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briefs

Job fair to be held in Pikeville

PIKEVILLE — The Pike County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a job fair for several Pike County businesses on Saturday, August 27, at Pikeville College Gymnasium. Applications and interviews will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Companies participating at this point are East Kentucky Exposition Center, Affiliated Computer Services (ACS), Pepsi Bottling Group, SouthEast Telephone, Food City, Pikeville Medical Center, Mine Guard and the Kentucky Department of Human Services.

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Police make cocaine arrest in Hueysville

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

HUEYSVILLE — A second cocaine trafficking arrest in as many days was executed by officers of Kentucky State Police and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement on Thursday night. Officers arrested Hueysville

resident Kimberly Burns at her Community Church Road home early Friday morning at 2:20 a.m. They were acting on a tip from concerned residents in the area who reported a lot of late-night traffic going to and from Burns' home.

When officers arrived at the scene, they allegedly observed

drug-related activity through a curtainless window. The officers reported observing two males putting what appeared to be controlled substances in a trash bin.

The officers, who included Troopers Austin Hicks and Justin Cornett, entered the home alongside KVE Officers Dennis

Hutchinson and Tommy Gearhart and then obtained permission to search the home from Burns.

They went right to the area where they observed the two men earlier and recovered a cardboard box that appeared to contain cocaine and a Kool cigarette box which was filled with

methadone.

Burns was arrested and charged with one count of trafficking in cocaine and one charge of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

Burns was placed under a \$50,000 cash bond and set for a preliminary hearing on August 24.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?



photo by Jamie Howell

Floyd County rivals Allen Central and Betsy Layne hooked up in a season-opener Friday night. Host Allen Central got the best of the visiting Bobcats, winning 32-6. More on the game appears inside today's Sports sec-

Small business forum to be held Wednesday

PIKEVILLE — The Kentucky small-business climate has changed dramatically, and not always for the better. In response to new challenges, Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Kentucky Small Business Caucus are encouraging local farmers and business operators to attend one of a series of small business forums to be held August 24 at 8 a.m. at The Landmark Inn, 146 Mayo Trail, Pikeville.

The meetings will be designed to provide information on the 2005 Tax Reform Package, the future of health insurance in Kentucky and other legislative issues that impact farm

families.

"Kentucky Farm Bureau and other small business associations must pull together to survive in today's highly regulated and extremely competitive market. We must work to reduce the cost of doing business," said Laura Knoth, Director of Public Affairs for Kentucky Farm Bureau.

"These meetings will allow us input with our elected officials. I encourage all our members to bring their knowledge and expertise to the table."

Each meeting is scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes. Local media and legislators are invited.

Investigators copy governor's computer

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Investigators late Friday served a search warrant to copy the main computer server in Gov. Ernie Fletcher's office, a spokeswoman said.

Vicki Glass, spokeswoman for Attorney General Greg Stumbo's office, declined to provide other details of the warrant.

Glass said the computer materials were only copied, not seized.

Investigators have seized numerous computers, volumes of records and other materials from Fletcher's office and related agencies, such as the governor's office for local development.

Officials with Fletcher's office declined to provide other details of the warrant.

Lower bond denied for alleged shooter

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A McDowell man who stands accused of four counts of attempted murder was denied a lower bond in circuit court Friday.

Jeff Tackett, 42, is currently being held on a \$250,000 cash bond for allegedly firing a rifle into a car at the Price Kwik Mart in

July and wounding three people who were in the vehicle. Two of the car's passengers, Jeremy and Letitia Huff, were wounded by the shots fired, while a third passenger received cuts from shattered glass when a bullet went through the back window of the vehicle.

A fourth passenger, Shawn Sexton, was later found and sustained no injuries, though he did reveal that he knew Tackett, who

was his landlord. Sexton also related that there had been prior disputes between them and that several of them had to do with Sexton's playing loud music. On the day of the shooting, Sexton hailed an ambulance for his friends and then left the spot where they had stopped for shelter only a mile from the Kwik Mart.

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Fiscal court approves contractors to clean dumps

County continuing to struggle with costs from gas company

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court met for its regularly scheduled August session and passed several resolutions which aim to clean up illegal dump sites.

The court also acted on concerns from one community to curb speeding in a hollow and continued to struggle with the financial burden of running the gas company, as final approval of its sale awaits approval by the Public Service Commission.

Cleaning up illegal dump sites became a source of concern to PRIDE, which will fund the efforts to clean up dumps in Harold and Town Branch. Bids for the jobs were opened at the meeting and pointed out that there is a wide disparity among local companies as to what the job would cost.

Bids on the Town Branch job ranged from \$32,000 to \$80,000. The court adopted the lower bid which came from Stacey Wolf.

For the Harold dump the work went to J&L Trucking Co., which bid a little over \$6,000 for the job.

Each company will have to be approved by PRIDE and checks for the work will be disbursed by the court after PRIDE has inspected the finished results and given approval for payment.

Residents of Jockey Hollow attended the meeting to share a petition with the court about speeding in their hollow. They expressed that they want speed bumps installed to curb all-terrain vehicle use of the road, as well as one resident who tends to drive through the hollow too quickly. The court responded that it shared their

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photo by Tom Doty

The Floyd County Fiscal Court continued to struggle with gas bills Friday at its regular meeting, as it was forced to cough up \$20,000 for natural gas while waiting for the sale of the gas company to get state approval.

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Odds and Ends

■ **ARNOLD, Pa.** — The bed may have felt just right, but police say the way that a drug suspect got there was all wrong.

Police charged Ernest Deniar Boyd, 32, with breaking into a woman's house and falling asleep in her bed.

Authorities also said they found Boyd with a white powder and 17 white rocks, which they said are drugs — or a substance meant to look like crack cocaine.

"What is that? It looks like soap to me," Boyd said after police found the rocks in his pants pocket, along with some cash, according to a criminal complaint.

Boyd was charged with possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine, drug possession, distribution of a counterfeit drug, receiving stolen property and robbery.

Police charged Boyd with robbery because they said he took \$20 from the woman when she tried to wake him up early Wednesday. Boyd told the woman to leave him alone, so she called police.

It was not immediately clear if Boyd had an attorney.

■ **BANGKOK, Thailand** — A 23-year-old man hoping to win a woman's heart by getting her lover out of the picture phoned in a fake bomb threat, reporting that his rival was about to detonate explosives, police said.

Police said Friday they arrested Thane Boonsiri of Bangkok and that he admitted he told an elaborate tale when he called the police emergency center.

Thane allegedly called the

center and told them he was a defected separatist from the troubled south of Thailand.

Thane said his supposed friend, still active in the insurgency, was about to detonate bombs planted in several major buildings in Bangkok, police Maj. Gen. Pramote Prathumwong said at a news conference.

Thane then gave authorities his rival's mobile phone number.

Thane is in custody pending a trial. He faces up to two years in jail for reporting false information to police and causing a public scare, Pramote said.

■ **RENO, Nev.** — This was not a happy clown — at least, not a very nice one.

A man dressed as a clown who assaulted a man and stole his bicycle at last year's Burning Man festival has been sentenced to three years of probation and ordered to pay \$21,000 restitution.

Johnny Goodman was caught after the victim's friends tracked him down.

Dennis Hinkamp had to have two plates implanted in his arm after he was attacked at the annual counterculture festival.

Although his attacker disappeared into the crowd of painted and costumed celebrants, Hinkamp's friends launched an Internet search to find him. They linked him to a group called Anarchoclowns and finally to a hospital in Washington, where Johnny Goodman was a nursing student.

"If you're a nursing student in Seattle and you're a clown, you're pretty identifiable,"

Hinkamp's friend, Jim Graham of Felton, Calif., told the Reno Gazette-Journal.

Goodman confessed and was convicted Tuesday of one count of conspiracy to commit theft, District Attorney Jim Shirley said.

■ **MELBOURNE, Australia** — A man who says his doctors misdiagnosed him as a transsexual may sue the medical team that advised him to have a sex change, an Australian appeals court ruled.

Alan Michael Finch was 21 when he underwent a sex change operation to become a woman in 1988. By 1996, however, Finch said he was "a mess" and struggling to live life as a woman named Helen.

The following year, Finch began another round of surgery and reverted to life as a man.

Finch claims that the doctors who performed the initial sex change knew he was not a suitable candidate based on a medical report that described his masculinity as above average.

Last year, a court granted Finch an extension to the usual six-year time limit on such cases.

■ **JANESVILLE, Wis.** — She had \$60,000 in cash — but no roof over her head.

Janesville police say an 87-year-old woman found snoozing in a discount store over the weekend had the money in her purse.

The woman was examined at Mercy Hospital and released, said Nancy White, property manager of the Golden Acres Apartments for the elderly across the street.

White said she fed her, washed her clothes and allowed her to stay with her until Monday morning.

"She kind of reminded me of a female Scrooge," White said. "She was very unappreciative."

Police said they temporarily took the money for safekeeping while the woman's status was clarified, but they returned it Monday.

Lt. Keith Lawver told the Janesville Gazette the woman does not have a fixed address and has been staying at various apartments and hotels for the past year, while under the care of a Rock County social services caseworker.

"Hopefully, her caseworker will help her get a bank account set up and help her manage it," Lawver said.

■ **NAPPANEE, Ind.** — The high cost of gasoline may have driven them to it, but picking the wrong fuel pump cut short their getaway.

Two men who tried to steal gasoline from a construction company instead filled the tank of their car with off-road-grade diesel fuel Sunday, police said.

An employee of Beer & Slabough spotted the men on the company property near Nappanee, about 20 miles southeast of South Bend, as they were siphoning fuel out of a car's tank, Elkhart County deputies said.

The two told the employee that a friend had put the wrong fuel into the tank and they were trying to empty it, authorities said. The employee noticed that the fuel was the distinctive red color of off-road diesel.

He called deputies, who arrested McKinley Chase, 21, and Dajuan L. Lord, 19, both of Gary, on preliminary charges of felony. They acknowledged the theft by explaining their mistake and saying their car would not run.

Lord remained in the Elkhart County Jail on Tuesday. Chase was released on bond, a jail spokeswoman said.

■ **AURORA, Colo.** — A man who was hit with a Taser gun after police accused him of stealing a salad from Chuck E. Cheese's restaurant has reached a deal with the city.

Danon Gale, 29, agreed to drop his \$500,000 civil-rights lawsuit in exchange for prosecutors dropping five of six charges filed against him. He pleaded no contest to disturbing the peace.

The city will pay his legal and medical bills — but Gale still has to pay a fine. "I was wrongfully arrested, beat up, Tasered, and now a \$500 fine," he said.

Police used a Taser on Gale in front of his children in February after employees accused him of trying to eat at the salad bar without paying.

The investigation concluded that Gale did pay for the salad, and the city apologized for what happened, blaming the restaurant for the confusion.

Dick Huston, executive vice president of CEC Entertainment Inc., of Irving, Texas, the corporate owner of Chuck E. Cheese, said Gale used the wrong type of plate to fill up at the salad bar and refused to provide a receipt that showed he had paid.

Gale had been facing a year in jail and \$1,000 in fines before the deal.

■ **ROHNERT PARK, Calif.**

— The owner of an overnight mailing business grew suspicious of a customer who sent a package to different addresses in Wisconsin every two weeks. His hunch was right.

A quick inspection of the customer's latest package revealed an unusually heavy teddy bear with a crude stitch on the back, so the businessman called police.

Investigators opened the bear, unrolled 30 feet of cellophane and found a heat-sealed plastic bag at the center of the teddy filled with roughly a pound of marijuana.

Gilberto Perez Pereira, 43, and Susan Janette Roark, 48, were arrested after an investigation, Rohnert Park police said Monday.

Pereira told police that he was sending the packages for a friend and that he didn't know what was inside the boxes.

Pereira allegedly provided a fake name to the mailing business, but police said he was easily tracked because he repeatedly called the business to ask why his package hadn't been mailed.

Pereira was being held on a \$25,000 bail for possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, shipment of drugs over state lines, and other charges, police said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 21, the 233rd day of 2005. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 21, 1945, President Truman ended the Lend-Lease program that had shipped some \$50 billion in aid to America's allies during World War II.

On this date:

■ In 1831, former slave Nat Turner led a violent insurrection in Virginia. (He was later executed.)

■ In 1858, the famous debates between senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas began.

■ In 1878, the American Bar Association was founded in Saratoga, N.Y.

■ In 1904, jazz musician and bandleader William "Count" Basie was born in Red Bank, N.J.

■ In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky died in Mexico City from wounds inflicted by an assassin.

■ In 1944, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for

establishment of the United Nations.

■ In 1959, President Eisenhower signed an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state of the union.

■ In 1984, Democratic vice-presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro appeared before reporters in Queens, New York, to field questions about her family's finances.

■ In 1991, the hard-line coup against Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev collapsed in the face of a popular uprising led by Russian federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.

■ In 1993, in a serious setback for NASA, engineers lost contact with the Mars Observer spacecraft as it was about to reach the Red Planet on a \$980 million mission.

Ten years ago: ABC News settled a \$10 billion libel suit by apologizing to Philip Morris for reporting the tobacco giant had manipulated the amount of nicotine in its cigarettes. A suicide bomber set off an explosion that tore through two crowded Israeli commuter buses, killing five others. A commuter plane crashed near Carrollton, Ga., killing nine people.

Five years ago: Rescue efforts to reach the sunken Russian nuclear submarine Kursk ended with divers announcing none of the 118 sailors had survived.

One year ago: The

International Gymnastics Federation ruled that South Korean Yang Tae-young was unfairly docked a tenth of a point in the all-around gymnastics final at the Athens Olympics, costing him the gold medal that ended up going to Paul Hamm of the United States; however, the ruling did not change the final result.

Today's Birthdays: Israeli political leader Shimon Peres is 82. Actor-director Melvin Van Peebles is 73. Singer Kenny Rogers is 67. Actor Clarence Williams III is 66. Rock-n'-roll musician James Burton is 66. Singer Harold Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 66. Singer Jackie DeShannon is 61. Actress Patty McCormack is 60. Actress Loretta Devine is 56. TV host Harry Smith is 54. Singer Glenn Hughes is 53. Country musician Nick Kane is 51. Actress Kim Cattrall is 49. Rock singer Serj Tankian (System of a Down) is 38. Actress Carrie-Anne Moss is 35. Rock musician Liam Howlett (Prodigy) is 34. Actress Alicia Witt is 30. Singer Kelis is 26. Singer Melissa Schuman (Dream) is 21. Actor Cody Kasch ("Desperate Housewives") is 18. Actress Hayden Panettiere is 16.

Thought for Today: "To know a little less and to understand a little more: That, it seems to me, is our greatest need." — James Ramsey Ullman, American author (1907-1971).

Heavy rains lead to flash flooding in Pike, Martin counties

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Heavy rains in eastern Kentucky caused scattered flash flooding in communities along the border of Martin and Pike counties Friday morning, authorities said.

No injuries were reported. Doug Tackett, emergency management director for Pike County, said rushing waters had damaged some roads and freyed the nerves of local residents who worried the rising water might reach their homes. He said he hadn't seen any homes damaged.

Martin County Deputy Sheriff Zach Horn said about 5 inches of rain fell early Friday morning.

"We have a bunch of roads out," he said.

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Six in running for Excellence in Entrepreneurship award

SOMERSET — The Center for Rural Development, in partnership with Eastern Kentucky University's College of Business & Technology and Kentucky Highlands Investment

Corporation, will host the 2005 Excellence In Entrepreneurship Awards at a luncheon Monday, Sept. 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

EKU President Joanne Glasser will preside over the ceremonies and Fifth District Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers will be the keynote speaker. The finalists are Steve Keck,

Somerset Recycling Services Inc., of Somerset; Darrell Maynard, SouthEast Telephone, of Pikeville; Kelly Upchurch, American Health Management, of Richmond; Julian Moss Jr., Moss Flowers Inc., of Lancaster; Lora Jane Hyden-Pointe of Joy Performing Arts, of Paintsville; and Tom Fields, Southeastern Kentucky Rehabilitation, of Corbin.

Awards will be given in four categories — Business, Small Business, Start-ups, and Non-profits — and are determined by the economic success of the enterprise, contributions to the community, job creation and operational achievement as measured by innovative business practices, superior safety achievement and superior technology.

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This year's finalists and the recipient for each category will be honored at the luncheon.

"Supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses is at the heart of the mission of The Center for Rural Development," said Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of the Center.

Jerry Rickett, president and CEO of the Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp., said: "Entrepreneurs are visionaries and risk-takers foundational to any community. Whether they succeed or fail, their tenacity and adventurous spirit need to be recognized and applauded. That's what the Excellence in Entrepreneurship Awards is about."

Award recipients were selected based on nominations received from 55 Eastern and Southern Kentucky counties:

Tickets for the event are \$20 each and can be reserved by calling The Center for Rural Development at (606) 677-6000. Seating is limited and reservations are encouraged.

For more information on the event, call The Center at (606) 677-6000 or e-mail enea@centertech.com. Additional information on the event can also be found at www.centertech.com by clicking on the Excellence in Entrepreneurship link on the main page.

Denied

Tackett has said that he got into his vehicle afterwards and threw the rifle he used out of the window as he sped from the scene. The .22 caliber weapon has not been found.

Tackett was arrested later the same evening when he placed a call to the sheriff's department from his girlfriend's home. He was held on the line by the dispatcher who informed him that

no one was killed in the incident. The dispatcher went on to learn his location and mental state before passing it on to Kentucky State Police and sheriff's department officers, who were able to arrest Tackett without incident.

In the application to the court for a bond reduction, attorney Ryan Allison noted that Tackett had strong ties to the communi-

ty and was not a flight risk.

But Judge Danny P. Caudill said that his main consideration is the severity of the charges. He related that the amount of jail time a defendant is facing is a major factor in determining bond and denied the request.

Tackett is facing four Class B felony charges and each carries a possible 10-to-20 years in the penitentiary.

Court

concern for child safety but that it would be illegal to place speed bumps on the road. The court did resolve to post 15-mile-per-hour speed limit signs in Jockey Hollow Monday. Sheriff John K. Blackburn noted that he had spoken with the driver in question and has added patrols of the hollow to his deputies' duty roster.

The court also approved a resolution to pay \$20,000 for natural gas for which it will have to eat a loss. The county is paying \$13 per 1,000 square feet of gas but is charging \$10 to customers. The court has applied

for an increase to pass the rate on to customers but must wait 30 days for approval of the increase. The court expects to get out of the gas business as soon as the sale of the gas company is finalized.

The court sold the company to Industrial Gas Services in May, but the sale has to be approved by the Public Service Commission, which normally takes several months and is expected to be completed by early October. Industrial Gas Services was actually the second highest bidder on the utility but got the sale when the highest

bidder, Kanney and Rohrer, turned out to have been turned down on a bid to buy a gas company in Magoffin County after a report from the Public Service Commission was received which noted that, "The commission is unable to find that the joint applicants have the financial, technical and managerial ability to provide reasonable service." A representative from the Kanney and Rohrer firm was on hand and noted that the company had applied for reconsideration but had not received a judgment by the time the fiscal Court made its decision.

Pence says state should examine castration for sexual offenders

FRANKFORT — Kentucky should examine castration for sex offenders, Lt. Gov. Steve Pence said Thursday. A commission is examining Kentucky's sexual offender laws for presentation of possible changes to the 2006 General Assembly.

Pence said surgical or chemical castration should be considered for repeat offenders. Pence also said the General Assembly should consider stronger punishment for sex offenders who do not comply with the registry requirements, which is now a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison.

The remarks came after an event to mark Kentucky's participation in a national computer registry of sexual offenders, even though Kentucky has had its own registry for more than five years.

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Probe

Stumbo's office and a special grand jury in Franklin County are investigating whether personnel practices in Fletcher's administration violated personnel laws. Nine current or former

members of the administration have been charged with misdemeanor criminal violations of personnel laws.

Fletcher has been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury on Aug. 30.

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

— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

To thank a teacher

This profession means so much in helping form a pattern of success.

Let's pause for a moment, as schools across the United States are set to open for the fall term, to recognize one of the most important groups among us: teachers.

Almost two-thirds of the participants in a national opinion survey said they remembered a teacher who had changed their life. Chances are that those in the other one-third, if they thought about it more, could say something similar.

It should not be surprising that so many people remembered. Teachers are placed in a child's life at the very time that life's lessons need to be learned - lessons that are often more effectively taught by a caring but objective outsider than by doting parents.

For really good teachers, the success of other people's children is a personal obligation. It may not always happen. But when it does, it can be unforgettable, as the Associated Press-America Online survey so clearly illustrates.

The job has seldom been more demanding. The breakdown of the family has left the schools with thousands of children who arrive at the front door bereft of the training and stimulation needed to function effectively, even in kindergarten. The breakdown of religious training in many homes has left countless other children without a basic moral code, not even the golden rule.

Immigration has brought a proliferation of linguistic challenges. And the world's expectations expand in proportion to the amount of material available to be mastered.

At the same time more is expected, the roadblocks to success have rarely been more formidable. Status-conscious parents demand that their child stand out. They teacher-shop and second-guess, sometimes with the implied threat of a lawsuit lurking in their conversation.

They type their children's papers and do their research to the point where teachers often are forced to wonder if the parent shouldn't get the grade instead of the child.

Nor are teachers, in all too many other ways, accorded a proper amount of professional respect.

State bureaucrats and legislators dictate course material, in some places even getting into questions of what constitutes proper science. The courts and "human resources" departments have imposed burdensome guidelines for patriotic and cultural observances and religious references.

Principals and superintendents maintain a tight leash. The pay of teachers, even when adjusted for a comparable 12-month year, is often less than what a comparable professional could earn.

Yet they spend their evenings correcting papers, their weekends sponsoring school events and some of their personal resources in including a low-income pupil on a field trip or buying another one a pair of mittens. Few other professionals, as a group, are so singularly dedicated to the success of other people.

So it should be with a special sense of gratitude that parents turn their boys and girls, once again, over to the teachers. And a sense of respect, as well. Next to the parents themselves, and in some cases even more than the parents, they are the foremost influence, collectively, in the competence and quality of the next generation. Society too seldom says thank you.

— Omaha World-Herald



— Rich Lowry Column

North Pole, Alaska

NORTH POLE, Alaska — As I was driving through this town of less than 1,600 people just outside of Fairbanks, an overwhelming sensation came over me — of safety. Or at least that's what Congress wanted me to feel. Thanks to a senseless, but sadly typical, formula for spending federal homeland security dollars, North Pole has been awarded more than half a million dollars for homeland security rescue and communications equipment. This just in case the terrorists decide to try to shut down Santa Claus Lane.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff is irritating certain U.S. senators by insisting that how federal homeland security spending is allocated should have some relation to the risk of a terrorist attack in any given area. Where he has the authority to act on his own, Chertoff has pushed his

department toward rationality. He moved, for instance, to limit the cities eligible for port-security grants to 66 from 366, thus eliminating Martha's Vineyard from the list (and exposing the extended Kennedy clan to attack by the terrorist yacht). But Congress controls how homeland security grants are doled out to the states.

Immediately after 9/11, Congress wrote a homeland security spending formula into the Patriot Act, one of the provisions of that law that actually is a mistake. It says that every state gets .75 percent of the funding from two enormous federal grant programs that spend well over \$1 billion a year. That eats up 40 percent of the funding. The other 60 percent is allocated on the basis of population, which is one risk factor for a terror attack, but only one. In other words, in a homeland security effort that should be built on intelligence and risk analysis, Congress has created a system that is almost entirely random and beholden to the dictates of logrolling and pork-barrel spending. Throwing around money in absurd

fashion has resulted in, naturally enough, absurdities — \$300,000 spent in Outagamie County, Wis.; \$30,000 in Lake County, Tenn., to buy a defibrillator to have on hand at high-school basketball games; \$98,000 on training courses in Lenawee County, Mich., which no one bothered to attend. And on it goes. Billions of dollars in the grants haven't been spent on anything because they are gummed up in the bureaucratic pipeline, partly because some localities don't have the foggiest idea what to do with the money.

The House recently passed a bill to rationalize the funding formula, basing it almost entirely on risk-assessment by DHS. But the Senate has balked. Small-state senators have a disproportionate sway there, and last month they rejected the House approach, preferring a barely improved version of the status quo. These senators can't imagine any reason for being in Washington other than to shove lucre back to their home states — for whatever reason.

If Congress can't straighten out the funding formula, maybe it will have to try a different approach, and relocate people, such as moving people from threatened urban areas to places like North Pole. We can be certain they would be well-secured here.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.



The Rich Lowry column

— beyond the beltway

Intelligent design is not so intelligent

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

People keep telling me that George Bush isn't dumb. Intelligent people. Honest. They say that, close up, he's quick and sharp.

Which, if true, means that he is the most willfully ignorant man who has ever occupied the White House.

His statement the other day — that the theory of "intelligent design" should be taught in high school science classes, right beside evolution — was nothing short of appalling.

"...people ought to be exposed to different ideas," he said.

Really? Crackpot ideas as well as sound ones, Mr. President? Taken to its logical conclusion it would mean that kids should be exposed to the flat earth theory and astrology as well as astronomy, numerology along with statistics. On the other hand, taking something to its logical conclusion is the last thing I'd

accuse the president of. I suspect he's simply pandering to the Know-Nothing wing of his party, that is to say, its majority.

There are many explanations of how life came to be. Most of them rely heavily on magic, a god-figure creating the heavens, earth and man out of nothingness simply through an act of will. Shazam!

Evolution, the theory that man has evolved through the millennia from less complex forms of life, does not rely on magic; rather it is an informed speculation that has been shaped over the past 150 years by relentless scientific investigation. It has proven itself to virtually the entire scientific community (a few cranks excepted) and is integral to a whole range of scientific disciplines, biology especially.

Intelligent design — the notion that human life is too complex to be explained by evolution and so must be the work of an intelligent ... something — is just another magic act and not a persuasive one at that. (They never tell you whom they suspect of being that intelligent, for one thing.) Its proponents have seldom published in reputable scientific journals nor put their research, such as it is, to the test of peer review. It is junk science.

In short, intelligent design isn't very.

Mr. Bush's science adviser (and doesn't that sound like a zany job. I wonder if they make him sleep in the basement and eat scraps from the table) tried his best to make his boss sound less of a dolt.

"Intelligent design is not a scientific concept," the adviser, John Marburger III, said. The president's remarks should be interpreted to mean that intelligent design could profitably be discussed as part of the "social context" in science classes.

And if you think that's what the president really meant, I have some Enron stock I'd be willing to let you have at cost.

If it were just a case of the president being a science ignoramus, one could shrug it off as part of his good ol' boy act (like his dropping of g's) but this ignorance, in case after case, has been reflected in disastrous public policy, particularly in the areas of the environment (global warming) and scientific inquiry (stem cell research).

We have become the most science-illiterate people in the industrial world and our president is giving aid and comfort to the enemy, at times because it is politically advantageous to do so, at times because he is a man of belief rather than reason.

The "Scopes-Monkey trial," which dealt with the right of Tennessee teachers to teach evolution in the schools there, is now 80 years old. Since then we

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Billie Caudill, 80, of Langley, died Wednesday, August 17, at the Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 19, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ James Allen "Jimmie" Conn, 80, of Allen, died Saturday, August 13, in the Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Belle Reynolds Conn. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Vannie Mae Damron, 79, of New London, Ohio, a Floyd County native, died Wednesday evening, August 17, at Fisher Titus Medical Center, Norwalk. She is survived by her husband, Johnny Damron. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 21, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home.

■ Ernest Dean Hall, 65, of Dana, died Sunday, August 14, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ivalene Conn Hall. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 17, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

■ Velva Hall Johnson, 91, of Bevinville, died Friday, August 12, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

■ John Paul Pitts, 60, of Martin, died Saturday, August 13, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Lou Ellen Shepherd Pitts. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 16, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

■ Henry Lee Shell, 82, of Salyersville, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, August 16, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 18, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Sadie P. Shepherd, age 81, of Blue River, died Friday, August 12, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Teddy B. Tackett, 55, died August 14, at the McDowell A.R.H. Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 17, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Thelma Cassady Turner, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, August 15, in the Riverview Healthcare in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 17, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Cledis Wallen, 67, of Kendallville, Indiana, a native of Garrett, died Sunday, August 7, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, Indiana. Services were held Wednesday, August 10, under the direction of Hite Funeral Home.

■ Mable Raye Willis, 88, of Langley, died Saturday, August 13, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, August 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Robert Ball, 64, of Belfry, died Thursday, August 18, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services will be held Sunday, August 21, at 2 p.m., under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Russell Compton, 87, of

Bonnyman, a Pike County native, died Monday, August 15, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Morell Farmer Compton. Funeral services were held Friday, August 19, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Gregory Dwayne Fleming, 26, died Monday, June 6, at Hellier. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 17, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Lloyd Allen Smith Guyer, 41, of Blackshear, Georgia, a native of Pikeville, died Monday, August 15, at the St. Vincent Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Valerie Bonnell Guyer. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 20, under the direction of Pearson-Treadwell Chapel.

■ Phyllis Blackburn Harvey, 76, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Sidney, died Monday, August 15, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 18, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ George Hughes, 67, died Thursday, August 18, at Parkview Nursing &

Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Violet Caudill Hurley, 77, of Williamson, a native of Argo, died Thursday, August 18, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 21, at 1 p.m., in the Hatfield Funeral Home.

■ Shakira Marie Justice, 16-month-old daughter of Kevin Justice and Natasha Marie Simon, both of Freeburn, died Wednesday, August 17, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services will be held Sunday, August 21, at 1 p.m., in the Freeburn Free Pentecostal Church of God, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Arminda "Mindy" Burke Elkins Kinder, 84, of Upper Chloe Road, Pikeville, has died. She is survived by her husband, Hobart Kinder. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 18, under direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Ollie Blackburn Lyons, 86, of Pikeville, died Monday,

August 15, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 18, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Claire D. McKinster, 94, of Bellingham, Washington, a Pikeville native, died Tuesday, August 16, in Bellingham. Memorial Services were held Friday, August 19, under the direction of Jones/Moles Funeral Home & Cremation Service.

■ Jettie Fern Newsome, 64, of Little Robinson Creek, died Thursday, August 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Denzil Newsome. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 14, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Anna Christine Slone Owens, 81, of Marrowbone, died Sunday, Aug. 14, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 17, under direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Dorothy Caudill Ramey, 72, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, August 16, at the Wellmont-Holston Valley Hospital, Kingsport, Tennessee.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Leona McCoy Slone, 63, of Freeburn, died Saturday, August 13, in Scottsville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 17, under direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Teddy B. Tackett, 55, a native of Pikeville, died Sunday, Aug. 14, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 17, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Helena Cool Williamson, 70, died Sunday, August 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Graveside services were held Tuesday, August 16, under direction of Justice Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Garnet Nellie May Caudill, 86, of Thelma, died Tuesday, August 9, at

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New Home — This wonderful brick home in the Hippo area of Floyd County is a one of a kind property constructed in 2003. Sitting on a nice level lot this home's 2,759 sq ft includes 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, spacious living and dining rooms and a 1,320 sq ft detached garage. This property is a must see.

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Weight Loss Surgery Program for Morbid Obesity at Three Rivers Medical Center

For many people who are 100 pounds or more overweight and have a body mass index over 40, bariatric surgery for weight loss may offer hope for success.

The procedure for people with morbid obesity is generally recommended because of the improvement in physical and mental health that can be achieved with the weight loss.

Left untreated, morbid obesity is a significant risk to life, and can lead to such conditions as high blood pressure, heart failure and heart attack, stroke, diabetes, certain cancers, sleep apnea, acid reflux, and other medical concerns. It can also be detrimental to emotional and psychological health.

Bariatric Surgery at Three Rivers Medical Center

The program is guided by a fellowship trained bariatric surgeon, Dr. Laura Velcu. Patients seeking treatment receive extensive pre-operative education and undergo a complete screening process, including a psychological evaluation, to help determine whether the surgery is appropriate for them. Patients are also required to attend support group meetings, where they receive vital information about what to expect following surgery, nutritional guidance, and other important aspects of the surgery and follow-up care.

As with any surgical procedure, weight loss surgery may present risks. Ask your referring physician or a bariatric surgeon if weight loss surgery is right for you.

About the surgeon

Dr. Laura Velcu, M.D. is fellowship trained in bariatric surgery, an intervention for weight loss to control morbid obesity. She received her medical degree from Carol Davila School of Medicine and Pharmacy. Dr. Velcu completed her surgical residency at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, New York. She also completed a surgical fellowship in complex and minimally-invasive surgery at University of Pittsburgh, Magee Women's Hospital, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Velcu is certified by the American Board of Surgery and a member of the American Society for Bariatric Surgery. She is actively involved with research in the field of bariatric surgery.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

Expectations weight loss surgery group meetings are being planned on a monthly basis. Please watch for additional details and forthcoming announcements about the support groups in the future.

For information, call Bariatric Surgery Program Coordinator Robin Barker, R.N. at 606-638-3813.



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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

The guy who said, "You write so easy," should have been here to watch the fingernails fly while this column was a-borning — or, would you say, "aborting?"

I do not write "easy." That's just mental exhaustion showing up in type.

THE SEARCHER

I, who can get lost with the best of them, and get on more roads going north, when I want to go south, than anybody since Wrong-Way Corrigan, got a laugh out of the experience of some of the boys who found the hills and the fog around Dewey Lake a mite confusing, the other night, while they were searching for a lost hunter.

When the man was found along about 3 a.m., the searcher greeted him in words almost as historic as those of Stanley, when he sang out, "Livingston, I presume."



Norman Allen

Said the searcher (so we are told):

"What's your name?"

And told the name he remarked, "The very man, I'm looking for—how do you get out of here?"

GOOD WORK

That incident may be on the funny side. But it is only a side-light on the fine work done by the Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad. How many others of us, for instance, would climb snake-infested hills in darkness and fog all night long? But a boy had asked for help; his Dad was missing. And this group went.

OF THEORIES:

A poor scientist with apparently little to do except to propound a theory that will get him newspaper space, comes up with the idea that it began three billion years ago in the mud and scum... Wonder if that's why we still sling mud, and why some wives have been known to refer to friend husband as "the scum of the earth?"... This theory sounds as reasonable to me as the other.

THE ONE AND ONLY

Once in a great while I chance upon a discussion of words, writing style, and the like. It's a fascinating subject, but there's always the danger that the purist will wind up behind an "at." So, for this session, let us consider only one much-abused word.

It's "unque." May Noah

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Shown, left to right, are some happy Shelton-McSurley Reunion-goers: Kevin Shelton, Clark Shelton, Bob Shelton, Mary Combs, Teresa Harris, Robert Harris, and Diana Price.

Family reunion provides day of fun, togetherness

Submitted by Jamie VanHoose

The Shelton-McSurley family reunion was held Saturday, June 11, at the Minnie Ball Park. Over 33 family members showed up for the day of celebration, many clad in royal blue commemorative t-shirts.

Family members report that the day was one filled with laughter and lots of fun as many activities took place all day long including live music, a "white elephant" sale, volleyball games, a horseshoe tournament, and dancing. The "grand finale" of the day's events was a talent show in which attendees impersonated such celebrities as George Jones, Big & Rich, Loretta Lynn, Elvis Presley, Grandpa Jones, Ike and Tina Turner, Wynonna Judd, Minnie Pearl, Ronnie Milsap, Hank Williams Jr. and many more.

Alberta Shelton-Shannon was named "2005 Shelton of the Year" at the reunion and Helen McSurley-Spears was named "2005 McSurley of the Year."

The Shelton and McSurley families send a special thanks to Pat Shelton, who organized the event, and also to Hall Funeral Home and Nelson Funeral Home for providing shady tents under which the family were able to seek shelter from the summer sun.



Steve Hicks heats up the microphone at the recent Shelton-McSurley Family Reunion.



"You put your right foot in..." Things got lively for some during afternoon activities.



Standing are Rebele Shelton and Marcella Shelton; sitting are Ted Shelton and "2005 Shelton of the Year" Alberta Shelton-Shannon.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Devil's Rain'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

"The Exorcist" meets "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" in this mid 1970s drive-in chiller that sports a veteran cast and a couple of future stars.

The American southwest is the setting here as a family must confront Corbiss (the leader of a sect of devil worshippers) who is determined to get his hands on an evil textbook the family has guarded for three centuries.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

The film opens with a tense sequence that sees family matriarch Mrs. Preston and son Mark (William Shatner having a bad toupee day) sweating it out as they wait for Dad to come home while a rainstorm rages outside. A truck eventually pulls up and dad, sporting a misshapen face, reports that Corbiss is in a neighboring ghost town and wants his book back. Dad then promptly melts into wax before he can answer any questions.

Mark steps outside to investigate the truck and hears noises back at the house. By the time he's back inside, some cultists have made off with mom. He dashes off a message to his brother Tom and heads off to the ghost town to pit his faith against that of Corbiss. Before you can say, "Beam me up, Scotty," he is imprisoned and transformed into an eyeless minion of Corbiss.

Tom and his psychic wife, Julie, get the message and return home for a meeting with the town's useless sheriff who wishes them luck but can't offer any help. They head to the ghost town where someone blows up their truck while they're investigating a church.

Eventually they happen upon an eyeless minion who turns out to be a pre-"Welcome Back, Kotter" John Travolta. Julie looks into Travolta's fire-filled eye holes — no disco inferno jokes please — and sees a memory from 300 years before. She figures out that Corbiss is three centuries old and still mad at the Prestons for turning him in during Pilgrim times. Turns out the villagers didn't take kindly to Corbiss' preachings and opted to make him the lone weenie at an all-night roast.

Julie doesn't get much of a chance to explain her vision as the pair is interrupted by a cultist who crashes a station wagon into the church. It appears that giving up your eyes to Corbiss impacts one's driving skills but the sect can still blow up cars and lasso intruders with the best of them.

Tom sends Julie away but screws up because it was all a ruse to split them up and Corbiss has wisely hidden a cultist in the back seat. This leads to a hilarious sequence where Julie crashes the station wagon because she chooses to take both

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The race we run is not about the finish line

by FRAN HARRIS

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOUL"

It's hard to say no to Superman.

When Chris, my younger brother, was 5 years old, he wanted to enter a 30-yard dash at "Fun Day," a City of Dallas summer youth program. It was a project that was designed to give kids alternatives to hanging out on street corners during summer vacation. Chris, who insisted everyone in our family call him "Superman," had always been fascinat-

would stand along the sidelines, hypnotized as he watched the older kids race. And although he didn't really understand the concept of running a race — or so I thought — he somehow knew that the atmosphere of competing and doing your best provided one of the greatest feelings in the world.

For three weeks, he had run over to me, panting and out of breath, with the same question: "Can I run today?"

For three weeks, my answer had remained the same: "We'll see." That tired, worn-out phrase my parents used

On this particular day I caught a glimpse of the sparkle in Chris' eyes. He wanted, no, needed, to run in a race, so I agreed to give him his shot.

As one event finished and they geared up for the next one, I learned that the other two kids in Chris' race were 7 and 9 years old. I had wondered why they looked so much bigger and more developed than my gangly 5-year-old shrimp of a brother who'd just lost one of his front teeth.

Oh, no, I thought. He's gonna get creamed. He'll have one foot in the

thinking I should pull Superman from the race. Maybe encourage him to run with kids his own age. But something in the child-of-steel's spirit told me age was nothing but a number in his mind.

The official called for the runners to take their marks, and I told Chris I would be waiting for him at the finish line and that I'd be proud of him no matter what happened. I laid a big, sloppy kiss on him and sent him to the starting blocks, certain I was making a big mistake.

The race began, and Chris took off as



Jim Davidson

Facing the storms of life

Several years ago, when I was younger and not involved in so many different activities, I used to love to go trout fishing. We have one of the premier trout fishing streams in the country right here in North Arkansas and known as the White River. My friends who read my column in the Baxter Bulletin in Mountain Home will certainly attest to this. The White River runs across the northern part of our state and a large dam was built at Bull Shoals creating Bull Shoals Lake, a great fishing place in its own right, with anglers coming from all over the nation to fish there. I don't know how many feet, but this dam is high, really high, and when water is released at the bottom, it is cold and swift as the river snakes its way through the mountains. This is prime habitat for trout that must have cold water to survive. The swift water flowing through this dam is also



used to generate electricity. Trout fishermen primarily fish below the dam in the White River and there are several boat docks and rental places along the way where you can rent a boat, motor and everything you need to "wet a hook," as they say. Because the water is so swift, especially when they are generating, you need an anchor to throw out, if you do not want to be swept along with the current. Most boats are equipped with a piece of railroad iron for this purpose. If you have ever seen a railroad track and can visualize about a foot of this, then you know what I am talking about. When you throw the anchor out, if the water is really swift, it may take a little while before it hangs up on a rock and your boat is brought to a secure position. When I thought about what I wanted to share with you today, this is the analogy that came to mind. In reality, a fast-

moving river is, in one sense, a picture of life as we move along at a fast pace and face the trials and tribulations that come along each day. Sometimes these trials and tribulations become so overwhelming that we often seem to be losing ground as we attempt to succeed and reach the goals we have set for ourselves. At this point, let me pause and ask you this question: Are you facing some things in your life that you just can't seem to overcome? It could be health problems, financial distress, a failed marriage, problems with children or grandchildren, a conflict with your employer or with an employee, a battle with drugs or alcohol. Of course there are myriads of other problems that many people experience from time to time.

As I look back over the past several years of my life, I have come to the realization that I now have skills and knowledge that I did not have 10 or 20 years ago. I hope the same is true for you as well. It's been said that people are like plants. When we quit growing, we start dying. The past few months

have been so rewarding as I have read a number of good books that have been very enlightening. You know, we should read for profit but we should also read for pleasure. I have a couple of good friends who share books with me and in turn I share some of mine with them. If you are not already doing this, this is an idea you might want to try.

Recently I have made a discovery in the spiritual area of my life that has helped me face the storms that come along and I want to share it with you for what it's worth. Several years ago I heard a fantastic song titled, "The Anchor Holds" that was written by Lawrence Chewing and sung by Ray Boltz, copyright 1994, Word Music Company. Back then I heard the song several times but lost the tape or CD and had not thought about it for the past several months. Then to my surprise, a few weeks ago a lady in my Sunday school class gave Viola and me a CD that contained this song, along with a number of others. However, the orchestra and choir of Emmanuel Faith

Community Church in Escondido, Calif., recorded this rendition.

This song is just beautiful and the words are fantastic. Let me share the chorus and you will see what I mean: "The Anchor holds, though the ship is battered. The Anchor holds, though the sails are torn. Well I have fallen on my knees, as I faced the raging sea, but the Anchor holds in spite of the storm." Almost from the time we received the tape, I have listened to this song at least once or twice each morning as I am getting dressed. The words to this song serve to remind me of WHOM my Anchor is, and that I am secure in His love. There is no doubt about it, when I come to the office I am better prepared to face the opportunities and the challenges that await me.

Please understand that I have no financial interest and just wanted to share a resource that has been a blessing to me. The CDs are only \$10 and can be ordered by calling the church at 1-760-745-2541 or from their Web site www.efcc.org.

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Fifth gear 101

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

Whenever I am driving, my dear husband and I have an argument about fifth gear. I was taught not to use fifth gear unless I am going to be driving on a long stretch of road without traffic lights or I am on the freeway (we have a 1998 Volkswagen Passat). My husband says it doesn't matter how long you're going to be in fifth gear; he says it's all a matter of how fast you are going. He says I got a simplified explanation because I'm a girl. He goes from first gear to second to fifth driving around town, even though there might be a stop-

light a quarter-mile away. He says that he rarely uses third and fourth gears (which I use all the time in the city) unless he is hauling a load. Ease my troubled mind: Is this causing stress on our transmission? — Mary

RAY: Forget about the transmission, Mary. I'm more worried about the stress it's causing in your marriage.

TOM: Let's start with a freshman seminar: Fifth Gear 101.

RAY: The first thing you need to know is that it's easier to KEEP a car moving than it is to GET a car moving. In other words, getting a car from 0 mph to 50 mph takes a lot more effort than keeping it going at 50 mph once it's already there. Newton figured that out after he invented the fruit-filled cookie.

TOM: So, the gears in a car are designed for various degrees of difficulty. First gear, for instance, is designed for the hardest work, when you're moving a car from a dead stop or climbing a steep hill. In first gear, the engine's crankshaft may turn 100 times for every rotation of the wheels.

RAY: If you've ridden a multi-speed bicycle, it's very similar. You know that in first gear, your legs (like the car's engine) pump the pedals many times, even while the bicycle wheels turn very slowly. But the pedaling is very easy on your legs. That's like first gear in a car.

TOM: And like high gear on a bicycle, your car's fifth gear is designed for the easiest duty, when you're already at speed and just need enough power to keep the car moving at that speed. So in fifth gear the engine just lopes along, turning the crankshaft only, say, 25 times for every rotation of the wheels. And that saves gasoline.

RAY: So, when should you use fifth gear? As often as possible — as long as you're not "lugging the engine."

TOM: By "lugging," we mean that the engine is struggling to accelerate. How would you know it's struggling? Because when you step on the gas to accelerate, it doesn't go faster. It might bog down, it might buck, it might lurch. And you might get noises from the engine, like ping-pong or knocking. If any of those things are happening, you're going too slowly to be in fifth gear, and you need to downshift.

RAY: So, to address the dispute with "dear husband," Mary, it turns out you're both a little bit wrong. It makes no difference how long you plap to stay in fifth gear; the engine

or transmission couldn't care less. So that's not a criterion for when to shift.

TOM: But "dear husband" is also off-base when he says that speed is the only factor. After all, you can shift into fifth at a lower speed while going down a hill than you can on a flat road. Speed is a good guideline, but the bottom line is, if the engine isn't complaining, you're good to go.

RAY: And by the way, your driving style is absolutely fine, Mary. The only potential downside to avoiding fifth gear in town is that you'll get slightly lower mileage than perhaps you could. But you'll do the engine absolutely no harm by driving in third and fourth around town. In fact, you're sure to avoid lugging it.

TOM: And as long as "dear husband" is not shifting so soon that he's lugging the engine, his style is fine, too. But if you hear the engine ping-pong or feel it bucking, then reach over and give him a dope slap. Or write him a "dear husband" letter.

Dear Tom and Ray:

We are a couple of old broads in our 70s, both very hard-headed. My friend drives with her purse between her stomach and the steering wheel. I think this is probably very dangerous! I tried to tell her that when the air bag is deployed, it comes out with a great deal of force — enough to push her purse into her ribs or stomach and do major damage. Am I right to worry about my best bud, or am I just a worrywart? — Ouida

RAY: Well, we're more worried about those big cigars she smokes, Ouida. One of those could end up down her gullet if the air bag deploys.

TOM: But you're right about the purse. We checked with the air-bag experts at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and they gave the purse position a thumbs-down. They're concerned that it could interfere with the proper path of the air bag.

RAY: So I suppose, instead of heading directly for her chest, the purse could deflect the air bag upward, sending the force of it directly into her schnozola. Or the air bag could break the pocketbook, allowing a piece of it to cause her a nasty injury.

TOM: Not to mention the embarrassing possibility that she'd end up with the word "Prada" embossed, backward, on her abdomen.

RAY: And then there's the factor of what's in the bag. I know that old ladies, by regulation, are required to carry large quantities of facial tissues. But she probably also carries some hard objects, like keys, a compact or even knitting needles.

TOM: So the best place for the bag is on the floor on the passenger side, or right next to her, between the front seats. Tell her if she has an emergency need for a tissue or a picture of her grandkids, you'll be right there to provide an immediate assist, Ouida.

Don't get stuck with a lemon. Be an informed shopper. Read Tom and Ray's guide "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.



CAP to host fundraiser golf tournament Sept. 12

On Monday, Sept. 12, Christian Appalachian Project will be hosting their fall golf tournament at Stone Crest Golf Course.

The tournament promises to be a truly special one, as it is the first-ever to take place in Eastern Kentucky and it has been dedicated to CAP's newest program, the Howell Appalachian Student Fund.

The Howell Appalachian Student Fund is a loan-to-grant college scholarship program developed in 1990 by Jerry Howell, of Morehead. Howell recently transferred the existing Appalachian Student Fund to CAP, passing along with it the torch of hope for underprivileged students who otherwise may not have the opportunity to attend college.

Ultimately, Howell's goal was to encourage successful college graduates to remain in Eastern Kentucky to live and work by forgiving student loans. CAP plans to continue as well as expand the program. Several tournament sponsorship opportunities are still available, with



CAP Corner

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everything from platinum sponsorship that includes two foursome play spots, two-hole sponsorships, and a full-page color advertisement in the tournament program, all the way to individual play, which is guaranteed with a suggested contribution of \$250.

By participating in the tournament, you are empowering CAP to help underprivileged East Kentuckians go to college. Ultimately, your participation ensures the continued legacy of the Appalachian Student Fund.

For more information about the tournament or for information on corporate sponsorship, please contact Teresa McAnly at (859) 792-3051.

Soup

if he'd been shot from a cannon. And just as I'd imagined, the two older kids — one to his left, the other to his right — were leaving him in the dust. All of the spectators were going crazy, cheering for all three kids. I jumped up and down, waving my hands, wearing a smile as wide as Texas.

Chris kept his eyes on me and continued to run his little heart out. Finally,

he crossed the finish line, leaping into my arms.

"Way to go, Chris," I said, holding back a fountain of tears. "You were sooo good, baby! You ran so hard! I'm proud of you."

He hugged my neck so tight I was sure it would snap. With his sweaty face buried in my neck, he kissed me, pulled away and asked excitedly, "Did

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I win?" Surely, he thought he must have won as hard as I was smiling. I laughed but never thought twice about my answer to his question. Instead, I continued to flash my megawatt smile, took one look at the gleam in his eyes and the joy spilling out of his chest, and said: "You sure did, baby. You sure did."

Allen

Webster, Sam'l Johnson, and those others who delved and dove into the morass of words that is our language, forgive us! "It was an unique party," "Isn't that unique?" and so on—you've heard them all.

Well, it isn't unique, unless it is the only one of its kind, nothing ever like it, period. This is a word so commonly used incorrectly, that its true meaning may, indeed, be changed "by popular demand." That's why, when I saw it used so correctly in a recent article that it brought me up short. The sentence, or part of it, said, "It is an unique."

So, there! Unique, isn't it!

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behind a chair in which I had slumped while making certain desultory remarks, was lucky not to have been reduced to rubble, verily.

Yet I wished for both, the other afternoon, when a certain youngster caught his first fish. The movie camera would have recorded his wild, excited dash up the bank, the startled fish bouncing along behind him. I wished for a tape recorder, so that I might play it for him a few years hence. We tossed the fish back into the lake, and the recorder would have preserved for posterity his anguished wail, "Bah! I wanted to hold it by the TAIL!"

Lagoon

hands off the wheel to cover up her mouth while she screams.

It all ends up with an inventive sequence wherein the satanists melt like dove bars in a microwave as they are pelted with devil's rain. All right, it's a little confusing, but all in good fun and the makeup effects are outstanding as they all transform into one large puddle of evil goo.

This one's wild and a little goofy, but you do get some decent scares and a cast so hungry for work that they chew the scenery like it's their last meal.

Shatner emotes like there's no tomorrow and shouts "Corbiss" like he's auditioning for the "Wrath of Khan." Ida Lupino shows up briefly but quickly disappears as if her check just cleared.

Ernest Borgnine takes the cake as Corbiss and looks pretty good in the goat head make up that he sports for the final reel. He also seems to be having a grand old time as he tosses off lines like, "You are chosen from among mortals for immortal delight."

Eddie Albert ("Green Acres") turns up for the finale as a know-it-all professor who saves the day by figuring out all of the clues that have eluded the rest of the cast.

John Travolta shows up as a minion and has his eyes covered up but that cleft in his chin is a dead giveaway.

Clearly, he paid his dues to get where he is today.

Okay, this one is a bit silly, but director Robert Fuest ("The Abominable Dr. Phibes") knows his way around a trite script and seems particularly adept at getting actors to go over the top. He even hired a black book toting satanist, Anton Le Vey, as a technical advisor. La Vey would pen his own black book but died in 1993 and is probably roasting like Corbiss

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for say ... eternity. The make up effects by Tom Burman ("The Fly") are the best thing here and the final mass melting scene is worth the wait. The final shot is a killer and leaves the drama open for another satanic storm, though it's been blue skies ever since.

Best line: "Who opens the portals of pleasure opens the eye of eternity." Whatever that means.

1975, rated PG.

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EDUCATION PROJECT

Coal companies join college to train highly-skilled workers

PRESTONSBURG — The Roy F. Collier Community Center in Inez was crowded with men in search of jobs in the coal industry as representatives from Czar Coal Corporation/Beech Fork Processing Inc., Excel Mining LLC, Martin County Coal Corporation and Big Sandy Community and Technical College gathered on August 18 to sign the agreements that will usher in the latest initiative for training a highly-skilled workforce in the coal industry.

Dr. George D. Edwards, president of BSCTC told the group, "This is a true partnership, representing three coal companies in a consortium with Big Sandy Community and Technical College."

The consortium agreement between BSCTC and the coal companies will provide 48 weeks of highly skilled training for over 200 workers over the next one-and-a-half years. Students will rotate in the classroom and on the job on an eight-week rotation basis. After

completing eight weeks in the classroom, the student will go into the mine work setting and work alongside skilled miners for eight weeks. Then they will rotate back into the classroom. After the first rotations take place, a new group of students will begin the training.

Students will be sponsored by the coal companies and will be paid a competitive wage throughout their 48-week training period. At the end of the training period, successful graduates will be eligible to be considered for employment by the mining companies.

The cost of the program to students will be their transportation to school and the workplace, dedication and sweat equity. All other costs will be paid for by grant funds and the consortium.

David Pelphrey, dean of workforce development for BSCTC, told the group gathered to hear about the new training initiative, "This training will prepare you for a career, not just a job, in the coal

industry. It's an affordable way to train people with world class transferable skills."

Jim Booth, executive from Booth Energy commented, "We are excited about this program. There are a lot of jobs available in the coal industry. We want you to come to work for us, trained and ready to excel."

"It's different than when your fathers came to work. Today's coal industry requires trained technical workers. With this program you can get paid while you get that training. You will still be able to support yourselves and your families while getting the skills you need to work in today's coal industry."

The first Information Day will be held Sept. 7 at the Mayo Campus Auditorium in Paintsville from 1 to 6 p.m. This will include screening interviews, assessment and information. The initial screening process for selecting the first class of students will take place at this time.

Persons who are interested in



From left to right are, standing, Craig S. Preece, Carolea Mills, David Pelphrey, James H. Booth and Elmer Howard; and, sitting, Dennis Hatfield, Paul Spradlin, Dr. Edwards and John Small.

a career in the coal industry should be at this meeting, ready to interview. For more information on this training call David Pelphrey at (606) 788-2844, or if you are out of the area you can call toll free (888) 641-4132 ext. 82844.

Regional

Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Wilbur H. 'Harley' Caudill, 76, of Flat Gap, died Thursday, August 11, at his residence. Arrangements, were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Dolphia Milton "Rass" Kelly Jr., 30, of Flat Gap, died Wednesday, August 10. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly A. McKenzie Kelly. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Juanita Blair Spradlin, 69, of Leander, died Thursday, August 11, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, James Denny Spradlin. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Jeremy Clayton Runyon, 19, of River, died Thursday, August 11. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Michael C. Havens, 51, of Lowmansville, died Tuesday, August 16, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Stevens Havens. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 20, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Jim Demera Slone, 25, of Detroit, Michigan, died Saturday, August 13, at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Green J. Patrick, 80, of New Cumberland, a native of Magoffin County, died Wednesday, August 3. He is survived by his wife, Anna M. Houze Patrick. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 6, in the Sandy Valley Church of God, N.E. Magnolia.

■ Billie A. Rice, 88, of Oil Springs, died Tuesday, August 9, at Darby Nursing Home, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Rev. Lionel Lykins, 78, of Albion, a native of Salyersville, died Sunday, August 14, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Janabee Yates Lykins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 18, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home.

■ Danny Mullins, 50, of Salyersville, died Friday, August 12, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Sherry Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 16, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Frank Bailey, 82, of

Royalton, died Friday, July 29, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Patterson Bailey. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

■ Martha E. Moore, 68, of Norwalk, a native of Salyersville, died Monday morning, August 15, in her home. Arrangements, under the direction of Walker Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Homer Hall

Homer Hall, 81, of Weeksbury, died Wednesday, August 17, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Born April 27, 1924, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Millard Filmore and Lillie Tackett Hall. He was owner and manager of Hall's Bypro Market, from which he retired after 55 years; a U.S. Navy World War II veteran; a member of the Johnson County V.F.W.; a member of the Auxier D.A.V. Chapter 18; received Presidential Citation; two purple hearts, 15 major battle stars, a silver star, bronze star; and many other medals and awards.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Tackett Hall.

Survivors include three sons: Roger Lewis Hall (Delana) of Weeksbury, Michael Dean Hall (Judy) of Wheelwright, and Gregory Allen Hall (Debbie) of Weeksbury; three daughters: Sharon Meade (Ronnie) of Prestonsburg, Judy Taylor (Noah) of Robinson Creek, and Deedra (Dee Dee) Hall (Cheyenne) of Weeksbury; two brothers: Haskell Hall of Weeksbury and Guy Hall of Bufford, Georgia; a sister, Jane Wells of Weeksbury; nine grandchildren: Jeff, Shaun, Chris, Tiffany, Tina, Neil, Jessica, Ryan, and Katie; and five great-grandchildren: Kelsey, Dylan, Rebecca, Dawson, and Hailey.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Francis Hall; a brother, Willis Hall; two sisters: Sarah Branham and Sadie Bakay; and a grandchild, Latisha Rose Hall.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 20, at 1 p.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Wash Hall Cemetery, in Weeksbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

A military funeral was conducted by the Auxier D.A.V. Chapter 18.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

Beltway

have entered the ages of jet propulsion, atomic energy, television, space exploration and the Internet. Yet we find ourselves still fighting that same battle — with the president on the side of the tin-foil collectors.

Creationists and others have been putting stickers on high school textbooks pointing out that evolution is "only" a theory and has not been proved. Fair enough, but to be accurate and thorough we should add another sticker saying "And the Bible is

a kind common to all cultures and should not be confused with journalism."

It's an idea people should be exposed to.



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, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email him at donald.kaul@

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Rebels steamroll Bobcats Turnovers lead AC to 32-6 win

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EASTERN – In what figured to be a battle of two evenly-matched Floyd County teams, the Allen Central Rebels scored early and often Friday night in a 32-6 rout of the visiting Betsy Layne Bobcats. The Bobcats came into the game on a positive note after winning four games last season, but the much bigger group of Rebels were not

impressed. Betsy Layne won the toss and elected to take the opening kickoff. On the first play from scrimmage, however, the Bobcats committed the first of what would end up being four turnovers.

On the first offensive possession for Allen Central, Robbie Vanderpool found the endzone from 21 yards out and gave the Rebs an early lead.

Ramon Spurlock tacked on the two-point conversion and with 8:32 remaining in the

first quarter, Allen Central led 8-0.

Betsy Layne found more bad luck on its next possession as Bobcat quarterback Brandon Kidd was intercepted by Casey Duncan at the Betsy Layne 22 yard line. Duncan returned the interception for a touchdown, extending Allen Central's lead. Spurlock tacked on another two-point conversion to give the Rebels a 16-0 lead at the



Allen Central defended its home field successfully Friday night, turning away visiting Betsy Layne.

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photos by Steve LeMaster

Above: South Floyd senior Justin Slone hurt the Magoffin County defense Friday night on several offensive plays. Slone also doubled up and played defense for the Raiders.
Below: Anthony Barker was also key for South Floyd, both on offense and defense.

Raiders sink Magoffin South Floyd sails past Hornets, 40-14

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HAT – Questions surrounded the South Floyd High School football program heading into Friday night's season-opener at Raider Stadium against visiting Magoffin County.

How would the South Floyd offense make up for the loss of two running backs that combined to rush for nearly 4,000 yards during the 2004 season?

How would the younger, inexperienced Raiders react with bigger roles and greater responsibilities placed upon them?

Could South Floyd come close to equaling or surpassing the suc-

cess of last season's 8-3 team?

Well, South Floyd got off to the right start in the season-opener. The Raiders answered the questions of many critics. South Floyd answered some questions to the tune of a 40-14 win over Magoffin County.

Several South Floyd players got a hand in on the offense. South Floyd was led by senior offensive duo of quarterback Ryan Johnson and wide receiver/running back Justin Slone. The Raiders got all of the scoring they needed in the first half. South Floyd won, despite fighting off exhaustion and other problems related to the hot temperatures. The host team held on to win despite an hour-plus weather-related delay.

South Floyd head coach Donnie Daniels took his team into what eventually was an extended halftime and nursed the 32-6 lead.

Daniels noted his team's hardwork following its season-opening victory.

"We executed well for the most part," said Daniels. "Our backs ran the ball real hard. We had a lot of pregame jitters early on and that's something that we kinda expected."

South Floyd grabbed an early lead and never trailed.

After being forced to punt on its opening possession, South Floyd recovered a Magoffin County punt and

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Blackcats use open week to prepare for Hazard

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Week One of the 2005 Kentucky high football season is in the books. Prestonsburg, ranked as high as second in the state by some preseason polls, didn't play during the first week of the season, instead utilizing its one and only open date of the regular-season to prepare for a season-opening game against Hazard. Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett expects his team to encounter a homestanding Hazard team that'll offer a tough test from the opening kickoff.

"With our open date we used the week to get ready for Hazard," DeRossett acknowledged. "They'll be much-improved from last season. Coach (Mark) Dixon and his staff do a great job. They had a big rivalry game in the first week of the season against Perry County Central, but we expect them to be ready to

(See HAZARD, page two)

P'burg won't host third straight Jenny Wiley tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The Jenny Wiley Invitational boys' basketball tournament has again been discontinued. Prestonsburg High School played hosted to the tournament each of the past two seasons. According to Prestonsburg High boys' basketball coach Jackie Day Crisp, finding teams to fill a 2005-06 edition of the tournament was hard to do.

"We couldn't find enough teams to fill the tournament the way we wanted to," said Crisp. "There's so many tournaments going on around that time."

The tournament, previously held during the months of December and January, drew large crowds when it had its most successful run during the 1970s.

Crisp, who has guided the Prestonsburg

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District baseball MVP Jordan Case moves on

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – It's this time of year when many recent high school graduates make the big step and move on to college. Former Betsy Layne High School three-sport standout Jordan Case no longer competes in organized sports. But he remains competitive, Case, a Class of 2005 graduate and the reigning 58th District baseball most valuable player is determined to continue his education and one day receive a degree in mortuary science.

"Right now, I'm going to focus on school and getting a college education," said Case. "I'm looking at attending Mid-America College of Funeral Service."

Case has already visited Mid-America College of Funeral Service, which is located in Jeffersonville, Ind. He has some experience in the field as he is currently employed by Hall Funeral Home in Martin.

Voted the 58th District's top baseball player as

a senior, Case also had a phenomenal final year of high school football. He finished his senior football season with 13 touchdowns. Case played on both sides of the football and learned a lot about life along the way, some things that might help him later on.

"Both the football and baseball coaches were great," Case said.

The BLHS football team took on Floyd County rival Allen Central Friday night and if possible, Case would have no doubt been suited up for the Bobcats.

A high school student-athlete, before, during and after competition is often reminded that when he or she takes the playing field, they should be having the time of their life. Case admits he enjoyed his time as a Betsy Layne High School student-athlete.

"I really enjoyed high school and playing sports," Case added. "I don't regret anything, I had a great time."



Jordan Case

Paintsville HOOPS Classic continues to grow

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Paintsville HOOPS Classic officials are pleased with the field that's in place for the 2005 tournament. For the first time in tournament history, Georgia and Texas will both be represented with teams.

Oak Ridge, Tenn., the champion from the inaugural tournament, is set to make its return. "Coach Ricky Norris does an outstanding job and we are glad to have Oak Ridge back in the tournament," said Paintsville HOOPS Classic Tournament Director Bob Lyons.

Defending HOOPS Classic champ duPont Manual is not in the 2005 tournament and won't have the opportunity to defend its title.

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Rebels

3:45 mark of the first quarter. After Betsy Layne was unable to muster any offense, Allen Central added another score on a 15-yard scamper from Corey Click.

The two-point conversion from Spurlock gave Allen Central a 24-0 lead at halftime. Betsy Layne looked to get on the board late in the first half after a 54-yard run from Brandon Blair spotted the ball at the Allen Central five-yard line. But the Bobcats could not get the ball into the end zone as the first half expired.

A severe thunderstorm hit Floyd County at the half and forced a 45 minute rain delay. After the rain delay, Allen

Central took the second-half kickoff and marched 70 yards in eight plays capped by a one-yard plunge by Spurlock. Spurlock's score gave the Rebs a 30-0 lead.

Josh Lawson fell on a loose ball in the end zone for the Rebel two-point conversion, making it a 32-0 Allen Central lead with 6:43 remaining in the third quarter.

Betsy Layne avoided the shutout on a 60-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter from Ed Osborne, but the outcome had already been decided.

Heat also played a factor in the game as several players were overcome by the extreme temperature in the first half. One

Betsy Layne player had to be taken to the hospital due to heat-related illness. Several injuries hit the young Bobcat team on the night with senior quarterback Brandon Kidd going out with an injury in the second half.

Vanderpool led the Rebels in rushing with 90 yards. Joe Brown led the Rebel defense on the night with eight tackles.

Allen Central, thanks to the win, opens 1-0 on the season and will host Paintsville on Friday at the Don Daniels Field. Betsy Layne fell to 0-1 with the loss and will try to regroup playing out on the road against host Powell County in the Whitaker Bank Hall of Fame Bowl.

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Storm coach hopes her successes give opportunities to women

by TIM KORTE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE – Anne Donovan sees her role as a social reformer this way: If she keeps reaching milestones, maybe it means another woman will be a head coach in the WNBA someday.

Donovan became the league's first female coach to reach 100 wins, as Lauren Jackson had 18 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Seattle Storm over the Minnesota Lynx 76-60 on Thursday night.

Last fall, Donovan became the first female coach to win a WNBA title.

"To have been given an opportunity also is a responsibility. I don't take it lightly," Donovan said. "I downplay it because personal awards don't mean a whole lot. Championships are what I'm about."

"At the same time, the big picture is that the more opportunities women have in this league, the more success we'll find for the females."

Donovan is the fourth coach in league history to reach the 100-victory milestone. While she emphasizes team goals over personal accolades, she agreed she has carved out a special role as a woman who's also a successful WNBA coach.

"There's been little respect given to female coaches in this league," she said. "The oppor-

tunities, when in doubt, have gone to a male or an NBA guy – some with experience, some without."

Consider that of the WNBA's 13 head coaches, just four are women. Along with Donovan, they are Minnesota's Suzie McConnell Serio, Carrie Graf of Phoenix and New York's Pat Coyle.

So while the WNBA has grown into the nation's most visible pro league for women, many of its coaches come through the NBA ranks – men like Detroit coach Bill Laimbeer or former Los Angeles Sparks coach Michael Cooper.

"This is a women's league," Seattle star Sue Bird said. "It's important to have coaches like Anne trailblazing away. ... Women are in the minority for head coaching positions. Anne is kind of the one carrying the load."

Last year, Donovan set a Seattle franchise record with 20 victories. As the coach at Charlotte in 2001, she took a squad that had opened the season 1-10 and finished 17-4 for a trip to the WNBA Finals.

Bird and other players believe Donovan is making a difference.

"She won the first title. She got to 100 first," Bird said. "Maybe GMs in other cities will see what Anne's done and they won't be – I don't want to say scared – but they'll want to hire women coaches."

Iziane Castro Marques scored 16 points and Bird added nine assists for Seattle (17-13), which won its seventh straight at home and pulled within one victory of reaching the playoffs.

The Storm held Minnesota to 35.3 percent shooting.

"The only thing that matters – and I mean this sincerely – we had a great defensive effort for 40 minutes," Donovan said. "That's the way the team needs to play to get us into the postseason."

Coupled with Houston's win over Phoenix earlier Thursday, the Storm remained a half-game ahead of the Comets for second place in the Western Conference. Seattle, which ended July with six straight wins, has won three of its last four.

Nicole Ohlde led Minnesota (14-17) with 17 points while Tamika Williams had a career-high 14 rebounds.

Donovan trails Houston's Van Chancellor (191), Cooper (119) and Washington's Richie Adubato (114) on the WNBA's victories list. She's 100-94 in six seasons – the last three in Seattle after two years with Charlotte and one at Indiana.

"That milestone is a tremendous accomplishment," McConnell Serio said. "She's done a great job with all her teams. She always has them ready to play. I'm happy for her. Unfortunately, it came against us."

Tourney

boys' basketball teams to a berth in the 15th Region Tournament semifinals each of the last three seasons, nearly has a schedule finalized for the 2005-06 season.

The Basketball Blackcats are scheduled to take part in the East Ridge Classic on Saturday, Dec. 17 and travel to Frankfort for a tournament at the state's capital, Dec. 28-30. Early in the

new year, Prestonsburg is slated to play in the Coca-Cola Classic, hosted annually by Pike County Central High School.

Prestonsburg finished the 2004-05 season with an 18-11 record, fourth best in the 15th Region. The Blackcats finished runner-up in the 58th District, second to South Floyd – one season after unseating the

Raiders. When Prestonsburg dethroned South Floyd in March 2004, the triumph snapped South Floyd's four-year reign over the 58th District and dashed any hopes the Raiders had for a possible fifth straight district title.

The 2005-06 Prestonsburg High boys' basketball schedule will appear in an upcoming edition.

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Hazard

play when we roll into town." Hazard finished the 2004 season 4-7, but returns one of its most athletic teams in the last few seasons, led by senior quarterback/free safety Durrell Olinger (6-2, 200). The Prestonsburg coaching staff has tried to emphasize to its player the amount of speed the Bulldog football team would field.

Hazard has a lot of speed and that's something that we've stressed to our kids," DeRossett added. "Our kids worked hard during the off-week and ready to open the season."

The Hazard offense also features fullback Jerome Blanton and halfback Preston Smith, both of whom can break free and get loose with far better-than-average speed.

Past Prestonsburg-Hazard games helped to build the matchup into somewhat of a rivalry.

"We were glad to get Hazard back on the schedule," DeRossett said. "It's a good rivalry for both schools."

Prestonsburg also has early-season non-district games against area rivals Pikeville (Sept. 2), Paintsville (Sept. 9) and Ashland Blazer (Sept. 16) before opening district play on

Sept. 23 against a much-improved Sheldon Clark team.

On a down note, Prestonsburg High sophomore Dalton Taylor suffered a season-ending leg injury Monday night when he broke his femur.

"Dalton's injury was really unfortunate," said DeRossett. "He was starting on all special teams and was on the verge of breaking through and contributing on defense. Throughout the preseason, he's worked hard. His surgery went well and he's home now. He'll be on the sidelines with us this fall."

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Classic

The 2005 edition of the Paintsville HOOPS Classic will include teams from Kentucky and five other states, including South Carolina, which happens to have two teams in the tournament.

"We are very pleased with the field for the 2005 tournament," Lyons added. "It'll be a

really exciting field.

The tournament will include four divisions. The East Division is made up of tournament host Paintsville, Hilton Head, S.C., Barren County and Shroder Paideia, Ohio. In the West Division, Ripley, Ohio, Louisville Seneca, Allen Central and Clear Lake, Texas are grouped together.

James Madison, Va., Fort Mill, S.C., Louisville Butler and Owensboro Apollo make up the North Division. The South Division includes Oak Ridge, Carroll County, South Floyd and Alexander, Ga.

The Paintsville HOOPS Classic is scheduled to run Dec. 27-30.

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Raiders

went on to hit its initial paydirt. Senior fullback Kyle Hall got into the endzone at the 8:24 mark when he scored on a three-yard touchdown. Johnson kept on the two-point conversion attempt and the Raiders led 8-0.

Magoffin County answered with a touchdown near the end of the first quarter when senior running back Brandon Shepherd scored on a three-yard run. Magoffin County's attempt to get a two-point conversion following its first score was unsuccessful.

Slope allowed Magoffin County little time to celebrate when he broke lose for South Floyd and scored on a 62-yard run with 1:18 left to play in the first quarter. Johnson found receiver Brock Slope

on a two-point conversion pass and put the Raiders ahead 16-6.

Junior Ethan Johnson added a pair of touchdowns for South Floyd in the second quarter. He capped one of his scoring efforts with a two-point conversion catch. One of Johnson's touchdowns came on a 32-yard touchdowns reception while the other came on a two-yard run.

Ryan Johnson put South Floyd ahead 32-6 at the 1:09 mark of the second quarter when he followed up Ethan Johnson rushing touchdown with a two-point conversion run.

Pleased to see his team come out and get the season-opening win, Daniels is far from content. "We did some good things,

but we've still got a lot to work on," Daniels added. "We're nowhere where we wanna be right now. We've got to get in better shape and that's something we'll work on and improve on as the season progresses."

South Floyd will move on to its next game on a winning note.

"We've got a tough game next week that we have to get ready for," Daniels said.

The Raiders will return to action at home in the second week of the season on Friday, Aug. 26, playing host to visiting Shelby Valley. Magoffin County will continue on the road, playing at Knott County Central. Kickoff for both games is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Eury signs long-term contract with DEI

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Tony Eury Jr. signed a long-term contract extension with Dale Earnhardt Inc., opening the possibility the crew chief will reunite next season with Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Terms were not released for the deal, Eury's first contract in

his 14 years with the company. Before this, he had always worked with a handshake agreement.

By signing him to an official deal, DEI eliminated the chance Eury could leave with driver Michael Waltrip at the end of this season. The two were paired together this year

in a wholesale swap of crews and equipment between Earnhardt and Waltrip.

The swap was necessary because the relationship between Earnhardt and Eury, who are also cousins, had deteriorated to the point that the two were hardly speaking at the end of last season.

H.S. Football Scoreboard

Ashland Blazer 44, Raceland 7
Boyd County 80, Bracken County 12
Bullitt East 52, Nelson County 14
Campbell County 53, Bourbon County 0
George Rogers Clark 42, Bates Creek 7
Harlan 28, Cawood 0
Holy Cross (Covington) 14, Scott 12
Lawrence County 28, Sheldon Clark 6
Lewis County 19, Nicholas County 8
Lincoln County 19, Pulaski County 15 (Death Valley Bowl)
Logan County 13, Butler County 6
Madison Southern 50, Bryan Station 0
Marion County 20, Bethlehem 19

Marshall County 48, Caldwell County 21 (at Mayfield, Alliance Bowl)
Morgan County 20, Rowan County 14 (Cave Run Classic)
North Laurel 16, Holmes 6 (at South Laurel, Cumberland Valley Bowl V)
Paintsville 28, Fairview 12
Pendleton County 33, Paris 12
Pineville 17, McCreary Central 12
Russell County 48, Adair County 0
South Floyd 40, Magoffin County 14
Valley 26, Iroquois 20
West Carter 32, Bath County 6
Woodford County 28, Anderson County 3

EKU announces two events for Aug. 27

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND – Eastern Kentucky Athletics will host two events on Saturday, Aug. 27 as the second-annual Meet The Colonels Fan Day and Female FANfare II will take place just seven days before the Colonels kick-off the 2005 season against Appalachian State at 6:30 p.m. in Kidd Stadium.

Meet The Colonels Fan Night will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Kidd Stadium. The free event will be held on the concourse level.

Third-year head coach Danny Hope and the 2005 Colonels will sign posters and schedule cards to open the evening festivities. Following the 40-minute autograph session, Hope will speak to the crowd for approximately 20 minutes.

Fan Day concludes with a 7:30 p.m. intra-squad scrimmage.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Autograph Session - Concourse - 6:30-7:10 p.m.
Hope Speech - Concourse - 7:10-

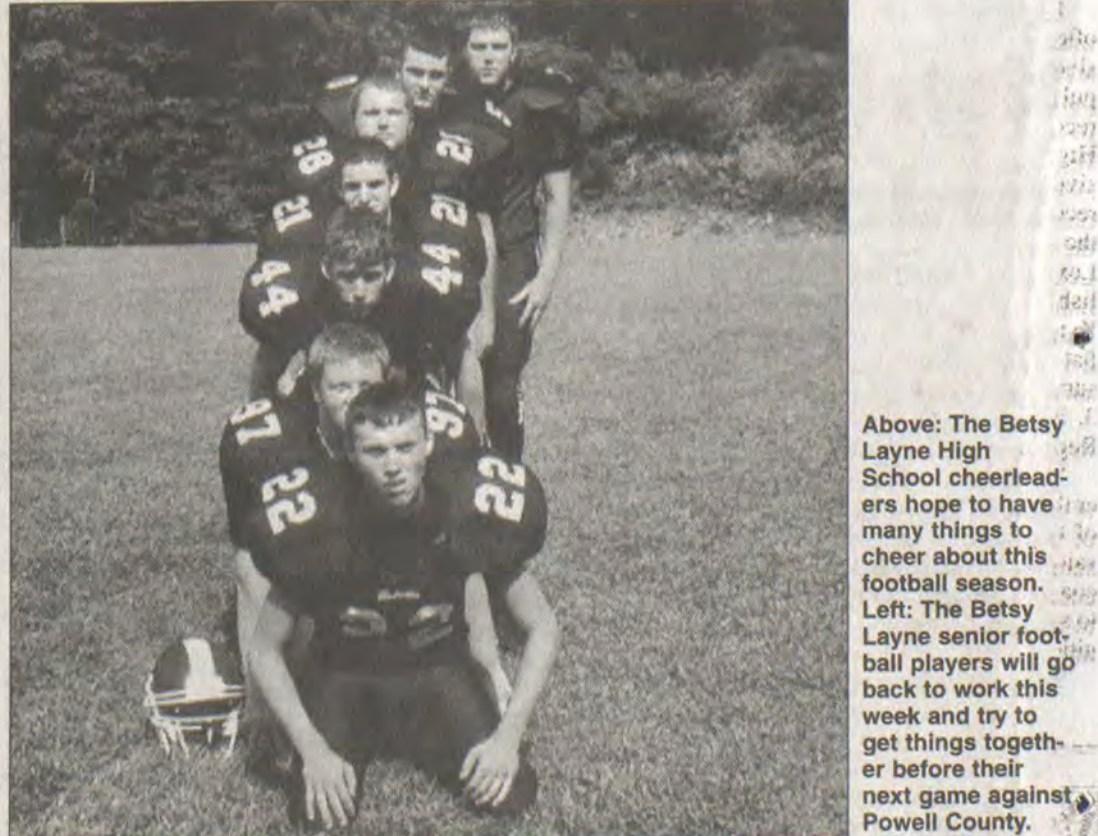
7:30 p.m.
Scrimmage - Kidd Stadium - 7:30 p.m.

Female Football FANfare II will be held in Moberly Gym.

The festivities, organized by the EKU football coaches' wives, begin at 8 a.m. and will conclude at 1 p.m.

FANfare will address the basic rules, positions, uniforms, equipment, facilities and operations of the sport.

The \$10 registration fee includes a box lunch. For more information or to register for the clinic, call Janet Murphy, 859/622-2146.



Above: The Betsy Layne High School cheerleaders hope to have many things to cheer about this football season. Left: The Betsy Layne senior football players will go back to work this week and try to get things together before their next game against Powell County.

Little League fields aren't immune from talk about 'The Juice'

by GENARO C. ARMAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELLEFONTE, Pa. — It's 30 minutes before the biggest game of the season and the kids from the French Creek Valley American Little League team are arguing about who's on "the juice."

Apple juice? Gatorade? Tag, perhaps?

To, these kids are talking about which big-time slugger might be on steroids, proving that even the littlest of Little Leaguers isn't immune from the controversy engulfing the majors.

"I think it's cheating," French Creek Valley player Mitchell Wood said before his team played recently in the Pennsylvania Little League tournament for 9- and 10-year-olds in Bellefonte.

Organizers of the Little League World Series, the tournament for 11- and 12-year-olds starting Friday in South Williamsport, expect talk about steroids to come up there, too.

"We're disappointed and concerned with what message that it's sending to Little Leaguers," said Stephen Keener, president of Little League Baseball and Softball. Keener says Little League, which doesn't test players for drugs, has no plans to address the steroids issue during the series.

To the boys from French Creek Valley, at least, it's all about answering "Who's on the juice?"

Taking a break under a tree as teammates took batting practice, several French Creek Valley players rattled off a list of names they'd seen hit home runs on the nightly highlights over the year.

Mark McGwire? "Yeah," some say in unison while a couple others say "No." McGwire has denied using illegal performance-enhancing drugs but refused to do so under oath while testifying before Congress in March.

Sammy Sosa?

"I think Sammy's too good a

guy," says 10-year-old David Bradley about the Baltimore Orioles outfielder who denied having used performance-enhancing drugs at the same congressional hearing.

Bradley's teammate John Macken interrupts.

"No, he's on the juice, David," the 10-year-old says.

Macken is even more convinced about Sosa's teammate, Rafael Palmeiro, suspended 10 days earlier this month for violating Major League Baseball's new steroids policy.

"He's a great ballplayer, but what he did wasn't right," Macken said.

Many coaches say steroids doesn't come up when the teams are practicing, and they don't address it as a team.

"During practice, we're all business," said Mike Houston, manager of the 9- and 10-year-old team from Upper Darby. "But they see it on TV. They know what's going on."

In Sydney Mines, Nova

Scotia, a few kids teased fellow Little Leaguers if they went deep during a home run derby, said Little League coach Greg Courdy.

"If a kid sees someone on TV hit a 450-foot homer, they'll say that guy is on 'roids,'" Courdy said. "But other than that, it's not a big issue."

Back in Bellefonte, Chris Smith, a coach on the local Little League team, says he talks about steroids with his 10-year-old son, Taylor.

"We tell him he has to work hard, and he does work hard," says Smith, who was a spectator at the Bellefonte tournament.

"It's not worth it right?" Smith asks as he turns to his son, who is nibbling on pretzel. He shakes his head side-to-side, signaling a no.

Taylor's favorite player? "Barry Bonds," he says. "I don't really know why I like him."

While the injured San Francisco Giants slugger and single-season home run king has publicly denied using steroids,

he told a federal grand jury investigating steroid distribution by the Bay Area Laboratory Cooperative that he used substances prosecutors believe were illegal performance enhancing drugs, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

Keener says parents must address the steroids issue first with their kids. As far as Little League, a statement on its Web site says the use of performance-enhancing substances "is completely contrary to the mission and ethics of Little League."

"The 'even playing field' is and always has been Little League's goal," Keener said in the statement.

Boys being boys, some Upper Darby Little Leaguers just couldn't stop kidding each other.

Pat Vanderslice, 10, suggested that teammate Aaron Ross, the team's best hitter, "was on the juice — the O.J.," he said, drawing laughs.

Ross smiled, turned to his

teammates and said, "No, it's just Wheaties."

On the Net:
Little League Baseball
<http://www.littleleague.org/index.asp>

Virginia team wins LL softball title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. — Jamie Bell went 3-for-4 and McLean Va., beat Orange, Conn., 6-2 to win the Little League Softball World Series championship.

Bell, the only holdover from last year's team that finished second, drove in two runs and scored another.

Jilly Falle, the coach's daughter, earned the complete-game victory, allowing two unearned runs and eight hits. She worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the sixth inning, getting Cassie Slowik to ground out to end the game.

Summer squirrels cloaked in the greenery

by STEVE VANTREESE
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ADUCAH — If you can't see the forest for the trees, how would you even hope to see the squirrels?

The same screening foliage that obscures the woody environment itself also veils the bush-tailed rodents for the traditional third-Saturday-in-August opening day of squirrel hunting.

It's the longest-running Kentucky season for any recognized game animal: Aug. 20-Nov. 11 — feinting for the first weekend of firearms deer hunting — then reuniting Nov. 14-Feb. 28.

The early days of the season, however, always throw a curve at hunters. It's not a time when the squirrel population is particularly high, and the full leaf cover makes the limb-hoppers that are present difficult to see.

The wealth of arboreal greenery makes a good case for the shotgun as hunting tool of choice. Summer hunters rather uniformly favor a shotgun with full or modified choke and No. 6 shot ammunition to root squirrels out of leafy branches when it's unlikely to get good, open views needed for precise placement of .22-caliber rifle bullets.

Rimfire riflery has its place in the tradition of Kentucky squirrel hunting, but it's mostly later in the season after leaves turn and drop.

Squirrel populations across Kentucky are markedly thinner this year than early in the 2004-05 season. That's the bad news. The good news is that at least there are nuts out there to feed them.

Summer and fall of 2004 produced terrible nut crops — notably, scarce hickory nuts and acorns — when the squirrel population was very high because of previous years of very good "mast" production. Squirrels rocked the woods early last year, then dramatically declined when they found themselves dependent on a food source that mostly failed.

A much smaller population of squirrels survived a hungry winter, and relief came only with the spring green-up. Since the nut shortage, squirrels have turned out a new generation and now are working on another. Numbers mostly hinge on mast availability, and hunter harvest is insignificant in the scheme of things.

Recovery is expected to take some time, but what appears to be at least an adequate mast crop development is a step in that direction.

A focal point for August hunters is hickory nuts that, unlike last year, apparently are present in fair to good numbers. Early ripening nuts are the primary drawing card for squirrels now, and hunters can find squirrels by sleuthing out hickories that already have chewed husks and nut shells, "cuttings," beneath them.

Finding squirrels can be as

simple as staking out a heavily cut hickory in early morning or late afternoon hours and letting the squirrels attend as they will.

Other squirrel hunters prefer to slip quietly through the woods, watching and especially listening for the sounds of nut cutting. With leaves obscuring tree branches, it becomes much more practical to hunt with the ears, hearing the pitter-patter of shell cuttings and the occasional full clunk of entire dropped hickory nuts coming from squirrels in branches above.

The sneak hunter who detects feeding audibly can then stalk the sounds, eventually identifying the source and positioning himself to pluck the active squirrel off a branch when it reveals itself.

Aside from foliage, the other main hurdle of August hunting is the heat and humidity of the summer woods and the abundant insect presence that goes with it.

The heat is best coped with by hunting early morning hours before the temperature soars. The insects can be handled by judicious dosing of body and clothing with repellents.

Kentucky's daily bag limit remains six squirrels per person, but the challenges of the early season usually whittle back the odds of reaching that harvest. Typically, a couple of squirrels in the game bag is a fair result for a two- or three-hour foray in the greenery.

Smashing birdies at the World Badminton Championships

By BETH HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Birdies are everywhere inside Anaheim Arena and there's not a golf club or perfectly manicured green in sight.

These birdies are made of goosefeathers and whiz through the air across five courts set on top of the ice rink used by the NHL's Mighty Ducks.

This week, the Asian- and European-dominated sport of badminton is staging its world championships in the United States for the first time, and this isn't the version played with a beer in one hand at backyard barbecues.

That's the image familiar to most Americans, who might be surprised to learn badminton is called the world's fastest racket sport because a shuttle can be smashed at more than 200 mph. Put a 3 1/2-ounce racket in the hands of the world's best players, most of whom are Chinese, Korean, Malaysian and Indonesian, and watch them turn the game into a survival of the fittest.

They might cover more than a mile in one match — jumping, running and going up-and-back or side-to-side on a dime. The shuttle — weighing just under a quarter of an ounce — and its 16 feathers fixed in a cork base can be obliterated with one brutal leaping smash.

The shuttles are humidified to prevent dryness and brittleness. They are made from left wing and right wing feathers plucked from white geese. Only six or seven specific feathers from each wing can be used to make a shuttle, and the feathers cannot be mixed. Three geese can produce two shuttles, with four feathers left over.

Players need split-second reactions to keep the shuttle from touching the ground during play, which is illegal.

"It's the athleticism, the

effort and the skill that goes into it," said spectator David Turner, an Englishman who planned his U.S. vacation around taking in the championships.

China and Indonesia are badminton's superpowers, having won 70 percent of all International Badminton Federation events. Denmark and England are strong, too.

Then there's the rest of the world. About 300 players are in the tournament, with Iceland, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Slovenia, South Africa and Vietnam are among the more than 50 countries represented this week.

Used to dominating much of the sports world, the United States is an also-ran in badminton, which became an Olympic event in 1992.

Many of the top Americans are foreign-born, including 19-year-old Eva Lee, who lives in nearby Orange but was born in Hong Kong. She learned the game by watching her parents play.

"We're kind of slowly catching up," said Lee, who lost her first-round singles match to one of Estonia's two competitors. "We could definitely use sponsorship. You can't really make a career out of badminton."

Unless you're in Asia, where matches attract up to 15,000 fans. The Chinese government funds training, travel and equipment for its athletes, something Lee can only dream about.

"For them, it's like their job," she said. "For us, it's just like something you do if we don't have school."

Trying to beat the powerful Asian athletes can be demoralizing to the mixed doubles team of Daniel Shirley and Sara Runesten-Petersen from sparsely populated New Zealand.

"If you can compete with them, the reward is bigger and it's a great feeling, but sometimes it is a bit hard, a bit of a battle," Shirley said.

Runesten-Petersen moved to

New Zealand because there was less badminton competition than in her native Denmark. She is good-natured about the lack of recognition the game receives in many parts of the world.

"It's the passion that keeps you going, you love the sport so much," she said, explaining why she quit a customer service job to train full-time at 30.

Marketing the world championships to Americans who perceive badminton as a backyard game was a challenge for local organizers. Street teams papered liquor stores, churches and recreation clubs in Asian communities around Orange County and Los Angeles with fliers and ticket offers.

"You don't expect to fill the arena," said Mike O'Donnell, general manager of Anaheim Arena. "We are helping the International Badminton Federation kind of set the future for the game of badminton in the U.S. They are trying to introduce a very heavy Asian and European sport to the U.S. and redefine the game in our eyes."

O'Donnell hoped to attract about 3,000 daily spectators for the preliminaries through Thursday and about 5,000 for the final rounds Saturday and Sunday. ESPN2 planned delayed coverage.

Clearly, Americans need educating about a sport that originated in China in 500 B.C. and made its way to India, where British army officers stationed there brought it to England in the 1870s.

Singles player Nina Weckstrom of Finland had to explain the game to confused U.S. customs officials.

"It's a bit strange that people actually don't know what badminton is," she said, laughing. "They were like, 'What's that? Is it the one with the stick and the rink?'"

Hamilton listed as one of state's top 50 players

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — It's not too often that offensive and defensive linemen get the amount of publicity that backs and receivers garner. Prestonsburg High School offensive/defensive lineman Tyler Hamilton received a nod Friday as one of the state's top players when the Lexington Herald-Leader published its annual 50 of Kentucky's Top Players list. The list was based on a preseason survey of coaches. Hamilton (6-3, 305) was the only Class 2A, Region 4 player to make the list.

"It's funny, I told Tyler earlier this week that he could be one of the top players in the state," said Prestonsburg High head coach John DeRossett. "It's nice to see him get that type of recognition."

man played a key role in last season's Blackcat team.

Hamilton is set to enter his senior season for the Blackcat varsity football team. With his size and athletic ability, Hamilton has the opportunity to play football at the next level. For Hamilton and his Prestonsburg High teammates, the 2005 football season will get its start Friday night on the road at Hazard. Looking ahead, DeRossett figures Hamilton will excel later on, in college, whether it's in the classroom, on the football field, or both.

"He's just all an all-around good student-athlete," DeRossett added. "He's always done everything that we've asked of him and he has worked hard to get to where he is at today. Tyler made up his mind a long time ago that he was going to get into the weightroom in the offseason and work hard to help

himself and this football team. We all know, when you work hard, good things happen."



Tyler Hamilton

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL 2005 GIRLS' SOCCER SCHEDULE

Coach: Tina Petry

Aug. 23 at Perry Central, 5 p.m.

Sept. 1 at Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.

Sept. 6 Belfry, 6 p.m.

Sept. 10-11 at Pikeville tournament, TBA

Sept. 15 at Letcher County Central, 6 p.m.

Sept. 20 at Belfry, 6 p.m.

Sept. 22 Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.

Sept. 29 at Perry County Central, 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 1 at Pikeville, TBA

Oct. 4 Letcher, 6 p.m.

American League: Angels 13, Red Sox 4

by BETH HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Bartolo Colon shut down Boston's big hitters and Juan Rivera took care of the Angels' offense with two swings.

Rivera hit a pair of three-run homers and Colon won his fifth straight decision as Los Angeles defeated the Red Sox 13-4 on Thursday night in a matchup of AL division leaders.

Rivera isn't an everyday player, but he made the most of his at-bats, homering on the second pitch from Mike Myers after Red Sox starter Tim Lincecum got hit in the right field on a comebacker by pitcher Ketchikan and left the game in the fifth inning.

"There was some surprising power, which has been missing from our game," Angels manager

Mike Scioscia said. "The home runs made it a great offensive night."

In other AL games, Minnesota defeated Seattle 7-3 and Cleveland beat Texas 9-4.

The Angels extended their AL West lead to 2 1/2 games over idle Oakland. Boston's lead over the idle New York Yankees dropped to four games in the East.

"Any time you face a team like the Red Sox, it does push you a little bit harder because they have a tough lineup," Colon said through a translator. "The confidence built as the game went on."

Rivera added his second three-run shot and 11th of the season with two outs in the eighth off Mike Remlinger, giving the Angels a 13-3 lead.

"I just keep trying to do my best when I have the opportuni-

ty," he said through a translator.

Colon (16-6) allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings, struck out five and walked none. The right-hander retired 11 consecutive batters during one stretch, throwing mostly fastballs.

"I was able to continue the rhythm and finish off hitters," he said. "My fastball was working for me. I probably threw over 90 fastballs. One time I threw a slider and they almost broke my face (on a liner up the middle)."

Colon was especially effective against David Ortiz, who was 0-for-4 and Manny Ramirez, who had one hit in four at-bats. Leadoff hitter Johnny Damon also went 1-for-4.

"We really didn't hit like we wanted to, and it starts with me," Damon said. "I need to find it and get hot because the offense goes when I go. I'm dis-

appointed with how I'm doing."

Wakefield (13-9) gave up six runs and seven hits in 4 1-3 innings, struck out five and walked four in ending his four-game winning streak. X-rays on his ankle were negative, but he has a deep bruise on his lower shin area. The Red Sox said it was too early to know if he would make his next start.

Wakefield didn't talk to reporters after the game.

"He has a way of bouncing back from things," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "When things don't look very good, and tonight they certainly didn't, we have a way of bouncing back as good as anybody."

Scioscia credited Colon with turning his fastball into three different looks for Boston's hitters.

"For Bart to use that fastball as much as he did, he really had to create zones with it, in and

out and up and down. He did a great job of that," he said. "He was throwing the ball hard. This might have been the best fastball he had all year."

Leading 1-0, the Angels broke open the game with six runs in the fifth inning, tying a season high.

Darin Erstad's RBI single scored Orlando Cabrera, who took third on a two-base throwing error by Ramirez, making it 2-0.

Erstad scored his 800th career run on a single by Bengie Molina, then Ketchikan's RBI single hit Wakefield, allowing Vladimir Guerrero to score for a 4-0 lead.

Rivera's three-run homer extended the Angels' lead to 7-0. They added a run in the sixth on a RBI groundout by Erstad.

Ketchikan homered to lead off the second for the Angels' first run.

Boston made it 8-3 in the seventh on a run-scoring single by Kevin Millar and a two-run single by Gabe Kapler. Ell Mueller homered in the ninth.

The Angels added two runs on a bases-loaded single by Chone Figgins with two outs in the seventh.

Indians 9, Rangers 4: Jake Westbrook won for the fifth time in six starts and Jhonny Peralta had three hits, including a two-run homer, for the Indian. Cleveland won for the second time in six games at Jacobs Field after completing a 6-0 trip to Detroit and Kansas City.

Westbrook (11-13) allowed four runs and 10 hits over six innings to improve to 9-4 in 31 starts since June 14.

Mark Teixeira drove in two runs for Texas, which lost for the eighth time in nine games — all on the road.

Reds 4, Giants 2

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr., Felipe Lopez and the Cincinnati Reds got the most out of their few hits.

Griffey launched his 530th career home run and Lopez also connected Thursday as the Reds avoided a sweep with a 4-2 win over the San Francisco Giants.

The Reds won despite being out hit 10-5.

"Good placement," Griffey said. "The key is we were able to get some guys on base and the guys coming up behind them hit home runs."

Ramon Ortiz pitched a season-high 7 2-3 innings in helping prevent the Giants' first four-game sweep in Cincinnati since May 1983.

"To get five hits and win the ball game is kind of unusual for this lineup," interim manager Jerry Narron said. "Griffey and Felipe has been swinging the bat better the last couple of days."

Giants closer Armando Benitez made his first appearance since injuring his right hamstring on April 26. Benitez, who needed surgery to repair two torn tendons, got the final two outs of the eighth.

"I felt good," Benitez said. "I was really happy to be out there. I was a little bit nervous, but not too nervous. I didn't worry about velocity. I was concentrating on location."

Giants manager Felipe Alou liked what he saw.

"The biggest thing is Benitez pitching," he said. "He worked his butt off to come back. I have a lot of respect for

that guy and how he worked after that injury."

Ortiz (8-8) tied Aaron Harang for the team lead in wins, giving up two runs and nine hits. He had gone seven innings six times this year.

"With this team, if you can stay in the game for six or seven innings, you should win a lot of games, because we score a lot of runs," Ortiz said.

David Weathers pitched the last 1 1-3 innings for his 10th save in 12 opportunities. He gave up a single and a walk to start the ninth before getting two strikeouts and a groundout to tie Danny Graves, who is now with the Mets, for the club lead in saves.

Brett Tomko (7-13), who broke into the majors with the Reds in 1997, has lost his last three starts to set a career high for defeats in a season. His previous high was 12 with Cincinnati in 1998.

Tomko gave up five hits and four walks in six innings.

Griffey followed Rich Aurilia's first-inning walk with his 29th homer of the season, a two-run shot to center field. He has four home runs during a five-game hitting streak.

"A guy hits a 3-2 change and takes it to dead center, you've got to tip your cap," Tomko said. "The mistake was the walk before it."

Lopez hit his first homer in 86 at-bats since July 22, a two-run drive that put the Reds ahead 4-1 in the fourth.

Lopez, the only Reds All-Star this year, is 7-for-12 in his last three games after a 2-for-38 slump.

"I just got off my timing," he said. "After going good for

that long, you figure coming back from a slump is easy, but it's not. Once you get off your timing, you start doing things differently."

J.T. Snow hit a solo home run for the Giants in fourth. It was his third homer of the season and first in 155 at-bats since June 2.

Pinch-hitter Lance Niekro snapped an 0-for-13 slump with an RBI single with two outs in the seventh.

Notes: Tomko became the 337th pitcher to give up at least one home run to Griffey. ... Griffey increased his career RBIs total to 1,529, tying him with Hall of Famer Tris Speaker for 39th place on the all-time list. ... Reds 1B Sean Casey returned to the starting lineup after missing a start on Wednesday with a strained left shoulder.

Rolen on six-month rehab plan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Scott Rolen said he's been told he has a torn labrum that will require a six-month rehab. He wants to weigh his admittedly dismal options.

Rolen, who had surgery on the shoulder after a May 10 collision with Dodgers first baseman Hee-Seop Choi, was placed on the 15-day disabled list July 22 when it became clear he was not progressing. He batted .205 while playing from June 18-July 21 with no homers and eight RBIs in 87 at-bats.



Betsy Layne High School grad Jordan Case has moved on after a senior baseball season in which he grabbed the district player of the year honor.

Bay wins NL Player of the Week Award

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Jason Bay, who was tied for the league lead in hits, total bases and runs scored, has been named Bank of America Presents the National League Player of the Week of August 8-14, 2005.

Bank of America, the official bank of Major League Baseball, is the presenting sponsor of the National League and American League Player of the Week Awards, which reflect the bank's long-standing tradition of promoting and recognizing higher standards of accomplishment.

The Canadian-born slugger batted .440 (11-25) with two homers, eight RBI, eight runs and 19 total bases. He put together a .760 slugging percentage and a .517 on base percentage to help lead the Pirates to a 4-2 record this week. The 2005 NL All-Star also added two doubles and three stolen bases over his six games

played. With his first inning single in yesterday's contest against the Astros, Bay extended his streak of reaching base to 29 straight games, dating back to July 16th. He finished the week in the top five in seven offensive categories (AVG, RBI, SLG, OBP, R, H, TB, SB).

Other nominees this past week included New York's David Wright (.440, 1 HR, 9 RBI); Jose Guillen (.412, 2 HR, 7 RBI); John Patterson (2-0, 2.63 ERA, 7 SO) and Jose Vidro (.478, 1 HR, 3 RBI) of the Nationals; Houston's Morgan Ensberg (.368, 3 HR, 6 RBI); Dioner Navarro (.412, 1 HR, 2 RBI) and Brad Penny (1-0, 1.13 ERA, 13 SO) of the Dodgers; Florida's A.J. Burnett (2-0, 0.56 ERA, 10 SO) and Josh Beckett (1-0, 1.80 ERA, 10 SO); Sean Casey (.476, 2 2B, 1 RBI); Ken Griffey Jr. (.286, 3 HR, 8 RBI) and Jason LaRue (.375, 1 HR, 4 RBI) of the Reds; Philadelphia's Pat Burrell (.364,

2 HR, 10 RBI) and Ryan Howard (.391, 2 HR, 9 RBI); Chris Carpenter (1-0, 2.00 ERA, 8 SO); Mark Grudzielanek (.360, 1 HR, 7 RBI) and So Taguchi (.435, 4 RBI, 3 SB) of the Cardinals; Chicago's Michael Barrett (.412, 2 HR, 2 RBI) and Todd Walker (.417, 1 2B, 1 RBI); Todd Helton (.400, 1 HR, 3 RBI) of the Rockies; Arizona's Shawn Green (.450, 2 HR, 4 RBI); and Bay's Pirate teammates Jose Castillo (.409, 2 HR, 6 RBI), Jack Wilson (.360, 2 HR, 8 RBI) and Dave Williams (2-0, 0.60 ERA, 7 SO).

As part of the award, Bank of America will make a \$1,000 donation to the Little League Urban Initiative on behalf of Jason Bay. Tourneau, the world's largest watch store, is proud to award the Bank of America Presents the National League Player of the Week Jason Bay with a Tourneau luxury Swiss timepiece.

MLB.com launches new arcade section

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

NEW YORK — At MLB.com, the official website of Major League Baseball, it's all about the game.

As if listening, watching and following the game of baseball live weren't enough, MLB.com has now opened the MLB.com Arcade, offering fans hundreds of popular Internet gaming titles, with literally thousands of hours of free gameplay available across more than 750 products.

The new MLB.com Arcade, the first-of-its-kind in the Internet sports industry, provides online gamers a perfect home and, in addition to MLB.com developed original games, offers all the online game favorites including Scrabble, Zuma, Civilization and more, with new titles being added regularly.

"This addition to the site is another example of MLB.com's commitment to provide fans with compelling and entertaining content," said Noah Garden, senior vice president of e-commerce for MLB Advanced Media, the interactive media and Internet company of Major League Baseball, which runs MLB.com and the 30 individual team sites. "We believe it is the perfect complement to the robust, exclusive baseball content that fans have come to expect on our site."

The appropriate name of the first of what will be many baseball offerings being developed by MLB.com, is "MLB.com Playball". Available now, fans can download the free trial version and get a feel for it, and then buy the full version for just \$19.99.

Legends bounce Hoppers

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Legends defeated the Greensboro Grasshoppers 8-2 on Thursday to earn a four game series split. Lexington moved into sole possession of second place with the win but still trail first place Delmarva by five games with 18 games to play.

Ronnie Martinez picked up his tenth win with 5.2 innings of work. Martinez (10-3) gave up two runs on five hits. Paul Estrada and Jamie Gant combined for 3 1/3 scoreless innings of relief.

Edwin Maysonet led the Legends offensive attack with three hits. Drew Sutton, Mitch Einertson and Frankie Carabalo each had two hits. Justin Humphries hit his second homer of the season.

The Legends are in Hickory this weekend for a four-game series.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

GAMES ON TAP

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Today's games
L.A. Dodgers at Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Arizona at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
San Diego at Atlanta, 8:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Today's Games
Toronto at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Texas at Tampa Bay, 2:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Angels, 4:05 p.m.

Moss: Marijuana use is in the past

by CONNOR ENNIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Randy Moss acknowledges that marijuana use has been a part of his life. He simply maintains it isn't now.

"It's in the past," the Oakland receiver said.

Moss spoke Thursday after the Raiders practiced in Houston, addressing an interview with HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" where he seemed to indicate that he still smokes marijuana occasionally.

"I have used, you know, marijuana, since I've been in the league," Moss said in the interview, which is scheduled to air Tuesday night. "But as far as abusing it and, you know, letting it take control over me, I don't

do that, no."

When pressed whether he still smokes marijuana, the star receiver with the checkered past said: "I might. I might have fun. And, you know, hopefully ... I won't get into any trouble by the NFL by saying that, you know. I have had fun throughout my years and, you know, predominantly in the offseason.

"But, you know, I don't want any kids, you know, watching this taking a lesson from me as far as 'Well, Randy Moss used it, so I'm going to use it.' I don't want that to get across. Like I say ... I have used (marijuana) in the past. And every blue moon or every once in a while I might."

When he spoke to the media after practice Thursday, Moss said he was talking about his

activities during the early part of his NFL career, along with his high school and college careers.

"A lot of people are jumping to conclusions because they really don't know the real story or haven't even heard the real story yet," he said. "That was really me talking in the past tense of way back in the beginning of my career and my childhood — especially in high school and college."

Raiders coach Norv Turner said he would reserve comment until he had watched the program. "I imagine I'll see it and, yes, then I'll have a discussion with Randy about it," he said.

Moss's agent, Dante DiTrapano, blamed HBO.

"In an attempt to promote their dying network, they have

maliciously couched his remarks in a manner that is confusing and leaves room for negative interpretation," DiTrapano told The Associated Press.

He also said the Moss is not in the NFL's substance abuse program.

HBO spokesman Ray Stallone said the network had no reaction to DiTrapano's comments, other than to say that the part of the interview which dealt with steroids was "complete and unaltered."

"We believe Randy's remarks speak for themselves," Stallone said.

The NFL's drug policy calls for up to 10 tests a month after one positive result. A second violation results in a fine equal to the player's salary for four games, a third in a four-game suspension, and a year's suspen-

sion for a fourth violation.

Moss has never been suspended for violating the league's drug policy and NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said it is confidential whether the receiver is in the drug program or not.

"We evaluate all conduct related to substance abuse and it is handled confidentially by the doctors," Aiello said.

Moss was traded from the Minnesota Vikings in early March. He was limited by a hamstring injury last season and finished with 49 catches for 767 yards and 13 touchdowns. It was the first time in his seven seasons that he didn't reach 1,000 yards receiving.

Moss has had problems on and off the field throughout his college and pro career. He lost

scholarships at Notre Dame and Florida State because of a battery charge and marijuana use. He set records at Marshall and clearly was the most dynamic receiver in the 1998 draft, but lasted until 21st overall because of past trouble.

Last year, Moss was fined \$10,000 for pretending to pull down his pants and moon the Green Bay crowd during Minnesota's playoff win over the Packers. He also drew criticism for leaving the field with 2 seconds left in a regular-season loss against Washington.

Other transgressions include bumping a traffic control officer with his car in 2002, verbally abusing corporate sponsors on a team bus in 2001 and squirting an official with a water bottle in 1999.

Saints 37, Patriots 27

by JIMMY GOLEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady shook off the rust of his post-Super Bowl layoff and led the two-time defending NFL champions to a couple of scores.

After throwing an interception on his first play of the pre-season, Brady led the Patriots on two consecutive scoring drives. Doug Flutie converted two more TDs on Thursday night before both quarterbacks left the game and the New Orleans Saints rallied for a 37-27 exhibition victory.

The Patriots led 27-16 with 5:43 left in the third quarter before Aaron Brooks hit Devery Henderson on a 34-yard touchdown pass, then missed on the 2-point conversion to ease it 27-22.

Saints backup Todd Bouman hit Michael Lewis for 15 yards on a fourth-and-2 just before the two-minute warning. After an incomplete, Bouman threw to Nate Pode, who lunged for the end zone to break the plane as a defender grabbed his foot to pull him back.

With the Patriots at their own 14, L.P. Ladouceur hit Matt Cassel and forced a fumble that was scooped up by Jimmy Verdon and brought into the end zone for an insurance score.

Brady, who didn't play in a 23-13 win over Cincinnati last week, was 6-for-11 for 105 yards and one interception before giving way to Flutie with 6:37 left in the first half. Flutie converted two touchdowns on his first three plays in

a much-anticipated return to New England, where he won the Heisman Trophy for Boston College and spent four seasons with the Patriots during his well-traveled pro career.

Brooks played three quarters for the Saints and threw 14-for-23 for 158 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Deuce McAllister, who had a costly fumble on the third play of New Orleans' 34-15 loss to Seattle last week, carried 20 times for 88 yards.

Brady and Flutie both sat out the preseason opener while the Patriots held tryouts for the No. 3 job between rookie Cassel and Rohan Davey, who's in his fourth year. Brady, who went an NFL-record 162 pass attempts without an interception to start his career, threw behind tight end Benjamin Watson on a 15-yard out pattern and Dwight Smith stepped in front of the ball to set up John Carney's 23-yard field goal.

But the two-time Super Bowl MVP responded on the next possession, hitting Tim Dwight on a 45-yard pass to the Saints 12. Patrick Pass, playing because Corey Dillon missed practice all week to be with his wife during childbirth, ran it in from the 2.

After New Orleans punted, Brady led the Patriots to the Saints 5 before Adam Vinatieri's field goal made it 10-3. McAllister ran three straight times for 26 yards to start a 75-yard drive that ended on Mike Carney's 1-yard run to make it 10-11.

Josh Miller's punt pinned

the Saints at the 3, but Brooks drove them to the 20 before throwing a pass that bounced off receiver Joe Horn and defender Chad Scott into Rodney Harrison's hands. He carried it to the 3, and Kyle Eckel brought it in from there to make it 17-10.

The crowd, still admiring Harrison's interception, didn't notice that Flutie had replaced Brady in the game. But the 42-year-old hometown favorite drew a big cheer when he was announced for the next series.

Flutie responded by hitting Dwight for 12 yards on the first play and then, on the next play, connecting with a well-covered Jason Anderson in the front corner of the end zone to make it 24-13. It had been 17 years since Flutie threw a touchdown pass in Foxborough wearing a Patriots uniform; his last appearance here for New England was in Foxboro Stadium against the Houston Oilers on Dec. 3, 1989.

Flutie was in for just nine plays over three series, completing 3 of 4 passes for 52 yards and a touchdown. Cassel, who was hailed after leading New England to victory in his pro debut, was 7-for-11 for 69 yards, but he was sacked three times; Davey didn't play.

Pass ran 11 times for 88 yards, breaking free for 49 yards on New England's first possession of the second half. That helped set up Vinatieri's 32-yard field goal to make it 27-16.

Bouman was 6-for-12 for 79 yards.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Louisville lumbers into Big East with big expectations

by RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Some Louisville players were sporting T-shirts with targets emblazoned on the front during the offseason, signifying the Cardinals' status as the team to beat in their Big East debut.

Then coach Bobby Petrino saw them, and that was the end of that fashion statement.

"That's something I don't ever want them believing, that we're sitting out there as a target," Petrino said. "I'd rather attack and be real aggressive. That's what I told them when I made them take them off. I've always been an offensive guy and I believe in attacking and going after people. That's why we got rid of them."

With or without the T-shirts, the Cardinals look like the beasts of the new-look Big East, jumping past top holdovers Pittsburgh and West Virginia to become favorites to win the conference's Bowl Championship Series bid.

With Boston College joining former Big East members Miami and Virginia Tech in the Atlantic Coast Conference this season, the Big East no longer is a league in transition.

Louisville moves in along with two other Conference USA defectors, Cincinnati and South Florida, to complete an eight-team Big East with Syracuse, Connecticut and Rutgers.

"The caliber of teams we're playing week in and week out now, we're going to have to be more focused, ready to play," Louisville offensive tackle Travis Lefew said.

Playing in Conference USA, Louisville led the nation in scoring in 2004, putting up 50 points per game, including five straight games reaching the half-century mark to end the regular season.

Petrino, one of the game's top offensive minds, must replace his leading passer, receiver and rusher from last year. It doesn't look like it'll be much of a problem.

Stepping in for quarterback Stefan LeFors is Brian Brohm, the latest member of Louisville's first family of football to guide the Cardinals. Brohm's father and two brothers also played for Louisville.

Petrino played Brohm often last season to get him ready to start as a sophomore. Brohm won the team over with a poised performance at Miami, a 41-38 loss that was the only blemish on the Cardinals' 11-1 season.

"He came in, I thought he'd be shook up a little bit and a little bit nervous," Lefew said. "But he came in and made the play, knew what he had to do. He proved to us that he can play that position and have our trust in playing the position."

Michael Bush, who ran for 734 yards and seven TDs last season, becomes the team's No. 1 ball carrier with Eric Shelton off to the NFL. Receivers Joshua Tinch, Broderick Clark and Montrell Jones, who all caught at least 27 passes in 2004, must step up to replace J.R. Russell.

Of course, being a big

favorite to win the Big East didn't work out too well for West Virginia last year. With the league looking down and West Virginia loaded with veterans, the prognosticators expected the Mountaineers to stroll into the BCS.

Instead, the Mountaineers lost their last two regular-season games and landed in the Gator Bowl, where they were beaten 30-18 by Florida State to finish 8-4.

"I do think sometimes the players were pressing," West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez said. "When we won, it wasn't by enough. We certainly didn't want them to feel it inside. But it was a little bit more difficult."

Pittsburgh, led by quarterback Tyler Palko, took advantage of West Virginia's stumble and played its way into the BCS, where the Panthers were thumped by Utah 35-7 in the Fiesta Bowl.

The supremely confident Palko (24 TD passes) is back to play for new Panthers coach Dave Wannstedt, a Pitt alum, who returns to the college game after leaving the Miami Dolphins.

Syracuse's Greg Robinson is the other new coach in the Big East, replacing Paul Pasqualoni, who was fired after 14 seasons.

UConn, coming off its first bowl appearance, has to replace quarterback Dan Orlovsky, but returns the league's leading rusher in Cornell Brockington (1,218 yards). Brockington will be hard pressed to keep the rushing title from South Florida's Andre Hall, who ran for 1,357 yards for the Bulls in 2004.

Second-year Cincinnati coach Mike Dantonio has just six returning starters.

Rutgers, led by quarterback Ryan Hart (3,154 yards passing), is looking for its first winning season since 1992.

A capsule look at the teams in predicted order of finish:

LOUISVILLE — Brohm was C-USA newcomer of the year, completing 67 percent of his passes for 819 yards with six touchdown passes and two interceptions. ... The biggest challenge for the Cardinals will come on defense. They struggled against good offenses last season and must replace S Kerry Rhodes and LB Robert McCune, both drafted by NFL teams.

PITTSBURGH — WR Greg Lee doesn't quite have Larry Fitzgerald's athletic gifts, but he proved a more than adequate replacement for the 2003 Heisman Trophy runner-up. Lee led the Big East with 1,297 yards receiving on 68 catches. ... Wannstedt is a defensive guy and that's where the Panthers need work after allowing 418 yards per game and looking helpless against Utah.

WEST VIRGINIA — The next great Mountaineers runner could be freshman Jason Gwaltney, and Jason Colson (706 yards) was good as a backup last year. ... None of the players competing to replace QB Rasheed Marshall has started a game.

CONNECTICUT — RB Terry

Caulley was leading the nation in rushing when he tore ligaments in his right knee in September 2003. He sat out all of last season, too. He's back and could form a potent duo with Brockington. ... Huskies are 21-7 in last 28 games.

RUTGERS — WR Tres Moses led the Big East in receptions with 81, RB Brian Leonard caught 61 passes and TE Clark Harris had 53. ... Coach Greg Schiano is 12-34 in four years at Rutgers. With 17 returning starters, he's due to break .500 this season.

SYRACUSE — The Orange started last season by giving up 51 points to Purdue and ended it allowing 51 against Georgia Tech. Longtime defensive coordinator Robinson will take a more aggressive approach with nine returning starters.

SOUTH FLORIDA — The Bulls had their worst season since joining Division I-A, going 4-7. The move to the Big East won't make it any easier for coach Jim Leavitt, whose team faces seven 2004 bowl teams.

CINCINNATI — TE Brent Celek caught eight touchdown passes last season and could play a bigger role in a young offense.

NFL PRESEASON SCHEDULE

Sunday's Game
St. Louis at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Monday's Game
Dallas at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 25
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 26
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 8 p.m.
Baltimore at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
New England at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
New York Jets at New York Giants, 8 p.m.
San Diego at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 9:30 p.m.
Tennessee at San Francisco, 10 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 27
Tampa Bay at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Denver, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 29
St. Louis at Detroit, 8 p.m.

AROUND NFL CAMPS...

Bears' GM Angelo makes Benson final offer

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

General manager Jerry Angelo says the team has made its final offer to running back Cedric Benson, the only first-round pick left unsigned.

"After missing all of training camp, we want to make it abundantly clear that the Chicago Bears have made their best and final offer to Cedric Benson," Bears general manager Jerry Angelo said in a statement.

"No dollars are left on the bargaining table and at this point the only contract discussions that will be entertained will be reflective of the considerable loss of value to the club created by the players' extended absence," the statement said.

Benson's holdout reached its 26th day Thursday and the former Texas star, the fourth overall choice in the draft, has already missed two preseason games.

Benson's agent, Eugene Parke, did not return calls placed by The Associated Press.

RAMS — DeJuan Groce, who filled in for an injured Travis Fisher last season, will replace Jerametrius Butler as a starting cornerback.

Buter torn a right knee liga-

ment and is out for the season.

Last year, cornerback Travis Fisher broke an arm in the pre-season, prompting Groce to start the season opener against the Arizona Cardinals.

"He's having the best camp of all the corners, by far," coach Mike Martz said of Groce. "He just has been a standout all through camp. We look at him as a starter when we talk about personnel."

Groce played in the pre-season opener against Chicago. He had one tackle and recovered a fumble.

RAVENS — Linebacker Peter Boulware's expected return to the Baltimore Ravens was delayed as doctors scrutinized the results of his physical Thursday.

Boulware, who was a \$6 million salary-cap casualty this spring, impressed team officials in a workout Wednesday at the team's training complex.

"There's a process you have to go through, and we're going to be prudent about that," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "The doctors want to make sure they all have a chance to sign off on what they need to sign off on. I think we're in good shape, but we have to wait until everybody gets through doing the poking and prodding they want to do."

Boulware, 30, is the Ravens' career leader with 67 1/2 sacks. However, the four-time Pro Bowl selection hasn't played since December 2003 and missed all of last season with knee and toe injuries.

BRONCOS — After missing nearly two weeks with a groin injury, Maurice Clarett returned to practice Thursday, the last day of training camp for the Denver Broncos.

Now, the question is whether his return has come too late to make the team.

Denver's third-round draft choice hadn't practiced since Aug. 8 due to a strained right groin, an injury that, as recently as Wednesday, didn't appear to be getting better.

Coach Mike Shanahan, however, has been blunt in his assessment of Clarett all week, not shirking from how hard it would be for a rookie, or any player, to make the roster if he's not practicing.

His teammates and coach have been fielding constant questions about Clarett this week. They keep reiterating that the oft-troubled running back has nothing to gain by being on the sideline.

"You can't make the club in the tub. We all know that," quarterback Jake Plummer said.

Conference freshman of year, Brohm was born to quarterback success



Brian Brohm
by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — As far back as Louisville sophomore quarterback Brian Brohm can remember, his father and two older brothers were teaching him football.

In the back yard. In the living room. Around the kitchen table.

"We're always around the game, we're always talking about it," said Brohm, who turned down scholarship offers from Notre Dame, Tennessee and Kentucky to stick with family tradition and play for the Cardinals.

Brohm applied the early lessons immediately, laying the foundation for high expectations that follow him into his first season as Louisville's starter.

"When he was in third grade, even the average person could tell he wasn't some guy just shot-putting it down the field,"

said brother Jeff Brohm, who now tutors Brian daily as the Cardinals' quarterbacks coach. "He was pretty far ahead of anyone else his age."

Former Louisville quarterback Chris Redman, the school's all-time leading passer, got his first glimpse of Brohm while working as a referee in a youth league game in the early 1990s.

"This little kid was throwing tight spirals and deep balls right on the money," said Redman, a former record-setting star at Louisville's Male High School. "And it wasn't just that, I mean, here was this 8-year-old kid, looking off receivers. Who does that at that age? He had perfect fundamentals and he was already out there thinking like a quarterback."

Brian's father, Oscar, was Louisville's quarterback in the late 1960s. Oldest brother, Greg, was a receiver there from 1989-92 and middle brother, Jeff, was quarterback for the Cardinals from 1990-93 before a seven-year career in the NFL.

Brian was always watching them, picking up fundamentals, breaking down plays, absorbing everything.

"He's a very gifted athlete,"

said Oscar Brohm, "but a lot of his success came from just listening. He was always asking questions. He never thought he knew more than they did."

By the time he was a freshman at Trinity High School, Brian was a local celebrity, well-accustomed to strangers approaching him at restaurants, movie theaters or church.

"You're not really as normal as the other people," Brohm said. "Sometimes, you want to go out and not hear about football, but it's fine. I like talking about football, so it doesn't really bother me."

The spotlight has only intensified as he's gotten older, but his brothers have hardly noticed a change in his even-keeled demeanor.

"Brian's been in this situation his whole life, so everything was actually quite normal to him," said Greg, now Louisville's director of football operations. "He's very comfortable with the whole role, the attention, the leadership, everything. Nothing has ever just overwhelmed him."

As a high school junior, Brohm was featured on the cover of a November 2002

Sports Illustrated article about high school stars. The same season, he threw seven touchdowns to outduel opposing quarterback and current teammate Michael Bush in a state title game considered the best in state history. As a senior, Brohm guided Trinity to another title after an 0-4 start and garnered several national player of the year awards.

Brohm finished his career with 10,579 passing yards and 119 TD passes, second in state history to former Leslie County and NFL quarterback Tim Couch.

Some of the nation's top programs pursued him, and he pared his list to Notre Dame, Tennessee, Kentucky and Louisville. When the time came to decide, Brian turned back to his family. He listed the pros and cons of the finalists, then asked his parents, brothers and sister, Kim, for advice.

If he chose Louisville, Jeff could coach him and Greg would always be nearby.

"I tried to make more of a business decision," he said. "But in the end, this was the best place for me to go."

While Cardinals' fans rejoiced, some of Brohm's new

teammates remained skeptical, even as Brohm excelled in limited duty behind popular senior Stefan LeFors. They had heard all the too-good-to-be-true stories about Brohm, but had seen more to believe them. And in last year's nationally televised game at Miami, all of them did.

The Hurricanes roared back from a 24-7 deficit in the second half, but Petrino stuck with LeFors while Brohm stood on the sidelines with his arms contently folded.

"I was fine with them not putting me in," Brohm said. "I started relaxing a little bit, sitting back and watching this great show Stefan is putting on."

By the fourth quarter, LeFors was taking a beating. He forgot a play and fumbled a snap, prompting Petrino to send in the freshman.

The Cardinals stalled on Brohm's first drive and Devin Hester returned the ensuing punt for a touchdown to give Miami a 34-31 lead. Louisville got the ball back with 8:11 left and Brohm trotted into a huddle filled with doubt.

"When he was coming in, I was curious to see his reaction," said offensive tackle lineman

Travis Leffew. "But he came in the game, got in the huddle, called the play, no hesitation, no stuttering. It was almost strange how calm he was."

"That just kind of reinforced the feeling that he was just born to do this."

Brohm went 4-for-4 and had a seven-yard run on an 8-yard touchdown drive that earned him all the respect he'll ever need from his teammates.

"I was kind of down that we lost the game, but they were coming up and saying, 'That was a great job,'" Brohm said. "That showed me they thought I was a good player and they had confidence in me."

Brohm threw for 817 yards and completed 67 percent of his passes last season. He earned Conference USA Freshman of the Year honors, fueling the expectations he's faced all his life.

Thanks to his upbringing in one of the city's most heralded athletic families, he's ready to embrace them.

"They've always been there," Brohm said of the expectations. "Now, I know how to deal with them. Just being able to get used to them that early is helping me deal with them now."

EKU women's basketball announces 2005-06 opponents

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — The Eastern Kentucky University women's basketball team has announced its 2005-06 schedule and highlighting the slate are dates with five of last year's post-season teams, including Ohio State, who advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet Sixteen and 12 contests in McBrayer Arena.

The Colonels return 10 players from last season's 23-8 squad that captured the 2005 Ohio Valley Conference championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for just the second time.

"We are very excited about this year's schedule with five of our first 10 games coming against last year's post-season teams," head coach Larry Joe Inman said. "We lost some great players, but this will give our young players an opportunity to mature early against some very strong competition. In addition, we are playing conference games earlier in the season because of the double round robin schedule so that should make for some interesting play in the early league standings."

EKU opens the season at home on Saturday, Nov. 19 against Belmont, before traveling north for Tuesday, Nov. 22 for a date with Ohio State and reigning Big Ten Player of the Year Jessica Davenport. The Buckeyes, last year's Big Ten co-champions, earned a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament before ending the season with a 30-5 mark.

After Thanksgiving, the Colonels will compete in the

Middle Tennessee State University Classic (Nov. 25-26) against a pair of 2005 NCAA Tournament teams in Louisville and host MTSU.

EKU wraps up the first month of the season on Tuesday, Nov. 29 against East Tennessee State in Johnson City and plays its first OVC opponent two nights later, hosting UT-Martin at 5:30 p.m.

The Colonels hit the road for their next three games, playing 2005 WNIT participant Xavier (Dec. 6), Murray State (Dec. 8) and Austin Peay (Dec. 10) in a five-day span.

Eastern ends 2005 at home with contests against Indiana State (Dec. 20), who competed in the 2005 WNIT, and Eastern Illinois (Dec. 22).

The Colonels open 2006 at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 2 at Southeast Missouri State and return home for a date with Tennessee Tech on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Eastern Kentucky travels to Morehead State for a game on Thursday, Jan. 12 and returns to the road three days later at Eastern Illinois (Jan. 14).

The Colonels play their next two contests at home, facing Jacksonville State on Thursday, Jan. 19 before playing Samford on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Eastern then plays three consecutive games in the state of Tennessee, starting with Tennessee State on Thursday, Jan. 26. The Colonels face UT-Martin on Monday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. and end the stretch the following weekend at Tennessee Tech on Saturday, Feb. 4.

EKU begins a three-game home stand on Monday, Feb. 6,

hosting Morehead State before facing Murray State (Feb. 9) and Southeast Missouri State (Feb. 11).

The Colonels end the regular season with contests at Jacksonville State (Feb. 16) and Samford (Feb. 18) and home dates with Austin Peay (Feb. 23) and Tennessee State (Feb. 25).

The Ohio Valley Conference Tournament will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 28 with first round games at school sites. The semi-final and final games of the tournament will be played March 3-4 in Nashville, Tenn.

Eastern student-athletes help with move-in day

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — There's no question, Eastern Kentucky University student-athletes are willing to lend a hand. When incoming Eastern Kentucky University freshmen and their parents arrived on campus Thursday, members of various athletic teams were on hand to lend a helping hand.

Members of the Colonels' football, basketball, women's soccer, volleyball, cheerleading and dance teams joined numerous other student organizations in welcoming the incoming class and helping move their belongings into the dorms.

Director of Athletics Mark Sandy and various members of the Athletic Department also volunteered with Move-In Day, greeting families, checking students in and directing traffic.

O'Brien Award Watch List released

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FORT WORTH, Texas — The Davey O'Brien Foundation today announced the pre-season watch list for the 2005 Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award, presented annually to the nation's best college quarterback.

The O'Brien Award is the oldest and most prestigious award in the country for college quarterbacks and is named in honor of the late Davey O'Brien. O'Brien led the TCU Horned Frogs to the 1938 national championship and was the first player to win the

Heisman, Walter Camp and Maxwell Awards in one season.

The 33 candidates, in alphabetical order, are:

Erik Ainge, Tennessee
John Beck, BYU
Corey Bramlet, Wyoming
Brian Brohm, Louisville
Shaun Carney, Air Force
Kellen Clemens, Oregon
Brodie Croyle, Alabama
Jay Cutler, Vanderbilt
Bruce Gradkowski, Toledo
Tye Gunn, TCU
Darrell Hackney, UAB
Marques Hagans, Virginia
Chad Henne, Michigan

Justin Holland, Colorado State
Omar Jacobs, Bowling Green
Steven Jyles, Louisiana-Monroe
Kevin Kolb, Houston
Chris Leak, Florida
Matt Leinart, USC
Clint Marks, Middle Tenn St.
Reggie McNeal, Texas A&M
Tyler Palko, Pittsburgh
Jordan Palmer, UTEP
Paul Pinegar, Fresno State
Quinton Porter, Boston College
Jeff Rowe, Nevada
Brad Smith, Missouri
Drew Stanton, Michigan State
Drew Tate, Iowa
Marcus Vick, Virginia Tech
Charlie Whitehurst, Clemson
Vince Young, Texas
Jared Zabransky, Boise State

Marshall football captains selected

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University head coach Mark Snyder introduced the football program's four senior captains for the 2005 season Wednesday.

Chris Royal and Willie Smith are the defensive captains, while Wilbur Hargrove and Jeff Mullins were named the offensive captains. All four players were named based on a team vote.

"It is an honor to be elected a

team captain and it comes with a great deal of responsibility that we are all ready to take on," Mullins said. "I am going to do my best to lead by example on and off the field and I know these guys will too."

Royal, a safety from Herdon, Va., led the Herd and ranked second nationally with six interceptions last season.

Smith, a cornerback from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., is a two-year starter who has played in every game in his three-year career and

recorded six interceptions.

Hargrove, a receiver from Boynton, Va., enters his senior season as one of Marshall's top deep threats and most versatile players having played punting back, kick returner, and receiver in his career.

Mullins, a tight end and long snapper from Gallipolis, Ohio, was a College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District selection last year who has not missed a game in his career.

UK Football names 2005 IronCats

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Thirty-two University of Kentucky football players were named to the 2005 IronCats squad for their performance in the summer strength workouts, Coach Rich Brooks and Strength Coach Marc Hill have announced. To earn a place in the IronCats, a player had to have perfect attendance in the summer lifting program and meet one of the following conditions:

One the team's top five lifters in the bench press, squat

lift, or power clean.

One of the team's top seven pound-for-pound lifters, which is total lifts in relation to body weight.

Ranked as the top one to four players in a position group, depending on the number of players in that group.

The 2005 IronCats are Rafael Little (RB), Scott Mitchell (WR), Glenn Holt (WR), Andre Woodson (QB), Keenan Burton (WR), Muhammad Abdullah (SS), Justin Sprowles (FB), Antoine Huffman (CB), Durrell White (DE), Terry Clayton (LB),

Alexis Bwenge (FB), Jason Leger (DT), Trey Mielsch (DT), Michael Aitchison (OG), Martin McPherson (FS), Jeremiah Drobney (TE), Lamar Mills (DT), Draak Davis (TB), Ricky Abren (DT), Eric Scott (TE), Arliss Beach (TB), Tommy Cook (WR), Richard Gray (DT), Matt McCutchan (C), Shomari Moore (CB), Taylor Begley (K), Jacob Tamme (TE), Joe Schuler (LB), Myron Pryor (DT), SS Roger Williams (SS), Trai Williams (OG) and Dicky Lyons (WR).

Task force panel votes to eliminate one possible Louisville arena site

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The group formed to pick a site for a new sports arena in Louisville has voted to eliminate a proposed arena location near the University of Louisville.

Also, the Kentucky State Fair Board on Thursday proposed a new possible arena site on the edge of the state fairgrounds and within walking distance of hotels and restaurants. The Louisville Arena Task Force's site selection committee agreed to consider the new site and eliminate the previous fairgrounds site.

The location near UofL had too many negatives, including

access to Interstate 65, said committee chairman John Hindeman.

UofL athletic director Tom Jurich said in an interview that the site was good for the university, "but if this committee doesn't think that's a positive then we're fine."

The university's basketball program would be a prime arena tenant.

The new site proposed by the state fair board is owned by Jefferson County Public Schools and houses the district's support services.

Lauren Roberts, a spokeswoman for the school district, said Superintendent Stephen Daeschner had been briefed

The district is willing to consider selling the site, but it would have to find a comparable building, she said.

Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson, who favors a downtown arena, said the new site offers more potential than the Cardinal Stadium location. Still, he said, a downtown location would be better because there already are numerous restaurants, bars and other shops, while the new site proposed by the fair board has significantly fewer. Two downtown sites are being considered.

Lt. Gov. Steve Pence said Thursday that he wants the task force to reduce the three sites to two by Sept. 6, the date of the

Passley joins UT men's basketball

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — University of Tennessee men's basketball coach Bruce Pearl announced today that Anthony Passley will join the Vols' basketball team. Passley will red-shirt the 2005-06 season under NCAA transfer guidelines and will enter the 2006-07 campaign with sophomore eligibility.

A 6-foot-5 guard from Indianapolis North Central High School, Passley originally signed with Pearl at W.

Milwaukee and attended a summer school class before asking for his release and then transferring to Redlands Community College in El Reno, Okla.

"I've always believed in Tony and through the entire process I have gotten really close with his family," Pearl said. "I wanted to coach him in Milwaukee and I am excited about coaching him here in Tennessee. Tony's athleticism and toughness should serve him well at this level."

Passley averaged 17.2 points and 7.5 rebounds while shooting better than 56 percent from the field. A first team all-state selection by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, he earned all-conference honors three years. His best prep game came at Hinkle Fieldhouse when he scored 36 points to lead North Central to a 92-75 win over Mason County despite 29 points by current Vol Chris Lofton. Passley averaged 10.3 points and 5.5 rebounds at

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PARK PLACE APARTMENTS- "LABOR DAY" Move-in special! First month's rent FREE with paid security deposit. Through September 5th. 1 BR/\$309. 2 BR \$304-\$345. Prestonsburg. 886-0039.

OFFICE OR RETAIL SPACE FOR LEASE: 1,200 sq ft in Prestonsburg.. 886-8366

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ROOM FOR RENT: in 1700 sq ft doublewide. Access to whole house including 2 full BA. Just asked to help with portion of rent. Cable, utilities, and furniture provided. Prefer female. **BUSINESS ONLY.** Call 285-3755.

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LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing has been set by the Floyd County Extension District Board for September 6, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., to 12:00 p.m., at 921 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. The 1979 General Assembly has required such a hearing with the enactment of House Bill 44.

The purpose of the hearing is to inform the public that the Extension Service is proposing to take the compensating rate plus the allowable 4 percent increase. The anticipated revenue is \$196,920.81.

The tax rate for the preceding year was 1.35/1.71 with revenue of \$199,761.00. The compensating tax rate is 1.35/2.06 with revenue of \$196,921.00.

The increased revenue for the 2005-2006 budget will be in the areas of travel, salary, equipment and supplies.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Left Beaver Fire Protection District will be accepting sealed bids for a 2005 or 2006 Cab/Chassis. The vehicle shall have all standard equipment. GVWR 35,000 lbs. 168" wheelbase. The vehicle shall have a diesel engine w/engine brake and

automatic transmission. For more information, contact Shannon Hall at 606-377-6643. Bids will be received until September 1, 2005. Bids will be opened on 9-1-05, at 6 p.m., at Station #2 in McDowell. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Please send bids to Left Beaver Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 426, McDowell, KY 41647, Att. Shannon Hall.

systematically opening fire hydrants and/or blow-off valves for a brief period. During this operation, customers may notice a temporary discoloration of their tap water, and

have fluctuations in water pressure. While the water is safe to drink, we encourage all customers to refrain from drawing water while flushing is being performed in

your area. This will help prevent potential staining of laundry, appliances, and plumbing fixtures. If these conditions occur, customers are advised to allow their water to run a few

minutes, in order to clear up any disturbance of the system. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and we appreciate your support in our goal of supplying the clean-

est, safest drinking water available. For more information or assistance, please call our office between 8-4:30, at 606-886-6871.

DUPLEX FOR RENT: 2 BR CH/A total electric. Excellent condition on US 23 north 1 mile from Prestonsburg. No pets. Call 886-9007 or 889-9747.

FOR LEASE: New 30x60 Metal building 12 ft ceilings on RT 80 close to Martin 886-8366. \$500.00 month.

FOR RENT: Nice, 1 BR apt on KY 321 between Highlands Hospital and Davis' Market. CH/A, W/D hook-up. \$325.00 month. \$200.00 deposit. 789-5973.

630-Houses

HOUSE FOR RENT: Very nice, clean 2 BR house. Includes stove, dishwasher, side by side fridge, W/D hookup. CH/A Located on MT Pkwy 8 miles from Prestonsburg in a quiet neighborhood. \$500 per month plus deposit & utilities. References required. No pets. Call 606-886-1339 between 5-9 pm.

APT FOR RENT: 2 BR newly remodeled ground floor apt for rent. Located across from Garth Technical School on RT 122 at Martin, KY. Must have references. Call 285-9112.

APT FOR RENT: Nice 1 BR fully furnished apt. New carpet. Suitable for 1-2 people. No pets. Located on RT 1428 Private lot. \$450 month \$250 deposit. All utilities included-tv. 874-4330.

FOR RENT AT LEVEL: 5 BR house. \$550 month plus utilities. Security deposit. No pets. Contact 874-6700.

1 BR Furnished Apartment, including Utilities. 2 BR Unfurnished, and large 3 BR 2 BA, unfurnished on RT 114. Call 886-8366

3 BR HOUSE FOR RENT: 3 BR 1.5 BA, kitchen, DR, heath pump, built in vacuum cleaner & deck. Located in Knott County. 438-6104

APT FOR RENT in Prestonsburg. 1 BR furnished. Offstreet parking. Utilities/satellite tv included. \$450 month plus deposit. 886-0010.

STOP RENTING! A foreclosure only \$14,900. For listings 800-429-7008. Ext B930.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 3 BR, 1.5 BA, carport, large lot. Call 886-8366.

FOR RENT: 2 BR apt. Spacious, quiet community. Application must be filled out. Deposit & references required. One year lease. Call 358-9123.

640-Land/Lots

NEW TRAILER LOTS FOR RENT: 3 minutes from Highlands Regional, 5 minutes from Porter School. Call 886-3959.

2 BR 1 1/2 bath Townhouse also 1 bed room furnished or unfurnished located in Prestonsburg. NO PETS call 606-886 8991

Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

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Trailer Lot For Rent, Large Yard. Call 886-8366

For Rent : newly constructed Mobile Home Lots in new Allen, reference required call 606-874-2212

620Storage/Office

FOR RENT: 3 Room office suite. \$600 month. Call 886-1020 ask for C.V.

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