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In brief

Correction

There were certain inaccuracies in the Friday, Sept. 26, story concerning George Hale. Hale actually entered an Alford plea, a plea in which the defendant does not admit the act and asserts innocence, but admits that sufficient evidence exists which could likely result in a guilty verdict. Additionally, Hale was ordered to serve 60 days home incarceration, rather than the previously reported sentence.

Constable charged with threat

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Charges have been filed against a Floyd County constable alleging that he threatened another man in late August.

According to Jason Gayheart, District 1 Constable Michael Hall threatened him at the Prestonsburg McDonald's while Gayheart was picking his child up from his ex-wife, who is currently married to Hall.

Gayheart filed charges against Hall on Sept. 8, according to police records, and Hall's scheduled arraignment on Sept. 24 was reset for Oct. 22 on one charge of third-degree terroristic threatening.

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Colleges see drop in enrollment

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky Community and Technical College System is seeing its first enrollment drop since the system was first established a decade ago.

And the drop is across the board, from Prestonsburg to Lexington, and beyond.

The development could be attributed to state budget cuts, says Michael McCall, KCTCS president. The cuts forced colleges to tighten a variety of aspects, including lists of offered courses and programs, as well as scaling back faculty.

Another possible explanation for the

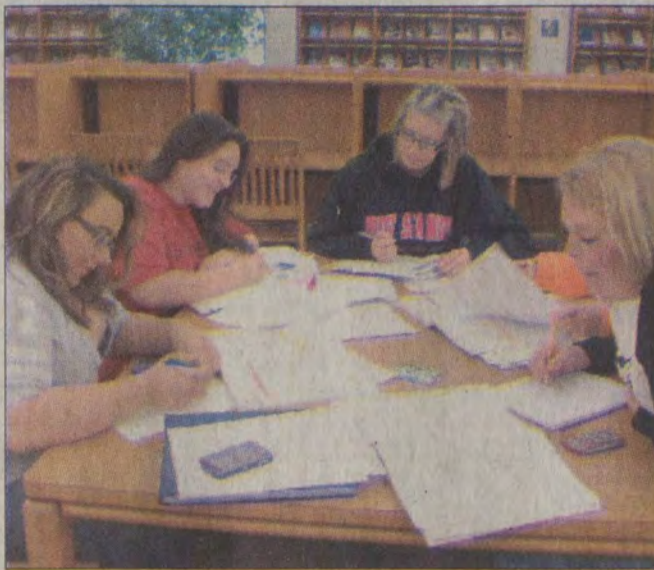
drop in the number of students signing up for classes could be due to a failed request for a tuition increase, McCall says.

Officials with KCTCS asked the Council on Postsecondary Education for a 13 percent tuition increase for this year, but instead saw only a 5.2 percent hike, a "combination" McCall says didn't make anything easier.

"It had a major negative impact on revenue in general," said McCall, "and the result has been cutbacks."

The Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College was quiet Friday, with only a few scattered students to be found in

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Students hit the books at Big Sandy Community and Technical College's Prestonsburg campus Friday. The community college system has seen a drop in enrollment this term across the state's 16 campuses.

photo by Sheldon Compton

TOP TEACHER



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Sandra Stapleton, seventh-grade language arts teacher at Allen Central Middle School, was recently awarded a Teacher Achievement Award by the Kentucky Department of Education and Ashland Inc.

ACMS teacher one of 24 across state to receive award

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

EASTERN — Sandra Stapleton has been a teacher for 10 years, and she takes great pride in her profession. Stapleton's dedication to the field of education has garnered a Teacher Achievement Award from the Kentucky Department of Education and Ashland Inc.

Stapleton, a seventh-grade language arts teacher at Allen

Central Middle School, is one of 24 teachers selected for the award.

"I'm surprised and proud of the accomplishment," Stapleton said. "I take pride in being a teacher, and I try to tune in to the kids and learn each one of their personalities and learning styles."

Teaching is also a source of learning for Stapleton, as she constantly does research and studies books to ensure she is

the best teacher possible for her students.

"I pretty much change methods every year based on the group of students that I have," Stapleton said. "I also like to bring the world in to them as much as possible and let them learn from my experiences."

All 24 of the teachers will be honored at a ceremony in Frankfort on Oct. 22, and Ashland will present the teach-

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Company seeks to purchase Wheelwright coal

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Representatives with TECO Coal Company and Trexis Energy are currently eyeing Wheelwright for a proposed removal of residual coal along the city's mountain ridge.

The coal, according to city officials, is located along a ridge where the city ballpark is situated and is the result of mining left by Inland Steel during the city's large coal-producing

era. Ray Keesee, owner and CEO of Trexis Energy, a Perry County-based company, says there would be no auger mining or strip mining involved if the city were to accept his company's proposal.

"If the product is there when we go in, we'll also give the city \$5,000, no strings attached," Keesee told members of the city commission.

Keesee's offer is to pay

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Extension looks to get locals moving

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

MARTIN — The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service hopes that residents of Floyd County will take to the street and walk, bike, skateboard, run, and more to improve their health at a special event scheduled to be held in Martin on October 12.

The event, titled "2nd Sunday," is known as a parade with a purpose.

"Our hope is that this will become so popular that Floyd County, as a community, will participate annually," said Theresa Scott, Floyd County extension agent. "The 2nd Sunday event will prove to the nation that Kentuckians are interested in improving the quality of life and are having fun while doing so."

As part of the event, a section of the main road in Martin will be closed from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., and games and other forms of entertainment will be available at the new development site for the city.

According to Janet

Kurzynske, with the University of Kentucky School of Human Environment Sciences, two thirds of Kentuckians are overweight or obese.

"Unfortunately, Kentucky is known for its high obesity rates and other health problems," said Dr. Lee Todd, president of the University of Kentucky. "This is a statewide event to show that we are aggressively fighting back against those negatives that have held our state back in quality of life issues and workforce development. This event is a positive first step toward a healthier Kentucky."

Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson are both working with the U.K. Extension Service to plan the event.

The U.K. Extension Service and Health Ways Foundation developed the 2nd Sunday idea after hearing about a similar program in Bogota, Colombia, where thousands of people

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Emma Gertrude Hyden Branham, 90, of Allen, died Monday, September 22, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Alex Holbrook, 82, of Medway, Ohio; a Floyd County native, died Wednesday, September 17, at Granville Hospital, in Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Pearl Otteson Hodson Holbrook. Funeral services were held

Sunday, September 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Elisha Marie Howell, 23, of Banner, died Monday, September 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Matthew Lee Howell. Funeral services were held Friday, September 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Roland Moore, 75, of McDowell, died Wednesday, September 24, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bobby Sands, 40, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, September 18, at Riverview Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Monday, September 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Russell (Brute) Spurlock, 64, of Martin, died Friday, September 19, in St. Joseph Hospital, in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn

Kilburn Spurlock. Funeral services were held Monday, September 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Birdie Tackett, 91, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, September 17, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 21, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Elkhorn City.

PIKE COUNTY

Avonell Wright Abshire, 56, of Road Creek, died Saturday, September 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Earl Abshire. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 23, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home of Elkhorn City.

Flossie Smith Blackburn 87, of Canada, died Thursday, Sept. 18, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 21, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Cloie Haney Boyd, 92, of

Shelby Gap, died Wednesday, September 24, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 27, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Bessie Ellen Brewer, 68, of Turkey Creek, died Thursday, September 18, at the Cabel Huntington Hospital in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 22, under the direction of the Hatfield funeral Chapel of Toler.

Alline Caldwell, 56, of Virgie, died Friday, September 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 23, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

John Walter Casey, 76, of Phelps, died Thursday, September 18, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 20, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Rosie Fuller Coleman, 51, of Phelps, died Saturday,

September 20. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 24, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Bobby Dotson, 63, of Stopover, died Thursday, September 18. Funeral services were held Monday, September 22, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Thurman Dotson, 56, of Stopover, died Thursday, September 18, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral ser-

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Obituaries

Anna Lynn Hale-Conley

Anna Lynn Hale-Conley, 33, of Georgetown, formerly of Auxier, a Kentucky State University student, and wife of Timothy Shawn Conley, died suddenly, Thursday, September 25, 2008, at the Georgetown Community Hospital.

A native of Auxier, she was the daughter of Sharon Kay Collins Hale and Robert Morris Hale, of Georgetown; and was a member of the Methodist faith. She was a 1993 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, where she was a member of the honor choir.

In addition to her husband and parents, survivors include two sisters: Katherine (Jamey) Stringfield of Berea; and Gina M. Hale of Paintsville; a niece, Madelaine Stringfield; parents-in-law, Leslie and David Conley of Georgetown; a sister-in-law, Melissa (Eddie) Sayne, and their children: Corey McKinney, Luke, David and Autumn Sayne; four aunts; one uncle; several special friends; and Anna's four-legged babies: Lilo, Stitch, Tonka, and Maya.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 27, at Johnson's Funeral Home.

Burial was in the Georgetown Cemetery.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Randall Garrett

Randall Garrett, 56, of Martin, died Thursday, September 25, 2008, at his residence.

Born April 3, 1952, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Mary Irene Goble Garrett of Prestonsburg; and the late Dallas Garrett. He was a heavy equipment operator for CAM Mining.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Crisp.

In addition to his mother and wife, survivors include two sons: Randall Scott Garrett of Lexington; and John Richard Garrett of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Krista Garrett and Katherine (Katie) Crisp, both of Martin; two brothers: Roger Garrett, and Dallas Ray

Garrett; three sisters: Linda Lowe, Lydia Hall, and Garnet Lowe, all of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren: Tyler Scott Garrett, Kennedy Bethann Garrett, Jacob Alexander Garrett, and James Cameron Garrett.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ricky Garrett.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, September 29, at noon, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Burial will be in the Garrett-Stepp Cemetery, Calf Creek, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Monroe Newsome

Monroe Newsome, 53, of McDowell, died Friday, September 25, 2008, at his residence.

Born July 23, 1955, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late John Milford and Vada Hall Newsome. He was retired from Columbia Gas.

Survivors include a daughter, Monica Newsome of McDowell; five brothers: Rudolph Newsome of Elkhorn City; Larry Newsome of Price; Ricky Newsome and Roy Lee Newsome, both of McDowell; and Mickey Newsome of Huntington, West Virginia; four sisters: Juanita Collins of Prestonsburg; Sandy Wilhite of Ligon; and Linda Hall and Diana Moore, both of McDowell; and several other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Leroy Newsome.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, September 28, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ronnie Halbert and Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Burial will be in the Howell Family Cemetery, Middle Branch Road, McDowell.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Brian Keith Wireman

Brian Keith Wireman, 49, of Medina, Ohio, died Tuesday, September 23, 2008.

Born August 18, 1959, in Paintsville, he was the son of Robert (Bob) and Billie Foley Wireman of Staffordsville. He worked in the computer field, and was a member of Christ Church in Columbia Station, Ohio. He loved music, computers, photography and making videos.

He is survived by the mother of his children, Tammy Townhill of Medina, Ohio.

Other survivors include his children: Chelsea, Corey, Hollie, Aaron, and Taylor Wireman; brothers and sisters: Timothy Wireman of Median, Ohio; Tamela Gumm of Jefferson City, Missouri; and Barry (Paulette) Wireman of Tarpon Springs, Florida; nephews and niece, Dalton and Dustin Gumm, Christopher Sisung, and Sarah and Caleb Hoffman.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Robert and Maude Foley, and Bill and Pauline Wireman.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, September 28, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tommy Reed officiating.

Burial will be in the Foley Cemetery, in Auxier.

Visitation was 1-6 p.m., Friday, at Christ Church, Columbia Station, Ohio; and after 6 p.m., Saturday, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Bauer Funeral Home, 2089 Columbia Road, Valley City, Ohio, 44280, to help defray funeral expenses. (Paid obituary)

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Colleges

the library and in classrooms for that matter. However, the thin number of students at the campus did not reflect enrollment numbers. Many students option to take classes every other Friday, and the campus is often lighter for students at that time, administrators said.

Attempts to reach BSCTC's director of public relations, Linda Lyon, were not successful Friday. However, the college has directed all questions concerning enrollment to Lyon.

Despite college administrators pointing to state budget cuts, some students said loans were

pivotal in their decision to return for another term.

"The main thing for me was whether or not I got my student loans and financial aid," said Brad Tackett. "I'd say that's probably the thing for a lot of students more than anything else."

But even that front faces stormy weather in today's economy as the nation's shaky financial status has left fewer student loans available for the 2008-09 academic year.

According to statements made in his U.S. Senate committee testimony on April 15, Mark

Kantrowitz, publisher of the financial aid website, FinAid, estimated that 57 lenders had suspended participation in the federal student loan program and that 19 others had put a hold on private student loan programs.

There are 16 colleges in KCTCS, including BSCTC,

with its campuses in Prestonsburg, Paintsville and Pikeville. Many local students also travel to Hazard's campus for programs such as nursing and respiratory therapy.

Hazard has reported a 10 percent drop in student enrollment at their campus.

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Obituaries

vices were held Monday, September 22, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Jake Francis, 74, of Phelps, formerly of Lynn, W.Va., died Wednesday, September 24, at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps. Funeral services will be held Sunday, September 28, at 11 a.m., under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

James Keith Griffith, 61, of Pikeville, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, September 18, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ruth Friend Griffith. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 21, under the direction of the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Norma Lee Harris, 73, of Phelps, died Saturday, September 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Opie Harris. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 24, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services of Matewan, W.Va.

Tandy (Bo) Howell, 34, of Pikeville, died Friday, September 19, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Kanitha Hutchinson. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Priscilla Ann Hunt, 19, of Phelps, died Thursday, September 18. Funeral services were held Monday, September 22, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Ronald B. May, 69, of McAndrews, died Thursday, September 18, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Ann Clay May. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 21, under the direction of R.E.

Rogers Funeral Home.

Linda Lou Reed Miller, 59, of Canada, died Friday, September 19, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Oscar Lee Miller. Funeral services were held Monday, September 22, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel of Toler.

Debbie Kay Reynolds, 47, of Shelbiana, formerly of Virgie, died Thursday, September 18, 2008, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Brian Reynolds. Funeral services were held Monday, September 22, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home Home.

Alice Coleman Tackett, 72, of Pinsonfork, died Tuesday, September 16, in the Signature Health Care, Pikeville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 23, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Judy Wampler, 74, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, September 20, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 24, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Billy Ray Williamson, 48, of Phyllis, died Tuesday, September 23, 2008, at Phyllis.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 27, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lesley Wakeland Wolford, 73, of Feds Creek, died Saturday, September 20, at Shelby Valley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 23, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ethan Michael Wright, infant son of Heather McGlynn and Kevin Wright, died Monday, September 22, at the Kentucky Children's Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 24, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home, Virgie.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Willard C. Bailey Jr., 44, of Louisa, died Saturday, September 20, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Copley Bailey. Funeral services were held Monday, September 22, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Sue Lynn Chaffin, 43, of Louisa, died Saturday, September 22, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 23, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

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Moving

participated in an outdoor event.

The mission of the U.K. Extension Service is to make a difference in the lives of Kentucky citizens through research based education. It provides education programming by developing strong, health and safe families, main-

taining viable communities, developing responsible youth, protecting the environment and sustaining agriculture and forestry.

For more information about the 2nd Sunday event, contact Theresa Scott at (606) 886-2668, ext. 12, or by email at tmscott@uky.edu.

Teacher

ers with cash awards and framed certificates.

The teachers will now compete for the 2009 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Award, which will be announced next month. The winning teacher will then represent Kentucky in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Judging for the Teacher Achievement Awards was conducted in August by a panel of veteran educators. Applications included information on the nominees teaching philosophies, experience and involvement in their communities, as well as letters of recommendation from peers,

students, parents, administrators and others.

Ashland has recognized outstanding Kentucky teachers with its Teacher Achievement Awards since 1988. More than \$550,000 has been awarded to nearly 350 teachers since the inception of the award.

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Threat

In a written statement, Gayheart claims that Hall, a resident of East Point, jumped from his vehicle during the pickup and went to Gayheart's door.

"I exited my vehicle and was immediately verbally attacked and threatened," Gayheart wrote, adding that Hall was also prodding him to

hit him. "Mike (Hall) kept saying, 'I'm begging you to hit me.'"

When contacted Friday, Hall said he had no comment and referred questions to his attorney, Agnes Sipple. Attempts to contact Sipple were unsuccessful.

Gayheart said he first approached officers with the

Prestonsburg Police Department, who then contacted the Kentucky State Police. Following an interview with the Kentucky State Police, Gayheart said he was advised to see an attorney.

The alleged incident spanned roughly five minutes, according to Gayheart's written statement.

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Coal

\$1.75 a ton, and to donate the used land back to the city after the work is completed, an area that would cover approximately 50 acres, according to Keesce.

But Trexis isn't the only company interested in taking the coal removal job. TECO Coal Company has also pitched a deal to city officials.

The general details of TECO's offer would be to give the city \$10,000 up front and \$1 a ton. Additionally, it has been stipulated in this offer that if TECO pulls out early from the job, the city would

retain the full \$10,000.

Once a model coal camp town that thrived as a hotspot around the region, Wheelwright has since declined after the last significant company, Inland Steel, pulled out decades ago. With the new proposals bringing coal back to the table for discussion, if only briefly, city commissioners are expressing concerns about possible unseen damages.

"There's going to be stress on the road, and the company's won't be responsible for that," said Wheelwright Mayor

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Marlee Sammons. "And we also want to better understand who owns what before we make a decision of any kind."

This careful approach is shared by the other commission members. Commissioner Don "Booty" Hall tabled further discussion about the two proposals during a city meeting, asking that city leaders take a closer look into the details of both suggestions, and also to possibly gauge what type of damages could result, particularly to the road due to hauling.

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Guest view

A sudden about-face

The ironies to be found in the economic sinkhole that has threatened to gobble up Wall Street and Main Street (not to mention our 401(k)s) would be delicious if they weren't so potentially devastating. Gloating would be tacky, but a couple of the more glaring ironies are certainly worth mentioning:

- The business world blowing up (or almost) under the CEO president and his administration.
- Laissez-faire zealots losing that religion, but fast, and becoming instant true believers in new regulation.
- Masters of the universe falling to Earth as their super-powers — if not their mega-mansions — disappear, discovering that what-goes-up-must-come-down applies to them, too.

No, at this point it's safe to say we're not a nation of whiners, as Phil Gramm famously called us.

However, we are a nation of worriers, and for good reason.

The implosion of institutions and markets in the U.S., with globally radiating shock waves, finally got everyone's attention, and President Bush correctly said that this is a pivotal moment for the U.S. economy.

So it is.

The feds are throwing everything, including the kitchen sink, at this catastrophe, and everything — including that sink — will be needed for this mess.

Emergency laws have been enacted overnight for bottom-feeders (short-sellers), new cooperation has bloomed between branches of government and political parties to address the crisis, the purse strings have been untied, and the market is rebounding in appreciation for these measures.

We hope it also is a teachable moment.

Beyond the immediate remedies, major stock needs to be taken of our banking practices.

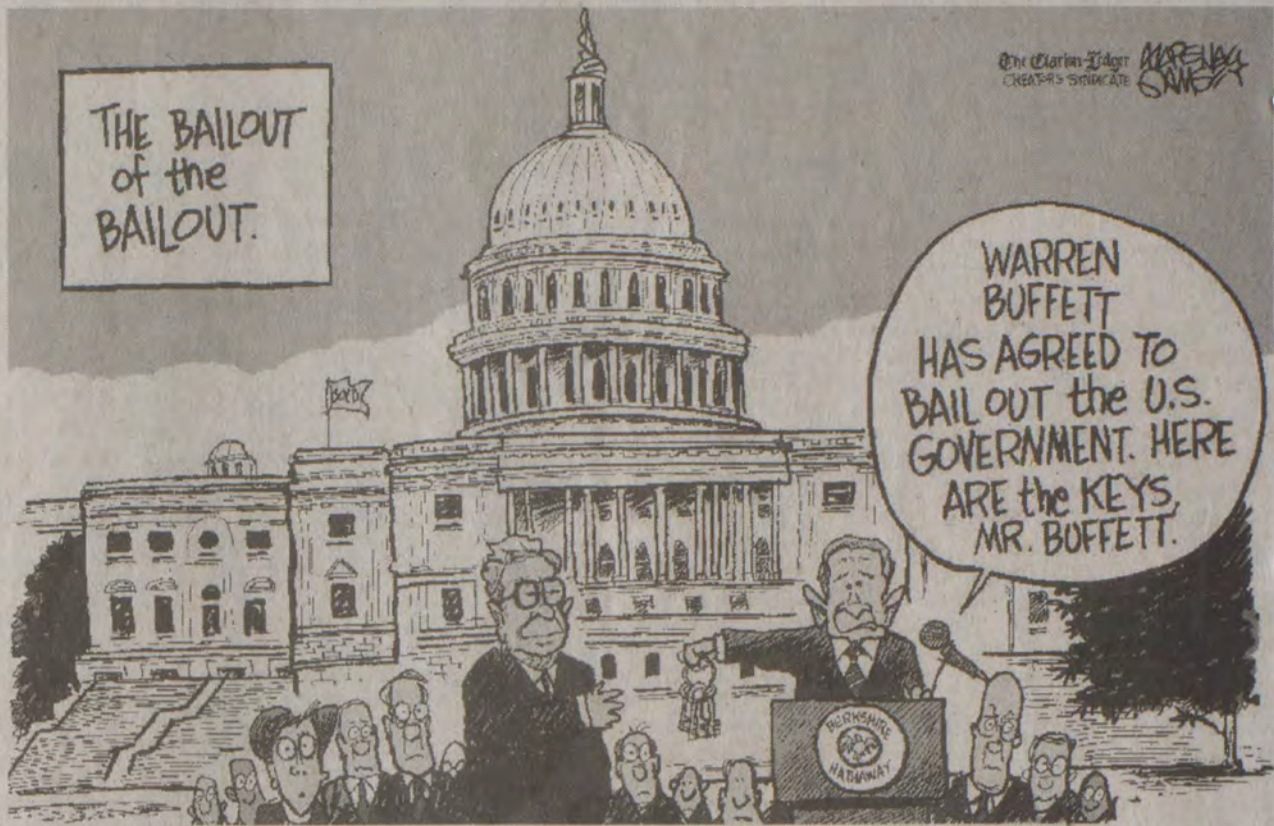
Among the most frightening revelations of the past several weeks and months is that no one has a comprehensive understanding of those practices and their many global and digital permutations.

How can we hope to regulate and reform them unless and until we know what they are?

Meanwhile, as the billions pile up (perhaps to \$1 trillion) in this series of bailouts, let us not hear any more slings against nanny government from those being fed by taxpayer dollars.

There has never been a bigger government teat offered up, and to such a spoiled and hungry mob, to boot. And that's one last irony to contemplate.

— The Courier-Journal, Louisville



Chuck Norris

America's founders' financial advice

America is broke. Wall Street is going out of business. The government is borrowing and bailing like there is no tomorrow. Americans anxiously await the full impact of a second Great Depression. And we all are longing and looking for solutions and saviors.

Who will deliver us from our certain financial despair and ruin? The president? The secretary of the Treasury? The Federal Reserve? Congress? An ad hoc committee of Harvard MBAs? Some of America's best and biggest financial moguls? A new president? Have no fear. Our Founders are here.

It's true that we can't repeat the past eight years of government. But it's even truer that we can't repeat the past 38 years of the government's financial mismanagement, especially when only four of them since 1970 haven't been deficit-building years. What we need is to turn back the financial clock 200 years and return to the fiscal prudence of our Founding Fathers.

With small variances, our Founders agreed on five basic approaches to fiscal management, which I describe in far more detail in the third chapter ("Stop America's nightmare of debt") of my new New York Times best-seller (as of the list

of Sept. 28), "Black Belt Patriotism," in which I resolve eight major problems facing America with our Founders' solutions. If we're going to awaken America from its economic slumber, then we must go back to those who discovered and established the American dream. Their financial principles were:

- Restrict spending within constitutional limits. The 10th Amendment restricts the size of government, and that always should bear out in spending and the federal budget. That means cutting hundreds of billions of the Fed shouldn't be spending. That means following congressional protocol. That means understanding that income and export taxes were unconstitutional to our Founders.

- Don't bail out debt with more debt. George Washington wrote in 1799 to James Welch, "To contract new debts is not the way to pay for old ones." Thomas Jefferson similarly admonished Samuel Kercheval in 1816, "To preserve (the) independence (of the people), we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt." (Some are quick to point out that Thomas Jefferson financed the Louisiana Purchase with government loans, but they overlook the fact that Jefferson's administration lowered the federal deficit by nearly one-third during his eight years in office.)



Chuck Norris

- Have a pay-as-you-go government. If we don't have the money, we shouldn't spend it. Period. No more debt. No more bailouts. No more spending. As Thomas Jefferson wrote to Fulwar Skipwith in 1787, "The maxim of buying nothing but what we (have) money in our pockets to pay for ... (is) a maxim which, of all others, lays the broadest foundation for happiness."

- Minimize taxes to citizens. Our earliest government's primary tool to raise revenue was from tariffs, not through the countless taxes placed upon citizens today. That is one reason I say to abolish the unconstitutional Internal Revenue Service and implement a "fair tax," which doesn't penalize productivity and will bring American manufacturing back within our borders. As James Madison said in 1783: "Taxes on consumption are always least burdensome because they are least felt and are borne, too, by those who are both willing and able to pay them; that of all taxes on consumption, those on foreign commerce are most compatible with the genius and policy of free states."

- Get over the greed. We're in this financial mess because of greed. Why is government spending out of control? Greed. Why do we, as individuals and as a nation, keep falling

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beyond the beltway

Uh ... Mr. McCain, we're sinking

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

This is an eerie time in the life of our nation.

There is a national election going on and the candidates have spent a good share of their time fighting over lipstick on pigs, Bridges to Nowhere and who invented the Blackberry. It's reminded me of a Stephen Spielberg movie — two kids sitting in the sand on a beach, arguing over who can make the best sandcastle while in the background, unnoticed, a huge Tsunami of a wave rolls toward them.

Well, last week the Tsunami arrived. The sandcastles have been washed away and the economy looks as secure as a trailer park on a Galveston beach.

The good news is that the candidates have finally been forced to concentrate on real issues.

After a weekend that saw such Wall Street icons as Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers go down and other giant banks stagger, Sen. Barack Obama was quick to blame Republicans, the party that's pretty much run things for the past 25 years.

"Let's be clear," he told a college audience in Colorado, "What we've seen the last few days is nothing less than the final verdict on an economic philosophy that has completely failed."

Sen. John McCain, the Republican, was more measured. On Sunday he said, "the fundamentals of our economy are sound."

As that sound economy continued to deteriorate he said that he hadn't meant the economy economy. He meant the workers. They were sound, even the unemployed ones.

"I believe in the American worker," he said, "and someone who disagrees with that — it's fine."

By Tuesday, he had caught on to the fact that "we are in total crisis" and he promised, if elected, to name a blue-ribbon commission to find out why. (Appointing a commission is the Washington equivalent of sending a creditor a check without signing it. It shows good intentions and buys a little time.)

McCain also said: "The excess, the greed and the corruption of Wall Street have caused us to have a situation which is going to affect every American." I don't know what he intends to do about that. Lyndon Johnson's promise to end poverty — which in retrospect seems laughable — was a slam-dunk compared to the task of ending greed on Wall Street. Greed is Wall Street's reason for being, like gambling and Las Vegas.

Take greed away from Wall Street and you've got nothing but a bunch of tall buildings with grass growing in the streets.

McCain also spoke scornfully about the people who made millions while ruining the economy; the same people I must tactlessly point out, to whom Mr. McCain wants to give tax breaks.

Inexperienced though he is, Obama warned of a collapse of the housing bubble a year and a half ago

and has long favored increased regulation of the largely unregulated sectors of the financial markets.

McCain on the other hand, as recently as last spring was saying: "Our financial markets approach ... should include ... removing regulatory, accounting and tax impediments to raising capital."

He had earlier told the Wall Street Journal "I am fundamentally a deregulator." Fundamentally sound. Fundamentally a deregulator. Whatever.

There is a sense in which it may not matter which of these candidates wins. After this economic shakeout neither of them will have the resources to make good on any of his promises. The federal treasury will be tied up by its obligation to make good on all of the bad economic decisions of the past eight years.

Fanny Mae, Freddie Mac, AIG, we're on the hook for all of them and who can say if the end is in sight.

We don't have enough money to pay for universal health care, but we can pay off the bad debts of people who made millions running the economy into the ditch.

It is the logical extension of Reaganomics — "socialism for the rich." The corporations get all the profits while the public gets all the risk.

Is this a great country or what?

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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.

At this point in time—ever heard that?—I am certain of one thing. The Floyd County Times will not be printed again in Maysville this week.

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Morning after the Cincinnati Reds (remember when it wasn't patriotic to call them Reds?) won the western division title. The Cincinnati Enquirer had one of the headlines I wish I had written. It read:

"How the West Was Won"

WARNING

Now that we've turned to baseball, I rise to remark that if the rumor heard hereabouts turns out to be true, fans should boycott the team. This rumor runs to the effect that the Reds will trade Tony Perez before the 1974 season begins. I'll do my part. I will even threaten to stop thinking about going down to see them play.

WHEN HURTIN' HELPS

The man was doing just tol'able, but said he was thankful for all his aches and pains. "If I didn't have 'em," he explained, "I wouldn't be sure, sometimes, if I was still alive."

JUDGE COLT

The smell of sagebrush with a touch of the hemp hangs around this report from the Detroit Free Press, of a Texas trial, back in 1894:

The dispenser of the finest brand of western justice sat on a soap box with a law book spread before him, on an upended whiskey barrel.

"Who arrested this man?" he asked, as the prisoner, stood up before him.

"We did," responded half a dozen citizens standing around.

"What's the charge?"

"Hoss stealing."

"Kin you prove it?"

"You betcher life with kin. We ketched him in the act."

The judge looked ugly.

"Will you swear to it?" he asked.

"Course we will; didn't we just tell you we ketched him at it?"

"All right, gents," said the judge, blandly, as he laid his gun across the law book. "I'll fine each and every one of you ten dollars and costs for contempt of court in feichin' him here, and dismiss the case agin the prisoner. You oughter strung him up when you ketched him."

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I expect to be missing after a fashion, this week-end. No questions, please, when I return.



Elezene Holbrook is back on her feet again and living independently at home after receiving physical therapy at Prestonsburg Healthcare. Holbrook was injured after falling at her home in May.

photo courtesy of Prestonsburg Healthcare

BACK ON HER FEET

PHC helps woman with rehabilitation

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Elezene Holbrook needed help. A fall at her home four months ago left her incapacitated and unable to care for herself. That's where Prestonsburg Healthcare came into the picture, and Holbrook is on her feet again, returning home on Sept. 22.

"It's bittersweet for me," Holbrook said. "I'm excited to return home, but I'm going to miss everybody. I really want to thank Prestonsburg Healthcare for all they did to get me home."

According to the physical therapy staff at Prestonsburg Healthcare, Holbrook worked diligently from May until September to accomplish

her goal of returning home.

The rehab team worked with Holbrook and monitored her progress, ensuring that her rehabilitation would be long-term and beneficial. Before Holbrook went back to her home in Salyersville, the team provided a detailed home assessment to offer protection from any future falls and difficulties.

Along with helping Holbrook get back on her feet again, the staff also provided a Lifeline Medical Alert service for her home that will allow her to contact emergency services if she needs it in the future.

The physical therapy staff at Prestonsburg Healthcare includes Ashley Keathley, assistant manager, Melisa Bell, occupational therapist, Nikki Elswick, occupational thera-

py assistant, Susan Williams, speech-language pathologist and Nathan Addington, physical therapy assistant. Keathley and Bell have a combined 19 years of experience providing rehabilitation services to the residents of Floyd County.

"I think we have a great therapy department here," said Elaine Jones, administrator. "They have a lot of success rehabbing residents close to home. They work hard to make them stronger and able to be independent again."

Prestonsburg Healthcare recently celebrated National Rehab Week, and Jones hopes there will be many more success stories to come in the future providing more reasons for both staff and residents to celebrate.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Voodoo Black Exorcist'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A Jamaican cruise ship provides the posh setting for this sordid melodrama that finds a reawakened, and decidedly unwrapped, mummy wreaking havoc for all aboard.

This one plays like a fusion between the mummy genre and any episode of "The Love Boat." The customers aboard the ship could easily be mistaken for guest stars on that 1970s sitcom and include:

■ Dr. Kessler, mummy expert and all-round idiot who has crossed the line with his secretary but has no plans to marry her.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

■ Sylvia, said secretary who sports European swimwear, a head adorned with red curls and a vague resemblance to the mummy's first love.

■ And, of course, Gatanebo, a former Voodoo priest who was mummified (via flashback) for an offense which is never made clear.

Toss in an overbearing a psychic, her kowtowing husband, a hamburger magnate and the ship's resident exotic dancer (gee, did Julie start out that way) and you have a full menu of victims for our revived fiend.

The mummy, however, is a bit of a dummy and begins picking off victims because they resemble the people who killed his woman, Kenya, and sealed him up in a sarcophagus. Gatanebo may just be recovering from a prolonged sleep but he doesn't help himself by embarking on a rampage at sea.

Pretty soon a detective is brought on board to weed out the killer, though he turns out to have a cavalier attitude towards his work and prefers to sip gin on the sun deck while waiting for the killer to make a mistake.

Meanwhile, Kessler sinks as far as he can when he agrees to allow the mummy to pose as a colleague in an exchange for an opportunity to pick his brain (Anne Rice probably smacked herself for missing the boat there and should have made "Interview with the Mummy" her first novel). The plan calls for Gatanebo to meet the expert at the airport and prevent him from boarding the boat, which he accomplishes in a rudimentary fashion by steamrolling the poor sap into so much street pizza.

The plan actually works and gives Gatanebo a chance to enjoy the on board buffet, catch the exotic dancer and make goo-goo eyes at Sylvia.

The detective finally catches on and braces Dr. Kessler as to the real identity of his new friend, but by then it's too late as the mummy has disembarked and dragged Sylvia back to the Kingston cave where he

(See LAGOON, page six)

Dieter's block

by TERRY A. LILLEY

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE DIETER'S SOUL"

I want to achieve a healthy weight, really I do. But in recent years, I have been losing the battle of the bulge. Like millions of other Americans, I have watched the numbers creep up. It's not just my weight, but the size of my clothes. And don't even get me started on things like cholesterol and blood pressure. Aren't things that go up supposed to come down? Fortunately, I have discovered the cause of my weight gain: I have

dieter's block.

Dieter's block can be triggered by a variety of things, circumstances that the ordinary mortal, such as me, simply cannot control. Perhaps the day is too cold or too warm. Or maybe the weather is perfect and practically begs the eating of a double-fudge sundae. It could be the need for caffeine that drives me to order a large cafe mocha, extra-sweet, extra-hot. Every day. Twice.

Sometimes it is that special occasion that seems to pop up right after I have made yet another vow to cut back, cut down, cut it out! It could be

a favorite sister's birthday, a friend's promotion or a child who needs consoling after a big game. Nothing says comfort like a grilled cheese sandwich and tomato soup, peach pie with ice cream or homemade chicken and dumplings. Yum.

Of course, there is always exercise. My dieter's block interferes with my exercising all the time. Experts always say you should not workout within an hour before eating or two hours after eating. Do these experts have no life? The way my schedule has been lately, I have exactly seven and a half minutes a day that is safe for me to exercise. With a two-hour commute and an hour for lunch added to an eight-hour day, it always seems that other things

lay claim to those precious minutes, and I tell myself, "I'll start tomorrow."

Dietering has become a way of life for many people. Who can blame them? There is a diet designed to fit almost any need: low-carb, low-fat, low-calorie, the list goes on. If you are not fond of veggies, go with the high-protein, low-carb diet. If you can't stand the thought of eating meat, do the vegan thing. Skip meals, add meals. There is truly something for everyone. The only drawback is ... you actually have to do the diet. There's

where my dieter's block gets in the way again.

I am a great one for talking about a diet, or planning a diet, but actually dieting? That will take some doing. Today's not a good day, you know, we had a company-wide meeting with refreshments. I had to participate, it's part of my job. I can't start on Friday; everyone knows the weekend is a terrible time to start a diet. Maybe Monday. But Monday's are so harsh. What an awful day to start a diet. Tuesday? Doesn't someone have a birthday on Tuesday? Didn't I promise to bring cookies?



SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Most popular babies invite you to their crib

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If you have children or know people who do, chances are you know a Jacob or an Emily. They've been the most popular baby names for a boy and a girl for years - Jacob for 9 years and Emily for 10 years.

This year, Jacob and Emily continue to reign at the top of the lists. You can visit them in their online "crib" at www.socialsecurity.gov/baby-names.

Did you know that the Popular Baby Names website features the ten most popular names for boys and girls in

2007. You can also see other lists of popular baby names. For example, you can search for the 1,000 most popular names of a decade, the five most popular names of the past century, or search for the most popular names in your state. You can even get popular baby names for twins. Plug in any name to see where it comes in on the list.

But Jacob and Emily don't just share their page with other baby names. There is a lot of information on the page that is of interest to babies and the parents who care for them. Find out about getting a Social Security number for your baby, and what parents should know about Social Security.

Learn about benefits for children and grandchildren. Plan your family's financial future and find out about Social Security's future.

You can also link to information about having a healthy pregnancy, taking care of your newborn, and childproofing your home. Need to read up on childhood immunizations, food stamps or other nutrition assistance programs for families with children? The links are there, along with information about toy hazard recalls, infant and child product recalls, and a number of other resources.

When people think about Social Security, they often think of the retirement years.

But Social Security is there throughout your life. Social Security's popular Baby Names page has a lot to offer.

Whether you have a grandchild on your knee or you're contemplating your first child,

visit www.socialsecurity.gov/baby-names today.

For more information about benefits for children and grandchildren, call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-

8525 between 8:45 and 4:30 p.m. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg. Representatives are available to answer questions about your Social Security issues.

Norris

deeper into a pit of debt? Greed. Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the Treasury, believed that a government that could use greed to motivate its people would become powerful and wealthy. Unfortunately, we've taken it to the extreme. We've become a nation that confuses our needs and greeds, and we've got to get back to the basics if we're ever to understand and overcome the heart of this financial crisis.

Call me altruistic; say the plan is oversimplified. But even mom always taught me when I was young, "If you get in a pinch, go back to the basics." It works in martial arts. It works in the movies. It

works in marriage. It works in financial markets. And it worked for our Founding Fathers.

What we need today are far more men and women in government with our Founders' financial forethought, cautiousness and discipline. But that is not what we have. That is why I've joined the voter revolution across this land to oust political corruption and stalemate. If you're ready to join millions of other Americans in that commitment, then give me three steps: Make a pledge to bring about political change in future elections; recall unconstitutional congressional incumbents; and rise up and elect above-

reproach, non-greedy and selfless representatives who aren't afraid to stand up to governmental status quo and corruption, will vote for constitutional restrictions of government, reduce big government (deficits, budgets, spending and taxes), reform the tax code (by providing a "fair tax" or its equivalent) and fight for a constitutional amendment that would mandate a balanced federal budget.

To find out more about Chuck Norris and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Lagoon

was first entombed. The detective finally springs into action and drags the Doc along as he gathers up a posse of Jamaica's finest and heads to the cave for a fiery showdown.

All I can say about the clumsily staged finale is that it makes a good case for never issuing a flamethrower to a rookie officer whose law enforcement career is only a few hours old.

What makes this one work is that it has colorful scenery, lots of eye candy and some truly wacky set pieces. Take all of those elements and hand them to a totally inept director (the dunce cap goes to Manuel Cano in this case) and you have a film that is guaranteed to save your lackluster dinner party.

The first place they drop the ball here is continuity. We get opening narration that states the mummy has waited 2,000 years for his vengeance, but we later learn it was only 300 years. They also fail to explain why Gatanebo sometimes looks human but at others is a pasty-faced ghoul.

The special effects guys are bargain basement too and fail to craft a decent decapi-

tated head but are more than happy to show off their lack of skills in three instances. The steamroller death is right out of a "Road Runner" cartoon and only calls for some flattened clothing.

The actors are dubbed badly, though this works best for Gatanebo, who happens to resemble the love child of John Belushi and Yul Brynner.

The final nail in this sarcophagus is pounded in by the camera man. When the mummy attacks the exotic

dancer, he brutally smashes her face into a mirror, and it's pretty gruesome until the illusion is shattered by the reflection of the camera dude appearing on screen for two seconds and can be glimpsed standing behind the actors and shooting away.

I grabbed this off a dollar rack and suggest you do the same the next time you're picking up party favors.

Best line: "I could not find another like you until I find you again."
1973, rated R.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Veterans McLeish, Crain re-sign with East Kentucky Miners

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Two familiar faces are headed back to the East Kentucky Expo Center for a second stint with the East Kentucky Miners. Guards Jason McLeish and Mike Crain have both re-signed with the Miners for the 2008-09 season. Miners Coach Kevin Keathley was eager to re-sign two of the key players from last season.

McLeish averaged 15.7 points and 2.6 rebounds for the Miners during the 2007-08 season. A proven playmaker,

McLeish averaged 4.4 assists per game for the Miners, sharing the team-high mark with Syracuse alum Josh Pace. The former Eastern Kentucky University standout earned a CBA Player of the Week honor during the Miners' debut season. McLeish, a native of Queens, N.Y., became an immediate fan favorite for the Pikeville, Ky.-based professional basketball team.

"Jason is the perfect example of a player excelling in a system that fits their style," said Keathley. "We emphasize outlet break basketball and

Jason has the ability to keep the tempo where we like to have it. With his ability to get to the rim and knock down the mid-range jumper, Jason is perfect for our high spread offense.

"Jason also was a fan favorite for us, so I'm happy

that we could bring back one of our more popular players from last season. I'm expecting big things out of Jason this year and look forward to putting a proven winner back in a Miners uniform."

Crain earned a spot on the 2007-08 All-CBA Rookie

Team. He joined the Miners following an exceptional career at Valdosta State University. Crain averaged 10 points and 2.3 rebounds per game last season for the Miners. He returned to Eastern Kentucky earlier in the month, participating in the Miners free agent camp. Crain was also a fan favorite.

"Mike had an excellent season last year in his rookie debut," said Keathley. "He was named an All-CBA rookie and started for most of the season. The biggest thing Mike brings to the table for us is his

ability to blend in to a team concept. He has the ability to contribute in a variety of ways. Both Jason and Mike will help mold these new guys we get in. It's always a plus when you have returning players from last year. I'm excited about both of these players returning for the upcoming season."

The youngest team in the CBA during the 2007-08 season, East Kentucky won with a stable roster. Eight of the 10 players on the team's opening day roster finished the season in a Miners uniform.



MSU Athletics aligns with ISP Sports

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – The Morehead State University athletic department has reached an agreement with ISP Sports, the country's foremost collegiate sports marketing company, to provide revenue consulting services and serve as the exclusive national marketer for Eagle athletics. The agreement was announced today by MSU Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson and ISP officials.

Morehead State will join ISP's growing family of partnerships – a group that now includes more than 60 universities, conferences, bowl games and venues across the country – while primarily benefiting from the company's expertise in creating an effective marketing program for a variety of multimedia and corporate sponsorship opportunities.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our athletic program," Hutchinson said in making the announcement. "ISP is recognized nationally as the leader in the collegiate sports marketing industry and will undoubtedly help us elevate our sales and marketing efforts to a higher level."

Founded in 1992 in Winston-Salem, N.C., ISP is the country's largest collegiate multimedia rights holder and has developed into the fastest growing sports radio network in America. The ISP family of leading NCAA members touches every state in the Southeast while extending across the Mid-Atlantic into the Northeast, and the Midwest and West coast corridors, as well.

"We are excited to enter into this new partnership with Morehead State athletics and look forward to developing an even stronger relationship as we help the university build the marketing presence of its athletics program," said Ben Sutton, Chairman and CEO of ISP.

HoF Class of 2009 to be announced at DTWC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WAVERLY, Ohio – The Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame Class of 2009 will be inducted during the 28th Annual Dirt Track World Championship at K-C Raceway on Saturday, Oct. 18. In what is quickly becoming a tradition of the DTWC, Bill Holder Chairman of the Board for Hall of Fame will announce the inductees for the Class of 2009. Holder and several of the Board of Directors, as well as many of the inductees will be on hand prior to Saturday's green flag.

The DTWC has long been one of the top Crown Jewels of Dirt Late Model racing. The announcing of next years Late Model Hall of Fame Inductees just adds to the race day excitement.



KYLE HOWELL (44) and his South Floyd teammates had this past Friday night as the open date on their schedule. The Raiders fell to Betsy Layne in a district matchup just over one week ago.

photo by Chris Gibson/SFHS

LeMaster makes Giants' Wall of Fame

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – The legacy of Paintsville native Johnnie LeMaster lives on in the Bay Arena. LeMaster was a part of a group of players that was honored Tuesday as the San Francisco Giants organization dedicated a "Wall of Fame" on King Street – between Second and Third streets – outside AT&T Park. The "Wall of Fame" is recognizing each San Francisco Giants player who meets the

following standards: He's retired; He played at least nine seasons in San Francisco; Or, he played five years as a Giant and made at least one National League All-Star team. LeMaster played for 12 seasons (1975-1985 and 1987) for four teams. His career included 10 seasons for the San Francisco Giants. On September 2, 1975, LeMaster, a Paintsville High School graduate, set a major league record hitting an inside-the-park home run in

his first at bat.

The inaugural "Wall of Fame" group also includes Felipe Alou, Vida Blue, Bob Bolin, Orlando Cepeda, Jim Davenport, Darrell Evans, Tito Fuentes, Atlee Hammaker, Mike Krukow, Gary Lavelle, Kirt Manwaring, Willie Mays, Mike McCormick, Willie McCovey, Greg Minton, Kevin Mitchell, Robb Nen, Gaylord Perry, Kirk Rueter, J.T. Snow, Robby Thompson, Matt Williams, Jim Barr, Rod Beck, Jeff

Brantley, Bobby Bonds, Bob Brenly, John Burkett, Jack Clark, Will Clark, Chili Davis, Dick Dietz, Scott Garrelts, Tom Haller, Jim Ray Hart, Johnnie LeMaster, Jeffrey Leonard, Juan Marichal, Stu Miller, Randy Moffitt, John Montefusco, Rick Reuschel and Chris Speier.

The Giants organization has announced that Rich Aurilia, Barry Bonds, Shawn Estes, Jeff Kent and Jason Schmidt will join the Hall when they retire.

Wideman leads Bears to OT win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – Pikeville College snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, and needed nearly everything it had to keep Kentucky Christian from picking up its first varsity win.

Pikeville (1-3) knocked off Kentucky Christian 20-14 in overtime Thursday night at Morehead State University, but the story of the final isn't nearly as interesting as the road to the final.

Trailing 14-7, the Bears got the football back with 1:47 left in regulation inside their own one yard line. They faced fourth-and-10 at their own one when sophomore quarterback Dan Wideman hit freshman receiver Montrel Jones for a 20-yard gain. After carrying for 10 yards and throwing an incomplete pass, Wideman was chased out of the pocket and scrambled 48 yards before being chased out of bounds at the Knight 21 yard line – and then was hit run-

ning out of bounds, moving the ball to the 13.

On the next play he threw over the middle where junior Nick Jamerson made a diving catch in the middle of the end zone with only 11 seconds left. Junior Kyle Chilton's PAT sent the game to overtime tied at 14.

The Knights had the ball to start the extra period and had it first-and-goal at the two before tailback Jake Hughes lost a fumble which Pikeville sophomore Jamar Porter recovered to turn the ball back over to the Bear offense.

On the first play, Wideman scooted around the left end and sailed 25 yards into the end zone for the win.

Of Pikeville's 436 yards of offense on the night, Wideman was responsible for 410 – 312 passing and 98 on

the ground.

Pikeville fumbled a punt after stopping the Knights on their first offensive series and KCU took over at the 24-yard line. The drive ended on the sixth play when freshman quarterback Beau Dailey hit sophomore tailback Ronnie Smith from 11 yards out. Matt

Prewitt's PAT made it 7-0 with 11:46 left in the opening period.

The Bears moved the ball down field before Wideman was hit on a sack and dropped the football. Freshman linebacker Kevin Mix picked it up and ran 67 yards for the score to make it 14-0 with five minutes left in the opening period.

It turned out to be the final points of the night for the Knights, and for the longest time, looked as if it would be enough for a team in search of

its first win in school history.

Pikeville recovered a fumbled punt to get the ball on the KCU 14-yard line late in the first period, and on fourth-and-three sophomore De'Rail Sims carried for a seven-yard touchdown, with Chilton's PAT making it 14-7 with 13:52 left in the half.

It stayed that way until the touchdown with 11 ticks remaining in the game.

Wideman was 26-of-47 for 212, hitting Jones eight times for 130. Jamerson's touchdown catch was his sixth for 62 yards. Wideman carried 16 times for hit 98 yards.

KCU (0-4) ran the ball 42 times for 162, with Hughes picking up 81 on 21 carries. The quarterback combination of Dailey and Ricky Phillips was 19-of-33 for 227 yards. Sophomore Austin Hunter caught five for 32 yards, with Paintsville product Ron Blume catching three for 42 yards.



Nick Jamerson

photo by Chris Gibson/SFHS

THE SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS cheered their Raiders on during a recent home game. Varsity high school cheerleading squads from throughout Eastern Kentucky take to the sidelines each Friday night during prep football games.



Annual Kentucky Basketball Coaches Clinic scheduled

Event to include Blue-White Game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The annual University of Kentucky Basketball Coaches Clinic has been set for Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at Rupp Arena, the UK men's basketball program announced Thursday.

The clinic will begin with an evening session at 6 p.m., Oct. 31 and conclude on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 1 with the annual Blue-White game at Rupp Arena.

This year's lectures will consist of Kentucky head coach Billy Gillispie's basketball philosophies on offense, defense and how to build and have continued success. In addition, the clinic will feature other successful basketball coaches on all levels, as well as plenty of time for questions and answers.

Each clinic attendee will receive a gift pack, free coffee and donuts and free admission to the Blue-White game. No prospect age individuals can attend the Coaches Clinic.

Interested parties can find more information or register online at www.ukathletics.com and click on CAMPS. Further questions can also be directed to the men's basketball office at 800-852-2875 or 859-257-1916.

University of Kentucky Coach Billy Gillispie is headed into his second season at the helm of the UK men's basketball program.

Blue-White Scrimmage set for Nov. 1: After a one-year hiatus, the annual Blue-White Scrimmage has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 1 at 4 p.m. in Rupp Arena.

Normally held in Memorial Coliseum, this year marks the first time the scrimmage will be held in Rupp Arena.

Tickets will be available for \$5 and will go on sale Oct. 11. A portion of the proceeds from the gate will go to charity. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster, UK Athletics Ticket Office and Rupp Arena Ticket Office.

UK part of 23 Hour Hoops Marathon: ESPN will celebrate the start of the 2008-09 college basketball season with the new College Hoops Tip-Off Marathon featuring 23 consecutive hours of live college basketball game and studio programming Tuesday, Nov. 18. The new creative way to mark the opening of the season will begin at midnight ET with a tripleheader of live games: Massachusetts at Memphis followed by Fresno State at St. Mary's at 2 a.m. and Idaho State at Hawaii at 4 a.m. Coverage will conclude with Kentucky at North Carolina at 9 p.m.

– ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU will offer 33 total hours of coverage overall highlighted by 14 game telecasts, including defending National Champion Kansas on ESPNU at 9 p.m. ESPN360.com will offer a simulcast of every ESPN and ESPN2 telecast.

Browns decide to stick with QB Derek Anderson

by TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — There wasn't any satisfaction in Derek Anderson's voice and no outward display of happiness. For a guy who nearly lost his starting job, Cleveland's easygoing quarterback was seemingly unchanged.

While others were calling — some were screaming — for the winless Browns to bench the ineffective Pro Bowler and turn things over to popular backup Brady Quinn, Anderson had no doubt he would start this week at Cincinnati.

"There wasn't any uncertainty in my mind," Anderson said Wednesday, shortly after coach Romeo Crennel announced he was sticking with the 25-year-old — for now.

Anderson seemed to be the only one confident he would make a fourth straight start for the Browns (0-3), whose season of immense expectations has been a colossal disappointment so far. On Monday, Crennel said he would evaluate every position and promised to make whatever changes necessary to spark his team.

By Tuesday, Crennel decided Anderson deserved another shot. "I'm not getting into the what ifs, the whens, the wheres, how long or anything like that about this decision," Crennel said. "The decision was made and that's what it's going to be. We are going to go forward."

Crennel's choice was met with overwhelming support throughout Cleveland's locker room, where blame for the Browns' poor start is widespread.

"That's what I expected," wide receiver Braylon Edwards said. "Derek is our guy. Just because we had a bad three games, we won't turn away from him or abandon him. We have had a bad three games, not just him. We're behind him 100 percent and we're going to get better. He and I are going to work through this after practice, at home, do some extra things. We're going to get to a level where we can help this team out."

Anderson's job security slid into crisis mode following a 14-of-37 performance in a 28-10 loss at Baltimore. He threw two interceptions, the second returned for a touchdown, in a 50-second span of the third quarter when the Ravens turned a 3-point deficit into an 11-point lead.

Really, his problems date to last season, when Anderson threw eight interceptions in the final five games as the Browns blew a chance at the playoffs. This year, he has made poor decisions and been hindered by dropped passes, curious play calling and several injuries on Cleveland's offense.

Anderson's confidence has taken a major hit, but Edwards, who has dropped at least five passes, feels his teammate has taken an unfair amount of criticism.

"I just see a team that isn't playing well," he said. "I see linemen not blocking. I see receivers dropping passes. I see quarterbacks missing reads. We're all off base right now. None of us is taking the initiative to pick another guy up, but that's over with. We talked about it: one guy, two guys, 11 guys on that field have to take the initiative to make a play, to block a guy, to catch a pass that might be behind you, to make a play."

"Once we do that, it won't matter what's happening with D.A. or Braylon or what's happening with the linemen because we'll be a better football team."

Anderson has bad memories of his previous start against the Bengals. With the Browns one win from clinching a playoff spot, Anderson threw four interceptions in a 19-14 loss on Dec. 23.

"It was frustrating," he said. "But, nah, it's nothing to die from. Everybody's struggling, even the best struggle," Anderson said. "Brett Favre didn't have the best game Monday night. He threw picks, he had mistakes. Nobody's perfect. It's just coming back and getting it fixed."

Although Crennel has given him a reprieve, Anderson isn't guaranteed anything more than the first snap Sunday. At the initial sign of trouble, he could be pulled for Quinn, who will get more repetitions with Cleveland's starting offense.

Quinn played well in spurts during the exhibition season but only appeared in the season finale as a rookie. He insists he didn't come to work on Wednesday with any thoughts he would be taking over for Anderson this week.

"I think every quarterback would say he could come in and give the team a spark," he said. "If you ask (third-string QB) Ken Dorsey the same question he'd probably feel the same way. I'm very confident in our team's abilities and I think the biggest thing right now is just to put everything together and show what we're capable of."

While Crennel endorsed Anderson for the time being, his insistence that Quinn needs to be more ready has created an air of uncertainty. On Tuesday, Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown, an executive advisor for the team, said he had been in organizational meetings all day and "we all seem to be on accord." Brown added the decision was up to Crennel, and "if he makes the right decision on his lineup this week, I think we can be out of this terrible kind of depression we're in."

Crennel seemed to take exception to Brown's comments.

"Jim has been speaking out ever since I got here and Jim has an opinion, just like everybody else has an opinion, so he voices his opinion," Crennel said. "I have sat down with Jim and he told me the same thing, so there is no surprise because that is the way he feels. I am not saying it's right or wrong, it is what it is."

"My decision is my decision."



ALLEN CENTRAL continues to gain momentum heading into the month of October.



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BETSY LAYNE remains in the hunt for a spot in the Class A State Playoffs. The Bobcats will face Phelps in a pivotal upcoming district game.

Oswalt beats Reds again, Astros stay alive

by CHRIS DUNCAN
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HOUSTON — Roy Oswalt tipped his cap to acknowledge another standing ovation at Minute Maid Park on Thursday night. He can only hope he gets one more start this season.

The Astros ace allowed two hits and struck out three in six innings to lead Houston to an 8-6 victory over the Cincinnati Reds. Oswalt has won 23 of 24 decisions, including his last eight, against Cincinnati and the Astros needed this one to keep their slim playoff hopes alive.

Houston came into the game trailing New York and Milwaukee by 3 1/2 games in the race for the NL wild card. The Mets beat Chicago 7-6 and the Brewers beat Pittsburgh 5-1 in 10 innings to push the Astros to the brink — one more Houston loss or victory by either the Mets or Brewers will eliminate them.

The Astros open a three-game series against Atlanta on Friday.

"We're just playing," Oswalt said. "We've got three more games. We'll see if we can win those games and see what happens."

The Astros will only play a makeup game against the Cubs on Monday if they're within a half-game of the

Brewers and Mets after Sunday's games. Oswalt would make that start.

"I won't enjoy it until we actually get to a World Series and win it," Oswalt said. "That's when you enjoy it. This is another start. Hopefully, I'll be able to start Monday."

Michael Bourn matched a career high with four RBIs and Oswalt added an RBI single as the Astros beat the Reds for the 12th time in 15 meetings. Oswalt (17-10), pitching on three days' rest, improved to 11-2 in his last 13 decisions.

The Astros built an 8-1 lead, then couldn't help but watch the manual scoreboard in left field for updates. The Mets, then the Brewers, posted victories before the ninth inning ended in Houston.

"Look at the scoreboard, try to win the game, look at the scoreboard, try to win the game, look at the scoreboard again. It's back and forth," Bourn said. "We're just trying to hope they lose and try to take care of our business."

Oswalt breezed after giving up a solo homer to Corey Patterson in the first. Patterson's 10th home run of the season was only the second allowed by Oswalt in his last seven starts.

Oswalt said he needed an inning to find his rhythm.

"Coming out of the bullpen, I felt a little rusty," Oswalt said. "Second inning, I started getting normal counts and the ball started coming out of my hand pretty well."

The Astros loaded the bases on Johnny Cueto (9-14) in the second and Bourn drove a double into the left-field corner to make it 3-1.

Houston had the bases loaded again with two outs in the third and this time, Oswalt drove in a run with a bloop single to right. Oswalt leads the Astros' pitching staff with five RBIs. Cueto walked Kazuo Matsui to force in another run and Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker brought in reliever Jon Adkins.

Gary Majewski relieved Adkins in the fifth and Matsui added an RBI single to stretch the lead to 6-1.

That was more than enough for Oswalt, who didn't give up a hit after Jay Bruce led off the second with a single. Oswalt walked three, but retired most of the others on groundouts.

"He was the same Oswalt," Patterson said. "He was aggressive, he comes right at you and he sticks to his game plan. That's why he's one of the best pitchers in the game."

Oswalt came out to pitch the seventh, but Houston manager Cecil Cooper followed him to the mound and replaced him with left-hander

Wesley Wright. Oswalt tipped his cap to the fans as he walked back to the dugout.

Oswalt said he wanted to go to the mound and shake hands with catcher Brad Ausmus, who may retire after this season. Oswalt and Ausmus have played together for seven seasons.

Matsui and Bourn added RBI hits in the seventh off Josh Roenicke. The Astros' 16 hits matched a season high.

Danny Richar and Javier Valentin had RBI singles for Cincinnati in the ninth off Alberto Arias. Fernando Nieve relieved and Jerry Hairston, Jr. hit a three-run homer before Cooper brought in Jose Valverde, who finished for his 43rd save.

"We're still playing, that's the main thing," Cooper said. "We're still alive."

The Reds lost for just the fourth time in 12 games. They had won six straight series before losing two of three in Houston.

Notes: Oswalt improved to 28-8 in September and October. ... Oswalt has pitched at least six innings in his last 12 starts. ... Cueto's outing marked the 46th start by a rookie for the Reds this season. ... The retractable roof at Minute Maid Park remained open for the 16th time this season. The Astros are 10-6 in games with the roof open.

Winless Bengals still hopeful

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — After watching film of their latest loss, the winless Cincinnati Bengals came away with a little bounce in their step and a sense that things are about to get a whole lot better.

Really.

The Bengals are the most upbeat of the NFL's 0-for-'08 teams. A 26-23 loss to the Giants in overtime on Sunday convinced them that they're headed in the right direction, even though their quarterback keeps getting his nose smashed and fans have started disowning them.

"A lot of positives," receiver Chad Ocho Cinco said. "A lot of good things. A couple of missed assignments across the board — you know, it was always one thing on every play, which it usually is when plays break down. But we had a lot of positives, man. We looked really good on film."

Not so good in the standings, of course. And that's the problem.

At 0-3, the Bengals are tied with the Cleveland Browns for last place in the AFC North. They play Sunday in Cincinnati, a game that will give one of them a flicker of hope that they could still win a struggling division. The loser is in a whole lot of trouble, no matter how it looks on film.

"I mean, what better week to get a win than against the Browns, you know?" Ocho Cinco said. "What better week?"

The last game would have been the best one for the Bengals, who knew they had to beat the Giants to provide evidence that all is not lost. The offense looked decent for the first time all season, and the Bengals went to overtime before letting it slip away.

The offense was the main reason for optimism. Carson Palmer threw his first touchdown pass — he also got his second bloody nose of the year — as he threw for 286 yards against one of the NFL's top defenses. His previous high for a game this season was 134 yards passing.

"We were much sharper in a lot of areas in the passing game," coach Marvin Lewis said. "We still have to work it and make sure we're being exact and give (Palmer) the opportunity to deliver the ball where he thinks it ought to be delivered."

Palmer was sacked six times and got his nose bloodied for the second time — he broke it during the third pre-season game. He's been knocked around in all three games so far, a trend that is most troubling.

"Once again, that ain't a sight I want to see: My quarterback with a bloody nose," offensive guard Bobbie

Williams said. "It kind of makes me feel like I'm not really doing my job. That's not a sight any guy — particularly offensive linemen — want to see."

The same offensive line allowed only 17 sacks last season, when Palmer threw for 4,131 yards. He's been dropped nine times already, a mystifying development.

Told that a lot of fans are scratching their heads over the high number of sacks, Williams said, "Me, too. I'm about to scratch a patch in mine. But you know, we're dealing with it. We have to get it done."

The Bengals haven't lost their first three games since 2003, which was Lewis' first season as head coach. They got back into the playoff race that year and were 8-6 before falling apart. They lost their last two games for an 8-8 finish.

The last time they lost their first four games was 2002, when they opened 0-7 and finished 2-14, the worst mark in franchise history. Coach Dick LeBeau was fired after that one.

One notable change in this 0-3: Ocho Cinco is biting his tongue.

In previous years, the receiver would have been

insisting that Palmer get him the ball more often so the team can start winning. He has only nine catches for 99 yards in three games — numbers that would have brought an eruption in the past.

"I'd (have) been here like a little pit bull, fussing," Ocho Cinco said. "But no need, no need. I think right now, we're fine. We might not be in a position that we really want to be in, but right now, we don't need my problems being a distraction. After seeing what I saw on film, we got a lot of positive things."

The won-lost record happens not to be one of them.



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Wheels falling off JGR's season at the wrong time

by JENNA FRYER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Joe Gibbs Racing used the first 26 races this season to establish itself as NASCAR's top organization.

It took just two races to undo all that work.

Two terrible showings to start the Chase for the championship led Kyle Busch to concede his title hopes Sunday after his engine failed at Dover International Speedway. Denny Hamlin didn't wave a white flag, but his 38th-place finish has him stuck at the bottom of the standings with his teammate.

Timing, it seems, is everything, and the wheels are most certainly falling off JGR's season at the worst possible part of the year.

"About what you would imagine," team president J.D. Gibbs said Monday when asked the mood at the race shop. "I'd say there's a good amount of frustration and disappointment. It's obviously very frustrating because you work so hard all year. So it's frustrating for the drivers, for the crews, for the 400-plus people at the shop — everyone

who puts everything they have into this — and then the small things bite you.

"But stuff like that happens in life. We don't like it, we don't have to like it, but we have to work through it."

Problem is, there's not much time to work through this.

Busch started the Chase with an 80-point advantage over most of the competition. Two races in and he's plummeted to last, 210 points behind new leader Carl Edwards with just eight events to make up the difference. Hamlin sits in 11th and two-time Cup champion Tony Stewart is clinging to his title hopes in seventh.

"Look, all you want is a chance in the final race, and I haven't sat down and looked at all the points and all the scenarios," Gibbs said. "But we're not giving up on having a final chance in that last race."

He'll have trouble convincing Busch of that, though. The winner of the "regular season" declared his run at a first Cup championship over after his last-place finish in Dover. But his gloom and doom is based on experience: Busch started the 2006 Chase with a wreck in

the opener and an engine failure in Round 2; he never recovered and finished last in the standings that season.

"We're out of the title hunt, that's for sure," Busch said as his crew diagnosed his ailing engine.

This isn't like February and March when bizarre mechanical failures hit all three JGR cars.

Hamlin's power steering failed in Atlanta, and he had a fuel pickup issue while leading on a restart in the closing laps at Bristol. Stewart had a similar pickup problem at Bristol, and his cost him the lead to Hamlin shortly before Hamlin suffered the same fate.

Busch lost his power steering in Bristol while leading, then broke a rear gear in Martinsville. A broken gasket also took him out of contention at his home track in Las Vegas.

It got to a point where the JGR tally showed more races lost than victories, and frustration was mounting among all three teams.

"All they know is they broke a part and it kept them from winning a race," Jimmy Makar, senior vice president of racing operations at JGR,

said at the time. "There's nothing you can do but fix the problem and show them that it's fixed."

That they did, ironing out every little blip to string together a wildly successful regular season.

Busch won a series-high eight Cup victories, and Hamlin added one other win. And they were untouchable in the Nationwide Series, as Busch, Hamlin, Stewart and Logano combined to win 16 of 28 races.

So why now are these issues popping up? And why are they happening to Busch, who was seemingly flawless the past four months?

"That's the question we're all trying to figure out right now," Gibbs said. "There's nothing we're doing differently. If anything, now is the time to be more conservative. And our people are as good as anybody at testing products. We are very good at checking parts and qualifying parts and making sure we have everything in order."

It's easy to say that in this year of JGR dominance, not winning the championship would make the season a bust. But crew chief Steve

Addington said Sunday the hole his team is in will allow Busch to get aggressive and race for wins from now on.

"We've had three very different things happen to three very good race cars at the wrong time," Gibbs said. "But there's not much we can change at this point. All we do is go as hard as we can. We had good cars that just didn't finish."

"We were pretty good before the Chase. We're still pretty good, and we'll just have to see where we are four or five races from now."

Jeff Gordon fastest as Sprint Cup testing concludes: NASCAR put the wraps on the seventh and final Sprint Cup Series open test of 2008 Wednesday, when 51 teams concluded their visit to Lowe's Motor Speedway in preparation for the pivotal fifth race in the Chase, the Oct. 11 Bank of America 500.

As the two-day test session ended Wednesday, a familiar name topped the speed chart, defending Bank of America 500 winner Jeff Gordon.

With a speed of 187.233 mph, Gordon's No. 24 Chevrolet turned in the fastest lap of the two-day test during

the Wednesday evening session.

Following the four-time Sprint Cup Series champion with the second-fastest lap of the evening was a driver who has yet to begin his Cup career, Scott Speed in the No. 82 Toyota, with a lap of 186.638 mph.

Denny Hamlin was third fastest with a lap of 186.599 mph in the No.

11 Toyota. Rounding out the top five were the Dodges of Juan Pablo Montoya, with a speed of 185.957 mph, and Elliott Sadler with a speed of 185.790 mph.

Wednesday night proved to be the fastest during the open test with the top six speeds besting the top times of the previous three sessions.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. enjoyed a successful test at Lowe's Motor Speedway as his No. 88 Chevrolet ran top-10 speeds in three of the four sessions.

There were only two caution periods during the seven hours on track Wednesday. The first occurred in the afternoon session as Aric Almirola scraped the Turn 4 wall in the No. 8 Chevrolet. A second caution-flag unfurled for debris during the evening session.

Edwards remains out in front of Sprint Cup Chase

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A glance at the 12 drivers competing in NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup championship heading into this weekend's race at Kansas Speedway (in order of points):

DRIVER: Carl Edwards. CHASE POINTS: first, 5390. CAR: No. 99 Office Depot Ford. TEAM: Roush Fenway Racing. POSITION CHANGE: None. CAREER KANSAS STARTS: 4. BEST KANSAS FINISH: third.

LAST WEEK: Vaulted into the Chase lead with a solid third-place finish behind teammates Greg Biffle and Matt Kenseth at Dover. Had a chance to win but took two tires instead of four during his last pit stop, a move that cost him down the stretch.

CHASE CHATTER: "You've got teammates in front, I'm still leading the points, and I got to race like I haven't raced in a long, long time," Edwards said after the race. "That's fun. I'm not going to hang over this one."

DRIVER: Jimmie Johnson. CHASE POINTS: second, -10. CAR: No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet. TEAM: Hendrick Motorsports. POSITION CHANGE: Minus 1. CAREER KANSAS STARTS: 6. BEST KANSAS FINISH: third.

LAST WEEK: Johnson and crew chief Chad Knaus fiddled with the setup early and rallied from a 20th-place start to finish fifth, his fourth consecutive top-10.

CHASE CHATTER: "It's just two of 10 (races) and we have eight more to go," Johnson said. "With the type of racing we've seen the last few weeks, I think the fans are getting what they paid for."

DRIVER: Greg Biffle. CHASE POINTS: second, -10. CAR: No. 16 3M Ford. TEAM: Roush Fenway Racing. POSITION CHANGE: None. CAREER KANSAS STARTS: 6. BEST KANSAS FINISH: 1st (2007).

LAST WEEK: Picked up his second straight win by out-dueling Roush Fenway teammates Matt Kenseth and Carl Edwards over the final laps. The hottest driver on the circuit now heads to a track where he won last year. Could be this year's breakout star.

CHASE CHATTER: "I've been thinking about what a championship would mean for several years and that's really what I've been focused on and that's what's given me a lot of drive here in 2008," Biffle said.

DRIVER: Jeff Burton. CHASE POINTS: fourth, -82. CAR: No. 31 Cingular Wireless Chevrolet. TEAM: Richard Childress Racing. POSITION CHANGE: None. CAREER KANSAS STARTS:

7. BEST KANSAS FINISH: fifth.

LAST WEEK: Mr. Steady picked up his 14th top-10 of the season with a ninth-place finish at Dover. Started 21st but managed to pick his way through the field and find enough horsepower pick up four places over the last 100 miles.

CHASE CHATTER: "We're only 20 percent into the Chase and anything can happen, but you can believe that we're going to continue to keep digging."

DRIVER: Kevin Harvick. CHASE POINTS: fifth, -101. CAR: No. 29 Shell/Pennzoil Chevrolet. TEAM: Richard Childress Racing. POSITION CHANGE: Plus 5. CAREER KANSAS STARTS: 7. BEST KANSAS FINISH: sixth.

LAST WEEK: Notched his eighth straight top-10 with a sixth-place finish at Dover despite starting 34th. The top-10 streak is the longest of his Sprint Cup career and helped him rise five spots in the standings.

CHASE CHATTER: "I think we only made a few minor adjustments on it during the race," Harvick said. "I am just really proud of all my guys and I really think we still have the momentum to win this thing."

DRIVER: Clint Bowyer. CHASE POINTS: sixth, -106. CAR: No. 07 Jack Daniels Chevrolet. TEAM: Richard Childress Racing. POSITION CHANGE: Plus 3. CAREER KANSAS STARTS: 2. BEST KANSAS FINISH: 2nd.

LAST WEEK: Heads home to Kansas this week with some momentum after an eighth-place finish in Dover, a nice bounce back after a middling 12th-place finish at New Hampshire.

CHASE CHATTER: "I needed a couple more laps and I think I could have gotten by Jeff (Gordon), but we got out of Dover with all four fenders and a top-10," Bowyer said. "We'll take that and roll on to Kansas."

DRIVER: Tony Stewart. CHASE POINTS: seventh, -113. CAR: No. 20 Home Depot Toyota. TEAM: Joe Gibbs Racing. POSITION CHANGE: None. CAREER KANSAS STARTS: 7. BEST KANSAS FINISH: 1st (2006).

LAST WEEK: Surged from 33rd to 11th at Dover thanks to constant tinkering with the setup by crew chief Greg Zipadelli.

CHASE CHATTER: "Just where we ended up was about where we deserved to be. That was about as good as we were all day," Stewart said.

DRIVER: Jeff Gordon. CHASE POINTS: eighth, -118. CAR: No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet. TEAM: Hendrick Motorsports. POSITION CHANGE: Plus 3. CAREER

KANSAS STARTS: 7. BEST KANSAS FINISH: 1st (twice).

LAST WEEK: Finished a disappointing seventh after starting on the pole in a bid to win his first race of the season. His winless streak is now at 33 races.

CHASE CHATTER: "I can say personally I've worked harder this year testing, working with the team at the racetrack, away from the racetrack, than I have in any other season that I've run in the Cup Series, and the frustrating part is that the results aren't showing for it," Gordon said.

DRIVER: Dale Earnhardt Jr. CHASE POINTS: ninth, -129. CAR: No. 88 AMP Energy-National Guard Chevrolet. TEAM: Hendrick Motorsports. POSITION CHANGE: Minus 5. CAREER KANSAS STARTS: 7.

BEST KANSAS FINISH: sixth.

LAST WEEK: Earnhardt Jr. had a frustrating day at Dover, finishing 24th and three laps down after a right-rear tire failure that put his chances of a serious run at the Chase title in jeopardy.

CHASE CHATTER: "I really hate how it hurt our points race, but that's the best we could do today," Earnhardt Jr. said. "You've got to get over it and go onto the next one."

DRIVER: Matt Kenseth. CHASE POINTS: 10th, -167. CAR: No. 17 DeWalt Tools Ford. TEAM: Roush Fenway Racing. POSITION CHANGE: Plus 2. CAREER KANSAS STARTS: 7. BEST KANSAS FINISH: fifth.

LAST WEEK: After struggling for weeks to get a competitive car, Kenseth stormed to the front at Dover as he and fellow Roush Fenway teammates Edwards and Biffle ran the doors off their cars in a thrilling 1-2-3 finish, with Kenseth coming up just short in second.

CHASE CHATTER: "The plan was to let Greg win, but we were supposed to make it look really good," Kenseth said.

DRIVER: Denny Hamlin. CHASE POINTS: 11th, -193. CAR: No. 11 FedEx Toyota. TEAM: Joe Gibbs Racing. POSITION CHANGE: Minus 5. CAREER KANSAS STARTS: 3. BEST KANSAS FINISH: 18th.

LAST WEEK: A broken drive shaft on lap 244 forced Hamlin to the garage at Dover. He made it back on the track but finished 38th, 38 laps down from the leaders.

CHASE CHATTER: "The team did everything we could to get Denny back out on the track as fast as we could," crew chief Mike Ford said. "It was very unfortunate, but the FedEx crew worked quick to

fix the gear and drive shaft. We lost valuable points we'll work hard to make them up next week."

DRIVER: Kyle Busch. CHASE POINTS: 12th, -210. CAR: No. 18 M&Ms Toyota. TEAM: Joe Gibbs Racing. POSITION CHANGE: Minus 4. CAREER KANSAS STARTS: 4. BEST KANSAS FINISH: seventh.

LAST WEEK: How quickly the once-mighty Busch has fallen. Engine problems ended his day early at Dover, where he finished 43rd. Two weeks into the Chase, Busch has dropped from the lead he held much of the season to 12th and all but out of it.

CHASE CHATTER: "If I were Kyle, I'd go out there and just worry about winning races again," JGR teammate Tony Stewart said. "It's been a remarkable, record-setting year for that kid, and the best way to finish it off now is to go out there and win three or four races during the Chase."

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4. Kevin Harvick, 5,289
5. Clint Bowyer, 5,284
6. Tony Stewart, 5,277
7. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 5,261
8. Matt Kenseth, 5,223
9. Denny Hamlin, 5,197
10. Kyle Busch, 5,180
11. Kasey Kahne, 3,262
12. David Ragan, 3,227
13. Martin Truex Jr., 3,067
14. Ryan Newman, 3,032
15. Brian Vickers, 2,987
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17. Jamie McMurray, 2,765
18. Bobby Labonte, 2,742

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Nov. 9 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.

Nov. 16 — Ford 500, Homestead, Fla.

Telecheck Review available on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — As fall hunting seasons begin, hunters once again have the chance to review their Telecheck information on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' website at fw.ky.gov.

Now in its second year, Telecheck Review is a popular resource for Kentucky's deer, turkey and elk hunters. These hunters must check their game through the automated Telecheck system. Sometimes these hunters wonder if they have entered their harvest data correctly. With Telecheck Review, they can log on to fw.ky.gov and search by species, date, county and hunter name to be sure they entered the correct information for the game they harvested. If a hunter detects an error, he or she can call the department's Information Center at 1-800-858-1549 to correct the mistake.

Hunters can also check to make sure others comply with the Telecheck law. This helps Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's conservation officers do their jobs.

"This extends the eyes and ears of the conservation officers, because it allows hunters to be able to police other hunters," said Major David Casey, assistant director of the department's Law Enforcement Division. "One officer per county actually can do very little without the help of the sportsmen in his county. This Telecheck Review is an excellent enforcement tool that will let violators know that it is not socially acceptable to not check their deer."

The Telecheck system is an essential tool in Kentucky's wildlife management. The information hunters provide to the department helps biologists recommend bag limits, season dates and other regulations.

Hunters who know that another hunter took an animal — but that animal does not show up in the Telecheck Review system — should report the information to the department's law enforcement dispatch center at 1-800-25-ALERT (1-800-252-5378). People can also call their local conservation officer.

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All successful deer, turkey and elk hunters, as well as bobcat and otter hunters and trappers, must Telecheck these animals by midnight on the day the animal is taken by calling 1-800-245-4263. The confirmation number received at the end of the phone call must then be recorded on a hunter harvest log and kept in the hunter's possession throughout the season. Bobcat and otter Telecheck information is not available through the department's Telecheck Review system.

Failure to check a required animal carries a maximum penalty of a \$1,000 fine and six months imprisonment. For more information about the Telecheck process and other hunting regulations, pick up a copy of the 2008-09 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, available wherever hunting licenses are sold.



photo by Paula Goble
P'BURG SOCCER: Brad Stanley moved the ball up the field during a recent Prestonsburg High School soccer contest versus familiar foe Pikeville High School. Stanley continues to be one of the Blackcat soccer team's leaders.



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ANOTHER BLACKCAT TOUCHDOWN: Senior Austin Gearheart broke free for a touchdown during Prestonsburg's road game against Lawrence County earlier in the month.

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The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Dec. 1st, 2008.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Kathleen Stumbo Prater, P.O. Box 111, McDowell, KY 41647, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to fill in where the flood washed her off. The property is located on Left Beaver near Minnie and McDowell on Ky. Rt. 80 to Ky. Rt. 122, McDowell. The latitude/longitude is 37°27'52.66" 82°45'20.58". Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

Legals

Notice of Bond Release

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Locking out a possible problem

by TOM and RAY
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
My wife and I have had a "spirited discussion" about this question. My wife always insists that we lock the doors when driving so they don't "pop open accidentally." I prefer unlocked, because should we have an accident, the first one on the scene doesn't have to break a window to get the car open. She thinks that by locking them, "additional bolts or something" provide more strength. I say the locks simply disable the door latch from the outside and prevent someone from opening the door to assist. She thinks we should lock them anyway. What do you think? — Tom

TOM: Well, she's right, Tom, but for the wrong reasons.

RAY: Doors are pretty good at staying closed, even when they're not locked. They're required by federal regulation to resist at least 2,500 pounds of pressure before coming open. That's even more pressure than my brother applies when he wants to borrow money.

TOM: It's important that doors DO stay closed in an accident for three reasons: (1) So you're not ejected from the car, (2) so if you slide into a tree or a telephone pole, the door takes the first hit, rather than your spleen, and (3) so the roof doesn't collapse. The doors are an important part of the car's structural integrity, holding up the roof and keeping the body from twisting.

RAY: So the question is, Does locking the door add any FURTHER protection to keep the doors closed in an accident? The answer is, sometimes, yes.

TOM: Locking the door doesn't add additional bolts or anything. It simply disables the latch mechanism, as you say, Tom. But in some severe accidents, the inertia — just the force created by crashing into something — can be enough to move the rod or springs inside the door and allow the door to open.

RAY: And by locking the door, you simply eliminate that possibility.

TOM: I wouldn't be too worried about someone getting to you in an accident. First of all, lots of cars automatically unlock their doors now if the air bag goes off. But even if that doesn't happen, if you're in an accident that's so bad that you're unconscious and unable to unlock the door for a rescuer, someone can always break a window. Replacing a window will be the last thing you'll be worrying about then.

RAY: So, lock the doors when you're driving. You'll not only increase your safety in an accident, but you'll also increase your safety around town — by preventing unsavory characters like my brother from getting into your car after he squeezes your window at a red light.

bad for my car? Thanks! -- Darcy

RAY: Well, your friend certainly did teach you a valuable lesson, Darcy: Don't let any of your knucklehead friends drive your new car again!

TOM: Starting in second is not good for the engine. The engine is perfectly happy to start in first gear. In fact, starting in a higher gear under the wrong circumstances could cause you to "lug" the engine, which is bad for it.

RAY: But more importantly, starting in second is bad for

your clutch. You need to use more gas and let the clutch out more slowly when starting in second. That wears out your clutch more quickly.

TOM: And while first gear CAN wear out someday, it usually lasts the life of the car. So it's not something you need to actively protect and "save," like the last sparcib in a pu-pu platter. In fact, second gear is the gear that typically wears out first, because it's the most-used. You almost always use it on the way up and on the way down through the gears.

RAY: Now, there ARE situations where you can start in second with no ill effects. If you're facing downhill, or already rolling -- even just a little bit -- then you don't need first gear.

TOM: Or, if you have an overpowered car, like you do, Darcy, and you're extremely careful with the clutch, you can get away with it. But there's no real advantage to it on a typical passenger car.

RAY: Right. So, in general, go first to first gear. That's why they call it first gear. If

second was supposed to be used first, they would have called second first.

TOM: This is starting to sound like an Abbott and Costello routine. Start in first, Darcy.

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