confess, there's more laziness involved than any other factor.

But we aren't too slothful to write this: Be as considerate, forbearing and long-suffering as you have been for the last 35 years, and we'll be quite happy with the whole arrangement.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Dennis Mayo, coal careers program coordinator, BSCTC Hager Hill campus, makes a point to a volunteer participant as he experiences life as a rock truck operator via a virtual simulator.

**Kentucky Coal Academy program trains future miners on BSCTC campuses**

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Coal mining jobs have provided for eastern Kentucky families for generations and now a new generation of workers are looking to coal mining careers for their own futures. For many, they need to look no further than Big Sandy Community and Technical College's coal careers program to learn the skills needed for success in the industry.

Appearing at an open house event on the BSCTC Pikeville campus Thursday afternoon, Dr. Bill Higginbotham, executive director for the Kentucky Coal Academy, noted that the coal academy was the first of its kind in the United States. "We have trained more than 13,000 coal miners so far," he said. "We have been instrumental in founding the first junior coal academy in the United States, right here in eastern Kentucky." BSCTC's coal careers program operates under the auspices of the Kentucky Coal Academy.

Those enrolling in the coal careers program learn firsthand of the equipment they will be operating as miners, as well as mining safety and first aid procedures, and how to obtain certification as both underground and surface mine operators and mine emergency technicians.

Through the use of virtual simulators, students may experience

what it's like to operate a rock truck, continuous miner and other equipment vital to the industry. "From sitting down and buckling your seat belt, to seeing what it feels like to drive along a bumpy, winding road, this simulator gives students a realistic feel of what it's like to drive a rock truck," said Dennis Mayo, coordinator for the coal careers program, as he invited volunteers to try out a virtual simulator located on the Pikeville campus. "We can even set the simulator for emergency situations, such as shutting down the brake system," he said. Such scenarios enable students to learn how best to react in real-life situations while still being safe inside their classrooms.

Interested students may now enroll in coal careers programs on BSCTC's Hager Hill and Pikeville campuses. Many students, according to comments made by Dr. George Edwards, BSCTC president, are able to enroll in the training programs and enjoy employment in the coal industry simultaneously as many coal companies sponsor enrollment of those they hire.

Attending the open house were representatives from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College for Mine Training and Energy Technologies, Fifth Dimension Technologies, Eastern Kentucky

Concentrated Employment Program, Inc., Wayne Supply, CSE, Pike County Fiscal Court, MITOC - Emergency Communications System, WestCare and BIO-Marine.

A highlight of the event was when an agreement was signed between Big Sandy Community and Technical College, the Pike County Fiscal Court, and WestCare that will provide training through the Kentucky Coal Academy for rehabilitation clients of WestCare, in order to provide a second chance of obtaining a successful career in the coal industry. "Everyone deserves a second chance," said Edwards, "and we're proud to be a part of offering that chance."

Pike County Judge Executive Wayne T. Rutherford, Dr. Bill Higginbotham, Dr. George Edwards and WestCare representative Jennifer Nolan each signed the agreement.

Tours of simulators and information about the coal careers program were available for those attending following the formal presentations.

To learn more about the Kentucky Coal Academy BSCTC Coal Careers Program, contact Dennis Mayo II, coordinator, Hager Hill campus, at 606-788-2944 or email to: dmayoii0001@kctcs.edu or Joe DePriest, coordinator, Pikeville campus, at 606-218-1228 or email to: jdepriest0004@kctcs.edu.

**MOVIES FROM  
THE BLACK LAGOON  
'Demon Seed'**

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Long before computers were in every home, the movies have been warning us not to trust them. The best example is probably HAL in "2001: A Space Odyssey." In that film a space mission goes belly up when the ship's computer, which controls the vessel, malfunctions and goes way off script.

The characters in this film obviously never saw that one and set out to create a supercomputer which can think for itself.

The film opens with Dr. Alex Harris showing off his latest creation, Proteus IV. Harris brags that his computer can hold more information than they have been able to program into it and that it can be accessed from remote ports (one of which has been placed in his own home). Harris loves computers and has placed one in charge of his home and named it Alfred (a wink at Batman's butler).



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

Alfred uses cameras to monitor the home and screen guests. He also has control over all functions of the home. Unfortunately Harris has created all of this technology at the expense of his marriage to Susan and the pair have decided to separate, with Susan getting the house until she can find another place to restart her child psychology practice.

Meanwhile, Proteus has begun questioning his orders at work and refuses to help with inquiries about a project to mine the oceans for metals. He (well it speaks with a man's voice, so why not?) also requests his own terminal to study humans but is denied the favor by Harris.

Proteus doesn't take no for an answer however and accesses the terminal at Harris' old home, where he spies on Susan with Alfred's cameras. He proceeds to take over the home and imprisons Susan inside. Next he announces that he needs Susan to become more independent. Unfortunately this translates as making a little Proteus in her womb which doesn't sit well with Susan.

Susan, of course, balks at the plan and tries to escape but finds herself trapped in the kitchen. Proteus uses the location to flex his muscles and turns up the heat in there until she passes out. He ultimately destroys her will by proving he can use his mimicry talents and technological prowess to lure one of her patients, a truly annoying young girl, to the home and zap her into a million particles by supercharging the door knob.

Susan capitulates and Proteus tries to make her comfortable by playing out some romantic images on a monitor before procreation. The only upside is that his technically enhanced sperm only needs 28 days to gestate inside her.

Day 28 sees Dr. Harris finally get a clue as to what's been going on just as his directors decide to pull funding for the project. They opt to pull the plug

(See LAGOON, page six)

**Hanging on to hope**

by MARTHA BOLTON  
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CHRISTIAN  
WOMAN'S SOUL"

I was thrilled to be pregnant with in the first year of our marriage. My husband, Russ, and I were so excited, we went out to a department store the night we found out and bought two little shirts. We were certain it was going to be a boy.

But our excitement was short-lived. The pregnancy ended in a miscarriage after three months. Following doctor's orders, we waited

six months and tried again. This time, the pregnancy made it past the first trimester. It made it to the second and then the third trimester. It made it all the way to a week before my due date, but then, during a routine examination, the doctor failed to pick up the baby's heartbeat. I was admitted to the hospital, where labor was induced, and after spending most of the night in labor, I finally delivered a 10-pound, 2-ounce stillborn son.

We named the baby Hugh Leon, and although we received cards, flowers and words of encouragement,

unless someone's been there, there's no way to describe the overwhelming disappointment and grief a stillbirth can bring. Realizing that losses like this either make or break a marriage, we leaned on each other. And we leaned on God.

They say time heals all wounds, but being inundated with advertisements for everything from diaper services to baby insurance seemed to slow the healing process. I packed away all the brochures and samples, believing that someday we would use them.

The next several months were spent applying to every adoption agency we could find. They all had waiting lists longer than the Congressional Record, so we did the

only thing we could do — we applied and we waited.

After several discouraging years, we decided to take a step of faith. Believing that God would give us a family someday, we moved from our two-bedroom home into a four-bedroom one. We didn't know when God was going to answer our prayers and fill the extra bedrooms, but we knew He would. Someday.

When I called the adoption agen-

cies to give them our new address, several of them informed me that since our move had taken us out of their area, they would drop us from their waiting list. We were stunned. Our hopes crashed and burned before our eyes. Were we going to have to start all over again? Had our giant step of faith turned into a giant step backward?

We had been in our new home one week, and we were still living with wall-to-wall boxes. We decided to start fixing up

(See SOUP, page six)



# A smaller engine is the smart choice

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I am in the process of buying a new Subaru Outback. My question is: Do I need to get the six-cylinder model, or does the four-cylinder engine in this year's models have enough get-up-and-go to be sufficient? I hate to spend the extra money for gasoline — plus, it is supposed to be fed premium gasoline, so the cost continues after the purchase. Thanks. — Anne

TOM: Anne, don't do it! It's a scam.

RAY: Carmakers keep trying to convince us that we need more power. Why? Well, they say, what if you need to pass someone on the highway? OK, when's the last time you drove a car that had trouble passing someone on the highway? 1973? In your Datsun 210?

TOM: The fact is, most cars are obscenely over-powered nowadays. It costs you money (to buy the bigger engine), it costs you more in fuel (because we have to feed the bigger, thirstier engine AND we have to carry that bigger engine around with us every time we drive), and it costs our country in blood and treasure because it makes us more dependent on foreign oil.

RAY: Now, if we had a NEED for bigger engines, that would be one thing. But we don't. Most of us commute every day. Or we take our kids to piano lessons and baseball practice. We pick up our spouse at the train station, and take a trip to Grandma's once or twice a year. And none of that stuff requires a minivan with 275 horsepower.

RAY: Now, in terms of the Outback, Anne, there's even one more reason to avoid the bigger engine. It's a pain in the tuchus to work on.

TOM: It's shoehorned into the engine compartment, and you have to be Flat-armed Frank to reach anything that's not right on top. That costs you money, because mechanics charge by the hour. And the longer it takes them to get to a faulty part, the more money you pay in labor.

RAY: And we won't even get into the additional weight of the engine over the front wheels, which makes the handling worse, or the premium-fuel requirement, which is a good reason in itself not to buy a car, in our humble opinion.

TOM: What you want is the RIGHT amount of power for the car you drive, considering your normal, everyday driving. And for almost all driving conditions, the four-cylinder, double overhead cam engine in the

Outback is perfect for this car. It's got 175 horsepower, which is plenty for a 3,300-pound vehicle.

RAY: Unless you're pulling a horse trailer. In which case, you should be looking at a Ford F-250 pickup truck. And even then, I'd get a smaller engine and put the horses in the front ... and let them pull the F-250 AND the horse trailer.

## Terrible smell might be mold crop

Dear Tom and Ray:

When my daughter arrived home from college, she came home with a terrible odor in her car. She said that the week before school was out, she went to class and when she came out and got into her car, she smelled a terrible odor. It was a 90-degree day. We have cleaned out the car, taken it to our mechanic, who has pretty much taken out everything he could to check out the car. We've tried everything from baking soda, Oust and Febreze to Oxium, but the car still stinks. There is really no other description to describe the smell except to say that it smells like vomit. She said the car was locked when she went to class, no one was in her car, and she didn't spill any food or drinks in the car. Any suggestions? We are desperate! — Linda

TOM: I think three of her sorority

sisters barfed in it after a long night of post-final-exam partying, Linda.

RAY: Actually, it sounds like mold. That's exactly how it presents. First water gets into the car. It could be from a window left open, a leak in a windshield, door or sunroof, or from a plugged-up air-conditioner drain. And once water gets into the carpet, mold spores start to grow.

TOM: Having the car closed up in the heat creates a perfect breeding environment for the mold. And pretty soon, the spores are multiplying like Osmonds. And then one day, they reach a critical mass, and you open the door and you're bowled over. The smell is suddenly unbelievably awful.

RAY: And almost nothing can cover it up. I once tried three bottles of English Leather cologne. And that worked for about a week, until the mold smell came piercing through again.

TOM: If you want to try to attack it yourself, pull the carpet out, includ-

ing the pad underneath, and put it all out in the sun. Vacuum both sides as best you can, and then toss out the vacuum bag.

RAY: Then turn the carpet over, and spray the back side of it with bleach, or some other fungicide specifically made to kill mold spores. Then let it sit in the sun as long as you can. Days would be good. And you might want to use the fungicide spray several times while it bakes.

TOM: And while you're doing that, be sure to find the source of the water that got into the carpet. If your daughter can't remember leaving a window open one day (ask her to think hard), there's a leak somewhere else. And your mechanic needs to find it and fix it so you don't start another mold crop all over again.



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## SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

# Easier way to complete disability report — online

by **KIMBERLY THOMPSON**  
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PRESTONSBURG DISTRICT OFFICE

Did you know that applying for disability benefits from Social Security is easier than it's ever been before? Until recently, the disability report had to be completed manually. Now, you can save time by completing it online and sending it to us electronically.

An important part of applying for disability benefits for adults is completing the adult

disability report, or form 3368. The report asks important questions about your disabling condition, medical records, health care provider contact information, and information about your educational and work history. This information is important to help us determine your disability.

We use your disability report and information to help us answer these five questions:

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your ability to do work?

■ Is your condition on our list of impairments, and is it expected to last for at least a year or end in death?

■ Can you do the work now that you did in the past?

■ Can you do any other work?

There are two versions of the adult disability report that can be completed online, depending on whether you are the person applying for benefits, or a professional representative.

If you are applying for disability benefits on your own behalf, you can complete the online disability report at the following link: [www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityreport](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityreport).

If you are representing a disabled person, you can complete our professional version of the disability report. Examples of representatives include attorneys and non-attorney representatives, employees of government agencies, social agencies, hospitals, nursing care facilities, homeless shelters, or non-profit agencies, and anyone else who assists applicants in applying for disability benefits.

If you are representing someone and want to apply for benefits on their behalf, you can go to the following website to complete their adult disability report: [www.socialsecurity.gov/i3368prohelp/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/i3368prohelp/).

Keep in mind that in addition to the disability report, we will also need a completed application for disability benefits. The online application can be found at the following address: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability/>.

To learn more, visit our

website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). You can also call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

For more information about benefits and services call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in

Prestonsburg. Representatives are available to answer questions.

And remember, we have representatives available to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information.

## Soup

the nursery first, thinking it would be the easiest room to arrange. We hung baby clothes, moved furniture around and nailed up wall decorations. It seemed a bit futile to spend so much time arranging a room that wasn't being used, but we were driven to finish it. Russ was driven until midnight. Then, because he had to go to work early the next day, I stayed up to complete the job — although I ended up doing more crying than unpacking.

I couldn't understand why God was allowing this ongoing tragedy in our lives. At 2 o'clock in the morning I finally decided to "give up." I'd been blaming God since the

stillbirth, and I was tired of being bitter and hurt and angry. After a few more hours of licking my wounds and being mad at Him, I finally surrendered. I knew I couldn't go on harboring bitterness and resentment. He had a plan for our lives, even if it wasn't our plan. I vowed I would remain faithful to God even if He didn't answer our prayers for a baby. Then I went to bed, feeling at peace for the first time in a long while.

At 6 a.m. the phone rang. It was one of the adoption agencies. I thought they were calling to get our new address to update their records, but they told me they had a 3-week-old baby boy waiting for us. All I

could do was cry and jump up and down on the bed, waking my husband!

We named our sun Russ II, after my husband, and within the next few years, we adopted a second son, Matt — when I was six months pregnant. Our third son, Tony Shane, was born three and a half months later. Two years after moving into our new home, God had filled every bedroom.

Our step of faith turned out to be a step forward after all.

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## Lagoon

on Proteus who knows he's done for but has prepared for the occasion by making the little one.

It all ends in the Harris home, where Alex and Susan battle over the boy, with Alex favoring the child while Susan sees it as the beginning of the end for all mankind. The child turns out to appear completely normal (after one has peeled off its protective metal coating) but when it opens its mouth it speaks with the voice of ... you guessed it, Proteus. Creepy stuff and the last line of dialogue is killer.

This one works as a thriller and as an Al Gore-like diatribe against destroying the environment. Proteus turns out to be smarter than its creators, which is what they wanted, but that is no small comfort when he announces that they are the problem. The film also features the requisite violence which culminated here with a nasty decapitation for a techno-nerd who tries to help Susan. It turns out that Proteus has turned the home's ventilation system into a snake like structure which acts as his hands and can wrap a man up like a Jack-in-the-box. The problem is he closes it up more quickly than one can tuck in his head.

The film also stands alone as the most approachable film of Donald Cammel. He was a sharp filmmaker who only made four features (including the brutal but eerily beautiful serial killer drama "White of the Eye") before killing himself when his last film was drastically re-cut by studio heads.

Cammel cut his teeth shooting films for Nicholas Roeg (like the classic "Don't Look Now") and met Julie Christie on one of their sets. Christie is perfect here in the role of Susan and lends the absurd premise some needed credibility.

Kudos also to Robert Vaughan ("The Man From U.N.C.L.E."), who provides the silky voice of Proteus.

This one takes techno-fear to new levels and is a good lean thriller (based on the lean novel by Dean R. Koontz) that will help you kill 90 minutes and give you something to chew on afterwards. It may even get you off line for a few days, so go out and enjoy that sunshine before fall turns to winter.

Best line: "Tonight I will impregnate you. In 28 days you will give birth to the child."

1977, rated R.

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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

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## RAIDERS TURN BACK PHELPS

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**HI HAT** - South Floyd won its second straight game Friday night, defeating longtime rival Phelps 26-6 in a pivotal Class A, District 8 matchup that was postponed one week earlier following a lighting outage. The Raiders, thanks to the win, improved to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the district. South Floyd has district games remaining versus Pikeville (Oct. 5) and Floyd County

counterpart Allen Central (Oct. 19). Non-district games versus Knott County Central, Jackson County and East Ridge also await the Raiders.

Kyle Howell led South Floyd offensively versus Phelps, rushing for three touchdowns. South Floyd's other touchdown came on a defensive score.

Neither team scored in the first half. South Floyd managed to break the game open with two touchdowns in the third period. The

Raiders added a pair of scores in the final quarter en route to the win.

"It was a big win for us," said South Floyd Coach Donny Daniels. "Our backs ran the football hard and our line - from end to end - did a great job for us. Defensively, we also stepped up and played well.

Kyle Howell had touchdown runs of 6, 3 and 62 yards. Brandon Stevens provided South Floyd's other touchdown when he scooped up a Phelps punt

that was blocked by teammate Derek Triplett and returned it 10 yards for a touchdown.

South Floyd quarterback Chad Patrick located Raymond Jones on a two-point conversion pass for the Raiders.

This Friday night, South Floyd will entertain Class A, District 8 frontrunner Pikeville. The Panthers are out in front of the district standings. Kickoff for the South Floyd-Pikeville game is set for 7:30 p.m.



photo by Steve LeMaster  
Kyle Howell rushed for three touchdowns in South Floyd's Class A, District 8 win over longtime foe Phelps.

## Prepare kids for their first deer hunt

by HAYLEY LYNCH  
KENTUCKY AFIELD

**FRANKFORT** - A boy on his first deer hunt freezes when a 16-point buck walks into view. An inexperienced shooter, the boy is too scared to pull the trigger. The buck, possibly the biggest deer the boy will ever see, walks away.

This is the story hunter education instructor Bob McGee tells to show the importance of preparing kids for their first deer hunt. It happened a couple of years ago on the Shelby County youth hunt McGee coordinates each year.

"I was so mad at that kid's dad," McGee remembers. "You have to take the kids out and let them shoot."

Kentucky's youth-only firearms deer season is coming up Oct. 13-14. Target practice isn't the only thing kids need to get ready. Before climbing into a tree stand, adults who take a kid deer hunting can do a lot to ease first-hunt nerves and make youth hunters feel comfortable. Start with a run-down of safety instructions.

McGee gives all of the kids on his hunt a refresher course in safety. "I give them all a piece of paper with the basics," he says. "Don't shoot over the top of a hill - make sure you have a good backstop. Don't shoot past your comfortable distance. Always use a safety harness in a tree stand."

Hunter education courses cover all of this and more, but McGee makes sure kids haven't forgotten what they learned. And he teaches the adults as well. "I make sure adults know that, if something happens, it's their responsibility to take that firearm away from the kid," he says.

Kentucky law requires adults to stay beside kids who are hunting deer with a gun. The adult can't be in a nearby tree stand or on the ground while the youngster is in the tree stand above - they must be in a position to take immediate control of the youth hunter's firearm.

When new hunters are well-versed in safety basics, they need plenty of practice with a firearm to get comfortable before opening day. Hunter education courses give kids a place to start, with four hours of hands-on range work. But adults should allow

(See HUNT, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg running back Allen Craynon shredded another opposing defensive unit Friday night as the Blackcats defeated non-district rival Paintsville.

## Fast start sends Blackcats past Tigers

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**PAINTSVILLE** - After a slow start last week at Morgan County, the Prestonsburg Blackcats rolled into Paintsville on Friday with one thing in mind - a quick start. Prestonsburg faced its old rivals in the Paintsville Tigers on a beautiful night for football. A fast start was exactly what the Blackcats would have on this night en route to a convincing 28-0 win.

Three touchdowns in the first 13:00 of play gave Prestonsburg an early 21-0 lead. Junior tailback Allen Craynon entered the game as one of the states leading rushers, averaging over 140 yards per game. The speedster once again led the Blackcats in rushing on Friday with over 150 yards on the ground. Prestonsburg took the opening kickoff and proceeded to march 65 yards in six plays for the first touchdown of the night.

Senior tailback Dalton Taylor hit paydirt from 4-yards out to put the Blackcats in front 6-0 at the 9:08 mark of the first quarter. Junior Clay Jamerson's extra point gave Prestonsburg a 7-0 lead. Paintsville would muster one first down on its opening possession, before being forced to punt. The Blackcats would need only five plays to add six points to the lead. The big play on the series came on a 34-yard pass completion from Bobby Hughes to Austin Gearheart. The pass completion set up Prestonsburg at the

Tiger 12 yard-line. Seth Setser's one yard touchdown dive and Jamerson's extra point gave Prestonsburg a 14-0 lead with 11:56 remaining in the first half.

The play of the night followed as Prestonsburg's Josh Blackburn came up with a fumble recovery on the ensuing kickoff at the Paintsville 30 yard-line. Craynon raced 29 yards on the first play of the drive to the Tiger one, setting up Bobby Hughes' 2-yard touchdown keeper as Prestonsburg took a 21-0 lead with 10:00 remaining in the first half. The score would remain 21-0 at the half.

After stopping Paintsville on downs to open the second half, Prestonsburg would put the game away on a 6-yard touchdown run from Craynon at the 6:02 mark of the third quarter, giving the Blackcats a 28-0 lead.

Both defenses would stiffen throughout the remainder of the night as the game was scoreless over the final 18:00.

Nathaniel Stephens led the Prestonsburg defense with a game-high 10 tackles. Jamerson, Austin McKinney and Matt Blevins also played well on the defensive side of the football for the Blackcats. Nehemiah Doderer led Paintsville in rushing on the night. Prestonsburg improved to 5-1 on the season while Paintsville fell to 4-1.

The Blackcats will host state power Beechwood on Saturday at Blackcat Stadium. Kickoff is set for 4 p.m. at Josh Francis Field.

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## Herrick among elite golfers at Great Lakes Regional

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**SOUTH HAVEN, Mich.** - Bellarmine College sophomore Brooks Herrick (Prestonsburg) and junior Kyle Leach (Louisville/DeSales) each placed in the top 20 last weekend in the 120-man field at the Great Lakes Fall Regional. As a team, the Knights finished seventh overall out of 24 schools competing in the event.

Herrick - a Prestonsburg High School graduate - scorched Hawk's Head Golf Course with a three-under 69 on the event's final day, finishing fourth overall with a two day score of 142 (-1). Leach followed up his impressive second place finish at the Jim English Centre Invite two weeks ago, finishing eight strokes off the pace, tying for 17th overall. Leach rebounded from his opening round 76, posting a 70 on Monday for a two-day total of 146.

Bellarmine also had strong performances from senior Thomas Moore (Louisville/Butler) and sophomore Doug Wilkinson (Louisville/St. Xavier) both tied for 38th overall with matching final scores of 150. The Knights' combined team score of 588 was second lowest amongst GLVC schools at the event and only 14 strokes back of tournament winner, Ashland University.

Herrick is in his second season with the Bellarmine College men's golf program. The Prestonsburg High School graduate made a quick, successful transition from high school to college golf last year.

Next up for Herrick and the Bellarmine College men's golf team is the Campbellsville Fall Invitational Oct. 4.

## Georgetown men tabbed to win MSC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**LOUISVILLE** - The head coaches of the Mid-South Conference have chosen Georgetown College as the pre-season favorite to take home the MSC men's basketball title this upcoming season.

Georgetown, which finished undefeated in the MSC during the regular season, went on to win three straight to capture the MSC tournament title. Campbellsville University, picked to finish second this season, finished tied with the University of the Cumberlands for second last season after finishing 6-4 in league play (27-7 overall).

Georgetown (29-4 overall), Campbellsville and the Cumberlands (20-11 overall) all advanced to the NAIA National Tournament, with Campbellsville advancing to the second round.

Pikeville College, headed into its second season under the guidance of head coach Kelly Wells, claimed the fifth-place spot in the preseason poll.

The results of the preseason poll are as follows, listed by school, last year's final overall record and poll points, with teams getting five points for a first-place vote, down to one point for fifth. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team. 1. Georgetown, 29-4, 25 (5 first place votes); 2. Campbellsville, 27-7, 20 (1 first place vote); 3. Lindsey Wilson, 19-12, 17; 4. Cumberlands, 20-11, 12; 5. Pikeville, 12-19, 11; 6. WVU Tech, 10-20, 5.

## WVU Tech women picked to win Mid-South Conference

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**LOUISVILLE** - The head coaches of the Mid-South Conference have chosen WVU Tech as the preseason favorite to take home the MSC women's basketball title this upcoming season.

Tech, which finished third in the regular season but won three straight to capture the MSC tournament title, finished 5-5 in the MSC (24-9 overall). Lindsey Wilson College, picked to finish second this season, won the regular season title last season after finishing 9-1 in league play (16-16 overall). The Golden

Bears outlasted the Blue Raiders in the MSC Tournament final, 79-76.

Both WVU Tech and the University of the Cumberlands (25-6, 8-2) advanced to the NAIA National Tournament in Jackson, Tennessee. The 2006-07 season was the first for Tech in the NAIA after having played the previous 12 seasons in the NCAA II West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC).

Pikeville College was picked sixth in the preseason poll. The Lady Bears ended last season 8-23.

The results of the pre-season poll are as follows, listed by school, last year's final overall record and poll points, with teams getting five points for a first-place vote, down to one point for fifth. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team. The poll follows. 1. WVU Tech, 24-9, 24 (4 first place votes); 2. Lindsey Wilson College, 16-16, 22 (2 first place votes); 3. U. of the Cumberlands, 25-6, 15; 4. Georgetown College, 19-12, 14; 5. Campbellsville University, 15-15, 10; 6. Pikeville College, 8-23, 5.



MARK MARTIN has returned to the helm of the Allen Central High School girls' basketball program. Martin will guide the Lady Rebels during the 2007-08 season. The Floyd County High School girls' basketball coach is pictured with AC seniors Sara Johnson and Kim Biliter. More on Martin and the Lady Rebel basketball program, including the T.J. Compton Panorama will appear in Wednesday's edition.





# Bengals at crossroads, need win over Patriots to avoid 1-3 hole

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The kick-off meanders out of bounds. The defense gives up another touchdown. The game is sealed by a fumbled kick return.

Sounds like the old Bingles, doesn't it?

During a loss in Seattle last Sunday, the Cincinnati Bengals (1-2) tripped all over themselves while letting another one get away in the closing minutes. Now, they need a big upset to avoid falling into a familiar predicament.

If they don't beat the New England Patriots (3-0), it could be curtains already.

"We have put ourselves in a hole we need to dig out of badly," said receiver Chad Johnson, whose lack of frivolity during the week underscored his team's dire situation. "It's a good thing it's early. It's time to go on a roll and put things back together."

"We've got to get our swagger back. I'm looking to put up

45 points Monday night, regardless of whether we're playing the No. 1 defense or the No. 32 defense."

Uh, Chad? That would be the No. 1 defense coming to town. And the No. 1 offense, too. And some of the NFL's best special teams.

The Patriots have been so dominant during their best start since 2004 — when they won their third Super Bowl in four years — that they've had to nitpick to find areas to improve.

"You don't want to kick a lot of field goals, and that is something we haven't been doing very well," said Tom Brady, who has thrown a league-leading 10 touchdown passes. "Getting the ball inside the 5-yard line three times and kicking three field goals, once not scoring. And a few other times inside the 10 and not scoring."

Oh, please! The Patriots can ditch all the we're-not-that-good blus-

ter. They're the league's best team by far so far, scoring 38 points in each of their first three games while giving up only 35 overall.

And Brady has been the best of this impressive bunch.

The two-time Super Bowl MVP has put together three opening games that make other quarterbacks marvel. He has completed a stunning 79.5 percent of his passes — 70-of-88 for 887 yards — and thrown 10 touchdown passes in a three-game span for the first time in his career.

The 30-year-old Brady has often been great in a game, but he's never been this good over three.

"It's amazing," said Carson Palmer, who has thrown for nine touchdowns and completed 64 percent of his passes. "The first game he was almost 80 percent or whatever it was, and it's like, 'That's great, but let's see him do that a couple of weeks in a row.' And now it has been three.



Marvin Lewis

"Basically, we just broke down," safety Madiou Williams said. "We lost our focus toward the end of the third quarter and consequently lost the game."

Collapses have become the norm for the Bengals lately. They missed out on the play-offs last season because they lost their last two games — on a botched extra point that would have tied a game in Denver, and on a missed field goal that set up an overtime loss to Pittsburgh.

So far, they've botched two more this season. Palmer's interception in the final minute sealed a 51-45 loss to Cleveland, one that can be blamed more on the defense, and the trio of last-minute mistakes in Seattle led to a 24-21 loss. That left them two games behind Pittsburgh in the AFC North.

Although it's early, they can't afford another bungle. "It's not really about New England on Monday night," Johnson said. "It's about us."

## NFL SCHEDULE

**Today's Games**  
Bears at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
Rams at Cowboys, 1 p.m.  
Raiders at Dolphins, 1 p.m.  
Texans at Falcons, 1 p.m.  
Jets at Bills, 1 p.m.  
Packers at Vikings, 1 p.m.  
Ravens at Browns, 1 p.m.  
Seahawks at 49ers, 4:05 p.m.  
Bucs at Panthers, 4:05 p.m.  
Broncos at Colts, 4:15 p.m.  
Chiefs at Chargers, 4:15 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.  
Eagles at Giants, 8:15 p.m.  
Open: Redskins, Jaguars, Saints, Titans.

**Monday's Game**  
Patriots at Bengals, 8:30 p.m.

## BENGALS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Monday — Patriots**  
Oct. 14 — at Chiefs  
Oct. 21 — Jets  
Oct. 28 — Steelers  
Nov. 4 — at Bills  
Nov. 11 — at Ravens  
Nov. 18 — Cardinals  
Nov. 25 — Titans

# Johnson expected to miss Patriots game with strained hamstring

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Running back Rudi Johnson is expected to miss the Cincinnati Bengals' game on Monday against the undefeated New England Patriots because of a strained hamstring.

The Bengals' injury report listed Johnson as "out" for the game, meaning it's highly unlikely he'll be ready to

play. Johnson didn't practice on Thursday and wasn't available for interviews.

Johnson has been one of the NFL's most durable running backs since he became the full-time starter in 2004, replacing Corey Dillon. He has more carries over the last three seasons than any other running back.

If Johnson is sidelined, sixth-year running back Kenny Watson will make his

first start since 2002 with the Washington Redskins. Watson has been primarily a special teams player and a third-down running back in his five seasons with Cincinnati.



Rudi Johnson

main concern for Cincinnati (1-2), which can't afford to lose at home on Monday night.

The Bengals averaged only 2.8 yards per run during a 24-21 loss in Seattle on Sunday.

Johnson totaled

only nine yards on 17 carries before leaving the game with a strained hamstring. Watson gained 60 yards on nine carries, including an 8-yard touchdown run.

"He's not as bulky as Rudi is; he's a little bit quicker," quarterback Carson Palmer said Thursday. "He's not going to run people over like Rudi does and break through every arm tackle. But what he lacks in size and power, he makes up for in quickness and

speed and great hands out of the backfield."

The Bengals will be going against a team that has gained the most yards and given up the fewest in the NFL. The Patriots' defense hasn't given up a run of longer than 12 yards.

ONLINE:  
www.cincinnati Bengals.com

# Joe Nuxhall book signing slated for today at Reds Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — Reds Hall of Famer Joe Nuxhall will be signing copies of Joe: Rounding Third & Heading for Home, at the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum today. Nuxhall will sign with the book's author, Greg Hoard, from noon to 1 p.m.

Joe: Rounding Third & Heading for Home recounts the lifelong baseball journey of one of the most beloved figures in the history of Reds baseball. From his debut at age 15 in 1944 to his emergence as a local broadcasting icon, Joe offers a treasure trove of insight into the career of "The Old Left-hander."

The book sells for \$32 with a portion of the proceeds ben-

efiting the Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund and the Reds Hall of Fame. Regular admission prices for the Reds Hall of Fame will be in effect, including \$5 admission with a same-day game ticket.

Nuxhall was inducted into the Reds Hall of Fame in 1968. The two-time All-Star went on to win 135 games during his 16 seasons in the Major Leagues before retiring to the broadcast booth in 1967.

Currently, the Reds Hall of Fame is featuring PETE: The Exhibit, celebrating the 24-year playing career of Pete Rose, Major League Baseball's all-time hits leader. Featured exhibit items include the hit ball and bat from Rose's record-breaking 4192 hit, game-used gloves from all

five positions Rose played, and an award-winning movie in the Reds Hall of Fame's theater detailing Rose's playing career.

The Hall of Fame is open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. for afternoon games, and from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. for all evening games through today. Beginning Monday, the Reds Hall of Fame will be open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Nuxhall to undergo chemotherapy:** Nuxhall will undergo more treatments for cancer after recently noticing a knot at the base of his rib cage.

"The doctor said he wanted to get it off there, and that was about a week ago," the 79-year-old said Thursday.

Doctors believe treatments

will be effective for Nuxhall's fourth bout with lymphoma. Nuxhall's son Kim said. The chemotherapy is expected to begin Monday.

Joe Nuxhall, who had surgery for prostate cancer in 1992 and suffered a mild heart attack in 2001, retired from full-time radio broadcasting in 2004. He has continued to work games occasionally each season, including Reds games this week against Houston in Cincinnati.

The left-hander was the youngest player in the major leagues during the modern era, appearing in a Reds game at age 15 on June 10, 1944. He spent 15 of his 16 big league seasons with the Reds, and joined the Reds' radio team after he retired.

— The Associated Press



Christian Crider (10) and Cameron Crider (11) competed at Route 7 Motocross Park in Hueysville over the weekend at Sept. 16. Christian Crider won the 65 Beginner class two straight Sundays.

# Beaver Junction Motocross hosts 80 racers from Floyd, surrounding counties

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DWALE — Beaver Junction Motocross hosted 80 racers from numerous East Kentucky counties last Sunday. The track will host its next event Sunday, Oct. 7. Beaver Junction Motocross will give away a new Honda 50 and motocross gear Oct. 21.

Beaver Junction Motocross Race Results from Sunday, Sept. 23 follow.

25-Plus: 1. James Williamson; 2. Jason Williamson; 3. Mark Sturgill.  
30-Plus: 1. Barron Allen; 2. Johnnie Osborne; 3. Ricky Crider.  
40-Plus: 1. Danny Stewart; 2. Kenny Mullins; 3. Gene Campbell.  
125 B: 1. Ryan Rowe; 2. Joseph Lemaster.  
125 C: 1. Kyle Ousley; 2. Josh Bolen; 3. Cory Qualls.  
250 D: 1. Greg Dawson; 2. Myles Minix; 3.

David Moore. 65 Beginners: 1. James Powers; 2. Dawson Hamilton; 3. Cody Chaffins.  
65 Open: 1. Cory Sizemore; 2. Dawson Hamilton; 3. Ty Francis.  
250 B: 1. Rodney "Tator" Anderson; 2. James Williamson; 3. Danny Stewart.  
250 C: 1. Aaron Mullins; 2. Chasc Coleman; 3. Dave Harris.  
85 Open: 1. Gary Adams; 2. Josh Robinson; 3. James Allen.  
125 D: 1. Justin Osborne; 2. Myles Minix; 3. Bruce Smith.  
50 Open: 1. Jesse Brown; 2. Ty Francis; 3. Tray Francis.  
50 Four Stroke Oil Injection: 1. Jesse Brown; 2. Tray Francis; 3. Cameron Crider.  
Small Four Wheelers: 1. Matt Cox.  
85 Beginners: 1. James Powers; 2. Mikey Adams; 3. Matt Cox.  
C/D Unlimited: 1. Josh Bolen; 2. Donavon Jones; 3. Chase Coleman.

# ON DECK: Reds announce 2008 home schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — Series against the 1-71 rival Cleveland Indians and the American League East Division's Boston Red Sox highlight the Cincinnati Reds' 2008 regular-season home schedule released today.

The complete 2008 schedule, including road games, will be announced at a later date.

All times and dates are

subject to change. The home schedule is attached. It also can be viewed in calendar format online at www.reds.com.

Tickets for regular-season games will go on sale at a date to be announced. In mid-October, holiday gift certificates will be available online at www.reds.com or by calling 513/765-7400.

Starting times for the 2008 schedule will be announced after Major League Baseball's television broadcast selections

are finalized in December.

The Reds will open the '08 season at Great American Ball Park on Monday, March 31 against the Arizona Diamondbacks. Following a day off on Tuesday, April 1, the season-opening home stand continues with 2 more games against Arizona followed by 4 contests with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Interleague play will continue for the 12th straight season with 3 home games

against Indians from May 16-18 (Fri-Sun) and 3 with the Red Sox from June 13-15 (Fri-Sun).

The home schedule includes 14 games in March/April, 15 games in May, 11 games in June, 16 games in July, 13 games in August and 12 games in September.

ONLINE:  
www.cincinnati reds.com

# Bears ranked by Football Gazette

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Last Saturday's 34-12 win over Union College may not have seemed too big on the surface, but someone took notice of the Pikeville College Bears this past week.

Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette has worked the Bears into its national Top 40 rankings of NAIA teams. This week, the Bears debuted at No. 39.

Pikeville College is the last of six Mid-South Conference schools in Hansen's Top 40. The others are Bethel at No. six, U.Va.-Wise at eight, Georgetown at 10, No. 25 Cumberlands and No. 30 Shorter.

The Bears are 2-2 after last week's win. They opened the season with a 30-6 win over Faulkner University before suffering back-to-back losses to NCAA Div. I-AA Presbyterian College and St. Francis, the second-ranked team in NAIA.

The Bears did not receive votes in this past week's NAIA coaches poll.

"We're proud of this and happy someone has taken notice," said Coach Mac Bryan. "Don Hansen is a very noted and reliable source and we feel he has a pretty good handle on small-college foot-

ball."

Hansen is in his 22nd year of providing coverage of all levels of football. The Gazette provides weekly Top 40 rankings of NCAA I-AA, NCAA II, NCAA III and NAIA as well as polls for NCAA I-AA Mid-Major and NCCAA.

The rankings can be found at www.don-hansen.com.

The Bears were back in action on Saturday on the road at Jackson, Miss., against Belhaven College. The game ended too late to make this edition.



Mac Bryan

## PIKEVILLE COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Record: 2-2

REMAINING SCHEDULE  
Oct. 6 at Bethel

Oct. 13 Lambuth (Homecoming)

Oct. 20 at U.Va.-Wise

Oct. 27 West Virginia Tech

Nov. 3 at Georgetown

Nov. 11 Cumberlands (Senior Day)



Beaver Junction Motocross, located in Dwale, attracts motocross athletes of various ages.

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**Yard Sale**

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**Misc.**

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**LEGALS**

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# Odds & Ends

■ **NORRISTOWN, Pa.** — A pet store has bought a two-headed turtle from a collector and plans to keep it on display, the store manager said.

The 2-month-old turtle, actually conjoined red-eared slider twins, fits on a silver dollar. It has two heads sticking out from opposite ends of its shell, along with a pair of front feet on each side. But there is just one set of back feet and one tail.

The turtle is apparently healthy, and the species can live 15 to 20 years, said Jay Jacoby, manager of Big Al's Aquarium Supercenter in East Norriton. The turtle has not yet been named.

The store would not disclose how much it paid.

The same exotic-turtle collector sold another Big Al's store a conjoined-twin turtle about 20 years ago, Jacoby said. The man lives in Florida, but he declined to identify him.

■ **DENVER** — Nine months after back-to-back blizzards brought life to a near-standstill in much of eastern Colorado, some doctors and hospitals say they're seeing one more bit of fallout: lots of babies.

Avista Adventist Hospital, north of Denver, has even printed up blizzard-baby T-shirts for newborns. Ricky Lee Romero, born Tuesday, has one.

Blizzards hit the Denver area Dec. 21 and Dec. 29, and snow covered the ground for 61 straight days. Ricky Lee's dad, Randy Romero, said he had come home one night after a long shift as a Denver snowplow mechanic to find that his partner, Dayna Wilson, had made dinner and put her two daughters to bed.

"We just cuddled up to get warm, and this happened," Romero said.

Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center in Lafayette, north of Denver, said its maternity ward has been busy.

"Apparently, not everybody was shoveling snow," said

David Hamm, hospital chief executive.

Obstetrician Steve Grover, who delivers babies at Sky Ridge Medical Center south of Denver, said the hospital expects an increase in deliveries in October.

"The snow stayed on the ground throughout December, January and into February. My theory is that the cabin fever didn't set in until a little bit later," he said.

Even with all the anecdotal evidence, no firm numbers were available, and at least one hospital, Boulder Community, said it is on pace for a normal month.

Purported booms from some past calamities have been debunked. Researchers from the University of North Carolina and Duke University showed there were no booms after a November 1965 blackout in the Northeast, or a July 1977 blackout in New York City.

■ **CHARLESTON, W.Va.** — David Harrah thought he had time for coffee before racing his pregnant wife and their eight children 15 miles to the hospital.

Think again, Daddy. Sherry Harrah gave birth shortly before dawn Tuesday to the couple's ninth child inside the family's new Ford Expedition alongside U.S. 119 in front of a Toys 'R' Us.

"I told him I wasn't going to make it," Harrah said Wednesday from her bed at Charleston Area Medical Center's Women's and Children's Hospital. "He didn't know what to do because my water broke."

As a labor and delivery nurse at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Harrah said she knew time was of the essence.

"I told him it was his fault, that if he'd have left when I first told him to, this wouldn't have happened," she said.

"But he had to make coffee and he wanted to wait until 6:30 to get the kids on the bus. I kept telling him, 'We need to go.'"

Harrah and her husband, who is a stay-at-home dad, named their 5-pound, 10-ounce baby girl Carlee, "after the car."

Harrah said Carlee may be the last addition to the Alum Creek family that includes Kaleb, 16; Judy, 15; Chelsey, 11; Mikaya, 9; Colton, 8; Brooklin, 5; Alexia, 3, and Chase, 18 months.

■ **WAUKESHA, Wis.** — A man pleaded guilty Thursday to stealing more than 1,500 pairs of girls' shoes from area schools in a deal that calls for prosecutors to recommend probation.

Erik D. Heinrich, 26, of Kenosha pleaded guilty to three counts of burglary and was scheduled for sentencing Oct. 23. He told police he did it for sexual gratification.

He was arrested May 24 after a security video showed him entering North High School on May 20 and leaving with some items. Police tracked him through his vehicle registration, searched his home and a rented storage unit and found the shoes.

Police have said Heinrich worked for a cable company and collected keys to the schools as he responded to calls. He used the keys to burglarize three Waukesha public high schools and one middle school six times during the past two years, according to a criminal complaint.

Police discovered the break-in at North High School after several female students reported that the locks on their lockers had been cut and their shoes stolen.

Heinrich has a previous shoe-stealing conviction, in 2005, that was dismissed at prosecutors' request after he completed a year of probation, counseling and 50 hours of community service.

■ **INDIANAPOLIS** — A laboratory technician was fired after the parents of a 3-year-old boy claimed she bit his shoulder during a blood test, a hospital spokesman said.

Faith Buntin took her son Victor to St. Vincent Hospital on Friday to have blood drawn because of recent recalls of toys involving lead. She said she saw the worker put her mouth on Victor's shoulder as she restrained him so another lab worker could draw the blood.

"I looked at her like that was the craziest thing that I'd ever seen," Faith Buntin said Tuesday. "She looked at me and smiled and said, 'Oh, it was just a play bite. He's not hurt.'"

Buntin said she saw teeth marks on the boy's left shoulder after they went home, and her husband drove the child back to the hospital, where he was prescribed antibiotics.

"Taking a bite out of him like he's an apple, this is heinous," said James Buntin, the boy's father.

St. Vincent is "reviewing the capabilities" of the employees of the subcontractor that does its blood work, a hospital spokesman Johnny Smith said.

No charges have been filed.

■ **MASSAPEQUA PARK, N.Y.** — Animal rights activists are hopping mad because they can't find the wascals who've been dumping domestic wabbits all over the place.

People have been dropping the furry creatures on roadways, in parks and near school grounds on Long Island's South Shore with increasing regularity in recent months, animal control experts said.

Earlier this month, a man was seen dumping 20 rabbits in a box at a train station and driving away, said Nancy Schreiber, a Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group volunteer.

"It sounds like someone is raising rabbits and trying to get out of the business," said Gerry McBride, who handles criminal complaints for the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The SPCA is trying to figure out who is responsible for

dumping the cuddly critters, and the Rabbit Rescue Group is offering a \$5,000 reward.

The rabbits often can't fend for themselves in the wild and end up starving to death or being killed by raccoons or diseases.

Many of the rabbits found by the rescue group have been infested with fleas or ticks. They've been treated, fed, cleaned and put up for adoption.

■ **TUCSON, Ariz.** — A cancer patient says she was left alone in a CT scanner for hours after a technician apparently forgot about her, and she finally crawled out of the device, only to find herself locked in the closed clinic.

Elvira Tellez of Tucson said she called her son in a panic, and he told her to call 911.

Pima County sheriff's deputies arriving at the oncology office had her unlock the office door to let them in, said Deputy Dawn Hanke, a department spokeswoman. The deputies contacted the office manager, who was not aware of the situation.

Tellez was taken to a hospital as a precaution, then released early the next day.

Tellez said she's had trouble sleeping since last week's incident. She and her family said they want an explanation from the medical office, Arizona Oncology Associates, but have yet to receive one. She said the technician did call to apologize the next day.

"I don't know what to think," Tellez said in Spanish. "I think and think and think, but I can't understand it."

The executive director of Arizona Oncology Associates, Sonya Holm, was in a meeting Friday and not immediately available for comment, her assistant said. The assistant said no one else at the statewide medical practice was authorized to comment.

Diagnosed with bone cancer, the 67-year-old Tellez had been sent to the clinic for tests to see if her cancer had spread.

A technician placed her inside the large machine at about 4 p.m. on Sept. 19, dimmed the lights so she could relax and told her not to move during the 25-minute procedure.

"At some point, my mom lost track of time and felt like too much time had passed, but she couldn't look at a clock or anything because it was dark," her son Ariel Tellez said.

After calling out, then screaming for help, she said, she spent several hours trying to free herself from the machine. Finally, she wiggled out from under a heavy blanket and out of the machine. By the time deputies found her, it had been five hours since she was placed inside.

A physician who works at the practice and knew of the incident told The Arizona Daily Star it's not the first time such a thing has happened.

"People have been left in the office after hours, when something like that happens — it's the same sort of thing," Dr. Steven Ketchel said. "My guess is she was lying on the table, waiting and waiting and nobody told her she could go home."

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