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## briefs

### Trial set for Maytown mother

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A trial date of Dec. 8 has been set for a Maytown woman charged with hindering a police investigation and unlawful transaction with a minor.

Sabrina Blakeman was arrested in March for allegedly harboring a missing teen in her home and then lying to police when, acting on a tip they had received from the girl's father, officers went to her home and inquired about the missing girl.

Blakeman was visited by Lt. Greg Clark and Deputy Jeremy Shepherd, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, and allegedly told them that the missing girl was not one of several teens found at her home on a school day.

Shepherd noted a strong resemblance between a picture of the missing teen he had in his possession and one of the adolescents in the home and asked the girl if she was the one he was looking for and was told by the girl that she wasn't. He was then given a name by the teenager and later called Prestonsburg High School and found that the name he was given belonged to a student who was still there at the school.

The new information prompted a second trip to Blakeman's residence, where the officers established that they had found the missing girl.



photos by Tom Doty

The staff at Respond Ambulance loaded emergency supplies donated by Food City, Wal-Mart and their own company into a rescue vehicle Thursday.

## Locals head south to help disaster victims

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

Friday morning two Respond Ambulance paramedics hit the road alongside other emergency crews from around the state to deliver medical supplies and services to New Orleans, where Hurricane Katrina left 80 percent of the city underwater and all of it without power.

Supplies on the rig included water and food donations from Wal-Mart and Food City, as well as medical supplies that Respond furnished, including disinfectants, bleach and various medical supplies. Respond workers Chris Damron and Ralph Short plan to stay in New Orleans for a week and offer their skills to rescue and treatment efforts for residents of region.

Short and Damron will be part of a convoy dispatched to Louisiana from across the commonwealth. The group includes 18 other ambulances, four heavy rescue trucks, and one search and rescue team.

The pair heard a lot of concerns from coworkers Thursday. The team knows that they may run into some danger on the trip and will have to stop outside the city to receive inoculations against typhoid as well as a tetanus shot.



Respond Ambulance paramedics Chris Damron, left, and Ralph Short posed with supplies they will take to New Orleans. The men will also stay in the area for a week to offer their emergency medical aid skills to rescue efforts.

Many workers keeping up with media coverage of the hurricane's impact on the Gulf Coast were also concerned about reports of rescue workers being shot at.

Short said that he can't let those

concerns worry him too much with all of the work that awaits the pair.

"People down there are just scared," Short said. "Who would-

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## Sex offender gets two years for disappearance

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man who moved to Harold after being convicted of a sex crime against a minor in North Carolina pleaded guilty to one charge of failing to furnish probation and parole with his address, as required for 10 years as part of his sentence.

Timothy Arnold, 32, had a history of failing to work with authorities after sentencing and had previously seen his probation revoked on two occasions after pleading guilty to a burglary charge in 1996.

Arnold had complied with parole when he first arrived in the Kentucky but failed to do so in November 2003 and continued to neglect the responsibility for two years. He was eventually indicted by a grand jury in April.

Arnold did eventually

contact the parole board three weeks after his indictment. At the time he said he was living in Muhlenberg County, where he showed up to register and was promptly arrested.

Arnold's 10-year status as a sex offender would have been terminated in 2006 if he had stayed current, but he will now serve two years in jail, effectively adding one year to the 10 he was to register.

Failing to maintain registration as a sex offender was made a Class D felony in the state this year and can result in a five-year prison penalty handed to offenders who neglect the responsibility.

Kentucky State Police maintains a sex offender registry tracking system on the web which can be accessed at www.kentuckystatepolice.com. Users can

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## Bridge work to block lanes on U.S. 23, Rt. 80

John P. Sammons, bridge engineer for Highway District 12, announced today that Applied Polytechnic of Ohio Valley, based in Lexington, will perform repair work on the Route 80 bridge that spans U.S. 23 at Watergap. This is where motorists turn off U.S. 23 to go to either Jenny Wiley State Resort Park or west to Martin, Hindman and Hazard.

Sammons said the work will cost \$14,599.38 and includes resealing the joints on the bridge.

"In order to make sure that motorists as well as the workers are safe while this work is done," Sammons said, "we have decided to work from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. starting Tuesday, Sept. 6. That means there will be lane closures on both U.S. 23 and the bridge above all night on Tuesday,

Wednesday, and Thursday next week. We will remove the traffic control barriers at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and traffic can travel as usual from 6 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the evening."

In addition to the non-traditional work hours, Sammons said there will be flashing arrow signs and other typical traffic control on U.S. 23 and the Route 80 bridge.

"We will keep one lane open in each direction on U.S. 23 under the bridge," he said, "but on the bridge itself we will use flaggers because we will have only one lane open. People will flag traffic through one direction at a time. Keep in mind, now, this is just at night, not all day, just from 6 p.m. till 6 a.m."

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## Higher license fees hurting organ donor program

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Donations for the Floyd County Circuit Clerk's Trust for Life Campaign decreased this year, as expected, with the rise in cost for driver's licenses.

Fees for driver's licenses rose 150 percent on July 1, from \$8 to \$20. Prices of replacement licenses, personal identification cards, and dual licenses also rose substantially.

Circuit Clerk Doug Ray Hall predicted in June that the rise in price for licenses, particularly because it rose to a flat \$20,

as opposed to \$18 or \$19, would deter drivers from donating that extra dollar to the Trust for Life Campaign.

This month, he announced that Trust for Life donations dropped to approximately 61 percent for Floyd County in July, and the numbers appear to similar for the month of August. Donations have dropped at least 20 percent for August, he said, from about 80 percent to 60 percent of those purchasing licenses donating \$1 toward the cause.

"I understand the reason we have dropped," he said, "because there's been such an increase in licenses and IDs, but if you break it down, you're driving for

\$5 a year and you'd spend what you'd spend for an extra quarter of a year for the donation. I can't blame people, there's a lot of factors, including the rise in gas prices. I'm still really proud and thankful for those who donated before."

Statewide, Trust for Life donations have dropped approximately 7 percent. Even with the 61 percent donation average, Floyd County is still among the top 10 in the state.

The Trust for Life Campaign, initiated through the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks Association in 1992, has obtained more than \$4 million in donations since 1993. Drivers can donate \$1 to the cam-

aign when they renew or purchase their license.

Floyd County's circuit clerk office topped records across the state last year, bringing in more than 80 percent in donations from those obtaining or renewing their license.

According to the Trust for Life website, more than 600 Kentuckians are currently waiting organ transplants. Nationwide, the number of people waiting top out at more than 82,000. A new name is added to the National Transplant list every 14 minutes.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Bonnie Jean Dotson, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 28, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, James D. Dotson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Martha "Susan" Sizemore, 43, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, a native of Martin, died Wednesday, August 17, at University Hospitals. The memorial service was held Tuesday, August 23, under the direction of Stark Funeral Services.

■ Barbara A. Thacker, 33, of Harold, died Thursday, August 25, the result of injuries suffered in an industrial accident at the Kellogg Factory, in Meta. Graveside services were held Sunday, August 28, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Jane Carol Ford Verley, 66, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 28, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth E. Verley of Prestonsburg. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, August 31, under

the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Fon Adkins, 82, of Douglas Parkway, died Saturday, August 27, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Monday, August 29, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Pearl Blankenship, of Edgerton, West Virginia, a native of Jamboree, died Monday, August 29, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 1, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ James Dale Clevinger, 58, of Millard, died Sunday, August 28, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Clevinger. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 1, under the direction of West Funeral Home of Justiceville.

■ Bill Darnell, 69, of Aflex, formerly of Feds Creek, died Saturday, August 27, at ARH, South Williamson. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 30, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Betty Lou Estep, 78, of

Albion, Michigan, native of Robinson Creek, died Saturday, August 27, at Battle Creek Health System. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 31, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home.

■ Pearl Hackney, of Jamboree, died Tuesday, August 30, at her residence. Arrangements, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Regean Addington Johnson, 76, of Brushy Fork of Beehive Creek, died Thursday, August 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 28, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Monroe Mounts, 88, of Lexington, formerly of Phelps, died Monday, August 29, at his residence. Arrangements, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Charles Richard Ratliff, 58, of Raccoon, died Monday, August 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, August 26, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Josephine Canterbury Sword Ray, 83, of Pikeville, died Saturday, August 27, at

Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 30, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Clarence Raymond Robinson, 68, of Billy Compton Branch, died Sunday, August 28, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 31, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Donnie L. Smith, 61, of Sidney, died Thursday, August 25, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Smith. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 28, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Elder James Clifford Stanley, 58, of Sidney, died Sunday, August 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Vernetta Stanley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 30, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Roy Wright, 80, native of Pike County, died Saturday, August 27, at the VA Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Rachel Moore Wright. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 30, at Jenkins First Baptist Church.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Opal A. 'Nell' Ford, 67, of Thelma, died Saturday, August 20, at her home. Graveside services were held Tuesday, August 23, under the direction of the Phelps 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 held Saturday, August 20, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Troy Lemaster, 85, of Paintsville, formerly of Milford Center, Ohio, died Monday, August 8, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were held Thursday, August 11, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Christopher Earl Tackett, 40, of Belcher, formerly of Staffordsville, died Tuesday, August 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Louella Stewart Tackett. Funeral services were held Friday, August 12, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ John Earl Ward, 73, of Paintsville, died Monday, August 22, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 25, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ Hershel Crum, 71, of Inez, died Friday, August 26, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 29, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Sarah Moore, 71, of Inez,

died Thursday, August 24, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Wes Moore. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 27, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Ervin Prentice "Smity" Smith, 63, of Nashport, Ohio, a native of Beauty, died Wednesday, August 17, at Mt. Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Hindel-Lent) Smith. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 19, under the direction of Vensil-Orr & Chute Funeral Home.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Henry Cobb, 79, of Frenchburg, a Royalton native, died Wednesday, August 24, at the Edgewood Estates. He is survived by his wife, Joy Walters Cobb. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 27, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Champ Collins, 72, died Tuesday, August 25, at the Our Lady of the Holy Cross Care Center in San Pierre, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 29, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Johnnie Joseph, 72, of Gapville, died Monday, August 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Arretia Laney Joseph. Arrangements, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

# Obituaries

## Justin Douglas Ferrell

Justin Douglas Ferrell, 18, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born April 18, 1987, in Pikeville, he was the son of Thurman and Donna Hackworth Ferrell of Salyersville. He was a 2005 graduate of Prestonsburg High School; and was a freshman at Prestonsburg Community College.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister: Latoshia Ferrell of Salyersville; his paternal grandfather, Samuel David Ferrell of Prestonsburg; his maternal grandparents, Jack and Sandra Watkins Hackworth of Prestonsburg; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Martha Ann Cantrell Ferrell.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 3, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Burial was in the Family cemetery, in Salyersville.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Pete Collins and Freddy Collins, both of Martin; five sisters: Mabel Batchelor of Texas, Janice Napier and Betty Jo Music, both of Martin, Corene Marcum of Bristol, Indiana, and Lucille Skaggs of Louisa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Amos Napier; and one sister, Delores Ann Spurlock.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 3, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial was in the Martin Cemetery, in Martin, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. Nightly services were held at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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## Lee Isaac Jr.

Lee Isaac Jr., 80, of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at his residence.

Born May 15, 1925, in Wheelwright, he was the son of the late Lee P. and Ludema Hall Issac. He was a retired coal miner; a member of U.M.W.A., Local Union 5899 of Wheelwright; a U.S. Marine

veteran; and attended the Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Carrie Johnson Isaac.

Other survivors include a son, Gary Isaac (Pat) of Wheelwright; two daughters: Linda Sue King (John) of Canmer and Wanda Lou Isaac of Ann Arbor, Michigan; a sister, Gertie Burke of McRoberts; eight grandchildren: Kim, Tim, Ashley, Chris, Amanda, Becky, Kayla and Sarah; and six great-grandchildren: Channing, Allie, Andrew, Keri, Kristen and Ben.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Larry Isaac; five brothers: Ervin Isaac, Ark Isaac, Arthur Isaac, Luther Isaac and Howell Isaac; and three sisters: Mazie Hall, Birdie Lee, and Nettie Whitlow.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 3, at 1 p.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church— with nightly services at 6:30 p.m. (Paid obituary)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Ponderosa in Paintsville was completely destroyed by fire Thursday. The blaze, which is believed to have begun as a grease fire, started Thursday morning, and firefighters continued to work the scene the following day. One fireman was hurt at the scene and one employee of the restaurant suffered smoke inhalation.

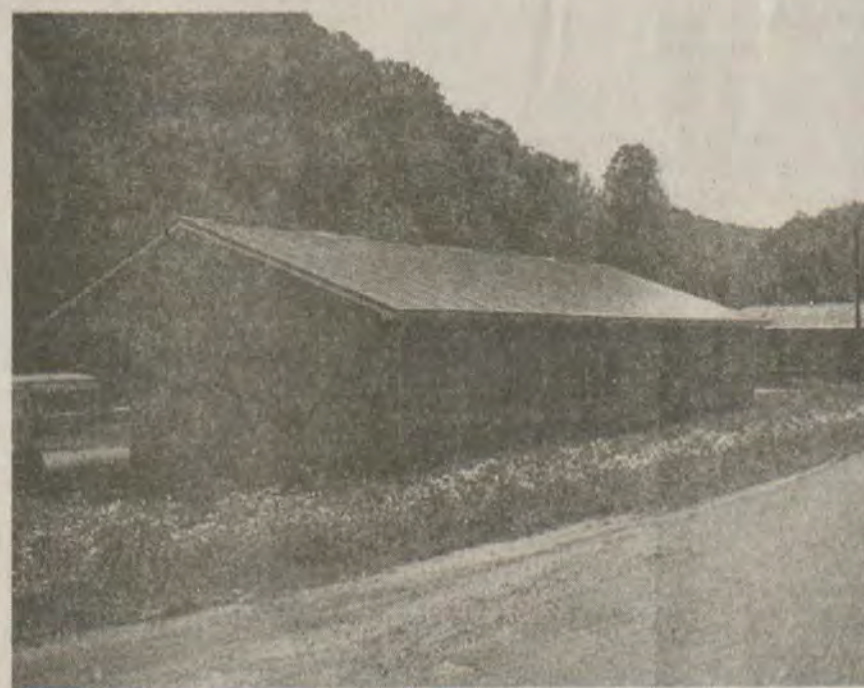


## Norman Napier Jr.

Norman Napier Jr., age 50, of Martin, passed away Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington.

He was born January 27, 1955, in Martin, the son of the late Junior Norman Napier and Edith Wheeler Napier.

Survivors include four brothers: Jimmy Napier of New York City, New York, Wallace Napier of Jacksonville, Florida, and



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### Friday midday

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Pick 4: 3-8-7-7

# Old pumps prevent some stations from raising gas prices

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — The quick jump of gasoline prices to \$3 and beyond per gallon has created headaches for some gas stations in small communities using older mechanical pumps not equipped to register the higher prices.

While most stores in the Big Sandy Valley of Eastern Kentucky have raised prices to \$3.29 a gallon for regular unleaded, Butcher's Trading Post in Paintsville is charging only \$2.99. That's as high as the

pumps will go.

"At this point, we probably won't reorder gas when we run out," said Cheryl Butcher, working at the store Thursday. "It's either not sell any gas at all, or sell it for what we are and lose money."

The surge in gas prices in the wake of Hurricane Katrina's wrath on oil refineries and pipelines along the Gulf Coast caught some retailers by surprise. Now, stores that don't have digital pumps are waiting on overworked repairmen to arrive and make the needed updates.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, which regulates gas pumps in the state, sent a letter to retailers Wednesday warning that those affected have only two options: Sell fuel at less than \$3 or shut down until the pumps are modified.

Only those stations with mechanical pumps, which have rolling numbers like a car odometer, are affected. Jim Hill, owner of Perry Oil Co. in Hazard, estimated that about 10 percent of service stations in the Appalachian region still use pumps of that type.

Hill said stations with

mechanical pumps have been impacted each time gasoline prices reached a new dollar mark, beginning in the 1970s when the price went beyond \$1 a gallon for the first time.

Colley's Garage in Jeremiah resolved the problem Thursday by setting pumps at half price - \$1.64 a gallon - and posting signs letting customers know they will have to pay double the sale amount shown on the pump.

"It's working," said Peyton Carver, an employee at the garage. "It's just got a bit of math behind it."

However, Bill Clary,

spokesman for the Department of Agriculture, said so-called "half-pricing" is illegal. He said the letter sent to retailers warned that any stores using half-pricing will have to stop until their pumps are modified.

Unfortunately most stations will not be able to update their pumps quickly enough, said Ann Belcher, spokeswoman for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky in Lexington.

"Right now, there's a two-week waiting period for the kits," she said. "It can be longer."

Belcher advised motorists to

be aware of the situation and to not be caught off guard at service stations that show half prices on their pumps.

"Right now we're concerned about fuel shortages and outages, as are drivers, with this crisis that we're going through," she said. "Hopefully, these pumps will be able to open back up to the public as soon as possible."

Hill said no one could have predicted the 50 cents to 70 cents rise in prices in a single day.

"I just hope we don't have to fix them again to handle \$4 a gallon," he said.

# Most in poll believe Fletcher erred with pardons

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A majority of Kentuckians think Gov. Ernie Fletcher should not have issued pardons in the state hiring investigation, a new poll shows.

According to The Courier-Journal's latest Bluegrass Poll, 19 percent of 609 adults surveyed said they think Fletcher, a Republican, should have granted the pardons, compared to 73 percent who said he should not have done so. The rest had no opinion or weren't sure.

"I'm sick over it," said Jackie Witzberger, 49, a Democrat from Richmond, who took part in the poll and agreed to a follow-up interview. "The law's the law, and it seems to me Fletcher took an oath to uphold that law, didn't he? Instead of blowing it off as not being important."

The poll was taken after Fletcher announced Monday night that he would pardon nine current or former members of his administration who had been indicted on charges of illegally considering political affiliation in hiring state workers.

John Wright, 59, a retired Jeffersontown resident and a Republican, said he agreed with the decision. He said Attorney General Greg Stumbo, a Democrat, should not have sought indictments.

"It was politically inspired, and it's partisan politics that these people were brought under

this fire," Wright said.

The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points. Percentages are rounded and may not total 100 percent. The survey of 609 Kentucky adults was conducted Monday through Wednesday.

In an interview with the newspaper on Thursday, Fletcher said he was not surprised by the poll results.

"I believe that a leader needs to be able to make tough decisions that in the short term are unpopular but in the long term will prove out to be the best for the commonwealth," Fletcher said. "I feel that it was absolutely the right thing to do to pardon individuals. I have no reservations about it."

Stumbo declined to be interviewed by the newspaper. He issued a statement that said: "This is not about politics and it is not about polling. It is about upholding the rule of law. I cannot be concerned with whether this investigation is popular or not. I'm charged with enforcing the law as it is written."

Stumbo opened the investigation in May after a Transportation Cabinet employee came forward with e-mails and other documents allegedly showing political influence in the filling of rank-and-file state jobs. The state merit law requires that such jobs be filled on the basis of qualifications.

The poll also shows that 33

percent believe Fletcher should resign because of the pardons, while 51 percent say he shouldn't. Of the Republicans, 17 percent said Fletcher should resign. Of those who voted for him, 12 percent said he should resign. Of Democrats, 40 percent said he should resign.

Fletcher has repeatedly said the investigation is politically motivated. Poll-takers asked if respondents agreed more that the investigation is "needed to determine whether state laws were violated" or that it's "politically motivated."

More than one-third - 35 percent - said it's politically motivated, compared to 57 percent who said the investigation is necessary.

Fletcher said in the interview that those results show that most people don't understand "the unprecedented nature of the investigation." He reiterated his contention that the merit laws "were not enforced in the face of a flagrant patronage system" under previous Democratic administrations.

For Stumbo, 55 percent strongly or somewhat approve, while 31 percent said they disapprove of his handling of the investigation.

"Stumbo has tried several other avenues of political attack that have failed, and he seems to be latching onto this and hope it has wheels," Wright said.

But Crystal Meadows, 25, a

customer service representative in Bowling Green who is a registered independent, said Stumbo is doing the right thing.

"He's doing a thorough

investigation," she said. "He's doing what he needs to do regardless of who he's going to make mad or who politically stands where."

## Science center sets fall hours

PRESTONSBURG — Summer has come and gone but you can still sit back, relax, and explore the wonders of the universe at the East Kentucky Science Center and Planetarium. Beginning Tuesday Sept. 6 the Science Center's public hours will be on Friday's from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. and Saturday's from 12 noon until 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Friday evening programs will include a Planetarium show at 7:30 p.m. and laser light shows at 9 p.m. Saturday will see planetarium shows at 1, 2 and 4 p.m. and laser shows at 7:30 and 9

p.m. Sunday hours will resume Nov. 19 with the opening of the "Christmas Show."

The current show in the planetarium is "Journey to Saturn". Embark on a breath taking ride through the solar system to one of the most intriguing and beautiful planets viewing its fascinating atmosphere, beautiful rings and moons as you travel along with NASA's Cassini spacecraft. "Journey to Saturn" will run from Aug. 20 through Oct. 8.

See the center's website — [www.wedosscience.org](http://www.wedosscience.org) — for program details, show times, and ticket prices.

## Clarification

The Aug. 26 issue of The Floyd County Times listed Shawn Ousley, 30, of Prestonsburg, as having been charged with misdemeanor theft. That charge has been dismissed.

## Internet

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# Kentucky poverty rate climbs

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The poverty rate climbed in Kentucky for the last two-year period as Midwestern states saw family incomes drop with the loss of manufacturing jobs and an increase in service-sector openings, a new Census Bureau survey showed.

Kentucky's average poverty rate rose from 14.3 percent in 2002-2003 to 16 percent in 2003-2004.

"Certainly it appears there was a significant increase in the poverty level," said Ron Crouch, director of the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Louisville. "It's disconcerting that Kentucky was one of the highest in the nation."

The number of people in the United States living in poverty

has grown for four consecutive years, up to 37 million in 2004 from 31.6 million in 2000, the Census Bureau survey showed.

The estimates are based on surveys conducted over three months, beginning in February, on 100,000 households nationwide.

In 2004, the number of Americans living in poverty increased by 1.1 million from 2003. The official poverty rate was 12.7 percent, an increase from 12.5 percent in 2003.

Rates for blacks and Hispanics remained unchanged at 24.7 percent and 21.9 percent, respectively.

Authorities said the economic downturn that began in early 2000 has been spurred by a steady decline in manufacturing jobs. People have found other work, but their new jobs often pay much less than what they

were making.

Charles Carter, 42, married with five children, has been laid off from jobs at General Electric Appliance Park in Louisville and from Tower Automotive Corp. in Corydon, Ind.

Tower eliminated about 600 jobs before shutting down this year. Orders on its contract to assemble and paint Ford Explorers plummeted after Ford cut production in St. Louis.

Carter, of Jeffersonville, Ind., now drives a truck delivering doors and hardware to construction sites, earning \$19,000 in take-home pay.

"It's very difficult," Carter said, adding he has applied for more than 300 jobs in the past seven years.

According to Census figures, household income declined only in the Midwest region, down 2.8 percent to \$44,657.

## Program

Trust for Life funds are used for organ donor awareness and expenses incurred by recipients. To become an organ donor, the Trust for Life website suggests the following:

■ Sign the back of your license or identification card, along with the signatures of two witnesses.

■ Place an organ donor sticker (can be obtained through the

driver's license office) on the upper right corner of your card.

■ Talk to your family about your decision, as they will have the right, upon your death, to prevent you from being an organ donor.

More information about the organ donor awareness program can be found online at [www.trustforlife.org](http://www.trustforlife.org) or by calling (866) 945-5433.

## Work

Because the work is being done at night, when traffic is lighter, Sammons said that motorists may not expect to come upon a work zone during those hours. "People need to be alert and observe the traffic control signs, the flaggers, and the reduced speed limit in the work zone. Remember, too, that traffic fines in work zones are doubled."

If everything goes according to plans, Sammons said, the work will be completed by Friday morn-

ing.

"We hope this temporary inconvenience will be minimal," Sammons said. "We've really thought this through, as to how we can reseat the joints on the bridge with as little interruption to traffic as possible, and we hope that everyone understands that the work has to be done and there is no way to do it without causing a little bit of inconvenience. We want to thank everyone in advance for their patience and understanding."

## Guilty

monitor their county for recently registered sex offenders at the site, which also notes if an offender is delinquent in providing his or her current address.

The site also has a toll free number that provides the same information and can be reached at (866) 564-5652.

## Help

n't be?"

Short expects that the environment in the city will be overwhelming and plans to keep a journal of the experience in hopes of making sense of it later.

On Thursday, several other Kentucky institutions announced plans to aid Gulf Coast residents, with Kentucky Power saying it would send work crews down to help restore power and Morehead State University announcing it would open its doors to students and teachers from the region for their fall semester.

All of us have been moved by the images we have seen and the stories we have heard of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. Now, The Floyd County Times is teaming up with the Williamson Daily News and the Hazard Herald to bring Appalachians together to lend a helping hand to those in need.

**Operation Katrina Relief** will serve as way to get the most vital necessities to victims of this disaster. We will be accepting donations of bottled water, non-perishable food, bleach, cleaning supplies, diapers, baby food and formula, personal hygiene items and new blankets. Donations can be delivered to The Floyd County Times until Thursday evening, Sept. 8. The items will then be sent by truck to the disaster area the following day.

For more information about Operation Katrina Relief, contact Ralph Davis, Jamie VanHoose or Wendy Trent at The Floyd County Times, (606) 886-8506.

**Operation Katrina Relief Help is on the way**

The Times

# expression

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

## Opposing views: Fletcher's pardons

In 2003, when former Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, a Democrat, pardoned four men, including his chief of staff, of charges of violating election laws, Republican gubernatorial candidate Ernie Fletcher's running mate, Steve Pence, said at a Northern Kentucky fundraiser, "Things like that are not going to happen in a Fletcher-Pence administration."

Wrong. It just did.

Like Patton, Fletcher on Monday joined the ranks of former president Bill Clinton, who pardoned an international fugitive, former president Gerald Ford, who pardoned Richard Nixon, and former president George H.W. Bush, who pardoned former defense secretary Caspar Weinberger and four others for the Iran-Contra affair. Fletcher pardoned nine past and present members of his administration who were indicted by a special grand jury in Frankfort investigating violations of the state's employee Merit System.

Fletcher also extended the blanket pardons to any others in his administration indicted in the spreading investigation of political favoritism in the hiring of state employees led by Attorney General Greg Stumbo, a Democrat.

The first Republican elected governor of Kentucky in more than three decades, Fletcher, less than two years into the administration he pledged would clean up Frankfort, already has added his own personal chapter to the annals of smarmy politics in the commonwealth. ...

The governor compared the charges against his colleagues to "noodling," catching fish with bare hands out of season, a misdemeanor.

That's the governor's self-protecting spin. What really is being talked about, investigated and indictments issued for, are multiple accusations of hiring people based on political affiliation, of rewarding campaign workers and supporters with state jobs, some at elevated salaries. That's where the real waste of tax dollars has occurred, not in the investigation being conducted by the attorney general. ...

In a few short years, Kentucky's reputation has been tarnished by the image of a teary-eyed governor, Patton, bawling on national television because he had been caught in an affair with a woman whose business was regulated by the state, and now by a governor who has substituted his partisan, personal judgment for that of a jury, pardoning individuals who haven't been convicted of anything.

You would think that by now politicians would have learned it's always the cover-up that gets them into more trouble than anything they might be accused of.

— The News Enterprise, Elizabethtown

It's interesting that on the same day Gov. Ernie Fletcher issued pardons for nine current and former members of his administration, Attorney General Greg Stumbo resigned from the governor's task force reviewing the state merit system.

We're not suggesting that Stumbo's resignation, which was delivered early Monday, provoked Fletcher's pardons, which took place Monday evening, but the symmetry of the two acts is worth noting.

One of the reasons Stumbo gave for his resignation was that the task force is looking into the party registration of state employees. Stumbo called it "very disturbing" and "improper."

On the other hand, Republican state Sen. Dan Kelly, a member of the task force, has said the information would shed light on how well the merit system has worked in the past.

It's understandable that Stumbo was disturbed by such a review. When completed, it's likely to expose the hypocrisy of his whole investigation of the Fletcher administration by proving that, for decades, Democratic government put its own in state government jobs.

That's why Fletcher's pardons Monday were merited. In a vicious, politically motivated attack on the administration of a duly elected governor, Stumbo sought to put good people behind bars basically for trying to do what the Democrats always have done - put a few of their people in state jobs. ...

The attorney general has oft denied it, but we remain convinced that he sought political advantage for himself and his party by trying to criminalize political practices. Fletcher was right not to let Stumbo's abuse of his prosecutorial power destroy his administration. The people of Kentucky deserve to have the governor they elected focusing on their needs and goals, rather than the trumped up charges of a political rival.

— The Advocate-Messenger, Danville



— Rich Lowry Column

## A left-right coalition for property

Rep. Maxine Waters, the famously fire-breathing left-wing congresswoman from Los Angeles, has emerged as one of the nation's most outspoken defenders of property rights. "Government should be in the business of protecting private property," she told me in an interview, sounding every bit a member of the free-market group The Club for Growth. "Private property is precious in America."

What has galvanized Waters and a surprising left-right coalition in defense of private property is the Supreme Court's instantly notorious Kelo decision in June saying government can use its eminent-domain power to take property from one private owner and give it to another. The Constitution says eminent domain — used to force the sale of property — must be exercised in cases involving "a public use," a phrase the court has stretched to encompass any

private purpose that will produce more tax revenue. Almost immediately, Waters was on the House floor denouncing the decision, part of a backlash that has dozens of states considering tighter rules in how they use eminent domain.

Waters is a longtime scourge of eminent domain. A few years ago the L.A.



The Rich Lowry column

Unified School District wanted to take a park and private homes in the community of South Park to build a new school (which at least is a legitimate public use). Waters made it clear that if eminent domain

were used, residents, many of them low-income, would appeal it property by property, holding up the process for years. "We backed them off," she says.

She is acting on a crucial insight — the right to property is the most important check on governmental power and abuse, especially for the poor and vulnerable. Indeed, the naked logic of the Kelo decision is to take property from working- and middle-class people who aren't in a position to build big-box stores, casinos or condos and give it to wealthier interests, who can create more

political influence. Poor property owners usually don't have the wherewithal to fight back. "I think they'll just be run over," Waters says.

Congress is considering denying federal funds to support any projects that involve taking property for private use, and Waters is supporting two of the Republican-sponsored Kelo backlash bills. "I'm working with people I've never worked with before," she says.

"It's not a partisan issue at all," explains Dana Berliner of the Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Justice, which is leading the crusade against the abuse of eminent domain and maintains a Web site ([www.castlecoalition.org](http://www.castlecoalition.org)) devoted to the cause. "Everyone either owns a home or hopes to own a home, and nobody likes the idea that their home could be taken away from them because someone wealthier wants it." She says that the court has done the property-rights cause an unintentional favor by highlighting takings for private use that have been going on for a long time without much public notice.

The court has also got Maxine Waters' back up, which is never advisable.

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

— beyond the beltway

## So that's why we're in Iraq

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Finally, after many fits and false starts, President Bush has given us a good reason to support the war in Iraq. We must fight the war in Iraq, he says, to honor the soldiers who already have been killed fighting the war in Iraq. In a speech to a VFW convention in Utah, he mentioned that we have lost more than 2000 troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and said: "Each of these heroes left a legacy that will allow generations of their fellow Americans to enjoy the blessings of liberty."

"We'll honor their sacrifice by staying on the offensive against the terrorists."

Make your heart swell with patriotic pride? Well I should say. And it makes sense.

If we hadn't invaded Iraq we wouldn't have anyone to honor, would we? We might as well be Switzerland. And the beauty of the reasoning is that the longer

the war goes on and the more of our soldiers get killed the more reason we'll have to fight it.

The hard-hitting White House press corps was turned to butter by the President's performance. It pointed out that it was virtually the first time he had acknowledged that American troops were dying in Iraq and Afghanistan and, not only did he prove he knew it, he knew how many, giving lie to those who say he's not on top of things.

He went so far as to mention the survivors of the dead in his speech, another first. "Each of these men and women left grieving families and loved ones back home," he said.

He did not, however, mention Cindy Sheehan, an actual grieving mother who camped outside of his Texas retreat trying to get a word with him.

She's unhappy with his war policy. But you know what they say: There's always one sorehead who complains no matter what. So she lost a son. She got her tax cut didn't she?

After making the speech, Mr. Bush went off to fish and bike at Tamarack Resort overlooking Lake Cascade in Donnelly, Idaho.

The new rationale for the war comes just in time for Mr. Bush. One of the old ones — that we invaded Iraq so that we

could bring democracy to the Arab world — is beginning to look a little dicey. It seems that the Shiite majority has adopted the Tom DeLay, winner-take-all philosophy of democracy. They have the most votes so they can pretty much do what they want, which is to control the south of the country where most of them live and, more importantly, most of the nation's oil is.

The Sunnis — who under Saddam Hussein used to run the place and got the lion's share of everything, oil included — object. They want a national government that will divvy up the oil spoils equitably.

The Kurds up north don't care about the Sunni-Shiite dispute so long as everybody leaves them alone and lets them have the oil in the north.

At this writing, they were trying to write a constitution that reconciled these irreconcilable aims but were having imperfect success. Unless the problem is solved, however, a civil war is virtually inevitable, constitution or no constitution. I know, some say they're in a civil war over there already but if the Sunnis decide there's nothing in a united Iraq for them and throw in with the extremists, the resulting strife will make what's going on now look like an Easter egg roll.

Would we then stick around to try and referee the fight or would we leave? It depends on how much honor the

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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

**Editor's note:** To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: [features@floyd-countytimes.com](mailto:features@floyd-countytimes.com). Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

### Ext. Council Sept. meeting

The next meeting of the Floyd County Extension Council and District Board will be held Monday, Sept. 12, at 5:30 p.m., at the Extension Office (921 S. Lake Dr.).

### BLHS Blood Drive

Donate blood at the Betsy Layne High School blood drive, to be held Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in the library.

For more information, contact Russell Cassidy at 1-800-775-2522.

### Floyd County Library

#### Bookmobile schedule

Tuesday, September 6: Betsy Layne Senior CC, Mare Creek, Justell, Tram, Daniel's Creek

Wednesday, September 7: Hippo, Pyramid, Martin Senior CC, Mt. Tabor, Spurlock Creek

Thursday, September 8: Karen's Day Care, Dinosaur Playland II, Prestonsburg Senior CC, Highland Terrace, Cliffside, Auxier.

### Shepherd Family Reunion

To be held Sept. 5, at Shelter #3, Jenny Wiley State Park Spillway. Bring a covered dish, soft drinks, and a NEW towel, wash cloth or dish towel. Hope to see you there!

### Hale Family Reunion

The John M. Hale Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Greenwich Coon Hunter's Club, in Greenwich, Ohio, beginning at noon.

Please bring a covered dish. Tableware and drinks will be provided. For more info., call Alma Hopkins at 419-752-6906.

### Griffey-Griffith Family Reunion

To be held on Sunday, Sept. 4, at Archer Park - George Archer Shelter.

### "Creation Seminar Sunday"

Event to be held Sept. 11, at Prater Creek Baptist Church, Banner. Mike Riddle, of the "Answers in Genesis" organization, will conduct seminars on Biblical Creationism. For more info., call Pastor J.B. Hall at 874-3222; email to: [pcb@pcbaptist.org](mailto:pcb@pcbaptist.org).

### Hill Country Dancers

FREE square and line dance classes for the month of Sept., beginning Sept. 8, in Pikeville, at Hambley Athletic Center, across from Pikeville High School. For more info., call Linda Frasure at 285-3994; Novella Froman at 432-5834; or Don Schul at 789-5712.

### 2005 Martin County Harvest Festival Cuties & Beauties Pageant

To be held Oct. 6, at 6 p.m., at the Roy F. Collier Community Center, Inez. Ages 0-11 mos. up to "Mrs." (anyone married or with children), females; Ages 0-11 mos. up to 6 years, males.

Contestants will receive gift bags, t-shirts, participation crowns and awards. More info., call 298-0020 or 298-4850. Call now for details on how to enter free! Sponsored by the Inez Volunteer Fire Department.

### KY Apple Baby Contest

"Apple Baby Contest, of the KY Apple Festival, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25, in the Paintsville High School gymnasium. Boys and girls, ages 1 year to 23 months, are eligible. Must be resident of KY. May register at Big Sandy Pharmacy, Main Street, Paintsville. Applications available Monday, August 29 and accepted through close of business day on Thursday, Sept. 22. No entries allowed beyond this date. A recent, framed, 5x7 photo required upon application.

### Jenny Wiley Festival Pageant

Early registration thru Sept. 15. Applications may be picked up at Lad 'n Lassie, in Prestonsburg. Be eligible for a free event if register by Sept. 15. Pageant to be held Oct. 2, at Mountain Arts Center.

### Jenny Wiley Bike Tours

Held every Saturday morning, 8 a.m. Meet at the flags in front of the Jenny Wiley Convention Center/Marina. Group will ride to spillway where a \$6.95 breakfast buffet will be available. Fun ride at a relaxed pace.

For more information, call 886-8604 or email: [profitnessc-ntr@bellsouth.net](mailto:profitnessc-ntr@bellsouth.net). You may also visit [www.multisports.com](http://www.multisports.com) to view and print a map of area cycling routes.

### Parsons Family Reunion

Reunion for the descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons will be held on Sept. 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch, off Rt. 979. Please bring a covered dish; meal will be served at 1 p.m. All family and friends welcome. For more info., call E. J. Parsons at 865-426-7585.

### Hughes Family Reunion

For the families of Mathias Hughes, Linda E. and Jake Marsillett, Mary Darcus and John Wright, Sally and James Marsillett, John Malcom and Sally Hughes, Jim Henry and Ida Hughes. Reunion will be held on Sept. 4, at the home of Delmer Holbrook, located at 143 Holbrook Hollow Rd., in Prestonsburg. For more info., call 886-8481.

### Rotary Club

Local Rotary Club holds meetings every Thursday, at noon, at the Student Grill, on the BSCC campus. Open to business and professional men and women who live or work in Floyd County. More info., contact Mike Vance at 886-2075.

### Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Class Schedule:  
Basic Computer: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 5-7 p.m. Begins Sept. 12

Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Begins Sept. 15.

Classes meet once a week for 8 weeks; fee \$30.

Intermediate Computer: Tuesdays, 12-2 p.m. Begins Sept. 13. Classes meet once a week for 8 weeks. Fee, \$30.

Computer keyboarding: Fridays, 12-2 p.m. Begins Sept. 16. Once a week for 6 weeks; fee \$30.

Greeting Card Making: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Begins Sept. 14. Call for more info.

Creative Sewing: Mondays, 5-7 p.m. Begins Sept. 12; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Begins Sept. 15. Once a week for 8 weeks; fee, \$24.

Strip Quilting: Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Begins Sept. 15. Once a week for 4 weeks, fee, \$12.

Survival Skills for Women (NEW): Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Begins Sept. 6. Once a week for 10 weeks, FREE.

GED: FREE. Call for more information.

Center telephone: 886-0709.

### HRMC Community Calendar

Sept. 10 - Child Birth classes, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Meeting Place A & B.

Sept. 13 - Sr. Advantage, 10-11:30 a.m., Prestonsburg Senior Citizen Center.

Sept. 17 - "Living Well with Diabetes," 9-11:30 a.m., Meeting Place A & B.

For more info., contact Highlands Educational Services Dept. at 886-7424.

### Victim Services Volunteer Training

The Victim Services program of Mt. Comp. Care Center is looking for individuals interested in becoming volunteers. To be a volunteer, one must complete a 40-hour training requirement.

The training will begin Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; it will continue for the next four (4) Saturdays thereafter.

For an application packet, please call the volunteer coordinator at 886-4323.

Volunteers provide valuable services that positively impact victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. (10-3)

### Neighborhood Watch

The Mud Creek Neighborhood Watch group will meet the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend meetings.

### Little Mud Comm. Center

The Little Mud Community Center Board of Directors are currently in the process of locating photos of old historic sites of the area. The pictures are to be added to the center's historic wall. If you have any such pictures, or are interested in more information concerning this project, call 478-1477 or 478-2479.

\*\*The center will hold their 2nd annual Spruce Pine Elem. and Comm. Reunion on Sept. 3, beginning at 5 p.m. Live music, old-fashioned pie supper, and more. Please bring a covered dish of your choosing. More info., call 478-1477 or 478-2479.

### Attention: BLHS Class of '85

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1985 will host a reunion to be held Sept. 10, 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., at the Landmark Inn,

Pikeville. \$50 per couple/\$25 for single. For more info., contact Debbie Hall at 304-757-2918 or [Dochallparsons@charter.net](mailto:Dochallparsons@charter.net)

### Over 50? Need a friend?

Then check out our Friendship Club for seniors. Share a meal, see a movie, take a walk, have a chat. Meet with other seniors at a local location. Come on out, and let's talk. For more info., call 889-9620. The Friendship Club is not a dating service.

### Local Travel Club formed

A local travel club has been recently organized for the enjoyment of those who enjoy inexpensive group travel. Upcoming trips include: New York City, Oct. 14-16; Washington, D.C., Nov. 25-27; Niagara Falls, Canada, Labor Day weekend, 2006 and Disney World, mid-July, 2006.

The club will host a fundraising event Oct. 7-9, 2005, at the Weeksbury Comm. Park. Vendors with yard sale items, an old-fashioned cake walk, horse-shoe tournaments, and an old-fashioned mill where you may purchase fresh meal and ground grits. Lots of games and food, plus tentative plans for a motorcycle show.

Call Ed or Linda at 452-4149 for more details.

### Free Body Recall classes

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

### 'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

### Interested in new job training?

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929.

## Shutterbugs

The Floyd County Times is looking for experienced photographers to cover news and sports. We pay by the picture. If interested, call Managing Editor Ralph B. Davis at (606) 886-8506.

## Minister's Moment

# A harvest of help and healing

by PASTOR STEVE

PESCOSOLIDO

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The other day I was having lunch with Pastor Mark Walz in Billy Ray's Restaurant. During the course of our lunch another pastor stepped up and talked with us. Now this was a Monday. This pastor was dressed in bib overalls and a gray t-shirt. I asked him if he'd been farming. Pastor Tommy Reed told us that he was doing a revival and would be preaching in his bib overalls. He said if you are a farmer, you've got to look like a farmer, talk like a farmer and have the tools of a farmer. Then he would preach that if you are a Christian, you've got to look like a Christian, talk like a Christian, and have the tools of a Christian. Obviously, he made an impression on me as I can clearly remember what he said (and that is good preaching).

In this article, I would like to share with the Christian community some tools that are available to us in Floyd County (and surrounding counties this fall). Tools help get the work done. And the right tool makes the job a lot easier. Please see if any of these ministries may be of help to you or someone you know.

On Sept. 9 and 10 there will be teaching sessions on how to conduct Christian small groups to help people with life-controlling issues (i.e., addictions, weaknesses, habitual sins). These small groups are Christian and the content is Biblical and non-denominational. The title of the program is "Living Free" and the training costs only \$15 for the workbook. This group is being chosen 10-to-1 over Alcoholics

Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous currently in Clay County. We need this tool in Eastern Kentucky. The training will be held at the Allen Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 9. (Contact person, Mrs. Shirley Combs)

On Sept. 11 the UNITE Pike group is hosting a large public march and rally for drug-free living. The church can use the tool of public voice. We should actually be using this tool all the time with the moral decline of our country. This event has much faith-based support. It starts at 2 p.m. at Hibbard Street in downtown Pikeville. The march will go to the new E.K. Expo Center where the rally will be held. This is a Sunday. Let's come out and speak up!

On Sept. 18-21, there will be a Healing Revival held at Community United Methodist in Prestonsburg (yes, this is where I serve). The congregation has been led to hold a well rooted, Bible-based, spiritually-gifted healing ministry. In our search for a trusted person who has the First Corinthians gift of healing, we were led to our brother right down the street. Pastor Mark Walz (First United Methodist) has been given the spiritual gift of healing (and he, himself, is being remarkably healed of colon cancer). Bro. Mark will lead the healing prayers for those in need. The services will be Sunday through Wednesday, at 7 p.m.

It probably wouldn't be too early to announce that the evangelistic play, "Standing at the Gates" will be presented again starting on Sunday, Oct. 23. (Community United Methodist, 7 p.m.) Many will remember the power of the Holy Spirit to convert 187 persons last fall. If you need Christ or know someone who needs Him, please come.

Lastly, for those who need hope that there is a way out of the occult, a way out of gang-life, a way out of drug addiction ... on Oct. 29, Nicky Cruse from New York will be speaking at the Allen Baptist Church. Nicky has a powerful testimony. Please bring your youth group, your friends, and all who want to hear of the love and power of Jesus Christ. This Saturday event will start at 2 p.m.

These are some tools that I'm sure Pastor Tommy Reed (Fitzpatrick Baptist Church) would join me in recommending to you. If other helpful events are being planned by your church, please call me (886-8087) or email me [community@mikrotec.com](mailto:community@mikrotec.com) so we can share these together. The Kingdom of God is beautiful and powerful! Let's work together to bring a harvest with Christ's help and healing!

## Beltway

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nation can stand, I suppose. It took 58,000 dead before the American people got truly sick of the Vietnam War.

Right now, we're about 3 percent of the way there.

As for me I'm going to do my part to support our troops. I'm going to buy an SUV. With all those kids dying to keep us in oil, it would be unpatriotic not to use as much as you can.

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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.kaul2@verizon.net](mailto:donald.kaul2@verizon.net).

## "Let's Eat like it's 1999!" Jenny Wiley State Resort Park



Dinner Buffet

Beginning  
Sept. 1st

We haven't seen a price this low since 1999 for our dinner buffet. All the same items you have loved, but for a lower price.

With gas prices as high as they are, we want to make it more economical for you to enjoy a nice meal with us !!





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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.*

They shoot a rocket at the moon, and, look! Khrushchev lands in Washington.

**WE ASK EQUAL CONSIDERATION**

And already the United States of America has spent more money protecting our Russian visitor, then all three reservoirs in the headwaters of the Big Sandy would cost, and these would protect thousands of people, the onriest of whom is worth several thousand Khrushchevs, according to my system of values.

**AT ONE SWIPE**

The only time we do not swipe anything from another source for this column is when we can't find it. So now we blithely



Norman Allen

raid the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club's weekly bulletin, edited this week by Gene Matthis. We liked this item, in particular:

"An oldtimer is one who remembers when it cost more to operate a car than to park it."

Still quoting from the Bulletin—we would not dare hint at such a thing ourselves.

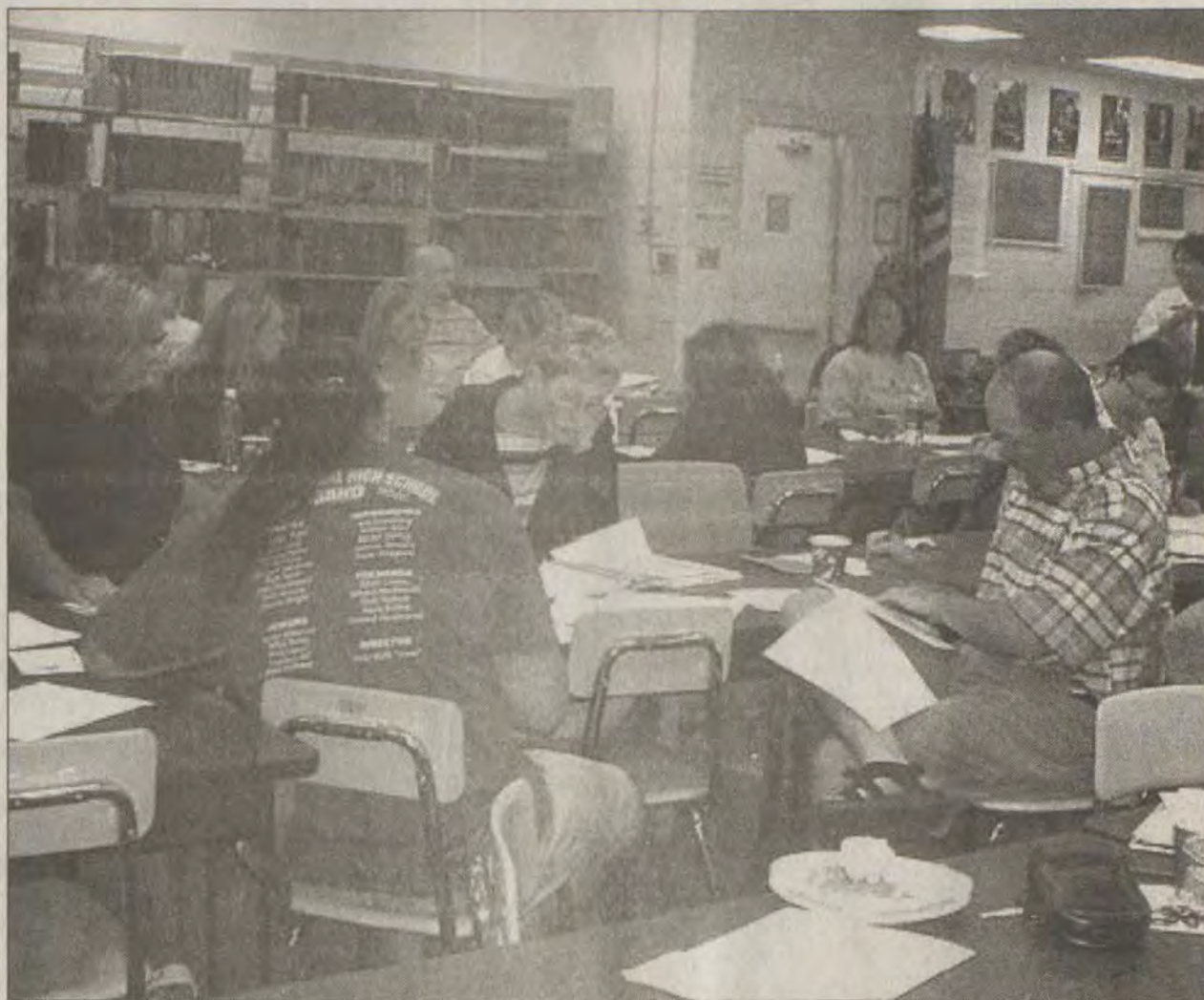
"When it comes to spreading gossip, seems like the female of the species is much faster than the mail.

**CORRECTION**

After an absence of 17 years, Harry Rudolph, now a resident of New Jersey, visited Prestonsburg friends this week. He ambled into this office as ambly as when he was 17 years spryer, and blandly inquired, "where's Jake?" After I got my bifocals adjusted and we had officially recognized each other. I sadly reported that Jake, our companion of better days, had long since gone to dog heaven, with the help of a dirty dog-poisoner.

(I believe I have discussed this dog in earlier columns, but I can't resist recalling how he would scare me stiff when a stack of paper trimmings from our old-fashioned newspaper folder, would suddenly begin shaking, then in a great upheaval, erupt to unveil. Jake, eyes blinking from a sound sleep. I also would remind those who never had the pleasure of his acquaintance, that Jake was so named, because he was subject to sudden attacks of the jerks, which gave somebody around the shop the idea that mebbe he was suffer-

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ACHS teachers and staff have already begun training on school reform. The public will be invited to voice opinions and make comments at a date to be announced in the near future.

**ACHS receives reform grant**

**Staff begins work on components**

by ANNA SHEPHERD  
ACHS

Allen Central High School was the recent recipient of a Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) Grant from the Kentucky Department of Education in the amount of \$100,000.

As a result of receiving the CSR grant, ACHS has entered into an agreement to partnership with Accelerated Schools PLUS (AS PLUS), an agency to assist the school in their goal of school wide reform efforts. The philosophy of AS PLUS is to accelerate learning for "ALL" students, which fits well into the ACHS vision/mission.

The staff and students of ACHS are pleased to welcome Mrs. Denise Evitt, the AS PLUS professional/trainer who will work with the school over the course of receiving the grant.

ACHS teachers began initial training/professional development on the Principles and Values of AS PLUS as well as the five Powerful Learning Components/Benchmarks on August 2-4, 2005, at the school. The Principles are: Unity of Purpose, Empowerment Coupled with Responsibility, and Building on Strengths. The Values are: Trust, Equity, Respect, School as a Center of Expertise, Collaboration, Participation, Reflection,

Experimentation, Community Spirit, and Risk-Taking. The Powerful Learning Components are: Authentic, Interactive, Learner-Centered, Inclusive, and Continuous. The next step in the process of school wide reform will be a process of "Taking Stock" in which school leaders invite all stakeholders; students, parents, faculty, staff, and community members to become involved. Dates of the "Taking Stock" process will be announced in the near future.



Denise Evitt

**MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON**

**'Alone in the Dark'**

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

A solid cast of Hollywood's best character actors chew up the scenery like it was cotton candy and ultimately salvage this effort by director Jack Sholder (who would go on to make "The Hidden"). The film hits DVD on the 13th and is definitely worth a look.



Tom Doty  
Staff Writer

The opening scene sets the tone as a man enters a diner and orders coffee. The guy behind the counter decides instead to give him the "special" which consists of hanging your customer from the ceiling and applying a butcher knife to his nether regions.

Just as the audience is reeling from this image, it is revealed that we have been privy to the nightmare of a patient in a mental asylum. The story then centers on a new doctor coming to work at "The Haven." It's actually a private mental hospital run by a pot-smoking doofus named Bain who insists that the new doc, Potter, refer to patients as "voyagers." Bain is a little loopy himself and openly smokes his doobies right in front of the patients.

Potter is in for it here as he has been hired to overlook the maximum security patients which include: Hawks, a commando who is at war with the world; Preacher, a Bible-spouting lady-killer; Fatty, a hulking though childlike killer; and Skaggs, a guy who kills but is conflicted about his nature and always gets a nose-bleed afterwards. Potter immediately makes a suggestion to change the current security system for the four hard cases, which is entirely dependent on electricity and vulnerable if there's a blackout.

Did someone say blackout? When the power goes off, the fear-some four quickly take out their security guard and head out on to the mean streets of urban New Jersey, where they fit right in. It doesn't take them long to decide that the next thing they need to do is kill Potter, because they believe he knocked off their previous physician to take his job. Skaggs, nicknamed "The Bleeder," decides to put on a hockey mask and take off on his own before the audience ever gets a look at his face in the film's most obvious plot point.

The unholy three head for Potter's house and treat him and his family to an all-night horror show as they take advantage of the blackout to terrorize Potter, his wife, children, sister and her new boyfriend. It's a great show-down which presents Potter with the ethical dilemma of whether or not it's therapeutic to bludgeon one's patients to death. All this and there is also some sustained tension as the audi-

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**So little meant so much**

by BETH TEOLIS  
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE TEACHER'S SOUL"

My plan was to slip out of the conference before the keynote speech to avoid rushing to the airport. The windup luncheon featured Sandra McBrayer, the 1994 National Teacher. I can't remember why I remained seated while she took her place at the podium, but I will never forget the story she told.

Sandra discarded her prepared speech and talked straight from her heart. She told us about a bright, enthu-

siastic young man she had taught in high school. He was constantly frightened and was the target of repeated severe beatings when several students learned he was gay. One day after school he went home, where he lived with his father, and told him what was happening at school. His father, mortified with his son's sexuality, replied with a beating even more brutal than any he had previously received at school and worse than others he had previously received from his father. At that point, he felt that the street was the only safe place left for him. Life there gave him his next dose of brutality, as

he was forced to earn sustenance money as a young prostitute.

One late night, after an especially abusive encounter, the young man's spirit was finally broken, and he felt he could not go on. He remembered one person who had showed him kindness. He reached out to his former teacher, Sandra McBrayer. She told him to stay by the pay phone and she would be there as soon as she could. Within 20 minutes she found a slumped, quivering, bone-thin figure waiting for her, his hollow eyes swollen, but still holding a glimmer of trust and a trace of the smile she used to see. She told him to

get in her car but wondered where she would take this young man. He had nowhere to sleep. Tonight, she knew that in order to survive, he needed much more than a homeless shelter could offer him. Going against "the rules," she decided to take him to her own house to give him warmth, something to eat and mostly, some hope.

Sandra sat the frail, shaking young man in her kitchen and made soup. After hours of talking together, he seemed to calm down somewhat. He looked shyly at Sandra and surprised her with a request — a bath. Sandra got

the bath ready, even adding bubbles, and then went back into the kitchen to clean up, wondering if perhaps she had overstepped her bounds as a teacher. Sure she had, she decided, yet she would do the same thing all over again if necessary.

Suddenly, she heard sobbing that seemed to come from the depths of the young man's soul. When he came back into the kitchen a little later, Sandra gently asked him why he had been crying in the bathroom. The

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## Jim Davidson

## What did the chicken do?

Someone once said, "The last of the human freedoms is to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances." When it comes to our personal success in life, attitude is everything. A truth that I have passed along many times goes like this, "It's your attitude and not your aptitude that will determine your altitude." Unless you are talking about a brain surgeon or the equivalent, in most any endeavor you can name, give me a C student with a great attitude over an A student with a bad attitude every time.

Now this question please. Have you ever had an attitude adjustment? Sometimes it's easy and sometimes it's quite difficult, depending on the circumstances. I got a note from a friend the other day that contained a story that will illustrate what I mean.



A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got even angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he had hurt the parrot,

John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arm and said, "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I am sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued, "May I ask what the chicken did?" Without a doubt, seeing this dead, frozen chicken in the freezer had a profound and lasting effect on the parrot's attitude.

This story reminded me of another example along these same lines. When it came time for the annual United Way drive, there was an outstanding company in this community that had always had 100 percent of their employees participate in the drive. Sometime along about the first of the year this company

hired a fellow name Gus to run the shipping department. When it came time for Gus to make a commitment to participate in the annual United Way drive, he said, "I have worked for a lot of other companies and I have never participated in this type of thing, so I am not going to give."

When the company president heard of Gus' comments, he went to him and said, "Gus, if you don't participate in our United Way drive this year, I am going to fire you." When the president made his direct and forceful statement, Gus said, "I'll give."

A little later a fellow employee who knew of Gus' decision not to participate said to him, "Gus, why did you change your mind about participating in the United Way drive?" Gus said, "I had never had anyone explain it to me that way."

After you have had a chance to reflect on these two stories, I believe you will agree there are some lessons that can be learned here. The reason the parrot and old Gus each changed their mind is because they were faced with an unacceptable alternative. While not as dramatic, each of us, in many ways, is also faced with unacceptable alterna-

tives every day of our lives.

For the parrot, it was bad language and rude behavior. For Gus it was the lack of a giving spirit. What would it be for you or me that would cause us to change our behavior and our attitude? If you were a drinker, would you change your behavior if you knew there was a good chance that you would become an alcoholic? If you were a smoker, would you quit if you thought there was a good chance you would develop lung cancer? If you were a gambler, would you give it up if you thought there was a good chance you would become a gambling addict? Same for drugs, pornography and other vices that cause untold problems in the lives of millions of people each year.

If you have read my column very long you know that I don't preach to other people. This is mainly because when I point one finger there are always three pointing back at me. I just care. I want the best for every human being because we only have one life to live. I just believe with all my heart that our life should count for something. The good news is that we can choose our attitudes and our behavior and rise above our circumstances.

## 56k vs. cable/DSL

by JASON RAMEY

When selecting an affordable Internet connection, many homeowners may find that they have too many choices at their disposal.

Companies like Microtech, Bellsouth, and Southeast Telephone offer multiple packages for their customers. These packages offer anything from 56k, cable, and/or DSL connections. Also, included in many of these packages you will find such offers as unlimited time (based on a monthly bill) or minutes that a consumer can purchase from the company. In addition, other miscellaneous items, such as Mp3 players, digital cameras, web-space, and e-mail, may be offered in certain packages.

The prices of these offers depend upon the speed of the connection and the extras that come with it. The biggest factor in determining the price of an Internet connection is its speed. In other words, the faster the Internet connection, the more the cost for the modem and monthly fee. Monthly fees for DSL and cable connections can range anywhere from \$20 all the way to \$60 and sometimes even \$70, depending on the speed of the connection. Dial-up modems such as 56k average about \$20 to \$25, depending on the company and payment plan.

The best way to decide on what type of Internet connection you want is to look at what you want to do with it. For example, if you want to play Internet games on a 56k modem,

most old games and some newer games will play effectively, but they will run more efficiently on faster connections. If you are not the "gamer" type and want to chat with your friends and family, or perhaps just want to search the Web, a dial-up modem would be the best decision, because these types of applications do not need fast connections.

The number of computers in your household should also be a factor in your decision to pick an Internet connection. In my experience, I have found that one or two computers hooked up to a single 56k connection work fine as far as browsing the Internet, downloading small files, and even playing some older games. However, a DSL or Cable modem would be recommended if the consumer has more than two computers and wants to download some of the larger files, play most of the newer video games, including those on Microsoft's Xbox, and most of Sony's Playstation 2 games.

So, the decision to purchase a 56k connection or a CABLE/DSL connection all depends upon the person purchasing the connection. My best advice to whoever is reading this article is to look at what you are purchasing the connection for. A 56k modem is a lot slower than a CABLE or DSL connection, but it is cost effective and gets the job done for the most common task for which a computer is used that involves the Internet.



This column will be appearing weekly to answer many of your computing questions/problems. Just email or call us and we will publish your questions and our response. We will answer your questions as quickly and precisely as possible. This column will be written by Information Technology program students at Big Sandy Community and Technical College that also belong to the IT club. To send us your questions, please email us or call: Kathryn Miller kmiller0045@stu.kctcs.edu (606)886-3863 Ext. 81259 We look forward to hearing from you! Have a great week!

## Lagoon

ence keeps an eye on the sister's new boyfriend to see if he'll develop a nose-bleed.

This is brain candy at its best and all credit goes to Sholder for some solid casting choices.

Martin Landau throws every acting trick in the book into his portrayal of the maniacal Preacher. It's a bug-eyed, all-out, overacting festival and it works.

Jack Palance is more quietly menacing as Hawks and once again proves that he can get away with whispering most of his lines.

Erlend Van Lidth de Jeude (the opera singing psycho from "The Running Man") proves that the only thing bigger than his name is his frame as the silent but deadly Fatty.

Donald Pleasence ("Halloween") has a field day as the ultra-mellow reefer puffing Bain.

The real surprise here though is that

the only sane character is Potter, and he's played by Dwight Schulze, who would find fame later in the year playing the craziest member of "The A-Team."

The best line goes to Landau who spots a postman making his rounds from inside the stolen van and says, "The hat. I want that hat," before proceeding to squash the poor civil servant under the van's wheels.

1982, rated R.

## Contest Update

The August trivia contest proved a challenge to readers who responded with some interesting titles, with the best one combining the idea of 1950s teens and creatures to create "Monster Rumble," which sounds like a movie I wish they had made.

Only two readers recalled that the first sequel to "I was A Teenage Werewolf" was "I was A Teenage

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Frankenstein" and that the second sequel featured both beasts and was titled, "How to Make a Monster." Those two get to split the prizes with one copy of "Werewolf" going to Lynn Goble, of Hueysville, and a copy of the book "Films of Roger Corman" going to Ronnie Fannin, of Allen.

Correct answers also came in from Judy Rice, of Auxier; Sherry Little, of Beaver; B. Dover, of Langley; and Pauline Collett, of Martin.

The September movie trivia contest salutes caper films with one DVD of the Robert De Niro/Marlon Brando heist flick "The Score" up for grabs. Just log on to www.floydcounty-times.com and answer this month's question: De Niro won his first Oscar for recreating a role originally played by Brando two years earlier. What classic film character did he play?

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young man looked at her and said: "I'm sorry you heard me. I couldn't help it. I was so happy I couldn't stop crying. It was a dream I've had since I was a little boy. This was the first bath I ever had. I've always wanted to sit in a bathtub with bubbles."

I drove to the airport inspired to never give up encouraging other teachers. We might be the only people to ever have a positive influence on a child's life.

## Allen

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ing from the Jake-Leg.)

Well, I started this item off with the idea of saying that when a-body meets an old friend after so many years, there is a sort of tongue-tiedness that just keeps you from recalling and saying all the things that are just crying to be said. Still, Harry and I did a fairly decent job of briefing each other on matters, and wound up with fishing.

Which reminds me, my friend, maybe that six-bound bass I reported, was nearer five pounds.

## Business groups say emphasis needed on education again

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Business leaders said Monday the same kind of initiative for education improvements that led to the passage of the Kentucky Education Reform Act in 1990 is needed now.

There was disagreement, however, about whether the kind of tax increase that accompanied that effort is required.

"This job can't be done with corn flakes. We need money," said David Jones, the co-founder of health and insurance giant Humana.

Jones joined with commerce leaders across the state to create the Business Forum on Kentucky Education, which produced eight detailed recommendations, from requiring more accountability from teachers, administrators and school districts, to full preschool services starting at age 3 and all-day kindergarten.

Billy Harper of Harper Industries in Paducah, who brought the group together, said 80 percent of the recommendations do not require additional money.

And two large business groups, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries of Kentucky, said they have taken no position on tax increases for education.

Perhaps the greatest investment Kentuckians could make in education is to begin to value it, Harper said. And that begins outside the classroom.

"The parents have to value education in order to get the students to value it," Harper said after a news conference to unveil the recommendations.

Once business groups signed onto education reform in 1990, it made it easier for the political establishment to approve the huge tax increases that accompanied it. Since then, however,

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## Going by the flat-rate book is standard

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I took my car to a mechanic friend of mine. I talked to him at 11 a.m., and he said that he already had eight hours' labor in the job. I said: "What? You started at 3 a.m.?" Then he said that time is not billed out based on actual clock time, but on what book" says is required. He said if you're fast, you can make more money, but if you're slow, you lose money, so it comes out even. Is this common procedure, or is he a weasel? Just checking! — JJ

TOM: It's actually very common. The vast majority of shops use "the book" to determine the cost of a repair job.

RAY: We prefer "The Taming of the Shrew" at our place.

TOM: The book your friend was referring to is the "flat rate book," put out by one of several independent companies like Chilton's, All-Data, Mitchell's or Motor's. The book lists — based on surveys and what manufacturers pay for warranty work — a reasonable number of labor hours that it should take for an average technician to

complete a job. And in a way, it does bring some predictability and fairness to the business.

RAY: So if a guy is learning a job on your car, and it takes him all day, you won't have to pay for all the time he's walking around scratching his head.

TOM: And the book rewards the guy (like your friend) who has done the job before, remembers which wrenches he needs, and doesn't need to keep referring to the repair manual.

RAY: Of course, it also rewards the guy who rushes through a job and screws it up. So it's far from a perfect system.

TOM: In our shop, we only use the book to give our customers' estimates. Then we charge them for the actual time we spend working on their car. And the vast majority of the time, we do jobs faster than the book predicts.

RAY: Our customers seem to prefer this method. Even if, once in a while, we run into a frozen bolt or something that makes a job take longer than the book predicts, they seem to prefer paying for work they're actually getting.

TOM: But we're the exception. The vast majority of shops and dealerships in this country use the flat-rate book, so we can't say, based on the evidence you provided, that he's a weasel. But if you send testimonials from his former girlfriends or business partners, we'd be happy to reopen the case.

## Heat shields aren't completely useless

Dear Tom and Ray:

One of the exhaust heat shields fell off my Honda Civic Hatchback (2001) a while ago. The dealer told me not to bother putting it back on or replacing it, because I don't need it anyway. (1) Why does Honda (or any manufacturer) install the dang things if all they do is rattle and fall off? (2) After the heat shield had been gone for nearly a year, my exhaust manifold cracked. Could the missing heat shield have hastened the failure of the manifold? — Holly

TOM: To answer your second question first, the heat shield had nothing to do with the cracked manifold. So forget about that.

RAY: Why do they put heat shields on cars? C'mon, Holly. There are lots of car parts that do nothing but rattle and fall off. Why pick on the heat shield? The heat-shield manufacturers have to eat, too!

TOM: The heat shields are actually metal guards that surround the various pieces of your exhaust system. They're there to shield other stuff from the excessive heat given off by the exhaust.

RAY: There are top and bottom shields. The bottom shields are there so that if you park on tall, dry grass or some other combustible material, your 600-degree exhaust system won't set stuff under the car on fire. It doesn't happen often, but it can. And when it does, it's very exciting!

TOM: On top, the heat shield prevents the heat of the exhaust from going upward, toward the floor of your car. And depending on which piece of the heat shield is missing, that could cause the bushings in your shifter to dry out, or the bottom of your sneakers to melt and become one with the carpet.

RAY: The heat shield is made

up of a bunch of cheap, thin pieces of sheet metal that are welded in place. And since they're all under the car and constantly exposed to the elements, they're particularly vulnerable to rusting and breaking loose.

TOM: Our lawyers tell us that we must always replace rattling or missing pieces of the heat shield. Why? Because they say they're already too busy defending us against libel lawsuits from the carmakers, and they don't have time to defend us on the off chance that some guy's dead day lilies, and the rest of his neighborhood, go up in flames. Not to mention his car.

RAY: But we know there are lots of people who choose not to replace heat shields. It can cost 20 bucks to just tear it off, versus maybe \$200 to install a new one — if you can even buy the piece you need individually.

TOM: And your dealer might know that — based on the area in which you live, the kind of driving you do or your preference for asbestos-toed shoes — your car might be fine without one particular piece of the heat



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shield. If you're not permanently melted to the floor of the car, write back in a few years and let us know if he was right, will ya?

Wait! Don't buy another car without the mechanic's checklist that's included in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." It will help you get a good used car and avoid the clunkers. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

# Odds and Ends

■ **LONDON** — Aaron Balick expected to find a tiny mouse stirring around behind the TV in his apartment. Instead, he found a venomous giant centipede that somehow made its way from South America to Britain.

He trapped the 9-inch-long creature between a stack of books and put it in a plastic container.

"Thinking it was a mouse, I went to investigate the sound," Balick said Wednesday. "The sound was coming from under some papers which I lifted, expecting to see the mouse scamper away."

"Instead, when I lifted the papers, I saw this prehistoric looking animal skitter away behind a stack of books."

The next day Balick, 32, took it to Britain's Natural History Museum, which identified the insect as a Scolopendra gigantea — the world's biggest species of centipede.

Stuart Hine, an entomologist at the museum, said it was likely the centipede hitched a ride aboard a freighter, likely with a shipment of fruit.

"Dealing with over 4,000 public and commercial inquiries every year, we have come to expect the unexpected. However, when Aaron produced this beast from his bag I was staggered," Hine said. "Not even I expected to be presented with this."

The centipede has front claws that are adapted to deliver venom when it stings, which can lead to a blistering rash, nausea and fever. The sting is rarely life-threatening, though.

■ **ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — What's in a name? A lot of trouble if you leave it at the

scene of a crime.

Police are investigating a recent burglary at a portable school building in Albuquerque where a computer monitor, two printers and other equipment was stolen.

What they found was a restaurant employee name tag near the building at Bandelier Elementary School, according to court documents.

The tag, bearing the name "Sam," was used to help authorities track down Samuel Wilson, 19.

Wilson was being held on burglary charges.

■ **CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** — Officials have tried just about everything to get rid of a pesky flock of starlings that seems to prefer city life, including using noisemakers, artificial birds and pyrotechnics to scare them away.

This month, officials have a new plan of action: foggers that will fill the air with the scent of grapes. Apparently, the birds hate it.

Norris said the smell comes from a food additive made from Concord grapes, and that it is harmless to people and animals but acts as an irritant to the birds.

City Councilman Jack Benson was concerned that the fogging, which costs \$7,000, may just send the birds to another part of the city.

Norris said if that happens, city workers will just have to target the birds where they congregate.

■ **ST. PAUL, Minn.** — A gory scene staged for a low-budget horror movie proved a little too realistic for police.

When officers were called to

the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood to investigate a possible shooting Sunday night, they found a parked car with what looked like brain matter and blood on the front seat, dashboard and windows — but no victim.

Police began knocking on doors until they found Lance Hendrickson, the car's owner, who was just fine.

"They were really kind of grilling me, but I completely understood," said Hendrickson, a Hamline University sophomore and aspiring filmmaker.

Hendrickson began filming his first feature-length movie, "Summer School," with two friends in June. In one scene, a character is shot in the head.

The filmmakers depicted it by shooting a cantaloupe filled with liquid latex and stage blood through the car's window with a 16-gauge shotgun, Hendrickson said.

"We were happy that it looked real and a little worried that it was freaking out our neighbors," said Hendrickson, who hopes to premiere the film next year.

■ **SYDNEY, Australia** — A groggy air traffic controller left dozens of airline passengers up in the air over Australia's national capital after oversleeping and arriving late for work.

"The guy slept in," acknowledged Ben Mitchell, spokesman for Air Services Australia, the government-funded organization that oversees air traffic control towers throughout Australia.

As a result, the tower at Canberra International Airport opened 20 minutes late Wednesday morning and a Qantas Boeing 737-800 from Perth was forced to circle over the city before getting clearance to land.

The plane, carrying 68 passengers, touched down 12 minutes after its scheduled arrival time.

Mitchell said the passengers were never in danger.

"There was another controller in the tower, but he was not senior enough to bring the plane in," he said.

Authorities have changed the roster to ensure that two senior controllers are present when the tower opens — assuming they get up in time.

■ **ATHENS, Greece** — A 75-year-old Greek woman has been charged with drug offenses after police in her sleepy island village spotted a small cannabis plant growing on her balcony, authorities said.

Hariklia Griva, a widowed mother of four from Ayiaiosos, on the eastern Aegean Sea island of Lesbos, was arrested Wednesday and charged with

growing cannabis with the intent of trafficking in the drug. She was released on bail of \$2,480.

The retiree, whose late husband was a policeman, told police the 16 inch potted plant grew from seed dropped by her pet canaries. The birds live in a cage on the balcony overlooking a busy Ayiaiosos street — opposite the local police station.

"I couldn't believe it, when they told me I was being arrested," Griva said. "The plant must have grown from the bird seed. I had no idea what the plant was. I watered it regularly. I thought it looked quite nice."



## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 2005. There are 118 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Sept. 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers.

On this date:

■ In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film camera, and registered his trademark: Kodak.

■ In 1893, English author Beatrix Potter first told the story of Peter Rabbit in the form of a "picture letter" to Noel Moore, the son of Potter's former governor.

■ In 1917, the American expeditionary force in France suffered its first fatalities in World War I.

■ In 1944, during World War II, British troops entered Antwerp, Belgium.

■ In 1951, President Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

■ In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus called out the National Guard to prevent nine black students from entering Central High School in Little Rock.

■ In 1957, Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

■ In 1967, Michigan Gov. George Romney told a TV interview he'd undergone a "brainwashing" by U.S. officials during a 1965 visit to Vietnam — a comment that damaged Romney's bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

■ In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing 111 people.

■ In 1984, Canada's Progressive Conservatives, led by Brian Mulroney, won a landslide victory in general elections over the Liberal Party of Prime Minister John N. Turner.

**Ten years ago:** The fourth World Conference on Women opened in Beijing with more than 4,750 delegates from 181 countries. Attorney William Kunstler, who spoke out for the politically unpopular in a controversial career, died in New York at age 76.

**Five years ago:** French investigators announced that a stray length of metal which had gashed a tire of a supersonic

Concorde, leading to a fuel tank fire and the plane's fatal crash the previous July, probably came from a Continental Airlines plane that had taken off on the same runway four minutes earlier.

**One year ago:** Slow-moving Hurricane Frances snapped power lines and whipped the Atlantic coast with winds over 90 mph as it neared Florida. A shaken President Vladimir Putin made a rare and candid admission of Russian weakness after more than 330 people were killed in a hostage-taking at a southern school.

**Today's Birthdays:** ABC Radio commentator Paul Harvey is 87. Actress Mitzi Gaynor is 74. Singer Merald "Bubba" Knight (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 63. Actress Jennifer Salt is 61. Golfer Tom Watson is 56. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald LaPreard is 55. Actress Judith Ivey is 54. Rock musician Martin Chambers (The Pretenders) is 54. Actress Khandi Alexander is 48. Actor-comedian Damon Wayans is 45. Rock musician Kim Thayil is 45. Actor Noah Taylor is 36. Actress Ione Skye is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Richard Wingo (Jagged Edge) is 30. Actor Wes Bentley is 27. Singer Dan Miller ("Making the Band") is 25. Singer Beyonce Knowles is 24.

**Thought for Today:** "I am one of the people who love the why of things." — Catherine the Great, Russian czarina (1729-1796).

## Education

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spending on all levels of education have declined relative to other states.

Harper said he did not know how many of the recommendations might require General Assembly action.

Jones said expectations for everyone in education must be increased along with spending.

Jones noted that he is a product of public schools in Kentucky and has remained in the state to stress his commitment, rather than retiring to Florida or someplace else to avoid paying taxes.

"We absolutely must have the courage to tax ourselves," Jones said. "This journey is so important."

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## P'burg frosh blank Sheldon Clark 36-0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Visiting Sheldon Clark had no answers Thursday evening during its game against Prestonsburg. The Prestonsburg freshman team had all the answers, beating Sheldon Clark 36-0.

The Blackcat freshmen started strong and dominated throughout the contest.

Blake Meade put the Blackcats on the scoreboard first in the opening quarter when he got loose and scored on an eight-yard touchdown run. Sheldon Clark failed to answer the Prestonsburg score and the Blackcats led 6-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Prestonsburg tacked two more touchdowns on in the second quarter. Blackcat quarterback Chris Schoolcraft hooked up with receiver Matt Sword. Showing some speed, Sword received the pass and went on to score a 64-yard touchdown. Schoolcraft kept on the two-point conversion run and extended Prestonsburg's lead.

Prestonsburg freshman Jonathan Blair intercepted a Sheldon Clark pass and returned it 73 yards for Prestonsburg's final first-half score.

The Blackcats took a 20-0 lead into halftime. After the break, Prestonsburg added one touchdown and one two-point conversion in each of the final two quarters.

The Prestonsburg High freshman unit was never short of any offense.

Meade, who starred in middle school at Allen Central, returned to the endzone in the third quarter. Meade scored on a 14-yard touchdown run and Allen Craynon added the two-point conversion.

After holding Sheldon Clark scoreless for a third consecutive quarter, Prestonsburg maintained its high-scoring offense in the fourth quarter. Seth Setser hauled in a 36-yard touchdown pass from Schoolcraft in the final period and Austin Gearheart pulled in the two-point conversion pass from the Blackcat freshman signal-caller. Schoolcraft finished with 109 yards passing. He completed four of seven passes — two of which went for touchdowns. He played well and showed poise calling the signals from the game's opening series.

Meade ran hard and led the Blackcats in rushing with 85 yards and two touchdowns.

Offensively, Setser finished with 115 total yards.

Setser led the Prestonsburg defense with 11 tackles. Clay Jamerson finished with two sacks and six tackles. Craynon added 10 tackles and Nick Yonts recovered a fumble.

Earlier in the week, the Prestonsburg High junior varsity team defeated the Pikeville High JV squad 22-6.

# Pikeville pounds Prestonsburg



photos by Jamie Howell

Above: The Prestonsburg offense gathered around head coach John DeRossett during a timeout. Right: Senior David Shaffer came into the game and tried to rally the Blackcat offense. The host Panthers turned Prestonsburg back, winning 33-7.

## Panthers race to 19-0 lead and never look back

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PIKEVILLE — After falling to Hazard in Week One, the Prestonsburg Blackcats were looking to get back on the winning track Friday against the Pikeville Panthers. Only one problem — someone forgot to tell Pikeville. The host Panthers seized control from the opening kickoff and cruised to a 33-7 win over the Blackcats.

With senior quarterback David Shaffer nursing a pulled hamstring, sophomore Bobby Hughes got the start at quarterback for Prestonsburg. The Pikeville defense ultimately spent most of the night in the Prestonsburg backfield.

Prestonsburg won the toss but elected to defer to the second half. Pikeville took the opening kickoff to the Prestonsburg 45-yard line and needed only five plays to hit paydirt on a 15-yard run from senior Tim Champlin. The scoring run and a successful PAT kick gave the Panthers an early 7-0 lead.

Prestonsburg looked to answer, but Tim Honaker stepped in front of a Bobby Hughes pass and returned it 40 yards for a Panther touchdown, giving Pikeville a 14-0 lead early in the first quarter. After the Panther touchdown, Prestonsburg found more misfortune as Wes Hall was taken down on the kickoff return and then taken off of the field with a leg injury. Allen Craynon scooped up the loose pigskin but was swarmed over in the Blackcat endzone for a Pikeville safety that gave the Panthers a 16-0 lead.

The Panther offense added three more to the scoreboard on the strength of a 40-yard field goal by junior Max Pafunda to take a 19-0 lead into halftime.

Shaffer came in and went under center late in the second quarter for the Blackcats, leading the Prestonsburg offense. The Blackcats showed some signs of life, but the Panther defense stiffened and held Prestonsburg on fourth-and-six from the Pikeville 30 late in the first half.

Both offenses struggled early in the third quarter before Pikeville added the knockout punch late in the period on a 23-yard run from Champlin.

Pikeville led 26-0 after three quarters of play and put their final score of the night on the board with 10:21 remaining in the game on a 10-yard quarterback sneak

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## H.S. FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Allen Central 20, Prestonsburg 14  
Belfry 14, Lawrence County 13  
Boyd County 56, Pike County Central 0  
Boyle County 28, Danville 13  
Clay County 34, Estill County 14  
Coal Grove, Ohio 28, Fairview 24  
East Carter 38, Raceland 21  
Franklin County 54, Pulaski County 20  
George Rogers Clark 22, Southwestern 19 (OT)  
Grundy, Va. 35, Shelby Valley 7  
Henry Clay 42, Bell County 16  
Knox Central 34, North Laurel 20  
Lewis County 26, West Carter 6  
Madison Southern 38, Letcher Co. Central 8  
Middlesboro 40, Pineville 13  
Pikeville 33, Prestonsburg 7  
Russell 21, Ashland Blazer 13  
Sheldon Clark 52, Knott County Central 18  
South Laurel 26, Corbin 6

## Kentucky's defense already familiar with Louisville's Brohm

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — It took all of one series as a college quarterback for Louisville's Brian Brohm to record his first touchdown drive.

"That tells you a little bit about the guy," said Kentucky defensive coordinator Mike Archer, whose squad surrendered that touchdown in last season's opener.

As the Wildcats prepare to host No. 12 Louisville on Sunday, Kentucky players and coaches are being careful to publicly praise Brohm, even while expressing quiet confidence that they can beat the Cardinals. Archer called him "outstanding." Strong safety Muhammad Abdullah allowed that Brohm "is a good passer with great pocket presence." Head coach Rich Brooks said Brohm is "poised" and "makes great decisions."

They're only the latest to heap compliments on a player that has appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated — before he even graduated from Trinity High School in Louisville — and earned Conference USA Freshman of the Year honors, but still has yet to start a college game.

"I think all that hype, I'm kind of used to it," Brohm said. "Maybe not at this scale, but kind of used to it. You just try to put it on the back burner."

"It is nice to get that kind of hype because you know you're doing something right at the time. But again, you have to go out and prove it on the field. Right now we are focused on Kentucky and that is the first step toward our goals."

Brohm excelled last season, backing up Stefan LeFors. In addition to the touchdown drive against Kentucky — which broke a 0-0 tie in the second quarter of a game Louisville eventually won 28-0 — he led the Cardinals to a go-ahead, fourth-quarter touchdown in a nationally televised game against Miami, although the Hurricanes rallied to hand Louisville its only loss of the season.

As a freshman, Brohm completed 66 of 98 passes for 819 yards and six touchdowns with two interceptions.

"He hasn't started a game," Brooks said when asked about Brohm's weaknesses. "But he played in critical situations last year like a seasoned veteran. He goes in against Miami and plays very, very well. I thought. That's about as pressure-filled a situation as you can put a quarterback in."

Combine that poise with a 6-foot-4, 224-pound frame and it poses quite a challenge for a defense, Abdullah said.

"He's what you look for in a quarterback."

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## UK, Red Cross collect disaster relief

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky student-athletes and American Red Cross volunteers will be collecting donations for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund at today's football game between host UK and the University of Louisville, Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart has announced.

Teams of volunteers clad in American Red Cross apparel will begin collecting cash at each gate of entry to Commonwealth Stadium beginning today at 1:30 p.m.

"We're very concerned about those affected by Hurricane Katrina," Barnhart said. "So many people here have relatives or friends in that area and this is a way for us to reach out and help."

UK fans unable to attend today's game or wishing to donate money to the Red Cross via credit card may do so by logging on to UKathletics.com and linking to the American Red Cross donation site.

## Allen Central holds on, beats Magoffin 20-14

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE — First things first. Allen Central wanted to put last week's Class A, District 8 loss to Paintsville behind it. The Tigers came into Eastern and dominated the Rebels, winning 61-14. Allen Central won its season-opener over Betsy Layne and wanted nothing more than to return to the win column Friday night on the road against non-district foe Magoffin County. The Rebels did just that — but it didn't come easy. Allen Central scored two touchdowns in the first quarter and led 20-0 with 10:29 remaining in the first half. The Magoffin County defense eventually stiffened up and took visiting Allen Central to the wire. The Rebels held on and won the Founders Day Bowl, beating the host Hornets 20-14.

Allen Central's win kept Magoffin County winless as the Hornets flipped to 0-3. The Rebels improved to 2-1.

Magoffin County won the coin toss and elected to receive the football. The Allen Central defense stuffed the Hornet offense on the game's first possession. Allen Central took over possession of the football on the Magoffin County 49-yard line and wasted little time finding the endzone. Speedy senior running back Robbie Vanderpool, a player who starred for Allen Central two years ago as a sophomore and who spent last year at Garrett Christian Academy, put the Rebels ahead 6-0 when he hit paydirt with 7:23 remaining in the first quarter on a 21-yard touchdown run. Allen Central freshman quarterback Josh Prater tried to find an open receiver on

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photo by Steve LeMaster  
Allen Central freshman quarterback Josh Prater (11) received a play from Rebel head coach Jeremy Hall during the first quarter of Friday's game against Magoffin County.

**Defense**

said Abdullah, who's on the pre-season watch list for the Jim Thorpe Award, presented annually to the nation's top defensive back. "He's got an arm."  
So how does Kentucky plan to defend Brohm?  
"Hopefully we can make him a little more one-dimensional and we'll do a better job of stopping the run," Brooks said. "We'll put him in more obvious pass situations rather than choice passing situations. Maybe longer-yardage

passing situations."  
Senior defensive end B. Jay Parsons is looking forward to the challenge.  
"Knowing he is going to throw the ball as much as he does, it will give us a chance to get in his face," Parsons said.  
But in the next breath, Parsons, like everyone else at Kentucky, complimented Brohm.  
"Even as a freshman," Parsons said, "he was in control of his team and did a good job

taking them down the field."  
Louisville coach Bobby Petrino has complete faith that his quarterback can handle almost anything he sees on the field.  
"We've been working since spring, actually, on his preparation and what he needs to look for in this situation or that situation," Petrino said. "But I don't want to make it a big deal where, all of a sudden, 'This is your first start.' He's been there. He's been in the game when the game is on the line."

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**Sports should pick up its part of the tab in New Orleans**

by JIM LITKE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The first time you set foot in the town to see this championship or that one decided, it was hard to believe your eyes.

New Orleans looks like an illusion once again, but for tragically different reasons than it did to me a little more than 15 years ago. Today, the relentless images are of death and destruction, desperation and lawlessness, a city submerged and its poorest residents left to fend for themselves in the wake of the nation's deadliest natural disaster in 100 years. And at ground zero of all that misery sits the Superdome, practically turned inside-out.

Play has to be the furthest thing from anyone's mind at the moment, but that's what has drawn the rest of us there since it opened for business. Maybe that's why a few sports leagues and at least one college conference, the SEC, have pledged millions in disaster aid, and why everyone who's ever been the beneficiary of New Orleans' goodwill should think about making a contribution of their own.

Its nickname, "the city that care forgot," had more to do with French roots, the fabulous wealth and rough frontier influences that gave the uninhibited old river town its character. But anyone who wandered a few blocks from the Superdome in any direction, as I did for the first time before the 1990 Super Bowl and a half-dozen times since, had no problem understanding why the reputation stuck.

And the question that struck most of us a moment later was why the NFL, which played nine Super Bowls there, or the NCAA, which put four Final Fours in New Orleans, or any self-respecting college football program that showed up for the Sugar Bowl, for that matter, would risk playing even one championship game there.

New Orleans looked like the

exact opposite of almost everything sports stood for, unless you believe that tailgating was the most important part of every game. It was seductive and chaotic, slow to rouse, quick to celebrate, and prepared to go on celebrating long after sane people were back in bed. As cities go, it was possessed of every personality trait that drove coaches up a wall.

But then you got to thinking, maybe that was what made it America's ultimate title town, why one big game after another competed for dates on an always crowded sports calendar. Outlast the temptation there, after all, and you could outlast it anywhere.

Right now, there's no point in listing all the places in New Orleans where people failed, since no one knows how many are still standing. But countless taverns, eateries, nightclubs, casinos and even street corners all were landmarks in tales that began in search of pleasure and often spilled over into debauchery. That was what differentiated New Orleans as a sports mecca from Miami, Los Angeles, San Diego and every other town that wound up playing host to multiple Super Bowls and college football national championships. Unlike all those, unlike Las Vegas, even, what happened in New Orleans rarely stayed there — at least where sports was involved. What happened there usually began with a boast and almost always wended it's way into the headlines and on the 6 p.m. news.

It was the one place in America where you knew the best-laid plans of the suits in the NFL and NCAA front offices, and the bright blazers who call the shots in college football, were practically guaranteed to go awry. People were determined to enjoy themselves in New Orleans, and that included players, no matter how many warnings, curfews, rules and regulations

their coaches laid out in advance.

New Orleans is where Bears quarterback Jim McMahon mooned a helicopter hovering above the Chicago Bears' practice field before the 1986 Super Bowl. It's where, for all the memorable championships won and lost there, the best confrontations occasionally took place days earlier, in front of Pat O'Brien's saloon in the French Quarter. And it was on that very sidewalk, a few days before Alabama and Miami played for the 1993 college football championship inside the Superdome, that I first heard this standing gag from a drunk reveler passing by:

Q: Three players from (fill-in-the-blank) University are sitting in the back of a car. Who's driving?

A: The New Orleans police. Laughs don't count for much right now, not with the heartache still so raw and civil strife so prevalent and the town struggling mightily just to bury its dead and get food and medicine to the survivors. It's better than crying, to be sure, and a break from the helpless feeling that descends on us watching people suffer from a distance. But better still would be to grab an envelope, scribble down the address for one of the relief organizations wading into the disaster and enclose a check.

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**Beats**

a two-point conversion attempt following the game's first touchdown but had his pass intercepted by Magoffin County senior Wes Helton.

Allen Central grabbed the early 6-0 lead and never trailed.

Magoffin County struggled again in its second offensive series. Allen Central defender Joe Brown came up with a sack at the 6:01 mark of the first quarter and the Hornets were ultimately forced to punt the football back away. The Hornet punt went just 19 yards and Allen Central was back in good field position on the Magoffin County 40-yard line.

Allen Central went on to score a second touchdown and added a successful two-point conversion with 2:05 remaining in the first quarter, going ahead 14-0.

The Rebels entered the second quarter with the 14-0 advantage and went right back to work on the offensive side.

Vanderpool got into the endzone again with 10:29 remaining in the second quarter, putting Allen Central up 20-0. Prater kept on the two-point conversion try but fell short of the endzone on his scoring attempt.

The Rebels went into halftime leading 20-0.

Magoffin County remained mostly quiet offensively and stayed with the running game for the better part of the first half.

The second half proved to be a much different ballgame — on both sides of the football. The Hornets took to the air and found some significant success. Magoffin County was also alive defensively, stuffing Allen Central in the first offensive series and holding the Rebels out of the endzone each of the last two quarters.

Magoffin County stopped an Allen Central drive with 6:00 left to play in the second quarter when Helton intercepted a Prater pass. The Hornets also held Allen Central back in the final minute of the first half.

Magoffin County was able to carry its momentum over into the second half.

In the third quarter, Helton put Magoffin County on the scoreboard when he found Brad Wireman on a 75-yard pass. Brandon Shepherd added the two points conversion and the Hornets had new life as Allen Central led 20-8.

Howard had the Hornets flying high through the air.

Magoffin County football coach Gerold Howard has

Helton on the gridiron and Hornet boys' basketball coach Neil "Nehi" West has also coaches Helton on the hardwood.

"He's a good athlete," West said during Friday's football game, "a great competitor, very competitive."

Helton later hooked up with Brandon Shepherd on a 30-yard touchdown pass. Shepherd was stopped short on the endzone on the two-point conversion, leaving Allen Central to lead 20-14.

Magoffin County had a chance to tie and maybe win the game late in the fourth quarter.

Hornet defender Curtis Bradley blocked an Allen Central punt and the Hornets took over at the Rebel 27-yard line with 2:17 remaining. Magoffin County tried both running and passing, but failed to get a first down and keep the drive and hopes of the comeback-against win alive.

Allen Central is scheduled to return to the gridiron next week, traveling to Pike County to face defending Class A, Region 4 champ Pikeville. Magoffin County, still searching for its first win of the season, is slated to travel to Floyd County to face Betsy Layne. Kickoff for both games is set for 7:30 p.m.

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**Panthers**

from John Michael Mayo.

Prestonsburg got on the scoreboard with 2:21 left in the game after a 40-yard drive that featured two receptions from tight end Wes Woods. Senior

Brandon Peters found the endzone on a five-yard run to end Pikeville's shutout bid.

Pikeville improved to 2-1 with the win while Prestonsburg fell to 0-2. The Blackcats will

once again hit the road this upcoming Friday for another rivalry game with Paintsville.

Kickoff for the contest between the Blackcats and the Tigers is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Senior Brandon Peters (4) scored the only Blackcat touchdown.

photo by Jamie Howell

**Fair Grounds cancels fall meet; employees being located**

by DYLAN T. LOVAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Churchill Downs has canceled a November meet planned at the Fair Grounds race track in New Orleans as track officials focus on locating hundreds of employees displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Churchill, which bought the Fair Grounds in October, has been trying to account for 500 employees and survey the damage at the race track near downtown New Orleans, Churchill President Thomas Meeker said Friday.

The race meet, scheduled to begin on Thanksgiving Day and run through March, could be run at another race track near Shreveport in northern Louisiana, Meeker said during a conference call Friday.

"It is clear that we will not be operating a race meet in November at the Fair Grounds, and as such we've made contact with the folks at Louisiana

Downs," Meeker said. Louisiana Downs is owned by the Harrah's casino company.

Meeker said Churchill Downs has located about "30 percent" of the track's 500 employees. "They are scattered around the country," he said. Track officials have set up temporary offices in Houston and Baton Rouge.

Employees at the track will receive paychecks for "at least" four weeks and will continue to receive health benefits, he said.

The track's grand stand and clubhouse facility have remained above water since Hurricane Katrina hit on Monday, said Mike Miller, chief financial officer for Churchill Downs. Miller said the barn area and the track surface were under about four feet of water on Friday.

Miller said the damages the track incurred by the Hurricane and the flooding would be covered by a \$200 million insurance policy. The policy has a \$500,000 deductible.

The extent of the damage

might not be known for weeks, Meeker said.

The track was being supervised during the storm and flooding by seven employees who had stayed behind on Monday. But they were evacuated because of safety concerns around noon on Thursday, Meeker said. Meeker said gunfire was heard near the track.

During the conference call Friday, Meeker was asked about Churchill Downs' future commitment to the city by a New Orleans-based reporter.

"We invested in that community because we liked it. The nexus between the track and that community is a mirror image of what the nexus is here in Louisville, Kentucky," Meeker said. "There is a great tradition down there in that community associated with that race track."

Meeker said the company has set up a hot line for employees to call, 877-244-5536.

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Above: Chris Schoolcraft called the signals for the Prestonsburg High freshman team. The Blackcats rushed and passed over the Sheldon Clark defense.

photos by Jamie Howell



**H.S. VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD**

**THURSDAY'S SCORES**

- Ashland Blazer 2, East Carter 0 (25-5, 25-15)
- Belfry 2, Pike County Central 0 (25-10, 25-10)
- Casey County 2, Monticello 0 (26-24, 25-16)
- Clay County 2, North Laurel 0 (27-25, 25-23)
- Fairview 2, Boyd County 0 (25-19, 25-15)
- Henry Clay 3, Bryan Station 0 (25-13, 25-6, 25-5)
- Highlands 2, Harrison County 0 (25-19, 25-7)
- Hurley, Va. 2, Phelps 0 (25-18, 25-18)
- Jackson County 2, Lynn Camp 1 (31-29, 24-26, 25-17)
- Knox Central 2, Bell County 0 (25-19, 25-15)
- Letcher Co. Cent. 2, Breathitt Co. 0 (25-17, 25-1)
- Madison Southern 2, Estill Co. 0 (25-18, 25-21)
- Magoffin Co. 2, Knott Co. Cent. 0 (25-15, 25-8)
- Mercer Co. 2, East Jessamine 0 (25-10, 25-14)
- Montgomery Co. 2, George R. Clark 0 (25-8, 25-12)
- Morgan County 2, Powell Co. 0 (25-23, 25-21)
- Oneida Baptist Inst. 2, Red Bird 0 (25-16, 25-12)
- Paul Dunbar 2, Bourbon County 0 (25-12, 25-5)
- Pikeville 2, Sheldon Clark 0 (25-21, 26-2)
- Pulaski County 2, Southwestern 0 (25-23, 25-15)
- Russell 2, Greenup County 0 (25-23, 25-20)
- South Floyd 2, Paintsville 1 (25-23, 19-25, 27-25)
- South Laurel 2, Boyle County 1 (25-21, 23-25, 25-14)
- West Jessamine 2, Garrard Co. 1 (25-22, 22-25, 25-19)

# High school athletics participation breaks 7 million mark

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS — The number of participants in high school athletics increased for the 16th consecutive year in 2004-05 and topped 7 million for the first time in history.

Based on figures from the 50 state high school athletic/activity associations, plus the District of Columbia, that are members of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), participation for the 2004-05 school year rose by 115,157 students, to 7,018,709, according to the 2004-05 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. The survey also determined that

nearly 53 percent of students enrolled in high schools participate in athletics.

"We are thrilled to have more than 7 million students in our nation's high schools participating in athletic programs," said Robert F. Kanaby, NFHS executive director. "The consistent increase in participation among the youth of our country and the fact that well over half of all enrolled students are competing in high school activities are true testaments to the impact these activities have on millions of lives across the country."

In addition to overall numbers, the girls participation total of 2,908,390 set an all-time record. The boys total also increased,

reaching 4,110,319, the highest participation in the past 27 years. This year's boys participation figure is second only to the record 4,367,442 in 1977-78.

Track and field gained the most female participants in 2004-05 with 9,212, followed by soccer with 7,072, indoor track and field with 5,237, and cross country with 4,163, which moved that sport from seventh to sixth in popularity.

Eleven-player football gained the most participants among boys sports in 2004-05 with 12,812, followed by outdoor track and field with 11,902 additional participants, swimming and diving (7,192), lacrosse (6,557) and cross coun-

ty (5,291). Some of the emerging sports had the largest percentage increases in participants. Bowling registered the largest percentage increase among boys sports with a 14 percent jump (from 17,654 to 20,534), followed closely by lacrosse with an 11 percent increase (from 53,436 to 59,993). Among girls sports, bowling (13 percent), lacrosse (10 percent), and indoor track and field (10 percent) registered the largest percentage increases.

Thanks to the start of snowboarding programs in California, that sport registered the largest percentage gains in the number of schools sponsor-

ing programs at 85 percent for boys and 89 percent for girls.

Basketball remained the most popular sport for girls with 456,543 participants, followed by outdoor track and field (428,198), volleyball (386,022), fast pitch softball (364,759), soccer (316,104), cross country (170,450), tennis (169,292), swimming and diving (148,154), competitive spirit squads (84,416) and golf (64,245).

On the boys' side, 11-player football was again the most popular sport with 1,045,494 participants, followed by basketball (545,497), outdoor track and field (516,703), baseball (459,717), soccer (354,587),

wrestling (243,009), cross country (201,719), golf (161,025), tennis (148,530), and swimming and diving (103,754).

Texas remained the state with the most participants with 740,052, followed by California (678,019), New York (350,349), Michigan (311,814), Illinois (310,791), Ohio (310,585), Pennsylvania (262,859), Minnesota (233,070) New Jersey (228,388) and Florida (219,040).

The participation survey has been compiled since 1971 by the NFHS through numbers it receives from its member associations. The complete 2004-05 Participation Survey will be available soon on the NFHS Web site.

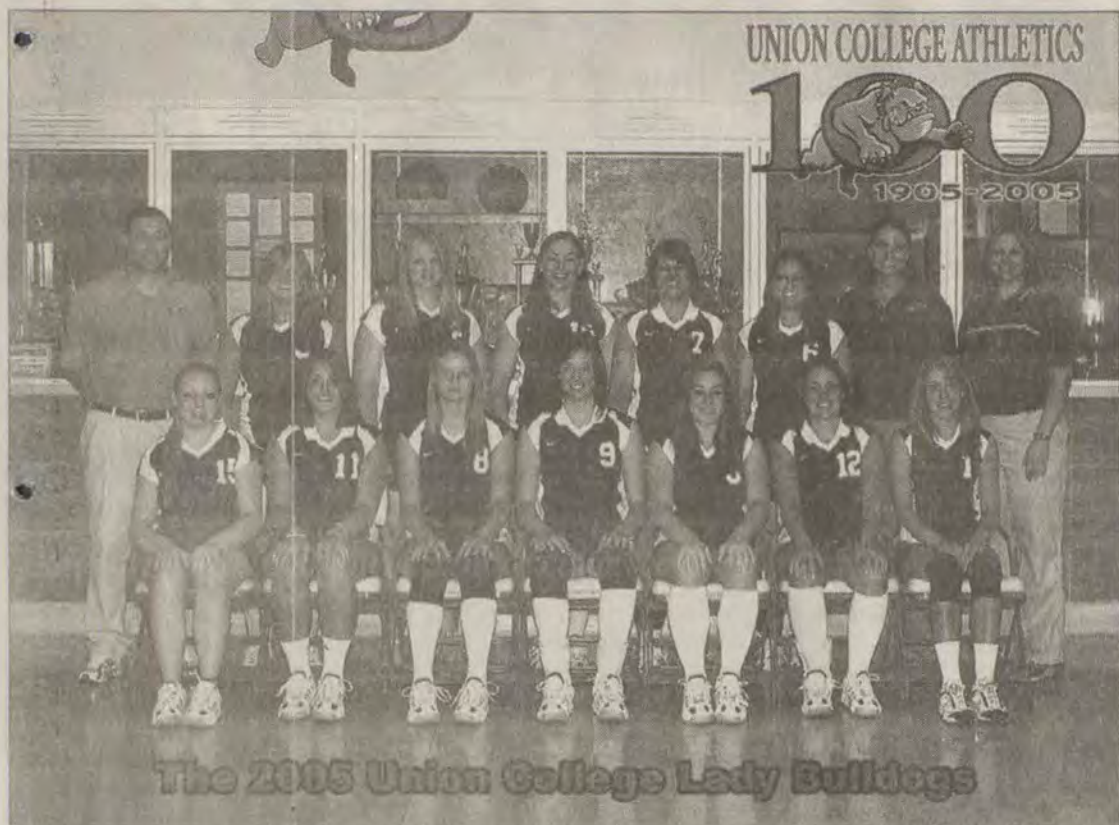


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The Union College volleyball team includes South Floyd High School graduate Sabrina Reid (1). The former Lady Raider is in her freshman season with the Union College volleyball squad.

## UC Lady Bulldogs beat Pikeville, open season 1-1

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILMORE — Union College opened the 2005 volleyball season by splitting a pair of matches on Saturday, Aug. 27 at a tri-match at Asbury College. The Lady Bulldogs won their opener 3-1 over Pikeville (Ky.) College before dropping a 3-0 decision to host Asbury.

In the first match, Pikeville grabbed the early advantage by taking the first game 31-29, but Union evened things with a 31-29 decision of its own in the second game. The Lady Bulldogs went on to win the match by taking the next two game 30-23

and 30-23.

Freshman Marlee Cooper (Bloomington, Ill.) had 19 kills, while freshman Stephanie Pateman (Weyburn, Saskatchewan) senior Jessica Suttles (Cincinnati, Ohio) chipped in 14 kills and 15 digs, respectively.

Asbury was able to control things during the first two games, winning 30-21 and 30-15. Union was able to make things interesting in the third frame, but the Lady Eagles held on for the 30-28 decision and the win.

Suttles and Cooper posted 11 and seven kills, respectively, as

junior Amanda Bowling (Louisville) recorded 32 assists.

South Floyd High School graduate Sabrina Reid is a member of the Union College volleyball team. Reid, a standout player who last year left a lasting impression on the area high school volleyball scene, is a freshman playing in her first collegiate season.

The Union College Lady Bulldogs (1-1 overall) were scheduled to return to action on Friday in Appalachian Athletic Conference play against Covenant (Ga.) College. Results from the conference encounter were unavailable at press time.



Homestanding South Floyd took a pair of games from Allen Central Wednesday evening. Earlier in the week, the Lady Raiders defeated Adams.

## Lady Raiders take two from Allen Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT — Kayla Hall pumped in a game-high 13 points and Ericka Moore added eight Wednesday evening to lead the host South Floyd Middle School Lady Raiders to a 48-23 win over county rival Allen Central Middle.

South Floyd jumped out to a 9-3 lead in the first quarter and led 24-4 at halftime. The Lady Raiders had a 34-13 advantage at the end of the third quarter, outscoring visiting Allen Central in every quarter except the final period.

Laken Hall and Chelsie Tuttle each had six points for the Lady Raiders. Brittany Little, Breonna Jackson and Reta Adams all had four points apiece and Andrea Conn added three.

Brittany Cooley led the Allen Central A-team in scoring with seven points. April

Ashley scored four points and Cassandra Stewart added three. Cynthia Meade, Sarah Kinney and Amber Shepherd each had two points.

High-scoring Allen Central guard Brandi Brown was held to a single point.

South Floyd won the B-team game 20-18.

Lady Raider Chelsie Tuttle had game-high honors in the B-team game as she scored nine points. Ashley Castle added five points for the Lady Raiders. Whitney Hall tossed in five points for South Floyd and Heather Little flipped in two.

Megan Jones and Sarah Kinney each had six points for the Lady Rebels. Latasha Braggs and Cassandra Stewart finished with four and two points, respectively.

**C-TEAM: Adams 7,**

**Betsy Layne 2**

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE — In a C-team girls' basketball game played earlier this week, Adams beat Betsy Layne 7-2. Betsy Layne got its only two points of the game in the third quarter.

Samantha Hall, Laken Keathley and Allyson Conley led Adams in scoring with two points apiece. Kierra Shelton added a made free throw for the Lady Blackcats.

Adams led 4-0 at the end of the first quarter, 5-0 at halftime and 5-2 at the conclusion of the third quarter.

Editor's note: An article appearing in Friday's edition said Betsy Layne prevailed over Adams. That was incorrect.

ADAMS (7) — Hall 2, Keathley 2, Conley 2, Shelton 1, Betsy Layne (2) — Meade 2.

## UofL men's tennis releases 2005-06 schedule

Stanville native Clark headed into senior season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville men's tennis coach Rex Ecarma has announced the 2005-06 schedule. The Cards' spring schedule features three teams which finished the 2005 season in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's top 20 rankings, including No. 3 Mississippi, No. 7 Georgia and No. 19 Wake Forest. The 2006 spring slate also includes six additional teams in the ITA top 50, and all but one opponent is ranked in the top 75.

"This is definitely a blockbuster schedule," said Ecarma. "Last year, we defeated five teams in the top 25 and five programs that have appeared in to the semifinals of the NCAA championship. To improve upon that, you have to take schedule risks. The schedule is extremely risky. In my opinion, 90 percent of our opponents will be high NCAA tournament seeds or receive at-large bids. I believe to achieve anything great, you have to take great

risks."

The Cards will open the fall season Sept. 16-17 at the Middle Tennessee Invitational. The next weekend, select members of the team will participate in the Southern Intercollegiate and the Cincinnati Collegiate Invitational. The All-American Championships take place Oct. 3-10, with the Louisville Fall Invitational following Oct. 14-16 at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center. U of L will close out the fall season at the Omni Regional Championships Oct. 20-25.

Louisville will open the spring season on Jan. 13 against Northwestern at 5 p.m. at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center. The Cards travel to Oxford, Miss., to face 2005 NCAA semifinalist Ole Miss on Jan. 27 and then to Athens, Ga., to play sweet sixteen participant Georgia on Jan. 29. U of L will go on a five-match home stand in February, playing host to Vanderbilt, Indiana, Virginia Tech, North Carolina State and Wake Forest, before closing out the month at Murfreesboro, Tenn., where

they will face Minnesota. Louisville will once again participate in the HEB National Invitational March 2-4 in Corpus Christi, Texas March 2-4 and will travel to Montgomery, Ala., for the Blue-Gray National Invitational March 16-19.

The Cardinals' first BIG EAST opponent will be former C-USA foe South Florida on April 8 in Tampa. They will wrap up the season in South Bend, Ind., with a rematch against Notre Dame, whom the Cards' defeated 4-1 in the first round of the 2005 NCAA tournament. Louisville will return to Tampa April 20-22 for the BIG EAST Championship.

Stanville native and Prestonsburg High School graduate Jeremy Clark is heading into senior season with the UofL men's tennis team.

The 2005 Louisville men's tennis team (22-10) finished runner-up in the 2005 C-USA Championship. The Cards received their second consecutive at-large bid to the NCAA tournament and achieved the highest team ranking in program history at No. 24.

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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

### Opposing views: Fletcher's pardons

In 2003, when former Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, a Democrat, pardoned four men, including his chief of staff, of charges of violating election laws, Republican gubernatorial candidate Ernie Fletcher's running mate, Steve Pence, said at a Northern Kentucky fundraiser, "Things like that are not going to happen in a Fletcher-Pence administration."

Wrong. It just did. Like Patton, Fletcher on Monday joined the ranks of former president Bill Clinton, who pardoned an international fugitive, former president Gerald Ford, who pardoned Richard Nixon, and former president George H.W. Bush, who pardoned former defense secretary Caspar Weinberger and four others for the Iran-Contra affair. Fletcher pardoned nine past and present members of his administration who were indicted by a special grand jury in Frankfort investigating violations of the state's employee Merit System.

Fletcher also extended the blanket pardons to any others in his administration indicted in the spreading investigation of political favoritism in the hiring of state employees led by Attorney General Greg Stumbo, a Democrat.

The first Republican elected governor of Kentucky in more than three decades, Fletcher, less than two years into the administration he pledged would clean up Frankfort, already has added his own personal chapter to the annals of smarmy politics in the commonwealth. ...

The governor compared the charges against his colleagues to "noodling," catching fish with bare hands out of season, a misdemeanor.

That's the governor's self-protecting spin. What really is being talked about, investigated and indictments issued for, are multiple accusations of hiring people based on political affiliation, of rewarding campaign workers and supporters with state jobs, some at elevated salaries. That's where the real waste of tax dollars has occurred, not in the investigation being conducted by the attorney general. ...

In a few short years, Kentucky's reputation has been tarnished by the image of a teary-eyed governor, Patton, bawling on national television because he had been caught in an affair with a woman whose business was regulated by the state, and now by a governor who has substituted his partisan, personal judgment for that of a jury, pardoning individuals who haven't been convicted of anything.

You would think that by now politicians would have learned it's always the cover-up that gets them into more trouble than anything they might be accused of.

— *The News Enterprise, Elizabethtown*

It's interesting that on the same day Gov. Ernie Fletcher issued pardons for nine current and former members of his administration, Attorney General Greg Stumbo resigned from the governor's task force reviewing the state merit system.

We're not suggesting that Stumbo's resignation, which was delivered early Monday, provoked Fletcher's pardons, which took place Monday evening, but the symmetry of the two acts is worth noting.

One of the reasons Stumbo gave for his resignation was that the task force is looking into the party registration of state employees. Stumbo called it "very disturbing" and "improper."

On the other hand, Republican state Sen. Dan Kelly, a member of the task force, has said the information would shed light on how well the merit system has worked in the past.

It's understandable that Stumbo was disturbed by such a review. When completed, it's likely to expose the hypocrisy of his whole investigation of the Fletcher administration by proving that, for decades, Democratic government put its own in state government jobs.

That's why Fletcher's pardons Monday were merited. In a vicious, politically motivated attack on the administration of a duly elected governor, Stumbo sought to put good people behind bars basically for trying to do what the Democrats always have done - put a few of their people in state jobs. ...

The attorney general has oft denied it, but we remain convinced that he sought political advantage for himself and his party by trying to criminalize political practices. Fletcher was right not to let Stumbo's abuse of his prosecutorial power destroy his administration. The people of Kentucky deserve to have the governor they elected focusing on their needs and goals, rather than the trumped up charges of a political rival.

— *The Advocate-Messenger, Danville*



## — Rich Lowry Column

### A left-right coalition for property

Rep. Maxine Waters, the famously fire-breathing left-wing congresswoman from Los Angeles, has emerged as one of the nation's most outspoken defenders of property rights. "Government should be in the business of protecting private property," she told me in an interview, sounding every bit a member of the free-market group The Club for Growth. "Private property is precious in America."

What has galvanized Waters and a surprising left-right coalition in defense of private property is the Supreme Court's instantly notorious Kelo decision in June saying government can use its eminent-domain power to take property from one private owner and give it to another. The Constitution says eminent domain — used to force the sale of property — must be exercised in cases involving "a public use," a phrase the court has stretched to encompass any

private purpose that will produce more tax revenue. Almost immediately, Waters was on the House floor denouncing the decision, part of a backlash that has dozens of states considering tighter rules in how they use eminent domain.

Waters is a longtime scourge of eminent domain. A few years ago the L.A. Unified School District wanted to take a park and private homes in the community of South Park to build a new school (which at least is a legitimate public use).

Waters made it clear that if eminent domain were used, the residents, many of them low-income, would appeal it property by property, holding up the process for years. "We backed them off," she says. She is acting on a crucial insight — the right to property is the most important check on governmental power and abuse, especially for the poor and vulnerable. Indeed, the naked logic of the Kelo decision is to take property from working- and middle-class people who aren't in a position to build big-box stores, casinos or condos and give it to wealthier interests, who can create more

tax revenue and inherently have more political influence. Poor property owners usually don't have the wherewithal to fight back. "I think they'll just be run over," Waters says.

Congress is considering denying federal funds to support any projects that involve taking property for private use, and Waters is supporting two of the Republican-sponsored Kelo backlash bills. "I'm working with people I've never worked with before," she says.

"It's not a partisan issue at all," explains Dana Berliner of the Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Justice, which is leading the crusade against the abuse of eminent domain and maintains a Web site ([www.castlecoalition.org](http://www.castlecoalition.org)) devoted to the cause. "Everyone either owns a home or hopes to own a home, and nobody likes the idea that their home could be taken away from them because someone wealthier wants it." She says that the court has done the property-rights cause an unintentional favor by highlighting takings for private use that have been going on for a long time without much public notice.

The court has also got Maxine Waters' back up, which is never advisable.

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## — beyond the beltway

### So that's why we're in Iraq

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Finally, after many fits and false starts, President Bush has given us a good reason to support the war in Iraq.

We must fight the war in Iraq, he says, to honor the soldiers who already have been killed fighting the war in Iraq. In a speech to a VFW convention in Utah, he mentioned that we have lost more than 2000 troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and said:

"Each of these heroes left a legacy that will allow generations of their fellow Americans to enjoy the blessings of liberty.

"We'll honor their sacrifice by staying on the offensive against the terrorists."

Make your heart swell with patriotic pride? Well I should say. And it makes sense.

If we hadn't invaded Iraq we wouldn't have anyone to honor, would we? We might as well be Switzerland. And the beauty of the reasoning is that the longer

the war goes on and the more of our soldiers get killed the more reason we'll have to fight it.

The hard-hitting White House press corps was turned to butter by the President's performance. It pointed out that it was virtually the first time he had acknowledged that American troops were dying in Iraq and Afghanistan and, not only did he prove he knew it, he knew how many, giving lie to those who say he's not on top of things.

He went so far as to mention the survivors of the dead in his speech, another first. "Each of these men and women left grieving families and loved ones back home," he said.

He did not, however, mention Cindy Sheehan, an actual grieving mother who camped outside of his Texas retreat trying to get a word with him.

She's unhappy with his war policy. But you know what they say: There's always one sorehead who complains no matter what. So she lost a son. She got her tax cut didn't she?

After making the speech, Mr. Bush went off to fish and bike at Tamarack Resort overlooking Lake Cascade in Donnelly, Idaho.

The new rationale for the war comes just in time for Mr. Bush. One of the old ones — that we invaded Iraq so that we

could bring democracy to the Arab world — is beginning to look a little dicey. It seems that the Shiite majority has adopted the Tom DeLay, winner-take-all philosophy of democracy. They have the most votes so they can pretty much do what they want, which is to control the south of the country where most of them live and, more importantly, most of the nation's oil is.

The Sunnis — who under Saddam Hussein used to run the place and got the lion's share of everything, oil included — object. They want a national government that will divvy up the oil spoils equitably.

The Kurds up north don't care about the Sunni-Shiite dispute so long as everybody leaves them alone and lets them have the oil in the north.

At this writing, they were trying to write a constitution that reconciled these irreconcilable aims but were having imperfect success. Unless the problem is solved, however, a civil war is virtually inevitable, constitution or no constitution. I know, some say they're in a civil war over there already but if the Sunnis decide there's nothing in a united Iraq for them and throw in with the extremists, the resulting strife will make what's going on now look like an Easter egg roll.

Would we then stick around to try and referee the fight or would we leave? It depends on how much honor the

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# Lorenzen, Palmer lead Giants past Patriots

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Jared Lorenzen and Jesse Palmer led New York to touchdowns in their battle for the No. 3 quarterback spot.

The No. 2 quarterbacks — former Boston College players Doug Flutie of the Patriots and Tim Hasselbeck of the Giants — played four series apiece. The Giants scored on two of theirs on Jay Feely's field goals of 47 and 48 yards that gave them a 6-0 halftime lead.

Lorenzen went 5-for-13 for 54 yards and a 26-yard scoring pass to Jamaar Taylor for a 13-3 lead with five minutes left in the third quarter. Palmer entered with 13:24 left in the game and completed his only pass, a 46-yarder to Taylor to the 1. Brandon Jacobs' 1-yard run and Feely's extra point made it 27-3 with 11:56 left.

New England's Matt Cassell

led a 17-yard drive on the opening series of the first half ending in Adam Vinatieri's 30-yard field goal. But T.J. Hollowell picked off Cassell and returned it 22 yards to give the Giants a 20-3 leads with 2:06 left in the third period.

## Browns 16, Bears 6

CHICAGO — Rookie Charlie Frye did all he could to claim the backup quarterback job, completing 12 of 14 passes for 186 yards for Cleveland.

Frye, starting for Trent Dilfer, completed all seven passes and led Cleveland to a touchdown in the second quarter.

Sultan McCullough led the Browns with 103 yards rushing on 19 attempts, while Reuben Droughns, competing for time at running back with the injured Lee Suggs and William Green, rushed for 60 yards and a touchdown on nine attempts.

Antonio Bryant led the

Browns with 69 yards on four receptions, while Brandon Rideau had four receptions for 50 yards. Wide receiver Braylon Edwards, the No. 3 pick in the draft, caught two passes for 47 yards, for Cleveland.

In his first start, Bears quarterback Kyle Orton played the first two possessions and completed 2 of 4 passes for 60 yards with an interception.

Veteran backup Jeff Blake completed 5 of 10 passes for 37 yards, and third-stringer Kurt Kittner was 8-of-13 for 100 yards, including a 45-yard touchdown pass to Mark Bradley in the fourth quarter.

## Steelers 21, Panthers 17

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Backup Charlie Batch threw a 44-yard touchdown pass to Sean Morey with 1:35 to play to spoil Stephen Davis' return from knee surgery.

Davis carried the ball five

times for 17 yards in a very brief appearance designed only to test his surgically repaired right knee. He received a standing ovation after his first carry, a 4-yard surge up the middle.

He later moved the Panthers to the Pittsburgh 3 on an 8-yard run, and Jake Delhomme threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Proehl.

Noah Herron finished with 65 yards on 22 carries and scored Pittsburgh's only touchdown, a 1-yard run to cap a drive led by Batch that tied the score 7-7 midway through the second quarter.

Batch finished 16-of-29 for 182 yards.

## Cowboys 27, Jaguars 20

IRVING, Texas — Julius Jones gained 75 yards on 11 carries, softening things up for Drew Bledsoe to hit his first seven passes — including a 40-yarder to Terry Glenn for a touchdown on

Dallas' opening drive.

The second series went 68 yards to the Jacksonville 8, with Dallas settling for a field goal — then most of the offensive starters called it a night.

Once the game became a battle of backups, the Jaguars went ahead 17-13 early in the third quarter, but the Cowboys pulled it out behind two touchdowns from Tyson Thompson, an undrafted rookie who has been the club's biggest find of the summer. He gained 57 yards on 14 carries.

The Jags' first-team offense produced a 14-yard touchdown pass from Byron Leftwich to Reggie Williams. It was just the second touchdown of the pre-season for the starters.

## Packers 21, Titans 17

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Craig Nall tossed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Walt Williams early in the fourth quarter, and

Mike Hawkins intercepted a pass in the end zone with 2:26 left for Green Bay.

The game started after a moment of silence for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, which was only appropriate considering the number of players on both teams worried about relatives along the Gulf Coast. Both quarterbacks — Brett Favre of Green Bay and Steve McNair of the Titans — are Mississippi natives.

Both Favre and McNair threw touchdown passes despite playing only three series apiece.

First-round draft pick Adam "Pacman" Jones unexpectedly started at right cornerback for the Titans and was welcomed with a chorus of boos.

Tennessee's Bay's Chris Brown scored on a 5-yard run for a 7-0 lead.

Backup Billy Volek put the Titans ahead 17-10 with a 20-yard TD toss to Drew Bennett just before halftime.

# McNabb leads Eagles over Jets

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PHILADELPHIA

Donovan McNabb watched from the press box and Terrell Owens looked on from the bench as the New York Jets' backups dominated the Philadelphia Eagles' junior varsity in a 37-14 victory Thursday night.

Chad Pennington played one series for the Jets, completing all three of his passes and leading the offense into the end zone. Rashad Washington returned an interception 99 yards for a score, and Derrick Blaylock and Little John Flowers had TD runs.

No matter how tenuous their relationship, it's clear the Eagles need McNabb and Owens on the field. The five-time Pro Bowl quarterback and the All-Pro wideout have been feuding and aren't on speaking terms. But they connected five times for 131 yards, including a 64-yard TD pass on the first play from scrimmage last week in their lone appearance together this preseason.

Backup quarterback Koy Detmer played poorly and the rest of Philadelphia's reserves didn't have much success.

Pennington led the Jets 65

yards in eight plays on the opening drive. He completed passes of 15 and 7 yards to Chris Baker, setting up Blaylock's 5-yard scoring run.

Falcons 20, Dolphins 17

MIAMI — Etric Pruitt scored on a 51-yard interception return and Atlanta allowed no first downs in the opening 25 minutes.

Both Gus Frerotte and A.J. Feeley struggled in their competition to become Miami's starting quarterback. The Dolphins totaled 16 yards in three series with Frerotte, while Feeley went 4-for-17 and threw the interception to Pruitt.

Third-string quarterback Sage Rosenfels threw touchdown passes of 20 yards to Derrius Thompson and 26 yards to Wes Welker, both in the final nine minutes for Miami.

Atlanta used its starters only briefly.

Late in the first half, Falcons defensive end Anthony Herron pressured Feeley into a hurried throw. Pruitt intercepted and scored untouched to put Atlanta ahead 13-0.

Third-string running back DeAndra Cobb turned in the most impressive run, breaking three tackles to zigzag for a 29-yard score with five minutes

left for the Falcons.

Miami's Ricky Williams carried four times for 11 yards in his last game until Oct. 16. He'll sit out the first four regular-season games for violating the NFL drug policy.

Top Dolphins draft pick Ronnie Brown carried five downs in the opening 25 minutes.

Bucs 38, Texans 14

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay intercepted David Carr twice in the first quarter, converting the turnovers into a field goal and touchdown.

Backup quarterback Chris Simms threw for 163 yards and three TDs for the Bucs, who didn't allow Houston to score until third-string quarterback Dave Ragone teamed with Sloan Thomas on a 74-yard pass play late in the third quarter.

Young Tampa Bay receivers Edell Shepherd, J.R. Russell and Paris Warren scored on receptions from Simms, who completed 12 of 16 passes. Luke McCown tossed a 20-yard TD pass to Nate Lawrie to make it 38-0 midway through the third quarter.

Juran Bolden and Ronde Barber intercepted Carr, setting up Matt Bryant's 52-yard field goal and Mike Alstott's 1-yard touchdown run for a 10-0 lead.

# NFL 2005: Ravens, Steelers and Bengals in close race

by BARRY WILNER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Even if the Pittsburgh Steelers lose three more regular-season games than they did last season, they might have the best record in the AFC.

The problem is the Steelers, despite a man-eating defense, figure to fall even further from their league-best 15-1 mark of 2004. Already, their backfield is injury depleted and their passing game has sputtered with Plaxico Burress gone and last year's rookie sensation, Ben Roethlisberger, struggling with his throws.

That doesn't mean the Steelers will be a bottom-feeder. Indeed, they should make the playoffs out of the AFC North, where Baltimore is the pick. Perhaps even more noteworthy: Look for the Cincinnati Bengals — yes, the Bengals — to have a winning record.

Don't look for much from the Browns, who are in a total rebuilding mode under new GM Phil Savage and coach Romeo Crennel.

Preseason games rarely are a fair indication of how a team will perform when it counts. But Pittsburgh's sloppiness with the ball has been worrisome, and if Duce Staley (knee) and Jerome Bettis (calf) are hobbled, the Steelers might be forced to turn to untested Willie Parker. And the running game is the staple of any successful Steelers attack.

Roethlisberger had the best first season of any rookie quarterback, including Dan Marino, and says not to worry about his summer doldrums.

"We're real close," he said. "Every week, I'm feeling more comfortable ... and we're only one or two plays away from really making things happen."

Perhaps, more likely, those big plays will come from a defense reminiscent of, if not equal to, the great Steel Curtains of the Super Bowl champions. Linebacker James Farrior comes off a career year and will be helped by a healthy Joey Porter, an emerging strong safety in Troy Polamalu, and a superb line anchored by Casey Hampton, Aaron Smith and Chris Hoke.

Pittsburgh forces opponents to play physical or be run over. Only one other division rival, the Ravens, are a power team.

Indeed, most of the Steelers' opponents aren't real physical, which bodes well for Bill Cowher's team.

But not if such key players as Bettis and Staley and Porter, coming off knee surgery, are sidelined.

"You take away Joey Porter, Jerome Bettis and Duce Staley, those are a lot of vocal cords that are running," Cowher says. "The jabbering and talking and everything else ... you kind of get used to these guys for a little bit of that edge. And, suddenly, they're not there."

The Steelers should be there, in the playoffs, in January. But more likely as a wild card, because the Ravens simply look a bit stronger. Not a lot, but just enough.

When Baltimore won the championship in 2000, it was carried by a dominating defense and a sharp running game. Guess where the focus is this year?

Ray Lewis might not be the all-encompassing linebacker he once was, but he's still an All-Pro. With the Ravens back in the 4-3 alignment, he should be freer to roam sideline to sideline and apply those bone-rattling hits.

His helpers, Adalius Thomas and Tommy Polley, are solid, and Terrell Suggs can be something special. Suggs will go to end, but with an assortment of duties that also will drop him into coverage. The 2003 Defensive Rookie of the Year, Suggs would be the No. 1 concern on most defenses. Not here.

"He's a strong guy, just a young man that is going to get stronger and bigger with the natural maturation process," Ravens defensive coordinator Rex Ryan said. "The guy is a tremendous athlete; the sky is the limit for him."

And for Ed Reed, last year's top defensive player. No free safety makes more big plays than Reed, who had nine interceptions, returning one 106 yards for a TD, and is yet another game-changing force in Baltimore.

And there are more. Cornerbacks Chris McAlister and Samari Rolle form as stingy a combo as there is. Kelly Gregg is becoming a topflight nose tackle. Plus, there's ample depth.

If that were true for the offense, the Ravens would be an overwhelming favorite in the AFC. But the one drawback is here, where QB Kyle Boller is a huge question mark.

Coach Brian Billick and GM Ozzie Newsome have supplied Boller with just about every

thing. In Jamal Lewis, he has a quality back who once rushed for 2,000 yards. Derrick Mason led all wide receivers in catches last year with Tennessee and was signed as a free agent. Oklahoma lightning bolt Mark Clayton was drafted in the first round. Tight end Todd Heap is back from an injury-riddled year. The line, led by star tackle Jonathan Ogden, is strong.

Now it's up to Boller.

Cincinnati has few, if any, questions about its quarterback and offense. Carson Palmer got his education last year and now will oversee what could be a high-scoring unit featuring 1,000-yard rusher Rudy Johnson and standout receivers Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

The Bengals have gone 8-8 in each of Marvin Lewis' two seasons as coach, but their last winning record was in 1990. To get beyond eight wins, the defense has to improve, and they're counting on Georgia linebackers David Pollack and Odell Thurman to play a big role in a turnaround. Cincy needs a better pass rush, too, but DBs Tory James and Madiou Williams are standouts.

Cleveland's problems are summed up in 2004 top draftee Kellen Winslow's woes. He broke his leg on an onside kick, of all things, as a rookie, and will miss this year after mending up his knee in a motorcycle accident.

This team has some nice young players — RB Lee Suggs, S Sean Jones, LB Andra Davis, C Jeff Faine — who need time to develop.

Predictions: Baltimore (10-6); Pittsburgh (10-6); Cincinnati (9-7); Cleveland (4-12).

## Bengals' Roberts goes on injured list

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CINCINNATI — Cornerback Terrell Roberts cleared waivers and went on the Cincinnati Bengals' injured reserve list Thursday.

The third-year defensive back hurt his knee during an intrasquad scrimmage on Aug. 5. Roberts played in 23 games the past two seasons, starting one game last year.

Safety Kim Herring went on the injured list this week and will miss the season because of a shoulder injury.

# NFL: Raiders 13, Saints 6

by JANIE McCAULEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKLAND, Calif. — For a few hours, the New Orleans Saints had a much-needed distraction from the disaster back home.

And thousands of their displaced fans cheered them from a different stadium nearly 2,000 miles away, as refugees in Houston's Astrodome.

Somewhat, the Saints found a way to play a competitive football game when it's probably the last thing some of them wanted to do — and then they quickly turned their thoughts to assisting those in need and reuniting with family members over the weekend before returning to work Monday.

"The game kind of took our minds off the tragedy a little bit," linebacker Terrence Melton said. "But now that that's over, it's kind of back to the people who are stranded back there. We focused on the game. Some guys were more focused than others. The coaches told us we were being televised back to the Astrodome, I appreciated that so much. It just shows you what New Orleans fans are."

Randy Moss caught a 27-yard touchdown from Kerry Collins in the first quarter for the game's only touchdown, leading the Oakland Raiders over the Saints 13-6 Thursday night in the pre-season finale for both teams.

Transported 2,000 miles to California on Sunday, the Saints avoided the wrath of one of America's worst storms and prepared for this game under the sun at San Jose State University despite all the uncertainties back home.

A moment of silence was held before the game, and about 100 people turned out for a last-minute blood drive sponsored by the Raiders and the American Red Cross outside the Coliseum.

The Raiders made a donation to the Red Cross and also ran public service announcements in the stadium, on their Web site and on their broadcasts encouraging people to help hurricane victims.

Players from both teams held a prayer circle when time expired.

"Everybody on our team is heartbroken," Saints coach Jim Haslett said. "They feel for the people. I think the one thing about our football team is that we're resilient. When we step on the field, we're focused. When we get off the field, our minds go somewhere else."

Afterward, the Saints flew all night to San Antonio with no idea when they'll go home — or whether they even still have homes. Their temporary home will be the Marriott Riverwalk.

John Carney kicked field goals of 38 and 37 yards, but also missed a 38-yarder in the third quarter for New Orleans. He was patted on the back by holder Todd Bouman when the ball sailed wide left. Bouman started at quarterback and completed 13 of 20 passes for 120 yards.

The Saints chose to rest most of their regulars, including quarterback Aaron Brooks, Horn and running back Deuce McAllister.

New Orleans came in hoping to improve its run defense and appeared to make strides, limiting Oakland to 61 yards after allowing 151 yards to Baltimore's Chester Taylor in a 21-6 loss to the Ravens last Friday.

The Saints (1-3) celebrated good plays and were businesslike from warmups to the final tick of the clock. They don't yet know where they will play their home opener Sept. 18 against the New York Giants.

The Raiders (1-3) earned their first exhibition victory exactly a week before they open the season in a nationally televised game at Super Bowl champion New England.

Moss scored his second TD of

the preseason in the only series he played and also had a 9-yard reception before taking a seat. Collins and almost all the other starters also played only one series.

"The first drive was good," Moss said. "One thing that we wanted to do was get out there and get ourselves ready for next week. With everything that we have gone through as far as training camp, preseason and today's game, we are headed in the right direction."

The Saints never considered not playing this game, even with heavy hearts.

"I wouldn't say it's overwhelming," said general manager Mickey Loomis, who doesn't know whether the team will play in New Orleans again this season. "They understand they have a job to do. They know their families are safe. Once you know your family is safe, you go back to your business. What's overwhelming is what's going on in New Orleans, Mississippi and the entire Gulf Coast."

In the seats behind the Saints sideline, New Orleans resident Chad Seeger held a sign reading, "The Dome will rise again!" — a reference to the Louisiana Superdome, which became a temporary refugee camp for thousands of the city's stranded citizens, but was heavily damaged in the storm.

Notes: The Saints expect a truck to arrive in San Antonio on Friday carrying any supplies such as computers and equipment that could be salvaged from team headquarters. ... Oakland's Chris Carr returned the opening kickoff 101 yards, but an illegal block penalty called it back. ... Raiders receiver Carlos Francis caught one pass, playing for the first time against the very team Oakland was playing when he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee last Oct. 24 and then had surgery.

# Washington franchise worth the most

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — For the sixth straight year, the Washington Redskins are atop Forbes magazine's annual list of NFL franchise valuations at \$1.26 billion. The value has increased 15 percent since last year, when Washington became the first American sports team to pass the \$1 billion mark with a value of \$1.1 billion.

This year, the Redskins are one of three NFL teams valued at more than \$1 billion. The

archival Dallas Cowboys are worth \$1.06 billion. The defending Super Bowl champion New England Patriots are valued at \$1.04 billion.

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass. — New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi says he plans to play next year after taking this season off to recover from a mild stroke.

Bruschi, in an interview with The Boston Globe, broke his silence about his future, which he said includes conducting a public awareness campaign

about strokes. He was stricken in February.

PHOENIX — Arizona Rattlers coach Todd Shell resigned two days after being arrested behind a Mesa business and telling police he had been snorting cocaine.

Authorities said Shell, a former BYU linebacker who helped the San Francisco 49ers win two Super Bowls in the early 1980s, could face charges of possession of narcotic drugs and drug paraphernalia.

# It's a summery start for state's archery deer hunters

by STEVE VANTREES  
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — At least one's toes don't go numb from the cold while waiting for the deer to move.

Freezing fingers and toes are not a problem for participants in the early days of Kentucky's statewide archery deer season. Now standardized to open the first Saturday of September, bowhunting these days is a summer pursuit as well as one of autumn and winter.

Kentucky's generous deer population and management's want to provide maximum opportunity to harvest whitetails are the reasons why the state's

bow-and-arrow whitetail period this year runs Sept. 3 to Jan. 16 — just over 19 weeks' worth of hunting.

Bag limits are unchanged this year. Regardless of weapon used, a Kentucky deer hunter can take up to two deer (only one antlered) on the standard statewide deer permit. By purchasing a bonus antlerless deer permit (\$12.50, good for two deer) a hunter can take as many as four whitetails in counties designated Zone 2, 3 or 4.

Again this year, there is no limit on antlerless deer in Zone 1 counties, which are most northern and western Kentucky areas of high deer populations. An endless number of bonus antlerless permits can be bought

for use in Zone 1.

Kentucky's total open county deer harvest was a record 124,752 reported animals during the 2004-05 season. Of those, 14,135 whitetails were checked in by bowhunters.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources managers wanted last year's increased harvest to help contain or even reduce deer numbers in some Zone 1 counties, and they encourage another large take by hunters this year, especially among antlerless deer as they look to doe harvest to slow the herd's expansion rate.

Early September hunting is viewed by some bowhunters as a time to harvest antlerless deer, securing venison for the freezer

and contributing to herd control efforts.

Other archery hunters are also aware that whitetail bucks may be more predictable during late summer. The animals still entrenched in summer feeding patterns and more visible, sometimes grazing or "picking" in open areas during daylight hours.

Bucks are sometimes clustered in small "bachelor" groups and accessible to hunters in late summer when they come to established food sources like grain crop fields. They tend to be just a bit less wary at the first of the archery season after long weeks of not being hunted.

On the negative side of the early opening, bowhunters must contend with considerably hot

ter weather in early September than they will when the seasons transition into autumn.

Comfort is more fleeting, particularly in afternoon hunting sessions, when bowhunters may work up sweat just reaching their hunting locations and getting into position.

In tandem with the heat is the bug life that coexists with summer conditions. Early season bowhunters typically must use insect repellents to fend off mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers and gnats in early September.

With sweat-inducing heat and insect repellents standard for early September, hunters may have to be even more cautious about scent.

Scent-absorbing clothing is

helpful in the early season if the sun-toasted bowhunter can endure wearing it. Otherwise, it becomes more critical for the September bowhunter to position downwind from where he expects to observe deer.

Successful early bowhunters also may find themselves in a rush to preserve the quality of the venison they acquire. In summer temperatures, the outdoor "shelf life" of a freshly taken whitetail is shorter than that of frosted mornings in later fall.

A bowhunter that arrows a deer should strive to recover the animal as soon as possible, field-dressing and soon cooling the carcass with bags of ice if the venison can't be immediately refrigerated.

# A century later, Ty Cobb still hard to figure out

## BASEBALL

by PAUL NEWBERRY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROYSTON, Ga. — While gazing at one of the exhibits in the Ty Cobb Museum, a visitor overhears a discussion about the many sides of the Georgia Peach. A dirty player or a fierce competitor? A despicable racist or a generous philanthropist?

The visitor jumps into the debate with someone from a different sport, a different time, but the analogy seems to work.

"He's like Dale Earnhardt," said Ralph Nix, who stopped by the museum while in this northeast Georgia town on business. "Half the people cheered him. Half the people booed him. That's just the way it is when you're that good."

Cobb was THAT good — no argument there. And 100 years to the day that he made his major league debut — appropriately enough, with a double in his first at-bat for the Detroit Tigers — the true measure of the man is still being debated.

"He had dichotomies in his personality," said Dan Holmes, who runs the Baseball Hall of Fame Web site and wrote a book, "Cobb, Baseball's Greatest Hitter" that came out last year. "He could be very rude and vicious. On the other hand, he was a Southern gentleman. He was a letter writer. He wrote a lot of letters with wonderful, gracious form to teammates, opponents and friends he made in life."

On Aug. 30, 1905, Cobb stepped to the plate for the first time in the majors after a three-day-long train trip from Georgia to Detroit, a baby-faced teenager thrust into a rough-and-tumble world with men who played hard and lived harder.

He quickly showed he could hold his own.

The first game was against the New York Highlanders — known today as the Yankees. The 18-year-old Cobb played center field and batted fifth. In the bottom half of the first, he came up against Jack Chesbro, whose 41 wins the previous season is still the modern record. There was a runner at third and two outs.

"Chesbro was one of the best pitchers in the game at that time," Holmes said. "He was known for his spitball. Cobb took the first pitch. Then he hit next pitch into the left-center gap."

According to other versions of that historic game, Cobb actually fell behind in the count 0-2. No matter — everyone agrees that the first of his more than 4,000 career hits came in that first at-bat.

Cobb would go on to become one of the greatest hitters in baseball history, with a lifetime average of .367 that still ranks as a magical figure in a sport that relishes its numerical heritage.

But Cobb's legacy goes beyond his accomplishments on the field. He is remembered as a dirty player who sharpened his spikes; a Jim Crow racist who had several ugly run-ins with blacks; and a quick-tempered, violent man who fought with fans, opponents and teammates.

"He's almost become a cartoon character," Holmes said. "He's viewed as the most evil villain in baseball history."

Cobb's supporters — such as Holmes and those who run the museum in the tiny town where he grew up and was buried after his death in 1961 — say there's more to the man. Much more.

"Ty Cobb was not all a bad fellow," said Julie Ridgway, the museum curator who named a son Ty and is a distant relative of Cobb through marriage. "Sure, he had his quirks. But he didn't care if people knew his quirks. He just went on and did his thing."

The Ty Cobb Museum doesn't gloss over his faults, which is evident from the sign that adorns the entrance to the small shrine.

"No player in history," it says, "generated more emotion, created more havoc, bruised more egos and left more bitterness than Tyrus Raymond Cobb, a snarling wildcat who cut a bloody path to baseball immortality."

But the museum also has displays on his generosity, which included sizable donations to start the Ty Cobb Healthcare System (which now includes three hospitals, three long-term care facilities and one assisted-

living complex) and the Ty Cobb Educational Foundation (which doles out some \$600,000 a year in scholarships to students both black and white).

Ernie Harwell, the longtime radio voice of the Detroit Tigers, had his first meeting with the "Georgia Peach" shortly after starting his career in Atlanta in the early 1940s. The long-retired Cobb was coming to Royston for a visit, and the brash young broadcaster dropped in thinking it would make a good interview.

"My bosses said, 'He's a mean, old man. He's not going to talk to a kid like you who's just starting out,'" Harwell remembered. "But he was very warm, very hospitable. I sat in the living room with him and we talked for about 15 minutes on the air. He filled the whole program, then we sat around and talked a lot more."

Cobb made it to the majors during a tumultuous time in his life. Less than month earlier, his father had been shot and killed in the family home by Cobb's mother, a sordid tale of alleged infidelity a jury later ruled was a tragic accident.

The Tigers purchased Cobb from the South Atlantic League's Augusta Tourists for a mere \$750. He played in the final 41 games of the season for the injury-depleted Tigers, batting a modest .240. It would be the only time in his career his average dipped below .320.

Cobb held close to 100 records when he retired after the 1928 season and was one of the first five players elected to the Hall of Fame, receiving more votes than anyone (yep, even more than fellow inductee Babe Ruth).

Many of the records have fallen — most notably, Pete Rose breaking the mark of 4,191 hits — and some historians claim Cobb's stats from the dead-ball era don't hold up quite as well to latter-day scrutiny.

Still, there's no denying that the scrawny kid with the fiery eyes who first batted a century ago was one of the best to play the game.

No matter his faults.

On the Net:  
Ty Cobb Museum:  
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# Reds set Active Military Family Appreciation Night for Sept. 6

## BASEBALL

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds chief executive officer Carl H. Lindner today announced Active Military Family Appreciation Night at Great American Ball Park.

For their 7:10 p.m. game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday, Sept. 6, the Reds will make complimentary tickets available to the families of active military personnel deployed in the theaters of operation in Iraq and Afghanistan in appreciation for their contributions and sacrifices to our nation's causes overseas.

Tickets to the game can be picked up at the Crosley Terrace ticket windows beginning at 5:00 p.m. ET on September 6 by active members of the military or their families by showing current military identification. The offer also is open to veterans of the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The complimentary tickets will not be available prior to 5:00 p.m. the night of the game, and all transactions are subject

to availability. Tickets are limited to 1 per immediate family member.

For information on the program, call the marketing hotline at 513/765-7104.

For the past 2 seasons, the Reds have provided active military personnel with complimentary tickets on the day of games played Monday through Thursday.

In addition to that program, chief operating officer John Allen, a Vietnam veteran, annually sponsors a ticket program that allows veterans from the Veteran's Medical Center to enjoy Reds games during selected Business Day specials.

For the past several seasons, the Reds have distributed baseball cards as part of its Disabled American Veterans Day.

The Cincinnati Reds will partner with Matthew 25: Ministries to aid Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

At each of the Reds' remaining 12 games at Great American Ball Park, beginning when the team returns home for Monday's 7:10 p.m. start against the Milwaukee Brewers,

barrels will be located at each gate. Fans can drop off canned food (fruits, vegetables, canned meats), cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products (including baby diapers and wipes). All items should be in new and in original packaging.

Beginning Sept. 6, fans can drop off donations at the Reds' administration building offices at 100 Main Street from Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

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# Crocker's Busch debut set for Sept. 9 at RIR

## AUTORACING

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND, Va. — Erin Crocker, who last year became the first woman to win a World of Outlaws race and this season is part of the driver development program at Everham Motorsports, will make her NASCAR Busch Series debut at Richmond International Raceway in the Emerson Radio 250 on Sept. 9.

Crocker has three top-five finishes and four-tops in five ARCA races this year. She has also run a handful of USAC Silver Crown Series races for Nextel Cup Series driver Kasey Kahne, including the Richmond Times-Dispatch 100 at RIR in June.

Crocker, 24, spent Monday at Richmond shaking down the car she will drive next weekend. "I

think I'm about as ready as I'm going to be," she said. "I know it's going to be a big step up [from ARCA and Silver Crown cars] and there's going to be tough competition, but you have to start somewhere."

Crocker, who finished 29th in the Richmond Times-Dispatch 100, feels that the learning curve for her might be shorter in the Busch Series. "To be honest, I've never excelled in a Silver Crown Car at Richmond. Maybe it has something to do with the team or maybe me in the car."

"For some reason I seem to learn quicker in the stock car. We had a good test at Dover last week, too, and I'm really excited to come back to Richmond next week for the race."

Despite this being her first

NASCAR race, Crocker is confident in her ability. "My goal right now is to qualify on time and not have to use the owner's points, to finish on the lead lap, and to learn," she said. "It's a big jump for me. I've only run five ARCA races and it's a huge difference between ARCA competition and the Busch series. So, I just have to take it one step at a time."

Crocker began her racing career in a Quarter Midget at age 7. Her career has included wins in numerous sprint car series, and in 2003, Crocker became the first woman in the 43-year history of World of Outlaws competition to qualify for the Knoxville Nationals. She was named the 2003 Nationals' Rookie of the Year.

Last year, she competed for a full season in the World of Outlaws Series, driving for Woodring Racing. Her feature-event win came at Tulare, Calif.

# Pattie fined, suspended for Bristol infraction

## AUTORACING

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR announced Tuesday that Brian Pattie, crew chief of the No. 41 Dodge driven by Reed Sorenson in the NASCAR Busch Series, has been fined \$35,000, suspended from NASCAR until Oct. 26 and for the next six NASCAR Busch Series events, and placed on probation until Dec. 31, 2005 following rule violations at Bristol Motor Speedway on Aug. 26.

Pattie was found to be in violation of Sections 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing), 9-4-A (the crew chief assumes responsibility for the actions of his team members) and 12-4-GG (any possession

of or use of one or more tires that have been altered externally by unauthorized treatment) of the 2005 NASCAR Busch Series rule book.

Additionally, Sorenson was penalized 50 NASCAR Busch Series driver championship points and team owner Chip Ganassi was penalized 50 NASCAR Busch Series owner championship points for violating Sections 12-4-A and 12-4-GG.

The deductions reduce Sorenson's driver point total from 3,412 to 3,362 and Ganassi's owner point total from 3,322 to 3,272. Sorenson is third in the driver rankings while Ganassi is fifth in the owner standings. Also, Brandon Stafford, a crew member for Sorenson, was suspended from NASCAR until Oct. 26

and for the next six NASCAR Busch Series events, and placed on probation until Dec. 31 after violating 12-4-A and 12-4-GG.

The suspensions for Pattie and Stafford begin this weekend when the NASCAR Busch Series competes at California Speedway and continue through the series event at Memphis Motorsports Park on Oct. 22.

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**630-Houses**

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**850- Personal**

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6871 for an appointment. Bids will be received at the Commission's office, located at 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, until 3:00 p.m. (local time) on September 19, 2005, and then at such office, publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened. The Commission reserves the right to waive any informality, or to reject any and all bids. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes, addressed to "Mr. David Ellis, Superintendent," bearing the bidder's identification, and labeled in the lower left-hand corner: "Sealed Bid - Surplus Equipment."

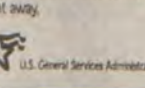
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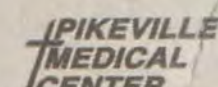
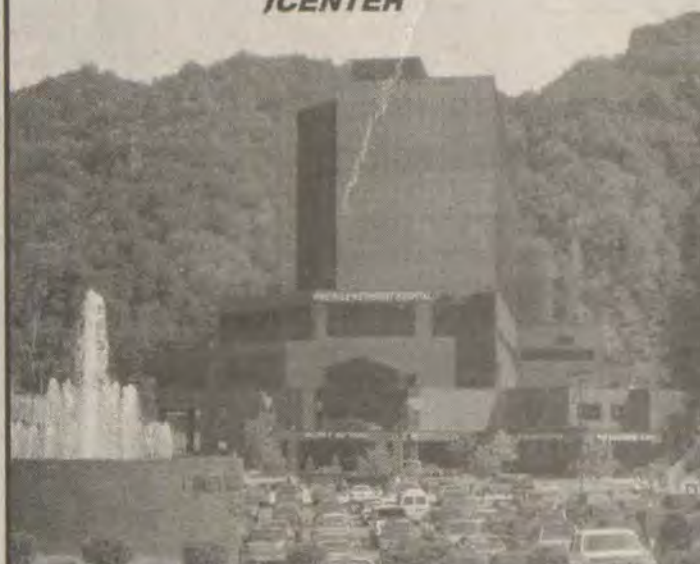
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