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W.Va., Purdue Pharma reach \$10 settlement in Oxycontin lawsuit

by PAM RAMSEY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma has agreed to pay \$10 million to West Virginia to settle a lawsuit that accused the company of dishonestly marketing the painkiller in the state.

The company and the state Attorney General's office confirmed the settlement but would not disclose its terms. Sources close to the negotiations said Friday that the money will be used to pay for programs to educate doctors, law enforcement and communities about the use, abuse and diversion of prescription drugs.

Purdue Pharma will make four annual payments of \$2.5 million to the attorney general's consumer education fund, the sources said.

A circuit judge approved the settlement Thursday before jury selection was scheduled to begin, Managing Deputy Attorney General Will Steele said Friday.

"We are pleased to put aside our differences and to begin a working partnership which will benefit all West Virginians," Purdue Pharma spokesman Tim Bannon said. "These funds and these programs will make a real difference in the lives of individuals and families confronted with the problem of prescription drug abuse."

Attorney General Darrell McGraw filed the lawsuit in 2001, about five

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Lower bond denied for third time

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Michael Lester, 45, of Williamson, W.Va., was denied a third motion for a reduction in his bond Friday in circuit court.

Lester is currently being held on a \$250,000 cash bond at the Floyd County Detention Center on charges

that he attempted to kill Donald Ray Dotson, his former brother-in-law, by shooting him at Auxier Heights on July 20. Lester has already asked for a lower bond on two occasions when the case was at the district court level.

Lester has produced testimony in previous hearings from several witnesses who claim he was at his home in Williamson when he was supposed

to be shooting Dotson, but none of the witnesses actually claim to have seen him. His son Shane, along with a girlfriend, have said that they were at Lester's home on July 20 and that so much grass had been cut that day that Lester couldn't have gone to Auxier in time to shoot Dotson at 10:30 a.m. But that testimony was countered by Assistant County

Attorney Jimmy Marcum, who pointed out that Lester could have cut the grass the night before.

Another witness, an area milkman, has come forward who claims to have spotted Lester's white truck parked at the house when he was making deliveries. The man jour-



Lester

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Veterans groups gathered at Wal-Mart for a 21-gun salute for a Full Military Dedication. A large crowd of shoppers celebrated the veterans.

photos by Sidney Jane Bailey

Local business, retailer pay tribute to veterans

by SIDNEY JANE BAILEY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Cindy Hackworth, community involvement coordinator for Wal-Mart in Prestonsburg, feels that veterans should be honored for their efforts more than once a year.

To follow up on that belief, Hackworth enlisted the help of Disabled American Veterans Chapers 169 of Betsy Layne, Chapter 18 of Auxier, Chapter 64 Hazard and Chapter 15 of Salyersville, along with the Betsy Layne Marine Corp Junior ROTC to present a Full Military Dedication at the store's front lobby on Friday.

The program began with the introduction of guests Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, state Rep. Chuck Meade and special singing guest group "NewHeart" of Pike County. Each dignitary

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Local leaders joined Wal-Mart in honoring local veterans Friday.

Businesses waiting for action on check case

by SIDNEY JANE BAILEY STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — Suzanne Gullett, owner of Suzanne's Boutique and Consignment of Allen, has yet to be notified that a check for \$264.47 passed to her by two women on Sept. 19 has led to an arrest.

The story began when one of her employees accepted the check while Suzanne was away. The employee later said she felt something was wrong during the transaction and insisted on picture identification and verified that the last name on the I.D. and check were the same.

There were actually two women shopping together, with both of them placing merchan-

dise on the counter for checkout. When the women left, the employee took down their vehicle license number. The check was later returned from the U.S. Bank and Suzanne noticed that "stop payment" was stamped upon it.

She called the bank and they informed her that Jack D. Caldwell (the name on the check) had had a package of checks stolen out of his vehicle recently. Suzanne immediately went to the Floyd County Attorney's office and reported that she had received a stolen check. They informed her that since Kentucky State Police was investigating the incident, they had to

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Cow Creek Road closed Monday morning for repairs

A new cross drain will be installed Monday, Nov. 8, by workers from the Allen Maintenance Garage, Highway District 12, on Route 194 (Cow Creek Road).

Superintendent Bud Akers said the work will start about 9:30 a.m. and

be finished about 1 p.m.

"We will give people time to get out in the morning," Akers said. "Weather permitting, we should be finished shortly after lunch."

The installation is between mile points 0 and 1.

Mongiardo vows to remain active in pushing health care issues

by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — When Daniel Mongiardo entered the U.S. Senate race, the little-known legislator from Appalachia might have been alone in thinking he could unseat Republican incumbent Jim Bunning.

A year later, Mongiardo nearly made a believer out of everyone. The Democrat received a whopping 850,439 votes in his statewide debut to give

Republicans a scare before falling short of pulling a huge upset.

Having suffered his first electoral loss since high school, Mongiardo returns to his Hazard medical practice and his state Senate duties.

But the ear, nose and throat specialist vows to keep speaking out on health care and pocket-book issues he made an anthem of his longshot bid that nearly became reality. And he won't rule out another run for office.

"My ambition is to improve the quality of health care," Mongiardo told The Associated Press a day after his nearly 23,000-vote loss to Bunning. "It's my mission in life and I'll go wherever that takes me."

"If that means another run for a race sometime in the future where I can improve health care, then I'll do that. If it means something else, then I'll do that."

A political observer said Mongiardo's showing Tuesday could position him for another

run for statewide office.

"He now has built up name recognition, which is one of the things he did not have coming into the race," said Joe Gershtenson, director of the Center for Kentucky History and Politics at Eastern Kentucky University.

Yet Gershtenson said the close race was probably due more to



Mongiardo

Bunning missteps than by any surge of support for Mongiardo.

Gershtenson said the election vaulted Mongiardo to the top tier of statewide Democrats, along with U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, state Auditor Crit Luallen, state Treasurer Jonathan Miller

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Odds and Ends

■ SEATTLE — There's no more homecoming king and queen at the University of Washington, just royals.

The student group that organizes the annual campus festival has decided that gender should not play a role in the honor.

The pair being presented at a pep rally Friday night are Emi Nomura Sumida, 20, of Seattle, and Glorya Cho, 19, of Bainbridge Island, who got the top scores in a scholarship contest.

The two women had not met before they were crowned Monday at a private reception.

"People do get confused when I say 'homecoming royal' and not 'homecoming queen,'" Cho said. "People are still getting the hang of it."

The Associated Students of the University of Washington broke from tradition last year in awarding the two \$1,000 scholarships funded by the school's alumni association, but no one noticed because they went to a man and a woman.

"I think it's great the UW has chosen to have a nongender-specific homecoming royalty," Sumida said. "In our day and age, a lot of the traditional definitions of roles are changing, and this follows in line with that."

Jenni Backes, the student group's programming director, said there have been some complaints.

"A lot of people want to see a homecoming king and a homecoming queen because that's tradition," she said. Yeah, it's kind of odd to have two females as our homecoming royalty, but they are the most deserving students for the award."

■ PITTSBURGH — Have a Coke and a crime.

An unknown number of restaurants unwittingly took part in a bogus Coca-Cola taste test, according to a federal grand jury indictment.

The indictment accuses a now-defunct distributor of shipping soft drinks to restaurants throughout southwest Pennsylvania with bogus labels promising Coca-Cola, Coke, Coca-Cola Classic, Cherry Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and Ramblin Root Beer.

Joseph Stefancic Jr., 50, pleaded not guilty Thursday to trademark infringement, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$2 million fine.

Armed Food and Drug Administration inspectors visited a warehouse for his company, Pittsburgh Flavor Co., in

August, Stefancic said.

"I don't understand it," he said. "Couldn't Coca-Cola have just approached me and said there might be a problem here? Instead, they went straight to the FDA."

The sales took place between January 2001 and Sept. 5, 2003, according to the indictment.

Neither the U.S. Attorney's office nor Coca-Cola would comment.

Pittsburgh Flavor closed this year because of poor sales, Stefancic said.

■ TRENTON, N.J. — It may be the Garden State, but what about the garden soil?

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee unanimously approved a bill Thursday to designate Downer Soil — a grayish-brown loamy sand found mostly in the southern half of New Jersey — as the official state soil.

The measure now goes to the full Assembly, and if it's eventually signed into law, Downer Soil will enjoy lofty status like the square dance, the honeybee and the brook trout.

Downer Soil, named after a Gloucester County town, is the most prevalent of the more than 150 types of soil found in New Jersey. It is found from Middlesex County on south, in the state's sandy Coastal Plain.

It's ideal for growing crops like Jersey tomatoes, lettuce and peppers, said Jim Sadley, director of the state Soil Conservation Committee.

Fifteen other states, including New York and Pennsylvania, have official soils, according to David Friedman, director of Ocean County's soil conservation agency.

■ WEST BEND, Wis. —

Four teens used funny money for fast food, taxis and other purchases before they were caught and charged with forgery for printing the fake funds on a home computer.

Police Sgt. Gus Unertl said Wednesday that three 14-year-old boys and a 15-year-old boy were caught after some merchants noticed the \$5 bills were fake.

"If you looked at it real quick, it appeared to be legitimate money," he said. "You might not notice anything wrong if you didn't hold it up to the light. But the question is, if you're doing a quick transaction at McDonald's, do you hold it up to the light?"

Unertl said authorities filed state charges of forgery instead

of seeking federal counterfeiting charges because of the suspects' ages and because of the small denomination of the bills.

Washington County juvenile authorities will recommend whether the boys will face a delinquency hearing. The four have been released to custody of their parents.

Police confiscated computer equipment believed to have been used by one boy to print the bills, Unertl said.

■ DAYTON, Ohio —

Among the tiny graves on Blocker Hill, the wind echoes with the tortured cries of computer programmers.

Beneath the eight grave markers, and perhaps in a rumored unmarked grave nearby, lie reams of paper printouts of code for software that has left this mortal operating system.

The cemetery is a quirky tradition among the programmers at LexisNexis, which provides online legal and business information. Rather than simply delete programs that are retired or replaced, they print them out for a proper send-off — not always with fond regards.

"The code wakes us up in the middle of the night," said Doug Perseghetti, who recalls the many times his fellow systems engineers and technical support workers are called in the middle of the night to fix system problems.

The name Blocker Hill was picked because the outdated equipment and code represented roadblocks to the company's future.

"Some things die gracefully and other things we've had to kill," Perseghetti said. He said workers had to "drive a stake"

through the heart of a poorly performing program named CCI, which received an ignominious burial beneath an emblem of a pig.

In 1992, up to 50 mourners followed pallbearers carrying a wooden coffin with a printout of the former Database Update Control System as a trumpeter played "Taps," project consultant Alice Kaltenmark said. Eulogies were said and chocolate cake served.

■ WARREN, Mich. — A man trying to stop a robbery at a gas station ended up smashing a plate glass window, wrecking his car and fingering the wrong man. The suspect escaped — minus a shoe — and remains at large.

Michael Lonsway's insurance company says it won't pay for the damage. Police say what

he did was too risky. Even so, Lonsway, 43, says he would do it again.

If people refused to get involved, "we'd have anarchy in our system," he said.

Lonsway had pulled into a Shell station Sunday when he saw a man run inside and dart behind the counter. Seconds later, an employee stepped back toward a window, hands held high.

Lonsway said he pulled his Pontiac Grand Prix within a few feet of the entrance, hoping to surprise the robber upon exit.

"First I just tried to pin him," Lonsway said. "He said, 'Come on, let me go!' I said, 'You ain't going anywhere.' That's when I floored it."

As the robber climbed across the hood of Lonsway's car, the

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Obituaries

Rosa Lee Woods

Rosa Lee Woods, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 3, 2004, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Born February 6, 1919, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Eli D. and Nanny May Fairchild. She was a homemaker and a member of the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grady Lincoln Woods.

Other survivors include three sons, Jessie James Woods, Timmy Lee Woods and Terry R. Woods, all of Prestonsburg; three daughters: Patsy Spears of Prestonsburg, Linda Sue LaFramboise of Livonia, Michigan, and Betty Lou Crider of Prestonsburg; a sister, Thelma Blanton of Marion, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Johnnie Fairchild, Willie Fairchild, Dennis Fairchild and Tommy Fairchild; a sister, Emma Webb; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 7, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Nathan Lafferty officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Wanda Rose Burkett

Wanda Rose Burkett, 45, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 3, 2004, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington.

Born March 27, 1959, on Cow Creek, she was the daughter of Sherman Hunt of Prestonsburg and the late Lillian Robinson Hunt. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Danny Burkett.

Other survivors include two daughters: Josie Mullins and Yvonne Honeycutt, both of Williamstown; three brothers: Lanny Hunt, Shigg Hunt, and Mike Hunt, all of Prestonsburg; four sisters: Pat Woods of Prestonsburg, Mary Conn of Paintsville, Imogene Jarrell of Allen, and Jenny Munyoun of Lancaster, Ohio; and four grandchildren: Amber, Sam, Tyanna and Jeremiah.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Rowe.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 6, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Denver Meade officiating.

Burial was in the Banner Cemetery, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Checks

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get the warrant.

Gullett called Kentucky State Police and Trooper Donnie Shearer arrived at her business and picked up the original check, informing her that he would be back in touch with her. In the meantime Suzanne decided to do a little investigative work on her own. Her clerk had recognized the woman who accompanied the customer who passed herself off as Caldwell. They found out where the woman lived and drove to her address and spotted her at the residence.

The two women went immediately to the nearby Velocity Market and called the state police. Shearer responded but had to leave the scene on a more urgent call. He did inform Gullett to stay away from the woman or she could be charged with harassment.

When an earlier story about the stolen checks was published in The Times, the owner of another consignment shop at Ivel contacted Gullett with a similar story and the two compared notes. Other businesses reporting receiving the bad checks included Double Kwik, Second Hand Favorites and Wal-Mart.

After several conversations with Kentucky State Police and the County Attorney's Office and no warrant being issued, Gullett next contacted Sheriff John K. Blackburn to see if he could help her. He was unaware of the incident, but after hearing Gullett's story, he recalled an incident prior to Sept. 18, when a break-in was reported at Winchester Apartments on Route 1428. Two trucks were vandalized, with one belonging Jack D. Caldwell, who had reported a package of checks stolen from the vehicle.

On Oct. 27, Gullett learned that Blackburn had arrested the woman on an unrelated drug trafficking charge. But when she called the Floyd County Detention Center, Gullett learned that the woman had not been served with a warrant for the bad check scam.

Police have told Gullett that the woman's partner, who actually signed the stolen checks, is from Tennessee and can't be interviewed.

Meanwhile, Gullett and the other store owners await the disposition of their case and wonder why the woman hasn't been charged for with complicity in passing the checks.

Governor forms statewide energy task force

by JOE BIESK ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Friday he was creating a statewide energy task force to study Kentucky's future energy needs, maintain its environment and keep energy costs low.

The "Commonwealth Energy Policy Task Force" would collect public input from around the state, and develop a comprehensive plan for the future of Kentucky's energy, Fletcher said. Its goal was to maintain the state's low energy costs, develop a plan for Kentucky's energy resources and preserve the state's environmental quality, Fletcher said.

"It is time to tackle the challenge of ensuring low-cost energy for the next generation of Kentuckians while we develop our natural resources in a responsible and environmentally sound way," Fletcher said.

Kentucky is one of the few states lacking an energy blueprint, he said. The plan is needed if Kentucky wants to, among other things, maintain low electricity rates for residents and businesses, he said.

"This neglect certainly is hard to believe, considering the amount of resources we have and

the fact that we have the lowest energy rates," Fletcher said.

The task force would begin meeting in November, he said. It would hold three public meetings throughout the state, in central, eastern and western Kentucky, Fletcher said.

Commerce Secretary Jim Host and Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet Secretary LaJuana Wilcher would be the panel's co-chairs. Eight people would make up the energy panel: that includes six cabinet secretaries and two lawmakers.

Other members of the energy panel are Executive Cabinet Secretary Allyson Handley, Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Gene Strong, Finance and Administration Cabinet Secretary Robbie Rudolph, Education Secretary Virginia Fox, Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, and Rep. Tanya Pullin, D-South Shore.

Stivers and Pullin are co-chairs of the General Assembly's Interim Subcommittee on Energy.

The panel will be meeting on Nov. 12 at Central Kentucky Technical College, Nov. 15 at Hazard Community and Technical College and on Nov. 17 at Hopkinsville Community College.

Mongiardo

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and Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

Asked how he sees his role in the state party, Mongiardo called himself a "member of the team."

Mongiardo also didn't dwell on any second-guessing after coming so close against Bunning, who rode a Republican surge in Kentucky and nationally — led by President Bush — in winning a second Senate term.

"I'm more disappointed in that I saw opportunities to make Kentucky better," Mongiardo said. "And I'm disappointed in not being able to be in a position to bring those opportunities forward."

The Democrat did say he should have spent more time stressing his views on social issues. Mongiardo opposes abortion and same-sex marriage and supports gun rights as a hunter himself.

"I don't think we got our message out about my conservative values as well in the west as we could have," Mongiardo said.

Mongiardo said Democrats have let themselves be defined by Republicans, especially on social issues important to conservatives.

"What Democrats have to do is make sure the people understand that we have Kentucky values," he said, adding that the term also applies to health care, jobs and supporting veterans and the elderly.

There was some irony in how the gay-marriage issue played out in the Senate race. As a state lawmaker, Mongiardo co-sponsored the measure that put a proposed constitutional ban on same-sex marriage on the ballot.

The measure, which won overwhelming approval, turned out large numbers of social conservatives Tuesday who voted Republican, Mongiardo said.

Also, Mongiardo came under attack during the cam-

paign from Bunning surrogates whose comments seemed to suggest Mongiardo is gay.

Senate President David Williams of Burkesville referred to Mongiardo as a "limp wrist" several times while campaigning with Bunning. Williams said he intended no sexual connotation.

At one Bunning rally, state Sen. Elizabeth Tori of Elizabethtown declared that Mongiardo "is not a gentleman," and then added, "I'm not even sure the word 'man' applies to him."

Mongiardo, a 44-year-old bachelor, told reporters he is not gay, and accused Republicans of character assassination.

After the election, Mongiardo said he could put aside the attacks and work with majority Republicans in the state Senate.

"We have to stop this partisan bickering if we're going to really solve the complex problems we face," he said.

Mongiardo put more than his time and energy into the race — he put up his own money. Mongiardo said he nearly depleted his personal savings and borrowed money in lending his campaign about \$600,000 at a time when his campaign fund-raising lagged. Outside contributions picked up considerably as his campaign gained momentum in the closing weeks, and as national Democrats infused more than \$1 million in hopes of beating Bunning.

Mongiardo said he didn't

regret putting up his own money. "I really believed in this campaign and what we could do for Kentucky," he said.

Asked how he plans to recoup his money, he replied, "I'll go back to work." Mongiardo said he is the only eye, nose and throat specialist in a multicounty area of Appalachia that has about 250,000 people.

After putting 120,000 miles on his sport-utility vehicle while crisscrossing Kentucky the past year, Mongiardo reflected on two brief encounters that he said reflected the hopes and anguish of Kentuckians.

He recalled a man in a Breckinridge County parking lot who chased him down, pulled out his wallet and handed Mongiardo \$25 for his campaign.

"He says, 'It's not much but I work for it,'" Mongiardo said. "That nearly brought a tear to my eye. To him, that was a lot of money and he worked for it, and that's the type of people I want to represent."

He also remembered the woman living in a Lexington nursing home who underwent four surgeries and was on multiple medications.

"She looked up at me and said, 'I guess I'm just going to have to die because I can't afford my medicines anymore,'" he said. "I heard that story over and over again across this state."

No bond

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neyed to Floyd County again Friday to retell his story but wasn't called up to testify.

Dotson was visiting a friend, Clifford Glover, that day in Auxier. Glover later testified that he identified the white truck that took off after Dotson was shot as being the truck driven by Lester, who Glover knew to be Dotson's brother-in-law.

The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office has uncovered a previous assault charge involving a gun against Lester in West Virginia. On Oct. 14, 1998, Lester pleaded guilty to two counts of unlawful wounding in that case, which was adjudicated in Mingo County. He received two consecutive 1-to-5-year terms for the plea. The case also involved a restitution deal that saw him paying for medical needs for his wife, Kathleen, who he is in the midst of divorcing, as well as payments to his son Shane.

Veterans

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began with special thank you to all veterans and their families for their efforts at keeping our country safe and free.

John P. Salyer, of Chapter 18, Auxier, delivered a prayer of thanksgiving for a safer country, and Hollie Rice sang the national anthem.

Daniel "Herbie" Nichols, of Stone Coal in Pike County, just returned from three years in the Army and he was happy to be able to sing with the group "Newheart." He, Frank Bryant, Frank Bryant Jr. and Teresa Bryant made up the group attending the dedication.

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Today in History

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Today is Sunday, Nov. 7, the 312th day of 2004. There are 54 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 7, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.

On this date:

■ In 1893, the state of Colorado granted its women the right to vote.

■ In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress.

■ In 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

■ In 1929, the Museum of Modern Art in New York City opened to the public.

■ In 1940, the middle section of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington state collapsed during a windstorm.

■ In 1962, former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt died in New York City.

■ In 1962, Richard M. Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

■ In 1973, Congress overrode President Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

■ In 1989, L. Douglas Wilder won the governor's race in Virginia, becoming the first elected black governor in U.S. history; David N. Dinkins was elected New York City's first black mayor.

■ In 1998, John Glenn

returned to Earth aboard the space shuttle Discovery, visibly weak but elated after a nine-day mission.

Ten years ago: On the eve of Election Day, President Clinton concluded an eight-day campaign odyssey with an impassioned plea for embattled Democrats, saying, "We'll go forward, we don't want to go back," even as he braced for expected Republican gains in the House and Senate.

Five years ago: Relatives of the victims of EgyptAir Flight 990 gathered in Newport, R.I., to bid them a wrenching farewell, a week after the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. Tiger Woods became the first golfer since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win four straight tournaments. Kenya's Joseph Chebet won the New York City Marathon; Adriana Fernandez won the women's division.

One year ago: Six U.S. soldiers were killed in the crash of their Black Hawk helicopter in Tikrit, Iraq. The defending champion U.S. baseball team failed to qualify for the 2004 Athens Olympics, losing to Mexico 2-1 in the quarterfinals of a qualifying tournament in Panama City, Panama.

Today's Birthdays: Evangelist Billy Graham is 86. Opera singer Dame Joan Sutherland is 78. Singer Mary Travers is 67. Actor Barry Newman is 66. Singer Johnny Rivers is 62. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 61. Singer Nick Gilder is 53. Actor Christopher Knight ("The Brady Bunch") is 47. Actor Christopher Daniel Barnes is 32. Actors Jason and Jeremy London are 32.

Thought for Today: "Vanity is as ill at ease under indifference, as tenderness is under the love which it cannot return." - George Eliot, English author (1819-1880).

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— Felix Frankfurter

Our view

Public defenders deserve more

The public defender's office is an important — but often overlooked — part of our judicial system.

It helps ensure that people charged with a crime, no matter their financial status, have access to an attorney who can help them understand what they are facing and guide them through what is often a complicated and intimidating process.

But the public defender's office is also an important part of a community as well. A little help from an attorney can often make the difference in whether a person stays on the path of drugs and crime or is able to get a second chance at turning his or her life around and become a productive member of society.

That's why it's so important that Kentucky ensures its public defender's offices have the resources necessary to do their jobs properly. Doing so has been a challenge in recent years.

The Office for Public Advocacy received an additional \$6 million for fiscal year 2001, but since then, the office has faced budget cuts.

In the meantime, caseloads are exploding in some areas. The Daviess County public defender's office, for example, saw its caseload grow by more than 4,200 in a one-year period, an increase of 28 percent. Funding and staffing for the office, however, remained unchanged.

Across Kentucky, public defenders are averaging about 500 cases each, and are able to spend, on average, less than four hours on each case assigned to them, according to State Public Advocate Ernie Lewis.

The easy and tempting response is to say "So what?" After all, agencies across the state are seeing their funding cut and having to make sacrifices based upon available resources. So why should we be concerned with funding an office that, for the most part, allocates its time and money on people who have broken the law?

It's a legitimate question but one that ignores a couple of important factors that make our country and communities what they are. For starters, everyone has a right to legal counsel, regardless of whether they are rich or poor. It goes along with the presumption that a person is innocent until proven guilty.

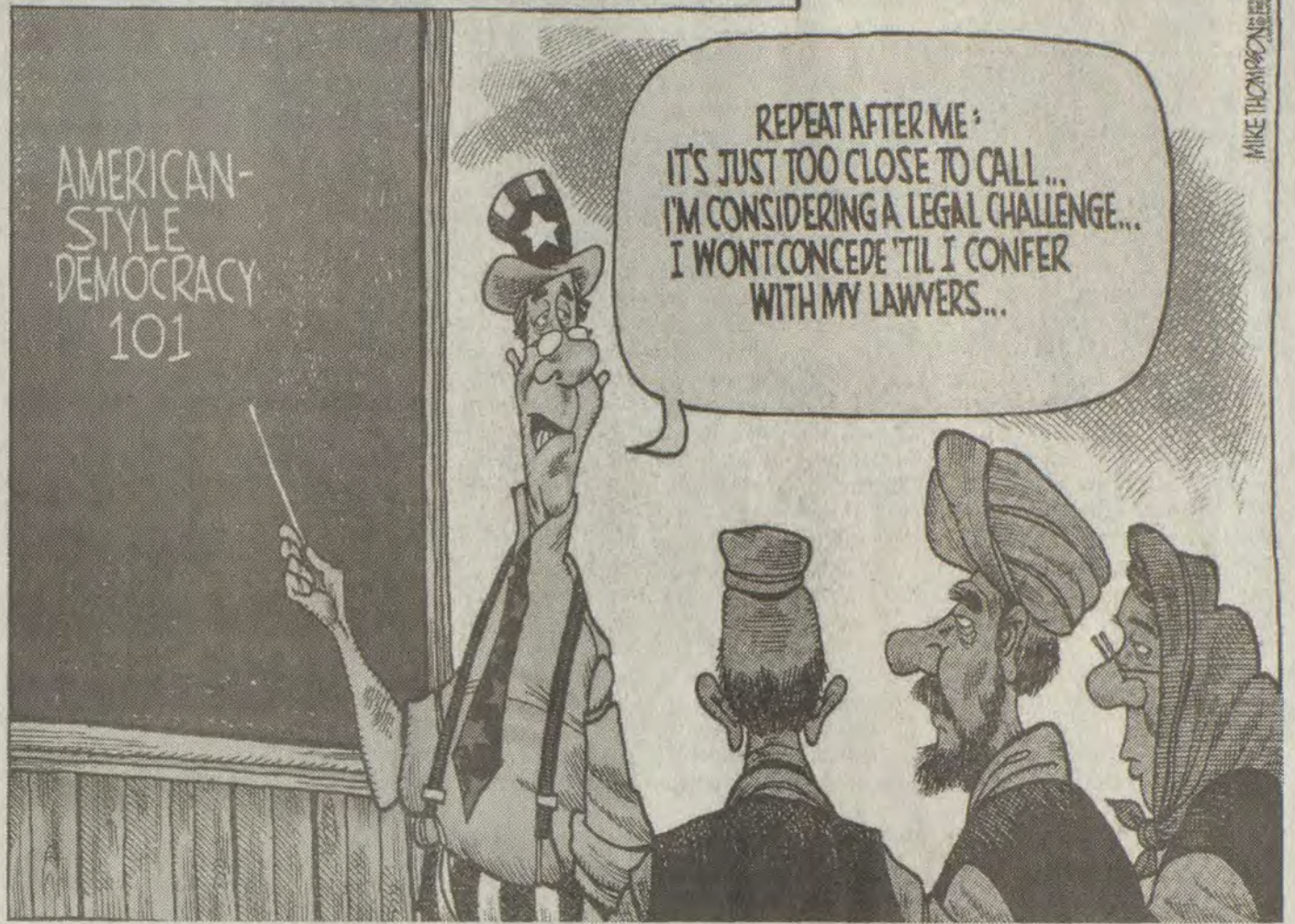
To take away the ability of public defenders to adequately represent their clients only adds to the growing perception that the way people are treated in the judicial system is directly proportionate to their socio-economic status.

An equally important factor is that the spike in caseloads is being driven by the cause of so many local problems — drugs. An attorney who has time to dedicate to a case and understand the client's motivations may be better able to get the client into Drug Court or rehab — rather than jail. That, in the long run, will not only benefit the person and the community as a whole but also will eventually save public dollars.

When it comes time to take another stab and crafting a budget next year, we hope legislators take into account the important role the public defender's offices play, and fund them appropriately.

— Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro

PREPARATIONS CONTINUE FOR IRAQ'S JANUARY ELECTIONS...



Rich Lowry Column

Senator, you're no Reagan

Listening to John Kerry in the debates, one could be forgiven for thinking that his running mate is Ronald Reagan. He invoked Reagan's name more often than that of John Edwards. And he has mostly done it in the context of foreign policy, suggesting that his approach to the world will be Reaganesque.

This is a grotesque example of political body-snatching, as dishonest in its way as, say, David Duke invoking Martin Luther King Jr. to bolster his civil-rights credentials. "I'm going to run a foreign policy that actually does what President Reagan did, President Eisenhower did, and others," Kerry said.

"We're going to build alliances. ... We're not going to go alone like this president did." Kerry is attempting to boost his own toughness by the associa-

tion with Reagan, but he is baldly distorting Reagan's foreign policy in the process.

It is absurd to argue that the thrust of Reagan's policy was somehow building alliances. Yes, Reagan inherited a stable system of Cold War alliances appropriate to the threat the United States was facing at the time (a luxury President Bush hasn't had since 9/11). But otherwise Reagan pursued confrontation with

America's enemy, the sort of confrontation Kerry considered inappropriate then and still opposes today in the context of the war on terror.

Reagan rejected detente, the Nixon-era policy

of attempting a negotiated accommodation with the Soviet Union. He thought the Soviet empire a monstrous evil that had to be defeated. He met the Soviets on the battlefield with proxy forces throughout the Third World, and embarked on an arms buildup meant to bankrupt the Soviets.

There was much here to make Kerry, the dovish accommodationist, blanch, and he duly blanched. Kerry opposed

every component of the Reagan policy, surely one of the reasons he considered the Reagan years a time of, as he put it, "moral darkness."

Reagan's grand strategy was never to negotiate with the Soviets until he could do so from a position of strength. Kerry thought this folly: "The Soviet Union is not going to bargain with the United States from a position in which we have grabbed the upper hand through the development of some new technology."

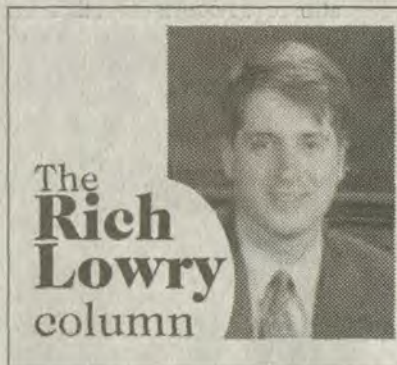
To complete his perfect record of wrongness, he criticized Reagan's missile-defense initiative that helped make the Soviets realize they could never keep up with the United States technologically.

Kerry, naturally, has flip-flopped on Reagan during his current campaign. In the Democratic primaries last year, he spoke of Reagan as a nasty force that he was right to oppose. It is only now — when it is convenient to try to erase his long record of dovishness — that Kerry invokes Reagan positively.

It is Bush, of course, who has the national-security policy organically connected to Reagan's, featuring the same strength of purpose and moral resolve.

Defeating a vicious enemy involves much, much more than "building alliances," something Kerry didn't understand then and apparently doesn't understand now.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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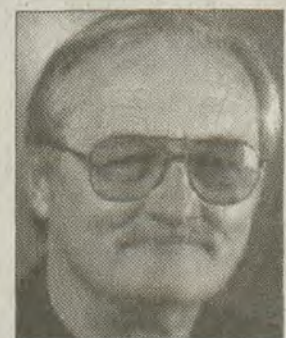
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beyond the beltway

In yesteryear, we had some great Americans

by DONALD KAUL

I sometimes think we give more importance to presidents than they deserve. Oh,



they're important all right; they have power to influence our lives for good or ill, to take money out of somebody's pocket and put it in someone

else's, but history tends to move in its own direction at its own pace and presidents are often only along for the ride. I thought, just for entertainment's sake, I'd make a list of Americans who did not hold the presidency but shaped their times as much or more than the men who did. I invite you to make your own list (or additions and subtractions from mine) and send it to me at Donald.Kaul2@Verizon.net. If they amuse me, I'll print them.

Here is my list:
■ Benjamin Franklin — A man of stunning versatility — an influential newspaper

editor, a world-renowned scientist, a prolific inventor, a canny politician, a superb diplomat, a towering civic leader in his adopted hometown of Philadelphia (he started the first circulating library there, among other things) — and a writer whose work can be read with pleasure even today. He also had a golden touch, rising from a poor background to become one of the richest men in the colonies. The last act of his long public career was a missive to Congress, urging the abolition of slavery. He was truly our Renaissance man. To have him present at our creation as a nation was a stroke of great luck for us.

■ Frederick Douglass — A fugitive slave who became the most important black American of the 19th century. He was, perhaps, the most eloquent and effective opponent of slavery, which he described as the product of "diseased imaginations." His very existence stood as a rebuke to those who argued the natural inferiority of black people.

■ Mark Twain — Before Twain, all American literature bore the marks of its English predecessors. With Twain, American writing became distinctively American; there's hardly an American writer since who is not in his debt.

■ J. Pierpont Morgan — Probably no American of any era ever had the influence over our economy that Morgan had at the turn of the 20th century. He appeared just at the moment when the nation was growing into a full-fledged world economic power. He seized that moment to become the most powerful man on Wall Street and, arguably, in the country. He rescued the nation's railroads from the chaos that followed their early development and financed the creation of giant companies like General Electric,

International Harvester and U.S. Steel. When he died, he left an estate of about \$30 million, prompting one of his colleagues to say, with awe: "Why, he wasn't even rich."

■ Susan B. Anthony — She was truly the George Washington of the women's movement. An accomplished organizer, she and her friend Elizabeth Cady Stanton, set in motion the forces that would forever transform the status of women in this country. Her great dream of the vote for women was not realized in her lifetime but by the time she died in 1906, it was inevitable, thanks in great measure to her work.

■ Henry Ford — It has been said that Ford, more than any other single person, created the 20th century and it's hard to argue with the premise. He didn't invent the auto and he didn't invent the assembly line but he brought the two together to produce cars at a volume never before imagined and at a price low enough for the average middle-class American to afford. In 1914, when the average industrial wage was \$11 a week, he raised the wage of his workers to \$5 for an eight-hour day, so that they too could buy his cars. The conservatives of the day said it would be the ruination of the economy. As usual, they were wrong.

Okay, that's enough for starters. There are plenty more out there. Choose among them and email your selections to me, along with the reasons for choosing them.

I await.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, awarding a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email him at donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

Faith Extra



Gov. Ernie Fletcher signed a proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Oct. 11.

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Shelter marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month

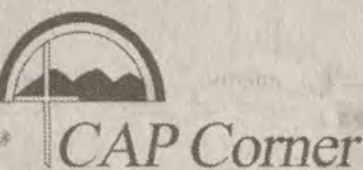
Acts of domestic violence occur every 11 seconds in the United States. About half of all couples experience at least one violent incident, a fourth of which cases are riddled by violence. Every seven minutes an intimate partner is killed during a domestic violence incident. Staggering statistics yet domestic violence still remains to be a problem in the United States and in Kentucky.

On Oct. 11, Governor Ernie Fletcher signed a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month at a public ceremony in the State Capitol Rotunda, a gesture that showed support of the cause against domestic violence in Kentucky. The theme for this year's observance was "Reaching for Peace in Kentucky Homes."

Big Sandy Family Abuse Center Director Judy Webb attended the event, which she described as "very moving." Webb, who was recently elected the vice-president of the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association (East Region), says much has been done this month in preparation for the awareness campaign. The center has set up awareness booths throughout the region at all major festivals, in addition to participating in several speaking engagements.

"At least 200 women came

by while we set up a booth at the Mountain Arts Center during the lecture, 'An Evening with Melissa Gilbert,' and said they would be delighted to wear the purple ribbon. Many of them were saying, 'Yes, I lost my daughter or my mother or my sister to domestic violence' and were proud to wear the purple



ribbon signifying that something is being done to alleviate this pain and cycle of abuse that plagues our state's families, particularly in Eastern Kentucky."

Webb is an active member on the legislative committee to secure funding through the cabinet and also developed the statewide slogan and poster for domestic violence awareness 2005.

The center, now in its 20th year of existence, provides safe, temporary shelter for victims (women and children) of domestic violence and abuse. Located in a rural Appalachian area, the center serves five low to moderate-income counties: Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin and Pike. The center also has one active outreach

office located in the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

The facility provides both residential and non-residential services to victims in shelter and those who have left the shelter. Staff holds support groups in all five county areas and a staff assistant provides follow-up services to ex-residents. Center staff also assists with legal issues by advocating on victims' behalf and/or making appropriate referrals to attorneys, courts or other outside agencies.

Various programs of the Christian Appalachian Project, such as Adult Education, Outreach, Elderly and Family Life Counseling, also assist the victims the center serves. The center, which provides community education and awareness directed to schools, church groups, civic groups and others in the service area, has the capacity to house twenty residents.

In fiscal year 2004, the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center has sheltered 112 women and 90 children, with crisis calls topping 822. If you or someone you love is experiencing pain — either emotional or physical — caused by abuse or if you would like someone to speak at your organization or if you would like to make a donation, please call Judy Webb at the center's toll free crisis line at 1-800-649-6605.

Minister's Moment

Choosing our future through elections

by FATHER BOB DAMRON
ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Election 2004 is over! For many of us, that news is good news. For myself, I am glad that the election is over. With the many negative TV ads, each candidate tearing down the character of his or her opponent, each candidate telling us that the other is lying, you finally come to the point that you do not know who to believe.

With each political ad, I would say, "Please tell me about your stand on the war in Iraq, on abortion, on the economy, on the marriage issue, on how to make our nation and our world a place of more hope and justice, and please don't tear down the character of your opponent." But as the ad continued, I would immediately discover that the negativity grew ever stronger and so I would begin my channel surfing.

Don't get me wrong, I believe in democracy and in the right to vote. In the many years of my life, I have lived in foreign countries where people are not given the right

to vote. The future of their country and the future of their lives was not in their hands. The direction that the future would take was not determined by them, but by others in power not chosen by them.

Through our voting, we choose not only the ones who will lead us into the future, but also we choose the direction that our nation will walk into the future for our children and grandchildren. We are choosing the society in which they live, work and play. With our voting last Tuesday, we have chosen the future of our nation. With our choosing of those who will lead us, we have chosen the values and principles that will guide our decisions as a nation not only with domestic issues, but also with world issues. By walking into that voting booth last Tuesday, we were not only determining those who will lead us into the future, but also deciding those values and principles that will define us as a nation.

As I write this article the day before the election, I whisper a quiet prayer to our God that His wisdom will

guide us in the choice of candidates who will lead us, that His strength will fortify us to stand firm on the values and principles we hold to be sacred, and that His presence among us will give us the hope of building His Kingdom of peace, justice and the sanctity of human life in our midst.

The election of 2004 is over. We have chosen those who will lead us into the future. We have chosen the values that will define us as a nation. We have chosen our future.

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vehicle plowed through a window, shattering the glass and knocking over merchandise.

The impact knocked a shoe off the robber's foot, and a fake pistol from his hand.

The robber fled, and Lonsway gave chase. Lonsway says he thought he saw the robber drive off in a Cadillac and called police on his cell phone. It was someone else.

Authorities have a description of the real robber.

■ **GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.** — A high school student's costume garnered a top prize — and a five-day suspension — at the school's Halloween masquerade party.

The Ku Klux Klansman getup took the prize for the scariest costume at the City High School dance attended by the principal, assistant principal and other staff members.

Superintendent Bert Bleke said he agreed with the school's decision to suspend the student but wanted to know why adults at the party failed to stop the senior, who was wearing a white-hooded outfit, from entering, much less winning a prize.

"There are a number of questions I have and don't yet have answers to," Bleke said.

Contacted by the newspaper, the student declined to discuss his Halloween outfit. He said school leaders advised him to keep mum, and that he didn't want to cause any more trouble for himself.

■ **GAUHATI, India** — Monkeys lurking at an ancient Hindu temple in India's north-east have attacked up to 300 children over three weeks, temple officials said.

"They hide in trees and swoop on unsuspecting children loitering about in the temple premises or walking by, clawing them and even sucking a bit of blood," Bani Kumar Sharma, a priest at the Kamakhya temple in Assam state, said Tuesday.

At least 2,000 rhesus monkeys roam in and around the temple, but none had shown aggressive behavior in the past, he said.

"I was returning home from school when a monkey suddenly pounced on me, scratched my head and hand and pushed me to the ground," said Jolly Sharma, a 6-year-old girl.

Monkeys are often found in tens of thousands of temples across India. They are seen as a symbol of Hanuman, the mythical monkey god, and devotees

visiting temples often feed them. While occasional attacks by monkeys are not uncommon at temples, the sudden surge in attacks at the Gauhati temple has experts perplexed.

Some say the monkeys may be turning violent because of shrinking living spaces, or because animals once kept as pets might not have been able to adjust to new lives around the temple.

Three monkeys were randomly tranquilized by wildlife officials over the weekend and have been taken to the Gauhati Zoo where they will be examined, said Narayan Mahanta, a wildlife official in Gauhati.

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Regional Obituaries

Arrietta Marshall Baldrige, 85, of East Point, died Wednesday, November 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 5, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Phyllis Anne Centers, 68, of Martin, died Tuesday, November 2, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Hospice Unit, Covington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Randolph Crisp, 75, of Martin, died Wednesday, October 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gerla Hamilton Elliott, 90, of Prestonsburg, formerly of McDowell, died Wednesday, November 3, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Roy Glenis Hale, 63, of Martin, died Friday, October 29, in the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Campbell Hale. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Edgar Howell, 88, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Craynor, died Wednesday, October 27, at Marion General Hospital, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Jessie Robbins Howell. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Samuel Green Keathley, 60, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, November 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, due to an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Walter Bert Stumbo, 78, of Willard, Ohio, a native of Martin, died Friday, October 29, at the home of his daughter, in Willard. Funeral services were

held Monday, November 1, under the direction of Secor Funeral Home, Willard.

Wayne (Mule) Wallen, 42, of East Point, died Saturday, October 30, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Zelda Nelson Wallen. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

James Ochel "Hoosie" Burchett, 73, of Stambaugh, died Saturday, October 30, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 2, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Debra Sue Castle Caudill, 54, of Sitka, died Wednesday, October 20, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Willis Caudill. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

James Irvin Conley, 90, of Ashland, a native of Flat Gap, died Friday, October 29,

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, November 6, at the Conley Family Cemetery.

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 28, at 11 a.m., at the Southside Free Will Baptist Church in Paintsville, for Constance Cox Hromyak, 48, native of Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, Dr. George F. Hromyak Jr., of Frankfort.

Sylvia Stinson Malone, 97, formerly of Johnson County, died October 15, in Dalton, Georgia. She was laid to rest in Wheelersburg, Ohio.

Jeri Ann Daniel Wise Newberry, 58, formerly of Paintsville, died August 22, at the Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Arrangements were under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Edward "Doc" Nichols, 82, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, October 30. He is survived by his wife, Rasha Witten. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 3, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Lowell Douglas Phillips, 90, of Lexington, a native of Flat Gap, died Saturday, October 30, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 2, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Wayne (Mule) Wallen, 42, of East Point, died Saturday, October 30, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Zelda Nelson Wallen. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Mack Roy Fitzpatrick, 63, of Tomhawk, died Wednesday, October 27, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Pearl Fitzpatrick. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 31, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Nadine Horn, 60, of Martin County, died Sunday, October 31, at West Jefferson, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 4, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Gary Jarrell, 58, of Tomahawk, died Tuesday, November 2, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Norma Lee Preston Jarrell. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 6, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Margie McKinney, 53, of Inez, died Monday, November 1, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 4, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Mary Opal Casey Hatcher, 98, of Louisa, died Saturday, October 30. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 8, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Annie Caudill Gipson, 77, of Salyersville, died Monday, October 25, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 28 under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Berchel Howard, 64, of

Findlay, Ohio, a native of Salyersville, died Wednesday, October 27, at the Carey Nursing and Rehab Center. He is survived by his wife, Annette Sleinhauer Howard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 30.

Bill Risner, 81, of Salyersville, died October 10, at Mt. View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Graveside services were conducted October 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Lloyd Salyers, 91, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, October 26, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Reva Howard Salyer. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 28, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Richard Eugene Warner, 62, of Salyersville, died October 10, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Joann Tower Warner. Funeral services were conducted October 15, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.



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Suit

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years after the Stamford, Conn.-based company began shipping OxyContin to West Virginia pharmacies. The lawsuit sought to recoup money state agencies have paid because of addiction to the painkiller.

State health care agencies spent about \$30.5 million on OxyContin between 1996 and 2003.

The lawsuit claimed that Purdue Pharma did not tell doctors, pharmacists and patients about the morphinelike drug's addictive qualities because it wanted to sell more pills, according to court filings and hearing transcripts.

As a result, "excessive and unnecessary" prescriptions for OxyContin were made to beneficiaries of state programs, the lawsuit alleged.

OxyContin, which was approved by the Federal Drug Administration in 1995, is prescribed as a strong painkiller for terminal cancer patients and others with chronic pain. If taken properly, the active ingredient in the drug is released slowly into the system.

Abusers circumvent the time-release by crushing the pills and snorting or injecting the powder to get the same kind of euphoric high that heroin brings.

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Lynn Camp eliminates South Floyd
for second straight seasonby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – South Floyd's run in the football post-season ended Friday night. But its opponent is still alive.

The Raiders, playing at home and boasting an impressive 8-2 regular-season record to go along with a runner-up finish coming out of District 8, couldn't manage to match

scores against visiting Lynn Camp. For a second year, Lynn Camp beat South Floyd in the first round of the State Playoffs, taking Friday night's meeting 35-30.

A stout Lynn Camp running game broke free on several runs and really established itself early.

Lynn Camp, coached by David Mitchell, came into the game sporting a 6-4 record. The Wildcats struggled at

times during the regular-season, but in the last two weeks had bounced back to score back-to-back district wins over Evarts and Pineville. The defending Class A, Region 4 Champion came ready to play Friday night.

The Lynn Camp football team entered Friday night's game

(See SEASON, page two)

photo by Steve
LeMaster

Senior Joe Osborne sprung free on some runs Friday night in South Floyd's season-ending loss to Lynn Camp. Osborne and teammate Wes Hall each finished the season with over 1,000 yards rushing.

photo by Jamie
Howell

The Prestonsburg defense pitched a shutout Friday night in a 36-0 win over Leslie County. The Blackcats will next travel to Breathitt County.

Blackcats advance with
shutout of Leslie Countyby JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – With an offense that has averaged almost 65 points per game over the past three weeks, it was easy to see why the Prestonsburg High Blackcat defense had been somewhat overlooked of late. Friday evening in the opening round of the State Playoffs it was the defense that turned heads as the Blackcats held an explosive Leslie County team out of the end zone and pitched another shutout, winning 36-0.

Prestonsburg got on the board at the 1:37 mark of the first quarter with a 27-yard touchdown pass from Trevor Compton to John Mark Stephens. Seth Moore continued to kick the football well as the extra point made the score Prestonsburg 7, Leslie County 0. After holding the Eagles on fourth-and-two, Prestonsburg took over and added to its lead on a 10-yard

touchdown run from Joe Blackburn to make it a 14-0 lead with 7:34 remaining in the first half.

Leslie County was forced to punt with under one minute remaining in the first half and Prestonsburg capitalized late as Compton found Jesse Chaffin in the endzone with only :02 remaining in the first half.

Prestonsburg took a 21-0 lead into halftime and never look back.

Leslie County took the second half kickoff and marched backwards, ending in a safety. Prestonsburg took a 23-0 lead with 8:41 left in the third quarter.

After a Leslie County turnover, Compton found paydirt on a 10-yard run with 6:14 left in the third quarter to give the Blackcats a 30-0 lead. Joe Blackburn put the icing on the cake with a 24-yard scoring run late in the third quarter to set the final score of 36-0.

Leslie County was held to only two first downs in the first half of

play, and the Prestonsburg defense did not allow Leslie County inside the 30-yard line.

With the win over Leslie County, John DeRossett became the all-time winningest coach in Prestonsburg High School football history with 73 wins in nine years.

Prestonsburg will now travel to Breathitt County to tangle with the Bobcats in round two of the State Playoffs this Friday evening. Prestonsburg will bring a 9-2 record into Breathitt County and the host Bobcats will enter at 11-0 on the season.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Beechwood 60, Paris 12
Chris. Aca.-Louisville 16, Frankfort 14
Crittendon Co. 40, Fulton City 12
Danville 30, Campbellsville 12
Harlan 50, Paintsville 26
Lexington Chris. 49, Ludlow 21
Pikeville 37, Somerset 7
Williamsburg 60, Hazard 22
Lynn Camp 35, South Floyd 32
Belfry 56, Cawood 12
Breathitt Co. 63, Shelby Valley 6
Corbin 35, LaRue County 14
DeSales 45, Wayne County 14
Elizabethtown 55, Russell Co. 7
Fleming Co. 35, Lloyd Memorial 28

Fort Campbell 51, Hart County 6
Glasgow 43, Lone Oak 7
Middlesboro 50, Pike Co. Central 16
Morgan Co. 21, Mercer Co. 14
Newport 40, East Carter 13
Prestonsburg 36, Leslie County 0
Russell 56, Henry County 21
Ashland Blazer 55, Perry Co. Cent. 6
Bell Co. 67, Greenup Co. 7
Boyd County 42, Clay County 22
Lexington Cath. 56, S. Oldham 0
Rockcastle Co. 42, Leslie Co. 20
Henry Clay 48, G. Rogers Clark 35
Scott County 22, North Laurel 15
Tates Creek 56, South Laurel 34

Border States
Shootout schedule
finalizedby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY – Belfry High School girls' basketball coach Mark Gannon has finalized the schedule for this year's Border States Shootout. This year's Border States Shootout will be held on Saturday, Nov. 27. The event normally pits Kentucky high school girls' basketball teams against West Virginia high school girls' basketball teams. All but one game will do that this year. The event will serve as a final tune-up for all teams involved.

Kentucky girls' basketball teams set to take part in the tournament include Belfry, Phelps, East Ridge, Johnson Central, Shelby Valley and Pikeville.

Host Belfry finished runner-up to Pike County Central last year in the 15th Region Tournament.

The latest Shootout will also include a boys' basketball game as Belfry will take on Jaeger (W.Va.).

The schedule for this year's Border States Shootout follows.

(See SHOOTOUT, page two)

Kentucky ranked ninth
in preseason ESPN/USA
Today Coaches' Poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The Kentucky basketball team is ranked No. 9 in the Preseason ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll, released on Thursday evening.

The Wildcats are tops among four Southeastern Conference schools ranked in the first poll of the year. Mississippi State makes the top 15 at No. 14, while Alabama ranks 18th and Florida is No. 22.

Two Kentucky non-conference opponents rank in the top three as Kansas gets the preseason No. 1 ranking for the second time in the history of the poll. North Carolina, UK's first road opponent of the year, follows Wake Forest at No. 3.

Kentucky finished last season ranked eighth in the coaches' poll, but was No. 2 in the final Associated Press poll.

Women'

UK women win

A balanced scoring attack paced the University of Kentucky women's basketball team to a 76-62 victory in Memorial Coliseum over the Ohio Legends Thursday in exhibition play.

Freshman center Sarah Elliott led the Cats with 12 points on 4-for-8 shooting and a 4-of-5 clip from the charity stripe. Elliott highlighted the sixth-ranked freshman class, which combined for 30 points and 14 rebounds. Fellow freshman Samantha Mahoney had nine points, while Sade

(See POLL, page two)

Betsy Layne girls capture
A-Team county titleby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GRETHEL – Betsy Layne is back at the top in Floyd County A-team grade school girls' basketball. The Ladycats went out Thursday night and captured the Floyd County title, beating rival and tournament host John M. Stumbo 51-41. Betsy Layne led 12-6 at the end of the first quarter and maintained a lead at the end of every period after that. The Ladycats outscored host Stumbo 12-8 in the final quarter.

Two Betsy Layne players combined for 35 points as Megan Hamilton scored 18 and Andie Meade tossed in 17. Sam Stewardson

added eight.

Betsy Layne led 12-6 at the end of the first period and 24-16 at halftime. John M. Stumbo closed the gap slightly in the third quarter, but Betsy Layne still led 39-33 when the fourth quarter arrived.

Betsy Layne hit a total of 23 field goals.

Kendra Case scored four points for Betsy Layne. Jessica Jarrell and Taylor Watkins chipped in two points apiece.

Amby Tackett led Stumbo, scoring 15 points. Lindsey Martin scored 12 and Keturah Tackett added seven.

(See GIRLS, page two)

photo by Jamie
Howell

Betsy Layne beat John M. Stumbo Thursday night to capture the Floyd County A-Team Grade School Girls' Championship.

McDowell defeats MCA, 44-7

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — The McDowell boys' basketball team followed the lead of the McDowell girls' basketball team and won Thursday night in a season-opening game against Mountain Christian Academy. McDowell rolled to the win, cruising to a 44-7 victory over the host Falcons.

Brandon Marson led McDowell in scoring with a game-high 13 points. Zach Howell added 10 points. Ten different players scored in the winning effort.

McKay Tackett and Logan Burke scored four points apiece. Cartney Conn flipped in three. Jeremy Crisp, Blake Dean, Cameron Hamilton, Austin Cook and Corey Thornsberry all scored two

each. McDowell led 14-0 at the end of the first quarter and 26-4 at halftime.

Joseph Kidd led Mountain Christian Academy in scoring with four points.

MCA played from behind the entire game.

MCDOWELL (44)

Marson	13
Howell	10
Crisp	2
Tackett	4
Burke	4
Conn	3
Dean	2
Hamilton	2
Cook	2
Thornsberry	2

MCA (7)

Kidd	4
Allen	2
Gullett	1



McDowell's Blake Dean drove to the basket.



Mountain Christian Academy Coach Rick Hughes talked to a player during Thursday night's game against McDowell.

Season

South Floyd won the toss and elected to receive the football. The Raiders failed to get a score in the first possession when the first drive went three plays and out.

After blocking a South Floyd punt, Lynn Camp took over possession of the football at their own 20-yard line and quickly went to work. ON the second play of the drive, Josh Reynolds scored on a 16-yard touchdown run. Jimmy Chaffin, who later added some rushing scores of his own, added the PAT to put the visiting Wildcats ahead 7-0 with 9:42 remaining in the opening quarter.

Lynn Camp used a quick-strike offense most of the first half.

Senior Wes Hall scored for South Floyd with 7:20 left in the first quarter and junior quarterback Ryan Johnson hooked up with receiver Justin Slone on

a pass on the two-point conversion after the score to give South Floyd an 8-7 lead.

However, South Floyd's first lead of the game would ultimately be its last.

Reynolds found the endzone again for Lynn Camp when he got in on a 16-yard touchdown run with 6:53 remaining in the first period. Chaffin again added the PAT kick to push Lynn Camp out to a 14-8 lead. After regaining the lead, Lynn Camp never trailed again.

Lynn Camp took the 14-8 lead out of the first quarter and added a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter to move ahead 28-8 at halftime.

Chaffin scored on a 68-yard touchdown run with 7:42 to play in the second quarter and added another score with 1:38 remaining in the second frame. With his team leading 26-6, quarterback Nick Scalf pushed

Lynn Camp's lead out to a 28-8 advantage at the break.

South Floyd had a crack at the endzone just before the halftime, but fell short when Johnson was shaken up on the final play of the first half.

South Floyd added three touchdowns in the second half and made the final score more than respectable.

The Raiders didn't go down without a fight.

Johnson hooked up Slone on a 45-yard touchdown pass with 58.7 seconds left in the third quarter to cut the Lynn Camp lead down to a 35-16 advantage.

South Floyd's final two scores came in the final six minutes of the fourth quarter.

With the win, Lynn Camp moves on into the second round of the playoffs and a game on the road this Friday night at Williamsburg.

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Shootout

Border States Shootout

Saturday, Nov. 27
Site: Belfry High School
11 a.m. — Belfry vs. Harts (W.Va.)
12:15 p.m. — Phelps vs. South Floyd
1:30 p.m. — East Ridge vs. Logan (W.Va.)
2:45 p.m. — Johnson Central vs. Tug Valley (W.Va.)
4 p.m. — Shelby Valley vs. Scott (W.Va.)
5:15 p.m. — Pikeville vs. Huntington (W.Va.)
6:30 p.m. — Belfry (BOYS) vs. Jaeger (BOYS)

The Magoffin County High School girls' basketball team needs a home game due to a cancellation. The program is willing to schedule home and away if wanted. Possible dates include

Dec. 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21;
Jan. 3, 4, 5, 24, 25, 26
Feb. 1, 2, 3, 4, 21, 22.

Poll

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Buley brought down four rebounds. Senior Sara Potts added 10 points and connected on 2-of-4 three-pointers, to complement a team-high six rebounds. All of the UK players that dressed saw action in the game. Junior Stephanie Stumbo did not dress due to an ankle injury.

Kentucky shot 52.7 percent from the field for the game, including a 44.4 percent mark from beyond the arc. The Wildcats compensated for a dismal 25.6 percent free-throw shooting effort in the first half (3-of-12), by shooting 78.6 percent from the charity stripe in the second half (11-of-14). The Ohio Legends completed the game, shooting 35.9 percent from the field.

Girls

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Stumbo went to the free-throw line 13 times in the final period, but connected on just four tries. For the game, the Lady Mustangs hit 13-of-23 charity shots.

Betsy Layne beat South Floyd to advance to the championship game.

BETSY LAYNE (51)

Meade 17,
Case 4,
Hamilton 18,
Stewardson 8,
Jarrell 2,
Watkins 2.

JOHN M. STUMBO (41)

K. Tackett 7,
McKinney 1,
J. Hamilton 2,
A. Tackett 15,
Martin 12,
Reynolds 4.

SFMS blasts MCA

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — South Floyd Middle School got the boys' basketball season off to a winning start Thursday night, beating host Mountain Christian Academy 52-11, South Floyd grabbed an early lead and never trailed, holding MCA scoreless in the first quarter. The Falcons could never score more than six points in a single quarter. MCA was held to three points in the second quarter and two points in the final period.

South Floyd led 17-0 at the end of the first quarter and 26-3 at halftime. The Raiders controlled the game in the third quarter, leading 44-5.

Ten different players broke into the scoring column for South Floyd. Center Deven Adams and forward Chad Patrick shared game-high

scoring honors with eight points apiece. Brandon Tackett added seven points. Adam Slone and Matt Tackett each scored six and Tyler Mitchell netted five. Mitchell hit South Floyd's only three-pointer.

All South Floyd players who dressed out for the game saw playing time of the hardwood.

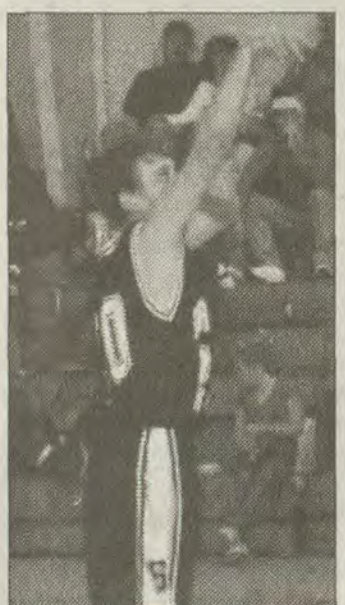
Two different players scored for host MCA.

SOUTH FLOYD (52)

Adams 8,
Slone 6,
B. Tackett 7,
Patrick 8,
Mullins 4,
Howell 2,
Mitchell 5,
Moore 4,
M. Tackett 6,
Skeens 2.

MCA (11)

T. Hall 9,
Poynter 2.



South Floyd forward Brandon Tackett pulled up for a jump shot.



Deven Adams got set to launch a free throw.

Louisville 81, Kentucky Wesleyan 51

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Freshman Juan Palacios had 14 points, seven rebounds and four assists to lead Louisville to an 81-51 exhibition win over Division II Kentucky Wesleyan on Wednesday.

Francisco Garcia added 12 points and Larry O'Bannon had 11 points and eight rebounds for the Cardinals.

Louisville scored the first eight points and led 20-7 eight minutes into the game. The

Panthers missed 19 of their first 24 shots as Louisville's lead bulged to 30-11.

Louisville opened the second half with a 9-0 run to lead 48-21 with 17:42 left. The Cardinals led 52-31 before going on another 9-0 spurt for a 61-31 lead with 11:05 remaining.

Frank Phifer led the Panthers with 17 points, five rebounds and four blocked shots.

The 6-foot-8 Palacios, whom Louisville coach Rick Pitino has compared to Jamal

Mashburn, had 10 points, four rebounds and two assists in the first half. He also had a two-handed dunk that drew the loudest cheer of the first 20 minutes.

Senior forward Ellis Myles, seeing his first action since a knee injury late in the 2002 season, had five points, eight rebounds and five assists.

The Cardinals open the regular season on Nov. 20 against BYU-Hawaii. They begin play in the Maui Invitational two days later.

Tempus Fugit wins Churchill feature

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Tempus Fugit led early and drew off down the lane for a 6 1/4-length victory over Honorable Cat in Thursday's featured \$60,400 allowance for fillies and mares, 3 years old and up, at Churchill Downs.

Tempus Fugit, ridden by Eddie Martin Jr., covered the mile on the "fast" track in 1:36.68 and paid \$6.80, \$3.60 and \$3. Honorable Cat rallied from fifth and returned \$3.60 and \$2.80. Pretty Jane finished three-quarters of a length back in third and paid \$3.80. The

race was originally slated for the turf, but was moved to the main track due to soft turf.

Owned by the Briland Farm of Rob and Stacy Mitchell, Tempus Fugit earned \$37,775 to increase her lifetime total to \$166,371. The victory was her fourth in 19 lifetime starts.



Allen Central's Brandi Brown won the tournament's individual free-throw award.

Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds landowner registration now underway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — Kentucky farmers may now sign-up for the Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (CP-33) program that will pay farmers to establish buffers around croplands to provide nesting and rearing habitat for northern bobwhite quail.

The program will provide \$125 million in payments through 2007. The goal of the program is to transform 250,000 acres of low yield cropland into suitable quail habitat across the United States.

"The Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds program will have a positive impact on quail populations wherever it is implemented," said John Morgan, upland game biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). "Leaving borders of wildlife friendly vegetation around row crops will provide places for quail to nest, feed, roost, escape and travel, all

without impacting a farm's overall production."

The field crop borders in Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds program will be designed so the least productive parts of a farmer's field are removed from cropping. These areas are usually shaded or possess poor soil quality, so their yield is low.

"By placing these areas in borders, the farmer won't have to spend the time planting or harvesting those areas of low production," Morgan explained. "Quail benefit from the cover and nearby sources of food." Signing incentives in the program can reach \$100 per acre. Annual rental payments will be distributed for the length of the contract and

annual payments may include an additional amount as an incentive to maintain these buffer areas properly. For more information, contact your local KDFWR private lands

biologist or your local Farm Service Agency office.



John M. Stumbo finished runner-up to Betsy Layne photo by Jamie Howell



The Allen Central Middle School cheerleaders took first-place honors in the Floyd County girls' basketball tournament.

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NFL GAMES ON TAP

Sunday's Games

Washington at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Miami, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Chicago at N.Y. Giants, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
New England at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Green Bay, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Tennessee

Monday's Game

Minnesota at Indianapolis, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 14
Chicago at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Carolina at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Miami, Denver, Oakland, San Diego
Monday, Nov. 15
Philadelphia at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Dallas' Parcels, Cincinnati's Lewis suffering sophomore slumps

by JAIME ARON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis finished second in voting for the NFL's coach of the year last season and Dallas' Bill Parcells was only a half-vote behind. Both were recognized for taking over beaten-down franchises and immediately breathing life into them.

So halfway through this season, their second on the job, things should really be clicking. Right? Wrong.

The Cowboys and Bengals hit the season's midpoint against each other Sunday in Cincinnati playing for demoralizing stakes. The winner gets to keep alive long shot playoff hopes, while the loser may have to start viewing the rest of the season as groundwork for 2005.

"We both had some success last year, but we're not getting the same results this year," Cincinnati receiver Chad Johnson said. "We know we're good. We know we can do it. It's just a matter of a little fine-tuning. There's no magic solution. It's just a matter of you have to keep working hard."

Dallas is 3-4, third in the NFC East with two games remaining against unbeaten Philadelphia.

Parcells told players two weeks ago to aim for being .500 with half the season left. The Cowboys took the first step last Sunday by beating Detroit 31-21, ending a three-game losing streak while scoring their most points of the season.

Dallas' slow start is a big change from last season, when an early five-game winning streak helped break a cycle of three straight 5-11 finishes. The

No. 14 Louisville 56, Memphis 49

by COLIN FLY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Louisville and Memphis combined for 105 points, 1,202 yards of total offense and 15 plays of more than 20 yards.

But it was the shortest of runs — a 1-yard touchdown by Eric Shelton with 37 seconds left — that proved to be the difference Thursday night as the 14th-ranked Cardinals escaped with a 56-49 victory.

"It was a good thing we had a lot of weapons," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. "It was exhausting. It was a full day's work."

The Cardinals (6-1, 4-0 Conference USA) came in with the nation's top-ranked offense. They gained 599 yards, 92 more than their average but four less than the Tigers (5-3, 2-3), who nearly beat a ranked opponent for the first time since 1996.

Shelton ran for 136 yards and four touchdowns on 14 carries, including a 78-yard TD in the

second quarter. But his three short touchdown runs in the second half were the key.

"Every time we got on the field, we had the ability to score," Shelton said.

Louisville quarterback Stefan LeFors, the nation's most efficient passer, wasn't as sharp as his 76 percent season completion rate, but he still hit on 24 of 34 attempts for 321 yards and three first-half touchdowns without a turnover.

It was a wild game that featured 10 lead changes, capped when Shelton scored from the 1 to put the Cardinals ahead 54-49. LeFors ran in a 2-point conversion, then Louisville's Abe Brown intercepted a pass to seal it with 21 seconds left.

"It was a big night for us on the national stage. We earned the right to be here," Memphis coach Tommy West said. "When we had them on third down, we could not stop them. Tonight I think we just got whipped on defense."

Louisville, which was 9-for-13 on third-down conversions, took a 48-40 lead after consecutive touchdown runs by Shelton, the second with 11:54 remaining.

Memphis answered when Danny Wimprine, who threw for four touchdowns and 361 yards, ran in from the 1 to make it 48-46. The Tigers failed on a 2-point conversion attempt that would have tied the game.

But the Memphis defense got a key turnover when Shelton fumbled a handoff with 7:36 left, and Wimprine went back to work on the Tigers 39.

He led his team to the Louisville 9, but after a penalty, two incomplete passes and a 2-yard run by DeAngelo Williams, Memphis settled for Stephen Gostkowski's 29-yard field goal and a 49-48 lead with 6:20 left.

That was plenty of time for LeFors, who gave the Cardinals their seventh play of more than 20 yards when he found J.R. Russell for a 28-yard comple-

tion to the Memphis 27. Russell finished with 146 yards and two TDs on seven catches.

"The offensive line did a great job of giving me time, J.R. made a great catch," LeFors said.

The Cardinals then ran the ball four straight times as the clock ran down under a minute, and Memphis couldn't stop Shelton from scoring the winning touchdown.

The second half was downright slow after a frantic first half that featured a combined 68 points and 703 yards of total offense.

The teams scored on five consecutive drives, and there were only two punts — on the Cardinals' first and last possessions of the half.

Louisville came in with the nation's 11th-ranked defense, but the Cardinals gave up 17 first-quarter points after allowing just one touchdown in their first six games.

LeFors bailed the defense out after the Tigers took a 24-14 lead on a 31-yard TD run by

Williams, who finished with 200 yards on 26 carries.

LeFors found Russell diving across the goal line for a 32-yard TD pass, and the defense got into the act when safety Kerry Rhodes stripped Williams on third-and-20 and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown to make it 28-24.

"He got a big bounce and it bounced right into his hands and he took it the distance," Williams said. "He told me after he took it the distance, 'Hey, thanks for the touchdown.'"

Memphis, looking to become bowl eligible for the second straight year, wouldn't go away easily. Wimprine found Tavares Gideon for touchdowns on consecutive possessions — the first to cut the deficit to 35-33 before halftime and the second to give Memphis a 40-35 lead in the second half.

That's when Shelton took over, scoring on Louisville's next two possessions sandwiched around Memphis' only punt.

Spurrier withdraws from Florida coaching search

by MARK LONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — If Steve Spurrier decides to coach again, it won't be at his alma mater.

Spurrier withdrew his name from consideration Thursday to replace Ron Zook, saying his time at Florida has passed.

The announcement relieves any reservations boosters and school officials had regarding Spurrier's potential return. It also opens up a coaching search that was widely considered Spurrier's to lose.

"He said he's done his thing here and he just thinks it's better for us to go find a coach who will be here for the next 10 or 15 years," athletic director Jeremy Foley said.

The Gators won six Southeastern Conference championships and the 1996 national title under Spurrier. He posted 122 victories over 12 seasons, tormented opponents with his offensive flair and witty one-liners, and left town with the best winning percentage in league history.

Zook, hired in 2002 after Spurrier left to coach the

Washington Redskins, was fired last week after the latest in a series of embarrassing losses — a 38-31 defeat by lowly Mississippi State.

Spurrier quit the Redskins after two losing seasons, and indicated last week he would consider a return to Gainesville.

Foley and Spurrier exchanged several phone messages, trying to set up an interview with school president Bernie Machen after the season.

"They were obviously making an effort to meet with me," Spurrier said in a statement.

But Spurrier's latest message ended all speculation about his return.

"When I departed three years ago, there were several reasons why I believed it was time to move on," Spurrier said. "Other than simply wanting to coach in the NFL someday, I also believed that 12 years at Florida was probably long enough. Many people in football believe that around 10-12 years in the same job is about the maximum time a coach should stay."

There had been concerns among some of the school's

top boosters that Spurrier's return would be a step back and eventually would leave the program in another tough situation — trying to replace a legend.

They felt Spurrier would never be able to regain the glory of the 1990s, and they openly questioned his desire to recruit and his motivation for returning.

Some also were still upset over the way Spurrier left Florida: calling Foley from his beach house and dropping the news in the middle of the recruiting season.

Nonetheless, they knew there was a chance Spurrier's return would restore credibility and championships to the program.

Now, that task will fall to someone else.

Oklahoma's Bob Stoops, Utah's Urban Meyer and Cal's

Jeff Tedford are considered other possible candidates.

Stoops, who spent three seasons as Spurrier's defensive coordinator at Florida, has repeatedly denied any interest in the Gators job. But Stoops might reconsider with his old boss out of the mix.

Machen hired Meyer at Utah in December 2002, and Meyer's diverse offense would be welcomed in Gainesville after Zook failed with his NFL-style approach. But Meyer has no ties to Florida, which would make recruiting tough.

Tedford has spent his entire career on the West Coast, but he could be the perfect blend between Spurrier and Zook. His quarterback-tailored system has turned Cal into one of the top offenses in the nation, and his

recruiting efforts match anyone else's in the country.

Florida wants to have a coach in place by mid-December — after a full-blown search-and-interview process — and the only thing that seems certain is it won't be Spurrier.

Some close to the 59-year-old coach say he doesn't want his career to end on a losing note, and predict he will give the NFL another shot. It could come soon.

With Thursday's announcement there was almost immediate talk that Spurrier would end up in Miami with the Dolphins — even though Dave Wannstedt has not been fired.

"I have not been offered any coaching job by any team, and I'm not searching for one," Spurrier said.

Capers, Texans getting it right

by JOEL ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — A lot happened to Dom Capers in the six years between his ambitious start with the expansion Carolina Panthers and the renewal of his head-coaching career with the expansion Houston Texans.

Capers led the Panthers within one win of the Super Bowl in 1996, was fired two years later, rebuilt his reputation as a defensive coordinator with Jacksonville and got another — perhaps his final — chance to be a head coach in Houston.

Capers is getting it right this time — with a lot of help.

The Texans (4-3) have won four of their last five, climbing above .500 for the first time in franchise history this late in a season. After dominating Jacksonville on Sunday, Houston moved into a second-place tie in the AFC South to confirm its status as a playoff contender.

Starved for pro football after Bud Adams took the Oilers to Tennessee in 1996, Houston has fallen hard for Capers, owner Bob McNair and the team despite its early struggles.

McNair has quickly become one of the NFL's power brokers, creating a buzz in the city and throughout the league that is fitting for the founder of one of the world's largest privately owned energy companies.

He easily finessed the city into building the stadium — magnificent 71,054-seat Reliant Stadium — that Adams always wanted; convinced the NFL to bring the Super Bowl to Houston last January, and did such a good job hosting the game that the league intends to return; and, most importantly to fans, put the right people in charge of the football team.

Though the on-field product has been slow to come around, McNair remained steadfast in his demand for a roster full of guys who rarely show up on a police blotter and are charitable to the media, fans and community.

So far, McNair has made all the moves Carolina and plenty

other expansion team owners should have made from the very start.

No one knows that better than Capers.

Dating back to the Dallas Cowboys in 1960, no modern expansion team in the NFL won more games in its first two seasons than the Panthers built by Capers, then-GM Bill Polian and owner Jerry Richardson.

Carolina achieved success so quickly by loading up on established veterans, a plan that set up the Panthers for a quick downfall. The Panthers went 12-4 in 1996, won a playoff game and seemed poised for another strong season with second-year quarterback — and the franchise's first-ever draft pick — Kerry Collins leading the way.

But Carolina got old too quickly, Collins struggled with an alcohol problem and the Panthers didn't have nearly enough young talent to remain a contender. Carolina's draft choices during that stretch read like a who's who of first-round busts: Tim Biakabutuka in '96, Rae Carruth in '97 and Jason Peter in '98.

"What ended up happening is that we had a lot of veteran players on our team that really gave us good production the first two years," Capers said. "We weren't able to replace some of those veteran players, so it kind of worked against us. When the expectation level went up, we weren't quite as good and we started to descend."

Did they ever. The Panthers dropped to 4-12 in Capers' fourth season, his last in Charlotte. He spent the next two years as a defensive coordinator in Jacksonville, and wondered if he'd got another chance to lead a team.

The opportunity came in 2001 with the expansion Texans, a team that wouldn't even start playing for another year and a half.

Armed with a laundry list of failures in Carolina, Capers sought a more patient route in Houston. He found a perfect match with McNair and Charley Casserly.

"You have to build toward a window of opportunity," Capers said. "You're going to go through growing pains. It's a process and everyone has to be on board. We wanted to build a foundation, a basis. It was a good fit."

Together, they devised a plan that is a model for expansion teams, even those in other sports such as the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats.

Casserly and Capers placed a bigger emphasis on the draft than free agency and refused to select anyone older than 30 years old in the expansion draft.

They missed big on Jacksonville left tackle Tony Boselli, who never played a down for Houston and ultimately retired because of a nagging shoulder injury. But that draft also turned up current starters linebacker Jamie Sharper, defensive end Gary Walker, cornerback Aaron Glenn and safety Marcus Coleman.

They also gambled on Fresno State's David Carr with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2002 draft.

After surviving a brutal rookie season in which he was sacked a league-record 76 times, Carr has emerged as one of the league's top quarterbacks. Along with an improving offensive line, a top receiver in Andre Johnson and a talented back in Domanick Davis (a fourth-rounder in the 2003 draft), Houston has a young nucleus that could torment defenses for years.

"We've got some good young players that anyone in the league would like to have," said Capers, smiling. "We've got more ascending players here than we had in Carolina."

That's why Capers never panicked when the Texans lost their first two games, sending the local talk-radio shows and fans into a tizzy. Aided greatly by McNair and Casserly, Capers has a clear plan for the future. He realizes that to understand the plan, you have to look to the past.

For now, at least, Carolina has never seemed so fine.

Premier conferences will dominate, leaving smaller ones scrambling for NCAA spots

by JIM O'CONNELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The premier conferences will live up to their reputations this college basketball season, not only dominating the Top 25 but gobbling up most of the at-large berths to the NCAA tournament. That means there will be some great conference matchups during the regular season, but the mid-major conferences may feel pinched when it comes to NCAA tournament selections.

The Atlantic Coast Conference is top heavy with Wake Forest, North Carolina, Georgia Tech and Duke. The Big East has Syracuse and defending champion Connecticut. The Big 12 has Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma State.

Michigan State and Illinois are the headliners in the Big Ten. The Pac-10 has Arizona and Stanford, and Conference USA has Louisville and Memphis. The Southeastern Conference has a top threesome of Mississippi State, Kentucky and Florida.

"There are 30 or 40 teams that could be in the Top 20,"

Syracuse's Jim Boeheim said. "That's not just a coach complaining, that's a fact of life."

This season also features more changes in conference lineups. The Atlantic Coast Conference goes to 11 teams with the additions of Miami and Virginia Tech from the Big East. And next season is when the real shuffling starts with the Big East, the Atlantic 10 and Conference USA undergoing major changes.

There won't be any significant rules changes this season, although a wider lane and a more distant 3-point line will be experimented with in some early season games.

As always in college basketball, the coaches draw most of the attention as the season approaches.

Cincinnati's Bob Huggins was suspended by the school after a DUI arrest in June, but he's back with the Bearcats looking for a final Conference USA title, his ninth in 10 seasons, and a 14th straight NCAA tournament spot.

Larry Eustachy gets his second chance at Southern

Mississippi. A recovering alcoholic, he was hired less than a year after he resigned at Iowa State when photographs were published showing him at a college party holding a can of beer and with one arm wrapped around a coed.

"Sometimes until you totally bottom out, you don't really see what's going on in your life," Eustachy said. "I hit rock bottom with nobody to blame but myself."

At least one coach gets to take a farewell tour this season.

This will be Gene Keady's 25th and final season at Purdue. His successor already has been chosen — Matt Painter, who played under Keady and was head man at Southern Illinois, will be next to him as an assistant every game.

"It's been great, I've really enjoyed it," Keady said. "I like the way things are going. Now if we win at the level I want to, things will be perfect."

The same arrangement will be going on at Oklahoma State but Eddie Sutton, 68, hasn't said when he will turn the program over to his son, Sean.

"I want him to coach as long

as he wants to coach," Sean Sutton said. "He deserves that."

Three familiar faces won't be in front of a college bench this season. Rick Majerus of Utah and Don DeVoe of Navy retired, while Mike Montgomery left Stanford for the NBA's Golden State Warriors.

Among the 38 new Division I coaches this offseason, one has a very familiar name — John Thompson III went from Princeton to Georgetown, the school his father brought to national prominence in the 1980s.

Two first-team All-Americans return from last season — forwards Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State and Ryan Gomes of Providence. Two others could have, but Emeka Okafor of Connecticut and Josh Childress of Stanford left early for the NBA. And four high school players were lottery draft picks.

This year should see an end to the Atlantic 10's two-year run on national players of the year. David West of Xavier and Jameer Nelson of Saint Joseph's were runaway winners the last two seasons, but the league

doesn't have anyone on that level this season.

Saint Joseph's could be in for the biggest fall, even if the Hawks have a good season. In 2003-04 they didn't lose until the conference tournament and rose to No. 1 in the country, pretty heady ground for a small Catholic school in Philadelphia.

"Last year was magical, but it's over. We've got to forget it," forward John Bryant said. "It's not going to help us win any games. We can remember what we did and move forward."

A small Catholic school from Spokane, Wash., should keep its place with the big boys. Gonzaga, which was ranked as high as No. 3 last season, has two starters back and a brand new building to replace the 4,000-seat Kennel.

Missouri also will have a new building, as a \$75 million arena replaces the Hearnes Center. This week, the program was put on three years' probation for NCAA recruiting violations. There was no ban on post-season play, but the infractions committee took away three scholarships over two years and

limited all basketball coaches to recruiting on campus until November 2005, a ban the NCAA had not used since 1990.

The nation's leading scorer last season is back. Keydren Clark, a 5-foot-9 junior, averaged 26.7 points for Saint Peter's.

Connecticut opens defense of its second national championship in five years without Okafor and Ben Gordon, underclassmen who were the second and third picks in the NBA draft. But coach Jim Calhoun still has plenty of returning talent, especially in the front court.

"With some teams you get a good feeling and I had it here as a freshman," Huskies forward Charlie Villanueva said. "I'm getting that feeling again."

The title will be decided April 4 in St. Louis. The last time the Final Four was held there was in 1978, when champion Kentucky, Duke, Arkansas and Notre Dame were there.

Schools from power conferences played on that final weekend in 1978 — and that sounds like what should happen again this season.

Colonels defeat alumni In Fall Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The Eastern Kentucky University baseball program concluded homecoming weekend activities with its annual alumni game played yesterday at Turkey Hughes Field. The 2005 Colonels got revenge for last year's loss by defeating the alumni in the annual fall classic 18-4.

The Colonels scored in the first five innings and never looked back. The Alumni team scored in the fourth on a two out RBI single by Rocky Pangallo (1981-84). After Ashley House (1996-98) led off with a walk and moved to second on a ground out after a strikeout, Jason Estep (1996-99) walked setting the stage for Pangallo. With a 1-0 count Pangallo drilled a fastball up the middle that scored House.

The Alumni bats stayed silent until the top of the ninth when they put three on the board. After House again set the table with a lead off single, Aaron Williams (1999-02) walked then Brad Sizemore (1997-00) laced a 1-0 pitch to left center for a

double that scored House and Williams. Brian Adams (1997-98) concluded the scoring with an RBI ground out that scored Sizemore.

JD Bussell (1996-99) and Sizemore led the Alumni offense, as Bussell went 1-for-2 on the day, while Sizemore went 1-for-1 with a double, a walk, two RBI and a run scored.

Earlier in the day the home-run hitting contest was won by Gabe Thomas (1999-00) who came out victorious in a playoff with Adam Basil (1997-00) and former EKU All-American and current Houston Astro Neil Sellers (2001-04).

The weekend was a success as over 70 former players came back to campus to reminisce with former teammates. The weekend started with a golf outing held at Battlefield Golf Course, which was won by the group of Pangallo (1981-84), Jim Wroblewski (1980-83) and Jeff Lehkamp (1978-82). On Saturday the former Colonels enjoyed a day at the EKU Homecoming football game and a barbeque afterwards held on campus.

Johnny Sauter to pilot No. 1 Yellow Dodge

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Phoenix Racing owner James Finch and primary sponsor Yellow Transportation Thursday announced Johnny Sauter as driver of the No. 1 Yellow Transportation Dodge in the 2005 NASCAR Busch Series.

Sauter began the 2004 season splitting his time between the Nextel Cup Series for Richard Childress Racing and the Busch Series for Brewco Motorsports, before Childress replaced him as the driver of his No. 30 America Online Chevrolet in June.

Sauter returns solely to the Busch Series in 2005 as Yellow Transportation promotes its commitment to excellence under the banner of "The Drive in '05." Finch believes Sauter is an important part of the equation.

"Johnny is a real racer," Finch said. "I know he is going to get in the car and drive his heart out every week and that's what it takes to run up front."

Sauter's winning ways include two Busch Series wins and an American Speed Association championship season, including 10 wins and Rookie of the Year honors.

Phoenix crew chief Jon Wolfe believes that this success is a sign of what's to come from

Sauter in 2005.

"I'm excited that Johnny will be behind the wheel next year," Wolfe said. "I think we can do great things with a guy like him who's hungry for wins. He's proven himself in ASA and in NASCAR and I really think that his hard-charging approach will complement this team and that's what makes a good team great!"

"Over the past eight years, we have used our involvement in racing to build relationships with our customers and grow our business," said James Welch, president and chief executive officer of Yellow Transportation. "We believe that Johnny will be helpful to us in meeting these goals and look forward to a successful 2005 season with him at the wheel."

Sauter is excited about the opportunity to race full time for Finch in 2005 and believes that the team is a serious contender for the championship.

"All I can do is promise to work hard and give it everything I got," Sauter said. "I want to win races and I want to win the championship. I know we can do it as a team."

"James has given me the opportunity to work with (his team) in 2005 and I am really looking forward to next season. I'll definitely give it 100 percent."

Johnson on offensive since Kansas race

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When he wrecked at Kansas Speedway, everyone thought Jimmie Johnson's title hopes were over — including Johnson.

A classy, personable driver, Johnson expressed his frustration and disappointment with an unusual silence, leaving the track that day without comment.

He took 24 hours to regroup, then set his sights on rebounding.

One month later, Johnson is back in the chase for his first Nextel Cup title because of a stunning streak of three consecutive victories. Johnson has rocketed eight spots in the standings and now trails points leader Kurt Busch by just 59 points.

With three races to go and the championship well within his grasp, Johnson and his No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports team are not headed into overdrive in a hot pursuit of Busch.

Instead, they're staying in the same low-key mode they went into after Kansas.

"The best thing this team can do is to act and feel like we did three weeks ago, (like) we

don't have a shot at it and we just need to go out there and win races," Johnson said. "That's worked for us. When we play offense, we do a lot better job than when we play defense."

"That's the way we're going to finish out the year. We're going to try not to say the c-word too many times."

Who would blame Johnson for refusing to look too far ahead?

He was the most dominant driver for the first seven months of the season, and had NASCAR not changed its points system this year, Johnson likely would have run away with the title. Armed with a cushy 232-point lead following his Aug. 1 win at Pocono, Johnson and his team would have been able to sit back in cruise control and conservatively try to protect the lead.

That's the formula drivers have used in the past, and that's how Matt Kenseth won his title last year. But it made for a non-eventful championship race, and NASCAR changed the rules to add a little excitement.

Under the new system, the slate is wiped clean after 26

races and the eligible drivers are separated by five-point increments. So Johnson and his team played around with setups and strategy, and ended up losing the big lead before the 10-race playoffs began.

He started the playoffs in second place, trailing teammate Jeff Gordon by five points.

Then disaster struck. A 37th-place finish at Talladega and a 32nd at Kansas dropped Johnson to ninth in the standings, 247 points behind Busch.

Of course he was angry — maybe even devastated — but Johnson refused to show it publicly and stoically went home without comment.

He could have spent the next few weeks blasting the system, but that's not his character. Johnson instead set out to beat it.

The three consecutive wins certainly have made a difference, but Johnson needed a little help from the drivers in front of him in the standings. He got it last week in Atlanta when Busch blew an engine, Gordon had mechanical problems and Dale Earnhardt Jr. wrecked.

It's all come full circle, and

even Johnson acknowledges control now is back in his hands.

"Technically it is, but mentally, we're not going to look at that," he said. "We're just going to keep doing what we're doing. We can do that for three races — just look forward, look down the road and don't look in the mirror."

Aside from the strong push Busch and Earnhardt will make, Johnson also will have to battle Gordon, his friend, mentor and teammate.

Either one of them winning would be an honor to Hendrick Motorsports, which is recovering from the plane crash that killed 10 people en route to Martinsville Speedway two weeks ago.

Gordon, seeking his fifth title, is adamant he wants to be the one to give Rick Hendrick the championship.

"As a teammate, it's great to see Jimmie and the No. 48 team doing so well right now," Gordon said. "As a competitor, we need to stop his momentum and gain some of our own. The best way to do that is to win this weekend."

Surging Jets not looking past important test against Bills

by JOHN WAWROW
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — In the midst of a blowout victory and in the spotlight of a Monday night setting, Chad Pennington suddenly found himself looking ahead to the next game.

No matter what his team's record or the time of year, the Jets quarterback believes it's never too early to start worrying about traveling to Buffalo.

"I was thinking about that on Monday night after the game was well in hand in the fourth quarter," Pennington said, referring to the Jets' 41-14 victory over Miami. "I was thinking, 'How are we going to handle this week, what are we going to do to make sure we don't go up there and lay an egg?'"

It wouldn't be the first time. New York (6-1) might be riding high, matching the best start in team history, and tied with New England and Pittsburgh for the AFC lead. But the Jets were in a similar position in 2000, coming off a heady comeback 40-37 overtime victory over Miami on a Monday night that improved their record to 6-1. They followed with a 23-20 loss at Buffalo, a defeat that sparked a 3-6 spiral and led to New York missing the playoffs.

Running back Curtis Martin doesn't forget what happened,

and vows this year's different. "The last time we were 6-1, and we were an inch from falling apart," Martin said. "It's not like that this year."

The Jets will have to prove it Sunday, facing a Bills team (2-5) that's won two of its last three, and showing signs of finding its identity on offense now that running back Willis McGahee has supplanted Travis Henry.

The Bills have troubling memories of their own to erase, starting with their last game against the Jets. They're still smarting from last month's 16-14 loss at the Meadowlands in which Buffalo squandered a lead in the final minute, allowing Pennington to orchestrate a 60-yard drive, capped by Doug Brien's field goal.

"We feel like we owe them one," quarterback Drew Bledsoe said.

"Oh it's bad," linebacker Takeo Spikes said, referring to how much the memory of the last game bugs him. "It's censored. I can't even say it on TV, man."

The Bills are on a bit of a roll coming off last weekend's 38-14 win over Arizona. It was the most points they've scored since Week 2 of last season. And it was highlighted by McGahee's two touchdown runs, the first of the 2003 first-round pick's career, and the first for Buffalo in 10

games, dating to last season.

Buffalo's defense is also finding its groove, and could be at its healthiest this season now that veteran cornerback Troy Vincent has a chance of returning after missing four games with a knee injury.

Buffalo has begun overcoming early-season letdowns in which it twice gave up the winning points on an opponent's final drive, including the opening 13-10 loss against Jacksonville.

"Our letdowns are what made us not a dominant defense," defensive end Aaron Schobel said. "We have to prove to them that we can stop them, and stop them when it counts."

It won't be easy. The Jets' offense is led by Martin, who ranks third in the NFL with 798 yards rushing, and fourth with 917 yards from scrimmage. He has five 100-yard games already, and leads the Jets with eight touchdowns, including one receiving.

Pennington is also proving efficient with 1,502 yards passing, eight touchdowns and only two interceptions that adds up to a strong 99.1 quarterback rating.

New York's defense has been stout, bolstered by a healthy John Abraham, who missed eight of the last nine games last year because of a groin injury. The AFC defen-

sive player for October, Abraham leads the league with 8 1/2 sacks, including three against the Bills.

After allowing six touchdowns in their first two games, the Jets have given up only seven — and only one rushing — in their last five outings.

Playing the role of front-runners is different for a Jets team that had gotten off to slow starts the previous three seasons.

Pennington isn't complaining. "Right now we're a team that has experienced some success and now we look forward to what we can accomplish," Pennington said. "It feels good when you can control your own destiny."

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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.

Jimmy Goble has arrived at the conclusion that all those technicians and experts overlooked an important light source in New York during Tuesday night's blackout. You know — the Battery.



Norman Allen

ON DEMONSTRATIONS

Some burn their draft cards, others burn themselves — all in protest, against their country's part in the struggle for Viet Nam.

We cannot, and will not attempt to, plumb the depths of soul-anguish that brings men to self-immolation. But for those who demonstrate against their country by burning draft cards, showing their contempt for an official order of their government to present themselves for duty by reducing the order to ashes, it would seem no greater leniency should be shown them than would be given any American serviceman who in Viet Nam refused to obey his commanding officer's order.

These demonstrations are aiding the enemy, if they aid anybody; certainly they lend no comfort to the fellows who are doing the dirty business of fighting.

Joe Burke was giving the three of us a dissertation on the New Mathematics, the other afternoon. There was some sort of talk about "base 8" and base something else, and how 1 added to base 8 makes 11, and so on, till I was muttering, "There oughta be a law..."

Then somebody mentioned the big power failure up East, and Burke did a tongue-in-check explanation of that little matter.

As he got deeper into the subject, I yelled for a return to base 8.

Wes Howard inquired, "Who's on first?"

And Bob Hughes added: "Burke's Law."

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Nancy Tackett, of Prestonsburg, remembered us with the following:

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Floyd County Homemakers manned informative exhibit booths at a recent event held at the Mountain Arts Center that featured actress Melissa Gilbert as guest speaker.

Floyd County Homemakers Association membership drive now going on

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Homemaker's organization has a long history of reaching out to Kentucky communities in an effort to improve the lives of its citizens. As early as 1912, contacts with Kentucky farm women were made through the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. University lecturers traveled to remote farm communities taking along demonstration materials, and later, movable schools from which they taught in intervals of three and four days duration. Classes were structured around such topics as safety in food preservation, clothing conservation, health and sanitation.

Today, the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association has grown to encompass a membership over 23,000 strong. It is the largest, predominately female organization in the state, according to Theresa Scott, Floyd County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.

"The homemakers organization is well known and well respected throughout the state," she said. "We are an organization with much influence, using our strength in numbers to impart change in areas that in which we see need. Policy change and action are a big part of what we do. For instance, homemaker members were instrumental in starting the school lunch program that is existence in our schools today."

Scott says that the homemakers program is one of the best venues available to women today through which to learn valuable leadership skills. Members

may begin initially by working with those in their closest communities then, as they grow individually, and as a club, they may move on to county, regional, and eventually, state leadership positions. "There is simply a wealth of opportunity available to members through the homemaker program," Scott said.

Currently, the Floyd County Homemakers Association is conduct-

ing a fall membership drive. They are seeking to enlist women ages 21 and up. "And, men, too," Scott said, "the homemakers is also open to men. As a matter of fact, we currently have some male members who have done exceptionally well within the program."

Homemakers clubs are currently active in the Allen, Cliff, David,

(See **HOMEMAKERS**, page two)



Joyce Allen Short is a long-time member of the Homemakers Association who says she has grown immensely through her association with the group. Short has been recognized often and has received several awards for her leadership work within the program.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'In the Mouth of Madness'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Philosophers and sociologists have been struggling with the question of how to define reality for centuries. How important is the individual's perception of events? Is recorded history merely the impression of the writers?

Well, good luck to the egg heads who try to answer those time honored questions. In the meantime, this movie answers them well enough for me and it manages to be entertaining, too.

The story begins when an insurance investigator, named John Trent, gets a job. He is hired by a major publishing company, headed by an uncredited Charlton Heston, to find their most popular author Sutter Cane (hmmmm ... Stephen King?). Cane has disappeared before handing in the final chapters to his magnum opus, called "In the Mouth of Madness."

Trent's assignment almost stops before it can get started when a maniac with an axe attacks him as he is given the assignment in a popular restaurant. The scene is beautifully staged with the audience allowed to see the killer approaching through the restaurant window while Trent is obliviously locked in an inane discussion with his boss. Trent is saved by two trigger-happy cops who mow down the maniac with gun fire before announcing their presence. Trent still takes the job despite learning that the axe carrier used to be Cane's agent.

Trent cleverly creates a way to find Cane by piecing together the covers of his paperbacks into a map. The final destination is a town from Cane's books called Hqbb's End. Though it exists on no road atlas, Trent is able to find his way there using his makeshift cover art map.

The area turns out to be full of places, creatures and people that had previously appeared in Cane's writings. This begs the question: Is Cane writing nonfiction, or worse, is he composing reality as he writes his stories? You will have to see the film to learn the answer, but it's worth the trip.

This film works on all levels and that has to begin with the writer, natch, who is Michael De Lucca. He

(See **LAGOON**, page six)

Moma's Scappa e Fuggi

by ANTOINETA BALDWIN

I was born in Redondo Beach, Calif., to Italian immigrant parents. My dad was from Naples, and my mom from Bari, Italy. We had many paisanos (fellow countrymen) who, after coming through Ellis Island in New York, headed for the West Coast for the weather and the type of work they were used to in the Old Country — farming, cheese-making, wine-making and brick-laying. They lived all over the Los Angeles area, but gathered each year to celebrate their Italian patron saint's day in Redondo Beach's Veteran's Park.

The celebration was always a time of great fun and festivity. The men would walk out at low tide, pant legs rolled up, laughing and yelling as they gathered the abundant sea urchins, whelks, crabs, rock scallops, abalone and sometimes a fish, off the rocks and in the tidepools. Back at the park, the women cooked on their stoves

while telling stories, laughing and singing. And everyone was on duty to watch the children who were running, crying, eating and sleeping. There was no such thing as a baby sitter.

The aroma from each pot was wonderful and blended together harmoniously into one glorious appetite-inspiring scent. Fresh vegetables, homemade pasta and the catch of the day were always available in large helpings. Sea urchins were opened, their eggs scooped out to be eaten with crusty bread and washed-down with homemade red wine. Shellfish were usually boiled, then dipped in olive oil and minced garlic.

My mom always made her Scappa e Fuggi (fast and hurry) sauce — a staple in most Italian kitchens — from home-canned tomatoes and home-grown basil and garlic.

Back then, Redondo Beach was a wonderful melting pot of different cultures. In the park, people of many nationalities were doing just as we were, using the same foods, but preparing them differently.

Though language barriers made verbal communication a problem, our facial expressions and hand motions seemed to do the job, and there was always good-natured camaraderie.

Moma's Scappa e

Fuggi Sauce for Pasta

Makes 3 to 4 servings.

This sauce has a lot of flavor and just lightly coats the pasta.

3 tablespoons good olive oil
8 large cloves garlic, smashed
1 (15-ounce) can crushed plum tomatoes and their liquid

1 teaspoon, or more, freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup fresh minced basil leaves
Salt to taste

Optional ingredients you may wish to add to the sauce: fresh fish, calamari, broccoli, cauli-

flower or a can of drained clams (but only one addition at a time)

About 3/4 pound (12 ounces) pasta of your choice



1. Heat olive oil in a large skillet, add garlic and cook until golden, but not brown. Stir in tomatoes and their liquid with black pepper. Add basil leaves and salt to taste. Cook at a fast simmer over high heat, stirring the sauce often for about 10 to 15 minutes.

2. Put on a large pot of water in which to cook pasta. (When your pasta is done, so is the sauce.)

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Jim Davidson

The day I met Loretta Lynn

There is a country song by the title, or at least has a line in it, with the words, "It takes two mules to pull this wagon." A few days ago I was talking with Viola about how well things were going at our house in spite of the Parkinson's that she lives with day after day. We have learned to compensate and do things to help each other, which is a beautiful thing in itself. In the process I have made a discovery that may be helpful for many people who will read this column.



When I thought about the way we were working together and helping each other, that is when I thought about the title of the song, "It takes two mules to

pull this wagon." I've asked around and have also done a little research, but have not been able to learn who recorded it. I think it was Loretta Lynn but I'm not sure. If you know, please drop me a line and clear up this mystery.

While I'm on the subject, I need to make a correction for something I put in a column several months ago. In the column titled, "Soldier, May I Borrow That Deck of Cards?" a reader had sent me this version, stating it came from a soldier in Afghanistan. In just a few days I began to hear from readers all over the country to let me know that this song came out of World

War II and was originally sung by Tex Ritter. Cowboy Copas recorded a later version and apparently there were also others. Anyway, please accept my apologies. I thought I had it right.

While this is not the purpose of this column, I would like to give you a little sidebar and tell you about the day I met Loretta Lynn, the coal miner's daughter, who could rightly be called the Queen of Country Music. Back in the mid 1970s I served as the chairman of the Speakers Bureau for the Pulaski County United Fund, as it was called back then. One of my jobs was to be master of ceremonies for the campaign reporting sessions. This is when 200-300 people would meet for lunch and give a report on how well their area of campaign responsibility was progressing.

During one of these luncheons we were to have Loretta Lynn as our special guest and former Secretary of State, the late Kelly Bryant, was to be there and present her an Arkansas Traveler Certificate. Well, the meeting started and we had lunch, but no Loretta. Of course I was presiding and most of these folks had to get back to work, so we started the meeting. Still no Loretta. For the next 20-30 minutes, Secretary Bryant and I told jokes and stories to entertain the crowd, but still no Loretta. We finally dismissed the meeting and everybody went back to work.

About 2 p.m. she and her husband, Mooney, rolled into the parking lot. They had come from an engagement in Louisiana in their travel bus and had just miscalculated their time. It was reported that because of the death of the late Patsy Cline that Loretta did not like to fly. Anyway, I got to say hello to her and while it was anticlimactic, I still remember

the day I met Loretta Lynn.

At this point I would like to share a few things from my heart that may be meaningful to you who read this column. It will also give me an opportunity to give you an update of Viola's Parkinson's and how well she is doing. With any disease of this type, it's always a matter of good days and bad days. I'm pleased to say that her good days still outnumber the bad days. She literally amazes me. Like the "Energizer Bunny", she just keeps going and going.

She still keeps a spotless house, does the grocery shopping, prepares delicious meals, helps me some in the office and still finds time to minister to other people. One of the things she really enjoys is having all the widows of our church out once each year for a meal and a time of devotion. That's an idea many of you could consider, even if you don't have Parkinson's or some debilitating disease. Because of our circum-

stances, here is something I have learned that has been such a blessing to me.

While she is still in some pain, but still very active, she only moves at half-speed. It just takes twice as long to do things, whether it's getting dressed, getting in the car or going to answer the telephone. As a result of her limitations, I have become more sensitive and considerate of her needs and you would not believe how much this has helped our marriage.

We've always loved each other, but like most folks have had our ups and downs. I'm just sorry that it took this situation to make me realize how good it could have been all along. If you don't have a great relationship in your marriage, why not try this? It sure has helped us.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.



Gary Rosys, technology coordinator, The Piarist School, shows off the new equipment that was recently awarded to the school. Kenneth Spurlock, manager, Prestonsburg Food City (right), was on hand to present the new items.

The Piarist School receives equipment from 'Apples for Students' program

The Piarist School has been awarded numerous items from the "Apples for Students" program sponsored by Food City. Students collected register tape receipts to earn an RCA Hi-Fi Stereo VCR/DVD player, RCA Single Disk DVD Player, Bretford Wide-Body TV Cart, and a Wilson Impact leather indoor volleyball.

Kenneth Spurlock, manager, Food City, Prestonsburg, was present at the Piarist School on Monday, August 16, to present the awarded items to the school's technology coordinator, Mr. Gary Rosys, before an assembly of the school's 59 students and their parents.

"This is our way of giving back to the community," Spurlock said.

Rosys expressed his gratitude to Food City and its support in educating the youth of the area. "It makes me proud to live in a community where our

businesses do so much to support education," Rosys said.

"Apples for the Students" coordinator Audrey Collins seconded the notion. "It's a great feeling to know that our children are supported and that we can count on the community for help."

Students were awarded a "Spirit Day," where they could wear plain clothing instead of their uniforms, for every \$500 worth of register tape they brought in. Parents, local businesses, and donations from abroad helped the school gain the amount needed for the presented items.

K-VA-T Food Stores, "Food City," launched the "Apples for Students" program in 1990 as a community service effort to provide free Apple computer hardware, software, and peripherals to schools in communities served by Food City supermarkets.

Lagoon

manages to work in some obscure truths that help tell his story, like the fact that more people read Stephen King than the Bible. A scary thought to be sure, that is made scarier by an examination of the cults that develop around popular writers and how strong an influence the writer can have on their beliefs.

It certainly doesn't hurt the script to have John Carpenter as the director. Carpenter is in fine form here and delivers his scariest film yet (sorry "Halloween" fans).

Carpenter manages to work in a nod to celebrated horror author H.P. Lovecraft. Considered the poor man's Edgar Allan Poe, this author was one of the first to create his own mythology and populate all of his stories with it. Lovecraft opined that Earth was once ruled by evil beasts who have become trapped in a parallel dimension where they merely await our belief in them to give them the power to come back. This is heavy stuff, but Carpenter manages to keep it entertaining and truly creepy.

The performers are on the money here, too, and include Sam Neil ("Jurassic Park") as Trent, Jurgen Prochnow ("The Seventh Sign") as the mysterious Cane, and David Warner ("Time After Time") as a disbelieving psychologist.

The best line goes to

Prochnow who says: "Reality isn't what it used to be." 1995, rated R.

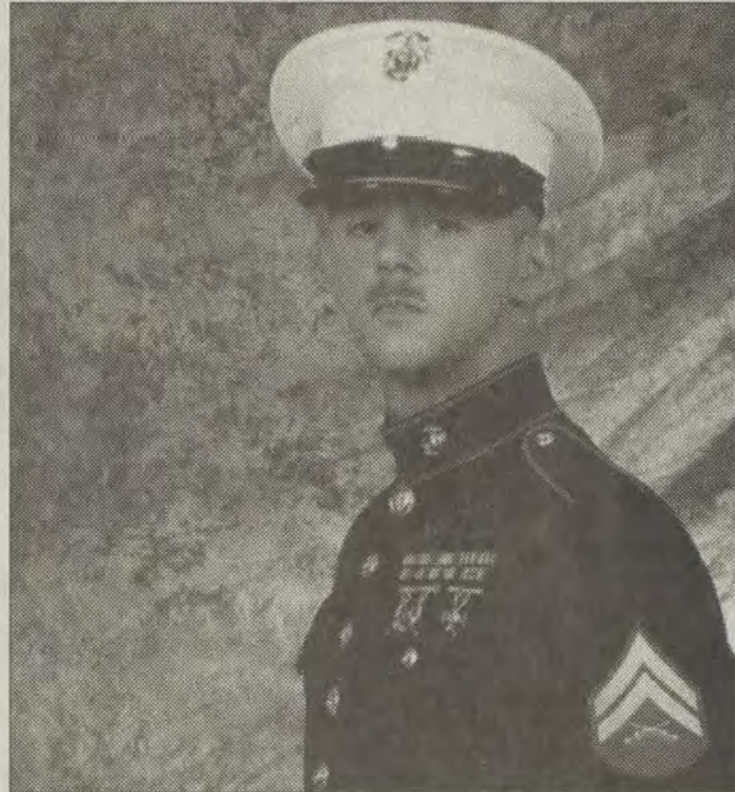
New contest

The Black Lagoon's Halloween Trivia Contest got a great response, so we have come up with another for the month of November.

In honor of Thanksgiving we are going to award a bigger prize this time. A 10 DVD box set which, in honor of the holiday, includes a few films that are definitely turkeys. There are also some winners in the "Tales of Terror" collection, which includes winners like "Deep Red," "Circus of Fear" and "Werewolf and the Vampire Women." There are also a few clunkers like "Lady Frankenstein" and "Christmas Evil." All this plus five films that fall somewhere in the middle. Regardless you get a chance at winning 15 hours of horror on five DVDs, and all you have to do is answer one question.

What 1976 movie featured giant roosters, rats and chickens and was adapted, very loosely, from a novel by H.G. Wells?

The winner will be announced in the Nov. 28 edition of The Times. Just go to www.floydcountytimes.com to get in on the contest. All entries must be submitted by Friday Nov. 26 at 9 a.m.



Native soldier promoted

LCPL Jonathan Glen Tackett was promoted to the rank of corporal on March 1, 2004. Cpl. Tackett served in Operation Enduring Freedom, in the Philippines, from January-May, 2003. He has now served his country for a period of 3 1/2 years. Presently, he is serving as a rifleman, stationed in Fallujah, Iraq.

Cpl. Tackett is the son of Glen and Willa Tackett, of Teaberry. He is the grandson of Merle Tackett, also of Teaberry, and the late Walker Tackett, and John B. and Martha Newsome, of Grethel.

His family appreciates the community's support and prayers for their soldier. If anyone would like to write to Cpl. Tackett they may send their correspondence to the following address: CPL Tackett, Jonathan G., 1st BN 3rd MAR A.CO., 2nd PLT. Unit 44020, FPOAP 96607-4020.

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FOR SALE

One cross, nearly new. I cannot carry it and keep up with the world and its crowd.

One talent—new, except slightly shopworn. It has been laid away for several years.

One bundle of Christian opportunities — seldom used, but possibilities are unlimited.

One badly used influence — buyer may be able to repair.

NOTE: The above items are located in the basement at the corner of Careless and Neglect

Streets.

(Signed) Many A. Christian And Opal Dingus, also of Prestonsburg, handed me the one about the newspaperman, weekly variety, who wound up with a cool half-million and was the envy of his acquaintances. Asked the secret of his success the editor told about being industrious, saving, persevering and so on—and of having a rich uncle who upon shuffling off this mortal coil, left him exactly \$498,500.

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Homemakers

Martin, Maytown, and Prestonsburg communities of Floyd County. "We're currently attempting to organize a club in the Abbott area," Scott said. "We've had inquiries from that area and look forward to seeing a club start up for the Abbott Creek folks."

Homemakers clubs become involved in a variety of different activities some of which include quilting and sewing, crafts, art and painting, household budgeting, cooking (low-fat and diabetic or special needs included), food preservation and parliamentary procedure, note taking, record keeping and other such organizational and leadership skills.

In addition, area homemakers are actively involved in programs that are geared toward keeping Kentucky educated, informed and healthy and fit. Programs like "Get Moving Kentucky," geared toward increasing the physical activity of Kentuckians, young

and old alike, in an effort to improve health and prevent disease and the newly developed Floyd County Cancer Coalition are only two examples of such programs that garner much support and strength from homemakers associations. Homemakers associations also help coordinate monthly support groups for diabetics and assist in registration for mammograms and ovarian and colorectal cancer screenings.

The "Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents," held annually each spring for Floyd County parents, is also the result of a cooperative effort between individual area organizations that was strengthened by the volunteer efforts of the homemakers organization.

Floyd County Extension Homemakers have also been working at promoting literacy in the area through volunteering, tutoring, and purchasing and donating age-appropriate books to local schools, hospitals, day

Love Poems

Life and Love
by TASHA PATTON
ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

I once thought I found love,
Then I got my heart broken.
Love is pain, but still yet it's all one big game.

Practice makes perfect,
But lies break your heart,
They'll tear you right apart.

Life is short, love is sweet,
But in the end,
we all realize our true needs.
Everyday we do good deeds.

Why can't love be just like me,
Sweet, true, but yet so happy, too.
Love's a game that makes us wonder every day,
Why we begin loving anyway.

The Case of Love
by TASHA PATTON

Love is blind but little did I know,
You were just another dead end road.

With pretty lies and broken dreams,
With no more love left in between.

You hurt me, you broke my heart,
But now look who's falling apart.

Love to me is like living in a dream,
Every time I see your face,
I fall right back into that place,
Where loving you was the case.

The case of love that was never seen,
The case of love that haunts my dreams.
The case that's gone for good,
That we will remember throughout the long years.

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care centers and parents.

Most recently, members participated in the Big Sandy Women's Business Seminar when they presented a program on "Appropriate Business Etiquette and Attire." Members modeled business fashions and manned informative exhibit booths.

Upcoming activities include the annual get-together hosted by area homemaker clubs at May Lodge during which they decorate the lodge hall and Christmas tree for the winter holidays. Currently, members are crafting the hand-made ornaments that will adorn the tree and it isn't too late to get in on the fun. Just call Theresa Scott at 886-2668 and tell her that you want to be a part of the activity. Once the hall is decorated, members enjoy gathering in the lodge dining room to enjoy a buffet lunch.

"A trip to Amish Country, in Ohio, is on the agenda for May," Scott said. "We're

looking really forward to this trip and plan on having a great time." The trip to Amish Country will be a 3-day, 2-night get-away for homemaker members.

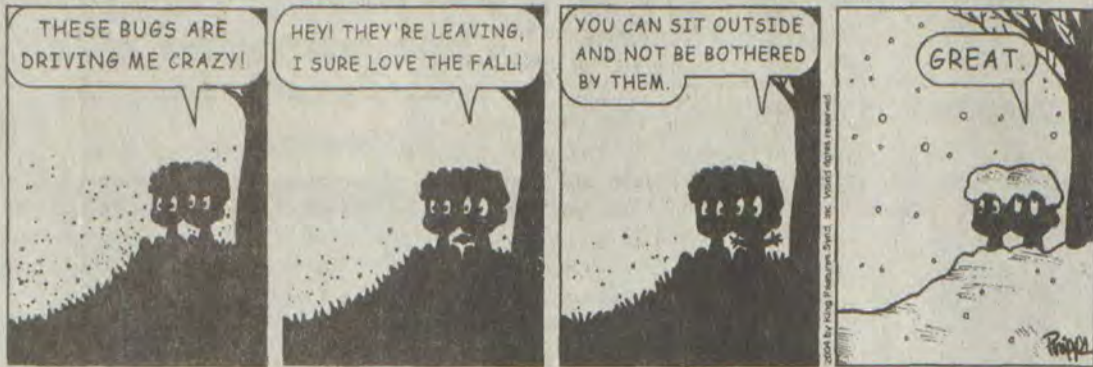
A full year's membership in the Homemakers Association is a mere \$5. You may join now by calling Scott at the above number, or by mailing your membership dues and a note that you would like to become a member to: Roslyn Burchett, 120 Burch Oak Lane, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Scott urges all Floyd County adults to consider membership in the Homemakers Association and accept her invitation to learn, grow and become involved in your community in ways you may have previously thought not possible. "Homemakers is all about reaching out to people, focusing on family life and health and community education. Outreach is what we're all about," she said.

Sunday Comics

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



MAMA'S BOYZ

WWW.MAMASBOYZ.COM

JERRY CRAFT

THE 4-MONTH FEAST

by Pauline Porter
OCTOBER 31 is when it's born, hors d'oeuvres made of candy corn...

NOVEMBER'S appetizers then drop by with Thanksgiving dinner and sweet potato pie!

DECEMBER'S main course is not last, nor least: Christmas cookies and a Kwanzaa feast!

But in JANUARY I get my just desserts for eating and eating until it hurts! So I end my feast on the grounds of yet another resolution to lose 20 POUNDS!



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Man Ray
- Raphael
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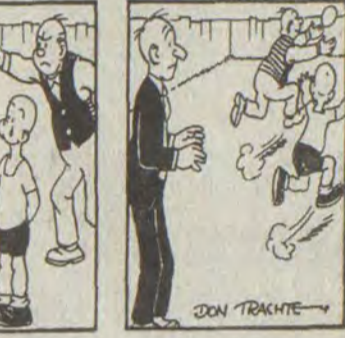
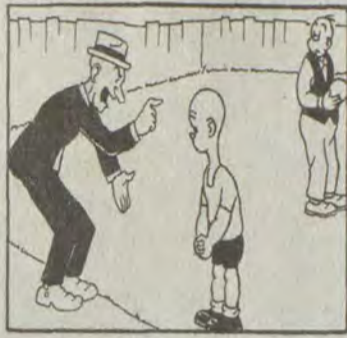
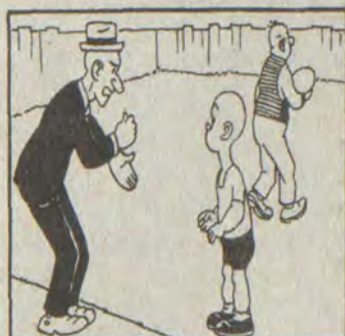
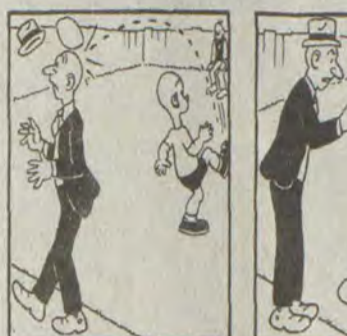
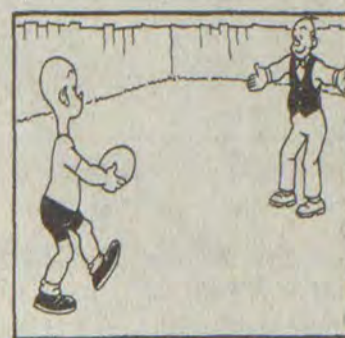
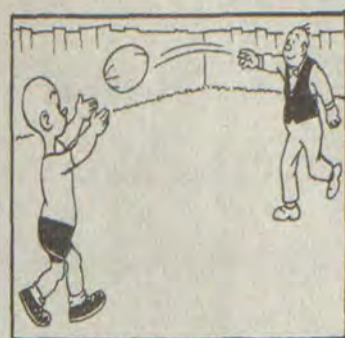
BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Faucet is missing. 2. Cap is reversed. 3. Zipper is missing. 4. Ear is different. 5. Fake is missing. 6. Leaf bag is missing.

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Super Crossword

HOG WASH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Off-the-wall
 - 6 Ukrainian city
 - 11 Peepers, to Pope
 - 15 Arrange type
 - 18 Repeated
 - 20 French spa
 - 21 Rain heavily
 - 22 Gob
 - 23 Start of a remark
 - 25 Earmark
 - 27 Asian holiday
 - 28 Annual award?
 - 29 Shake (hurry)
 - 30 Hurries
 - 31 Depraved
 - 33 Pile up
 - 36 Squirrel's stash
 - 38 Snake-charmer's crew
 - 41 Outcast
 - 43 Globule
 - 44 Riyadh religion
 - 45 Damone or Dana
 - 46 Part 2 of remark
 - 51 Neighbor of Fla.
 - 52 Rice dish
 - 55 Waikiki wing-ding
 - 56 Salute for Caesar
 - 57 Unaware
 - 59 Wee serving
 - 61 Poe crow
 - 63 Ain't right?
 - 64 Type of cabbage
 - 66 Part of NB
 - 67 High-rise building?
 - 69 Part 3 of remark
 - 70 Know-it-all
 - 73 Semester
 - 74 Prickly plant
 - 75 Hellman's "The Little ..."
 - 76 Marsh sight
 - 78 It should be square
 - 79 Put an end to
 - 83 Carnival site
 - 84 Dentist's directive
 - 86 "The ... Kid" ('84 film)
 - 87 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
 - 89 Part 4 of remark
 - 94 Corn portion
 - 95 Broadcast in July
 - 97 Bates or Rickman
 - 98 Cheerless
 - 100 One of the Waughs
 - 101 Elegant
 - 104 - terrier
 - 105 Salchow kin
 - 106 Sludge
 - 107 Bloomsbury buggy
 - 109 Bookstore section
 - 112 Actress Cassidy
 - 115 Managers
 - 117 End of remark
 - 121 Be human
 - 122 MD's area
 - 123 Riser's relative
 - 124 Home on the range?
 - 125 "So there!"
 - 126 Man, for one
 - 127 At daybreak
 - 128 Gushes
 - 8 One-dimensional
 - 9 Label
 - 10 Whichever
 - 11 Iridescent stones
 - 12 Hamlet or Herman Munster
 - 13 Where to spend leva
 - 14 Smash letters
 - 15 Flight segment
 - 16 Consumed
 - 17 Lock
 - 19 Name of a Day
 - 24 "My Gal ..." (1905 tune)
 - 26 Butcher-shop display
 - 29 '75 Wimbledon winner
 - 31 Age
 - 32 Garlic hater
 - 34 Bad start
 - 35 Contented sigh
 - 37 - d'Alene, ID
 - 38 Spy org.
 - 39 '52 Winter Olympics site
 - 40 Spill the beans
 - 41 Navigate
 - 42 Bill of Rights grp.
 - 43 - major leaves
 - 47 Chew out
 - 48 Sheltered spot
 - 49 Happening
 - 50 Russo of "Get Shorty"
 - 53 Maintain
 - 54 Beset
 - 58 Delibes opera
 - 59 "Rusalka" composer
 - 60 Ely or Darling
 - 62 Disconcert
 - 65 "Stroker ..." ('83 film)
 - 67 Get cracking
 - 68 It's kept in a quiver
 - 69 Bikini part
 - 70 Opposite
 - 71 Way out
 - 72 Merit
 - 73 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
 - 74 Crooked
 - 75 Raid
 - 77 Adz and awl
 - 78 Chow -
 - 80 Actor Parley
 - 81 Viscount's better
 - 82 Cart items
 - 85 Nursery items
 - 88 Hotel
 - 90 Desert refuges
 - 91 Dutch town
 - 92 - Lanka
 - 93 - the fields we go ...
 - 96 Smoked delicacy
 - 99 Response
 - 100 Be
 - 101 Sheep sheds
 - 102 "M" man
 - 103 Blue hue
 - 104 Social group
 - 105 Sternward
 - 108 TV's "People"
 - 110 Barbecue fuel
 - 111 The - 500
 - 112 Mature
 - 113 From the top
 - 114 Gets by (with "out")
 - 116 Mai -
 - 117 ideologue's suffix
 - 118 Singer's syllable
 - 119 Cock and bull
 - 120 Dem.'s opponent

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A3

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460-Yard Sale

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- 590 - Sale or Lease

600 - RENTALS

- 610 - Apartments
- 620 - Storage/ Office Space
- 630 - Houses
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- 650 - Mobile Homes
- 660 - Miscellaneous
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Multi-Family Yard Sale everything from A-Z must go Fri 5th and Sat. 6th Near Patches Florial at Turner Br. in Eastern on left fork cedar house off 550 from 8am to ??? call 606-358-5560

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- 690 - Wanted To Rent

700 - SERVICES

- 705 - Construction
- 710 - Educational
- 713 - Child Care
- 715 - Electrician
- 720 - Health & Beauty
- 730 - Lawn & Garden
- 735 - Legal
- 740 - Masonry
- 745 - Miscellaneous

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510-Comm Property

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530-Homes

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- 760 - Plumbing
- 765 - Professionals
- 770 - Repair/Service
- 780 - Timbar
- 790 - Travel

800 - NOTICES

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- 810 - Auctions
- 815 - Lost & Found

- 830 - Miscellaneous
- 850 - Personals
- 870 - Services
- 890 - Legals

550-Land & Lots

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812 - Free

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890-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5307, RENEWAL #2

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.5 mile northeast of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation, will disturb 21.00 surface

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acres and will underlie 842.70 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 863.70 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.24 mile north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194, and located 0.08 mile east of the Levisa Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Eddie B. Merritt. The operation will underlie land owned by Eddie B. Merritt, Sandra Barkan, Ed Leslie Estate, Forrest Burchett, Gale Burchett, Troy Whitt, Clyde Burchett, William Jarrell, Irvin Harris, Roland Blackburn, Leonard Goble, Rosie Woods Estate, Columbus Jervis, William H. Amburgey and Brodis Goble. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, or objections, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

230.362 REPORT OF UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WINNING TICKETS PRESUMED ABANDONED.

Any person holding unclaimed pari-mutuel winning tickets presumed abandoned under the provisions of KRS 230.361 shall file annually, on or before September 1 of each year, with the office of the authority a list of and the amounts represented by unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets held by such person as of July 1, and other information as the authority may require for the administration of KRS 230.361 to 230.373. The report shall be made in duplicate; the original shall be retained by the authority and the copy shall be mailed to the sheriff of the

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Debbie Rowe, 422 Ward Avenue, Auxier, Ky., has filed an application with the Naturalist Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to elevate mobile home out of flood zone. The property is located 422 Ward Avenue, Auxier, 7 miles from Prestonsburg by the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. Any comments, or objections, concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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county where the unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets are held. It shall be the duty of the sheriff to post for not less than twenty (20) consecutive days a copy of the report on the courthouse door or the courthouse bulletin board, and to publish the copy in the manner set forth by KRS Chapter 424. The cost of the publication shall be paid by the authority. The sheriff shall immediately certify in writing to the authority the dates when the list was posted and published. The list shall be posted and published as required on or before October 1, of the year when it is made, and such posting and publishing shall be constructive notice to all holders of pari-mutuel tickets which have remained unclaimed for a period of one (1) year from the time the ticket became payable. Effective: July 13, 2004

History: Amended 2004 Ky. Acts ch. 191, sec. 18, effective July 13, 2004. — Amended 1998 Ky. Acts ch. 237, sec. 7, effective July 15, 1998. — Amended 1980 Ky. Acts ch. 188, sec. 223, effective July 15, 1980. — Created 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 307, sec. 2, effective June 17, 1978.

REPORT OF UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL TICKETS (To be Submitted in Duplicate prior to September 1, 2004) Report of Unclaimed Pari-Mutuel Tickets, in compliance with KRS 230.361, Section 3.1, Wilma Foley of Thunder Ridge, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, do report as of July 1, 2004, that we are holding \$38,892.20 in unclaimed winning

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pari-mutuel tickets one (1) year old or older. COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY, County of Floyd. The affiant being duly sworn or affirmed according to law, deposes and says that the foregoing report is correct and true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn or affirmed to and subscribed before me this 30th day of August, 2004. Anita S. Ratliff, Notary My commission expires 07-11-06. Anyone holding such unclaimed winning tickets may redeem same prior to December 1, 2004, at the office of Thunder Ridge, Prestonsburg, Ky., at which time, the remaining balance will be forwarded to the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, 4063 Iron Works Pkwy., Lexington, Kentucky 40511.1, John K. Blackburn, Sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky, do hereby certify that the above notice has been posted at the county courthouse for twenty (20) consecutive days from 9-9, 2004 to 9-29, 2004, and a notice published in the Floyd County Times on in accordance with KRS 230.362.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5377, RENEWAL

(1) in accordance with 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.5 miles Northeast of Drift in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 2.59 surface acres and underlies 895.10 acres. The total permitted acreage is 897.69.(2) The operation is approximately 1.1 miles East from KY 122's junction with Stonecoal Br. Rd. and located 0.05 miles North of Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37°30'41" and longi-

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(3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Dr., suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson, Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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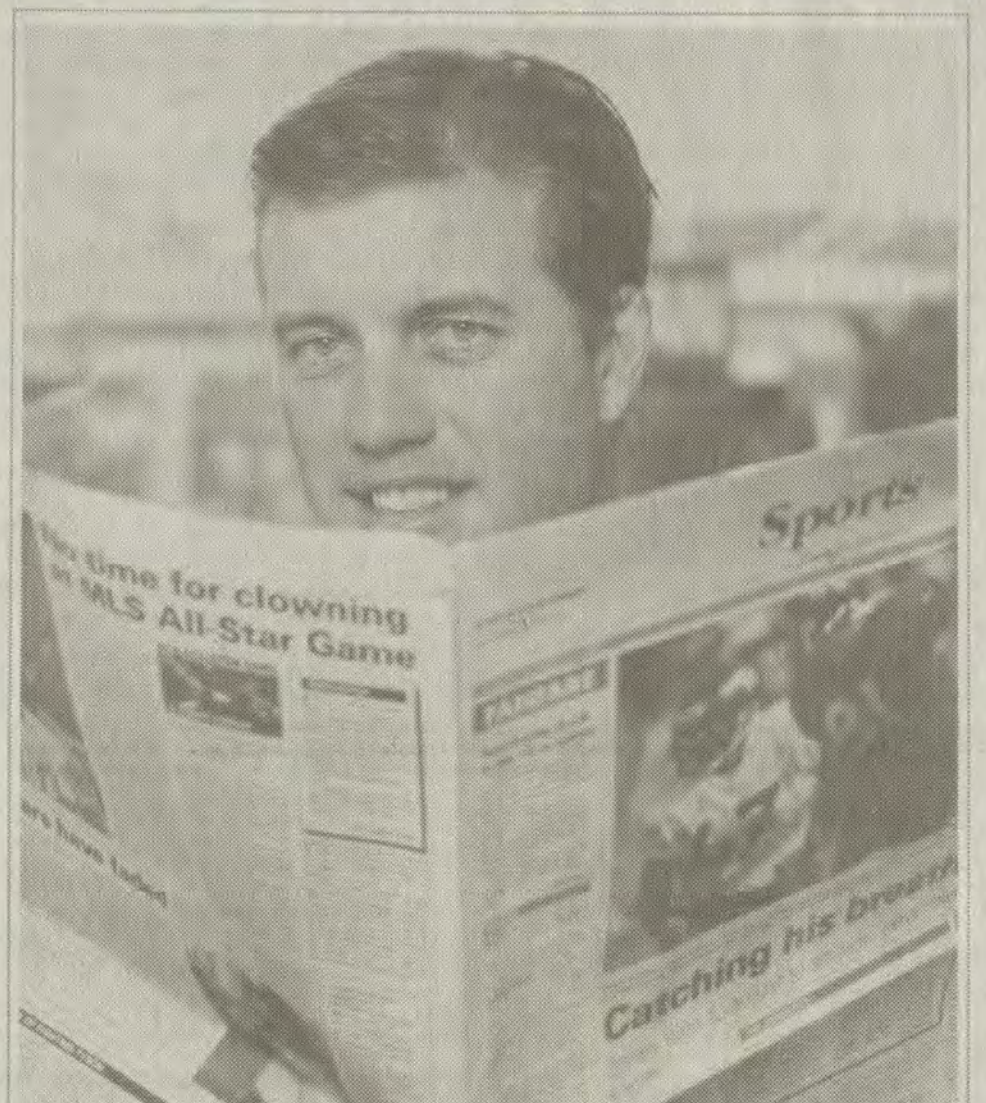
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**Notice to Customers of Kentucky Power Company
Proposed changes to the System Sales Tariff**

Please take notice that on October 25, 2004, Kentucky Power Company (KPCo) filed with the Public Service Commission in Case No. 2004-00420 an Application pursuant to Chapter 278 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes for approval of a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement dated October 20, 2004 between KPCo, Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc. and the Office of the Attorney General, Office of Rate Intervention. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement resolves outstanding state regulatory issues, including the allocation of environment costs associated with sales to non-associated companies, the filing by KPCo of its next Integrated Resources Plan and the extension until December 7, 2022 of the Unit Power Supply Agreement between KPCo and AEP Generating Company for 195 MW of Rockport Unit No. 1 and 195 MW of Rockport Unit No. 2. The application also seeks authorization for KPCo to amend its System Sales Clause Tariff (Tariff SSC) for customer bills rendered on and after November 29, 2004. KPCo is requesting the Commission to approve the proposed changes to the Tariff S.S.C. to reflect the provisions of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement dated October 20, 2004. Tariff SSC governs the allocation of the net revenues from off system sales and the changes, if approved, will allow KPCo to apply the provisions of the tariff as amended to all customer bills rendered on and after November 29, 2004.

The full terms and conditions and the ratemaking formula of Tariff S.S.C. are set out below.

Tariff S. S. C.
(System Sales Clause)

APPLICABLE
To Tariffs R.S., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D., S.G.S., M.G.S., Experimental M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., O.P., C.I.P.-T.O.D., C.S.-I.R.P., M.W., O.L., and S.L.

RATE

1. When the monthly net revenues from system sales are above or below the monthly base net revenues from system sales, as provided in paragraph 3 below, an additional credit or charge equal to the product of the Kwhrs and system sales adjustment factor (A) shall be made, where "A", calculated to the nearest 0.0001 mill per kilowatt-hour, is defined as set forth below.

System Sales Adjustment Factor (A) = (.5[Tm - Tb]/Sm) + RF + B A F

In the above formula "T" is Kentucky Power Company's (KPCo) monthly net revenues from system sales in the current (m) and base (b) periods, "R" is the additional revenues associated with the Settlement Agreement in the current (m) period and "S" is the Kwh sales in the current (m) period, all defined below.

2. The net revenue from American Electric Power (AEP) System deliveries to non-associated companies that are shared by AEP Member Companies, including KPCo, in proportion to their Member Load Ratio and as reported in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts under Account 447, Sales for Resale, shall consist of and be derived as follows:

a. KPCo's Member Load Ratio share of total revenues from System sales as recorded in Account 447, less b. and c. below
b. KPCo's Member Load Ratio share of total out-of-pocket costs incurred in supplying the power and energy for the deliveries in a. above.

The out-of-pocket costs include all operating, maintenance, tax, transmission losses and other expenses that would not have been incurred if the power and energy had not been supplied for such deliveries, including demand and energy charges for power and energy supplied by Third Parties.

c. KPCo's environmental costs allocated to non-associated utilities in the Company's Environmental Surcharge Report.

3. The base monthly net revenue from system sales are as follows:

Billing Month	Base Net Revenues from System Sales (Total Company Basis)
January	\$ 895,960
February	767,802
March	893,126
April	1,036,738
May	1,085,852
June	1,324,166
July	1,027,403
August	1,154,184
September	912,736
October	731,014
November	624,320
December	862,035

4. The Revenue Factor (RF) will be determined in accordance with the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement dated October 20, 2004 in Case No. 2004-00420. The Revenue Factor will be based upon KPCo's additional annual revenues of \$5.1 million per year (for the first five years) and \$6.2 million per year starting January 1, 2010, until the effective date of the Company's next base rate change, where these amounts will be removed from the system sales clause schedule and included in a new KPCo tariff separate from base rate calculations.

5. A Balancing Adjustment Factor (B A F) will be calculated on a per KWH basis for the second through the twelfth months of the current recovery year, which reconciles any over- or under-collection of additional revenues from prior periods. The B A F will be determined by dividing the difference between amounts which were expected to be collected and the amounts actually collected from the application of paragraph 4 of this tariff from the previous year by the expected Kentucky retail jurisdictional KWH. The final B A F will be applied to customer billings in the second month following the effective date of a Commission's order establishing new base rates.

6. Sales (S) shall be equated to the sum of (a) generation (including energy produced by generating plant during the construction period), (b) purchase, and (c) interchange-in less (d) energy associated with pumped storage operations, less (e) inter-system sales and less (f) total system losses.

7. The system sales adjustment factor shall be based upon estimated monthly revenues and costs for system sales, subject to subsequent adjustment upon final determination of actual revenues and costs.

8. The monthly System Sales Clause shall be filed with the Commission ten (10) days before it is scheduled to go into effect, along with all the necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments which shall include data and information as may be required by the Commission.

9. Copies of all documents required to be filed with the Commission under this regulation shall be open and made available for public inspection at the office of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

The changes to Tariff S.S.C. contained in this notice are proposed by KPCo. The estimated effect of the proposed changes to Tariff S.S.C. for a residential customer using an average 1,000 kWh per month would increase a customer's bill by \$1.40 or approximately 2.7 percent. However, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may order changes to Tariff S.S.C. to be different from the proposed changes. Such action may result in a change in the system sales clause amount for customers to be different than the system sales clause amounts in this notice.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person by motion filed on or before December 3, 2004 with Public Service Commission may request leave to intervene in Case No. 2004-00420. That motion shall be submitted to the Kentucky Public Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

Intervenors may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Power Company at 101 A Enterprise Drive, P.O. Box 5190, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-5190, attention Errol K. Wagner. A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection at KPCo's district service buildings located at Ashland, Hazard and Pikeville.

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